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Re: 1947, Era of Confusion

From: jan@cyberzone.net (Jan Aldrich)
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From my E-mail, some apparently have the wrong idea of my post yesterday.

The 1947 era is *not* rich in close encounters. A study of the time period reveals there were a lot of people who spent many hours scanning the skies, and when they something new, it became "a flying disc." Many of these sightings sound very much like balloons or at night searchlights which after the war became available through the military surplus sales. I think by going back and researching the beginning of the UFO era we can better understand what is going on now.

For the last few years many hoaxers in Australia have been using balloons with various arrays of light to hoax the people. While there were plenty of hoaxers in 1947, they did not make the use of balloons that modern hoaxers do. There were, however, more use of balloons in general meteorological work than today. They did not have weather satellites then.

The purpose of my research, Project 1947, is to look at all aspects of the UFO situation in the early UFO era. My interest is not balloons, but after working in meteorolglcal operations for 16 years, I am very aware of them.

Articles on Project 1947 can be found in UFO Magazine, Vol. 11, #2, MUFON Journal #327, the International UFO Reporter, Summer 1996 see:

<http://www.cufos.org/aldrich.html>

in the latest issue of Phenomena, the SOS OVNI publication, and final in the Fortean Times, UFO 1947-1997, Fifty Years of Flying Saucers edited by Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacy. Also, a preliminary report will be forthcoming from the Fund for UFO Research. These publications are not about balloons. They concern UFOs.

A British Columbia report proir to Arnold involved animal reaction, three hovering UFOs which were joined by two others, and then, all five left the area. This report deomonstrates activity which could not be attributed to balloons. Balloons do not rendezvous. You can find out more on this and other outstanding reports in 1947 when I speak at the MUFON Conference.

Thank you.

Jan Aldrich
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