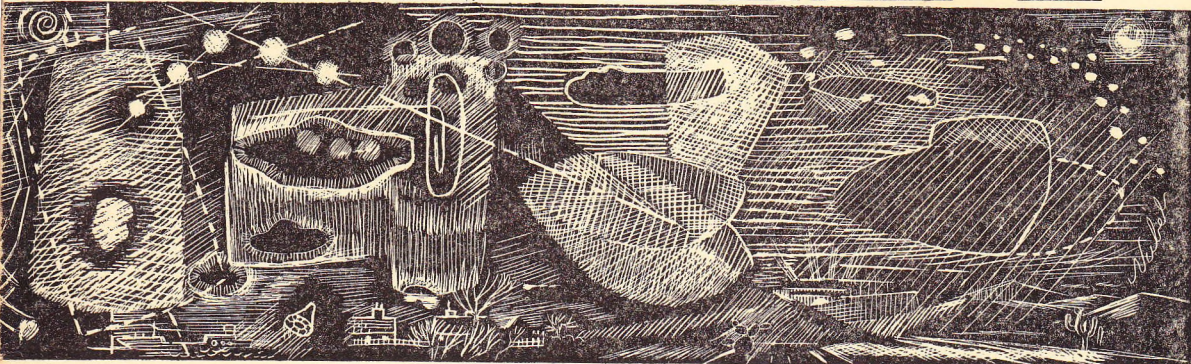


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EDITORIAL

Pressure from our friends in N.I.C.A.P. seems to have spurred the U.S. Air Force into initiating an independent investigation by civilian scientists into the UFO problem. For this purpose, we are informed, the Air Force will declassify its Top Secret files on UFOs — how often has the U.S.A.F. denied the existence of such files and affirmed that every scrap of information on UFOs in its possession was available to members of the public on request? — and turn them over to the members of the investigating panel, which is to function within an American university

Maybe one should not prejudge the results of this enquiry. I have a feeling that it will end with yet another non-committal verdict which will leave the important issues as much in the air as before. There are ways in which a conclusion can be decided and the members of a panel pre-conditioned to render it in the required form, even without their being consciously aware of the pre-conditioning.

One effect of N.I.C.A.P.'s apparent victory will undoubtedly be increased support among UFO-researchers in this Country for the Petition which the "Midland Interplanetary Association" hopes will persuade the British Government to lay all its cards on the table in the matter of UFOs. BUFORA's National Executive Committee has declined to sponsor this Petition. This, I think, was a correct decision.

M.I.A.'s Petition rests upon unproven assumptions and shaky logic. Firstly, it assumes that Authority is in possession of the sort of information on UFOs which private researchers do not possess. Secondly, it demands that this information shall be divulged to the public forthwith.

Can we prove that Government files contain any matter on UFOs which would throw new light on the UFO mystery? Undoubtedly they contain sighting-reports which we do not have and these and others which we do have will have been investigated more fully than we, lacking funds and "inside" information, could hope to do. It does not follow that mere accumulation of reports is the key to the UFO enigma. Some of us are coming to believe that too many reports may hinder rather than help and that we may already be in the unfortunate position of being unable to see the wood for the trees!

If Authority is in possession of information concerning UFOs which we do not have — which, as of now, is unproven — it is, to say the least, irresponsible to demand, without having an inkling of the nature of such information, that it be released to the public without more ado. It is rather like handing a jar to a child and inviting it to sample the contents, without previously ascertaining whether the jar contains cyanide capsules or lollipops!

The 1938 "War of the Worlds" panic in the United States, not to mention a repeat of the same in a South American Country which ended with an irate mob, furious at having been fooled, storming the radio station and killing six of the cast, indicates the unwisdom of frightening the foolish. Only a few years since, in this Country, a too-realistic "newscast" in the course of a T.V. play, purporting to announce the presence of a UFO over London, brought the first faint stirrings of panic in the shape of a flurry of telephone calls to the studio from nervous viewers. We cannot afford to ignore the existence of a section of the public which is ill-informed and nervous.

All this is not to say that I am satisfied with the official handling of the UFO situation. It seems a pity that the results of the five-year Air Ministry and R.A.F. Enquiry into UFOs which ended in 1965, have never been made available to qualified private researchers. Authority has no monopoly of brains or ideas and a measure of co-operation between official and unofficial UFO-researchers is an objective to be attained if possible.

M.I.A. is tackling the matter from the wrong end. Attempts to browbeat the Government into revealing its UFO secrets, if any, will fail because we have no real weight of opinion behind us and no clear justification for demanding an end to all secrecy. We should rather adopt a more friendly and conciliatory attitude towards Authority in this matter, trying to look at it through the eyes of those who are answerable to the public for their actions, not merely, as in our case, to themselves

We are, I think, justified in maintaining that Government files on UFOs should be available to private UFO-researchers who are prepared to accept the provisions of the Official Secrecy Act insofar as these may relate to information made available to them. I do not think that any serious researcher would object to a measure of "screening" designed to prevent cranks, crackpots and persons active in subversive political groups from coming into possession of restricted information. "Security" always tends to be oppressive and may sometimes be carried too far. While the World remains divided as at present, it cannot be dispensed-with.

Young enthusiasts — and I imagine most of the organisers of the M.I.A. Petition are young — should try to realize that there is such a thing as legitimate Security and that this may involve certain aspects of the information on UFOs which they demand shall be made available to all and sundry. It is saddening and deplorable that two World Wars have failed to awaken humanity to the folly and futility of War and its associated evils. We have no choice but to operate within the framework of things as they are.

If the UFOs exist as alien-controlled vehicles of some kind, they are tied up with a whole host of problems of national and international concern. Over-simplification of the issues involved can serve no useful purpose.

THE BENT BEAMS CASE

Yet again the Flying Saucer Review has come up with another astonishing report of unidentified flying object activity, this time in Australia.

I do not doubt that motorist Ronald Sullivan received a very nasty shock when he nearly crashed off the road between Bendigo and St. Arnaud, in Victoria State; but the far greater shock comes when we learn of the means by which his life was endangered. Sullivan reports that his car headlight beams suddenly appeared to bend off to the right, whereupon he managed to stop the car in time to see a display of gaseous flames in a nearby field out of which rose an undescribed object. It would seem from evidence found by the police in the field that an object of some sort had rested on the ploughed soil before April 8, and this fact corroborates Sullivan's story.

With the reality of the object established we can examine the other startling item in the report the bending of the car headlights. It has unfortunately not been stated at what point along the headlight beams the bending took place, otherwise a more definite conclusion about the cause of the phenomenon could be arrived at. There are three possibilities: the beams were bent at source; they appeared bent to the observer through illusion or hallucination; they were bent somewhere along the beams.

In considering the first possibility we are hampered by the lack of details in the reports. We are not told what type of car the motorist was driving. With this knowledge it would not be difficult to find out what sort of dipping mechanism was fitted to the car and thus to decide on the possible mechanisms by which the lights could have been dipped out of line. However I feel that the spontaneous action of the dipping mechanism is not a good enough explanation to cover the facts, unless subsequent information states that the beams were bent at source.

The illusion/hallucination theory is perhaps the easy way out in trying to explain the phenomenon, but it is a distinct possibility, as possible as the object's being an alien spacecraft. Further I would like to point out to those readers who will try to argue against the hallucination idea, that the subject of hallucinations is not generally aware that he has been suffering from them, and also is usually indignant when it is suggested that he has suffered. What illusion though could account for the apparent bending of the beams? The Cambridge University Group have suggested to me that the illusion could be brought about by the sudden extinguishing of half, the left half, of the beam, which, through its divergent character, would then seem to have been bent to the right. The mechanism by which this could occur is not clear but would probably be in the nature of a freak of reflection caused by the absence of dust particles by which car headlight beams are normally seen. Again the lack of data in the report is to be regretted. The possibility of half the beam's being obscured depends on the beam's being bent through only a small angle, and we just do not know how far the beams were bent. Further information on this point would be most welcome, and it is hoped that the Australian Flying Saucer Review do not cease their investigations before they are really complete, a habit into which many investigators seem to have lapsed of late.

If hallucination be the explanation, and as yet there does not seem to be any arguments against the idea in contrast to the other theories here presented, then there ought to be a cause for the hallucination. Either the delusion was generated spontaneously in Sullivan's brain or it was caused by some outside agency. The former explanation is not supported by the reports that say that Sullivan is 'an intelligent and highly respected businessman'. The latter cause is open to any amount of speculation, one line of which can be followed with some support from other reports of alien space-craft.

This line suggests that the hallucination was brought about by the effects on Sullivan of the strong magnetic or other fields generated by the alien craft. Readers should refer to the several articles and notes by Dr. Bernard Finch for further ideas along these lines.

There is another unlikely though not impossible explanation and this is that after swerving very badly through falling asleep or some other cause, Sullivan made up the whole incident to cover his annoyance at being such a bad driver. An ingenious idea but as I say rather an unlikely explanation of the facts.

The last category of explanations covers the possibility that the beams were bent somewhere along their path from the headlights into the distance. It has been casually suggested that this bending could have been caused by some sort of 'force field' generated by the object in the field. This suggestion does not take into account any of the other facts reported. For a start the only thing affected by the force field, if any, were the two head-light beams. This means that the field would have had to have a very selective effect on the many lightwaves passing through the space in front of the vehicle; such an explanation raises more difficulties than it over-comes. If no selective effect occurred then all lightwaves from the beams, the road, the surrounding countryside would have been equally bent and no observer, however perceptive, in Sullivan's position would have noticed any change in his surroundings. Further, to add to the difficulties we would have to justify the existence of another field other than the three already known, i.e. electric, magnetic and gravitational, because each of these would have other effects on the car besides bending its head-light beams; unless of course the highly unlikely selective effect occurred.

So the facts of the sighting remain inexplicable except through the agency of imposed hallucination either caused accidentally or purposely by the craft, if that is what the object was.

S. L. Smith, B.A.

DR. HYNEK & THE UFOs.

Something very strange is going on in the U.S.A., concerning publication of news about UFOs. Here in Britain our favourite topic has been discussed in the most unlikely newspapers — i.e. The Economist, The Financial Times, The Sunday Observer. The American Journal "Science" refused to publish a letter from the World's leading authority on the subject, namely Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

His learned opinions and analysis will be published, I am glad to report, in next February's issue of "Discovery." However, I thought that the readers of our own Journal may be too impatient to wait till then, so here is a preview of his opinions. In a letter dated 1st August 1966, submitted to, but not printed by the Journal, "Science", Dr. Hynek says there is "a great volume" of substantial UFO data that is being totally ignored by scientists.

Such data, he says, is contained in a growing body of "puzzling reports that have accumulated through the years". And a "good" UFO report, according to Hynek, is the one that leaves only two alternatives — that "either the witness is psychotic or a congenital liar, or the witness clearly saw something that I, at least, cannot readily explain".

Dr. Hynek further suggests that many of his scientific colleagues may "unwittingly subscribe to" a number of misconceptions about the nature of a hard core of UFO data.

As for himself, "I cannot dismiss the UFO phenomenon with a shrug. I have begun to feel that there is a tendency in 20th century science to forget that there will be a 21st century science, and indeed a 30th century science, from which vantage points our knowledge of the universe may appear quite different than it does to us. We suffer, perhaps, from temporal provincialism, a form of arrogance that has always irritated posterity".

But the editors of Science "did not see fit" to publish the letter, Dr. Hynek revealed in a telephone interview with American science writer Beverly Orndorff. He also admitted that "one should not jump to either conclusion that they (UFO's) are nonsense or from outer space".

The point he is trying to make, he said in the telephone interview, is that there exist UFO data worthy of scientific study and he is asking that scientists study the facts.

He himself does not want to be labelled "a true believer;" rather he is more like a scientist looking at a number of meters, where the meters indicate "something funny is going on."

When queried, Robert V. Ormes, Science's managing editor, said that Dr. Hynek's letter was not published "mainly because Saturday Review had printed a long analysis of the UFO topic prior." He was referring to an article by that magazine's science editor, published in the August 6th. issue.

In his letter, Dr. Hynek notes that some 20 years after the first public furore over UFOs, reports continue to accumulate "at a rate much greater than in the early days of the 'craze!'" He also notes that there has been a recent spate of books and articles on the subject, "and public interest is again rising." Dr. Hynek continues, "This is a disturbing phenomenon to many, yet formal science has taken no note whatever of it."

At another point, he states "No true scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon has ever been undertaken, despite the great volume of 'hard data'. May we not indeed be making the same mistake of the French Academy of Sciences which dismissed out of hand stories of 'stones that fell from the sky'. Finally, however, meteorites were made respectable in the eyes of science."

As a responsible scientist, he goes on, "I refuse to press the panic button, but I must discharge my responsibility by stating the facts as I know them". Dr. Hynek also says that it has 'forcibly' come to his attention, through correspondence and personal contact, that many scientists are actually interested in the UFO phenomenon, although they would disclaim this interest if challenged. He suggests that the topic has remained a subject of "buffoonery and caustic banter" because scientists pay no open attention to UFO reports. And a reason why scientists have not taken a serious look at the UFO data, he continues, is the prevalence of many misconceptions about the reports and the people who make them. But a serious, in-depth scientific study "is necessary here if, after 20 years of confusion, we want some answers".

The U.S. Air Force has recently announced plans to contract with a top university to co-ordinate an 18-month study of selected UFO reports by scientists.

He lists seven misconceptions that are prevalent about the UFO-phenomenon : (1) That only UFO "buffs" report UFOs. The exact opposite is much nearer the truth, he says.

"Only a negligible handful of reports submitted to the Air Force, or to any other organization so far as I know, are from the 'true believers', the same who attend UFO conventions and who are members of the 'gee-whiz' groups," says Dr. Hynek.

The truly puzzling reports, he adds, come from people who have not given much or any thought to UFOs, and who generally consider such reports from others as "bunk until shaken by their own experience".

(2) UFOs are reported by unreliable, unstable and uneducated people. While that is true, says Dr. Hynek, "even greater numbers (are reported) by reliable, stable and educated people." He adds that "dullards rarely overcome the inertia inherent in getting down to making a written report".

(3) UFOs are never reported by scientifically trained people. "This is unequivocally false," says the Dr. Actually, some of the very best, most coherent reports have come from scientifically trained people. It is true, however, that scientists are among the most reluctant to make a report, and to have a report made public.

(4) UFOs are never seen clearly or at close range, but are always vaguely reported and seen under conditions of great uncertainty. Dr. Hynek says when he speaks of "puzzling reports", he excludes all for which this description fits.

"I HAVE IN my files several hundred reports which are real brain teasers and could easily be made the subject of profitable discussion among physical and social scientists alike", he reveals.

(5) The Air Force has no evidence that UFOs are extra-terrestrial or represent advanced technology of any kind. That is a true statement, says Dr. Hynek, but one that is widely interpreted to mean that there is evidence against the extra-terrestrial and advanced technology hypotheses. "The unidentified cases remain unidentified and hence cannot be used in answering this question," he states. "As long as there are 'unidentifieds', the question must obviously remain open. If we knew what they were, they would no longer be UFOs. . ."

(6) UFO reports are generated by publicity. This factor, he says, is undoubtedly at work when sightings are widely publicized. "On the other hand", according to Dr. Hynek, "some of the sightings that are reported at times of high publicity come from reliable people who request anonymity, and who state that if they had not heard of reports from other ostensibly reliable persons, they would never have mentioned their own experience for fear of ridicule."

(7) UFOs have never been sighted on radar or photographed by meteor or satellite tracking cameras.

This is not the same as saying that radar, meteor cameras and satellite tracking stations have not picked up "oddities" that have remained unidentified, according to Dr. Hynek. And he continues, "it has been lightly assumed that although unidentified, the oddities were not unidentifiable as conventional objects." He adds, "One should consider, however, the existence of such odd photographs as those of a 'retrograde satellite', taken in 1958, and the puzzling reports from several Moon-watch teams" during the International Geophysical Year project. In addition, he says he has seen photographs taken by satellite tracking cameras that contain unexplained streaks. These were probably trails of balloons or unusual aircraft, he says, "but they have never been positively identified."

His concern in bringing the whole UFO matter up to this point, according to Dr. Hynek's letter, does not stem from hearing a few reports selected for their sensational aspects, but from seeing a pattern emerge after his many years of "monitoring" the phenomenon as the U.S. Air Force's scientific consultant.

The pattern, he says, involves a class of motions, like "wobbling", "hovering" and "rapid take-offs," geometric configurations, like oval shapes, and luminescent characteristics, like flashing lights and brilliant lights. "This pattern suggests that something is going on", Dr. Hynek says.

Good physical explanations may exist — indeed, must exist in a rational world — and this is precisely the reason I call for scientific attention to the UFO phenomenon.”

Bibliography :

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is director of Dearborn Observatory and chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University. He served as associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory from 1956 to 1960, where he was also chief of upper atmosphere studies and satellite tracking. For the past 18 years he has been the American Air Force's official consultant on unidentified flying objects.

I wish to express my admiration for the courage the Virginian newspaper Richmond Times-Dispatch showed in publishing an extensive article on Dr. Hynek's opinions, from which the above has been compiled.

Edgar A. Hatvany.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The importance of Edgar Hatvany's article will be obvious to our readers. Dr. Hynek is not an amateur scientist or — a too familiar phenomenon — an expert in a given scientific field dabbling in another field unfamiliar to him. He is an acknowledged expert in the field of UFO studies and is generally known as a cautious, objective observer who does not go beyond the facts available to him. When such a man goes as far along the road towards our position as Dr. Hynek has now done, we may be assured that our investigations are not mere dabbings in, “such stuff as dreams are made on,” as our critics sometimes have alleged.

J. C-B.

O B I T U A R Y

— Harry Lord —

BUFORA members everywhere will learn with regret of the death of Harry Lord, at the comparatively early age of 50. He was well known, personally or by reputation, in UFO-research circles the world over.

Many will recall his painstaking analysis of the phenomena associated with the outbreak of crater-like depressions in mid-1963, of which the one at Charlton in Wiltshire was perhaps the most widely publicised.

Our sympathies go out to Harry Lord's relatives. We can ill afford the loss of a researcher as well qualified as he was to delve into the mysteries of the UFOs.

Requiescat in pace !

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UFO ERA

Our world is a planet divided. The nations of the Western Hemisphere, bedeviled by the population explosion and unable to cope with the social and economic problems arising out of it in terms of a ramshackle democracy designed for much less critical conditions, staggers along a road which would appear destined to end in the conditioned infantilism of the society of Huxley's, "Brave New World." The nations of the Eastern Hemisphere have opted for a social order reminiscent of the one foreshadowed in Orwell's, "Nineteen Eighty-Four," which is to say, a quasi-totalitarian structure retaining much of the terminology but nothing of the spirit of the socialist pioneers of the last Century.

There would appear to be three possible alternative roads out of the present global confrontation of giants. Sanity may prevail and humanity resolve its problems and move forward into the sunlight. Nuclear cataclysm may shatter the fabric of our civilisation and even destroy the planet itself. The immediate dangers may be overcome without any corresponding mastery of the root causes of human intransigence, leading to the birth of a nightmare society in which the forces of moral barbarism will be armed with all the weapons in the arsenal of a debased and perverted science.

Other societies, elsewhere in the vast Universe we see around us, must also have reached a stage of development corresponding with our own at present. Those which survived their crises must have launched their craft into the web of the space-time continuum, finding allies and enemies in so-doing.

Humanity stands at the crossroads. If we do not blow ourselves into nothingness by the misuse of atomic power, we too must soon shake the dust of our parent planet from our feet and adventure into the fields of space-time. Is it not to be expected that our predecessors in this realm, whether denizens of utopias or of collectivistic ant-hills, will haunt our skies and attempt by all possible means to steer us towards their patterns of living?

Unquestionably, much of the UFO activity experienced at present is of a negative order. The forces of destruction and disintegration within our society are being reinforced by pressures from outside. A great deal of flying-saucer cultist and "contactee" literature attests to this fact. The wearisome reiteration of stale platitudes and self-evident moral aphorisms is all too suggestive of an extra-terrestrial version of the hollow claptrap of the politicians and is as little calculated to accomplish anything useful.

Men and women cannot be talked into goodness. Spirituality is something which cannot be evoked by words, however eloquent, but must be experienced first and then lived. One minute of mystical ecstasy can do more to uplift an individual than all the sermonising of all the self-styled supermen who have ever bored the unfortunate dabbler in "contactee" literary effusions.

Fortunately, a residual fragment of UFO activity is of a positive complexion. There is in fact no reason to assume that the "ants" outnumber the "utopians" in our skies. Perhaps the latter meddle less in our everyday affairs, or go to work on us in more subtle ways. To illustrate the point, a thousand people probably know something about Nero for every one who knows a single fact about Justinian - yet Justinian's long-term influence on Europe, via the Legal Code which bears his name, has been greater by far than any kind of influence deriving from Nero. Goodness operates in less spectacular ways than Evil but its effects generally last longer!

The flying-saucer cultist's fundamental mistake is to hurl himself headlong into this or that ready-made version of "UFO truth". Some of the UFO-denizens mean us well. Others do not. For this reason, among others, a cautious and rational approach to the phenomena is demanded. Is there anywhere a parent who would be foolish enough to entrust a child to the care of a self-announced teacher, on no better recommendation than the teacher's eulogium of himself? If some of these cultists acted as rashly in the affairs of their everyday lives as they do in their activities in the realm of UFOs, they would very quickly find themselves in difficulties.

I have very little patience with the bumptious, cocksure "scientists" who condemn and deride UFO-research without ever having investigated the subject of UFOs. That does not alter the fact that the scientific approach to UFO phenomena is the only one calculated to pay a worthwhile dividend to the seeker. To eschew scientific method because of disgust with scientific dogma is to throw out the baby with the bath-water.

Scientific method, applied to UFO reports, has demonstrated to those open-minded enough to face the fact that there are alien intelligences operating in our skies. It must now rest with these open-minded investigators to probe the nature and purport of this intervention from outside in our terrestrial affairs.

It needs no "Cosmic Brotherhood Association" to draw our attention to the implications of this alien visitation in every department of human affairs. Of course the religious, social, economic, political and philosophical consequences of the same will be profound. That is no reason for us to "jump the gun" and answer all the questions raised before they have been properly formulated.

Good and Evil, Truth and Error, Light and Darkness, will not become more or less comprehensible if the meanings are re-stated in Cosmic terms. The overriding importance of the individual is not affected, whether his mode of transportation be an ox-cart or a flying-saucer. The promptings of alien visitants can be assessed, in the matter of their potential for good or ill, only in terms of the verdict of the human heart.

J. C-B.

BOOK REVIEW

"Flight to the Stars"

Published by Temple Press Books,
by James Strong, B.Sc. (Eng.)
London. Price 25/-

The bookshelves are becoming crowded with volumes treating of the problems of interplanetary flight. Interstellar voyages remain largely the province of the writer of Science-Fiction - or so I would have said prior to perusing "Flight to the Stars."

James Strong has given us a useful, lively and thought-provoking account of the methods by which Humanity may one day set out to span the vast gulf which separates the Sun from the nearer of its stellar neighbours. There is the "Noah's Ark" method, in which an artificial planet is set on course for a distant star and manned by volunteers, who will live, breed and die within the confines of their space vehicle, in the hope that some future generation of their descendants will reach the predetermined haven amidst the stars. There is the "Deep Freeze" method, too, by which astronauts are to be transported across a dark space-time abyss while in a

state of suspended animation, to awaken within a few light-years of their goal.

The author does not, in my opinion, deal at sufficient length with the Time-Dilation factor, which may enable star-voyagers to span unimaginable distances at very high velocities, which latter would reduce the length of the journey in "ship" time — though not in terrestrial time — to a moderate and acceptable figure. Time-Dilation, after all, is not entirely a figment of Einstein's imagination. It receives qualified confirmation from the behaviour of mesons in the Earth's atmosphere.

About the possible use of higher dimensions in interstellar travel, the author is very sceptical indeed. He points out that there is no evidence that a fourth, fifth or sixth dimension is anything more than an abstract mathematical concept. Perhaps not, but if ever Humanity is to voyage among the stars — if the UFOs are manned by alien entities from some planet circling a remote sun — I think that either Time-Dilation or Higher-Dimensional Shift will prove to be the key which unlocks the gateway of interstellar travel.

James Strong appears to incline sympathetically towards the views of those who read into the adventures of mythological figures the doings of alien visitors to this planet in prehistoric days. He devotes a few paragraphs to Flying Saucers and seems to believe that they exist, although one derives the impression that he lacks confidence in his own verdict on the matter.

The author enquires: "Where is the sense in creating sapient life on the one hand and, on the other, ten billion suns so hidden by the mists of distance that none can contemplate their wonder?" He might have asked, where is the sense in causing millions of acorns to be produced upon a tree, one only of which, after several centuries, will become an oak? Nature is not a thrifty landlord who cannot be content until the house is packed with lodgers from cellar to attic!

"The Flying Saucer Story."

By Brinsley Le Poer Trench.

Published by Neville Spearman, London.
Price 25/-.

The Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench is known the World over for his activities as a UFO-researcher. Readers of his earlier books will not be disappointed by this one. It is well produced, very lavishly illustrated by an interesting selection of photographs of UFOs and the narrative is lucid and comprehensive. The author reviews UFO activity back through the years and presents a wide variety of facts and opinions on every phase of the subject.

There are a few errors which have crept into the text. For instance, Captain Ruppelt left the U.S.A.F. "Project Bluebook" in 1953 and did not remain in charge of it until 1959, as is stated on page 18.

I am glad to note that Mr. Le Poer Trench discounts the idea of intelligent life upon any of the other planets of our Solar System. This is in refreshing contrast to the pulpy thinking of many over-enthusiastic flying-saucer students.

Understandably, if rather irritatingly, the author tends to "hedge" somewhat on certain issues. For example, I am left in doubt as to what his real opinion may be on certain well-publicised "contact" stories. Perhaps he means to awaken the curiosity of newcomers to UFO-research in order that they will be impelled to study the accounts in question and decide upon their merits for themselves.

I do not share Mr. Le Poer Trench's conviction that all the UFO-denizens are benevolent. Some of them are unquestionably malevolent by our standards. How should it be otherwise? The age-old Conflict between Light and Darkness can hardly be supposed to be confined to our tiny planet. It must be Cosmic in scope.

It may well be that we have reached a critical stage in our social evolution, when we may go upwards to the stars or downwards into the dust from whence we emerged. If so, it can hardly be a matter for surprise that extra-terrestrial intelligences should chose this time to visit us — and our visitors will not all of them be of the Light!

The reader may not always agree with the conclusions of the author of "The Flying Saucer Story." However that may be, it is an important and valuable book and I recommend it to all who may be in search of a useful compendium of information concerning UFO phenomena.

J. C-B.

NOTE :

Books and periodicals for review should be sent to the Editor of this "Journal." If sent to other officers of BUFORA there is no guarantee that they will be considered for review.

BUFORA NORTHERN CONVENTION AT BRADFORD

The organisers of this Convention, the Halifax Branch of BUFORA, are to be congratulated upon the outstanding success of their labours. Those of us who made the long trip to Bradford, on Saturday, September 10th, found a large attendance and an interesting programme at the Textile Hall.

Highlight of the occasion was a talk by Mr. Arthur Shuttlewood of Warminster, who lectured upon the now celebrated phenomena in this pleasant Wiltshire town, which he has investigated with care and patience far beyond the common run. Mr. Shuttlewood is a fluent speaker and his material was of outstanding interest to all present. His observations were always of interest and he received a well-deserved ovation at the conclusion of his exposition. I think it should be placed on record that Mr. Shuttlewood insisted upon meeting all his own expenses incurred in respect of his trip to Bradford — a generous gesture!

After a break for tea, a "Symposium on UFO Investigation" was held, in the form of a Brains Trust. The Panel consisted of J. Leslie Otley, Editor of "Orbit" and well-known in the field of UFO-research, Stephen Smith, B.A., Alan Sharp, B.Sc., F.G.S., etc., (well-known as our leading critic) and your Editor. The audience was ready with a spate of stimulating questions. One felt that inconclusive and "sloppy" answers would simply not have been accepted. I don't think there were any! The Chairman was our ever-popular contributor and good friend, Malcolm Bull.

After the Convention ended, some of us went for a most enjoyable meal to a Bradford Restaurant. It is only fair to observe that the excellent catering and service by the ladies at the Textile Hall rendered this function a luxury rather than a necessity.

In conclusion, thanks are due to the friends who offered the hospitality of their homes to their visitors from the South. I myself am grateful to the Secretary of our Halifax Branch, Trevor Whitaker, who, with his charming wife, not only made me welcome in their home at Halifax but seemed content to sit up until an unearthly hour of Sunday morning listening to my theories on UFOs!

J. C-B.

LOOK BEFORE YOU THEORISE

In the recent Oldfield incident we have what appears at first sight to be a typical good sighting corroborated by good film of the event. Mrs. Oldfield, having seen something unusual through the window of the plane in which she and her husband were flying out of Manchester, aimed her cine-camera at the object and filmed it. The result was a film of an object which appeared to move out from the edge of the window, turn and disappear rapidly.

With usual journalistic celerity the matter was seized and publicised on television within a few hours of the film being received back from developing by the Oldfields. In the press it was announced in headlines usually reserved for the coming of the Messiah.

The subsequent events divided the students of ufology into three groups :

- 1) those who, having seen the film, believed the report at face value.
- 2) those who, having seen the film, did not believe the report.
- 3) those who did not see the film until after it had been refuted and could not then understand how anyone could believe it genuine.

Before the reader tries to put himself into one of these categories let me say that I shall try to show how each of these attitudes is potentially dangerous — so read on, decide later !

1) This sort of person cannot be described as gullible — **in this instance!** — because the object was confirmed visually by the Oldfields, and it was no beck'ning ghost appearing only on the developed film and pointing to yonder glade of deception (apologies to Pope !). Just how dangerous this decision can be depends on whether these people would have made the same choice if there had been no supporting evidence. Would they accept any photograph with unqualified assent merely because it was a photograph, in the hope that it would convince the sceptics? Are these the same people who would buy a pop music record and send it to Number One in the Top Twenty, hearing it uncritical — even laudatory — simply because it was by a certain performer, not because of its individual quality, but simply because it exists? Even the best photographs can be faked.

2) Sceptical or wary? Obstinate or cautious? Bloody-minded or discreet? Enough said.

3) This is also slippery ground — or it could be the soul of wisdom. Again the fulcrum of this decision is whether the people here would have made this same decision had they seen the film before its being invalidated.

If so, see (2) above. If not, well, we can all be wise after the event !

There is possibly a fourth category into which opinions could fall :-

4) Those who still believe the film to be of a genuine UFO sighting — bless 'em ! Salt of the ufological earth — but, oh dear, you can't be serious !

Sticking to your guns is often admirable, but in the circumstances, when identical — not just similar — shapes have been reproduced under the same conditions without a flying saucer, your case is hardly watertight.

So where does all this get us? It seems that whatever you say you are wrong. Perhaps it is better to have no opinion.

Definitely not !! The worst choice is to make no choice. The sensible path through confusion is :

- to be open to suggestion without being gullible,
- able to evaluate the evidence and accept the acceptable,
- sceptical of the obvious and the obscure alike,
- and above all to be (self) critical and able to bow down if proven wrong.

WARMINSTER UFOs' PUZZLING BEHAVIOUR

— By Arthur Shuttlewood —

Chief news reporter, features editor, Warminster Journal

Readers are doubtless well acquainted with already published aspects of the Warminster phenomena on the UFO front which have inflamed world interest and curiosity.

For sensational happenings in a small market town, over a limited area yet a prolonged period, are bound by their very nature to foster a singular type of notoriety.

Frankly, I knew practically nothing about flying saucers or cigar aeroforms until this almost ceaseless surge of UFO activity above our heads. It has now persisted for 18 months. I write this on June 30th, 1966.

If I'd had prior awareness of these amazing craft, and wished to elaborate on such a futuristic subject in a feature article, my mind would have rebelled at the usual appellation.

An instinctive flair for journalistic word-products of fitting worth would have tempted me to label them as "celestial skycars" or "aerial chariots" as opposed to the inane description of "flying saucers."

That's a purely incidental observation of mine which does not necessarily condemn, merely laments, the original word-hatching that was responsible for this misnaming. Obviously, loose terminology from early witnesses was avidly fastened onto so that an undignified term came into collective being.

As one who has often seen the astounding aerobatics of these craft in flight, their sheer poetry in motion as they carry out delicately executed sky manoeuvres which make a jet plane's sluggish action an uninspired shadow by comparison, I prefer the mystical quality of our local term, The 'Thing.' It's affectionate more than disrespectful, even though crude.

Our small community of 11,000 souls has gradually grasped a significant fact — our town is unique in its intensive concentration of UFO manifestations.

But please don't run away with the erroneous idea that we are therefore boasters, braggarts, rodomonts or publicity-seekers. The majority of our people are stolid, unimaginative country folk with feet still firm on the ground.

Providing the world does not cruelly slander us as trumpet-blowers for increased tourist traffic and trade hereabouts (how many times that unjust accusation has been levelled at my head!) we genuinely wish to share our visual experiences with everyone sufficiently intrigued by a fascinating enigma and its eventual resolving.

That's why we've issued an open invitation (which still stands) to all serious researchers, asking them to join us on the top of Cradle Hill or Cley Hill, Battlesbury or Scratchbury, any clear night for sky-watching thrills.

And, believe me, they are truly exciting moments when real UFOs flash across our horizons, sometimes hovering in silver-ringed magnificence for up to 14 minutes, as explained in my book.

Time is an implacable and remorseless enemy, allowing relatively scant nocturnal observation periods on top of busy workaday chores as a news reporter. Nor does it now permit me to expand too much on individual incidents and experiences, although I'd love to fully satisfy natural curiosity about our 'Things.'

So do forgive apparent gaps and minor discrepancies that might show in the restricting space of this short article ; they are filled and amended, respectively, in my forthcoming book, I hope and trust.

Briefly, then, here are certain of the strange events that have taken place, locally, occasionally plaguing yet always — in a bizarre manner — brightening our horizons.

Including our head postmaster, Mr. Roger Rump, certain people early on Christmas Day of 1964 and for several months after that date were puzzled, some frightened, by weird aerial battering of their rooftops at night.

One woman, a hospital deputy matron staying in Silver-street, saw her curtains and curtain rails torn bodily from their mountings and sent cascading across her bedroom — to land on the floor near where she sat up, startled, aroused from slumber.

Obviously, they were broken free from their moorings by a giant force she could not — and still cannot — comprehend. Yet the windows were secure against the cold night air . . . And there was not a whisper of wind outside !

Furthermore, when she switched on her bedroom light she found the shade whirling round and round as though possessed. As though convulsed in a maniacal grip. The flex itself resembled a slim snake, contorting and twisting above her bewildered head.

Upon investigation of the smaller bedroom adjacent, she found the same phenomenon had taken place therein. Yet no one on the ground floor, nor in neighbouring houses in the terrace, had heard anything. Not a single vibration.

The matron, used to nursing in Central and South American jungles, is completely unflappable, cool, methodical and competent as a rule — a rule that went to the wall nailed to her terror, that memorable night.

This was a typical incident which initially led people to suppose we were receiving visitations from harmful poltergeists. But later evidence conflicted with this viewpoint and pointed pretty conclusively to an unknown type of aircraft being responsible.

An aerial culprit that also made a few folks cringe and cower out of doors when shock soundwaves and violent vibrations beat down upon them forcibly.

One lad, Eric Payne 19, a carpenter, was pushed to his knees under a sharp and savage attack from overhead in March. His upraised arms were bent back. He landed beside a mist-shrouded road just after winter snow had thawed. A tingling sensation on exposed hands and face corresponded to mild electric shocks needling his flesh.

He thought he saw a dish-shaped object hovering above for a second ; but was unsure. It might have been banks of fog rising into the darkness, he told me. Yet it was decidedly uncanny.

A flock of pigeons was killed in flight when surging into such sound beams. Two pheasants on a big estate were truncheoned earthward by ultra-sonic deluges of noise. Dead dormice were found in gardens of affected houses, riddled by minute holes, perforated as though with buckshot.

No human or beast was killed or suffered lasting harm from these crude lambastings from on high. That reassured me, as a reporter. Just the odd one or two cases of pet budgies lying stiffly inert in upstairs cages after aerial onslaughts.

Many house dogs and cats were reported running around in small circles, cuffing ears with paws, a number dreadfully sick where roofs were battered. They tried to hide from a marauding menace under sinks, beds and other furniture.

So much for early calls by nocturnal sky-blazers . . . Later, actually starting in May of 1965 so far as I can ascertain, sightings of large cigar-shaped flying objects came trickling in: found niches in my notebooks.

One was described in June (a month prior to the Weston-super-Mare parallel) as "a bright-windowed train in the sky, flying sideways." Another in the southern sky was "glittering with vivid yellow and gold lights at the bottom." In a strong NE gale, another "did not move or change position." Smaller saucer-shaped aero-forms (much more common) and "bright eyes or car headlights" at night were recorded.

I could not reject or discredit all testimony — so much of it from persons of high character and reliability. No newsman in his right senses would dare call "nut-cases" or "screwballs" such witnesses as a vicar and his family, head postmaster, two teachers, *Or* —

A Bank of England senior official, a bank cashier, a hospital physiotherapist, an Army major whose car was stopped by an UFO at 45 mph, a factory security guard, a RAF pilot's wife (she saw and heard the Thing). *Or* —

An ex-RAF squadron leader who captured the Thing on colour film, Army officers and warrant officers, sergeants and other NCOs, soldiers, a local government officer, War Department employees, five quantity surveyors, Britain's leading authority on the art of bell-ringing. *Or* —

Policemen's wives, policemen themselves, a naval officer on shore leave, a hospital seamstress, a monumental mason, art students, grammar schoolboys, an hotel manager and his assistant, the son of a peer's butler, prominent trades councillors, company director, etc.

Solid, dependable citizens like these do not prosper on trees of imagination or thrive in bushes of false value . . .

You've all read of the fiery cigar sighting by the Rev. P. Graham Phillips, his wife and family. Even the dumbest newsman could not stop such a dramatic story from ricocheting around the world in double-quick time. Yet it was Sept. 28th. of last year before I was finally convinced that these UFOs were definitely not of our world but extra-terrestrial.

It was during that afternoon that I saw the awe-inspiring cigar for myself, gliding gently over Colloway Clump. Dense white, enormous to the eye, with its peculiar burnished amber dome rather reminiscent of an old gramophone horn. What it did to me and my camera is nobody's business — as my book describes in detail.

There have been landings. Witnesses of high calibre have come forward — after some natural hesitation to begin with, fearing ridicule — and given evidence about landed craft and crews seen outside them. Here, again, I cannot tell all in this short resumé of 'Thing' data; the impact of my book will be less pronounced if I do.

For I am not aiming my collection of facts at what cynics term "the converted"; I am making what I hope is a rational and thought-provoking appeal in my work to the realist, particularly. I was no easy or gullible convert, myself: and can quite understand that a closed-minded disbeliever must SEE FOR HIMSELF.

Here is a brief extract from my book. I don't think my publishers (Neville Spearman, Whitfield-street, London, W.1) will object to this confidence . . .

Employed by Warminster Urban Council and a typical stolid Wiltshireman, Mr. Charles Hudd of Princecroft reported for duty at the central car park at 4.45 a.m. on April 1st.

Four other men were at that vantage point when the huge, silvery cigar sailed over the green downs in front of them, left to right or West to East. It was high up, a soundless giant.

Short of Cop Heap, where a Saxon chieftain is reputed buried, the aeroform started to stretch into a long poker of white-hot fire. As a crimson glow flooded its entire length, it burst. It split in the centre, amidships, with a glaring flash of light at breaking point.

The watchers, fascinated yet fearful at this early morning wonder, put hands instinctively to ears to blot out the deafening explosion all expected. None came.

After the silent detonation or splitting asunder, from the gap between the two riven halves of the cigar fell "six small blobs of red". They spun downward, leaving the big craft's belly.

They twirled idly for a fraction of time," continued Mr. Hudd. "Then they steadied and stopped, changed colour from red to silver — and raced away towards the horizon to the North, behind Cop Heap and out of sight."

On the night of April 4th, a senior official of the Bank of England was motor-ing from Salisbury to his home at Bath. Reaching the skew bridge over the railway at Heytesbury, two miles from Warminster, he beheld a similar sight over the village of Norton Bavant.

But that is as far as I can reasonably go, at present. I don't want to spoil the effect of my book. And here's hoping you enjoy reading it. Sorry if anyone gathers I'm deliberately "plugging" it — I honestly don't intend that.

Yet, while writing it, I felt it had all the ingredients of a James Bond thriller. Except that our Warminster Thing is non-fictional . . .

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1st July, 1966

NOTES & QUOTES

So Now We Know!

Who would have believed it? UFOs are nothing more than ball lightning! Or so a certain scientific gentleman has just decided. Comment on this inanity is perhaps superfluous. What is astonishing is the bland assumption that UFO-researchers are one and all ignorant of what is a fairly well-known meteorological phenomenon. Ball lightning may have given rise to a few UFO reports. A competent evaluator would quickly weed out and discard a sighting due to this cause.

UFOs from Space or Time?

"From henceforth space in itself and time in itself sink to mere shadows and only a kind of union of the two preserves an independent existence."

Minkowski.

The Fogl Photograph.

Most readers will be familiar with a photograph of a discoid object purporting to be a UFO, taken by Radio-Officer T. Fogl at San Pedro in December 1957. BUFORA holds conclusive documentary proof that the object in question is NOT a UFO. Mr. Fogl does not dispute this conclusion.

Leys & UFOs.

I am a little dubious as to the wisdom of attempting to relate UFO sightings to the alleged network of straight prehistoric trackways which a certain amateur archaeologist supposed to exist in Britain. If such a network does in fact exist — which is unlikely — why should UFOs be impelled to follow it? In fact, this Country is so rich in historic and prehistoric sites that almost any line drawn on a map will, if extended for any distance, link several such sites together. I would add that known prehistoric trackways are generally far from straight.

Professor M. M. Woolfson.

I am informed that Professor Woolfson no longer sponsors the Tidal Hypothesis of planetary origins. I based my observations on page 15 of the last issue of this "Journal" on certain papers of his which appeared in 1960 and was unaware of later modifications in his thought.

National Skywatch Day.

BUFORA is being taken to task in some quarters for having designated June 24th, 1967, "BUFORA National Skywatch Day." Let it at once be stated that this Association advances no claim to possess any sort of vested interest in Kenneth Arnold. However, if BUFORA organises a National Skywatch on the date in question it would seem to be accurate to describe it as a National Skywatch Day for BUFORA members. What other societies may do, on this or any other day, is none of BUFORA's business!

One Extra Copy Please!

Will as many as possible of those who very kindly forward UFO periodicals to me, include two copies of the publications in question? I cannot make a round trip of 130 miles every time I wish to verify a fact or quotation but do not wish to deprive our London Library of items by retaining them for my personal use.

It's That Puma Again!

"That Puma" has turned up once more in Hampshire. He is a much-travelled pussycat, for reports of him have been received from localities as far apart as Dublin and Epping Forest. My explanation? Well, I suppose that flying-saucer felines have to be let out for "walkies" sometimes, as have our own terrestrial moggies!

Spring-Heeled Jack.

This is a mysterious visitant who was as ubiquitous at times in the last century as the Puma seems to be at present. It is hard to relegate "Jack" to the realm of fiction, in view of the documented evidence of his reality. It is, if anything, even harder to accept him as a fact. Perhaps some readers have information or theories about him. If so, I would be glad to hear from them on the subject.

J. C-B.

SAUCER BOOKS FOR SALE

We will be pleased to obtain the following saucer books for you, which although not necessarily recommended by us, we would not attempt to stop you reading.

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LATE NEWS

Following the Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill series in the SUNDAY MIRROR, the newspaper kindly published the address of the Vice-chairman, on 23.10.'66, telling readers to send their sighting accounts to BUFORA. Consequently we have received about 200 letters, mostly from sensible people all over Britain, giving details of their sighting, and asking if we can explain their reports.

PERSONAL COLUMN (3d. a word)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Radio Signals from U. F. O.

Dear Sir,

I am making a study of those sighting reports of unidentified flying objects that contain references to radio emissions accompanying the object reported. I realise that there are very many reports of radio blackouts of various types, but very few of these contain any reference to the frequencies or wavelengths that were affected. So far I have gathered three reports that refer to actual signals being picked up from possible U.F.O., but none of them give details of the important facts, i.e. frequency or wavelength, and the type of signal received.

I would be most grateful if any of your readers can assist me in this study by sending me details of any reports that they might have of this type of phenomenon. Further information on the three sightings already on record and referred to below would be particularly welcome.

Yours faithfully,

S. L. Smith, B.A..

Hill House, Melton Road, Edwalton, Nottingham.

The three reports :

- (1) : During the period 1952 August to 1953 February, a Mr. Lyman Streeter, a radio operator for the Santa Fe Railroad claims to have received messages from space. Unfortunately no further details known as yet.
- (2) : On 1957 November 6 at 9.00 p.m. near Lake Baskatong, 100 miles North of Ottawa, Mr. J. Jacobsen and three witnesses observed a UFO and a simultaneous radio blackout on all frequencies but one. On this unnamed frequency one of the witnesses, a radio engineer, picked up a very strong rapidly modulated signal not very unlike Morse code. The report is referred to in 'Anatomy of a Phenomenon' by J. Vallee (p. 136) as being from the United States version of A. Michel's second book in Mebane's edition.
- (3). On 1966 February 6 at 8.00 p.m. the radio receivers at Barajas Airport recorded unusual static on several particular frequencies registered at the control centre.

Reference to case in F.S.R. Vol. 12, No. 3, p. 31.

UFO SIGHTING REPORTS

Members and Non-members are requested to send details of all recent UFO reports they obtain by word of mouth or from newspapers, radio and magazines, etc., immediately to the Regional Information Officer for the area concerned in order that a local investigation can be started while the sighting is still fresh in the mind of the eye-witnesses.

Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, North Riding of Yorkshire : Tyneside UFO Society : W. D. Muir, 72 Greystoke Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 2. Tel : Day : Gosforth 5-7111 Ext. 679. Evening & night : J.L. Otley : Newcastle 3-8025

Lancashire, Wirral Peninsula (Cheshire), Isle of Man, Anglesey, North Wales : Merseyside UFO Research Society : R. Donnelly, 2 Buckfast Close, Liverpool 10. Tel : A. Rawlinson : Anfield 6921.

Cheshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire : Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena : P. Heffron, 37 Lea Dale Green, Leyland, Nr. Preston, Lancs. Tel : Leyland 21734 ; (or Tel : Mrs. J. Nelstrop : Bramhall 4802.)

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Nottinghamshire : Nottingham UFOs Group : M. A. Kenyon, 112 Calverton Rd., Arnold, Nottingham.

North-east half of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Wales south of and including Cardiganshire & Montgomeryshire : Cheltenham Flying Saucer Group : A. R. Cole, Ellesmere, 7 Okua Rd., Charlton Kings, Glos. Tel : J. Whitaker : Cheltenham 53864.

Warwickshire : Stratford-on Avon UFO Group : J. D. Llewellyn, 63 Masons Rd., Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire.

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Rutland, Suffolk : Cambridge University Group for the Investigation of UFOs : Easter term : 20th April to 10th June : A. C. H. Durham, Clare College, Cambridge. Vacations : J. A. Popple, 10 Kingsmead Road, Waterbeach, Cambs. Tel : (all year round) Waterbeach 660 or (day) : Cambridge 55691.

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