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THE CONISTON SAUCER -- FULL REPORT

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Once again, we have had to amend the proposed contents of this edition, as several important items (in particular, the long report on the Coniston Saucer) have come in and must be included.

In view of the variable nature of the flow of saucer news, then, we have decided not to state in advance the contents of the next issue, which will depend upon the latest developments before going to press.

The more academic article must always give place to news items, since this is primarily a news magazine, but we have a number of interesting articles on hand and will fit them in wherever possible. It is particularly regretted that we have had to omit our "Star Letter" feature from the present edition.

## A.M.A's.

Work on the new articles is temporarily suspended, pending full arrangements with BFSB (see opposite), but it's expected that a new list will be made available for mailing with next issue.



## PLEASE NOTE

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## The Widening Circle —

A message from RICHARD HUGHES.  
IMPORTANT TO ALL SAUCERERS!

As most of you will know, since October 1953 the interest in Flying Saucers has been greatly stimulated, and membership of the Flying Saucer Club has skyrocketed during these last hectic months, the circulation of the Winter issue of the NEWS nearing 1000 copies!

Whilst this is an excellent thing in itself, and is very gratifying to one who founded the Club and nurtured it on its way, the fact remains that the running of such an organisation demands a greatly increased amount of work, time and money.

Having started the F.S. Club as an individual effort, and run it alone for some eighteen months, it became clear to me, last March, that with this vastly increased membership (and the ensuing heavy correspondence and other organisation "machinery") something was likely to seize up! It is just fine to be a One-Man organisation with a couple of hundred subscribers, but when this increases four - or five-fold virtually overnight, things are in danger of getting out of hand!

As a result of a happy co-operation, it has therefore been decided that the BRITISH FLYING SAUCER BUREAU will step into what was very nearly a breach, and - since they have a Committee, and hold regular meetings - are to incorporate the Club, and take over the administrative part of it, leaving me time to edit, print and produce our magazine - the only British Saucer magazine - which was beginning to become an almost secondary feature - publication date being continually postponed in the face of ever-increasing correspondence!

Final arrangements are not yet completed, but the general idea of the scheme is that the FSC shall continue in much the same way as hitherto. The advisability of local groups forming Flying Saucer Clubs is being considered, and the FSC badge is to be maintained as the emblem of both organisations.

The continued functioning of FLYING SAUCER NEWS is the primary matter, as I'm sure all will agree, and now - with a single administration, still steadily growing membership, and various Officers each with his appointed duties, great strides can be looked forward to, in the progress of British and international Saucerdom!

Best wishes to you all,

*Richard Hughes*  
Hon. EDITOR.



# The CONISTON Saucer Full Report.

One of the most redoubtable pieces of evidence of all time!

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✱ On the morning of February 15th 1954, a thirteen year old boy, Stephen Darbishire, began to feel uncomfortable. A nagging, persistent restlessness told him he must go up the hill behind his home at Coniston, Lancashire. He could not tell why; he merely knew he had to. And so, with his eight year old cousin, Adrian Myers, he climbed the small steep hill, taking with him his little Kodak camera in the hope of getting a few good bird pictures, for bird-watching is one of his favourite pastimes.

Soon the boys reached the summit, and Stephen set his camera (or thought he had done so), on 'infinity', and pointed it towards the long gleaming strip of Lake Coniston, about two miles away in the floor of the valley - the lake on which the famous "Bluebird" speedboats set up world records. It was a cold February day, half sunny, half cloudy. The summit of Coniston Old Man (3,000 feet) which rose beyond the hill, was lost in cloud.



At eleven a.m. Adrian was looking towards the mountain; Stephen was looking in the opposite direction. Suddenly, Adrian thumped him on the back and shouted: "Look at that thing!"

Down from the direction of the sun a strange silvery round object was descending. It came to earth about a hundred yards away and disappeared behind a bit of rising ground. A few seconds later it came into view again. Suddenly it tipped up on its side and shot up into the air with a rush of air - a deep swishing sound - but until then, it had been completely silent. In a few moments it had disappeared in the clouds.

Just before it went down behind the rise, Stephen succeeded in obtaining a photo. As the object came into view again, he took another. Unfortunately, he had not set his camera properly, so the picture was blurred, but enough appeared on the film for us to make several very important observations which will be discussed later.

According to Stephen, the object had a silvery, glassy appearance - "Like metal or plastic which light goes through but which you can't see through" - (the word he was searching for was "translucent"). At first it was directly in the sun's rays and very bright, but as it began to rise clouds cut off the direct sunlight so the boys were able to see it more distinctly. "It was a solid metal-like thing with a dome, portholes, and three humps or landing domes underneath.



In the centre, the underneath was darker, and pointed like a cone. At first three portholes were visible but then it turned slightly and we saw four. There was what looked like a hatch on top of the cabin dome."

Very excited, the boys ran down the hill to Stephen's home, Little Arrow Farm, where the tale was breathlessly relayed to Doctor S. Darbishire, Stephen's father. However, being an intelligent and open-minded doctor, he made his son sit down, write a statement and draw what he had seen, from memory.

It was then decided to take the film to Mr. Pattison who has a photographic studio in Coniston village (about one and a half miles away) to be developed, although at the time no one thought it very likely there would be anything on it. However, some time later, Mr. pattison rang up very excited with the news: "There's something on it and it looks like a flying saucer."

Sure enough, there is a definite saucer-shaped object on the negative, which although out of focus, is clear enough for the three balls, or "landing domes" to be distinguished, also a suggestion of dark portholes, while the dark cone beneath is clearly visible.

Before announcing this, Doctor Darbishire cross-examined Stephen very thoroughly, also Adrian, as he was well aware what trouble a hoax could lead to both for himself and his entire family. However, both boys stuck to their story and the Doctor said later: "I know Stephen pretty well and I realised he was not lying. Nor do I believe two boys of that age could possibly have faked such a negative." After a family council it was decided that, come what may, this event was too important to be suppressed, so Doctor Darbishire picked up the 'phone.

The first press reaction was from the DAILY MAIL, who sent up an investigator. The investigator was perfectly satisfied, as have been all investigators, that the picture was genuine. The best the MAIL could do to discredit it was a comment by their 'scientific correspondent', J. Stubbs Walker (who did not personally go to Coniston to investigate) that under certain conditions ice crystals might produce the appearance of a solid image. It was not, however, explained how an ice cloud should produce the exact image of a flying saucer complete with dome, portholes and three-ball undercarriage - and a loud swish! A little later, Al Griffin of the Lancashire Evening Post, devoted a whole page to a well written and intelligent exposition of the occurrence, reproducing both Stephen's and Adamski's photo's. for comparison.

Our own investigator travelled up to Coniston on February 23rd. and was the guest of the Darbishires for two and a half days. During that time he was able to assess them pretty thoroughly as an intelligent and responsible family who had long ago passed the stage of spiritual adolescence. Our investigator was taken up the mountain by Stephen and the whole drama was re-enacted, the exact positions established and the camera closely examined.



It soon became apparent that the saucer could not have been more than a hundred yards away because immediately beyond the hillock the ground dips slightly and then rises almost immediately in a steady ascent to the summit of the Old Man. It was into this dip that the saucer briefly descended.

Our investigator tried to establish what mistake Stephen had made in the setting of his camera, for Stephen was certain that he had correctly focussed on 'infinity' some time before the saucer came into view. It was suspected that he had done one of two things; either he had not pulled out the bellows sufficiently, and thus produced an out-of-focus picture, or he had set his exposure on "bulb" instead of "1/25". The latter would have been very easy to do, for with this cheap type of camera a small movement of a single lever sets the shutter at 'T', 'B', '1/25' and '1/50' in that order. The lever movement between 'B' and '1/25' is about 1/8" - and even had he had the shutter properly set when preparing his photo. across Lake Coniston, in all the excitement he could easily have moved it that small amount. To try and establish what had happened, our investigator took several exposures with the same camera, in the same place, using all these different possibilities of shutter and bellows settings. Then the results were compared with Stephen's original negative. The one which, in exposure and appearance, most resembles the original, was the one taken on 'bulb' at 'infinity' - with about one second exposure. In this one the foreground was blurred and the sky darkened from over-exposure almost identically with Stephen's picture.



*This is Stephen's drawing of his "saucer."*

A shot taken at 'infinity' at '1/25' with bellows improperly extended produced a blurred effect but with a much lighter exposure. This confirmed Stephen's view that he was sure he had extended the bellows properly some minutes before the saucer was seen in order to take a picture of distant Lake Coniston. Certainly it was more likely that the sudden excitement caused his finger to slip and alter the exposure setting, for, as was said, his original negative matches our 'bulb' photo. in its degree of exposure. Therefore, we think we may safely assume that his camera was correctly focussed and the bellows were fully extended but that he inadvertently snapped on 'bulb' instead of 1/25th; a mistake very easily made with this type of cheap camera.

Our investigator thoroughly toured the district with Stephen and explored the mountains both by car over impossible tracks, and on foot when the tracks gave out entirely. The whole area is riddled with old copper mines, deserted shafts and flooded tunnels. Maybe these copper deposits are relevant. At the moment it is impossible to say. But we note them here in case of future developments.

During the two days our investigator remained with the Darbishires, Stephen never once contradicted himself. Although given his head and encouraged to prattle to his heart's content, he made no remark or



inadvertent slip suggestive of a hoax. Our investigator was also present during Stephen's questioning by four pressmen, who did their subtle best to make him change his story or contradict some small detail; he did not.

Stephen stated - confirmed by his parents - that he had never read the book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed", nor even an abridged account of Adamski's experience, but he admitted that he had seen the photograph of the Adamski saucer as published in 'Illustrated' on September 30th, 1953. He said that although this saucer picture had showed a saucer with three portholes in a row, the one he had seen had four in a row. In his drawing he had only shown three, but as it went away it turned slightly so that a fourth came into view. His guess was that it was a different type of saucer.

What he did not know is that in one of the UNPUBLISHED Adamski photo's. (the original of the frontispiece which had to be trimmed on the right hand side for reproduction) four portholes in a row are clearly shown. He could not have known this!

This, on top of the other evidence, fully convinced our investigator that Stephen was not only telling the truth but also that he had seen the same saucer (or an identical model) as Adamski.

While our investigator was with the family many things came out; -things they were not too willing to disclose at first. It appears that Stephen was urged to go up the hill by an incredibly strong impulse; that he had no peace of mind until he had done so. His mother stated that she had been exceptionally ill at ease that morning, and as time went on she felt that "something terribly important was going on outside", that she was sitting in the house "while the universe went by". She became impatient with tradesmen and callers, with, -in fact, everyone and everything that kept her indoors. Finally she could bear it no longer and had a weeping bout - a thing she very seldom experiences, for she is normally of a tranquil disposition.

Now, George Adamski, too, had strange premonitions to go into the Californian desert, and there is a considerable resemblance between Adamski's and Stephen's experience - that irresistible urge to be at a certain remote place - the silent approach of the saucer, its translucent appearance, its glinting in the sunlight, and its turning up on edge when it went away. (Viz.: Plate 9 - FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED).

There is also that spiritual calm, and uncomplicated mentality plus a high degree of common sense and intelligence in the Darbshire household as in the Adamski household, again rather pointing to the idea that it was the saucer that found them and not they the saucer - as if perhaps the saucer people are picking certain advanced, but uncomplicated souls to be their heralds; first an astronomer-philosopher of sixty-two, now two schoolboys of thirteen and eight. Who next?

Finally, both Adamski's and Stephen's photographs were reduced to the same scale and scientifically analysed on the drawing board by



Mr. R. Cramp, M.S.I.A., who then made a transparency out of Stephen's photo. and superimposed it upon a scale reconstruction of the Adamski saucer as it would appear if seen from exactly the same angle - the two pictures fitted like a hand in a glove.

Very well. Let's not avoid the all important issue any longer. If Stephen is telling the truth, so is Adamski. There are no two ways about it. And not one of the experts who has examined Stephen, his negatives, his family and his story has suggested that he is not.

## Royal sequel

Young Stephen's father took him to London on March 23rd., to speak at the meeting in Islington, as described elsewhere in this issue.

It was not learned until later, however, that before the meeting, he had been to Buckingham Palace, to talk to one of the DUKE OF EDINBURGH's secretaries. It seems that the Duke had read about Stephen and wanted to know more about the affair.

So it was arranged that the 13-year-old schoolboy should talk it over with someone at the Palace and that a report of the conversation should be sent to the Duke (then in Australia).

## BOOK NOTES

"VENUS SPEAKS" is the title of a new book - by one of our own members! - G.C. Richardson. Due for publication any time now, by the Regency Press, Gt. Russell Street, W.C. 1, it is, we understand, a revelation of "direct messages from a Scientist on Venus, regarding Saucers, life on Venus, future prophecies etc." It also contains a large diagram of a large space ship, and its workings, as well as chapters on The Rise & Fall of Earth, The Moon, Solar Rays, and so on.

"FLYING SAUCERS FROM OUTER SPACE" - We hear from Hutchinson's that the publication date of this work over here is set for May 31st., and the price 10/6d. They ask that orders be placed through a local bookseller, and not with the Publishers.

"GOD'S KINGDOM COME" - by Arthur Griffiths (Simpson Marshall & Co.), Price 10/6d. - includes some revealments on the fate that awaits Spaceship travellers - and the phenomenon of the "flying saucers" now perplexing so many observers (says a review just received), has the strangest of explanations.





## Saucer over DUBLIN

AT about 2 a.m. on February 16th/54, a Dublin householder, Mr. Hans Vajda, saw and photographed a large luminous object which appeared to be low down, moving slowly almost overhead. After hovering, (during which time these photos. were taken) it seemed to tremble, and then it suddenly tilted on edge and went away at a great rate in a westerly direction, climbing rapidly.

Vajda said: "There seemed to be fairly bright lights round the rim of it, which was rotating all the time. They brightened and dimmed again, with a sort of pulse beat. It made no sound."



The DUBLINER published this story, together with a request for any confirmation. They got this. It had also been seen - for a shorter period - by a Miss Marie Conmee, an actress playing at the Studio Theatre Club, Dublin.

The EMPIRE NEWS also published the story, together with the comment that photographers had observed that such photographs could be produced by waving a lighted candle, match or cigarette - in front of the opened shutter in a darkened room. However, though we agree this is possible, the independent confirmation would seem to rule out fakery in this instance.

## Sightings — here & there

JANUARY 11th. LITTLEBOROUGH (Lancs.). 1.45 p.m. Observers watching an aircraft saw a "round thing" which remained stationary, whilst the 'plane went into a cloud. It looked greyish, but its edges were shining brightly and its centre was like silver. After being watched for a time, it suddenly disappeared. Another observer gave the same account but stated that it seemed to have three lights around its edges, and was stationery for three minutes.

("Rochdale Observer" - 13/1/54).

FEBRUARY 4th.

KIMBERLEY, South Africa. A farmer in Douglas saw a round shiny object in the sky, travelling west to east, with smoke issuing from the back of it. It made a strange, indescribable sound. The object was also seen from another farm five miles away, and was also heard from another - 13 miles away.

("Rhodesian Herald" - 5/2/54).

FEBRUARY 7th, 5.15 p.m., EXMOUTH.

"A small, pointed nose, with a long streak coming from it at the end



of which were what looked like two little eyes". Object flashed across sea front in the direction of Orcombe Point, on a level course. ("Exmouth Journal" - 13/2/54).

#### FEBRUARY 27th.

MAWNAN, Cornwall. Six people watched a bright light in the sky for about 25 minutes. It was a bright blue-white, round or oval, and it remained stationary. Attention was attracted to it when a helicopter passed overhead. ("West Briton", - 4/3/54).

#### MARCH 17th.

MALAYA - An airborne "cigar" was reported flying high above Kuala Lumpur. The R.A.F. said they had no 'planes over the area.

#### MARCH 19th.

WHANGAMO A - New Zealand. At 2.35 p.m. a Whangamo a man heard a strange noise - "a loud zooming" - and looked up, to see a round flat object of a whitish colour, which he thought to be about three or four hundred feet up. It was turning over and descending with a tail of smoke. He called two other men and they observed it for several minutes. It appeared to remain stationary for a while, then gained height until no longer visible, though the smoke trail took some time to disperse. At Delaware Bay, some 5 miles from Whangamo a, three loud explosions were heard, each followed by a loud swishing noise. After the third bang, a spiral of white smoke appeared. ("Nelson Evening Mail" - 20/3/54).

#### MARCH 20th.

UPINGTON - South Africa. Two women saw a red object, the shape of a "huge ball" whizz between their house and a neighbour's, at 6 a.m. It made a weird hissing sound, and remained at roof level, disappearing in a southerly direction. At 10 a.m. the same day, another resident and his two children saw "what appeared to be a huge red balloon" shoot across the sky from North to South. Very high up, it flew just beneath the clouds and made no noise. ("Sunday Times" S.A. - 21/3/54).

#### MARCH 24th.

NELSON, N.Z. - At 10.40 a.m. a Mr. G.C. Cole heard 3 swishing noises and looked up to see - at (he estimated) 4 or 5 thousand feet - a white shining object, with black sides, which swept down and then rose in an arc towards the east. He called his wife from the house to see it as it moved back across the S.W. sky at a tremendous speed. It then made a complete circle and also zig-zagged before disappearing behind trees. It appeared to be able to change direction sharply without loss of speed. ("Nelson Evening Mail" - 25/3/54).

#### MARCH 31st.

SEA POINT(Cape Town, S.A.). A bright triangular shaped object, said to be "bigger than a shooting star" and with a long silver trail was seen by two witnesses at 8.20 a.m. "It travelled diagonally downwards, hovered over rooftops for a minute, lighting up the area, then disappeared. Momentarily, the silver thread of its tail remained". ("Cape Times" - 1/4/54).



APRIL 27th.

BEXHILL, Sussex. A blue-green oval-shaped object was seen in the sky off Bexhill. According to one report there was a loud noise as it circled for about a minute and then disappeared over the Channel. Police and Coastguards also reported seeing the object.

(Several papers - one of which stated that the object disappeared INTO the Channel - thought to be incorrect).

APRIL 28th.

YARMOUTH and Gorleston people saw what was described as "a mysterious object". One saw a "round object, green in the middle and blue round the edges, with several yellow blobs in close proximity". It seemed to be stationary for a while and then "disappeared very fast inland".  
("Eastern Evening News" - 30/4/54).

DUN LAOGHAIRE (Ire). - A ball of white light "about the size of a football" was seen floating towards the city at 11.35 p.m. Moving slowly, it stopped for an instant, and then resumed its journey. It disappeared suddenly when over the city. The phenomenon lasted "so long that there could be no mistake about it".

("Dublin Evening Mail" - 29/4/54).

AUSTRALIA. - Crew of a Geelong-Ararat goods train slowed it down to about 5 mph. whilst watching a dark purple object diving and banking in the sky about 4 miles away, at 7.20 a.m. "It was round and seemed to stand still for about a minute and a half, and then dive off at an enormous speed. Suddenly it pulled out of the dive, hung as if suspended again". It was about 400 ft. up, and the driver and fireman watched it for four minutes before it was lost to view behind trees.  
("Melbourne Herald" - 28/4/54).

MAY 1st.

VICTORIA (Canada) - Seven people saw an illuminated object overhead at "terrific speed". It was said to have resembled a lot of small jets" - but made no noise at all. Too slow for a meteor, it was in sight for "just a few seconds".  
("Vancouver Province" - 3/5/54).

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JUNE 25th is the date of the 1954 MARS OPPOSITION. Many believe there will be a great number of sightings around that date.....

CONTRADICTION!

"Atlantis to the Latter Days" (Aquarian Press, 13/-) has - like such an increasing number of works now being published, a chapter on saucers - but with a difference! It says:

"SAUCERS HAVE NOT LANDED"

and - "Despite reports to the contrary, no flying saucers have landed on earth and this book tells why".

(We quote from a pamphlet by the Publishers).

Curiouser and curiouser!



## A Fake Exposed

The April 20th edition of the "CAPE TIMES" (South Africa) carried a feature item on its front page, showing what was claimed to have been a flying saucer, photographed by a 16-year-old schoolboy, one John de Villiers, of Rondebosch. A second photo. showed him standing at the spot where the photo. was taken, with its position indicated by his outstretched arm, and arrows on the print. He told an absorbing story, and detailed how it "hissed like hydraulic brakes being applied."

On April 22nd the same paper published an item saying that the boy's story was a hoax, and that the object he had photographed was a wooden cigarette box which, suspended from a piece of cotton, he photographed with the sky in the background. The impression of speed was - given by the box being tossed about in the wind whilst the exposure was made. He'd sent the photo. as a joke, not expecting to be interviewed by reporters, but when he found he was in the news, felt he had to carry it off. So he told his story! Finally, further checks by reporters roused suspicions, and he broke down and confessed to the hoax. The picture was quite cleverly done, with a bright, cloudy sky - and the "saucer" was just sufficiently similar to THE one to make it interesting!

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### 5 to 10 SAUCERS REPORTED NIGHTLY BY AIRLINE PILOTS.

This was stated by the "Rocky Mountain News" when reporting a meeting of Military Air Transport intelligence officers which took place in Los Angeles last February to discuss speeding up of saucer reporting procedures. The idea will be to "get the reports in the quickest possible way" so that the Air Force can send fast jet fighters to investigate. Airline pilots were asked not to discuss their sightings publicly or give them to newspapers.

### MACHINE GETS MESSAGES FROM THE PLANETS.

A machine which it is claimed, receives messages from other planets - via the spirit world - with ultra high frequencies and using no electrical equipment, is reported to be operating in London. Main source is a planet called Storp, 47,000 light years distant. After issuing the usual warning about the atom bomb it claimed that two saucers had landed in England, one in Siberia and one in America. Saucers, it said, travel at 25,000 miles per second (presumably in outer space!) and are brain-controlled -- and how the Moon is already being used as a station.

### MORE WINDSHIELD MYSTERIES.

Epidemic of pitted windshields has swept Northwestern Washington (U.S.) cities and towns. It is reported that small metallic particles which under the microscope appear like clinkers, have been found, which react to magnetic fields.



B.F.S.B.

## Newsletter

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Horfield,  
Bristol,  
ENGLAND.

Dear Colleagues,

Much of interest has occurred in the southwest recently with regard to Flying Saucer enthusiasts. So much in fact, that I feel such should be dealt with under separate headings:-

THE DESMOND LESLIE LECTURES.

These took place in Cardiff and Bristol on the 19th and 22nd of February, and were extremely well received both by the Press and the public. In Cardiff some 250 people attended Mr. Leslie's talk at the Temple of Light, Cathays, and thanks in the main are due to the untiring efforts of Miss W.B. Knowles who aided by many interested members of the local Theosophical Groups contributed so much to the success of the venture. In Bristol, more advance publicity was sought in that the Press were informed some weeks prior to the Lecture, which was held at the Museum Lecture Theatre, and also Lockiers (the well-known Concert Booking Agency) were commissioned to advertise the lecture and sell the tickets. Mr. Leslie was kind enough - through T. Werner Laurie his publishers - to send some twenty photographs dealing with the Adamski saucer, plus two fascinating studio portraits of himself for show-case purposes, and these undoubtedly contributed a great deal to the success of the meeting, which was of course launched under the auspices of the B.F.S.B. One very well-known Bristol diarist even referred to Mr. Leslie as quote "surely the handsomest man ever to become involved in Flying Saucers". The BBC. were also extremely co-operative, in that they interviewed Mr. Leslie at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Irving-Bell shortly after his arrival in Bristol, and the recording was sent out over the air the following week-end in the popular "Week in the West" programme. Previous to the lecture the B.B.C. also gave this up and coming young lecturer a good build-up in the "Diary of the West" programme. The local Press also arrived on the scene for interview purposes, and Mr. Leslie on the morning prior to the meeting signed autographs at "Georges" the well-known Bookshop, who for a week previously had made a grand display of Leslie's now famous book "Flying Saucers Have Landed." Our best hopes were more than surpassed on the night of the lecture, in that 425 people gained entrance to the hall to hear Mr. Leslie speak on the subject, whilst over 200 were turned away! Following on an hours absorbing talk, Mr. Leslie answered many questions over a period of some three-quarters of an hour, in which he proved himself more than able to cope with a variety of questions fired at him from all sides. He proved not only to have an exhaustive supply of data on the subject, but that he possesses an immense amount of charm and infectious humour. He was also quick to point out that in many cases he did not know the answers, in which case he did not permit himself to be drawn into senseless discussion. His urbane manner, charm and native wit, won him the favours of a large and attentive audience who went away I feel deeply engrossed with the very fascinating subject of Flying Saucers.



Before completing his talk, Mr. Leslie mentioned that he was proceeding straight north the next morning to investigate the Coniston saucer, which received a very unsatisfactory handling in the London newspapers, but which he felt sure was worthy of investigation and that he would inform the Bureau as to his findings in the near future. Following the closing down of the meeting Mr. Leslie was again besieged for his autograph by many people who had brought along their personal copies of his book. He then proceeded to an ante-room where he was cine-filmed in company with the Officers of the Bureau, by Mr. G.W. Watts who not only is a Committee member of B.F.S.B. but the local Secretary of a Cine-club. A number of photographs were also taken during the lecture.

#### VISIT OF MR. H.T. WILKINS:

Many members have already doubtless heard that Mr. H.T. Wilkins has written a book called "Flying Saucers on the Moon", and that this was published in April by Peter Owen of London. On behalf of the -B.F.S.B. I therefore wrote to Mr. Wilkins with a view to getting him to come to Bristol to lecture on the subject, in which case it was proposed to requisition a much larger hall, it having been established without doubt that more and more people daily crave for facts on the subject. I regret to say however, that Mr. Wilkins could not see his way clear in accepting the Bureau's offer for personal reasons, a reply which caused intense disappointment to the Bristol members as a whole.

#### THE WESTON-SUPER-MARE TAPE RECORDING:

Thanks in the main to a very interested friend and member - our President, Dr. Irving-Bell, myself and several others, were privileged to meet and converse with the very charming lady medium through whom the message was received. This recording is remarkable, and if anything this is an understatement. It not only bears out all our present knowledge of the subject, but adds considerably to it, especially with regard to the purpose of their visits, their intentions, and their probable future landings etc.

#### THE ALBERT K. BENDER RECORDING:

This again is a most fascinating recording, in that it not only gives the ex-President and Founder of I.F.S.B. an opportunity of letting us hear his own version of the closing down of the American Bureau, but also goes on at great length with a lecture on Flying Saucers from the lips of Cee Gardner one of America's foremost exponents on the subject. This lecture was delivered at New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A. some months ago, and brings to light a number of very interesting saucer investigation details (especially re the Virginia Monster sighting) not generally known in this country. It also gives some fascinating aspects of recent discoveries brought about by the recent introduction of the new radio-telescopes in America, with regard to the marvels of the Universe. Returning to our friend Mr. Albert K. Bender I feel that in his speech, which has every appearance of sincerity, that at least we get nearer to the view that he definitely did alight on something very near the truth concerning saucers, and that this was the main cause of his having to close down what had proved to be a rapidly growing organisation with representatives and members throughout the



world. It is to be hoped that as many members of B.F.S.B. - (and of course F.S.C.) - will have the opportunity of hearing this recording in the months to come, as besides commencing library facilities, there is no reason why this should not include a "tapes library" as well! A very keen local member recently donated a sum of money for the express purpose of consigning the Bureau's records to this latest device, which although very popular in America for years past, is now only becoming well-known over here. Will Area Representatives therefore please take note and work along these lines if they happen to be the proud possessors of such instruments, and endeavour to interview immediately those locally who have been reported either verbally or by the Press as having seen interesting aerial phenomena.

#### LOCAL TALKS:-

Well over a dozen talks on Flying Saucers, Space Travel, etc., have been given throughout the winter by members of the local Bureau to audiences ranging from astute Business men to that of Women's Guilds, and in every case they have been more than well received, showing only too well that public interest in the matter is becoming widespread. These talks are given entirely free, but indirectly have been the cause of many more members joining the Bureau. Also since the distribution of the "Application for Membership Form" at the Desmond Leslie lecture, applications have been coming in almost daily re membership. Congratulations must therefore go to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Harold G. Cobley, who was responsible in the main for the design of the form. Harold will doubtless have something to say in a separate letter with regard to the financial side in his own especial column of the News.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

These have been held weekly throughout the Winter, and have been very fruitful, in that much spade work has been accomplished. In the near future it is hoped that the Bureau's Rules in Booklet form will be ready for issue to the members, in which case they will be despatched on application, at a nominal charge of approximately threepence per copy. The immediate cost of printing has been met by donations from several members, whose ambition is to see the Bureau rank as a name in the land, and on behalf of the Committee and members I would like to extend hearty thanks to those persons concerned.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS:

These have been held monthly at the Prince of Wales, Tower Hill, Bristol, on every first Thursday in the month at 8 p.m., but the time has rapidly approached when larger premises have had to be requisitioned, and negotiations have just been completed to take over the large smoke-room of one of Bristol's better known Cafes - namely - Carwardines (Baldwin Street Branch) every first Wednesday in the month, commencing 5th May, 1954, at the earlier hour of 7 p.m. by popular request. At these general meetings the Committee endeavours to not only provide a guest speaker, film show, or tape-recording, but to provoke mutual discussion between members, but in the past time has always been the enemy. This should now be overcome we hope.

#### LOCAL SHOWING OF A FLYING SAUCER FILM:

Since my previous news-letter the Bristol News Theatre have shown an American Film made in 1951 called "The Flying Saucer Mystery", depicting the Farmer Trent and other sightings, with sound tracks by Donald



Keyhoe and a high-ranking American Naval man. Despite its age, it appeared a sincere attempt to bring to the public knowledge of the subject, but lasting only eleven minutes was disappointingly brief. However, in my capacity as Hon. Sec. I visited the Manager (Mr. Miles), whom I found extremely co-operative in every respect, and he was only too pleased to provide a large show-case in which photographs of aerial phenomena were prominently displayed; also relevant documents and copies of the Flying Saucer News, Space Review, and the New Zealand Flying Saucer Magazine etc. Added to this, a daily quantity of the Bureau's Application for Membership Forms were made available at each showing for distribution. Mr. Miles became so interested himself that he asked for the loan of Desmond Leslie's book on the subject - a request that was immediately granted.

#### THE MERGER OF B.F.S.B. and F.S.C.

In view of the fact that Mr. Richard Hughes is to make the proposed merger the subject of his Editorial in this edition of the News, I feel there is no need to encroach on the subject, except to say how pleased I am that such a desire has been expressed. This followed on a recent visit to London, where representatives of all the saucer groups in this country met at the Railway Hotel, Hampstead. Among others, Mr. Desmond Leslie was present and he gave a remarkable account of his impressions taken during his recent visit to the parents of Stephen Darbishire, the now famous schoolboy who recently photographed an "Adamski" type saucer. This too, I understand, will be the subject of a separate article in this news, so with thanks to Mrs. Judith L. Gee for having so kindly arranged the rendezvous, I will close.

Yours fraternally,

E.L. Plunkett. (Capt.).  
Hon. Sec. B.F.S.B.

#### LATE NEWS FROM THE U.S.A.

Major Donald E. Keyhoe was a special guest on Frank Edwards' radio feature, on May 13th., and stated that in the closing week of March the Secretary of the Air Force, Harold E. Talbott, was on a flight to Palm Springs when a round silver disc was sighted, about 1,000 feet below the plane, and 1,000 ft away. Secretary Talbott ordered the pilot to turn and approach the disc, but as they started to approach the disc it streaked away out of sight. The sighting took place in broad daylight, said Keyhoe, who added that up till then it had been kept secret.

Keyhoe also stated that two ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES are in orbit around the earth, and that Government scientists are 'trying to find out what is going on' - !

(Flashed to us by our correspondent C.H. Marck, of Denver).





# "Flying Saucers on the

by H.T.WILKINS (Peter Owen: 16/-).

THAT the Moon is being used as a "way station" for interplanetary travellers is a suggestion that has been made by a number of Saucer-scribes. Here Mr. Wilkins goes into more detail than the mere suggestion, however, and asserts that such is indeed the case. He provides a wealth of detailed and documented evidence of weird manifestations on our satellite to back up his statement. Although this is the section from which the book takes its name, it is, in fact only part of one chapter in a work which is very wide in scope and covers an enormous amount of ground - much of which has been hitherto little mentioned. The various mysteries between the world wars, the coming of the "Foo-fighters" in 1944, the question of whether the Saucerites have "spies" on the earth - and a host of other fascinating facets of the ever-deepening saucer-mystery.

The author also seems to have been able to obtain on-the-spot reports of a number of sightings not before published, and eye-witness accounts with much greater detail than hitherto of even the well-known ones, such as the Maury Island mystery, the Mantell affair and so forth.

The inevitable chapter "Flying Saucers of Other Days" is surprising - and refreshing - in that, here again, new instances are brought to light, and a large number of Ancient Roman writings are chronicled, some of which describe incidents of astounding similarity to some of our 'modern' saucers.

An unusual aspect is that we are warned that "one certain type of 'saucer'" is NOT friendly, but definitely hostile! This is the cigar- or spindle-shaped visitor which, says Mr. Wilkins, has been responsible for various unexplained fires and other strange phenomena, both in England and the United States.

After briefly mentioning "negative" or "contraterrene" matter, and worlds of possibly another etheric type (we wish he had said more - but possibly this aspect itself would be material enough for another book) - again a rather sinister note is struck - and played on, to some extent, throughout the book, in the chapters dealing with odd and - to the purist - apparently extraneous matters. Especial attention is given to the mysterious air disasters of recent times, notably the "Comets". The whole tone of the book is, indeed markedly less lighthearted than other saucer chronicles, and it is climaxed at the end by the suggestion that we earthians may not be allowed to enter space in our own clumsy way....

A book to be read - several times - and well digested, by every "Saucerer", this is a very fine addition to the growing mass of literature on 'our' subject - and one that in the space of one brief page, it cannot be hoped fully to do justice.



# SAUCER NEWS

## from FRANCE -

Translation supplied by  
ERIC BIDDLE.

THE MARIGNANE INCIDENT.  
(9.0 p.m., Jan. 4th, 1954).

SWEPT by an icy mistral under an astonishingly clear sky the airport of Marignane was about the last place to be the victim of an hallucination.... Well after dark, on this moonless night, Fireman Chesneau was on guard at the big Boussiron hangar.

In the kind of square formed by the airport and its runways and the lake of Berre, the Boussiron hangar occupies the furthest corner towards the west; its giant doors look across the main runway.

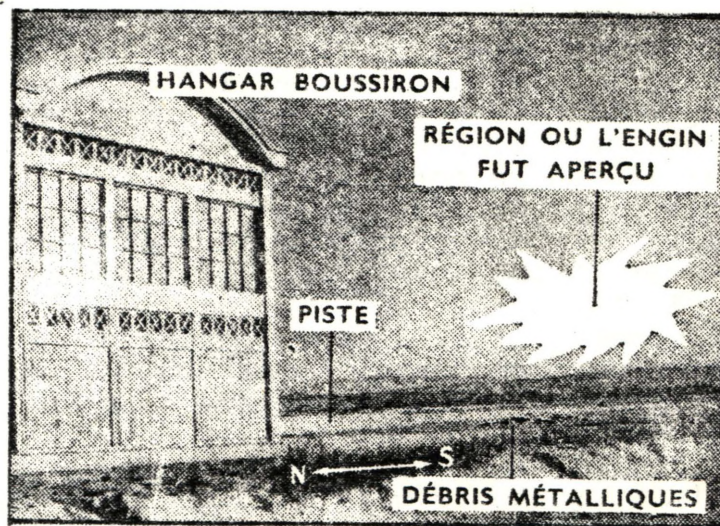
The fireman was standing at the entrance, all the more attentive to his duty because the Boussiron shelters a new transport 'plane, the prototype Hurel-Dubois, with very long wings. With his back to the concrete walls and well sheltered from the mistral, the fireman was watching the multicoloured lights of the runway.

Suddenly he observed, coming from the south, a machine - "rounded and luminous" - which descended at moderate speed in what he judged to be the direction of the runway. The machine soon touched ground, bounced slightly several times.

Now, they were not expecting a 'plane at that time at Marignane; perhaps it was one that had lost its way - some private 'plane with no radio on board. This had happened not long before with an English 'plane.

With professional conscientiousness, the fireman alerted the control Tower, but as he was 'phoning from inside, the machine must have disappeared. The officer on duty went round the runways with lights full on without finding anything.

Naturally, as in the case of Customs Officer Gachignard (who, 15 months earlier claimed to have seen a strange machine shaped like a cigar land on the runway and take off with a great din, like that of a rocket) - the fireman's story was put down to hallucination. But next morning, on examining the area



Voici l'endroit précis où le pompier Chesneau vit l'engin mystérieux dans le ciel de Marignane. Cet engin avait une forme « discoïdale », autrement dit il correspondait au signalement d'une soucoupe volante.



closely, they found, it seems, debris and some metallic rods, at the spot where the machine had "landed".

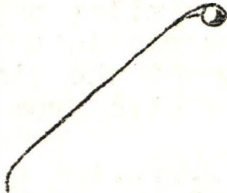
The story would have gained no credence at Marseille but for the evasive attitude of the military authorities, which seemed to support the idea that something very much out of the ordinary had really occurred. Journalists, when they are systematically put off, have an invincible tendency to think something is being hidden from them. And if something is hidden, that means something exists. Some of them, meeting in their enquiries insurmountable difficulties, were thereby lead to think that the Air Ministry was investigating on its own accord and in the greatest secrecy.

All efforts by the journalists to obtain information from the airport staff proved quite fruitless, as the staff seemed actually afraid to admit they knew anything.

More and more Marseille people are asking : "why this mystery; why this silence?" Is it for fear of ridicule? For it seems likely, some say that the iron rods picked up are simply clappers from the bells which are attached to the necks of sheep. (These rods were found amongst a score of pieces of metallic debris, and were some 15 cm. long, curved under at one end and terminating at the other in a ball, a little larger than a marble.\* Some traces of yellow metal contrasting with the blackish grey of the "marble", suggested that the latter had been brazed onto the rod). There is, in fact, a flock of these quadrupeds which regularly grazes in the neighbourhood, but all the same, the fact remains that clappers must have been lost in unusual numbers!

We have not been able to discover to whom they handed over this debris, the nature and origin of which still have to be explained.....

Why don't the authorities publish any denial? It remains none the less true that this hypothetical saucer is neither a met. balloon, not a plane nor yet a meteor. A vision then? But why does it seem to set going the staff of a control tower and officer, and even patrols of gendarmerie?



The  
mystery-rod

The day after Chesnaux's sighting, two respected inhabitants of Marseille, who were returning from Arles to Marseille by car, claim to have been overtaken by a round and brilliant object, which cut across the road in the direction of the south at break-neck speed and moderate height. For those who know la Crau, in immense flat desert it is unthinkable that the vision could have been caused by automobile headlights or searchlight beams. In any case, the two Marseille worthies are from that day forth firm believers in Flying Saucers. ---

\* Descriptions seem to vary as to the size, as one paper said it was like a pin-head.



# The great ADAMSKI controversy

Some of our readers' questions, answered by DESMOND LESLIE.

Q "I would like to know if Mr. Adamski is in any way connected with Silas Newton - and Frank Scully, since the Saucers described in Scully's book resemble the Adamski ship in that they, too, had three point landing gear, consisting of steel balls mounted in sockets. Since the Silas Newton story - written up by Scully - has been proved fraudulent, one begins to wonder....."

A Adamski is not in any way connected with Silas Newton. The description of the saucers in Scully's book does tally with Adamski's and my own belief is that such a detailed description could not have been founded on mere imagination. The little burned bodies in Scully's story originated from a U.S. test-rocket containing live monkeys which crashed in the area. My own guess is that Newton & Co. got hold of bits of both stories, horsed them up together and produced the great "Denver Hoax".

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Q "Why are not the American authorities questioning the First Man on Earth to speak to a Venusian? Has he been interrogated (possibly under Truth Drug or Lie Detectors) - or don't the Authorities think his claims fit in with the Pentagon files?"

A He has been questioned -- somewhat rudely, by the F.B.I. and, rather more intelligently by American senators in Washington who are taking the matter more seriously. Over here I have found a similar pattern - the higher you go the more seriously authority regards these visitations. I have spoken to members of our own government who sincerely believe in the Adamski story and I have letters also from high Air Force officers couched in a similar vein.

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Q ".....the author's friends were not allowed within about a mile of the alleged Venusian encounter, yet they are the ones to swear affidavits; the only one who does not swear to the truth of the episode is the one most intimately concerned - Adamski himself! Another small circumstance nags at my mind. Why did Dr. Williamson take plaster of Paris along with him? To me it seems quite incompatible with a casual trip into the desert to look out for saucers."

A As the space people seemed shy of contacting us, it was surely the logical thing not to approach in a group, but to choose one, the most likely person, to go forward should anything happen. There was also another very good reason, agreed by all parties beforehand in the event of a landing taking place, but I do not feel at liberty to give it at present.

Just as we have our rules, so the space people have. One of them at present appears to be a restriction on the giving of actual physical objects for proof. Therefore they did the next best thing -



they gave a photo and a footprint. Tangible things, of this earth yet also of themselves. Note also that after Adamski had taken the plaster cast home, the second contact was made at his house - a radiesthetic link had been made.

Dr. Williamson usually took plaster with him, according to his letters, on most of his expeditions. But also on this occasion Adamski received a definite impulse to bring it.

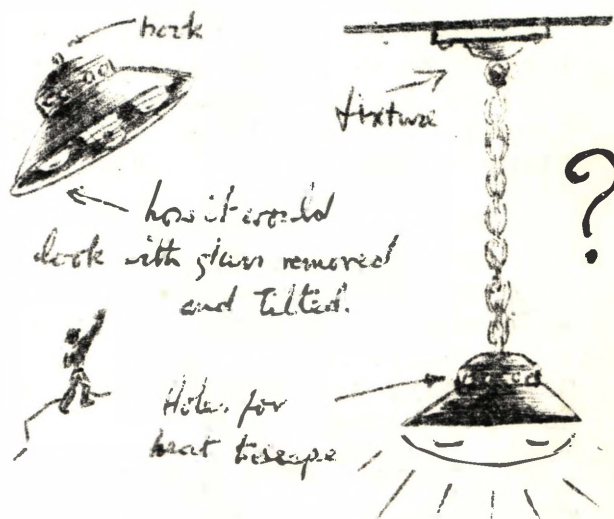
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Q "Is it possible that Adamski used an old Industrial light fixture for trick photography? I worked, when younger, making light fixtures, and since seeing Adamski's saucer photo I could think of nothing else." (On the right are the two sketches, reproduced from our reader's letter).

A It is possible, on this planet, that anyone would do anything. Various intellectuals of astounding I.Q. ratings have postulated lamp fixtures, copper-lids, pneumatic couplings, bath-plugs, balls - assorted (ping, tennis, golf, and allied sports) - also fitments by Doulton, Shanks and Thos. Crapper - the point being that any circular object in the universe has a certain resemblance to any other circular object in the universe. But if anyone has the cunning enough to perpetrate a world-wide hoax, he would also have the wit not to photograph anything easily recognisable. It is also worth noting that a scientific analysis of the photo taken by Stephen Darbishire has proved it to be "identical to the one shewn in Mr. Adamski's photographs." It is a pity that some of the light from the light fixtures once made by the questioner did not remain as a permanent fixture to his own outlook

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Q "I, personally, have misgivings about one of the pictures. As any amateur photographer will tell you, a Brownie camera is fitted with a meniscus lens. That is to say, it is non-focussing, and everything from five feet to infinity is in focus. On examining plate VII, it becomes apparent that the blurring effect is NOT caused by "the rapid motion of the saucer", since any motion would manifest itself on the film as a streak, from which the direction of motion could be deduced. The highlights, particularly, would show this. But they do not. They are just plain Out Of Focus. Which means.... that the 'saucer' was less than five feet from the lens, in which case, it couldn't have been more than about 2 ft. in diameter."



A We are not too happy about that picture ourselves. It is not one of Adamski's but is said to have been taken by a Sgt. Baker who supplied a statement with it. Adamski actually wished us



not to include it in the publication, but his request came after the book had gone to press. In the recent radiesthesic tests by Dr. Benham\* all the pictures except this one have shown a peculiar radiation which, Dr. Benham says, is "not of this planet". More tests will be done on this picture, which is quite a bit of a mystery. The radiation it gives is not of ordinary metal, which one would suspect if it were a fake, but - of rock. How anyone could have carved a stone saucer I just don't see; we are trying to clear this mystery.

\* See footnote - p 23.

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Q "The 'Venusian' made no statement to Adamski in a language he knew and apart from the Oriental cast of his features, looked like a normal Homo sapiens. Therefore the possibility cannot be ruled out that he was an inhabitant from a Russian dominated area who had lost his way or suffered engine trouble and landed to make enquiries. I submit that Adamski - in the excitement of the moment - heard "replies" that were in fact only, or largely, preconcieved ideas about the pilots, purposes and intentions of the flying saucers."

A If only all Russians were like that I would sleep much easier. But pray let us not even hint at such a possibility or we saucerers shall smartly find ourselves up before comrade McCarthy for un-American, if not un-Earthly, activities. Seriously, though, you now force me to say more than I ought. Adamski has since had the opportunity to check his first impressions, thoroughly and at length with the visitor who first gave them to him. He knows now beyond all doubt that his first assumptions were correct. This man did not come from Russia, America or anywhere else on this globe, yet he is one of us, just as we are of him. For, whether we know it consciously or not, we are all part of the same solar humanity whose archtype is of the Sun. We live in different "mansions" but are all in the "Father's House."

I may say no more.

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#### TO VISIT ENGLAND.

We have just learned from Mr. Leslie that he is shortly off to the United States, and will be returning in SEPTEMBER with George Adamski. (It had been previously expected that Mr. Adamski was to have visited us in June, but plans seem to be somewhat fluid).

No dates are available as yet, for his talks, but every endeavour will be made to advise readers when the time comes.

N.B. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO SPECIAL MAILINGS WITH REGARD TO LECTURES & TALKS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE COULD MAKE AVAILABLE OUR MAILING LISTS TO THE AGENCIES ORGANISING THESE EVENTS, IF ARRANGEMENTS COME IN TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION HERE.



# "Fourth Dimensional" SAUCERS ?

JOURNAL MARITIME (Marseille) of 12/12/53 contains a long and extremely interesting article on the F.S. by Andre SAUX (directeur de publication of the paper). The title of the article is "The F.S. What Are They? Where Do They Come From?" And it is partly based on a lecture given by Jimmy GUIEU.

It suggests that certain F.S. are of earthly origin (these stick to definite regions, are (relatively) slow, have flaming exhausts (reaction propulsion) and are very noisy.

The "others" have a prodigious speed, a disconcerting ease of movement and are seen everywhere.

Imagine a plane, a dimension, as terrestrial as ours, but imperceptible to the feeble senses with which Nature has endowed us.

Let us accept the idea for a moment and ask ourselves why our world should not live, should not interpenetrate, with another world, immaterial for us, just as we might be immaterial for it. Why should the humanity peopling it not have discovered thousands of years ago what our scientists are seeking anxiously : the existence of other dimensions and the means of access to them?

Who is to say that the incredible speed of the saucers is not the key which permits the crossing of that other sound barrier?

There exist, says M. Saux, certain individuals who do not seem to "belong here" altogether and to be strangers among our race. He calls such a person a "fluidic" (un fluidique). Such individuals instinctively sense the existence of a superior humanity, highly spiritualised, half-way between the Lord of all things and our unfortunate race. Of these very highly evolved and well-disposed beings Christianity has made angels, other religions "genies" and mythology "demi-gods".

According to the "fluidic", the animator of a F.S. could only be one of these "special envoys".

S. African military have confirmed : Present on radar screens (one radar can go haywire but not several simultaneously), the saucers remained invisible to the human eye and could with impunity be flown through by squadrons of fighters!

Indeed, these beings seem to have the power of "dematerialising" themselves.

The reality, no doubt unbalancing for those who approach such problems for the first time, is perhaps terrestrial (rather than interplanetary). Why, without them needing to traverse (at what speed!) thousands of light-years in distance, should not our visitors come, much more simply .... from here?

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## RADIESTHESIC ANALYSIS.

The Analysis referred to on page 22 is obtainable in booklet form:- "BIOMETRIC ANALYSIS of the 'FLYING SAUCER' PHOTOGRAPHS" - at 2/9d from the Archers' Court Research Group, Archers' Court, Hastings, Sussex. (Mainly statistical, it will be of interest only to those who are acquainted with Radiesthesia techniques).



## Public SAUCER meeting

Air-line and ex-RAF pilots discussed the saucers they had seen, before an audience of 300 people, at Islington Central Library, in London, on March 23rd. It was organised by Mr. Colin Hodgkinson, Conservative Candidate for S.W. Islington.

Two pilots described the cigar-shaped objects they had seen (with illuminated windows, of the type that is now becoming so well known to researchers) - and another told of how, when flying from Cheltenham to Croydon, he was over Esher ("missile-mile" area) when his compass glass shattered. Later another pilot had told him that there was a shiny disc above his plane at the time.

Mr. Desmond Leslie spoke on the subject of early sightings, and also said that since 1946 there had been 10,000 sightings, of which only 40% came from America - less than was generally supposed.

Young Stephen Darbishire, who photographed the Coniston Saucer (shown on our cover page) gave an account of the incident, and came through a barrage of cross-examination with his evidence quite unshaken. His younger cousin, Adrian - aged eight - came forward, and said in a clear voice: "I did see it, with Stephen".

Mr. L.G. Cramp, M.S.I.A.\* ( incidentally a member of the FS Club), showed some of his drawings, comparing the Coniston and Adamski ships, which (as mentioned in the Coniston report) he deduced by analysis were the same model, if not the identical craft.

\*We understand that Mr. Cramp's book, "Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer" is to be published by Messrs. Werner Laurie - October.

### GROUP REPORT - No.1. WIGAN.

Members of the Wigan Group (Leader R.H. Milner) attended a sermon on Flying Saucers recently, which was delivered by a Pastor L. Barrie, who has since become a member of the FSC. He stated that flying saucers are to be found mentioned in the Bible, and that he has himself seen a saucer and is now devoting himself to the subject. He connects the FS with the Second Coming of Christ, which he says: "I believe I shall see before I die". This is certainly an interesting theme, and one of our Group Members, Mr. F. Brown, has written a thesis on these lines, concerning the Book of Ezekiel, Chapter I, Verses 1, 4, 5, 15-21, and Chapter 10, Verse 13.

Bacterial Life has now been discovered in the centre of some meteorites, according to a student of the medical profession in Wigan, and we are awaiting a written report. This is a small but significant piece of evidence of the existence of life on other worlds.

(IT IS HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FEATURE A BRIEF REPORT FROM ONE OF OUR GROUPS EACH QUARTER - BUT AS HAS BEEN STATED ELSEWHERE, THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE SPACE AVAILABLE - AND ALSO ON THE RE-ORGANISING NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE FS CLUB AND THE BRITISH FS BUREAU).

