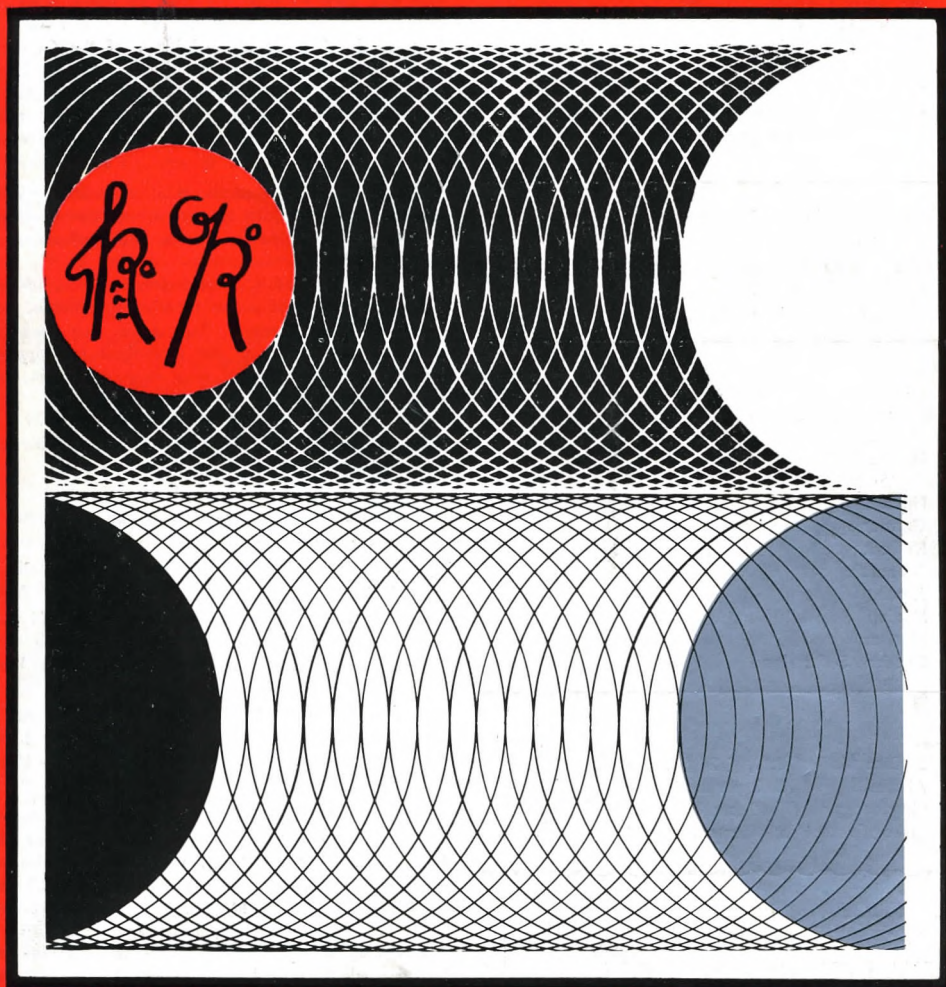


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The Editors.

Mr. Adamski launched the IGAP - International Get Acquainted Program - in 1959, based on the philosophy that people in all parts of the world should be given the opportunity of knowing what is going on everywhere in the field of flying saucers. His hope was that as many as possible would discover the truth of the present age and turn to face the time to come - to learn to accept, through conviction, the fact that we are all citizens of the Cosmos and Children of the Cosmic Power whose Laws run through the entire Cosmos. These Laws we can learn to comprehend through study and understanding of the „Science of Life“ brought to our attention by the presence of friendly visitors from other worlds.

The magazine is sent to civil and military authorities all over the world, to leaders in the United Nations, in the Vatican, in scientific circles, and to Press, radio and TV authorities.

The purpose of this magazine is to bring to everyone, everywhere, news of events from all quarters of the globe in all its varied aspects. This means any news that can possibly be of value in our endeavour to bring to mankind an understanding of what is going on in our world all the time. We shall try to detect any and every move in the direction of that truth which we have accepted, but which is not yet officially accepted or recognized in broader circles.

1. People from other worlds in our system are visiting our planet.
2. People from other worlds are in contact with certain political and scientific circles in East and West.
3. People from all walks of life, official and unofficial, all over the world, have been contacted by people from other worlds; such contacts have been kept secret so far.
4. The philosophy brought to the world by Mr. George Adamski is considered and aid helping to uncover the truth of our origin and our future destiny.

The magazine will make no attempt whatsoever to fight anyone, in spite of any action which may be launched against it. Only the truth, whatever its guise, will be brought to bear, to allow each to decide for himself what he can and will accept in this wonderful world on his march forward to new experiences.

This magazine is non-political, non-religious, non-sectarian and non-profit-making. We hope that **you** may profit from reading it, and that you will tell as many as possible about it, - especially if you find it of value. Please write to us if you find it without value or if you have any suggestions or comments to make.

Sincerely yours,

The Editors.

Editorial...

THE WORD SCAPEGOAT derives from a custom of the ancient Jewish priests who used to lay the sins of the people upon a goat which was then driven out into the wilderness ...

FOR GOAT read BLUEBOOK, for ancient priests read CIA, or Policymakers, or High Echelons of U.S. Government.

Let us face facts.

Majors, lieutenants, sergeants, etc., are expendable. Drafted, posted, discharged - it's all the same. A name is soon forgotten if it's tabbed onto a major or a lieutenant. Who, except students of Ufology, remembers Captain Ed. Ruppelt or any of the other one-time "heads" of Project Bluebook, or Grudge, or Sign?

If, as a result of the U.S. Air Force-sponsored UFO study currently being run by the University of Colorado, findings are arrived at which - at last, after TWENTY YEARS - show that "flying saucers", extraterrestrial spacecraft ARE visiting planet Earth, and that UFO doesn't mean much any more, WHOSE HEAD WILL ROLL?

The President's? Secretary of State? Secretary of the Air Force? Director of the Central Intelligence Agency? That of Colonel Freeman, UFO spokesman at the Pentagon?

We doubt it.

But for the major conducting the work of Project Bluebook at Air Technical Intelligence Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, the future might be rather bleak.

How **could** he, in all his majesty of office, in his commanding central position in the jumbo-sized 3-man, 2-girl team which checked out the 1,060 sightings reported to the U.S. Air Force in 1966 - (leaving 30 unexplained satisfactorily!) - how **could** this man be so incompetent as to relegate all these sightings to the astronomical objects, aircraft, balloons, swamp-gas etc, files?

How **could** those elusive objects flashing around or hovering over or scaring the pants off people living in, Kansas or Pennsylvania or wherever it was, have been called planets and constellations at that time on the other side of the world?

THE MAN MUST GO!

And so the big WHITEWASH will have succeeded, the Indian chiefs will relax back into their Pentagon wigs, and Joe Soap in the street will wonder why he cackled at the idea of flying saucers in the first place, when it stood to reason - just plain common sense - that such things existed because there were so many reports of them being seen all over the world going back years and years ...

Such is the loftiness of MAN above the beasts of the jungle.

Who will come off best when the chips are down, - when the whole world knows? Who will be able to say simply? - I TOLD YOU SO.

It doesn't matter really.

Because then there will be other things to do, things which are at present beyond imagination.

How can one **plan** one's first actions on the sudden dawning of recognition; how does one re-orientate one's daily life, all those old-established misconceptions, when faced with the realisation of the existence of a race from another world? One Race? MANY RACES! FROM MANY OTHER WORLDS!

Is SCIENCE doing enough in this UFO business? Is the Colorado University team going to cut the Gordian knot?

The answer to the first question is: NO.

The answer to the second is another question: Is the Colorado team man enough for the job? Indications are, at present anyway, it is NOT.

SCIENCE has been defined as: knowledge of facts and laws based upon observation and arranged in an orderly system.

SCIENTISTS are: persons who are trained in, or are familiar with science.

Simple words really, which have gathered to themselves a grandeur which is, sometimes, gold, and sometimes, gilt.

That which we call SCIENCE has a great many **theories** of the nature of the Universe. Coming nearer home, it has a great many theories of the nature of our Galaxy, of our Solar System, of the planets that make up our Solar System. But are these theories really Science? Are they "knowledge of facts"? We are still trying to determine the exact composition of the surface of our nearest neighbour, the Moon! And there are **so** many different theories about that!

And SCIENTISTS? Scientists are people. They are born in the same way as other mortals, they die in the same way; they can have the same defects, they can make mistakes. They can be generous, mean; they can be humble, arrogant; they can be genuine, false. They can lie, they can cheat. They can give hope, they can save life.

So, basically, scientists are people. They also have EGOS, some large, some small. But, always, they have EGOS. SCIENCE, then, is peopled by mortals with egos.

Remembering this, remembering that they are not gods, we can approach them. We can ask them to consider for a moment that many of their theories might be wrong if based originally on a false premise: i. e. that Earth Man is unique, that Earth Life is a freak of Nature unrepeatable anywhere else in this infinite Universe.

We know that this view is not held by all scientists now, but it is still the belief of the majority. EARTH IS STILL THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE TO THESE MEN OF SCIENCE.

SUCH IS THE FALLACY OF "WISDOM".

Why Bluebook and why Science?

OUR answer will be found within these pages. Science can yet make its contribution, but it must be soon, because the sands are running out; and if we may be allowed to mix a metaphor with no attempt at jocularity, we will predict that the many millions of the general public all over the world WHO HAVE HAD THEIR HEADS BURIED DEEP IN THE SAND will have their eyes opened at last by events. They might then perceive that SCIENCE, in which they have so blindly placed their trust, and which, by prejudice, egotism and pre-Galileonist anthro-

pocentrism has so blandly betrayed that trust, had no hand, relatively speaking, in the momentous dawn of discovery occasioned by the advent of our space visitors, which has been accepted fully, for many years, by thousands upon thousands of their less knowledgeable? – fellow-man.

IT COULD BE that the answer will be given before SCIENCE stops its cynical laughter. And then it will never live down the shame.

Addressing the scientific community as a whole, we make our approach in this issue of UFO CONTACT to five leading members of that community:

Dr. Wernher von Braun. Professor Fred Hoyle.
Sir Bernard Lowell. Professor Hermann Oberth.
Professor Josef Shklovsky.

An Open Letter

To The Scientific Community:

To:

Dr. Wernher von Braun,
NASA,
U. S. A.

Professor Fred Hoyle,
Cambridge University,
United Kingdom.

Sir Bernard Lovell,
Jodrell Bank,
United Kingdom.

Professor Hermann Oberth,
Nuremberg,
W. Germany.

Professor Josef Shklovsky,
Moscow Academy of Sciences,
U. S. S. R.

AUGUST 1967.

Gentlemen,

We are making an approach in this Open Letter to certain leading scientists in the field in which we, as lay researchers, are currently engaged. There is much common ground between you all: Dr. von Braun, space travel researcher; Prof. Hoyle, astronomer; Prof. Lovell, radio astronomer; Prof. Oberth, rocket pioneer; Prof. Shklovsky, astro-physicist; – to bring you gentlemen down to simple terms and alphabetical order.

Frankly, we have not always been kind to scientists. We have many times expressed a view, unpopular with many, that there is far more theory in science than there is fact. This you will surely agree with, as infinity and all that is yet to be discovered lies before you.

The trouble is, gentlemen, that the lay-man, in every strata of society, in every literate part of the world, has believed almost fanatically in the infallibility of science, has time without number quoted scientific theory as "gospel" fact. This may or may not have been the fault of the scientific community as a whole, but, human as its members are, they have not hastened to proclaim that there can be almost as many scientific opinions on one postulate as there are stars in the Milky Way. If we may stretch a point –

One of you gentlemen only has formed a conviction in general agreement with our own, i. e. that there is human life in space and that it has visited Earth. Prof. Oberth, for many years your name has been lauded in UFO research circles as one of the few eminent scientists who has expressed publicly his belief in "flying saucers." For this, we join those other researchers in thanking you. You have been an example of undaunted courage and conviction to us all. (UFO CONTACT October 1966.)

Prof. Shklovsky, you are known as a leading planetary physicist who has "gone out on a limb" in proclaiming a belief in a former civilization on Mars, a belief gained in studies of the motion of the Mars satellites, Phobos and Deimos. Such an unorthodox view – for a scientist – commands our respect, whether your theory on the artificiality of the satellites is valid or not. As we, too, believe in a former and a present civilization on Mars, our views are not absolutely poles apart.

(UFO CONTACT December 1966.)

From your talks and your books on the subject, Prof. Hoyle, we know of your readiness to believe in intelligent life in space. We, too, believe in a "galactic directory" on which we are – very much – in the "kindergarten stage". But our information tells us that these civilizations are not forever physically out of reach, – as one understands is your opinion from your writings on the subject – but very much within reach. In fact, we insist that not only are planets in this solar system inhabited by human beings, but that the "speed of light" theory is also invalid in interstellar space. If there ever was an "ultimate" in the speed of energy or matter then this "light barrier" has been overcome by superior intelligences, in the same manner as man's growing intelligence cleared the psychological "barrier" of 70–80 years ago, when he thought he would fall to pieces at any speed exceeding 60 miles per hour, and more recently the sound and heat "barriers". We believe that the only real barriers to Man's continued progress, physically, morally and spiritually, are fear, ego and ignorance.

(UFO CONTACT October 1966.)

Dr. von Braun, we are deeply appreciative of your sentiments regarding the Creator and His Place in the Universe. Many people are of the opinion that a scientist automatically becomes an atheist on attaining his degree. We are glad to know of your own feelings in this matter of guiding principles. We know that when the presence of our space visitors is recognised, then it will be seen, too, that these guiding principles of ethics are among the unwritten Universal Laws by which many of them live. The pity of it is that we preach them, while they live them.

(UFO CONTACT June 1967.)

Prof. Lovell, you are, we fear, an antagonist of those who believe in the current visitations of extraterrestrials to this planet. We cannot understand how a man of your integrity can make such a sweeping statement as that reported in the Press on April 19th 1966. We quote from the "DAILY EXPRESS", London, newspaper.

"Lovell's Verdict on Saucers."

"Toronto, Monday – Reports of flying saucers seen over North America lately and the suggestion they carried visitors from outer spaces are utter nonsense, Sir Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank,

said in Montreal last night. „All the unidentified flying objects reported are no more than bits of meteorite burning up as they enter the earth's atmosphere," he said."

And yet you DO believe in „many communities of other beings in different parts of the universe -." „TIMES", London, 16th July 1963.

(UFO CONTACT December 1966.)

Sir Bernard, may we ask, how a scientist of your repute can maintain scientific objectivity and yet can so emphatically claim precise knowledge of the identity of the objects sighted over North America, within hours of your own arrival there? Even U. S. scientists of standing could not so dogmatically assert that these objects were „bits of meteorites". In these pages you may find much to ponder; and it is to be regretted that your speedy pronouncement did nothing to improve a fine reputation. One feels inclined to recall the reply made by Astronomer-Royal van der Riet Woolley in 1956, when asked his opinion on space travel.

„Utter bilgel!" was his answer, a year before the first Sputnik went into orbit.

But this Open Letter is not to indulge unnecessarily in the fallibility of scientists, in praise or in recriminations. History will take care of all that.

We do, however, ask you sincerely, to study the contents of this publication, more specially the findings of Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor of Meteorology.

This scientist, after probing deeply into the investigative methods of the U. S. Air Force's UFO study agency, Project Bluebook, has come up with some truly revealing facts. He has presented his findings to, among others, the American Society of Newspaper Editors, under the heading: „UFO's; Greatest Scientific Problem of Our Times?"

Gentlemen, may we ask that, as true scientists always seeking the truth, you will read carefully the summary of Dr. McDonald's findings presented in this journal. Should your interest urge you to seek further information on this matter, we would be pleased to help in any way.

Sincere Best Wishes
THE EDITORS.



United Nations Special

UFO CONTACT STOP PRESS RELEASE.

WE MUST CONGRATULATE our reporters and correspondents around the world on their aptitude in sending in news items of importance JUST AT THE RIGHT MOMENT.

Readers will recall this journal's recent approaches to the United Nations as a follow-up to the important work of Mr. Colman VonKeviczky, ex-staff member of UNO's Office of Information. For over two years, since June 30th 1965, VonKeviczky has been corresponding with the office of the Secretary-General, and supplying increasing amounts

of UFO documentation and photographic evidence to that office and to the office of the Outer Space Affairs Committee. Our readers were informed by us, from information supplied by Mr VonKeviczky, that the Secretary-General and his Cabinet were deeply interested in the UFO problem. We have taken his word for this.

Our readers will also recall our articles concerning the devastating attack made on Project Bluebook by Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona. This issue carries a main theme article on Mr. McDonald.

With the journal wrapped up ready for the printers, we suddenly had THIS pushed through the door -

A letter from our good friend, Harry A. Hoffman, of New York, and close associate of Colman VonKeviczky. Many thanks, Harry!

June 28 1967.

„Dear Mr Caswell,

Enclosed is the first wonderful results of your publishing co-operation with Mr Keviczky. We thank you and know that you, Maj. Petersen and staff also are overjoyed on reading about U THANT's comments of UFO -" Enclosed:-

NEW YORK POST. Tuesday June 27 1967.

„U THANT AND UFOs"

By DREW PEARSON.

„WASHINGTON - In the very middle of the Near East crisis, UN Secretary General Thant took time to do a very significant thing. He arranged to have one of the top advocates of the theory that flying saucers - UFOs - are from another planet, speak before the Outer Space Committee of the UN.

„The Middle East war broke on June 5. On June 7, Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, a firm believer in UFOs, spoke before the UN Outer Space Committee. Dr. McDonald believes that UFOs are extraterrestrial spaceships on reconnaissance missions to explore the earth. He has also addressed the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Washington Meteorology Society on this subject.

„Interesting fact is that U THANT has confided to friends that he considers UFOs the most important problem facing the UN next to the war in Vietnam. U THANT made this statement before war in the Near East, so it's not known how he rates this last international incident compared with UFOs."

UNQUOTE.

Well, friends, NOW IS THE TIME TO PRESS HOME TO YOUR UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE OF THE UFO CASE. WRITE TO YOUR UN DELEGATE NOW AND ASK HIM WHAT HIS POSITION IS IN THIS SITUATION. ASK HIM IF HE WILL BE ONE OF THE **LAST** OF THOSE WHO ARE FINALLY COMING TO COMPREHEND THE FACTS CONCERNING THESE VISITATIONS FROM OUTER SPACE. WILL THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COUNTRY AT THE SEAT OF NATIONS BE AMONG THE FIRST AT RECOGNISING THE TRUTH - OR AMONG THE LAST? YOUR POSITIVE APPROACH, **YOUR ACTIVE SUPPORT NOW**, MAY HELP TO PLACE **YOUR** HOMELAND AMONG THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO FIRST BEGAN TO SEE THE LIGHT.

And when that light comes to the world, THEN will be

the time for UNDERSTANDING. THEN we shall see the need of all that we have learned from the sincere story of George Adamski.

R. C and H. C.

UFOLOGY

Scientist Continues Attack on Projekt Bluebook

editing and commentary by RONALD CASWELL.

IT IS WITH PLEASURE that we once again brings news of an authoritative attack on the bastions of the USAF's Project Bluebook, chief investigative agency into the phenomenon of the UFO's, which UFO CONTACT has consistently criticized for having issued puerile and deliberately misleading statements to the general public concerning unidentified aerial objects.

It has always been our policy to speak out on these matters because for too long the world in general and not just the American public has been fed with data which, coming from such a recognised "reputable" source, has been accepted as gospel truth.

That UFO researchers in the main have always considered this data as so much "hogwash" which any discerning public should have rejected piece by piece as it was fed to them, hasn't helped a lot, because UFO researchers generally have enjoyed a reputation as some kind of collection of loose "nuts".

However, saucers are becoming respectable, - so say a number of U. S. and English newspaper head-lines - and our ranks are being joined by persons able to fire scientific ammunition at the C. I. A-inspired Wright-Patterson "de-bunkers".

On several previous occasions, (UFO CONTACT - February, April issues), we have brought details of the interviews and scientific lectures at which Dr. James E. McDonald, professor of meteorology at the University of Arizona, and senior physicist at its Institute of Atmospheric Physics, has spoken outrightly against the mismanagement of Project Bluebook and its subsequent deleterious effect on the study of a problem which Dr. McDonald is convinced, along with thousands of long-suffering UFO-researchers, is "the greatest scientific problem of our time."

We agree generally with the many points made by Dr. McDonald, but agree to differ on one or two specific matters, the basis of which constitutes one of the main reasons why IGAP came into being. This will be explained more fully later.

We acknowledge with thanks material recently received from Dr. McDonald and shall attempt here to bring some

of the main points forward. As this material consists of over 30 pages of closely-printed matter we must delve into it pretty thoroughly to try to present a fair and concise picture, at the same time taking care that the various points are preserved in their relevance and context. Where we deem it necessary to state our own views we shall comment on the points under discussion.

We congratulate Dr. McDonald on an excellent job of de-bunking the de-bunkers!

Under the general heading:

"UFO's: Greatest Scientific Problem Of Our Times?"

Dr. James McDonald's words were addressed to the 1967 annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, at Washington D. C. on April 22nd. Also at that time he was to discuss the UFO phenomenon with the Office of Naval Research, scientists at the Los Alamos Laboratory and other groups. Here is his summary in full, preparatory to the address.

"SUMMARY - An intensive analysis of hundreds of outstanding UFO reports, and personal interviews with dozens of key witnesses in important cases, have led me to the conclusion that the UFO problem is one of exceedingly great scientific importance. Instead of deserving the description "nonsense problem", which it has had during twenty years of official mishandling, it warrants the attention of science, press, and public, not just within the United States but throughout the world, as a serious problem of first-order significance.

The curious manner in which this problem has been kept out of sight and maintained in disrepute is examined here. Basic responsibility for its systematic misrepresentation lies with Air Force Project Bluebook which, on the basis of first-hand knowledge, I can only describe as having been carried out in quite superficial and incompetent manner.

Years of Air Force assurances have kept the public, the press, Congress, and the scientific community under the misimpression that the UFO problem was being studied with thoroughness and scientific expertise. This I have found to be completely false. Illustrative examples, drawn from a very large sample, will be described to demonstrate this.

It is urged that the time is long overdue for a full-scale Congressional investigation of the UFO problem, an investigation in which persons outside of official Air Force channels can put on record the astounding history of the way in which a problem of potentially enormous importance has been swept under a rug of ridicule and misrepresentation for two decades.

The hypothesis that the UFOs might be extraterrestrial probes, despite its seemingly low *a priori* probability, is suggested as the least unsatisfactory hypothesis for explaining the now-available UFO evidence."

UNQUOTE.

In his Introduction, Dr. McDonald gives his Newspaper Editor audience a run-down on the UFO-case since the Kenneth Arnold sighting on June 24th 1947, through the subsequently constituted Project Sign, (January 1948), Project Grudge, (February 1949), and the present-day Project Bluebook, (March 1952).

THE ROBERTSON REPORT AND THE C. I. A.

The Robertson Panel, chaired by Caltech theoretical physicist H. P. Robertson, consisted of scientists Luis W. Alvarez, Lloyd V. Berkner, Samuel A. Goudsmit, and Thornton Page. The Panel gathered together January 14th-17th, 1953, to review selected UFO reports, "apparently about eight in detail and about fifteen others on a briefing basis."

"There is no evidence that any of these five men had previous extensive contact with the UFO problem. The principal cases they examined excluded some of the most interesting and significant cases already on record."

UNQUOTE.

On the first of three visits to Wright Patterson Air Force Base last summer, (1966), Dr. McDonald requested and was given the report of the Robertson Panel by Major Hector Quintanilla, head of Project Bluebook. Dr. McDonald made extensive notes on the Report which had been "de-classified". On a subsequent visit to the base, he asked for a personal copy of the report, which apparently was prepared for him but was awaiting release, pending a check by "another agency involved". It turned out to be the Central Intelligence Agency. Dr. McDonald never received his copy of the Robertson Report. It was re-classified by the C. I. A.

An associate member of the Panel was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the only scientist who had previously examined any substantial number of UFO reports. Dr. McDonald says: "When I asked him last June why he did not speak out -" (about the limited scope of the reports reviewed and the short time involved in the inquiry, - R. C.) - "on the basis of his then five years' experience as chief scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFO matters, he told me that he was 'only small potatoes then' and that it would have been impossible for him to sway that eminent group."

UNQUOTE.

As a result of the inquiry there were four rulings made. Three of these were later disclosed - "though not for about five years -"; the fourth recommendation has still not been officially disclosed and is, in the opinion of Dr. McDonald, the basis of the re-classification of the Report by the C.I.A.

Present at the final sessions of the Inquiry were representatives of the C. I. A., including Dr. H. Marshall Chadwell, Mr. Ralph L. Clark, and Mr. Philip G. Strong. Top-ranking USAF representative present was Brig. General Garland, chief of the Air Technical Intelligence Command. (ATIC, Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio). F. C. Durant and J. A. Hynek were "associate members" of the Panel.

The first ruling was: "that there was no evidence of any hostile action in the UFO phenomena."

The second ruling: "that there was no evidence for existence of any 'artifacts of a hostile foreign power in any of the records which were submitted to them.'"

The third ruling: "they recommended an educational program to acquaint the general public with the nature of various natural phenomena seen in the skies (meteors, vapor trails, haloes, balloons etc.) the objective being to remove the aura of mystery that the unidentified objects had unfortunately acquired".

Dr. McDonald believes that "the Robertson Panel marked a turning point in the history of UFO investigations."

"For instead of a recommendation that the problem be

taken out of Air Force hands (on grounds of non-hostility of the UFOs) and turned over to some scientific agency for adequate study, there was a most regrettable fourth recommendation made, in addition to the three cited above, a recommendation made at the specific request of C. I. A. representatives present at the final sessions of the Panel."

"The fourth recommendation, made by C. I. A., asked for a systematic 'de-bunking of the flying saucers', to use the actual language of the document. And the stated objective of the 'de-bunking' was to 'reduce public interest in flying saucers.'"

Dr. McDonald goes on to express his belief that this was not some sinister act but an act designed to untie "intelligence machinery" which was being clogged up by the many UFO reports.

In reviewing Dr. McDonald's address, IGAP would like to go on record as stating that in our opinion, there could well be a number of "sinister" motives for this intervention in the Robertson Report, and for subsequent moves by the C. I. A. and other Intelligence bodies, both U. S. and foreign.

"AIR FORCE REGULATION 200-2."

(Because of its relatively great importance within the UFO picture, we include here a major part of Dr. McDonald's comments on the now-famous (notorious?) AIR FORCE REGULATION (AF 200-2) and its damning effect on the flow of information on the UFO-case, both inwardly, from the general public, - after the "restrictive" nature of the Air Force investigations became known by bitter experience, - and outwardly, from trained observers in the Armed Services and air-lines who were denied the right of free speech regarding sightings made by them.)

"Within a few months after the C. I. A. recommendation was incorporated as the fourth item in the Panel summary," says Dr. McDonald, "a very important Air Force Regulation, AF 200-2, was promulgated (August, 1953) This regulation contains the actual wording that 'the percentage of unidentified must be reduced to a minimum', a goal that has been well achieved. AF200-2 was tied in with another regulation, JANAP 146," - (JANAP means Joint Army Naval Air Publication, - R. C.) - "that effectively made it a crime punishable with up to ten years imprisonment and \$ 10,000 in fine, if anyone disclosed, at air-base level, any information on any 'unidentified'. Auxiliary regulations made the other armed services subsidiary to the Air Forces in UFO matters, so that all reports from any military channels were supposed to go to Project Bluebook at WPAFB. Local commands could release to the press or to interested citizens information on reports for which known explanations were available; but all unknowns were to go to Bluebook."

"This had an effect that is well known to all who have studied this problem closely. At Bluebook the most outrageously unscientific 'explanations' were assigned to important sightings. Cases bearing not the slightest resemblance to feathered creatures were called 'birds', and some of the most improbable 'balloon' phenomena in all the history of ballooning can be found in Bluebook files. 'Astronomical' was tagged onto cases that are no more astronomical than ornithological; and so it went. The 'percentage of unidentified' was, by the fiat of scientifically untrained Bluebook officers, steadily 'reduced to a minimum'. And science be damned."

"I could discuss, for hours, specific details of cases reported since 1953 for which Bluebook has given utterly unreasonable "explanations", cases I have gone over in detail and many of whose key witnesses I have personally interviewed. The only non-military person who has had continuing opportunity to examine these cases was the Bluebook consultant, Dr. J. A. Hynek, who has held that role continuously for eighteen long years" - (- We would suggest that Dr. Hynek was the ONLY person, as evidence shows that the Air Force personnel was changed again and again. Military or otherwise, Dr. Hynek was THE ONE PERSON THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS WHO HAD ACCESS TO THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. - R. C.) - "I have discussed some of the famous howlers with him and with Air Force personnel. I can only say that I am quite dissatisfied with such answers as I have been able to secure.

"In those Bluebook files have lain hundreds of cases that received no adequate scientific review, that have often been explained away in such ridiculous manner that even amateur astronomers or untrained citizens have publicly complained over the absurdity of the official explanations. And much more distressing have been the many cases in which responsible citizens have, in all good faith, reported significant encounters with unidentified objects at close range, objects defying explanation in conventional scientific or technological terms, only to have the Pentagon press desk -" - (once held by Al Chop, who since that time has been an official with a civilian UFO research group, - R. C.) - "release official explanations in terms of "twinkling star" and "inversion", "mirages", "balloon", "refuelling tanker", and the like. Such explanations, put out as if they resulted from a careful Air Force check, made the citizens who reported seeing strange objects feel, as one victim put it to me, "like idiots." I truly doubt that Air Force personnel at WPAFB and the Pentagon can have any notion of the bitterness they have created among persons who have been made the butt of ridicule by these "de-bunking" policies that trace back so clearly to the 1953 decisions.

"The net effect, over the years, of such policies and procedures has been entirely understandable. Newspaper editors, not having staff to send out to check even the sightings in their own vicinity in a manner that could be termed scientific, and having no good reason to suspect that the Air Force would be superficially inventing explanations with essentially no scientific content, quickly grew convinced that there must not be anything to the UFO phenomena. Once this conviction was fairly well established, the natural propensities of journalists to prefer writing feature stories to factual accounts of inexplicable phenomena led to the "funny treatment", and that led to still more ridicule. That, in turn, led the discerning citizen to realize that if he did see a large red, glowing object 100 feet long over a field beside a lonely road at night, with no other witnesses to back him up, he'd better keep his mouth shut. And mouths shut up by the hundreds, as any serious student of the UFO phenomena knows very well through the recurrent phenomena of the disclosure of "hidden UFO reports."

Dr. McDonald goes on with examples of discrediting of commercial airline pilot's reports, quoting the famous case of Captain Killian, an American Airlines pilot who, along

with several other airliner crews saw three UFOs over Pennsylvania on Feb. 24th, 1959.

Examples of USAF "de-bunking" radar data are stressed by Dr. McDonald as "scientifically disastrous". He goes on: "Here is an already available electromagnetic sensing device, deployed in large numbers throughout the country, which is known to be capable of detecting UFOs." He quotes a case that concerned a radar fix on December 19th 1964. It occurred at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, when two unidentified objects were tracked at speeds of over 7,000 m.p.h. Whereas the Navy released a statement attesting to the experience of the radar-man and whereas the operating personnel stated that the set was not malfunctioning, Air Force spokesmen told Senator Harry F. Byrd, who queried the Air Force on the case, that an inexperienced operator was on duty and the set was not working properly.

Quoting further samples of radar "returns", Dr. McDonald referred to a case called the Rapid City, South Dakota, incident of August 12th 1953. A UFO was spotted by a Ground Observer Corps man on night duty, two F-84's were vectored in to the location of the object, which showed on GCI ground-radar. Both pilots got airborne radar lock-ons and also saw the glowing object visually, but could not close in on it. The case was among the unexplained Air Force reports.

The question of foreign reported observations and radar reports is brought up, and Dr. McDonald dwells on the fact that not many of these are publicised in U. S. newspapers. Regarding foreign radar sightings, in other words, observations made by foreign governmental - probably military - equipment, he asks the inevitable question: Why have other governments not made independent studies of the UFO problem? He goes on: "I asked a French UFO investigator, Dr. Jacques Vallee, about the French situation in particular. He explained that whenever French investigators of the UFO problem made any appeal to their government, they were told that the United States Air Force had been carefully studying that problem for years and had shown that there is nothing to it! I am told that the situation in Australia is not dissimilar. Is it conceivable that AF200-2 has succeeded in reducing the percentage of unidentified not only here but all over the world? I strongly suspect so, though that is an inference I could not prove, only make plausible by many examples.

"Air Force Regulation 200-2 was given a new number a few months ago; it is now called AF80-17. The only significant change was to permit the University of Colorado to gain access to airbase-level information on unidentified. Let us hope that this single important alteration will soon pave the way to clarification of radar sightings by military radar systems. But for 15 years, 200-2 has been a most effective barrier to free disclosure of precisely that type of observational data that would have gone farthest toward arousing scientific concern for the UFO problem, but here the blockage effect of the "de-bunking order" that led to 200-2 has been the point of principal interest."

THE CONSPIRACY HYPOTHESIS.

Under this heading, Dr. McDonald goes into the question of the "grand conspiracy" or "higher-level cover-up" theo-

ries of some of the civilian UFO study organizations. He does not think that this theory is a valid one, although he has no evidence to refute it.

"I do not believe, as do some UFO investigators, that the C. I. A. or still higher security groups 'know all about the UFOs', know that they are of extraterrestrial origin, and are concealing this from both public and science. Rather I have seen a large amount of evidence, much of it compelling in its nature, that leads me to reject the grand-coverup hypothesis. I believe it is instead a **grand foul-up**, accomplished by people of very limited scientific competence, confronted by a messy and rather uncomfortable problem. (What air force officer, American, British, Russian or Chinese, would care to admit that in his country's air-space there are maneuvering objects of unknown nature far exceeding in performance characteristics anything his friends are flying!) I have told Air Force personnel quite directly that I think it's a foul-up, not a cover-up, and until I see new evidence to the contrary I shall subscribe to this view."

DR. DONALD MENZEL.

It is quite clear that Dr. McDonald has no time at all for the hypotheses and pronouncements of Dr. Donald Menzel, former Director of the Harvard College Observatory, well-known to UFO researchers for his appallingly inept explanations of all UFO phenomena as ordinary or out-of-the-ordinary natural phenomena, hoax, or mistakenly identified man-made objects. Sufficient here is to say that Dr. McDonald takes Dr. Menzel to pieces, metaphorically and scientifically.

Also, a lesser light in "explainistics", Phillip J. Klass, of the "Aviatin Week" staff is swept under the carpet.

"I know of no atmospheric scientists who give credence to Klass' efforts to shoe-horn all UFO reports into the corona-and-ball-lightning pigeon-hole; but a large amount of magazine and press coverage has recently been given to his arguments, which is most regrettable in that this will further confuse the real issues."

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION.

Regarding the nature of the UFO evidence, Dr. McDonald goes on: "The fastest way to get clarification will be, I now believe, a Congressional investigation. Clearly this will not solve the problem as a scientific problem; but I fear that the existing scientific faith in 20 years of Air Force assurances is so strong that we shall not see anything like adequate scientific attention given to the UFOs until Congress sorts out the incredible history of Bluebook mishandling of the UFO problem and thereby awakens scientists to the fact that they have been misled for two decades about what may well be the greatest scientific problem of our times."

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO PROGRAM.

"Some will surely object that to urge a Congressional investigation at a time when the new University of Colorado program is just getting underway is out of order. I do not think so. First of all, I have repeatedly said and continue to say that the Colorado program is not nearly large enough to cope with the apparent dimensions of this problem. I believe that, once the program gains some

momentum, it will move towards the same serious concern for the UFO problem that I now hold. But I am uneasy, frankly, at the very limited man-power resources available to the Colorado group, and they are now about a third of the way through their initial contract-period of 15 months. As I understand it, there are, at present, only four full-time persons on that program, none with training at the Ph. D. level; and the fractional-time of the several others (mainly psychologists) contributing to the program averages, as I understand it, less than 30 or 40 per cent. Several weeks ago I spent several days with three of the full-time members of the Colorado team and made directly to them the same point I am here making, namely that this problem warrants far more scientific attention than their program is currently able to provide. It is most encouraging that they will soon add two or three more members with considerable scientific training, but even this will scarcely make the Colorado effort at all commensurate with the importance of the UFO problem.

"Even if the Colorado program could quadruple its scientific staff in the next few weeks, I would still be saying that we must get more good people onto this problem. It is far too important a problem to leave in its present state, and only a large increase in high-caliber scientific man-power attacking the UFO enigma will suffice to make real progress on it."

TRANSFER OF RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITY.

Dr. McDonald believes that the primary responsibility for UFO investigations ought to be taken from Air Force hands and turned over to some strong **science-orientated** agency like NASA. Apparently on two occasions the USAF has tried to "peddle" the UFO problem to the space agency without any noticeable enthusiasm resulting on the part of NASA. Perhaps, suggests Dr. McDonald, they too might consider this as a "nonsense problem" or there may be semi-political reasons why NASA might not be able "to fish in these waters at present."

"I regret that I am not free to quote my sources on this, but I regard them as entirely credible. An Air Force wish to be rid of the UFOs would be entirely compatible with the firm impression I have formed from many lines of evidence that no one in any position of importance within the Air Force views the UFOs as real or significant."

Regarding the Colorado program, Dr. McDonald says that the request for a group within the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (AFSAB) to meet and review the UFO problem did not come from the Systems Command within which Bluebook operates. It came from General E. B. Le Bailly, Director of Information, Secretary of Air Force Office of Information (SAFOI). On February 3rd 1966, an AFSAB-appointed group, the O'Brien committee, devoted one day to their deliberations "and did not even invite the testimony of Bluebook's chief scientific consultant, both of which points may be some kind of measure of their scientific concern for the seriousness of the UFO question. It was this group that recommended establishment of a 'university team' approach, which eventually became the one-university approach now centred at Colorado. All that I have seen points to the conclusion that this whole effort was directed chiefly towards getting the Air Force out from under an onerous burden, the public-relations liability of

the UFOs. I know of no-one on the O'Brien committee who took the UFOs seriously. (I might add that I got a small chuckle out of the Bluebook scientific consultant's patting himself on the back about his „small sense of personal triumph and vindication“ when USAF announced the Colorado program. I had first-hand contact with some of the thinking that lay behind the search for a university to head up the Air Force's UFO review. I am afraid it warrants vanishingly „small sense of personal triumph and vindication“ in the mind of the one person who might have put this problem on the right track soon after he began his 18-year consultancy in 1948!)“

Concerning Dr. Hynek's position in the matter, UFO CONTACT, as previously intimated, (April issue), is in full agreement with Dr. McDonald. This man has no reason to feel any sense of triumph for the part he has played in his 18-years stewardship of the UFO problem.

CASES CITED.

Dr. McDonald cites in great detail and at great length 18 cases of more-or-less classical nature to illustrate both the reports and the Bluebook findings. He also brings out vividly the „brush-off“ and Air Force know-it-all attitude to which citizens reporting observations were subjected. He condemns this attitude strongly.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE UFOS ARE EXTRATERRESTRIAL PROBES?

With this heading Dr. McDonald begins to draw to an end his address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He runs through some of the many reasons why science generally does not go along with the intelligent-life-near-enough-to-Earth theory apparently suggested by the claims of spacecraft visitations. He impresses on his audience the great volume of reports given by people in many parts of the globe, from many walks of life, often in the face of great ridicule.

„It is the detailed, close-range sightings by persons whose reliability cannot be brought into serious question that carry the great weight. These are on the increase, it appears. And it seems that sightings in urban areas are on the increase. Almost no urban sightings can be found in the records of the late 1940's. In the past year there have been dozens of them. What does it all mean? What is happening? If you wish to know, do not ask Project Bluebook.“

„Pacing of aircraft and buzzing of cars goes on rather steadily. These cases so strongly suggest something vaguely resembling surveillance or reconnaissance that the student of the problem is forced to weigh the possibility that the UFOs are probes of some type that are engaged in something that we could loosely call „observation“. There are many other categories of sightings suggesting the same tentative hypothesis. How can this be? There is, in my present opinion, no sensible alternative to the utterly shocking hypothesis that the UFOs are extraterrestrial probes from somewhere else.“

Concluding, Dr. McDonald asks:

WHAT'S TO BE DONE NEXT?

„We are 20 years behind in scientific study of this question.“

„Science has been assured so long that the Air Force has been studying the problem that scientists are not likely to suddenly start studying the UFO problem without new pressures to do so.“

„Probably nothing short of a full-scale Congressional investigation can put on record the abysmal shortcomings of the program that lay behind those 20 years of assurances.“

„An adequate Congressional investigation can come only from outside pressures – which will not soon emanate from science.“

„You members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors are in an ideal position to generate the pressures necessary to force Congressional investigation that will awaken scientists here and abroad to the real state of the UFO problem.“

„And then, but only then, will the problem receive the attention of the outstanding scientists of the world – who should have been devoting their efforts to unraveling this extraordinary problem for all those twenty years that we have been ignoring this problem.“

„It has become my conviction,“ concludes Dr. James E. McDonald, „that the problem of the unidentified flying objects is, indeed, the greatest scientific problem of our time.“

UNQUOTE.

COMMENTARY BY UFO CONTACT.

This address by Dr. McDonald, made as it is to an eminent gathering of some of the most influential men in American public life, must rank as the most serious and devastating attack ever made on a section of the Armed Services of a major nation.

With a vehemence not customarily associated with scientific objectivity, he has stepped out of the ranks of the on-lookers and joined in the mounting crusade against authoritarian control of information. More, he has aimed a blasting attack at the „front-line“ units of bureaucracy, one of the arteries leading to that high-echelon brain-centre, the Pentagon, which has control of massive forces not only of men and the most modern of technological equipment but of undercover Intelligence groups working in all parts of the world. We are not speaking here of the Central Intelligence Agency, that most secret of agencies which appears to have pulled some of the biggest bores ever blazoned into publicity by the world's Press. We refer to the Military Intelligences in all areas of strategic importance which may have a bearing on U. S. Defence.

For this great effort at bringing to the public notice information bearing implications of such tremendous potential and far-reaching importance, we have nothing but admiration for Dr. McDonald's new approach. We offer him our sincere gratitude for the opportunity of publicizing these latest moves in the battle for the truth.

BUT HERE WE MUST STATE OUR OWN VIEWS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE UFO-CASE, AND IN DOING SO INDICATE THAT SOME OF THOSE VIEWS RUN COUNTER TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY DR. MCDONALD IN HIS EXCELLENT EXPOSITION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THIS MOST CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT.

UFO CONTACT is an international magazine, published at present in four languages, sent out to all corners of the

world. Our work is INTERNATIONAL. We attempt to look at the UFO situation from an INTERNATIONAL point of view.

Dr. McDonald, by the nature of his evidence, shows that his very valuable research work has, nevertheless, gravitated almost solely around the American scene. He refers very briefly, – not patronisingly, we hasten to add, – to foreign reports of UFO, and these are apparently seen in a context of supplementary information to the evidence of the flying saucers as seen over the skies of the continental United States.

But to the researchers abroad, each national sighting of any accredited worth is seen in its national context, not in some relationship to the findings of a body known as Project Bluebook, ATIC, WPAFB, Dayton, Ohio. So, naturally, we feel entitled to review the UFO situation, including the – to us, supplementary U.S. sightings – as an INTERNATIONAL affair involving action or lack of action by all the various multi-national authoritative bodies known as governments, intelligence agencies, armed services, etc, etc.

And so, BECAUSE WE HAVE STUDIED THIS PROBLEM INTERNATIONALLY, being an international organisation with international contacts and sources of information, we shall try to argue the case from that point of view.

Are all the Governments of the world to be considered stupid? Are all the intelligence services manned by fools? Are all the military set-ups, all the vast chains of radar and early-warning systems, American, Russian, British, etc, – all the scientific observational installations related to our "own" space-projects – all working with their eyes and ears and brains closed?

Does Dr. McDonald suggest for one moment that, beneath all this paraphernalia of scientific and military know-how, all this vast array of instrumented and automated knowledge, – the whole world is hanging on to the words of the major in charge of Project Bluebook?

Surely no self-respecting foreign power of any stature, – and many of the Western-aligned nations are not inclined to subservience, willingly, to the Big Brother attitude of Uncle Sam – would allow its thinking to be completely dominated by the U.S. Air Force UFO project, especially when confronted with their own radar and other "expert observer" type sightings of UFO?

This is not to say that other governmental spokesmen, in a similar manner to their U.S. counterparts, cannot bring forth the same kind of futile and inane explanations as we have so often witnessed in the more publicised U.S. cases. Elsewhere in this journal you may read "explanations" put out by British Ministry of Defence spokesmen which are just as inconsistent with the facts as reported by trained observers, as any like American case.

Also, we would add, there may be many instances of APPARENT reliance by foreign military observers or spokesmen on the assurances of the Pentagon or USAF that UFOs do not constitute anything more serious than an auto-suggestive enlargement of a meteorite or a touch of the temperature inversions, – (so many people of recent years seem to have been afflicted by this malady, including that race of intelligences known as radar sets,) – but this is all in the act. BECAUSE THIS SAVES FURTHER EXPLANATION BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNED. And so

it boils down to a heavier and increasingly heavier burden of responsibility on Project Bluebook, which has thus become the world's scapegoat in UFO affairs.

Dr. McDonald's almost fatherly admonition of the activities of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, and as a natural follow-up of this, the "activities" of anyone vaguely concerned in the U.S. investigation of UFOs, is admirable, and we do not necessarily believe that it stems purely from a feeling of patriotism. Nevertheless, we do not see the members of the C.I.A. or the worthy chiefs at the Pentagon as so many Honest Johns living in ivory towers. There are Hawks in the Pentagon as well as Doves, and Hawks are men of action, not likely to remain inactive at the smell of mystery. And nothing has been given this "aura of mystery" in larger amounts than the UFO case. And the C.I.A., – despite the disastrous Bay of Pigs incident and the more recent fiasco regarding financial sponsorship of student bodies – is not the collection of idiots and bunglers these incidents tend to portray. They are highly-trained, highly-intelligent, – and highly-dangerous men.

Was it merely cussedness that caused the C.I.A. to re-classify the document requested by the inquisitive Dr. McDonald? How else would the world have known about the "mysterious" fourth recommendation, if Dr. McDonald had not gone over the head of this re-classification and told us what it contained? Not that it was news to everyone. Readers may refer back to the very first issue of this publication, in October last year, and read on Page 18 what was said of the activities of the C.I.A. and Wright Patterson AFB. And how about the cases where several attempts were made to disqualify the evidence of experienced airline pilots, which finally resulted in "pressure" being applied to "shut-up" the officers concerned? How about the case of Captain Peter Killian, already referred to by Dr. McDonald in his discussion of the effect of AF 200-2? Captain Killian, with 20 years' experience and four million miles to his credit, observed three UFOs together with his co-pilot and First Officer, 35 passengers, and the pilots and crews of FIVE other airlines in the vicinity. The manoeuvres were fantastic, it was claimed. All the pilots and flight engineers agreed that the lights were on separate vehicles and that these vehicles were in formation. This incident occurred on February 24th 1959.

What followed was a classic example of the "de-bunking" process. First the Air Force explained that the six airliner crews had mistaken three of the stars in the Belt of Orion for three "flying saucers". Captain Killian explained that he had seen Orion AND the saucers simultaneously in a clear sky, and that Orion was seen above the saucers. Then the Air Force said that the airline crews had seen three B-47 bombers being refuelled in flight by a KC-97 tanker. Captain Killian knew what a B-47 looked like and he knew what a KC-97 tanker looked like re-fuelling at night. "There are 14 lights on the belly of a tanker, and none of them are orange-hued nor the size of those I saw on those objects. Those objects were triple the size of a bomber or a tanker. The Air Force has intimated that I had been drinking. I never had a drink before or during a flight, and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. These explanations come from Washington and not from the Air Force men who interviewed me to hear my story first-hand."

The Air Force decided that he had to be silenced, even after he had been on radio to talk about the incident. Through channels his airline was approached. Captain Killian was ordered not to comment further on the sighting.

Knowing this case, and the many others which are parallel to it, how does Dr. McDonald line this up with his theory of „foul-up“ rather than „cover-up? Was the Killian case a „fumbling attempt“ by Bluebook personnel? No. It is stated that it was from higher-up, from Washington, that the order to shut-up came.

IGAP was formed to tell the world about visitations to this planet of human beings from this solar system who were coming on a friendly errand. Our work, our efforts in the UFO field, is the result of a belief that MANKIND is to be found on many different worlds in many different parts of the Universe. Many investigators, working from other beginnings, have arrived at other findings. We have no argument with them. The truth will come one day and all this „mystery“ will vanish like butter in the sun-shine. When Dr. McDonald referred to people with „very limited scientific competence“, he was no doubt far from trying to be unkind. But he should remember, – at least, he will come to realise one day, – that these investigators, hard-working and sincere in their efforts, by the sheer weight of evidence from all regions of the earth, and using that little bit of grey matter called a brain, have somehow arrived long ago at the same extraterrestrial hypothesis that Dr. McDonald has arrived at in very recent months.

They have not listened to the „white-wash“ explanations of the United States Air Force. They have thought for themselves, not perhaps always scientifically, – and this is NOT a fault –, but using common sense, which does not always go together with a computer or a thermocouple. In the years to come the whole world will be left to wonder, to amaze at the **absolute** inconsistency of the Air Force explanations. They will wonder how the general public could be taken in by it for so long. They will wonder how SCIENCE was taken in for so long. They will also come to know the secrets of the faceless ones who are behind all the secrecy and intrigue which we would most certainly call A GRAND COVER-UP.

WE REITERATE – that the UFO-case has finally proven too big to cover-up any more; we repeat – the people in the background, some in the Air Force, some in the Government, some in the C. I. A., in every strata of authoritarian bureaucracy in every corridor of power in all parts of the world KNOW, AND HAVE KNOWN FOR YEARS, WHAT THIS THING IS ABOUT. WHEN IT IS OUT THEY WILL LIVE WITH WHAT CONSCIENCES THEY MAY POSSESS FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.

Meantime, Bluebook is the scapegoat on which the Governments, the Air Forces, Science and therefore the man-in-the-street will hang the blame.

When it all comes out, the excuse will be: Of course, we misjudged. It was only after the really scientific investigation got underway that these facts were discovered.

AND EVERYWHERE, THE LITTLE TIN-POT UFOLOGIST WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS SPARE TIME FOR YEARS EXAMINING THE UFO-CASE, AND ARRIVING AT THOSE SAME CONCLUSIONS ABOUT EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE LONG AGO, WILL BE LEFT STANDING THERE, WITH

EGG ON HIS FACE, WONDERING WHY HE REALLY BOTH-ERED ANYWAY.

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AIR FORCE REGULATION.

AF200-2, Para. 6.

QUOTE: „Both the Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, and the Air Defence Command, have a direct and immediate interest in the facts pertaining to UFOs reported within the United States.“

UNQUOTE.

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UN's 'White Elephant' Space Conference

The giant UN space conference planned for Vienna this September has been judged too hasty by the Soviet Union, its chief supporter, and agreement on a postponement has been reached by the other members of the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space committee. Where it might be held next year and whether it will be in June, August, September or October remains unclear.

Also, it is none too clear what useful purpose it is likely to serve – it is being directed at the emerging nations. It would be hard to pick a target where space activity is more obviously an expendable luxury. However, the opportunities for propaganda are high. But the nations with something to promote could very well sponsor the conference nationally without encroaching on UN funds. The scale envisaged by the conference's initiator, Egyptian lawyer Abdul-Ghani, is substantial and has already received a measure of endorsement; a total of \$ 250,000 is spoken of. This would include the services of three consultants, each retained for a fee of \$ 50,000. Thoughtful observers consider that the United Nations would do its already dented image a service by dropping the whole project. The plan is due to come up before the General Assembly at the end of April.

From: Science Journal, May 1967.

COMMENT: „SCIENCE“ is entitled to its opinion, we suppose. It's funny about the Russians, though –

*Did you tell your
neighbours and friends
about ufo contact?*

Please do!



Visitors from outer Space

by Vyacheslav Zaitsev.

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THE MOONLESS SKY.

Some ancient puzzles lent themselves to scientific analysis.

Old Tibetan chronicles about „antediluvian“ times say that once there was no Moon in the sky. This theme is repeated in certain Slavic sources („Fairy-Tales and Stories of Podolia“, recorded in 1850-1860 by Mikola Levchenko). Such fairy-tales were once believed to be merely the products of a fertile imagination. Now they can be viewed in a new light. Austrian engineer and mathematician Hans Herbig has calculated that the Moon was captured by the force of terrestrial attraction some 12,000 years ago. In his opinion, that caused the sinking of Atlantis and the Flood of the Bible. Herbig's hypothesis is exhaustively presented in Henri Bellami's, *Myth about Atlantis*.

CHILDREN OF THE LORD OR GRANDCHILDREN OF MARS?

How did man originate? This is still one of the greatest mysteries in the world.

There are three possibilities: man is a product of earthly evolution; man is a creation of the Lord; man is a link in a long chain of evolution that started on some other planet and continues on this one.

The first is a logical answer, well supported by science but with at least one element still unclear. Namely, it does not prove how man emerged from the kingdom of apes. The first man on earth has never been discovered.

The second answer immediately raises doubts. It is inconceivable that man should be the product of a momentary act of creation.

The third answer, an ancient one, is interesting. According to some myths, man's initial evolution took place on some other planet in the Universe. After the formative period man reached the Earth, where he continued to develop and change. Some scientists maintain that our planet is not old enough for intelligent beings to have spontaneously developed on it from the protozoa to the present-day species.

The Slavic fairy-tale, „How Humans Appeared on Earth“, says that „man was created away from the Earth a long

time ago. When his world was about to end, God, in order to perpetuate humankind, ordered that the angels take several human couples to the Earth to propagate. The angels scattered the humans, and wherever coupled landed people have been multiplying since. Perhaps when this world comes to an end God will again take humans to some new place for further propagation.“

The mind behind this tale must have been a rational one. What it says may be fictitious but it is not entirely meaningless. It provides reasons for assuming that the ancients had some ideas of man's origin, which clashed with the canonical. People were not satisfied with church dogma and strove to expand the scope of their knowledge about the world. Finally, the fairy-tale contains the idea that mankind as we know it today is not the first intelligent race on the Earth, that it follows other races, which died in major cataclysms.

According to beliefs of ancient South and Central America, human beings of wood and clay lived on our planet before mankind. A variant of the idea is mentioned in a Slavic apocryphal manuscript which is kept in the USSR Academy of Science's Library in Leningrad. It says that man was created before Adam and that he had a heart of wood.

Many details of the myth cannot be taken seriously. But what is surprising is the correctness of the basic idea and the statements that evolution is a series of „trials and errors“, that „everything is in a state of flux and change“, and that „nothing is permanent under the Moon“.

EINSTEIN WAS NOT THE FIRST.

To what extent can we trust the knowledge of the ancients and how are we to treat old knowledge in the light of new facts?

It would be logical to assume that mankind's whole body of knowledge could have been formed as a result of the history of the human species. Possibly some facts and ideas are leftovers from previous civilisations, while some were acquired as a result of the earthmen's contacts with the outer world.

The ancient idea about the relativity of time has not been scientifically studied as yet. In ancient and mediaeval times Christian peoples maintained that time passes more slowly in heaven than it does on earth. This is registered in the folk aphorism that God's minute is as long as a man's life. There are variants. Psalm 39 (verse 5) says: „Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth, and mine age is as nothing before thee ...“

A Japanese fairy-tale of the „Nippon Mukasi Banasi“ collection says that a man returned young from a trip to heaven only to find no descendants in his home. Similar things can be read in a Russian fairy-tale included in the collection of A. N. Afanasyev and in a Ukrainian tale of the Levchenko collection, saying three years for us are like 300 years to God.

Very strange is the apocryphal story of Enoch, who, according to religious books, was taken alive to heaven:

„Enoch lived prior to the flood and is still alive“.

The same theme is repeated in the well-known apocryphal narrative called *The Vision of Isaiah*, presumed to have been written in the second or third century. The Prophet Isaiah, who began to question his faith and the greatness of the Almighty, was, at the bidding of the latter, taken to Heaven. There he saw the greatness of the sempiternal and repented. The angel who brought the prophet to heaven decided to take him back to the Earth. Isaiah was surprised: „Why so soon? I have only been here two hours“. The angel replied: „Not two hours, but 32 years“.

These words nearly killed the prophet. He realized that the return would mean either death or very old age, for he had grown 32 years older. He begged: „Why should I return to my old flesh and bones?“ but the angel comforted him: „Do not be sad, you will not be an old man“.

Early in the twentieth century Albert Einstein's discovery revealed possible caprices of time in case of motion at near-light velocity. So far, this has been checked only on mesons in laboratories, but science-fiction writers have long been taken travellers through adventures like Isaiah's.

Presumably, the ancient idea of man's possible immortality reflects not only a thirst for an „eternal God“ but is also the idea that time, given certain conditions, can change its speed.

WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF THE LORD?

Religious books speak about the „House of the Lord“. Commentators on the Scripture usually list it among purely speculative categories, divorced from earthly practices. Meanwhile Judaic and Christian books interpret the nature of the „House of the Lord“ on „space“ lines. John the Apostle linked it up with celestial phenomena, thunder and fire: „And the temple of God was opened in Heaven ... and there were lightnings and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail“. (Revelation 11, 19).

The ancients thought God came down from the heaven in the House of the Lord. Another source says: „... there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud ... and Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly ... And all the people saw the thunderings and the lightnings and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountains smoking ...“ (Exodus 19, 16-18, 20, 18).

Next to it are God's word addressed to Moses: „And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about (Mount Sinai), saying, take heed to yourselves that you go not into the Mount or touch the border of it ...“ (Exodus 19, 12). „... charge the people lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish“. (Exodus 19, 21).

There can be no „volcanic“ interpretation of the image, since its celestial nature is clearly indicated. Nor can it be interpreted as a vision.

It might be assumed that the writers of these lines witnessed the descent of a space ship upon the Earth.

The House of the Lord may have been a space-ship seen

by humans on Earth. It might even be assumed that the image of the House of the Lord partially accounts for the basic elements of the design of temples.

Ancient sources make it plain that the temples came from the House of Lord. One of the sources (I Paralipomenon, 28, 6, 1-12) says that King David, obeying the will of God, assigned his son Solomon to build the House of the Lord on earth on the lines of the House of the Lord in Heaven. One apocryphe gives details of a whole story of how David, when ascended, was shown „a Church image in heaven“, which later became the basis of the Jerusalem temple. The construction of a temple on earth was believed to be necessitated by a possible new descent of God: „If God descends He will stay with us“.

The ancient Mayas of Central America believed that in some distant past gods had descended to them on cobwebs. The legend attracted the attention of N. A. Rynin (Interplanetary Communication, Astronavigation, Chronicles and Bibliography, Leningrad, pp. 110-111).

The vision of a ladder seen by Jacob of the Old Testament, and described in Chapter 28 of Genesis, may be construed as remotely connected with the legend. Jacob saw the House of the Lord on a mountain and a ladder that led to the Heavenly Kingdom.

The Maya legends and the Old Testament subject could also be interpreted from the „space“ angle.

YOU CAN'T MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING.

Hypotheses, whether correct or not, have always set the trend of scientific research. The hypotheses of today are the science of tomorrow. Of course, not all of them stand a chance of becoming theories.

But even a refuted hypothesis is useful, because the need to refute as well as prove stimulates expansion of knowledge.

The popular hypothesis about space comers, hinting that the Earth forms part of the sphere of intergalactic, interplanetary ties, may well become theory in time. So far, supported as it is only by legends and archaeological excavations, it may appear unconvincing. But nil posse creari de nihilo – you can't make something out of nothing – is a wise maxim of the ancients.

The Chinese scholar Yuan Ke writes: „Many people hold that myths are products of human fantasy and have nothing in common with reality. This is a profound error“.

The same thought was stated by Maxim Gorky in a different way: „Generally speaking, there is nothing fantastic in life. All that seems mysterious has a very definite basis in reality ... There is nothing that man has thought up that does not have roots in the real world“.

Science, as it advances, will increasingly develop the ability to interpret ancient puzzles. In recent years, following travels in space, the „space comers“ hypothesis has gained more and more support. Possibly, the assumption will finally be rejected, but as Dmitry Mendeleyev said, „If

is better to believe in a hypothesis which may eventually prove wrong than not to believe in anything at all".

Vyacheslav Zaitsev.

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hand in hand with Adamski so this is nothing new. But, as G. A. himself might have said: "This is just for the record." -

Space Ships and Gravity

As the Earthman plans voyages into outer space, he is faced to a certain degree with problems comparable in many ways to those of the ancient mariner, for throughout space there are definite natural lanes, just as the oceans have their currents. Our pilots have found "rivers in space" above our planet as they were flying at certain altitudes. These were located by chance, but since have been described in numerous articles published in aviation magazines. Our scientists and our airmen are aware of various types of currents moving through the atmosphere, comparable to those of the oceans. We will find similar conditions throughout all space, between planets and systems.

As they studied such conditions in the atmosphere encompassing their own planets, inhabitants of other worlds were able to develop their first ships enabling them to venture into outer space. Since that time space has become as safe and simple for them to travel as the atmosphere through which our planes fly from place to place on Earth. They quickly realized that if they were to go out and return safely home, they could not burden their ships with heavy loads of fuel, but would have to learn how to use Nature's energy for their propulsion power. So it was along these lines that their scientists worked, and finally succeeded.

To understand more clearly the magnetic propulsion of interplanetary spacecraft, we must first consider geomagnetism, the magnetic sphere of influence which surrounds every planet and every sun, filling all space.

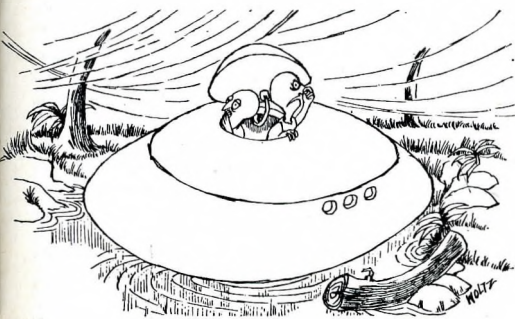
We can liken Earth's geomagnetic field to the series of circular ripples created by dropping a pebble into a pond. These circular ripples move outward from the center point where the pebble was dropped; expanding in size, but diminishing in force as they move.

If we simultaneously drop two pebbles into the pond, several feet apart, two sets of expanding circular waves are created, moving outward from each central point. Where the wave fronts meet, an interference pattern is formed which extends between the two center points.

This interference pattern assumes the shape of an extended ellipse, with its smaller ends at the points where the pebbles were dropped. Although both wave fronts have diminished in force as they travelled outward from their central points, the inference pattern has combined a portion of both forces to create a third force, which remains constant between the two central points so long as they remain active.

The same relationship exists between the expanding spheres of magnetic influence which move into space from the sun, and from each planet or satellite. As these magnetic wave fronts expand from another source, they form a magnetic interference pattern which again assumes the general shape of an extended ellipse. Although the geomagnetic field of each planet or sun diminishes in strength as it moves spaceward, the elliptical magnetic fields thus created between celestial bodies by magnetic interferences maintain a constant strength magnetic field between the bodies.

A planet's magnetic field is similar to "direct current",



"Let's get out of here, this place is full of swamp gas"

Science Digest—June, 1967



What Adamski said:

ONCE AGAIN UFO CONTACT places on record information passed to us by George Adamski. Here we are given an outline of the physical side of space travel, and shown what our astronauts will have to face on their voyages to the planets. Controversy will surely reign over the statements made in this article, - but then controversy travelled

which grow weaker as it travels from its source; however, the elliptical magnetic field shared by two planets may be likened to "alternating current", which can be transmitted over long distances.

These alternating elliptical fields, extending from sun to planet, and from planet to planet, are the invisible bonds which balance the Solar System. They extend in similar fashion between systems, and between galaxies. They also exist between the micro-magnetic fields of atoms, the "miniature solar systems."

The "end zones" of elliptical fields which influence Earth extend from about 58 degrees north latitude to 58 degrees south latitude. The axis of each elliptical field is at right angles to the magnetic polar axis, and the elliptical field axis corresponds to Earth's magnetic equator.

The "magnetic rivers" between planets constantly alternate or change their direction of flow, creating a two-way magnetic pulse between planets. By using only one half of each two-way pulse, space liners move in one direction. For example, if the spacecraft uses only an outward pulse, it moves away from a planet. If the ship uses an inward pulse, it moves toward a planet. If the spacecraft allows the alternating pulse to flow through it in both directions, it can hover.

To explain how the space ships operate within a planet's gravitational field, we must first recognize the relationship between geomagnetism and the planet's rotation.

On Earth many writers have referred to "anti-gravity" devices, and in our scientific researches the idea has been introduced that gravity can be wrestled to a standstill. This is not an efficient approach.

Space ships that today are visiting our world from other planets operate on a "pro-gravitic" principle, using the natural forces, instead of attempting to fight them. Since these ships operate on electrostatic power, it would be useless for them to fight the geomagnetic forces, since Earth's geomagnetic field alone has an electrical potential of billions of volts.

Planetary gravity is the natural balance between the centrifugal force of a planet's axial velocity and the centripetal attraction of its electrostatic field. Centrifugal force tries to spin an object from the planet's surface, but electrostatic attraction keeps the object from flying into space. If electrostatic attraction did not exist, we would have to hang firmly to a tree or rock to keep from being hurled into space by centrifugal force. By the same token, if centrifugal force did not exist to balance electrostatic attraction and its inward centripetal force, we would be flattened against the earth's surface.

I believe the late Dr. Albert Einstein described the balanced, inseparable relationship in his Unified Field Theory; however, my observations are not so profound as those achieved by that great abstract scientist.

We have briefly challenged the gravitational force with our aircraft and rockets. Now it is time to consider the benefits we can derive from putting that force to work for us.

A rocket is pushed forward by a concentrated chemical thrust that is greater than the pull of gravity. The "ionic rockets" we are now planning will expel ions out of their engines and achieve thrust exactly like the chemical rockets. Ionic rockets, however, can not operate efficiently

within the unified field of a planet. They are only efficient in the near-vacuum of outer space.

A flying saucer, or "pro-gravitic" craft, operates by generating its own gravitational field, which surrounds it in a generally spherical pattern. This field is adjusted to resonate, or blend in harmony with the planet's geomagnetic field. The resonating gravitational field causes the ship to be weightless. In this weightless or balanced condition, the ship, wherever it may be, can be moved by a relatively slight thrust.

Our ionic rockets are designed to exert the electrical thrust of ionized particles, a thrust so relatively small it has been termed slight as "a butterfly's sigh". In outer space, however, where the ionic rocket would be "weightless", because it would be free of planetary gravity, this tiny "sigh" of ionic power could propel the rocket at speeds eventually reaching three million miles per hour, according to present theory.

Within its self-generated pro-gravitic field, the saucer can travel at a rate exceeding the speed of light! Using the forces of Nature, its movement can be the same as that of natural forces. The propelling power as produced by the generator within the spacecraft can be compared to that provided by the Van de Graaf electrostatic generators which are used in our own physics laboratories.

An interesting laboratory demonstration which simulates the effect of a hovering saucer can be achieved by placing an aluminum ring over the vertical core of a large electromagnet. By passing an alternating current through the electromagnet, controlled with a rheostat, the aluminum ring can be made to hover. The saucers, however, generate their own resonating fields, instead of "floating" on magnetic eddy currents as in the case of the aluminum ring.

Electrostatic thrust can be demonstrated by placing a tiny strip of aluminum foil near the discharge globe of a Van de Graaf generator. The foil will orbit the discharge globe, with no mechanical connection!

Saucers have often been described as "glowing". Such a condition is created when natural particles in space, through which a ship is moving, come into contact with its encompassing field of resonant frequency. Pulsations within this field cause a shimmering effect, like heat waves rising from pavement, which make the craft appear to be "alive and breathing". This effort can also bend the light waves entirely around the craft, causing it to suddenly disappear from view, though it is actually still there, and not "dematerialized", as some individuals would have one believe. There is also another explanation of these sudden disappearances. As the field strength is varied, ionization may shift through every color of the spectrum. Increased energy causes the field to shift up past the visible portion of the spectrum, obscuring the craft from view, the same a heavy cloud bank obscures a plane.

The intense resonating field also serves as a shield to deflect space debris from the ship. At the same time a blend is automatically set up between this field and atmosphere or space through which a spacecraft may be moving, thus preventing friction of any kind. Because of this pro-gravitic nature in its operation, occupants of space ship are not affected by any violent maneuver or uncomfortable atmospheric conditions.

To travel at speeds faster than light, the ship's field is tuned to a high resonant point and the craft achieves

„prime merge“. For this, the ship is equipped with an automatic robot detector and control system, designed with provisions for manual control.

Contrary to accepted theories, matter is not converted to pure energy under such conditions. A ship within its force field can be compared to a planet within its atmosphere, moving as a unit through space. So, when a space ship accelerates and seems to disappear, it has merely achieved prime merge and its force field is vibrating at a speed faster than visible light. At higher frequencies it may become transparent to radar signals also.

The „hole“ effect seen in many saucer photos is created by a „magnetic window“. One small portion of the ship's force field is neutralized, permitting visual and radar-type observation. At times this is necessary when the force field of the craft is at a fairly high resonance.

The three-ball undercarriage seen on most saucers serves both as a retractable landing gear and as a „three-point electrostatic propulsion-control system“. The mother ships use a series of bands built into the framework for the same control purpose. As we use retro-rockets to steer a rocket vehicle, the saucers use their variable three-point systems to maneuver by regulating the charge.

In horizontal flight within a planet's ionosphere, saucers travel along the planet's geomagnetic lines of force. They turn abruptly by shifting the ball-charge. In this way they are guided into and utilize the eddy currents found throughout space. A change of direction in the movement of a spacecraft may appear as a sudden 90-degree turn, or any of the erratic maneuvers so often ascribed to the saucers.

One important factor that our engineers for spacecraft will have to take into consideration is the multiple-wall construction required for safety purposes, as well as storage room for a large percentage of their propulsion equipment. There must be a minimum of two charged walls. The outer, negative wall comes in direct contact with the protective force field created round the ship. By its very nature this electrostatic force field ionizes all particles of matter near the ship's surface, and negatively charges space debris coming within its field of influence. The greater the amount of power used, the farther this influence extends from the ship.

A positive reference field is established in an inner wall, leaving the central portion of the ship at a neutral potential.

Important too is an automatic filtering and air-conditioning system installed between walls of a ship to purify the air and keep temperatures and pressures within the craft at a comfortable state for all persons aboard.

Actually, there is not too much difference between modern spacecraft and our own submarines that can surface on the water where outside pressures are light, or go to great depths where pressures against the ship are intense. At any depth a submarine can maneuver at will, without harm or discomfort to its occupants. So it is with a space ship. In outer space the pressures against it are light. When it enters a planet's ionosphere and approaches the planet, pressures intensify. Yet, wherever it is, it can maneuver at will without harm or discomfort to its occupants.

As our submarine navigators have had to become ac-

quainted with the many rivers flowing beneath the surface of the ocean, so our space navigators will have to learn the magnetic lanes of outer space, as well as those between a planet and its atmosphere. Temperatures, flow and currents throughout the Cosmos vary continually, in repeated patterns. These space lanes will have to be used for direction of travel, and the energy they generate will have to be converted into propulsion power if we ever hope to safely travel and enjoy interplanetary relationship with our neighbours on other planets.

From: „FLYING SAUCERS FAREWELL“
by George Adamski. 1961.



What others said

1961: French Air Force General writes on UFOs.

Ex-NATO chief, quoting aviation journal's remarks concerning UFO: „The opinion of the U. S.A.F. is full of good sense –“ replies: „IT IS JUST NOT TRUE!“

The writer of this important article, printed in the NOV-DEC 1961 issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, was, until a few years ago, General Air Defence Co-ordinator of the Allied Forces in Central Europe (NATO). After his retirement General Chassin became president of the French civilian UFO research agency, G. E. P. A.

UFO CONTACT feels that **NOW** is a good time to reprint his comments.

Success is in sight

by GENERAL L. M. CHASSIN.

WHAT WOULD TECHNICAL OFFICIALDOM HAVE SAID, only ten years ago, if an amateur astronomer had observed an unidentified object orbiting the earth at a height of several hundred kilometres? No doubt he would have been considered irresponsible; and a „conspiracy of silence“ would have descended upon his evidence.

If any scientist had maintained that one of Mars's two satellites could be artificial-made and launched by the Martians, official circles would have burst out laughing. The reviews would not have dared to discuss his theory for fear of being thought unscientific.

Yet today, after a few years, not only do satellites orbit the earth (and everyone is so used to them that another launching appears on the inside pages of newspapers), but a Russian scientist, who is both eminent and responsible, has put forward the theory that thousands of years ago the Martians were able to launch satellites. – (Professor Josef Shklovsky. – Ed.) – We have travelled a long way.

A NEW MOBILITY.

Last year at Farnborough we could see for the first time a jet-engined aircraft rise vertically, gather speed, return, slow down and remain motionless above the landing field before it descended again slowly and vertically, to touch quite gently down on the ground. It was a notable occas-

ion. In fact, until last year, an aeroplane was far from being a perfect instrument. On the contrary, it was a primitive machine of very limited movement: it had to face in one direction, depending upon the wind, in order to take off; it could progress only along the line of its longitudinal axis, to which it remained as though rivetted; in order to manoeuvre in the horizontal or vertical plane, it had to move along the circumference of a large circle, which made it a poor acrobat. In short it was far from achieving the total mobility dreamt of by strategists and transport men.

Even today we are still far from this ideal. But vertical take-off (and landing) enables an aircraft's performance to approach that of – the ridiculed flying saucer! Indeed, the critics have often argued that it is impossible for a machine to make so many different rapid movements in space, to change speed and direction instantaneously, etc.

When we realise that man is no doubt shortly going to make both real flying saucers (at least in so far as concerns manoeuvrability) and rockets able to reach Mars and Venus, how can one deny that we shall one day be able to combine their characteristics for the purpose of reconnoitring the solar system – until the day when we shall travel farther still?

The position of those who believe in flying saucers is infinitely stronger in every respect today than it was ten years ago. Of course, there are those who still utterly disbelieve and I know a senior officer, otherwise highly intelligent, who says: „Even if I saw a saucer, I would sooner doubt the evidence of my senses than believe it exist!“ This is to take up a position unworthy of the spirit of science. Just as one should not believe *a priori* everything one hears, so, also, we should not *a priori* declare: „That is impossible.“ What one should do is to gather and examine a quantity of evidence sufficient for practical certainty to be deduced from the enquiry.

This is why I have asked, for some years, that governments take the initiative and, instead of ridiculing saucer believers, set up commissions of enquiry in as many civilised countries as possible, empowered with the best means of investigation. In particular, they should be on the spot as quickly as possible in order to obtain fresh and exact information before those in touch with a witness have made him change his story, perhaps from fear of being laughed at or thought to be lying, or even to deny it (as in the case of children whose parents forbid them to speak).

I know there are private groups which have sent out questionnaires, but how many people know what to do when they see a mysterious object in the sky? How many forget to note the time, which is especially important for the plotting of orthoteny; how many know how to measure with their hand, quite simply and fairly accurately, the angle of the object above the horizon; how many do not even know how to get their bearings? This ignorance is doubly unfortunate: on the one hand, the most truthful witnesses are led to contradict one another and provide the sceptics with another weapon and, on the other hand, the lack of exact information greatly hinders those scientists who are trying to solve the mystery.

SINCERITY OF WITNESSES.

If we consider how many sightings of unidentified objects cannot be explained by conventional means (i. e. aircraft, balloons, aurorae, refractions, etc.) we wonder why official bodies which, like the U. S. Air Force, have undertaken prolonged and doubtless serious investigations, should have kept a total blackout on facts of capital importance for the future of humanity. Recently I re-read Lt.-Col. Lawrence J. Tacker's book, *Flying Saucers* and the U. S. Air Force. The chapter entitled „It's easy to be fooled“ reviews all the well-known arguments for collective intellectual hallucination. Nevertheless, Tacker has to acknowledge the complete sincerity of most of the witnesses. And – this is the vital point – he concedes that a noteworthy percentage of sightings examined cannot be identified as normal objects. However, he concludes that nothing up to the present justifies him in thinking that the objects concerned were piloted or remotely controlled by intelligent beings, or that they came from another planet. And one of the most important aviation reviews in the world, after advising its readers to include the book in their holiday reading, adds: „The opinion of the U. S. A. F. is full of good sense“ – **WHICH IS JUST NOT TRUE.** (– emphasis mine – Ed.).

In spite of this, some good may come from the comments of the review to which I referred: it advises its readers to become acquainted with the subject. Perhaps, after reading Tacker's book many people will want to learn more and will buy, for example, Michel's book on Orthoteny. – (Flying Saucers and the Straightline Mystery) – This book influenced me strongly. I have known Aimé Michel for a long time and, apart from his other good qualities, I value particularly his scientific conscientiousness and his complete intellectual honesty. Now, his discovery refutes entirely the opposition's explanation that it is all a well-known failing of the mind which makes nervous and unbalanced people wish to see what they have heard people talking about and what they themselves want to see. The evidence of Michel's straight lines is absolutely opposed to that explanation because he was able to work only with a small number of sightings on particular days. Indeed, if Michel had had many points more or less evenly spaced over France, it would have been easy to find a centre and to align the points in straight lines, especially if the times of the sightings had been mostly omitted. But the fact is that such a solution to the problem is impossible. Every impartial reader has to accept the phenomenon of orthoteny and the most conservative can only say that this mystery is not to be explained in the present state of our knowledge. This is too vague and there can be no doubt that lines of flight covering a given country like spiders' webs must owe their existence to some intelligence, and a powerful one at that, able to make use of equipment much more advanced than anything we possess.

GETTING IN TOUCH.

It is not my purpose to examine *why* the earth is being reconnoitred by such intelligences in a seemingly military fashion. What is important is that some of us should obtain all the information we can about these manoeuvres of which we are the observers and bear in mind, like good organisers who overlook no possibility, that the unidentified objects may be piloted by living beings. We should

reach agreement among ourselves how to get in touch with them (if it can be done, because it is possible – as Aimé Michel remarks – that we may find ourselves in the position of a dog in relation to his master, so that intellectual exchanges would be very limited) and how we should conduct ourselves towards that end.

One may say that all this is the business of governments. But public opinion, especially in the western countries, can always compel governments to act if it is powerful enough. We have many examples of this, even outside the political sector: for example, laws for the protection of animals have been passed as a result of pressure of public opinion following press campaigns. At the beginning, the friends of the animals were surely fewer as well as less powerful and well organised than the flying saucer enthusiasts of today could be!

We must become dedicated, then, in our zeal that the conspiracy of silence may not suppress news of phenomena of the highest importance, with consequences which may be incalculable for the whole human race. To this end, each of us should interest those of his friends who are people of influence. If we succeed in convincing the director of a review or a big newspaper, an important official or a scientist, little by little each in his turn will become an agent for spreading the truth and we shall finally succeed. After all, it was in this way that Christianity grew in the ancient world. At first, Christianity must have seemed to the conventionally-minded like a tall story from Asia Minor.

To achieve our aim, we must be wise and not proceed too fast. We should not abruptly talk of interplanetary wars and earth reconnaissances by another and more civilised world when broaching the subject to people who have been told time and again that reports of unidentified objects are nothing but fairy stories of no interest. We must advance methodically and step by step in a orderly manner. I am convinced that every sincere person should be struck by the significance of orthoteny, if one takes the trouble to explain it clearly, using a map.

Of course, we shall have disappointments. But one success in worth fifty failures. The principal thing is that our disciples should be men of influence.

Our chief adversary is the immense pride of the human race, but isn't it about to shrink under the repeated attacks of the scientists? Barely three centuries ago, men believed that the earth was the centre of the universe and that everything revolved around it, including the sun. Now they know that we are merely a pinpoint and our lordly luminary, the sun, is a rather small and insignificant star. Our solar system is far from the centre of the galaxy. And our galaxy itself is of medium size, while there are thousands of millions of others in the vastness of space.

Man has relied upon the appearance of life and intelligence to support, in his own eyes, his position as lord of the universe. It was long asserted, for example by Eddington, that life was a rare phenomenon and our race was probably "the supreme race." This illusion is hardly ever entertained today. One has only to calculate probabilities to see that, however rare planetary systems may be, there must be millions in the known universe. And there must be dozens of thousands of planets having a civilisation equal to or superior to ours.

Thus, in one direction the progress of science leads to modesty and in the other it shows that man will soon be able to do what he will not admit others may be able to do. The two directions converge inevitably. Soon we will be reconnoitring Mars and Venus. Then we will land there. Finally, we will one day make contact with beings who may, perhaps, inhabit these neighbouring planets of ours. Why should all this not already have taken place in reverse, with our earth as the subject?

We have read in the newspapers that Yuri Gagarin said he wants to see what there is below the clouds of Venus and if there really are canals on Mars. In this the Russian cosmonaut shows a more scientific spirit than do many official scientists of the West.

Undoubtedly the day will come whatever we do, when the truth will break in upon us. But we risk being taken by surprise again. We should begin a great crusade of common sense in order to avoid what could be very dangerous. We invite all earthmen to join it who will not allow themselves to be blind by orthodoxy and who desire above everything to see the truth triumphant. Let us remember the saying: "One can fool some people all the time and all the people some of the time, but one cannot fool all the people all the time."

From: Flying Saucer Review.

Nov/Dec 1961.

The Greek Saucerer

From Victor Walker in Athens.

A retired professor of international fame, who used to play violin duets with Albert Einstein, believes flying saucers are planning an invasion of Earth.

Physicist and engineer Paul Santorini, whose pioneering work helped in the development of radar, the fuses for the Hiroshima atom bomb and the napalm bomb, came out of a two-year retirement to lecture to the Greek Astronautical Society and to give an interview to Athens Radio.

Born in Odessa 73 years ago, Professor Santorini is not among the lunatic fringe of scientists attracted by the publicity potential of flying saucer investigation.

A fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences, he rates a six-inch entry in the International Who's Who.

He is the holder of two basic patents of the guidance system adopted by the U. S. for its Nike missiles. He has represented Greece at 23 international scientific congresses, and is the author of 190 scientific papers. His decorations include the two highest Greek orders, those of George I and the Phoenix.

Professor Santorini hesitated for several years before plunging into the flying saucer controversy.

During a planned half hour interview that stretched into a three-hour conversation at his home, the professor attributed to flying saucer activity the great New York blackout of November 9, 1965, and two smaller but similarly unexplained power failures in the eastern United States and Mexico about the same time.

All three blackouts he said, coincided with peak flying saucer activity in the areas affected, with saucers cruising along the power lines.

Professor Santorini said that there were two possibilities concerning „the beings who visit earth in flying saucers“.

First, „if these beings are of about the same biological construction as us, they cannot come from outside the system of our own sun“.

Second, „if these beings come from outside our solar system, then their bodily construction must be entirely different from ours“.

Professor Santorini said his own observations of flying saucers over Athens, and his subsequent investigations had led him to believe that flying saucers were currently engaged in surveying earth, taking back with them plant and animal samples.

The inference to be drawn was that an invasion might be coming.

Professor Santorini attributed to three factors the world blanket of secrecy cast over flying saucer activity.

The military authorities were unwilling to admit the existence of an alien force against which earth had „no possibility of defence.“

Civil authorities sought to deny the existence of flying saucers because „when earth is invaded there is certain to be a panic“.

And the churches were against saucers because of their effect on the doctrine of creation.

Professor Santorini's own personal experiences of flying saucers came in 1947, when the Greek Army supplied him with a team of engineers to investigate what were believed to be Russian missiles flying over Greece.

„We established they were not missiles, but before we could do more the army authorities, **after conferring with Pentagon officials**, – (emphasis mine. – Ed.) – ordered the observations to discontinue“, he said.

Since then, he charged, Greece has joined the „world conspiracy“ to deny that the objects regularly visiting earth were flying saucers.

From: „The Sun“ newspaper, London.
Saturday, March 18th, 1967.



Brazil says the saucers are real

The Brazilian Air Force in an official report has made the startling statement that flying saucers are real!

The report reads in part as follows:

„..... On December 2nd 1954, came the last and most important development in this matter. A conference was performed at the Army Technical School, patronised by A. D. E. S. G. (Superior Army School Graduates Association), a very responsible entity. The selected audience included important military personnel and civilian Authorities. The subject to be discussed was entitled „Flying Saucers“. Colonel Adil de Oliveira was in charge. He made a careful evaluation of all information and evidence collected through outstanding cases from the project's files. He discussed the best Brazilian sightings and concluded, making the following statements:

(1) Evidence shows that the saucers are real. No government could afford to ignore the reports about UFOs and all investigations should be made to determine the identity of any UFO sighted over the country. The problem could be of military interest.

(2) The saucers appear to be some kind of revolutionary aircraft. They are not conventional phenomena or illusions. There are too many responsible people involved to say that the whole thing was a hallucination.

(3) We don't know where they come from, and we don't know the purpose of their survey. I hope some day we can solve the riddle and know the answers“.

From: Flying Saucer Review World Round Up. (book).



Doubter

Sir John Eccles, a Nobel Prize winning brain physiologist believes that man is the only intelligent life in the Universe. He bases his conclusion on the enormous complexity of the brain and central nervous system. The fact is, he added, it was „a fantastic improbability that we could get intelligent life here on earth.“

From: Science Digest.

June, 1967.

COMMENT: After reading the above, one wonders if there is, indeed, intelligent life here on earth.



Science

Harnessing forces of gravity space flight to Neptune a possibility

An unmanned space voyage to Neptune, by way of Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus, is now being confidently considered by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at Pasadena, California, because of developments in space propulsion. Orbital inspection flights of the sun are also said to be possible within the next decade.

The first development is this conversion of sunlight into electrical power for ion engines. The second is the use of planetary gravitation, promising to make voyages deep into space possible by playing what has been described as interplanetary billiards.

The possibilities of these developments have been explained by Dr. Homer Stewart of the laboratory. He said yesterday that a direct flight to Neptune would take about 30 years, but the use of the billiards system, bouncing the space-craft from Jupiter to Saturn, to Uranus and on to Neptune, would take only nine years.

Role Of Engine.

Dr Stewart said that when a space-craft approaches a

planet it always gathers speed from the planet's gravitational field. It also picks up the planet's own sun-orbital speeds while travelling under this gravitational attraction.

This together with the craft's momentum is sufficient to move it out of one planetary gravitational field to another. Travel between fields would be powered by the solar-electric ion engine. Dr. Stewart added that the space craft would be launched by the Atlas-Centaur rocket.

Neptune is 2,796 million miles distant from the sun - about 30 times the earth's distance from the sun.

From: The Times (London).

Nov 28th, 1966.

(NOTE: Our readers may like to glance again at Adamski's article „Space Ships and Gravity“. Page 153).



Mariner looks at »HELL«

by JOHN DAVY, Science correspondent.

A 540-lb. Mariner spacecraft, similar to the one which successfully photographed Mars, is being prepared at Cape Kennedy for launching to Venus.

The first opportunity for the launch will be in just over a week.

After a four-month journey, the spacecraft is intended to pass within 2,000 miles of the planet's surface, 10 times nearer than was achieved by the much more primitive Mariner II spacecraft in 1962.

Venus is swathed in clouds, and is one of the most mysterious planets in the solar system. Although some theories imply that it should have a thinner atmosphere than the earth, it appears to have a very thick one. Estimates of its atmospheric density range from five to several hundred times that of the earth. It has been suggested that there may be oily, smog-like clouds, and that planetary surface may be a red-hot desert of incandescent rock 'very like hell'.

An important experiment on board Mariner Venus 1967 aims to beam radio waves through the planet's atmosphere as the spacecraft passes behind it as seen from the earth. Measurements of the signals received should give some direct measure of the atmospheric structure.

The spacecraft will not attempt to photograph the planet, since it is believed that other measurements will be more informative. In particular, an accurate measure of atmospheric density is essential for any future attempts to land scientific instruments on the surface.

Caption to diagram.

Mariner's 212-million-mile journey to Venus will take four months. When the spacecraft is launched, Venus will be behind the earth. But because it circles the sun faster, Venus will catch up and draw ahead, and will be 43 million miles ahead of the earth when Mariner reaches it.

From: The Observer.

4th June, 1967.

Dried up Venus?

Is Venus a dead planet? This lively issue has divided scientists for decades, and now a high-flying Convair 990 jet appears to have shot down the notion of Venusian life. The jet, outfitted by NASA, flew up to 30,000 feet over Canada one crystal-clear month. Radiation from Venus entered a window cut in the jet's fuselage and was directed into an interferometer. The readings, said Gerald P. Kuiper, director of the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, „showed less than one micron of water vapor in the Venus atmosphere and too little to support life. Kuiper also said the cloak of clouds surrounding Venus, widely assumed to be made of ice crystals, was probably a shroud of volcanic dust.

Life on Venus was last ruled out in 1963, when Mariner 2 flew within 21,700 miles of Venus - (December 1962 - Ed.) - and sent back signals indicating that the planet was simply too hot to sustain life. But later, John Hopkins University researchers William Plummer and John Strong lofted instrumented balloons that obtained spectral readings indicating the clouds of Venus do indeed contain life-sustaining water droplets or ice crystals. Plummer doubts the NASA jet flew high enough to escape the distortion of the earth's atmosphere. „Our balloons went up to 87,000 feet“, he said, „and we definitely found evidence of water vapor on Venus“.

From: Newsweek.

June 12th, 1967.

Cosmic Science

FOR MANY YEARS George Adamski has insisted that telepathy is a fact. He was laughed at by the sceptics, and his story of contact with extraterrestrials who used thought-transference to convey information and to alert people here on Earth to certain events, was something which made it all the harder to believe him. Yet other contact claimants, too, have spoken of this strange manner by which they have received communications; some of these contactees have been face to face with saucer crews and still experienced this mind-to-mind method of contact. For a number of years there has been a certain amount of talk about Russian and U.S. experiments in this „new“ concept of communications; it has been suggested that it would help immensely to bridge the gap of silence between the space-centre and capsules re-entering the atmosphere, when radio-contact is automatically broken by the „heat-barrier“ interference. One Russian scientist even went as far as to say that perhaps one day mind-to-mind communication would be possible with their men on the moon!

Now read on:

»Telepathy - who said humbug?«

THE RUSSIANS, AT LEAST, DO NOT - THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEASURE THOUGHT-TRANSFERENCE FROM PERSON TO PERSON.

CRAZY IDEA, MYSTIFICATION OR SIMPLY HUMBAG are the descriptions hitherto applied to the conceptions thought-transference - thought-reading - with that fine word, telepathy.

But now, here come the Russians suddenly saying: „Just a moment. Biological information - thought-transference - is something which is now being scientifically investigated in fruitful and regular experimentation.

A conference dealing with these subjects has recently been held in Moscow, concluding the 18th Psychologist Congress. Its delegates numbered scientists from many lands.

VIA LONG WAVE.

The Russian scientist, **Professor Ippolit Kogan** was spokesman for a theory which is shared also by other non-Russian researchers, namely, that thought-transference occurs by means of very long radio-waves, which are set in motion by the „sender-person“ and picked up by the „receiver-person“.

By means of tests conducted by Prof. Kogan it has been possible to obtain electro-encephalographs - brain „readings“ - of people who have sent and who have received information. It was shown that a change in the e-graph reading of the sender immediately produces a change in the reading of the receiver.

It confirms the theory, the Russians believe, that telepathy can take place over very long distances.

BRAIN-MODEL IN A SKYSCRAPER.

The electrical energy producing this telepathic activity is infinitesimal.

But the human brain itself is so fine and delicate a construction, that everything created by technology here on Earth, compared with this, is hopelessly clumsy, uneconomical and colossally over-dimensioned. If one could, for example, construct a model of the human brain, even by using the very finest, tiniest components created by the electronics industry, one would need to build several skyscrapers to house the model and use thousands of watts in energy to get it to function.

The process of thought-transference is still enigmatic and to a certain degree unstable. But scientists have also been able to establish that there are people with strongly-developed faculties able to transfer information by biological means.

These faculties are just as rare as many other talents, i. e. the ability to compose music or write good literature. The Russians will not attempt to fathom either prophetic abilities or occult interpretations of past and future in their studies of biological information. But they believe that bio-information is a complex of real and not conjured-up problems.

In other words - that telepathy really exists.

From: „Sendags Aktuell“, Denmark.

October 2nd 1966. Translation: Ronald Caswell.

UFO-reports

UFO »Flap« over England

INTERNATIONAL SKY WATCH NIGHT: IGAP „BAGS“
A SAUCER!

NEVER HAS THIS COUNTRY KNOWN such UFO activity as during recent months. Reports are publicised in national newspapers to an unheard-of extent, and one can feel the apathy lifting from the general public and being replaced by - well, at least, - a luke-warm interest.

Events are happening at such a pace that before one report is fully noted, another comes into the news.

But let us begin by producing an IGAP Scoop - complete with pictures!

Here is the full report.

Excerpt from „DAILY TELEGRAPH“, London.

Monday June 26th 1967.

„A cigar-shaped object was seen over Essex on Saturday night by observers in 15 different places, taking part in the 24-hour 1967 International Sky Watch for flying saucers. The watch celebrated the 20th birthday of „flying saucers.“

From the „SUN“, London.

Monday June 26th 1967.

„Dozens of flying saucers spotters yesterday reported that they had seen a large cigar-shaped object flying westwards over Epping Forest, Essex. -“

However, it was on the **Sunday** afternoon, June 25th, that a young Harlow man, **John Lander**, came round to my home to report a remarkable incident that had taken place in the early hours of that morning, when he and two friends, complete with compass, still and movie-cameras and a lot of hope, stood out on the lonely common land just south of Harlow, Essex, wondering if they would see a flying saucer.

John, newly-interested in the subject of flying saucers, had just joined IGAP-GB, and, because he wanted some friends to see something of what he had himself seen during recent weeks high in the sky over Epping Forest, he had decided on his first all-night sky-watch. It was 24th June, International Sky Watch Day, 20th anniversary of the now-famous Kenneth Arnold sighting of 24th June 1947.

With John were two friends of his own age, 20 years, - **Peter Philpott** and **Bob Brown**. John had a cine-camera, Peter had a still camera, and Bob, an amateur photographer, has his Yashica Mat.

By mid-night they had seen several of the visible satellites passing overhead, and later the sky became partially cloudy, and not very promising „spotting“ weather.

Suddenly, - and they cannot be sure who first saw it - a red light appeared over in the West, fairly low and apparently below the cloud-layer.

„We watched it for several minutes - we don't know if it was moving slowly at the time, - but then all of a sudden, it came over the forested area on the brow of the hill.“ This was facing south.

With trembling fingers, all three focussed on the object; it was about three-quarters the size of the full moon. Peter managed one shot, John had a short run of some seconds, and Bob was fortunate in swinging 2 snap-shots from his fast-action Yashica Mat.

The object was cigar-shaped, reddish at first, then changing to a pinky-white as it slowed and hovered. Then something happened that none of the three young men had either heard or read about. It began to sway from side to side, and fall softly and silently, like a leaf. "It was beautiful to watch," said John. Bob, meanwhile, had taken a third shot.

Then the object stopped – only apparently 3 times the height of the trees, – perhaps 150 feet up.

In a sudden panic, which the three young men were quite ready to admit, they turned and ran back down towards their car on the road, a couple of hundred yards away.

Stopping as if by a common impulse, they all turned and looked back. The light, which before had been a vague cigar-shape of glowing colour, seemed to shrink as they watched – in seconds it became a small pin-point of intense white light. For a further few seconds it seemed to pause, then, still completely silent, at great speed, it suddenly curved upwards in a wide arc, and shot off to the south and west, over Epping Forest. The time was a few minutes past 2 o'clock on Sunday morning.

They stayed until 6.30 a.m., not really expecting anything else to happen and still tingling from their sudden meeting with a UFO. Bob took a couple of time exposures, focussing on the lights near a line of houses on the edge of the heath. They went home and slept, worn out.

I believed John immediately he told me his story. He is a very sincere, devout young man, a Lutheran, highly-regarded by his pastor. But another reason why I believed John was because 12 days before, Monday June 12th, he had burst into my home at around 10.30 in the evening and almost dragged me to his car. With crashing gears we had sped the few minutes' journey to the same heath area, where he stammered out his story of a red object silently approaching from the west and coming in over the trees on top of the hill –. It had disappeared, apparently below and behind the trees, and he had broken all limits to get me up there while it might still be in the area.

Unbeknown to John, lights in the sky had been seen by scores of people in the Kent and Sussex areas to the south of Essex, 2 nights before on the 10th June. Another strange glowing object was seen over another district in Essex by four people, only the night before, on the 11th, but this report did not come into the newspapers until a number of days later.

At the request of a local reporter, Bob spent all night processing the movie and still films. Peter's one shot was blurred, John's movie-film, (unfortunately not a fast film), showed a definite light phenomenon and this has yet to be analysed. What the Yashica produced is shown here.

(See Page 163).

No. 1 was not so clear, Nos 2 and 3 appear here, showing a strange duplicated pattern of light, which in the third shot seems to float downwards like a falling leaf, leaving a trail of light.

I later checked the negatives and discovered on Nos 4

and 5 some tiny streaks which John thought might be the house-lights Bob had photographed. I had them printed and went to the heath at night – there were the lights in question, identical to the film.

The questions I asked the three young men were answered with utmost frankness. They were a little sheepish about having run back towards the car –

"I thought it was just going to land!" they each said with sincerity.

MEANWHILE, in Cornwall, south-west tip of England, a few days before, June 20th, another IGAP member, **Geoff Agness**, on holiday with his fiancée, June, had had a sighting far out to sea off Newquay, beginning at 10.40 p.m. Up to a dozen tiny pin-points of white light were manoeuvring about 5 to 10 degrees above the unseen horizon, apparently forming a moving belt pattern, two at a time disappearing on the left and re-appearing on the right of the other lights, forming a flattened "S"-shape, but lying on its side in the sky.

The lights of a ship appeared to move towards the area, and then seemed to stop, and a plane from a nearby military airfield flew off out to sea in the direction of the lights formation. Disappearing on occasion, they re-appeared 11 times, every 9 to 12 minutes, each session lasting for about 15 seconds. The lights gradually rose above the estimated 10 degrees elevation. The last sighting was at approximately 12.20.

"A large ship was moving in the area, but when these strange lights started up, it slowly stopped about 2½ miles away from them, and stayed there."

4 photographs were taken. The one I received some days later, processed in a local Cornwall photographers shop and dated, showed 12 definite pin-points of light, only perceptible under magnification, and the pattern was exactly as described several days previously.

Also on June 24th, during the early morning, young **Tommy Newson**, of Woodford, Essex, was cycling along on his paper round when an object about 3 feet in size shot past him with a slight humming noise and landed in a nearby field. He fell off his bike and ran over to the field. In that time the object has gone.

Some days before, at a couple of minutes to mid-night, **Gordon Buckley**, a young man in his early twenties, saw an oval-shaped object, glowing deep red, in the same area of Woodford. It swayed from side to side in the sky over the houses and then "took off like a bullet from a gun" upwards.

FROM Clifton Estate, Nottingham, IGAB member **David Wright** sent this report from the Nottingham "Guardian Journal" of July 5th.

"Flying saucer" scare at Clifton."

"Did a flying saucer really land in Clifton or, as the police believe, was it just an optical illusion caused as a result of the sun shining on a barn roof or on green-houses?"

Last night frightened house-wives and dozens of people rushed out of their homes when it was reported that a flying saucer "about thirty feet long" had landed somewhere in Clifton.

According to at least a dozen people who said they saw the object, it was disc-shaped and silvery in colour and

was seen travelling across the sky at about 4.45 p. m.

The object was described by independent witnesses who gave an identical account of its size, colour, direction and movements. They said they saw it clearly from the High Bank area of the estate. It had travelled about two miles from Wilford Hill to a point on the Bradmore to Plumtree road where it became confused with a barn roof.

POLICE CALLED.

Police in patrol cars who were called out to investigate the report later told over a hundred people gathered on high ground near Fareham Comprehensive School that it was an optical illusion caused by sunlight.

But Mrs Marjorie Cowdell, of High Bank, said she was amazed by the incident and teenager Denise Stanley said she saw the object clearly. "I was scared," she added.

Several schoolboys, too, claimed it was not the first time they had seen strange objects which had scared them. A few days ago they had seen one hovering above the trees in the vicinity of a wood on the estate.

REPORTS ON MONDAY.

Earlier on Monday, several reports of strange objects in the skies were received at the Guardian Journal offices. At one point three objects were claimed to have been sighted at Clifton by three boys on their way home from school.

Last night's descriptions tally with these earlier reports.

Most of the people who say they saw the object say it seemed to have a cloud of dust or smoke around it.

The "Clifton disc" had the Air Ministry and Meteorological Office baffled. They could not account for the sighting.

And at Watnall Meteorological Office a spokesman said he could not rule out the possibility of the disc being a weather balloon although at that time of the day it would be unlikely.

"Whatever the cause people have no need to worry. These things have been with us a long time now and they have never done anyone any harm," he said.

UNQUOTE.

The London "EVENING NEWS" of Thursday July 6th - (World's largest evening newspaper sale) - showed these headlines.

"MYSTERY OF DANCING LIGHT IN THE SKY."

"Those mystery flying objects are with us again - officially."

"A police patrol car crew reported seeing early today a 'brilliant orange light looping-the-loop and doing strange aerobatics'."

"The police had gone to a lonely spot at Stoney Cross airfield in Hampshire's New Forest after a 999 call to Winchester police headquarters telling of a light hovering 100 feet above the ground."

"The caller said the light was just staying there. There was no noise."

SECOND OBJECT.

But by the time the police arrived it had shot high into the sky to give an aerial display before shooting off towards Salisbury.

Today's mystery flash was the second strange object to have lit up Hants skies within 26 hours.

Experts believe that the first was a meteorite burning out as it travelled over southern Hants before ending its journey in the Brockenhurst area.

But today's dancing light still has officials baffled."

UNQUOTE.

And as UFO CONTACT goes to press - radio reports are still coming in -

RONALD CASWELL.

»The riddle of the shining cone in the sky«

A Giant cone-shaped object hovered 15,000 ft. above the seven coast-guards.

For more than an hour they watched it through high-powered glasses.

As the object hovered over Brixham, Devon, it slowly revolved, revealing some sort of door in its side.

An aircraft approached, flew round it, and then flew away. Eventually the object vanished behind cloud after climbing to about 20,000 ft.

Scores of people along the Devon coast telephoned police stations to ask about the object, sighted at noon on April 28. - (Note newspaper dateline - Ed.).

The coastguards' report about the object was forwarded within minutes to the Ministry of Defence by the R. A. F. at Plymouth.

But last night the Ministry's reaction to the report was puzzling the Brixham coast-guards.

LAUGHABLE.

For the Ministry at first denied that it had ever received a report.

Later, a spokesman said:

"Further inquiries reveal that we did receive a report, but somehow it was not logged."

"We can only suggest that the object may have been a reflection of car headlights or some sort of meteorological phenomena. I cannot comment further."

A senior R. A. F. controller at Plymouth said: "We reported all details. I cannot tell you where the aircraft came from, and you will have a job to get anyone to admit that one was sent up. I understand the UFO was also tracked by radar."

At the coastguard station at Berry Head, Brixham, last night the chief officer, Harry Johnson, said: "It's just laughable for anyone to suggest to a body of highly-trained observers that this was the reflection of car headlights. It was midday. The object was obviously made of something very highly polished, and reflected the sunlight almost like a star."

Coastguard Brian Jenkins said: "I was able to make a detailed drawing of it which I showed to an air vice-marshal who called at the station a few days later."

"His only comment was: 'Most interesting'."

From: Sunday Express, London.

May 21st, 1967.

COMMENT: "CAR HEADLIGHTS" AT MIDDAY! Straight from Project Bluebook! Visit by Air vice-marshal? Aha!



Photograph A shows a peculiar light effect picked up by the camera, of an object described by the 3 observers as „cigar-shaped“, glowing red and hovering over part of Epping Forest in Essex, England. It seems possible that these strange lights may have been attached to, or part of, the main body of the object, the blurred outline of which was seen by the eye but not picked up on the film. The apparent size of the object was ca. $\frac{3}{4}$ size of the Moon.



Photograph B shows the object apparently during its „falling-leaf“ descent, as it swayed gently from side to side. This motion is very often reported in „manoeuvring“ sightings of this nature.

Taken by Bob Brown, of Harlow, Essex, on a YASHICA MAT camera at approx. 1 second exposure, - 2 o'clock on International Sky Watch night (24th - 25th June 1967).

Christchurch, New Zealand

One morning as I set off for school I happened to look out of the window. The sky had a sort of creamy white band like a picture screen between the North and West directions. The band was between the Southern Alps and a bank of clouds above. About in the middle of this band was a very blueblack cloud. It was the only cloud in this band. Its shape was like an egg with pointed ends. The date was October 1966 on a Friday morning at 8.45 a.m.

Mum said „Now other people would think that that was a Flying Saucer“. Just then I went to get my coat. Mum then shouted to me to come back. I ran back and saw the object change shape, in about six seconds, to a pencil shape. Then it changed back to its original form. Then from the left end about seven small round objects with small half circle things on top that looked like cock-pits, appeared and went in a straight line round underneath the object and then went into it. It then changed into a pencil shape, and then formless, like a cloud.

An aeroplane passed it and the object looked approximately nine times bigger than the plane. It then resumed its original form. I was frightened and didn't want to go to school. But Mum said that I had better go, so I dashed up the road to school as fast as I could. I kept watching the object and it seemed to be moving with me. When I arrived at school I told some of the boys about it who were near the class-room. We got on to the steps and looked at it. It had certainly moved. It kept changing shapes as we looked. At nine o'clock we went into the class-room. I told a boy to keep watching it. He told me it was half-and-half with a lamp-post down the middle. I looked out of the window and saw what the boy had told me. Then it came out from behind the lamp-post and started growing smaller and smaller in its original form. It looked as if it was travelling at a tremendous speed into the distance. The boys watched it till it disappeared.

VICTOR DRAIN (12 years),
Innes Road, Christchurch, N. Z.

From: „THE TRUTH SEEKER“ Magazine.
New Zealand.



UFO trip »confirmed«

Plattsburgh, N. Y. - (UPI) - Scientists at the atmospheric research centre of the state university here Saturday confirmed sightings of an unidentified flying object near Plattsburgh last week.

The object was described as bright, moving east to west in the sky, and making looping, hopping and figure eight movements.

The centre said two scientists spotted it in Keene Valley and a local radio announcer saw it near his home.

Plattsburgh AFB officials said their radar was not operating Wednesday or Thursday night.

From: Miami Herald.

Sunday 4th Sept, 1966.

Credit: JANE C. MC EVOY, Florida, U. S. A.



»Terrifying saucer of light« shot across the sky

Another unidentified flying object has been sighted over Worthing, Sussex, the second to be reported to the Gazette in three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Moseley, of 54 Salvington-hill, were awakened by a steady loud humming noise at 2.15 a.m. on Monday. „It was like a child's humming top“, Mrs J. M. Moseley told a reporter.

„We inspected everything to find the cause of the noise, the television, aerials and even the central heating“. Nothing was to be found in the garden and all seemed quiet in the neighbouring houses.

Completely baffled, they went back to the bedroom. „When we opened the curtains we saw a fantastic light shoot across the sky. It went behind Highdown hill“, said Mrs. Moseley. „The terrific glow changed from its oval shape to that of an upturned saucer.“

„Eventually just as it was coming down further over the hill it hovered and the light flickered. The humming noise died down.“

„It started up again after about 15 minutes and the light went along sideways for at least a mile. Then it settled.“

Mr. and Mrs. Moseley continued to watch the light. They were too amazed to think of ringing the police.

Mrs. Moseley continued the story.

„At about 4.30 the glow rose up slowly and started humming again, louder and louder. And then it was gone ...like that.“

Mr. and Mrs. Moseley discussed the strange light the next morning and came to the conclusion that it was a space craft sending out surveyor beams which happened to hit their house.

Worthing police and meteorological office have had no other reports of the light or humming.

Mrs. Moseley stressed that they did not see the object causing the light, just the brilliant white glow.

„It was terrifying,“ she said, „the noise was so beautifully controlled that it made me feel really nervous.“

She would like to hear from anyone else who has seen anything similar.

Mr. L. P. May reported a large black object in the sky over the Downs on April 2. No explanation could be found for it.

From: „Worthing Gazette“.

19th April, 1967.

Credit: MRS. DORA READER, Worthing, Sussex, England.

»UFO activity over Trøndelag to be recorded«

„Police-inspector: Still Better Reports.“

From Aftenposten's Correspondent, Trondheim, 1st February.

AT A MEETING of the newly-founded UFO-society in Trondheim on Tuesday, civil engineer Helness, among others, gave a briefing on the UFO-detectors which the society's technical committee were constructing. It is intended that these UFO-detectors be placed round about the town so that the UFO activity over Trondheim can be registered also from a purely technical angle.

The society has apparently answered a great need here in the town, as, at the Students' Association meeting, between 70 and 80 people were gathered, of whom about 50 signed up as new members.

The society's chairman, sales-manager Tormod Hagen, said in his welcoming speech that it is the aim of the society to collect together all material and information on the UFO activity over Norway and especially over Trøndelag — (— a northern region of Norway, — Ed.) — in an attempt to establish a possible plan behind the UFO's „reconnaissance activity“. Further, the society would initiate a general information service on the subject for the public, the press and other news-media.

The librarian at NTH, Justin Siegert, gave an interesting talk on the philosophical aspects which a possible future contact with a higher civilisation raises.

The society's vice-chairman, police-inspector Arvid Dahle, spoke of the activities of the UFOs since 1947, when they were „re-discovered“, and up today. He made the point that the UFO's interest in our Earth has increased substantially since we began atom-bomb tests and since the first satellites were sent up. The number of reports increased steadily, and they are becoming better and more detailed and also more difficult to explain away by the authorities.

The meeting was concluded with a free discussion, in which contributions and questions from the auditorium showed how great an interest there now is in the UFOs, or the so-called flying saucers. The chairman ended with the wish that a growing stream of reports would be forthcoming from all those people who had seen things which could be described as „unidentified flying objects.“

From: „Aftenposten“, 2nd February 1967.

Translation from the Norwegian by Ronald Caswell.



Sweden makes a try

UFO file handed over to civilian investigators.

Ivan Troëng, Professor of the High School of Forestry and Chairman of the Ifologiska Sällskapet (the UFO Research Society of Sweden), has at last persuaded the military

authorities in Sweden to hand over all UFO reports to his society.

This move followed the prediction made to the Swedish Minister of Defence by Ivan Troëng that on May 22 a „wave“ of saucers could be expected in view of the approach of Venus. Five days later, flying saucers were seen all over the Argentine. On June 28 the Oberbefälhavare (the Commander-in-Chief of all Swedish forces) publicly announced that a complete list of sightings were filed at the Ministry of Defence and that this list was to be handed over to the Swedish UFO Research Society.

Earlier, on June 7, Mr Troëng had been invited to a conference at the Ministry of Defence. At this meeting Colonel von Vegesack, Head of the Staff Research Department, took the chair. In attendance were two staff captains. The conference opened with the statement: „UFOs are not military objects.“ When this declaration has been made, it was easy to discuss how the reports could be handed over without revealing military secrets: a convenient solution seemed to be that the place of observation should not always be disclosed.

The interpretation that the UFO Research Society puts on the Commander-in-Chief's statement was that UFOs seen in Sweden's air-space should be considered as friendly and not as intruders.

Following this official announcement, Mr Troëng was invited to be interviewed on television, when he showed one of the Adamski photographs and answered several questions put to him by a space expert. Colonel von Vegesack then stated that he could see no reason why it should not be true that people on other planets had solved the problems of travelling in space before we had. The television programme was widely commented on in the Press and a lively controversy followed.

The Swedish UFO Research Society is, at the moment, studying the file that the military authorities have handed over.

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Literature

»The Scoriton Mystery«

(Did Adamski Return?)

by Eileen Buckle.

MISS BUCKLE HAS WRITTEN a most unusual flying saucer book that I believe will cause as much controversy within the „saucer world“ as any other book ever written on the subject.

In one volume she has recorded alleged contact with spacepeople physically, mentally and instrumentally, all these incidents occupying a period of one year and a half, encompassing the lives of five ordinary people, all living in the southern part of England.

Bound into the story are two of the best-known figures in UFO history, Captain Thomas Mantell and George Adamski.

And the question arises: Are there „goodies“ and „baddies“ visiting us in flying saucers? Is confusion being deliberately sown by an unseen „opposition“?

The Scorton story begins on the afternoon of April 24th 1965, a matter of hours only after the death (April 23rd) in Washington D. C. of George Adamski, the most famous of the saucer „contactees“. Arthur Bryant, a gardener, living in the village of Scorton, Devon, claims that he was out for a walk alone on the Downs, close up to Dartmoor, one of the most desolate parts of England. A large flying saucer appeared as if from nowhere, swooped down low, and remained hovering three feet above a field only yards away from where he stood.

A door slid upwards into the roof and three beings stood there, dressed in a type of space-suit, with what looked like divers' helmets on their heads. Removing these, they showed themselves to be human in shape and features, and although two of them were unlike any Earthman Bryant had ever seen, the third one was as ordinary-looking as any young boy of 12 or 14 to be found anywhere in England.

He spoke in English and called himself „Yamski“. What he had to say to the wondering Bryant, and what Bryant was to see on his inspection tour of the hovering saucer, led to a year-long investigation by Eileen Buckle and her saucer-researcher friend, which was to take them into their own strange adventure. „Yamski“ offered Bryant „proof of Mantell“, and this unknowing countryman was given this „proof“ weeks later, from a saucer hovering over a field near to his home.

All the indications were that the strange contact was to do with the lately-deceased George Adamski, nearly all the clues pointed to the possibility of Adamski's „reincarnation“. But not quite all.

Then, a year later to the day after the meeting with Arthur Bryant, this time across England in Essex on April 24th 1966, a voice spoke across the thoughts of a young man smoking a last cigarette before bed-time. Over a year before the young man had had a saucer sighting in very unusual circumstances. The voice said: „Go to the Green in the morning. Go to the Green in the morning.“

At a rendezvous in Epping Forest a saucer was sighted hovering high in the sky, and the same insistent voice spoke, this time of „G. A.“

Almost a month later the young man's car engine was stopped mysteriously, and a road-side meeting with a strange man took place, a stranger wearing brown jacket and flannels, a stranger with fair hair, penetrating blue eyes, skin that had never felt a razorblade and a hand-shake that was not a hand-shake.

From instructions given to the young man a day-long watch was kept near to a small village in the Wiltshire countryside – barely 20 miles from Warminster. „Things“ were seen in the sky, again a voice came through, and a member of the sky-watch group took a lucky photograph. When it was developed it showed a typical „flying saucer“. And in the background were two other „flying saucers“.

Although Eileen Buckle herself was not in on this episode her researcher friend was. Shortly afterwards, mysterious voice messages in verse and in code were „recorded“ on

her friend's taperecorder. Yet there was no microphone attached and the switch was not in the recording position.

Later, morse code messages were received on tape, also in verse and using a form of riddle to give instructions; again with no visible means of recording the messages.

Eileen Buckle herself was brought deeper and deeper into the mystery, together with others working on the investigations of the three separate cases. Yet another man received „telepathic“ impressions to go „somewhere“.

The „messages“ were confusing, though appearing to follow a pattern. And Eileen Buckle began to feel that possibly these tape „contacts“ were not as healthy as one might have hoped. Could it be that there were „Baddies“ up there as well as „Goodies“?

The young man in Essex continued to have meetings with the fair-haired man; he was forewarned of „sightings in the area“ which actually came to pass during the period stated, verified from a number of sources. The contact goes on –

Miss Buckle's book, her first, is proof of an amazingly well-correlated and accurately-reported work of investigation. Giving everything it is possible to give, in great detail, the book at no time becomes repetitive or dull.

This reviewer sat for hours reading through „The Scorton Mystery“ and was greatly impressed by the objective manner in which Miss Buckle tells a story that had come pretty close in on her own private life. And at the end it is left to the reader to decide.

Are there „goodies“ and „baddies“?

Did Bryant meet 3 men from Space?

Did the young man make contact in Epping Forest?

Is confusion being deliberately spread among UFO researchers in a certain field, by an opposition which could emanate from entities in space or certain agencies on Earth? Is this some kind of lastditch stand against an impending revelation of the facts about flying saucers?

Speaking of an „accurately-reported work of investigation“, it is not often that a book reviewer is involved to a great extent in the book which is under review.

No, not as the „researcher friend“.

Not as the young man in Essex.

But being in sole possession of a genuine photograph of 3 flying saucers gives this writer a kind of first-hand point-of-view.

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» - the nations make the decision - «

Question: „The U. N. is composed of various nations. But will it ever be possible for such an assembly of sovereign nations to prevent wars and conflicts between the people of Earth before a recognized higher authority, e. g. world government, is established?“

Adamski: „It will all depend on the support given to the governments by the respective nations. It is evident that the U. N. can prevent wars, bring about orderly conditions in many fields and be the connecting link between the space men and the authorities of Earth, but – the nations make the decision!“

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edited by Major H. C. Petersen.

Miscellaneous

The big killing

by ALASTAIR BUCHAN, Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies. The institute is an independently financed international centre for research on the problems of defence and disarmament.

(UFO CONTACT reproduces this article, not for political reasons, but to lift a mirror to the world into which some might look – and turn away in shame.)

The way in which the Great Powers, America, Russia, Britain and France have allowed, indeed encouraged, a massive build up of arms in the Middle East and then dissociated themselves from the inevitable conflict is sickening.

If this tragic war does nothing else, I hope it will make all the major powers think again about their policies of aid and trade in arms with the undeveloped countries.

Of course, in the Middle East there is no question that it is the Russians who have pursued the most irresponsible policy.

Between 1950 and 1955 Britain, France and the United States did try to maintain a balance in the arms they supplied to Israel and the Arab countries, and to keep it at a fairly low level. Then the Russians blew the policy wide open when they encouraged the Czechs to make a massive arms deal with Egypt.

Offensive.

Since then the Russians have sold to Egypt and Syria. Not just defensive weapons like fighters and anti-aircraft missiles, or even tanks, but clearly offensive weapons like heavy bombers, light bombers and missile firing ships.

Moreover, it is not material which is obsolete for Russia's own purpose. It is the very latest equipment from her factories.

After Suez, and when it was clear that Egypt and Syria, and later Iraq, had become Russian satellites as far as arms were concerned, any co-ordinated and responsible Western policy gradually broke down.

Stepped in.

Because the British and Americans were still reluctant to give high performance or long-range aircraft to Israel, the French stepped in and sold her virtually anything she wanted, to the great profit of the French aircraft manufacturers.

As the Anglo-Saxons saw Egypt gaining greater influence throughout the Arab world, they determined to mix high

policy with good business and to arm the oil-rich countries like Kuwait and, later, Saudi Arabia, with British and American weapons.

The consequence is that the most hate-filled and tense area of the world consists of a group of countries with the latest and deadliest weapons.

The air battle that has been raging for the last 36 hours is not really an Israel-Arab one, but a Franco-Soviet one, though General de Gaulle has piously drawn his skirts aside from the conflict.

But for the accident that their pilots are not yet trained and deliveries are not completed, we would see British and American fighter bombers in the hands of Jordanians and Saudi Arabians attacking Elath and the Holy places of Jerusalem.

Guilty.

I think Israel will win this air battle. Although she has got fewer aircraft than her Arab neighbours, she has superb pilots and ground crews. But it is no good Lyndon Johnson and George Brown saying they are neutral in word, thought and deed, because they bear a high responsibility for the kind of forces now locked in battle.

And if the Israelis do win the air battle, then we pass to a Soviet/American/British (Arab) versus a British/French/American (Israeli) tank battle.

The Western statesman who comes worst out of this situation is Charles de Gaulle, for the French have had a completely opportunistic policy about arms sales. They stepped in, for instance, to become the major supplier of South Africa when Britain decided to refuse further arms shipment in 1964.

But the British and Americans are also guilty, for it is a tremendous temptation to offset the high cost of one's own defence budget by selling arms to other people.

As many people have noted, Harold Wilson was the first Prime Minister both to appoint a Minister for Disarmament and a Super Arms Salesman.

The Middle East tragedy could be repeated elsewhere, levels of armaments are going up in Africa and Southern Asia, and the Americans are fighting a responsible, but probably losing battle to keep military jet aircraft out of Latin America: even the Swedes are trying to persuade Latin American governments to buy them.

One danger is that after this Middle East conflict is over, Israel will decide not only to rearm with conventional weapons but also to make her own nuclear arms – and eventually Egypt will follow suit.

Perhaps this week's tragedy will jolt the big powers out of their complacency and opportunism. Perhaps it will make them talk seriously about how they can control not only the flow of armaments to the under-developed world but also their own mounting confrontation.

Only if they do this will their pious neutralism in the Arab-Israel conflict be morally justifiable.

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UFOs over Greenland

by Kai Ove Madsen.

DURING MY STAY in Greenland as a national serviceman (draftee) at the naval base Groennedal, I heard several times of reports bearing on green luminous balls. The first observation occurred when the padre and his assistant were headed for the library at our base; it was early in the evening and there was still some daylight, when they suddenly observed a green luminous ball moving slowly over the naval base and disappearing behind the mountains in the general direction of the ice-cap.

Fortunately, some soldiers were on a trip to the ice-cap and they noticed the green ball vanishing into or down on the ice-cap a great distance off. The object did not reappear. One might possibly ask whether or not the soldiers walked in there, looking for possible traces. They did not do so

because it happened in the summer and consequently it is strictly forbidden to mount the ice — it can result in death! By the way, during this time, many people up and down the coast observed these green luminous balls.

I happened to hear that the weather station held some reports on observations, so I paid them a visit to discuss the matter, and sure enough, they HAD seen the green balls flying in flocks or formations of from 5 to 8 in number, usually between 11 p. m. and 3 a. m. These objects generally came in from the direction of the sea, (the Davis Straits) and disappeared in different directions over the mountains.

One starry night at full moon, three or four months before our demobilisation, I went out to take some scenic photographs of the naval base. The temperature was minus 20 degrees Cent. and the weather was calm. That night I did not observe anything, but when I had the film developed in Denmark (the film was in colour) three photos displayed the green balls. The photos had been exposed respectively 20 seconds, 45 seconds and 2 minutes, and bitterly cold as it was I walked around banging my fists while the camera was working.

On the photo that had been exposed 2 minutes, the green balls are hanging over a mountain which we named the Iron Hat. This mountain is filled with ore and its name tells you what kind of ore it is.

One night as I was on my way home from duty I saw on the face of this mountain a powerful white light flashing for about 30-40 seconds. This happened between one o'clock and one-thirty a. m. The moon was visible through the clouds so that the outline of the mountains and the tiny space between the clouds were clearly seen. Next morning I asked if anybody had been in the mountains that night, but nobody answered in the affirmative; and anyway, who would be interested in strolling about the mountains at such an hour, as there were no nightly exercises — but, of course, I only asked the question to be one hundred per cent sure.

What reasons might the green balls have had for appearing over Greenland during these years? Here are a couple of reasons one just cannot ignore:

- 1). Uranium had been found not so far from the naval base (approx. 40-50 kms, — 25-30 miles, — to the South).
- 2). At that time large radar installations were being constructed at Thule.
- 3). Smaller radar stations were being built around the coasts of Greenland.

A study of reports concerning green UFOs shows that they are frequently observed near or directly over factories, laboratories and testing-grounds where experiments or other types of nuclear research are carried out.

Translation: J. S. Boye Petersen.



The photographs will be brought in vol. 2 no. 7, october 1967.





U Thant and UFO's

DREW PEARSON

(Today's column is by Drew Pearson and his associate, Jack Anderson.)

Washington.

In the very middle of the Near East crisis, UN Secretary General Thant took time to do a very significant thing. He arranged to have one of the top advocates of the theory that flying saucers—UFOs—are from another planet, speak before the Outer Space Affairs Committee of the UN.

The Middle East war broke on June 5. On June 7 Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, a firm believer in UFOs, spoke before the UN outer space committee. Dr. McDonald believes that UFOs are extraterrestrial spaceships on reconnaissance missions to explore the earth. He has also addressed the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Washington Meteorology Society on this subject.

Interesting fact is that U Thant has confided to friends that he considers UFOs the most important problem facing the UN next to the war in Vietnam. U Thant made this statement before war in the Near East, so it's not known how he rates this last international incident compared with UFOs.

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'Scared.... we thought it was going to land'

IT'S THAT FLYING SAUCER AGAIN!

MANY Flying Saucer sightings have been claimed in the Epping area in recent months—it seems to be a favourite spotting area—but never before has the observer been able to capture, on film, the unidentified flying object which he has seen.

In the early hours of Sunday morning three young men photographed something in the sky over Epping that, from its appearance and description, will make even the most hardened UFO sceptics think again.

WORLDWIDE

UFO spotters all over the world spent Saturday night watching the sky. They were taking part in the 24-hour International Sky Watch, to celebrate the 20th birthday of Flying Saucers.

In Essex alone 15 UFO's were reported, and some of these were over Epping Forest. Since the weekend more reports from Epping people have been made.

NATURALIST

Mr. John Lander, aged 20, who works at Cossor's, Harlow, and a keen naturalist, recently saw a "strange thing in the sky" at night. He joined local UFO groups, and formed a small group of spotters himself.

On Saturday evening, with two friends, he started watching the sky over Epping from a farm just south of Harlow. The three men were equipped with telescopes, detectors, and cine and still cameras.

"It was a bit cloudy, but we saw a few things like satellites in the first three hours," said Mr. Lander.

"Then, at about 2.10 a.m., we saw a bright red cigar-shaped light over Epping, going in the direction of North Weald. There was no noise, and it was about threequarters the diameter of the full moon.

"As it got nearer the ground the light intensified, becoming nearly white, and then it seemed to stop, and hover, swaying like a falling leaf."

He added: "We were really scared, thinking it was going to land. Thank goodness we had the cameras."

The object was in sight for five or six minutes, claimed the observers, and then it shot off "at tremendous speed" towards London.

The three men, John Lander, Peter Philpott, and Bob Brown, all of whom live in Harlow, hope the cine films they took will help to back their claims.

One of Britain's foremost authorities on UFO phenomena, Mr. Ron Caswell, of Potter Street, said this week: "This is tremendous news. There has been so much activity in the Epping area during the past year, and now we have some solid evidence to work on."



■ Flying saucers? What looked to an Epping observer early on Sunday like a "cigar-shaped ball of fire in the sky" is shown, by sensitive film, to be four distinct objects. Bob Brown took the picture with a Yashica Mat camera, at F 3.5 for one second. (4000)

'BALL OF LIGHT'

There was more UFO news on Monday when an Epping family watched a "very bright ball of white light" hovering over their house in Clover Leas.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Cooper, who were called out by their 16-year-old daughter Lesley, and David Hall, her boy friend, at about 11 p.m., to look at the object. Gillian, their other daughter, also got up to look.

"It was too high up to distinguish any shape. It hovered over our house, and then began moving slowly off in a semi-circle," Mrs. Joyce Cooper told the Gazette.

"Then it stopped for a moment, before shooting off at terrific speed, and then the light went out... perhaps it went behind a cloud," she added.

She said she heard no noise, but her younger daughter, Gillian, whining noise.

Several reports of cigar-shaped objects over Epping Forest were made at the weekend. The three Harlow spotters claimed their UFO was cigar-shaped, but the sensitivity of the film has picked out four separate objects,