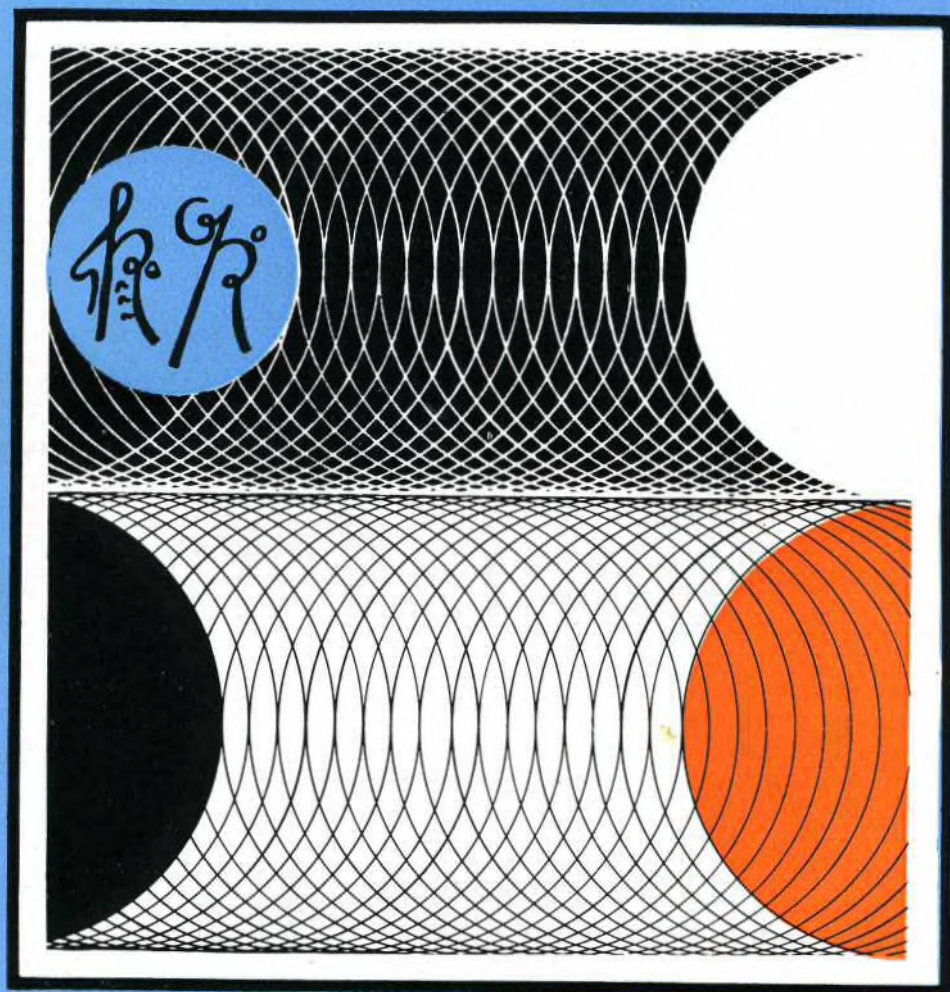


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Purpose and scope

This magazine has been dedicated to
MR. GEORGE ADAMSKI.

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...

READING BETWEEN THE LINES, apparently, is a „must“ for UFO researchers and others interested in the flying saucer problem. Right from the early days, when the pronouncements and „leaks“ from the appropriate source in the Pentagon or the USAF changed on alternate months from an apparent belief in the interplanetary origin of the UFOs to a profound scepticism as to their existence except in the imagination, one learned to shrug off the contradictions and inconsistencies and just go on with the job of examining the evidence.

WE STILL HAVE TO DO IT TODAY.

As shown in the December 1967 issue of UFO CONTACT, doubletalk seems to be the accepted thing in authority when it comes to the UFO-case. Then we dealt fully with the Canadian scene and the denials of official participation in research, which were to be so palpably exposed as a „side-stepping“ of the truth, by the Canadian Defence Minister himself in a recent interview.

We have witnessed in recent months the pitifully disgraceful showing-up of Project Bluebook, and the world is slowly beginning to realise that the U.S. Air Force has been bluffing all along.

For those who have read between the lines during the years, this dénouement was bound to come. And, finally, it was an American who de-bunked the official saucer „de-bunkers“.

Are the British or the French or the other Defence Ministries and Intelligence Agencies equally guilty of deception?

Yes, they are equally guilty. But their activities have been more subtle, as befits the „older“ diplomatic regimes. They have, on the face of it, ignored UFO activities over their territories and have succeeded in bemusing or re-assuring a very naive public by the mere fact of apparently doing nothing. Perhaps a touch of British phlegm or stoicism learned from Sir Francis Drake at the reported approach of the Armada. Perhaps a little Gallic logic calculated to puzzle, then disperse anxiety. Say nothing and nothing will happen.

Whatever it may be, it is the more vociferous U.S. article which has come unstuck on this occasion. Namely USAF's Project Bluebook. But Bluebook has served its purpose well enough for 19 years. AS A FRONT FOR THE MEN AT THE PENTAGON.

And what with the new-fledged member nation of the UFO-study club? Russia, so recently reported as establishing an official commission to examine UFO reports, with scientists and other trained men to collect information, is now said, according to reports, to have considered the announcement to be premature and, in fact, not quite correct in its content. And the man who made the announcement over Moscow TV,

the leader of the project, Soviet Air Force Major-general Porfiry Stolyarov, is now said to be ill. And one assumes, unable to comment.

Do we perceive here some Soviet second thoughts? Some Russian back-tracking, as in other national versions, calculated to confuse? Time will surely tell. Nevertheless, UFO CONTACT presents in this issue several indications that there IS a considerable amount of interest in the Soviet Union, not least in scientific circles. And our guess is that Professor Felix Siegel (Feliks Zigel), outspoken author of articles on flying saucers and allied objects, will one day be recognised as the leading Soviet pioneer UFO researcher.

We might add, in parenthesis, that this journal is sent also to a number of Soviet political figures as well as scientists and others. Whether or not it is already on the list of banned literature, since our comments on the recent Venus probe, is another matter!

COMING ON TOP OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POSSIBLE SOVIET SAUCER-RESEARCH „VETO“ IS YET ANOTHER, PERHAPS EVEN MORE SERIOUS, DENIAL, WHICH CAN THREATEN TO DESTROY THE TRUST PLACED IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION!

A photostat of a letter from the Chef de Cabinet of the UN Secretariat, C. V. Narasimhan, contained in an article in the December 1967 issue of the American magazine SAGA, reads as follows:

„UNITED NATIONS — NATIONS UNIES
NEW YORK.

Executive Office Of The Secretary-General.

29 June 1967.

Dear Mr. S.

On behalf of the Secretary-General I acknowledge your letter to him dated 27 June.

It is not correct that the Secretary-General requested Dr. McDonald to come to New York City to confer with him. Dr. McDonald wrote to the Secretary-General requesting an interview and the Secretary-General agreed to see him on 7 June. Unfortunately, on that day the Secretary-General was pre-occupied with meetings of the Security Council and Dr. McDonald only saw the Chief of the Outer Space Affairs Group and his colleagues.

It is also not correct to say that the Secretary-General personally believes in the existence of UFOs.

I hope this makes the position clear.

Yours sincerely,
C. V. Narasimhan.
Chef de Cabinet.“

UNQUOTE.

Perhaps we may be allowed to make a point in passing. The first publication of the reported interest of U Thant in UFOs was, we understand, in the Drew Pearson column of the NEW YORK POST, on June 27, (see UFO CONTACT August 1967.) The letter which brought the above reply was sent the same day. We commend the Chef de Cabinet for

being so quickly on the ball. That the Secretary-General, in the first place, was agreeable to seeing an „odd-ball“ saucer researcher, scientific or otherwise, at the United Nations, was also a remarkable enough circumstance. Both indications, surely, that the UN is either very interested in, or very jittery about, the flying saucer problem.

Another letter, this time from Mr. Marvin Robinson, Scientific Secretary, Outer Space Affairs Group, says:

„5 July 1967.

Dear Mr. S.

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 1967. I must inform you that the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has never discussed the subject of unidentified flying objects nor requested any study or report on this subject.

We are, therefore, unable to send any material to you with reference to the above-mentioned topic.

Sincerely yours,
Marvin Robinson.
Scientific Secretary,
Outer Space Affairs Group.“
UNQUOTE.

The author of the SAGA article „Why Is The UN Censoring The Truth About UFOs?“ — makes this point:

„Why does the UN's Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space try to cover up with a similar denial?“ — (— as that by the Chef de Cabinet, — Ed.) — „When questioned by this reporter, Marvin Robinson, Scientific Secretary of the Outer Space Affairs Group declared that the Committee“ ... has never discussed the subject of unidentified flying objects nor requested any study or report on this subject.“

„Why does Secretary-General U Thant now disclaim personal interest in UFOs after having reportedly expressed deep concern over the UFOs and placed it high on the list of serious world problems?“

The puzzled writer might well ask that question.

But, first, let us see if he has quite made his point.

The first publicised press report of U Thant's reputed interest in UFOs was, as we have said, in a NEW YORK POST item by columnist Drew Pearson, on June 27 1967. In excerpt, it said:

„— U Thant — 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 —“

„— Interesting fact is that U Thant confided to friends that he consider UFOs the most important problem facing the UN next to the war in Vietnam —“

The fact seems to emerge, that U Thant „considers UFOs the most important problem —“ next to Vietnam.

The letter from Chef de Cabinet Narasimhan DOES NOT SAY that U Thant disclaims a „personal

interest in UFOs.“ It says QUOTE: „It is not correct to say that the Secretary-General personally believes in the existence of UFOs.“ UNQUOTE. One might read from this: INTEREST and BELIEF are not necessarily the same thing.

Is the U.N. C on the P.U.O.S. trying „to cover up with a similar denial?“ Well, perhaps it is, — but it is at the same time being factual.

The writer in SAGA speaks of Dr. James McDonald delivering an urgent statement about UFOs to the COMMITTEE.

Drew Pearson of the NEW YORK POST writes of Dr. McDonald's address to the Outer Space Affairs COMMITTEE.

Marvin Robinson, Sci. Sec. Outer Space Affairs Group says, the U.N. COMMITTEE on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space „has never discussed the subject of unidentified flying objects nor requested any study or report on this subject.“ UNQUOTE.

It seems that Mr. Robinson is not necessarily incorrect in the WORDING of his statement. BUT HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTISE OF UFO DOUBLE-TALK.

Dr. James E. McDonald did NOT speak to the Outer Space Affairs COMMITTEE. Dr. McDonald spoke to the Chief and members of the Outer Space Affairs GROUP.

Dr. McDonald, in a letter to U Thant on June 5, thanked him „for making it possible for me to meet with the United Nations Outer Space Affairs Group on June 7 —“

The Melbourne „SUN“, referring to Mr. McDonald's visit to Australia, says: „He has already met the U.N. Outer Space Affairs Group.“

Chef de Cabinet C. V. Narasimhan stated that: „Dr. McDonald only saw the Chief of the Outer Space Affairs Group and his colleagues.“

And Mr. Marvin Robinson, being Scientific Secretary of the Outer Space Affairs GROUP did not bother to point out the difference.

The Outer Space Affairs COMMITTEE and the Outer Space Affairs GROUP are two entirely separate parts of the same UN body. The GROUP being answerable to the COMMITTEE.

Whatever Mr. Robinson says regarding the U.N. COMMITTEE on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space never have „discussed the subject of unidentified flying objects —“, the fact is that the Chairman of that body, His Excellency Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Austrian Ambassador to UNO, referring to a proposed invitation of UFO scientists and researchers to the UN Outer Space conference in Vienna in August 1968, writes: „I have discussed the question with the Secretariat of the United Nations —“

Also to hand is a photostat copy of a letter from the office of the Secretary-General. It is addressed to Mr. Colman VonKeviczky.

„UNITED NATIONS — NATIONS UNIES.

17 February 1967.

Dear Mr. VonKeviczky,

On behalf of the Secretary-General I wish to ac-

knowledge and thank you for your letter to him dated 1 February.

The Secretary-General has seen your letter and the enclosures. He appreciates your interest and thanks you for the information. Your letter together with the enclosed material has been referred to the Outer Space Affairs Group in the Secretariat.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,
Ismat T. Kittani,
Principal Officer.
UNQUOTE.

So the Secretary-General has SEEN the letter and the ENCLOSURES, as he has seen the documentation and photographic material submitted to him by Mr. VonKeviczky over the past 2½ years, which has in turn been forwarded to the Outer Space Affairs Group.

So Mr. Robinson of that GROUP, in his ambiguously-worded letter, though perhaps „unable to send any material“ to his enquirer, certainly knew of the UFO material received by his GROUP, and yet he tried to give the impression that nothing was known by referring in his letter to the COMMITTEE.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE that political and ideological aims have many times, throughout history, been achieved by pressure and intimidation.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE ALSO that, only after repeated representations and pleas from certain parties in the United Nations, did the much-respected Secretary-General U Thant unwillingly stand for re-election in his lonely and unenvied post.

IS THE HEAT NOW BEING FELT IN THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS? IS PRESSURE BEING APPLIED BY INTERESTED PARTIES?

IS THE APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OF THE GATHERING OF NATIONS BEING INTIMIDATED BY THE ORGANISED UFO-CASE OPPOSITION?

THIS IS A QUESTION THAT EVERY DELEGATE AT THE UNITED NATIONS WHO RECEIVES THIS JOURNAL SHOULD NOW ASK HIMSELF.

Confusion tactics from the American authorities, from the British authorities, from the Canadian, the Russian, —

WHAT ARE THEY ALL HIDING?

ARE WE NOW TO GET THESE TACTICS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS?

Once again, UFO CONTACT is speaking straight out, probing the consciences of those in high office who can control the beliefs and destinies of the peoples of this planet.

Once again, in seeking a hearing, UFO CONTACT makes its appeal to the human being, not the diplomat — to the conscience itself, not to the methods of expediency.

LET US LEAVE POLITICS OUT OF THIS HUMAN QUESTION. LET US SET ASIDE THE PAWNS AND THEIR MANIPULATORS.

For the second time, this journal addresses its Open Letter to the one man who CAN act in the UFO-case, if he is so instructed by the delegates of the world's nations.

We ask him to act speedily, — if necessary defy convention, break with protocol. This world, so full of hate, greed and lust, might well be in its 11th hour, brought about by its own wilful ignorance. Its internal strife, forever increasing, forces it time and time again to the edge of the abyss. Can any sensible person foresee anything but a calamitous ending? To speak of pessimistic foreboding is to deny reality and evade the truth.

THERE IS ONE WAY ONLY, FOR A WORLD FOREVER TURNING IN ON ITSELF. THAT WAY IS OUTWARDS AND UPWARDS.

LET US, AT LAST, RECOGNISE AND FACE THOSE WHO VISIT US FROM SPACE. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING THE UNITED NATIONS.

We direct our Open Letter once again, to:
His Excellency, Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation,

U THANT.

An Open Letter

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT
NEW YORK.

FEBRUARY 1968.

To Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation

U THANT

Your Excellency,

One year ago, in February, we addressed an Open Letter to Your Excellency concerning the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. During the intervening months the sightings reported from all parts of the world have increased fantastically. Additional evidence is gathered almost every day of unnatural objects sighted in the skies of this planet. Despite the assurances of air forces that nothing untoward is taking place, strange incidents ARE being reported; despised scientific assertions that „flying saucers“ are so much „pie in the sky“, more and more scientists are calling for action in the investigation of these reports.

In our February 1967 Letter, we made the following 3 points. They are still as valid today: in fact, the urgency with which those points were originally expressed has become, if anything, even more pressing.

1) For a world in space which is now reaching out into the void, Earth has arrived at a cross-roads.

As evidenced by the tragic events unfolding in many parts of the world today, Man appears to be an unlikely aspirant for the stars. With his inborn materialism and disregard for others' basic human rights, one finds it amazing indeed that he could have reached thus far on his road to eternity.

- 2) IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO THE POLICY-MAKERS OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO DECIDE WHAT THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW AND ACCEPT IN THE MATTER OF THESE ABSOLUTELY PROVEN VISITATIONS BY BEINGS FROM OTHER PLANETS IN THE UNIVERSE.
- 3) We would like to express our support, — as a truly international organisation, — for any authoritative body which you and the Cabinet of the U.N. Secretariat might wish to set up, regarding an international inquiry into the question of visiting space craft and entities from other planets —

Sir, Mankind continues to tread the DOWNWARD path whilst claiming to seek the UPWARD. We see GOLD and GUNS more evident in the world's news than any other single thing. Speculation and manipulation in the Banks and Stock Markets, from Gorki Street to Threadneedle Street, from Wall Street to the Bourse; — while the lifeblood of thousands is spilling into the soil and nuclear rockets hang over our heads, men with gold-dust under their finger-nails are watching the temperature of this ailing Earth, judging the moment for the next spot of plunder, the next knife-thrust into some nation's vitals, with an arms-shipment which might well come to blow up the world.

Are the likes of these to spawn our future astral wayfarers?

Are the cold-eyed materialists of this day and age to spread their offspring like a virus across the seas of space to other planets. We sincerely hope not.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union have initiated national programs of UFO investigation. The evidence is overwhelming that this is a GLOBAL PROBLEM, yet neither these two powerful nations nor any other has proposed to the United Nations Organisation that an INTERNATIONAL BODY be set up to study the phenomenon. It has been left to private UFO study groups and individual scientists to make a move towards INTERNATIONALISATION of the UFO-case.

WE KNOW THAT IT IS A NECESSARY PROCEDURE FOR A MEMBER NATION TO PROPOSE THIS BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS CAN ACT. IS IT NOT, THEN, REMARKABLE THAT THESE MAJOR POWERS ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN A LIMITED NATIONAL INVESTIGATION, RATHER THAN THE PROPOSING OF AN INTERNATIONAL STUDY FROM WHICH ALL COULD BENEFIT? THERE ARE THOSE WHO INSIST THAT THESE POWERS, AND OTHERS, KNOW ALREADY MUCH MORE ABOUT THIS PROBLEM THAN HAS BEEN DI-

VULGED, THAT THESE „PUBLIC“ NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS ARE A FACADE. IS THIS ALL SO REMARKABLE?

Viewed in relation to other significant world events, it is, perhaps, NOT so remarkable.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHATEVER KNOWLEDGE MIGHT BE GAINED FROM NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC UFO STUDIES, „PUBLIC“ OR OTHERWISE, THAT KNOWLEDGE WILL BE RETAINED FOR ANY FUTURE NATIONAL PURPOSE IN THE IDEOLOGICAL WAR WHICH IS AT PRESENT RAGING ON THIS PLANET.

It is, apparently, a hopeless situation, yet it needs just ONE NATION to make the first step possible. ONE SMALL NATION TO START THE BALL ROLLING.

Sir, we are sure that every one of the private national or international UFO organisations would be willing to work for the common welfare in this UFO enigma. The private groups have no axe to grind, either financially or ideologically. WE, SPEAKING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, REITERATE OUR SUPPORT FOR A UNITED NATIONS INVESTIGATION.

But, Your Excellency, there is an obstacle to overcome before even the first step can be taken.

WE MUST BE ABLE TO TRUST THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION BEFORE WE CAN BEGIN TO WORK WITH IT.

There must be no UFO „double-talk“ from UN officials. We have seen too much of this kind of thing in the past, until this day, even, from other national bodies. There must be no further letters from officials at UNO which, while indicating that the *Outer Space Affairs Committee* HAS NEVER discussed the subject of UFOs, does not indicate that the *Outer Space Affairs Group* HAS discussed the subject.

This is intellectual dishonesty not worthy of the United Nations.

Your Excellency, may we ask you, with all respect, to state once and for all, your personal attitude towards the subject of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Since the publication of a report to the effect that Your Excellency sanctioned a meeting of a leading scientific UFO researcher with the *Outer Space Affairs Group* — (Committee) — and that you, yourself, considered UFO to be „the most important problem facing the UN next to the war in Vietnam“, this news has gone round the world.

Subsequently, the U.N. Chef de Cabinet C. V. Narasimhan, has stated: „It is also not correct to say that the Secretary-General personally believes in the existence of UFOs.“ UNQUOTE.

Surely, IF the earlier report is correct, i. e. that Your Excellency considers UFOs next in importance after Vietnam, then this is a positive indication of your interest in the subject, an urgent interest APPARENTLY signifying belief. The attitude of Your Excellency's Chef de Cabinet might be taken to convey a certain anxiety that the Secretary-General should not be personally implicated, whereas Your Excel-

lency's reported statement, if true, indicates the opposite.

Sir, is this not „splitting hairs“? It is known that you have been supplied with, and acknowledged through your office, extensive documentation on this subject. You have been pressed repeatedly with the urgency of this situation, which has no parallel in history.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, USAF's scientific consultant on UFOs, has spoken to the relevant UN body on this subject.

Dr. James E. McDonald has appeared before the Outer Space Affairs Group.

Others have given in their reports.

May we ask, Sir, in order to straighten the record, — and here we are bearing in mind the tremendously important significance of Your Excellency's Office in relation to this Global problem and its implications: -

- 1) DO YOU CONSIDER UFOs THE MOST IMPORTANT UN PROBLEM AFTER VIETNAM?
- 2) DO YOU PERSONALLY BELIEVE OR NOT BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF UFOs?
- 3) AS A BELIEF IN UFOs — UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS — IS NOT OF SUCH POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS A BELIEF IN THE EXISTENCE OF *ALIEN SPACE CRAFT*, DOES YOUR EXCELLENCY BELIEVE IT POSSIBLE THAT *ALIEN SPACE CRAFT* COULD BE VISITING THE EARTH?

Your Excellency, we are fully aware of the tight-rope act which, as the balance between rival ideologies, your Office represents.

We can understand the pressures emanating from East and West.

As a journal which has widely publicised the reports of your „interest“ in UFOs mentioned above, UFO CONTACT would feel honourably bound to publish any refutation of these reports which Your Excellency might wish to make, as, for example, in replying to the above questions.

OUR INTEREST IS IN THE TRUTH, THE PLAIN TRUTH, UNTRIMMED BY POLITICS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TRUTH CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT OUT BY THE ACTIONS OF UNBIASED MEN, MEN WHO SEE THEIR DUTY FIRST, NOT TO ONE NATION, NOT TO ONE IDEOLOGY, OR ANY OTHER TRANSIENT PHASE FLEETING ACROSS THE PAGES OF HISTORY, BUT TO — HUMANITY.

WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S HIGH OFFICE CAN, AT THIS MOST CRITICAL TIME, BE USED IN A MANNER UNDREAMED OF AT ITS INCEPTION.

IT CAN BE USED TO „UNITE“ THE „NATIONS“ OF THIS PLANET LITERALLY AND LEAD THEM — IN DIGNITY, IN MATURITY AND WITH UNDERSTANDING — TO THE STARS.

With Sincere Best Wishes
THE EDITORS.

What Adamski said

UNDER THIS HEADING we have brought our readers in the past information given to George Adamski by the Space Brothers, data he has gathered on his flights in their space ships, and scientific data which has later been obtained that has gone far to substantiate his „fantastic“ claims. Mention has frequently been made of Cosmic Philosophy, that Understanding of Universal Laws which enabled Adamski to press onward with his chosen task of informing those who would listen of the truth of our Space Visitors.

Here, to give our readers an insight on the mind of that student and teacher of philosophy for many years, George Adamski, we present the Introduction to his privately-printed book: COSMIC PHILOSOPHY. Adamski learned his philosophy from life. He travelled widely, seeking the small truths that went to make the big truths. His was not a university training; looking about us in our everyday lives at those who consider themselves academically erudite, it might seem a blessing in disguise that George Adamski escaped this form of education. Certainly, his early way of life and studies of Oriental and Occidental philosophies and religions helped him much to endure with stoicism the later phase of his life. Faced with intellectual persecution and intolerance, he allowed the ridicule and scorn of his detractors to slip from him like water from a duck's back. To those who fail to understand why precisely this man was among those chosen to bring news of the flying saucers and our visitors from space, we offer once again, a tiny part of WHAT ADAMSKI SAID:



COSMIC PHILOSOPHY (Introduction)

The Truth About Truth.

Political factions are clamoring against each other for the right of opinion; philosophers and scientists are arguing about the truth of their various theories; all over the world conflicting thought centers are springing up, each professing itself the only dispenser of the absolute truth, and man finds himself wondering just what is truth.

As long as man has been in existence I suppose he has sought for truth without recognizing it when he had it firmly in his grasp.

Many generations ago when the Roman Empire was at the height of her glory and the weight of her dominance was felt by a host of people, there arose in her midst a master mind who said to those oppressed, „You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.“ And the people eager for deliverance, cried

out, "The truth! Give us the truth that we may be free!" They were told the meaning of truth but they could not comprehend, and so we hear the echo of those words and the billions like them quivering down the ages with an insistent appeal — "The truth! What is truth?"

And for every such questioning voice there is another calling, "Follow me, I alone can give you the real truth!" And blindly the people follow, little knowing or understanding the purpose of life.

So to you of this present day — you who have acquired much knowledge of many things, I ask, "What is truth?"

Those who are idealistically inclined will answer, "It is reality!" And those who are founded upon a cold scientific basis will answer, "Fact." Others will say that truth is that which is opposed to untruth or is that which is good. To those who gave the first two answers I shall say you are correct as far as you have gone but I shall proceed to catch you in a net of your own weaving. The latter answer that truth is that which is good is utterly misconceived and evasive.

Let us, therefore, get down to real analysis. Just what is the truth about truth? You have said that it is Reality, and if I were to ask you to define reality you would be compelled to admit that it is that which has actual existence, and yet you speak of the real and the unreal. You have a set standard for Reality. Does not everything that is known have apparent existence? How else should it have become known?

What of those that say truth is fact — explaining further that it is that which can be proven. Let me ask you this — proven to whom and by what and for how long? Again you must have a set standard of discrimination. Must it be proven by man's laws or theories that have already been given recognition? Then you are putting a limitation on truth. Must it be proven to all people or only to one who is able to see beyond the perception of his fellow-men? Proof can only go so far as a man will accept, and truth to each man is only that which he has experienced either by mental realization or physical expression, and yet truth is universal. It is the sum total of action. Every smallest quivering frequency in the whole cosmos is truth — true because it perpetuates action. I shall bring all of my statements down to a perfectly logical, matter-of-fact foundation.

Most of the world's intolerance is due to the misconception of truth. Men fight to death for their individual concept of it when a little wisdom would show them that they are only a step apart in the same hall of learning, but due to the fact that every individual intelligence has a slightly different degree of understanding, truth to each is slightly different. Intolerance is a mark of ignorance, for a developed intelligence is able to view sequences of action that show each separate action to be relatively true. And because all sides of a question are understood he is bound by none. This type of intelligence does not

condemn those who see only one phase of the whole truth. Instead he will point out the pitfalls or limitations that follow the course of thought that the individual is indulging in.

Truth is action — the whole action of which every part is true. Small truths lead into greater truths and one small truth cast out as false can block the progress of a civilization, as has been shown by the history of the past.

Because men do not understand the meaning of truth and are therefore intolerant, there has been a span of over a thousand years of scientific darkness that might have been used to bring the slowly evolving civilization to a higher standard of human expression.

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." And the truth is that all things are true — true in a relative sense, I grant you, — relative to all other parts; but until men recognize and give due consideration to the Cause of all actions they will never be free. Only in uniting our efforts, acknowledging a common purpose, can we bring civilization to a unified state of understanding and progress.

Truth is like a great picture puzzle — a mosaic, as it were, and each man's individual expression is a part of the total composition. The mature individual realizes life as a succession of duties to be performed. Because there are diversified concepts of life does not mean that only one can be correct. No, all are true. Whatever is conceived in the mind of man is true to him for the moment, just as every act of nature is true whether it be of creation or disintegration. Man's ideas may be used unwisely because he has not enough knowledge to use them constructively in relation to other truths, but that does not mean that the results establish a fact.

Our purpose in life, then, is not to personally judge between the true and the untrue, but to so co-ordinate our own being with nature that we may unite the knowledge of Cause and Effect.

"COSMIC PHILOSOPHY"

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Questioner: "Why is it only in the Western hemisphere that beings from other planets make landings?"

Adamski: "Human beings from our neighbour planets do land in all countries of the world — perhaps more information will seep through the Iron Curtain in time — it is only a question of time."



From: "Report from Europe",
edited by H. C. Petersen (1964).

SAUCERS- SOVIET SECTION

IT GIVES US PLEASURE to offer our readers details of the recent Russian move into the flying saucer business. As have many other nations, mainly in the West, the Soviet Union has in the past derided the „flying saucer phenomenon“, called it an example of American warpsychosis, something peculiar to the capitalist countries. It is a remarkable enough fact that, after years of patient prodding by the layman UFO researcher, nation after nation is, at last, coming to recognise the inevitability of the flying saucer. It just will not stay away, however insistent the scientists and persons in authority are that space craft from other planets do not exist. Oh yes, it is very slow, this grudging recognition. First comes the „UFO“ bit. Not necessarily from other planets, not necessarily space craft, not necessarily intelligently guided, but, hm — — there's something there! A UFO!

Eventually, of course, they, too, will reach the intelligently-guided, flying saucers from other planets bit, but first they have to shake off a whole lot of academic inhibitions.

At least, the Russians have a stock-pile of international private research findings to help them get started. Twenty years of it! It is rather a strange fact, though, that precisely a year after the U.S. was public-prisured into an „independent UFO study“, the Russians are likewise „coming into the open“.

Here, from Sweden, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, UFO CONTACT brings its readers news and views of the latest member nation of the UFO-study Club.

Now the Russians believe in flying saucers

An Official Commission Reports: Five Authentic Cases.

MOSCOW (TT-Reuter). — The official Russian commission recently set up to investigate and give judgement on the growing number of reports of „flying saucers“ over the territory of the Soviet Union in recent months, declared on Monday that there are five clear cases of authentic observations.

This concerns „NLO“, (the Russian initials which are the equivalent of the English UFO — Unidentified Flying Objects), which appear in the Caucasian skies, over the Ural Mountains and in Central Asia.

One of the mysterious objects had the shape of a sickle, and swept over the Black Sea, leaving behind it a „quivering wall of air“. Details of the observations in the remaining cases were not disclosed. Some of the observations were by pilots of Aeroflot (the Russian airline — Ed.).

This summer's greatly increased number of reports of mysterious heavenly phenomena coincide with a

similar boom in Western Europe. The Russian Press, meantime, has not written a word on the subject. Generally speaking, Russian scientists have, for many years, shrugged their shoulders at the Western Countries' sensational accounts of „saucers“ which shadowed airliners, or appeared in formations over desolate areas.

Now a change of attitude has taken place since, judging by the signs, the „invasion“ has begun, in all seriousness, to encroach on Russian air space.

The Soviet Union's NLO Commission is directed by Major-general Porfirij Stoljarov, a technical expert of the Soviet Air Force, an appointment that was made known on television last week. The commission has a central staff of 18 scientists and air force officers, as well as 200 associated observers who will, in various ways, gather information for further examination and evaluation. The headquarters has been set up in Moscow's Civil Defence Museum.

From: „AFTONBLADET“, Stockholm, Sweden.
Tuesday, 14 November 1967.

Credit: TOMMY HELMER, Bromma, Sweden.
Translation: RONALD CASWELL.

A tree »Proves« that visitors from space crashed in 1908

A Russian professor says he has proven that the gigantic crater in Siberia dating from 1908 was not caused by a meteor but by a crashing space ship.

By HERMAN LINDQVIST.

THERE ARE INTELLIGENT BEINGS out in space. Beings who have tried to make contact and who have long held the Earth under observation.

A Russian professor, FJODOR ZIEGEL, 47, of the Moscow Aviation Institute, believes he has found proof of this.

It was in June 1908 that people in the hinterland of Siberia believed that the Earth was coming to an end. The skies were torn assunder by a gigantic flame and a heavenly object as large as a mountain rushed over their heads, to bury itself with a tremendous crash out in the wilderness.

MUSHROOM CLOUD

A mushroom-like cloud arose. The crash was heard 750 kilometres (470 miles) away and houses scores of miles from the crater were shaken to pieces. Seismographic instruments around the world registered as from an earthquake.

A dust-cloud formed around the Earth. Astronomers complained about the reduced visibility.

The crash was registered as a meteoric fall. — (it became known as the Tunguska Meteor — R.C.) — But when, in the 1920's, investigators reached the crater, some remarkable facts were disclosed.

- There was not a trace of meteoric remains to be found in the crater.
- People in the vicinity of the impact area had died of a „strange“ sickness.

- c) Before the object crashed into the wilderness giant „pathways“ had been ploughed up through the forest.
- d) Between the „pathways“ the forest was untouched.

Interrogation of thousands of people living in the region gave pieces of jigsaw puzzle to the picture which was finally built up, of what must have happened.

NO METEOR

It was unbelievable — but the scientists had to acknowledge that it was no meteor that had crashed here in 1908.

Towards the end of the 1950's rumours about a space ship began to circulate. All the known facts about the explosion in Siberia pointed to an atomic explosion, it was agreed. Then a Russian author published a book which said right out:

„The mysterious visitor from the universe was a space ship, the atomic fuel of which, for some reason, exploded. The whole thing disintegrated in the heat.“

Now Professor Ziegel comes along with proof — a tree which grew in the neighbourhood of the crater in Siberia and which was 97 years old when the explosion occurred.

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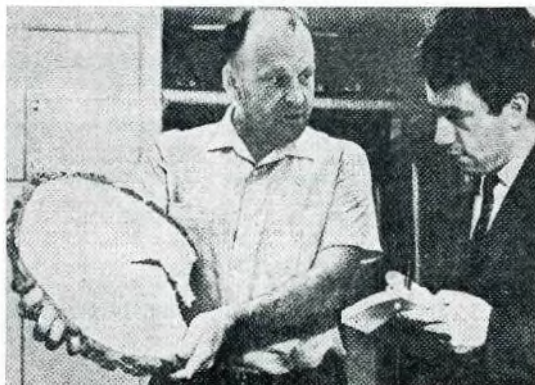
Today, sixty years later, the tree's diameter had increased fourfold. That is proof, the professor believes, that the flying saucer was driven by atomic energy and that the explosion released radioactive matter. The tree's enormously increased growth was caused by the effects of radioactivity.

Professor Ziegel further revealed that the number of unidentified flying objects in space had increased remarkably during recent years. A score of nations had reported observations. The Soviet Union had now established its own observations centre for such objects.

From: „AFTONBLADET“, Stockholm, Sweden.
Thursday, 2 November 1967.

Credit: TOMMY HELMER, Bromma, Sweden.

Translation: RONALD CASWELL.



Did an alien, atom-driven space ship crash in Siberia in 1908? Professor F. Ziegel, 47, of the Moscow Aviation Institute shows a TASS reporter a slice of a tree which grew near to the impact-spot. The „year-rings“ show that the tree's growth has increased fourfold after 1908. Proof that it was affected by radioactivity, the professor believes. And that means that the „meteor“ was an atom-driven space ship.

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It is interesting to read American press reports of the recent disclosure of a Russian UFO study.

Study Urged.

Russ eye flying saucers

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 — A Soviet astronomer has called for a „joint effort of all the scientists of the world“ to determine the nature of flying saucers.

The statement provided new evidence that the Soviet Union, after years of official scepticism, has decided to take a serious look at the mystery of unidentified flying objects.

It was written by Professor Feliks Y. Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute.

Prof. Zigel expressed „profound respect“ for the work of some American scientists who, he said, are „with good reason trying to attract the attention of America's scientific public to the UFO problem.“

Alluding to difficulties experienced by scientists like himself, who take reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects seriously, he continued:

PROBLEM DENIED

„Unfortunately, certain scientists, both in the Soviet Union and in the United States, deny the very existence of the problem instead of trying to solve it.“

Such references to internal scientific controversies are infrequent in the Soviet Union. Earlier this month the view of which Prof. Zigel is an exponent appeared to have marked an important gain when a retired air force general announced on television that an official commission had been formed to study reports of sightings.

Some of the edge of this victory has been taken off by subsequent reports that the officer, Major-General Porfiry A. Stolyarov, had spoken prematurely, and that the commission, which he was supposed to head, had not yet come into existence and might not do so in such permanent and official form.

General Stolyarov is reported to be ill.

In his statement, Prof. Zigel referred not to a commission but only to a „team“ of scientists and specialists formed for a systematic study of the unexplained phenomena. He prepared his statement for

distribution by NOVOSTI, an official agency dealing with foreign publications, in response to inquiries about the new organization. It has not been published here.

ASTRONOMY LECTURER

Zigel lectures on astronomy at the Moscow Planetarium in addition to his courses on higher mathematics at the Aviation Institute. Last April he published an article on flying saucers in SMENA, magazine of the Communist Youth Movement. The "team" of which Prof. Zigel is a member has 200 reports of sightings, the scientist said. Preliminary analysis suggests a number of important conclusions, according to Zigel. The most characteristic type of UFO sighted by Russians was described by the astronomer as follows:

"A luminous orange-colored crescent with a diameter of 15 to 20 degrees of the arc, flying with its outward bend forward. Its surface is only a little duller than that of the moon. The horns of the crescent throw out jets, sometimes with sparks. The outer contour of the crescent is sharp and the inner contour blurred and wavy.

"A bright flaming disk preceded by a crescent is sometimes observed. Sometimes the crescent is preceded and flanked by what looks like first-magnitude stars that keep at a constant distance from the crescent.

From: LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXAMINER.
Sunday 10 December 1967.

Credit: MRS. MERNIA LINDERMAYOR,
Loma Linda, California, U.S.A.

„COMMUNISTS“

Sickles in the sky

The Soviet Union long dismissed reports of unidentified flying objects as mere flights of Western fancy, and the party newspaper Pravda on one occasion derided them as „fairy tales“. Pravda will have to change its mind: the Kremlin itself has now decided to keep a closer eye out for flying saucers. After a flurry of UFO sightings in recent weeks, many of them presumable reliable Aeroflot and military pilots, the Soviet Union has named a team of 18 scientists and air force officers, backed by 1,000 field observers, to study the phenomenon in the Red skies.

Appropriately enough, the Communist UFOs tend to sickle shapes rather than full saucers. Moscow Aviation Institute's Professor Fedor Y. Zigel, who is plugging for a joint UFO investigation by Soviet, U.S. and other scientists, says that one flaming „sickle“ over the Ukraine even executed evasive manoeuvres when tracked by a plane. Zigel tantalized Moscow TV viewers two weeks ago by raising the possibility that, while such observations could be due to optical illusions or mischievous atmospherics, they might also mean visitors from another world.

Once their existence was officially acknowledged by Moscow, UFOs began popping up all over the East bloc. The Bulgarians have reported „a huge, shining

body“ over Sofia, the Czechs have seen flat, multi-colored disks spinning over Bratislava, and Poland's Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology has ordered a watch on all „mysterious space vehicles“. UFOs have been particularly ubiquitous in Yugoslavia, whose press has gleefully recounted a Montenegrin shepherd's report of a whistling, sky-scraper high UFO, told of UFOs streaking over the Istrian port of Koper, and detailed Truck Driver Milika Scepunovic's brush with two saucers on the Kovina-Ivangrad road last week.

As in the West, there are skeptics. Some Soviet scientists consider Professor Zigel to be something of a showman. Yugoslav Astronomer Tatomir Anzelic, in a revealing comment about contemporary Eastern European life, says: „So many people are taking drugs, it's no wonder they're prepared to believe the Martians are coming.“ The Poles, who have had an abundance of UFOs but a shortage of meat, are whimsical; they are saying that it is really too bad that the flying platters are as empty as those on earth.

From: „TIME“, U.S.A. 22 December 1967.

Credit: Mrs. ADRIENNE MUNKEBERG,
Vista, California, U.S.A.

THE UFO GAP

One cannot bypass the comments on the Russian scene made recently by the renowned Dr. Allen J. Hynek, in an article in „Playboy“ magazine called „The UFO Gap“. The caption to the article itself is very revealing, showing the touching anxiety at present being felt by a scientist who, with 19 years of official UFO study behind him, — and an unequalled record of helping the U.S. Air Force do nothing about it — sees the possibility of the Russians reaching the jackpot first.

„America's leading ufologist —“ we hasten to state that here we are quoting the article heading, „— just back from an international astronomers' conference behind the iron curtain — warns that a new Soviet investigative approach could cost us the race to solve the flying-saucer riddle.“

„RUSSIANS SOLVE UFO MYSTERY“. For years, I have opened the NEW YORK TIMES with the fear skittering around the back of my mind that I might find that quote,“ writes Dr. Hynek. „In my occasional dreams, the story under the headlines explains that the Russians have found some previously unthought-of, startling explanation for unidentified flying objects; or, worse, that they have made first contact with an alien civilization conducting reconnaissance missions to our planet. Either story would shake America so hard that the launching of Sputnik in 1957 would appear in retrospect as important as a Russian announcement of a particularly large wheat crop.“

UNQUOTE.

Let's be frank with Dr. Hynek. If he read that a Russian had claimed contact with an extraterrestrial, he would make the same sarcastic remarks as he has made when reading of an American claim of contact with an extraterrestrial. We have read comments by

Dr. Hynek on this aspect of space visitations, which we have so far not reproduced in this journal. His crocodile-tears at the thought of a Russian „first“ fall on barren ground here, we would add. In fact, he might well prefer to think that a crocodile in a space-suit was a better possibility than an alien human being.

Dr. Hynek continues: „The possibility of a Russian break-through on the UFO problem is unlikely, if we believe official Russian statements that the problem does not exist.“ UNQUOTE. We would say that if the Russians have not had a scientific UFO consultant for 19 years, then there is every possibility that the Russian public *will* be the first to be told the news. If we believe official *American* statements then every airline pilot, military pilot, radar operator and other trained observer is either drunk, hallucinated or incompetent. Does Dr. Hynek know if the Russians have an Air Force Regulation 200-2 or other military laws such as JANAP 146-B?

The „Playboy“ article follows the same old theme of explanation how he, Hynek, began 20 years ago in official UFO research, how he scorned the idea of extraterrestrial visitations just as any sensible scientist should. He impresses on the reader the fact that the Project Bluebook headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Base is a very small office, usually headed by a captain with another officer and a sergeant, and with himself as occasional consultant. In his haste, — at this very late stage in UFO developments — to show how small the Air Force's UFO project really was, Dr. Hynek fails to see the implications of his statement. For all these years Dr. Hynek has been a party to the big bluff pulled by Bluebook. Because for all these years Hynek and the others have known that the world at large, at least on the face of it, has placed reliance on the Bluebook findings, in its „scientific competence“ and expertise. And if Hynek still has not got the picture, he is saying in effect, that the recent statements put out by Major Quintanilla, Bluebook chief, that UFOs are not from Outer Space BUT DEFINITELY, — emanate from a very small office run by two men and a boy. And for 19 years he, Hynek, has decorated this „very small office.“ Our considered opinion is, that now that the saucer business is being pushed out into the open, Hynek is a little man trying to look big.

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Professor F. Siegel, (named variously as Felix Zigel and Fjodor Ziegel in other parts of this issue of UFO CONTACT), is a lecturer in higher mathematics at the Moscow Aviation Institute as well as an astronomer. He is one of the foremost Soviet scientific exponents of the existence of „flying saucers.“ — (Read „Soviet Radar Spots UFOs“, UFO CONTACT, June 1967.)

A 20th-Century mystery

Some twenty years ago the world was shaken by sensational rumours about visitors from outer space. Saucer-shaped objects flying at supersonic speeds be-

came front-page news. Yet before long flying saucers were declared to be a figment of the imagination, or at best an optical illusion experienced by honest but gullible people who had taken atmospheric phenomena for spaceships from other planets. Below the problem is discussed by Feliks SIEGEL, a scientist.

FLYING SAUCERS

from the magazine Smena.

Donald H. Menzel, a professor of astrophysics at Harvard University, is afraid the postscript he wrote specially for the Russian edition of his book on flying saucers may disappoint those who feel strongly inclined to believe that visitors from space will soon land on the Earth. Flying saucers, he says, are to be found almost anywhere and any one may become convinced of their existence. But they are not spaceships at all. He declares that the first real flying saucer was the Sputnik launched by Soviet scientists on October 4, 1957.

Vasily Kuprevich, President of the Academy of Sciences of Byelorussia, holds a different view. Who knows, he asks? Perhaps they are still visiting the Earth without contacting people and their intellectual development may have attained such a level that they hold us no higher in their opinion than we do our forebears — the cavemen.

Recent years have brought a new wave of reports about unidentified flying objects (UFOs), some seen with the naked eye and some examined through telescopes, or photographed, or spotted by radar.

On August 16, 1960, in the presence of other geologists, N. Sochevanov (a Master of Science in geology) saw an orange disc with a diameter 50 per cent larger than that of the moon race between the mountain tops near the village of Koktal in Kazakhstan.

On July 12, 1964, Assistant Professor V. Zaitsev was flying from Leningrad to Moscow aboard a TU-104 A. Midway, he saw what he described as a huge disc which suddenly appeared below the airliners fuselage, flew a parallel course for a while and then turned aside with a burst of speed.

L. Tsekhanovich, an astronomer and geodesist, reported seeing a disc which made a lightning dive over Novy Afon, Abkhazia, on September 24, 1965. The following year, June 17, 1966, V. Krylov, a geophysicist, witnessed a similar phenomenon with a group of colleagues over an outlying district of Elista, Northern Caucasus. The trajectory of the flying object was somewhat devious, almost spiral. V. Akkuratov, an experienced Arctic flier, has observed UFOs many times from the ground and in the air. Earlier this year reports of flying saucers have come from the Soviet Baltic Republics, and from Gorky, Kharkov, Murmansk and other regions of the USSR.

The instinctive reaction is to write off all UFO reports as fantastic absurdities. Just as, 200 years ago, members of the French Academy reacted to the news that stones had fallen from the sky. Today no one is confounded by the appearance of a meteorite.

Five years ago a Russian translation of Dr. Donald

H. Menzel's book on flying saucers was published in the Soviet Union. Many people accepted it as the death sentence on the saucer craze. The scientist qualified nearly all cases of suspected intrusions from outer space as atmospheric phenomena or sensory aberrations of various kinds.

Today „optical illusion“ theories of flying saucers carry little conviction and have been justly criticized by a number of leading American authorities, including Prof. J. Hynek, the astrophysicist and Prof. F. Salisbury, the astrobiologist. A participant in the 1966 International Mathematical Congress in Moscow, Dr. Vallee does not favour one hypothesis purporting to explain the enigma over another. Nevertheless, he believes that the version about visitors from other planets merits serious consideration.

At the end of 1966 the United States set up a committee for the study of UFOs, chaired by E. Condon, a noted physicist. The phenomenon is being investigated in Britain, France, Japan, New Zealand and other countries. Research is also proceeding in the Soviet Union.

UFOs have been observed all over the world and have become a global enigma. What are they?

Scarcely anyone who has read Dr. Menzel's book can be satisfied with the version that they are optical effects in the atmosphere. Nor can they be regarded as a variety of ball lightning. The latter is usually six inches in diameter at the most and is always observed during thunderstorms, while UFOs are hundreds if not thousands of times as large and occur in any weather. Even in appearance UFOs have nothing in common with ball lightning.

The remaining possibility is that UFOs are flying vehicles which have been sent to Earth for reconnaissance or other purposes. Even Dr. Menzel does not reject this hypothesis out of hand. UFOs appear to be amazingly similar to the future spaceships being designed at the present time here on earth. It has been noticed that the number of observations of UFOs increases each time Mars approaches the Earth. UFOs travel in strange trajectories which can hardly be ascribed to the vagaries of the elements.

True enough, for some obscure reason, UFO pilots, if any, remain unsociable, reluctant on the whole to make contact with human beings. Still the visitors-from-outer-space hypothesis, which is constantly winning more supporters, is as deserving of consideration as any other theory.

Incidentally, UFOs are not a new phenomenon at all, though it is customary to trace their history from the 1940's. Mysterious objects were observed in the 19th century, in the Middle Ages and even in ancient Egypt. Of particular interest is the Tunguska Fall which laid waste Siberian forests over a vast area in 1908. One hypothesis claims that the ice nucleus of a small comet exploded over the Siberian taiga. However, research by A. Zolotov and other Soviet scientists reveals that there is nothing about the Tunguska catastrophe incompatible with a nuclear explosion in the air.

It has also been ascertained that before it exploded the body must have described a loop hundreds of miles in circumference. Such a manoeuvre could have been performed by a manned craft rather than a natural celestial body. There is more evidence to support the assumption that the body was of artificial origin, possibly a spaceship from another planet.

I don't think it becomes a real scientist to approach problems like the man who said of the giraffe: „There ain't no such animal.“ I would like to quote Dr. Gustav Naan, a prominent Estonian scientist: „Common sense is the quintessence of the experience and prejudices of its time. It is a most unreliable adviser when one is confronted with a perfectly new situation.“

Without rejecting in principle the visitors-from-outer-space or any other hypothesis, scientists must engage in a systematic study of the UFO phenomenon. That will require no special expenditure or facilities. Existing observatories, meteorological and tracking stations will suffice. The idea of organizing a service of world-wide UFO observation is realistic. To begin with, scientists must approach the problem with an open mind. A truly scientific solution, whatever it may be, will only benefit mankind.

Information about UFOs must be processed by electronic computers. Top quality photographs, spectrograms and radar observations are essential.

Without question, international co-operation will help to unravel this fascinating enigma.

From: „Sputnik“, December 1967.



UFO-REPORTS

Ufo's in the Arctic?

WE HAVE RECEIVED from our IGAP reporter in North Norway the following information.

„TROMSØ, January 4th 1967.

„Dear Friend,

Much that is strange and mysterious has been happening here in the North — near to the frontier of the Soviet Union. Some think it is the Russians, and others think absolutely nothing. I think that it can refer to both the Russians and „Mars men“, — but also to „imagination“.

What would strangers from other planets want here? As far as I can understand from the various reports, the activity has taken place mostly under the sea — under the water. Before the end of last year something like a U-boat was observed at sea. It happened like this:

A fishing-boat sailed from Tromsø at half an hour past midnight. When it was about ten nautical miles on its way northward the helmsman sighted an object

on radar, astern of his vessel. The object was taken to be a surface vessel, but when no light or signal from a craft was observed the object was followed closely on the radar screen the whole time, until it came up towards the side of the fishing-boat. The object — or craft — was making high speed, and a projector-light from the ship was directed toward it. It was then at a distance of ca. 300 metres (about 325 yards) on the starboard side." — (This indicates that the object was between the fishing-vessel and the mainland coast-line, — also that the incident took place whilst the fishing-boat was still well within the labyrinth of fjords separating the numerous off-shore islands from the mainland. — Ed.) — „From the ship they could see something like the conning-tower of a U-boat — with some indecipherable signs or „letters“.

The sea-area of the observation is completely „closed-in“, and is the area through which, among others, British fishing-tractors usually sail — on the way to, and from, Tromsø. The depth in this area is between 30—150 meters. In the whole area of this shipping-route the bottom is sown with mines — which can be detonated by cables from the shore.

My house lies 20 meters from the water-line, in a thinly-populated area — most of the sea-traffic, as a rule, comes this way; — and perhaps UFOs, under water — they could lie with ease at the bottom of the sound — right outside my living-room door.

Hanging from a thread in the ceiling of my living-room is a compass-needle which shows magnetic North. Often this magnet is in motion, moving here and there, and often it shows a westerly deviation — (towards the sea, — Ed.) of up to 10—15 degrees. At the moment of writing the needle shows 3 degrees west deviation, and it is hanging quite still.

I am sending you these clippings from local newspapers —“

UNQUOTE.

From „NORDLYS“, December 1966.

»Mysterious flares observed on Porsanger«

„HONNINGSVAAG, — Nordlys:

On Friday morning, the rescue-cutter „Haakon VII“ sailed from Honningsvaag to investigate reports of signal-flares said to have been seen in various places. Sailing in towards Kjås on the Porsanger peninsula the cutter observed lights blinking on the east side of Store Tamsøy. (Store Tams Island.)

The blinking lights were seen several times in a westerly direction behind the mountains. Sometimes the lighted ball disappeared, but then came back again. The cutter then returned to Honningsvaag without discovering what the blinking lights were. Similar lights, or signal-flares, have been seen in a number of places in Finnmark, both outside of Baatsfjord and Sørøya.“

UNQUOTE.



RUSSIANS OR UFOs? — Underwater activity in northern fjords and strange lights over the Finnmark plateau — a mystery of the long arctic night.

Front page headlines in „NORDLYS“ of Friday, 16th December 1966.

»ROCKET MYSTERY«

„Investigation Carried Out By Police And Navy.“

„HAMMARFEST, (NTB): Reports of mysterious rocket-like objects observed over Porsangerfjord during the past few days are now being investigated by both the police and the Navy.

The newest report comes from the cargo-ship „Moder“ of Hammarfest, which, early on Wednesday morning (14th December), when it was sailing in Porsangerfjord, showed an unknown, stationary object on its radar-screen, and which shortly afterwards was completely illuminated by a lighted thing which descended into the sea 100 meters in front of the ship.

At police headquarters in Hammarfest last evening NTB was informed that the skipper and crew of the „Moder“ had been questioned by the police. They would also like to question people in the district who have seen other rocket-like objects. Among others a lighted object had been observed from the

town of Alta, at about the same time that something similar was seen in Porsanger.

„Moder“ was on its way into Porsangerfjord from Honningsvåg when, at about 5 a.m. on Wednesday — whilst it was passing Store Tamsøy — it picked up a signal on the radar from an unknown object which seemed to be lying outside of Smørfjord. When the vessel was about three nautical miles from Holmsfjord at about 5.15, a lighted object came from the west side of the fjord and sank down into the sea about 100 meters from the „Moder“. The object appeared to come from the place where the unknown object lay.

The crew of the „Moder“ failed to discover anything in the sea where the object had disappeared.

People along the Porsangerfjord have reported that on several occasions on Wednesday morning they had seen lighted rocket-like objects.

On one occasion the thing had continued in towards the mountain on the west side of the fjord and split up before it fell down.

Several times during the past week signal-flares and signal-rockets have been seen without anyone discovering from where they originate.“

UNQUOTE.

Front page news again, this time from the newspaper „TROMSØ“, February 3rd 1967.

Foreign U-boat-like craft observed of Arnøya yesterday

Crew Of Fishing-boat From Aarviksand Observed Light Which Vanished From The Surface As They Approached.“

„LIGHT which could have come from a foreign U-boat was observed yesterday morning off Arnøya (Arn Island) in Nord-Troms, and immediately the alarm was sent to the „lensman's“ office — (a kind of local police-officer) — „at Skjervøy, from where the alarm was sent on to the Troms police station. From here SKN (naval unit) in Bodø was informed, and the matter was investigated as thoroughly as it was possible to do so, among other things, by sending up a military aircraft which traversed the precise area of the observation. The result of the reconnaissance was negative, „TROMSØ“ is informed.

It was the crew of the fishing-vessel „Høytind“ of Aarviksand which sighted the light off Arnøya yesterday morning at about 6.30, as they were on the way out to the fishing-grounds. The light was apparently on the surface of the water, and „Høytind“ immediately set course towards the spot. As they approached, the light suddenly disappeared, and there was no further observation of any kind.

With a background in the many reports which have been received recently regarding alleged foreign vessels in Norwegian territorial waters, the crew of the Aarviksand boat reacted immediately and alarmed the Skjervøy „lensman's“ office, which contacted the po-

lice-station in Tromsø. From here SKN in Bodø were informed and they immediately started investigations.

Captain-commander R. Kjønik-Hansen at SKN informed „TROMSØ“ that it was quite definite that there had been no Norwegian naval vessel in the waters off Arnøya at that time, either U-boat or craft of any other kind. They had received a report on the matter and it would be investigated thoroughly. Besides that, they were naturally very interested to hear the stories of the men on board the „Høytind“, but these would have to wait awhile because the boat has now gone out to the fishing-grounds.

The Captain-commander would also like to compliment the crew of the Aarviksand boat for their alertness in making an immediate report. „That is just how it should be done, and it speaks for itself that the quicker we are informed of objects which have been seen, the greater the possibility of clearing up the matter in question.“

Incidentally this is not the only report concerning alleged foreign U-boats received by SKN yesterday. „NORDLANDSPOSTEN“ in Bodø brought yet another report of a foreign U-boat seen in Tysfjord.“

UNQUOTE.

Credit: Arnold Lockertsen, Tromsø, Norway.

Translation from the Norwegian by Ronald Caswell.

COMMENT:

This information may or may not be related to visitations by UFOs. There have, in recent months, been a number of newspaper reports from both Norway and Sweden regarding alien, submarine-type objects operating in their territorial waters. Likewise, in the past, submarine-type objects have been tracked in South American waters and elsewhere, close in to land.

In one well-publicised incident off South America, naval units „trapped“ the alien craft in a small bay, but even with the assistance of the U.S. Navy and modern detection equipment they could not prevent the unknown craft from slipping away. George Adamski was told that this was, in fact, a submarine-type space-craft on an under-water survey.

Craft such as these were also involved in an incident during the Korean war, when U.S. naval units witnessed objects which zoomed into the sea, causing some damage below water-level to one of the ships. There followed a depth-charge attack on the objects with, apparently, no effect. Two objects were immediately afterwards observed emerging from the sea some distance away, to go speeding off into the sky.

Whether the incidents off Arctic Norway are referring to UFOs is a very open question. These areas of the coast-line leading into the Arctic Ocean are not very far from the Soviet frontier, and may well be under some kind of surveillance by Russian sea or air craft. The fact that mines are sown in the fjord bottoms by the Norwegian Navy signifies the caution and awareness of the naval authorities.

However, I am personally of the opinion that these are not the activities of Russian air or naval craft. I

have myself travelled this route, closely following the Arctic Ocean — several hundred miles in seven days and in winter-time, — from Narvik up to Hammarfest on land by way of narrow, broken, icy roads, and by route-ship from there to Honningsvaag, a tiny island fishing-port 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle and a couple of miles from the northern tip of Europe at North Cape.

I have sailed for many days in a small fishing-vessel, like those mentioned above, circumventing the north Russian coast and on towards the White Sea fishing-grounds; and there, a bare few miles to the southward was the bleak and desolate coast-line, where half the sun's orb lifted above the horizon for a short half-hour before sinking onto the frozen plains to the south. And I have sailed through the quiet dark fjords, with mountains dropping sheer into deep water, snow all around. With icy winds blowing off the Arctic Ocean and curving around the promontories jutting into the winding fjords, — one sees nature in all its stark grandeur, encased in the total darkness of the long winter „night“.

And on land, when day-light is absent for many weeks, crossing the high, undulating, wind-swept plateau of Finnmark, the roof of Europe, is an experience never forgotten.

With these impressions of Arctic Norway in my consciousness, my own personal feelings are that these are NOT spying activities by any Russian craft. In these days of the H-bomb and potential electronic war-fare, infiltration tactics or surveys such as suggested by the above-mentioned reports seem to me, personally, to be purposeless. I can be wrong, however. Obviously, the Norwegian and Swedish defence forces have their reasons to remain at all times in readiness. But one must consider: Would Russian craft continue to operate so openly after these repeated sighting reports?

Perhaps time will tell.

NOTE: The last report is from Tysfjord, approximately 200 miles in a straight line — though much longer by sea — southwest from Arnoy. The Porsangerfjord area is approx. 130 miles in a direct line east-north-east from Arnoy. If one submarine was operating in this fashion, it would need to travel under water along the entire route of the busy fishing-traffic, several hundreds of miles of winding, tricky fjords, with jagged, fearsome teeth of rock thrusting up from the sea-floor.

And it would, indeed, have to make its way right past Arnold Lockertsen's living-room door!

RONALD CASWELL.

The Antarctica sighting

by Prof. Charles A. Maney.

One of the most significant sightings of an unidentified flying object (a UFO) occurred on 3rd July, 1965, in Antarctica. This sighting is notable because it was observed by scientists and navy personnel of three countries, stationed at bases on Deception island,

in the waters off Palmer Peninsula. Palmer Peninsula reaches up towards Cape Horn, the southern-most tip of South America.

Located on Deception Island are scientific observation bases of Argentina, Chile and Britain. At these bases there are various geomagnetic instruments installed for the purpose of studying variations in the earth's magnetic field. These instruments include Eschenhagen variometers, Kew magnetometers and Schulze terrestrial inductors. Variations in the earth's magnetic field are registered by these instruments on magnetic tapes.

The sighting of 3rd July was witnessed by a total of 31 persons, scientists and navy personnel from the three bases on the island, 17 persons at the Argentine base, nine persons at the Chilean base, and five persons, members of the English base. Official communications have been received from these bases by way of South America and England.

A statement by the Secretary of the Argentina Navy, quoted below, gives the main details of this sighting.

„The navy garrison in the Argentine Antarctica (Deception Island) observed, on 3rd July, at 1914 hours (local time), a giant, lens-shaped flying object, solid in appearance, colour mostly red and green, changing occasionally, with yellow, blue, white and orange shades. The object was moving in a zig-zagging trajectory towards the east, but several times it changed course to the west and north with varied speeds and no sound. It passed at an elevation of 45 degrees over the horizon, distance estimated at about 10 to 15 kilometres from the base.

„During the manoeuvres performed by the object, the witnesses were able to register its tremendous speeds and also the fact that it hovered, motionless, for about 15 minutes at an altitude of about 5,000 metres (3.10 miles).

„The meteorological conditions for the area of the sighting can be considered as very good for this time of the year: clear sky, some strato-cumulus, moon in the last quarter, and perfect visibility.“

The Chilean report reveals that the object was round-shaped, left a contrail, was tracked by theodolites and powered binoculars, and that it disappeared into cirrus clouds.

The visual observations of the phenomenon lasted 20 minutes, while the geomagnetic registered the presence of the UFO for one hour and two minutes. The disturbances in the earth's magnetic field were registered on magnetographic tapes at the stations.

This dramatic UFO sighting produced strong reactions among the observers.

Commandant of the Chilean Air Force's Antarctic Base, Don Maris Jhan Barrera, had this to say about the sighting when asked his opinion.

„It is very rash to give an opinion in the matter, but what we observed was no hallucination or collective psychosis. We are at this base here for scientific tasks, and what we see, we try to analyse from this point of view. But I can say that it was not a star, for it had a very rapid and continuous movement. As

far as I am concerned, it is a celestiel object that I am unable to identify. That it could be an aircraft constructed on this earth, I do not believe possible. I belong to the Air Force and, to my knowledge, the machines built by man fall far below this, in respect to shape, speed, manoevrability in the air, etc."

The description of the object's performance given by the Commandant of the Argentine Base, Daniel Perrisse, tallied exactly with that of Commandant Barrera.

An object at a height of 5,000 meters, observed at an angle of 45 degrees, would be approximately 7,000 metres or 4.2 miles from the observer. Assuming a fluctuation in the intensity of the earth's magnetic field of the UFO, not an unreasonable assumption by the inverse square law, gives a calculation of 49 million oersteds for the field of the UFO.

This calculation, as well as others secured in accordance with principles of physics, indicates millions of units of magnetic field strength associated with UFOs. The strongest magnetic yet produced in earth laboratories is but a small fraction of the strengths of fields associated with UFOs. Recently, at the National Magnet Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a non super-conducting, water-cooled electro-magnet was developed, which sustains a field of 250,000 gauss, the strongest magnetic field yet produced in earth laboratories.

Even though the scientific character of the means of propulsion of UFOs is not known, it is reasonable to assume that the power plant associated with UFOs and related in some way not yet known to the means of propulsion, would need to be very powerful and relatively compact.

In looking about for a possible type of such a device, we turn naturally to the idea of controlled nuclear fission. This problem presents many difficulties as yet to be overcome by earth scientists, but we can assume that it has been solved by UFO intelligences.

If man can learn how to achieve the fusion of deuterium into helium under controlled conditions, an energy source virtually without limit will be within his grasp. The amount of deuterium in one gallon of water is about one-eighth of a gram or about 1/30,000 of the weight of a gallon of water. Yet this small amount of deuterium in one gallon of water, which can be extracted at a cost of less than 4 cents, if it were burned as a fuel in a fusion reactor, would be the equivalent of some 300 gallons of gasoline. The total amount of deuterium in the oceans has been estimated 10 or 100 quadrillion pounds, and has a value of 10 or 100 quintillion kilowatt years. Further calculations, assuming the current rate of energy consumption (about 5 times 10 kilowatts), there would be enough deuterium on the earth to provide a source of energy for some 20 billion years.

Now, when we observe the wealth of deuterium in the oceans of the earth, and note the dryness of some celestial bodies like our moon and the planet Mars, might not we speculate that the earth is unusually rich in the amounts of space travel fuel available — a fabulous gold mine of energy for outer

space travellers. Who knows but that the attraction of the earth for outer space visitors is the vast supply of deuterium available here?

From: „Australian Flying Saucer Review“.
November 1966.

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Britain's UFO week

(continued)

Police see hovering ship with Portholes

Three police officers ran from the police station at Bacup, Lancashire, to see a mystery cigar-shaped object which was hovering 250 ft overhead early today.

Shortly after 4 a.m. Pc Brian Earnshaw noticed a great deal of interference on the station's high-powered short wave radio.

He went outside to check the aerial — and saw the object, about 50 ft long and 10 ft in diameter. The light-coloured metallic „ship“ was giving off an incandescent glow, and a low whirring noise could be heard.

There were portholes along its length, and there was no propeller or any other visible signs of propulsion.

PCs Colin Donahoe and Malcolm Reader also watched the object for several minutes before it rose vertically.

More sightings were made at Hollins Green, near Warrington, during the night.

Mrs Doris Jackson, of Baines Avenue, Irlam, was standing at a bus stop shortly before midnight when she and a friend saw a bright moonshaped object in the sky.

Little balls of light flew out of one corner, it changed into a bowl shape and „just disappeared“.

Her boss, Licensee Mr Bernard Thompson, saw a bright ball move across the sky just before 3 a.m. But amateur astronomer Mr Gerald Marlowe, of Burford Drive, Whalley Range, reports a large meteor over Manchester at about that time.

Another cigar shaped „saucer“ was reported today by chemist's dispenser Mrs Mary Andrews, of Highfield Road, Mellor, near Marple.

Schoolboy Phillip Gibbins and his six pals were busy collecting money for bonfire night when they saw a mystery flying machine.

For three minutes 10-year-old Phillip, of Don Street, Middleton, his brother, Christopher, aged nine, and five friends gazed as the object moved across the evening sky near their homes.

„It was about 12 ft long, a light bluish colour, and had lights shining from windows along the top.

It also had a red light sticking out from its flat bottom," he said.

From: „Manchester Evening News“,
Lancashire, England, 27th Oct 1967.

Now P.C. Spots Portholes on an ufo

A „DEFINITE sighting“ of The Thing in the Sky was claimed yesterday by a policeman who heard crackling noises over his station's shortwave radio.

It was 4 am. The place: Bacup, Lancs.

Constable Brian Earnshaw went outside to examine the radio aerial — and got a close-up, he says, of a cigar-shaped Unidentified Flying Object hovering 250 ft above the station.

His report to police headquarters said: „It was approximately 50 ft long and 10 ft in diameter. There were portholes along the side, but no visible signs of propulsion.

GLOW

„The ship appeared to be metallic and gave off a bright glow. There was a low whirring sound coming from it.“

Two other policemen, Colin Donahoe and Malcolm Reader, also said they watched the thing for several minutes.

Down-to-earth note: The U.S. Air Force base at Ruislip says refuelling exercises have been held on three nights this week.

This entails planes flying alongside a powerfully lit giant jet tanker in a cross-shape formation.

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Saturday 28th October, 1967.

RAF jets »chase mushroom in sky«

by Ronald Bedford.

A 13-years-old boy claimed yesterday that he saw two RAF Lightning jet fighters chasing a mushroom-shaped object across the sky.

The object, which appeared to be out-pacing the 1,500 mph Lightnings, disappeared into cloud over Winchester, Hants.

Timothy Robinson, of Pitt Corner, Winchester, who told of the chase, said: „The object had no lights or exhaust.“

The Ministry of Defence denied that any Lightnings were in the Winchester area yesterday.

But Timothy said last night: „The planes I saw were Lightnings. I checked them with a reference book.“

UNEXPLAINED

This latest report in the great Unidentified Flying Object mystery came as the Ministry of Defence were giving an explanation for previous „fiery cross“ sightings.

The Ministry and the U.S. Air Force said the „fiery crosses“ seen on Thursday night in the West

Country were „definitely“ mid-air refuelling exercises carried out by American planes.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said their giant tanker aircraft, which refuel several planes at the same time, were equipped with powerful lights for night operations.

The fuel pipes illuminated by the lights would form a fiery-cross shape in the sky.

He added that no tests were scheduled for last night.

SIGHTINGS

Despite the Defence Ministry's explanation of Thursday's sightings, they have not been able to explain other mysterious flying objects seen in many parts of Britain this week.

Yesterday's sightings included a „cross-shaped“ object seen by several policemen at Stalybridge, Cheshire; a „cigar-shaped object with portholes“ seen by three policemen at Bacup, Lancs; and another cigar-shaped object seen by a bus driver at Saltdean, Sussex.

And at Anglesey, North Wales, Farmer Owen Huws and his family were awakened by a noise „like BBC time signal, only a hundred times louder.“

From: „Sun“, London.

Saturday 28th October, 1967.

More things in sky than USAF dream of

by Peter Deeley.

The great UFO mystery continues to rage unabated. As Hamlet remarked, There are more Things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy; and it became clear yesterday from study of United States Air Force flight charts that mid-air refuelling operations could account for only some of the week's 30 sightings.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman, confirming this yesterday, commented: „We had night operations in Scotland on Tuesday and Wednesday. They couldn't have been seen by people who spotted things in the sky over southern England.“

The Ministry of Defence and the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux have been inundated with reports of sightings during the past week. They have come in all shapes and sizes — an old-fashioned cart-wheel, a cigar with a blue halo, a giant tube, a flaming jet and, most popular of all, a „bright fiery cross.“

HOW IT BEGAN

UFO activity over the skies of Britain is increasing, according to Ministry of Defence figures. In 1965 about 50 sightings were reported, last year 95 — of which five remain unexplained — and in the first six months of 1967 they had risen to 153.

The latest epidemic started in the early hours of Tuesday morning, when police officers on car patrol on the edge of Dartmoor chased a cross in the sky for 50 minutes over 17 miles of country roads. That afternoon a vicar's wife living on the Norfolk coast saw „a strange lighted object move slowly along the

coast," and the same evening a wing-commander observed seven lights in the shape of a cross hovering over trees near Salisbury.

Early on Wednesday morning, 11 policemen saw the bright cross in various parts of East Sussex. Next morning the object was spotted by policemen in North Devon, by a woman in East Dulwich, London, and another in Gloucester, and by an amateur astronomer near Hastings.

On Thursday night the „flying cross“ was seen in the south-west by BBC engineers, 25 Royal Marines, students at a training college and citizens of Exeter and Newton Abbot.

On Friday, sightings were reported from Wigtownshire, Scotland, from Brighton, and by six policemen at Glossop, Derbyshire and three policemen at Bacup, Lancs. These officers saw a „cigar-shaped object“ hovering 250 feet above the police station. They said it was 50 feet long, was metallic, glowed brightly and had portholes.

On Thursday night the American Air Force operation was held over Devon and Cornwall, but the spokesman conceded that there had been no other activity in the area that week.

The theory that the sightings were related to Air Force manoeuvres was put forward by a Dorset vicar, the Rev Lawrence Inge, aged 62, who has been spotting satellites for five years on behalf of the International Committee on Space Research.

Mr Inge saw lights in the sky on Thursday night. „I wondered what they were and it suddenly occurred to me that a tanker aeroplane might be refuelling other aircraft.“

MP's QUESTION

Mr Inge thought other early-morning sightings during the week could have been Venus. „But this does not explain the remainder. No real answer has been produced for these yet. There is certainly something queer going on up there. I am one of those who believe that this is not the only populated planet.“

Mr Charles Bowen, editor of Flying Saucer Review, commented: „The authorities have waited for a clergyman to come up with the explanation for them. If they agree that he was right, why didn't they tell us before that these operations were going on and thus put our minds at rest.“

UFO enthusiasts in Britain contend that the authorities do not carry out a sufficiently thorough investigation into reports of sightings. They feel that the Ministry of Defence Air Force branch — responsible in this field — should scientifically inquire into the background of each case.

Mr Peter McClay Mills, MP for Torrington, has tabled questions to the Minister of Defence asking what Government machinery exists to deal with investigations of UFOs. „The policemen in Sussex who reported the sightings are responsible men who would not jeopardise their future by guessing about silly things,“ he commented.

The view of Mr Lionel Beer, vice-chairman of British UFO Research Association, is: „The latest

official explanations are more original than Venus or weather balloons.“

From: „The Observer“, London.

Sunday, 29th October 1967.

Now cabbie spot »thing« in the sky

Southend police were today investigating a double UFO sighting reported by a taxi driver during the night.

Mr E. Rouse, of Hullbridge, Essex, was driving in Rayleigh when he reported seeing a white light „about the size of a bus“ moving before him.

It disappeared at speed but a few minutes later when he was at Leigh he saw it again. Police checked with Southend Airport who said there were no aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

From: „Evening Standard“, London.

30th Oct, 1967.

LOOK, IT'S AN UFO!

Four policemen and a clergyman saw UFOs over the weekend. So did a housewife and two farmers. And many others.

From all over the country reports flooded in: „Great balls of fire“ ... „A flying Cross of Lorraine“ ... „Cigar-shaped“ ...

Methodist minister the Rev. Ian Haile, of Truro, Cornwall, saw a „flying cross.“ He watched it for three minutes.

Police Constable Michael Sands and two colleagues were changing shifts at 5.20 am at Lancing, West Sussex, when they spotted an object.

„It looked like a silver pinpoint of light,“ said P.C. Sands, „moving rapidly across the sky.“

Farmers John Brown and Merwyn Hurst were tending cattle at Boscastle, Cornwall, when „a ball of fire appeared in the sky.“

On Dartmoor, at Princetown, four schoolboys saw TWO objects — „a flying cross and a cigar-shaped light.“

Ex-policeman Fred Smith, 60, of Grinstead Lane, Lancing, described „a bright light like the Cross of Lorraine sweeping across the sky.“

Southampton policeman John Whitecombe saw it while driving through Portsmouth with his family. „Like a Rugby ball or a fat saucer, so bright I had to shield my eyes.“

And Mrs. Jeffrey Clayton, wife of a bank clerk in Stoke Newington, saw „two white fingers of light, vertical in the sky.

„Then they turned, closed together, and shot like a rocket to the East ...“

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Monday 30th October, 1967.

Police dogs hunt »flying saucer«

Police with dogs searched the Sussex Downs for an unidentified flying object „one and a half times the size of a double-decker bus.“

Four members of a family had reported seeing the object come down about two miles from their home at Hampers Lane, Storrington.

'NO MISTAKE'

The sighting was first made at 6.45 pm on Sunday by Mr Paul Quick, aged 21. His motor-cycle had broken down and he was pushing it home through a thickly wooded estate when he looked up.

He said: „There in the sky above me was an object like a Rugby ball floating towards me.

„It was one and a half times the size of a double-decker bus and quite silent. It was about 250 ft up. I was scared.“

When he got home his mother and two sisters crowded to the window with him. They all saw the strange object. It had come down on the crest of the Downs about two miles away.

Mrs Quick said: „There is no question of a mistake or imagination. We called in the police.“

Despite a thorough search, the police found nothing and no sign of anything having landed.

About 30 miles away to the east, another UFO was sighted yesterday, at Beddingham, Sussex.

Mr Ivor Martin, a 31-year-old farm manager, saw it at 11 am. He described it as „long, thin and white-coloured.“

A bright cross-shaped object with a vapour trail was sighted near Aylesbury, Bucks

From: „Sun“, London.

Tuesday 31st October, 1967.

Now those ufo's are growing tails

NOW THOSE UFOs ARE GROWING TAILS.

Objects of all shapes and sizes are still exciting the sky-scanners of the South England. At least seven sightings were claimed yesterday.

The took the oddest shapes — from a „Rugby ball“ to a „double-decker bus“ and even things with tails.

On the Isles of Wight, Reg Hyde, who works at the Sandown zoo, yesterday spotted what he describes as „a cigar-shaped“ object at great height. „It was glistening in the sunlight,“ he said.

Police with dogs were called out to investigate a sighting made by a Sussex family.

Paul Quick was pushing his broken-down motor-cycle back to his home in Storrington when he saw what looked like a „Rugby ball“ in the sky.

„It was one and a half times the size of a double-decker bus,“ said 21-year-old Mr Quick.

RAN HOME

Mr Quick ran home and alerted his mother and two sisters of whom watched the object sitting on a crest of the Sussex Downs, about two miles from their house.

Farmer Ivor Martin, aged 31, reported a „long, thin, white-coloured“ object with two little tails near Beddingham, Sussex, in daylight.

In Buckinghamshire, a bright cross-shaped object with a tail like a vapour trail startled engineer Terry

Gower at Brierton, near Aylesbury. He said it was flying fast about 500 ft up.

To cap the day's sightings, Mrs Pauline Cook called the police last night when something giving out a high-pitched whistle shot three times over her house in Blackdown, Surrey.

A theory to explain some of the sightings has come from a Surrey man, who has several times seeing moving lights in the sky.

He says that the reflection of car lights through raindrops on overhead cables can cause such phenomena.

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Tuesday 31st October, 1967.

Now the ufo's are stopping the traffic

by Jack Hill.

Latest report on those UFOs: They're now stopping the traffic. The claim came yesterday from lorry driver Karl Farlow who told the police of a strange encounter just before midnight in the New Forest on the A 338 road near Fordingbridge.

Suddenly, he said, his lorry lights and radio blacked out although the diesel engine chugged on.

He pulled up — there in front of him, 15 yards away, he saw a 15 ft-wide egg-shaped Unidentified Flying Object.

Moments later a white Jaguar car came in the opposite direction. Its light failed and its engine cut out, said 25-year-old Karl, of Dawley, Shropshire.

He went on: „Our vehicles were stationary 25 to 30 yards from each other. The object was in between us, hovering just over the road.

„It glowed in the most beautiful green colour I have seen. It was like nothing on earth. I'm convinced I saw a flying saucer or some object from space.

'PETRIFIED'

„It hovered quite still for a couple of minutes, then made off at fantastic speed. I could clearly see a whitish coloured dome underneath.

„I sat in the cab petrified. I don't want ever to experience anything like that again. This was no hallucination.“

Karl dialled 999 and police drove to the Forest. Meantime the Jaguar driver had gone on his way — „He didn't want to be involved.“ explained Karl.

Said Constable Roy Nineham who was in the patrol car: „Mr Farlow was very frightened.

„The most startling part of his report is that his lights failed and came again when the object he saw disappeared.“

From: „Daily Express“, London.

Tuesday 7th November, 1967.

We saw a saucer, say three

by David James.

A Flying Saucer paid several visits to the Larches Estate, in Preston during the night — and terrified the McCourt family, of Ryelands-Crescent.

The saucer — with flashing lights — is said to have passed close to the McCourt's home eight times between 11 p.m. and midnight. It frightened housewife Mrs Joanne McCourt and her two daughters, Carol and Susan.

And today, one of the daughters, 20-year-old Carol was not dismissing the „invaders“ as fancy. „We all definitely saw it,“ she announced firmly.

„It was gliding along and looked to be round. There was a red light all the way round it with other lights flashing on and off.“

According to shop assistant Carol, the saucer put in its first appearance at 11 p.m. as the family were upstairs preparing for bed.

„My mother and I saw it first,“ she said. „It didn't make any noise and just glided along soundlessly, spinning around all the time.“

„Then it disappeared around the back of the house. We all went to the back but it had gone.“

But, went on Carol, the saucer visited them again about 15 minutes later. „Once it just stopped in mid-air turned around and then disappeared again,“ she said.

Carol said that after the second visit, the saucer returned another half-dozen times, circling an electric pylon not so many yards away from their homes but never coming any closer.

„It kept going around the pylon,“ she continued. „We were frightened. As it was dark all we could really see was the shape of it and the red light running all the way around. I have never seen anything like it before.“

Auburn-haired Carol added: „We gave up looking at it after midnight and went to bed, so we don't know whether it came back again after that. When I got up this morning I looked out the bedroom window. But of course it had gone.“

So far, the McCourt family are the only ones in the area of Larches who have reported seeing a flying saucer.

Neither the County nor Preston police had anything on their report sheets of an unidentified flying object. But said Carol: „I know what we saw ...“

From: „Evening Post“, Lancashire, England.

Wednesday 14th June, 1967.

Mystery of a silver disc in the sky

The RAF are „very interested“ in an unidentified flying object which has been reported hovering above a town.

At least half-a-dozen people, including a police sergeant and a police woman, claim to have seen the object, shaped like a „gleaming silver disc,“ over Okehampton, Devon.

The object has been sighted several times during the past few days. It is almost stationary — which seems to rule out the usual explanations of UFOs being satellites and weather balloons.

A spokesman at RAF Chivenor, 30 miles from Okehampton, said yesterday: „We have passed a report about this to Fighter Command HQ. We are

very interested, and we have a photographer standing by to take pictures if the object is sighted again.“

From: „Daily Mirror“, London.

Thursday 10th October, 1967.

RAF to »shoot« flying saucer

The Ministry of Defence are hoping today to get the first ever pictures of a flying saucer.

An Unidentified Flying Object said to have appeared daily for the past ten days over the moors at Okehampton, Devon, is the target for the RAF cameramen from Chivenor.

Four policemen claim to have seen the UFO and their reports have been studied by Sqd. Leader Bill Williams, who is in charge of the operations.

The mystery object said to resemble a soup plate or cigar with fins at each end was first spotted by a farmer. More than 50 witnesses claim to have seen it.

A plane was sent last Tuesday from RAF Chivenor, 30 miles away, but it failed to make contact with the object.

A Defence Ministry official said: „If there is anything there, then we want a picture.“

From: „Daily Sketch“, London.

16th October, 1967.

Flying object was not the moon, said family

A huge round object that cast an orange light all round Dodge Hill flats — that was what Mrs Ruth Warburton, of Rose Cottage, Manvers Street, South Reddish, Cheshire, saw when she looked out of her window at 11.45 before going to bed on Tuesday (15th August) night.

She woke up the rest of the family, Eunice, 27., Christine, 15., and Jane, 11., and they watched as it moved behind the two blocks and reappeared.

Out came the binoculars, and the girls found it had dark blotchy patches on it and the shape appeared to be slightly irregular.

About this time, Jane — she reads a lot of comics, say her sisters — started crying, and Mr Harry Warburton, the girl's father, told her not to be frightened and that it was just the moon.

POLICE

„But we looked in the paper and the moon set at 11.54 p.m.,“ said Eunice, „and by this time it was well after midnight.“

The girls pressed on with their enquiries. They phoned the police, who told them no-one else had reported the mysterious object. Then Eunice and Christine decided to go and have a look for it, so they got out the car and drove up towards the flats.

By the time they reached Dodge Hill, the object had moved and was near the tall chimney with a neonlight on it in Brinksway, explained Christine.

„But it was nothing like metal,“ she added. „It was more like a planet.“

Mrs Warburton commented on the size of the object, which she said was nearly as big as one of the blocks of flats.

„It was a brilliant orange red,“ she said. „I am positive it was not the moon.“

MORE SIGHTINGS

Mrs Warburton's sighting of the object was dramatically confirmed by three Brinnington children who came into the „Express“ office yesterday. Thirteen-year-old John Smith, of 89 Brindale Road, said he was sitting on the wall of his friend's house, 4 Surrey-way at 11.30 Tuesday night.

With him was Tony Harding, 17, his friend's brother, who lived in the house.

„We were looking up at the sky trying to see some shooting stars“, said John. „Then something which looked like a very bright yellow globe going quickly across the sky from Bredbury towards Reddish Vale. It was pretty big.“

„It was high up when we saw it“, said John. „It moved away very quickly and disappeared. I saw it for ten to fifteen seconds.“

From: „Stockport Express“, Cheshire.

Thursday 17th August, 1967.

Credit: Mrs E. Rowlands, Stockport, Cheshire, England.

SUSSEX.

»FLYING OBJECT«

AN Unidentified Flying Object is reported to have been seen over the Downs during the early hours of Wednesday morning. (September 6th).

The observer, Miss Osborne, of 12 Downview-terrace, Durrington-lane, told Worthing police that the object was low in the sky, was brilliantly white and was topped by a dome. As it moved a searchlight shone from beneath it.

From: „Worthing Herald“, Sussex.

September 8th 1967.

Credit: Mrs Dora Reader.

SUSSEX.

All night »saucer« activity

TWO YOUNG MEN who spent Saturday night (September 9th) on the Downs between Storrington and Washington are convinced that they saw four hours of flying saucer activity in the air. Now they want an expert to go with them to make a thorough observation.

Trevor Fordham, aged 19, of Hazel-close, Thakeham, had seen unexplained lights in the sky over a period of four months. At the week-end, he and Paul Glover, 18, of Upper Brighton Road, Worthing, took blankets and a pair of binoculars and settled down for a night watch.

Activity began at 12.15 a.m. and lasted until 5.00 a.m.

Looking to the north over Chantry Hill they saw a bright object, saucer shaped, which came towards them. A beam like a searchlight shone from this towards another object. When the light went off a pinpoint ball of light travelled from one object to the other.

At another time there were seven points of light in a row. Three were stars but four which oscillated were unexplained.

Over towards Devil's Dyke they saw red and yellow cones of light like retro-rockets which suddenly appeared, then went out. Each time they would be followed by beams of light on the ground.

„There was hardly a minute when nothing was happening,“ said Trevor.

MYSTERY

At times Paul would be watching something in one direction while Trevor would see some other mystery in another direction. „Some of what I saw really shook me,“ Trevor said.

Paul has sent a report of what happened to the RAF. „We haven't any transport and we have no scientific equipment,“ he said. „We are certain that what we saw could not be explained by normal aircraft activity or things like car-lights. We would like an expert to come with us the next time we go there.“

From: „Worthing Gazette“,

September 13th, 1967.

Credit: Mrs Dora Reader, Worthing, Sussex, England.

DEN MARK

QUOTE

„It happened on Friday, April the 14th, about 5 p.m. My playmate Kim and I were playing in a childrens' corner in a little park alongside a road called „Kastaniebakken“. Suddenly Kim exclaimed: „Hold on, pal! Look at that soap-bubble out there!“ Immediately I got off the swing and gazed out at the „Kastaniebakke“. A soap-bubble came hovering along the middle of the road at a height of about 1,50 meters. It moved rather quickly though hardly any wind was blowing. The bubble was clear like glass, and as I ran closer I saw a kind of black streak in the middle of it.

„I rushed out onto the road and pursued the soap-bubble. The black streak proved to be a disc inside the soap-bubble reflecting the road, myself and the hawthorn hedge along the sidewalk. „This is indeed a telemeter-disc, that I am running after,“ I thought. „How can it fly? I am running behind and thus preventing the wind to carry it along!“ At this moment Kim shouted: „Here comes another one!“ I turned around, but as I could not see anything I once more turned around to look at the one I was pursuing. I desired very much to stick my finger into the bubble but I did not venture to do so. Most of the time the

bubble had kept at height of about 30 centimeters, but suddenly it started to climb. When it arrived level with my head it made a sharp turn to my right and rose abruptly above the hedge and up into the air. It appeared smaller and smaller and finally vanished completely. The bubble exposed only a faint greenish blue colour, contrary to ordinary soap-bubbles which shines in all colours. The next day Kim paid me a visit, and he told he had seen two bubbles and that anyhow they were not quite common."

UNQUOTE.
Sign. KIM.

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Telemeter discs - Greenland

On June the 13th Mr. Joergen Roende from Godthaab, Greenland, writes:

QUOTE:

Today I had the pleasure to watch not only one, but a whole flock of telemeter-discs.

As I was driving in my Volkswagen I saw a group of „soap-bubbles“ hovering and moving slowly over a fence and across the lawn of the training college at Godthaab. Of course I became pleased and very curious at the sight of these small fellows, and I turned the car into the road running parallel to the lawn, and thus I had a good opportunity to watch them while they flew up and down among each other at low height. I came to observe that one of them turned completely green, but afterwards I concentrated on a little one turning aside onto the road in front of the car and keeping there at a distance of 1—2 meters during 10—15 seconds. Then it turned around in such a way that I could look at it edge-wise, and from this angle it looked like a flat ring, the colour of thin milk, and suddenly it disappeared as by an explosion.

When again I looked after the other bubbles, they were gone. The bubbles had a diameter of about 2—6 cm, and they all moved in approximately the same direction.

UNQUOTE.
Sign. Joergen Rønde.

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Science

In the February 1967 issue of UFO CONTACT, under the heading ANOTHER STEP FORWARD, we detailed the startling claims of an American radio-astronomer, Dr. Kenneth Kellermann, whose alleged discovery of warm atmospheres on the outer planets of our solar system was one of the first scientific indications that life could exist there, as George Adamski has long claimed to be the case. Here, in a review of Dr. Kellermann's experiments, Walter Sullivan, the well-known science editor of the New York Times, adds further points which we feel sure will be of interest to our readers.

How hot are the planets?

by Walter Sullivan.

TO ANYONE STANDING ON MERCURY, the innermost planet of the solar system, the sun would appear as a fearsomely huge ball of fire. From the great outer planets, like Neptune, the sun would seem small — a giver of only limited warmth. It has therefore been assumed that temperatures on the planets vary radically.

Since it was thought that Mercury always keeps the same face to the sun and has no atmosphere, it was assumed that its sun-lit surface was extremely hot. Its dark side, on the other hand, was believed to be extremely cold. The great outer planets were likewise thought to be very cold.

It is therefore surprising that radio observations indicate, if not all, the planets, from Mercury to Neptune, have environments, on or just beneath their surfaces, that do not differ radically from those of the earth. The observations are discussed by Dr. Kenneth I. Kellermann in recent issues of „Icarus, The International Journal of the Solar System“, and The Astrophysical Journal.

Dr. Kellermann, a native of Brooklyn, is associated with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization which operates a giant radio telescope at Parkes. The instrument has been used to measure thermal radio emissions from Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, and Uranus.

A hot body emits electro-magnetic energy which, if it is hot enough, includes visible light — it glows. Cooler bodies glow in infra-red and radio-waves. The intensity of the emission at any of these wavelengths can be used to calculate the temperature of an object if its size and properties are approximately known.

Dr. Kellermann explained in a telephone interview last week that Mercury, when viewed in longer wavelengths (such as 11.3 centimeters), „looks“ just as hot whether the side facing the earth is largely sun-lit or largely dark. Such wavelengths travel through solid material and probably reflect the temperature several feet below the surface, where there is some insulation from day-night variations. Observations at

shorter wavelengths show the surface itself changes temperature rapidly.

The mild subsurface temperatures can only be explained by one — or both — of two factors. Mercury may be rotating, relative to the sun; and it may have an atmosphere whose winds transport heat from the sun-lit to the dark side.

It has been long thought that Mercury is so close to the sun that all of its air has been swept away. However recent observations by American, French and Soviet scientists have suggested that the planet does have a very thin atmosphere. There is also radar evidence that it is spinning relative to the sun.

Dr. Kellermann believes it should be possible to guess the composition of the surface material of Mercury by comparing its insulation properties with those of material on the earth and moon.

THE OUTER PLANETS

Another remarkable finding is the high temperature deep within the atmospheres of the great outer planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. The Australian observations of Saturn were at three radio wavelengths: 6, 11.3, and 21.3 centimeters. It is believed that the atmosphere of a planet like Saturn becomes increasingly transparent to radio waves at increasing wavelengths. Thus the shorter-waved emissions (at 6 centimeters) can be assumed to originate only in the high atmosphere. The longer ones (at 21.3 centimeters) presumably come as well from deep in the planet's air.

It was found that the longer the wavelength of observation the higher the indicated temperature. At 21.3 centimeters it was roughly 90 degrees Fahrenheit. While the margin of possible error was large, Dr. Kellermann said that the trend to higher temperatures at greater depths in the atmosphere seems well established. He noted that the same effect has been seen on Jupiter.

Observations of Neptune, outermost of the major planets, show that it, too, has a warm region that probably lies thousands of miles down within its atmosphere. Neptune is almost six times further from the sun than Jupiter.

Uranus, largest of the planets after Jupiter and Saturn, also showed surprisingly high temperatures when viewed at longer wavelengths. This was taken by Dr. Kellermann as an indication that, as with the other large planets, its atmosphere allows solar heat to enter in the form of visible light, but prevents its escape at longer wavelengths, thus producing a greenhouse effect.

It has also been proposed that the large planets contain enough radio-active material to contribute substantially to their own heat. The earth's surface is very slightly heated by radio-active decay within its interior, but the effect is overwhelmed by the effects of solar heating.

The indications that there are vast regions within the atmospheres of the outer planets at room temperature have led scientists to propose that the possibility of life in those atmospheres cannot be totally ruled out.

From: The New York Times. —
Sunday, December 4th 1966.

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Is America giving up the space race?

Are U.S. scientists and public becoming demoralised by recent cuts in Space spending made by a Congressional Committee? Is America, deeply involved as she is in the Vietnam war, abandoning her space gains to a Vietnam bystander, Russia?

Here, below, are indications that all is not well in the U.S. camp, Space-wise. More proof that Man is better at war and destruction than peace and construction.

„Russia shares out the moon - with some help from Uncle Sam“

AMERICAN children have long been accustomed to toy ray guns, Space suits and rockets.

Their Russian opposite numbers can now have the Moon itself — for the asking.

The Nature and School Factory in Moscow has just completed the first batch of scale-model Moon-globes, destined for schools throughout the Soviet Union. Others will be exported — as evidence of another „first“ in the continuing, and deadly serious, game of Spacetag which the Russians play with the Americans.

Hardly a giant „first“, especially since the Russians may well have supplemented the data, supplied by their own lunar probes, with Moon pictures freely circulated to the world's scientists by America.

Significant, nonetheless. For if a leading article in the current issue of the authoritative American Journal, SCIENCE, is anything to go by, it is the children of the Soviet Union, not the United States, who will inherit the planets.

The editorial poses the scarifying question: „Are we to abandon the planets to the Soviet Union?“

It is signed by one of the world's foremost space scientists, James A. Van Allen, the American professor who discovered the Van Allen radiation belts round the Earth.

His point: America's Congressmen, deeply engrossed in the Vietnam War, have made so many cuts in the Nation's Space budget that future planetary exploration has become impossible.

Funds have been allocated for two unmanned missions to Mars, in 1969, by Mariner Spacecraft. These will simply be fly-by missions, skimming the planet to take pictures and scientific measurements.

EXPENSIVE

Meanwhile, the big Voyager programme to land scientific instruments on the planet in the 1970s has almost been abandoned. By British standards it is an expensive programme. The estimated cost would be about £ 900 million.

The Apollo programme, to land astronauts on the Moon, is to cost an astronomical £ 70,000 million.

America's loss is Russia's gain. The United States has a far better record in the scientific exploration of Space — three successes of five attempts. Russia has tried eighteen shots, of which only the last — Venus 4 — came off.

Van Allen rightly says that the Soviet Union is certain to continue shooting for the planets throughout the 60's and 70's.

He says: „The United States is now allowing its own high competence in planetary exploration to decay, and is thus abandoning ... study of the planets to the Soviet Union.“

What he doesn't add, is that MANNED exploration of the planets may be left to Russia as well.

No official U.S. interest has ever been shown in sending men to Mars. But Russian cosmonauts have said repeatedly that this is one of the Soviet aims.

From: „DAILY MIRROR“, London.

Tuesday 19. December 1967.

Meanwhile, from America itself comes this moody comment:

»Public interest in space declines«

WASHINGTON — Interest in the space program has dropped to its lowest level in more than four years, a survey conducted in six American cities indicates.

Five other public issues, from poverty to water pollution, rated much higher than space as problems that the public would like to see the government do more about.

The survey is the ninth conducted since July of 1963 by Trendex, Inc., the polling firm, for the Thiokol Chemical Corporation, which makes rocket engines.

The apparent decline in public interest coincides with the deepest cuts Congress has made in Administration budget requests for space in four years. The request for just over \$ 5 billion was reduced by a little more than \$ 500 million.

CHALLENGE

Interpreting the results of the polls over the four and a half years would present a challenge to social and political scientists, since support for space programs have sometimes shown a downward trend at a time when space was most in the news — for example, as the Gemini manned flights reached their peak in 1966.

Furthermore, a city such as Pasadena, Calif., home of the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will often show less interest in space than another city in which space does not directly affect the economy. J.P.L. has directed most of the country's lunar and planetary space exploration projects for the space agency.

SURVEY

The latest Trendex survey was made by telephoning

653 men and women in Cincinnati, Des Moines and Pasadena — cities that had been surveyed before — and another 653 in St. Paul, Minn., Sandusky, Ohio and Bryan, Tex., all of which are new to the survey series.

The survey found that only half those questioned favored the nation's competition to be first in space. This is the lowest level of interest Trendex has ever found in its studies.

The issues and the percentage of those asked who thought the government should give more attention to the issue, were: water pollution, 83 per cent; air pollution, 82; job training for the unskilled, 63; programs to keep America beautiful, 51; war on poverty, 45; space exploration, 26.

From: „SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE“,

California, Monday 25 December 1967.

Credit: Mr. Theo. Hullett, San Francisco, Cali., U.S.A.

This serious — for America — note was injected by U.S. scientists as the Old Year was coming to its end.

„Threat to aid Russia by U.S. space experts“

NEW YORK, Sunday. — A threat that American space scientists might leave „the American space programme and join the Russian space programme in a joint search for extraterrestrial life,“ was made yesterday by Dr. Bernard Wagner, of Columbia University.

At a joint meeting of the American Astronautical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Wagner and other speakers strongly criticised reductions in the budget of the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Mr. James Webb, head of N.A.S.A., asked for £ 2,100 million but a Congressional Committee cut this by £ 170 million, about eight per cent. Exploration of the planets by the Apollo spacecraft is one of the projects now postponed for a decade.

From: „DAILY TELEGRAPH“, London.

Monday 1 January 1968.

COMMENT: As it appears highly unlikely that the secrecy policy towards the existence of flying saucers from other planets can last very much longer, then one might regard terrestrial plans for exploration and colonisation of the planets to be an extremely debatable point. Both America and Russia, along with the rest of the world, will soon enough realise the futility of planning along these lines.

Dr. James McDonald's australasian tour

IGAP'S CO-WORKER IN AUSTRALIA, Mrs Lilli Cielinski, has sent us a very interesting account of a talk given by American UFO researcher Dr. James

E. McDonald on his recent tour Down-under. It was broadcast at 1.15 p.m. on August 23, 1967, by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. From a program entitled „Armchair Chat“, we may read of this scientist's latest moves to tell the public of the paramount importance of the UFO problem.

„These things may be coming from somewhere else“

I SUPPOSE one good place to begin with my remarks on the UFO problem, is to tell you briefly why I happen to have been down in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania; why I have been studying this problem of the Australian UFO sightings. It comes to this — I've spent about 12 to 13 months in the States in interviewing witnesses in key cases, attempting to unravel this very puzzling and very intriguing mystery.

One of the questions which keeps coming up is the question of: „Are there sightings of essentially the same type in other parts of the world.“ Well, it turns out that there are large numbers of reports in the publications of various private UFO investigating groups in England, America, Australia, France and so on, which quite clearly indicate that; but certainly, as a scientist, I am not entirely happy with taking hearsay evidence, and I've been down here in Australia interviewing witnesses to find out for myself, in direct face-to-face or in some cases phone interviewing, exactly what happened in individual cases, and what the credibility of the individual witness is, how witnesses may be, how thoroughly the cases have been checked, and so on down the line.

And just to very briefly indicate what I've found in that investigation — it's this. The picture in Australia in respect of UFO sightings — observations of unconventional objects manoeuvring sometimes quite close to ground, sometimes to within tens to hundreds of feet — of very credible, reliable observers, is just not appreciably different in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania from what it is in the States, — a very strong similarity. There is just a little bit of evidence to indicate to me that there may even be a few more sightings per square mile or per capita here than in the States, — but I wouldn't stand firmly on that feeling that I've gotten. One thing I have noticed is, that a lot of witnesses, after 15 or 20 or 30 minutes of interviewing them, bring up the point that several other friends of theirs have also seen objects at close range. Sometimes they have been able to check these, sometimes they've just put it aside as evidence that there are other reports.

Now, the thing I've been doing is taping, (I have about 10,000 feet of tape, I noticed this while listing up); and I've interviewed about 70 Australians or New Zealanders. I have been down to Hobart, Tasmania — there are some extremely interesting cases in Tasmania. And the problem is to try and find out what has happened in these cases.

Now, there is a great deal of reluctance to report

them. That's exactly the same in the States, as it seems to be down here. People have been ridiculed, made fun of by official groups, by Press and radio and television, and scientists too — there has been a great deal of completely unbiased (I emphasise that) scorning and scoffing about this problem, and that's driven the problem underground — just the same kind of comment as asking people: „Did you ever report it? Did you ever report it to the United States Air Force?“, or down here, „Did you ever report it to the R.A.A.F.“ And the answer is typically, „NO.“ — „Did you report it to the Press?“ Well, sometimes they did, and one woman, when I interviewed her not so long ago, pointed out that she described the case in some detail, and the reporter asked her why she didn't use more water in what she had been drinking. She was quite incensed, and I would agree with that.

Well, this whole attitude of ridicule has been engendered and, I am afraid, greatly encouraged by the American Air Force investigation, Project Bluebook, which has been operating for about 14 years — (—to be precise, Project Bluebook began under that name in March 1952, — Ed.) — and which has been regarded quite highly, certainly within the States, and also (I've learned down here) in other parts of the world; — and that's completely unjustified.

I've taken an extremely good look at this official Project Bluebook investigation; and to put it briefly, it's been done superficially and by persons of extremely low scientific competence. It has to be regarded as essentially zero. It is not a scientific investigation. For instance, when I got started looking into this problem intensively about a year ago, and got in there, it came as a great surprise to me to find out that Project Bluebook — the American UFO investigations headquarters project — consists of a Major, a Sergeant and a secretary! Imagine that! When you contrast that with the kind of Press releases that are put out about the great expertise that's used, the thorough investigations, and the indication that there are only about two or three per cent of unknowns — and probably those would be explained, the Air Force insists, if they have a little more data; — when you contrast the pronouncements, the assurances that there is nothing to it, with the very low level at which it's actually been investigated; when you compare the official explanations with the details of the reports, and then go back and check them yourself, as I have done, — you end up, as I have ended up, with the conclusion that this problem has been completely lost sight of in America.

And perhaps it's not unjustified to suggest that in other parts of the world, the large amounts of money that seem to be at the disposal of our Air Force are misconstrued as indicating we've probably done a very large, very extensive, very thorough study of the problem. *That is absolutely incorrect!*

Well, the type of sightings that are on record — thousands of cases in the U.S. — involve cigar-shaped objects, discs, hovering sometimes at very low altitude. There's a wide range of other phenomena — I don't want to take time to give you all details —

many inexplicable, scientifically inexplicable, baffling phenomena, very high accelerations, sometimes high speed objects moving without any obvious sonic booms, (though I would hasten to interject that sometimes there are unexplained sonic booms that could be UFOs), many peculiar luminous phenomena; and some of them down here in Australia that would really baffle any scientist who takes a look at these — the same thing in the United States; but mainly cigar-shaped objects and disc-shaped objects, manoeuvring in our air space, and written off by official groups as non-existent, just as if it was a lot of nuts seeing things — a lot of people that can't be trusted.

When you go out and talk to the people, you find that, yes, there are some incompetent people who have seen something and haven't quite identified it. There are certainly nuts; there certainly is, in the United States, a very annoyingly visible cultist crackpot fringe that's ground up around the problem; and that discolours it and puts a lot of scientists off — that's very true. Then there are completely sincere misidentifications of, you know, planets and balls — well, lightning fire-balls, luminous phenomena of one type or another — even aircraft, and so on.

But experienced investigators, such as those that have been working in Sydney and Melbourne and Tasmania and other parts of the world — these are private investigating groups, not the official groups.

The official groups — it's very hard to know what to say about these — they come out with such outrageously absurd explanations, that one is really hard put to know how to sort that out. — (one finds it difficult to comprehend the reason behind it, — in other words, — Ed.). But these sightings that are being investigated include a lot of quite unconventional phenomena that are not any product of our technology — Australian, Russian or English technology — they are not plasma phenomena, they are not sun-dogs and pelicans and all the rest of the things that one hears about — they are beyond the present pale of science and they are being ignored by science, being ignored by official groups. *And that has got to change very, very rapidly.*

The question arises, „What are these UFOs — the ones that pass the test of not being put aside as fire-balls and planets and so on — what could they be?“ And that, of course, is the ultimately important question.

It's not easy to offer an answer. One can only consider hypothesis, guesses — with big „IF's“ in front of all of them. But when you look at the various hypotheses, psychological, advanced technology, hoax, fabrication, fraud, poorly understood geophysical phenomena — you run through all of those (this is certainly what I have done in this past year of checking), and you find yourself ending up with the seemingly absurd, seemingly improbable hypothesis that these things may come from somewhere else. And just *where* that is, is a great big question-mark.

All that we know about the astronomy and planetary meteorology of the solar system seems to argue against a *planetary* — i. e. intra-solar — system origin of the objects. All that we know about the structure

of the galaxy makes quite clear that the next nearest source of origin is quite an embarrassing number of light-years away; and when you confront that distance and look at it in terms of present-day terrestrial technology of propulsion — we're just beginning, of course, so to speak, we're just beginning in that business on earth, and that has to be kept in mind, — when you look at it in terms of present-day or foreseeable propulsion technique, it's very, very baffling, essentially not possible to explain how any kind of objects, surrealist probes or what have you, could be got into the earth's environment from an extra-solar, i. e. interstellar, distance.

But the rub here, the thing to keep your eye on, seems to me, is the proviso, „in terms of our present knowledge or foreseeable technology.“

You've got to realise (and actually I find that many laymen — I really find laymen more aware of this than some fellow-scientists, they are more sensitive to it —), you have to realise, that given another 100 years or thousand years, terrestrial technology will be an entirely different thing from what it is now. This is a safe extrapolation, because you've only got to look back 100 years, and things like radio, television, lasers, nuclear fusion, fission, countless other technological devices and systems that we take for granted now were, of course, incredible a hundred odd years ago. And a hundred years is just nothing — it's just a twinkling of an eye in galactic, even geologic time standards.

So it is entirely conceivable — in fact, it's almost probable — that elsewhere in the galaxy are advanced civilisations. In fact, it becomes fairly respectable to say this nowadays. It is generally granted by astronomers that, far from here in the reaches of the galaxy, there must be societies of essentially sentient beings whose technology has swept far beyond ours.

But what nobody grants and what everybody stalls on and blocks their further thoughts on with respect to UFOs, is that nobody thinks they can get here. Well, I don't have any answers to that. I have to emphasise that — I haven't the slightest idea how any of them can get here from anything ten or fifteen light-years away.

But, I'm afraid, in looking at the situation, looking at Australian, American and other sightings, examining the credibility of the observers, looking at the content of these observations — I'm afraid that it boils down to craft of some kind — machine-like objects — that have been around for 20 years, ignored by all the scientists and swept aside and ridiculed, and nobody has any good knowledge of this problem. All these years have been wasted, scientifically. We've got to get at this right away, got to get on it on a global scale and with the best scientific talent, not just in the United States and not just in Australia, but the *world's best* scientific talent has to get on that.

I spoke along these lines only a short time ago this summer in the United Nations at the Outer Space Affairs Group — presented a statement to the Outer Space Affairs Group, urging immediate U.N. action

on the problem. *I was very pleased to see that it had some effect.*

By the way, I also sent copies of that statement to about 60 embassies in Washington — 60 foreign embassies — care of the scientific attaches, hoping to stimulate more interest in any and all parts of the world. I didn't get a chance to talk to U Thant; I had a date to see him, but it was right in the middle of the U.N. Security Council Middle East crisis and he couldn't see me. I'm going to try again to see him.

But only a very short time ago, a very interesting statement was made by U Thant to Drew Pearson that the problem of the UFO's (now this is the Secretary-General of the United Nations speaking —) — saying that the problem of the UFO's is the greatest international problem, second only to the present one of the Vietnam War.

I think that's very interesting. I cabled him from Australia, when I heard that by long-distance phone call from San Francisco — I cabled Secretary-General U Thant and strongly endorsed his statement, except that I expressed disagreement. *In my opinion, the UFO problem is the greatest scientific problem, the greatest international problem that stands before us, and I'm hoping to see it elevated to that status in a very great hurry.*

Latest from prof. James E. McDonald

December 10, 1967.

Press statement by Professor James E. McDonald, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, The University of Arizona, in response to Soviet scientist Zigel's plea for „a joint effort off all the scientists of the world“ to determine the nature of UFOs.

(*New York Times* News Service story of Dec. 10, 1967, by Henry Kamm).

„I strongly endorse Dr. Zigel's plea for international scientific study of UFOs. It is now entirely clear that essentially similar objects of unexplainable nature are being seen all over the world. Investigations on a global scale are therefore urgently needed.

„I am delighted with the recent establishment of a Soviet scientific commission to study UFO sightings in the USSR. It would be amusing if it should turn out that Russian scientists are the ones who finally convince the world that twenty years of assurances by the U.S. Air Force were completely unjustified.

„Scientists throughout the world have tended to ignore the UFOs as if they were just so much nonsense. From talking to fellow-scientists here and abroad, I have seen that most of them have believed that Air Force Project Bluebook was really studying UFOs with scientific competence. The trouble was that almost none of these scientists took time off to check for themselves. I did. What I found is nothing short of alarming. Bluebook and its consultants have simply swept under a rug of ridicule and innuendo thousands of sightings from credible witnesses, sight-

ings of objects that are neither swamp gas nor secret test devices, nor fireballs nor ball lightning.

„In Australia and New Zealand last summer, I had a chance to interview dozens of witnesses. The UFOs down there are characterized by the same patterns and behavior as those which have been reported for years in the U.S. Now there's evidence that similar sightings have been going on in Russia. From UFO investigators in France, England, Canada, Scandinavia, Japan, Australia, and elsewhere, I get the same feeling of urgent need for rapid escalation of a scientific study of UFOs that I see in Dr. Zigel's recent plea.

„It is unwise, possibly even unsafe, to delay any longer in getting some really high-caliber investigations of UFOs underway. My early hopes that Dr. Condon's investigations at the University of Colorado might fill this need have been disappointed. Dr. Condon appears to be more interested in the kooks and crackpots than in the reliable reporters of UFOs. Perhaps a Russian panel can help us change our attitudes about all this.“

Russian urges joint ufo unit

by Henry Kamm.

MOSCOW — A Soviet astronomer has called for a „joint effort of all the scientists of the world“ to determine the nature of flying saucers.

The statement provided new evidence that the Soviet Union, after years of official skepticism, has decided to take a serious look at the mystery of unidentified flying objects.

It was written by Prof. Feliks Y. Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute.

Professor Zigel expressed „profound respect“ for the work of some American scientists who, he said, are „with good reason trying to attract the attention of America's scientific public to the UFO problem.“

Alluding to difficulties experienced by scientists like himself, who take reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects seriously, he continued:

„Unfortunately, certain scientists both in the Soviet Union and in the United States deny the very existence of the problem instead of helping to solve it.“

At least an American scientist has been making a similar plea. Dr. James E. McDonald, an authority on atmospheric physics at the University of Arizona, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors last April that visits from another world represent the „least unsatisfactory“ explanation of such sightings.

From: „Arizona Daily Star“, Tucson, Ariz.
Sunday, December 10, 1967.

Endorses World Unit

McDonald backs Soviet ufo idea

It is unwise, perhaps unsafe, to delay high-caliber Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) investigations, Dr. James E. McDonald, an authority on atmospheric physics from the University of Arizona, said yesterday.

„I strongly endorse Dr. (Feliks Y.) Zigel's plea for international scientific study of UFOs," he said in citing a New York Times News Service story in Sunday's Star. Dr. Zigel is an astronomer with the Moscow Aviation Institute.

„I am delighted with the recent establishment of a Soviet scientific commission to study UFO sightings in the USSR," Dr. McDonald said. „It would be amusing if it should turn out that Russian scientists are the ones who finally convince the world that 20 years of assurances by the U.S. Air Force were completely unjustified."

The UA meteorology professor said most fellow-scientists believe that Air Force Project Bluebook competently studied UFOs.

„Bluebook and its consultants have simply swept under a rug of ridicule and innuendo, thousands of sightings from credible witnesses; sightings of objects that are neither swamp gas nor secret test devices, not fireballs nor ball lightning," Dr. McDonald said.

He said that from reports of UFO sightings all over the world and witnesses he has personally interviewed in the United States, Australia and New Zealand, he saw an „urgent need for rapid escalation of a scientific study of UFOs.

„Perhaps a Russian panel can help us change our attitudes about all this," Dr. McDonald said.

From: „Arizona Daily Star", Tucson, Ariz.
December 11, 1967.

Ufo's in the Ukrainian sky

from Znanya ta Pratsya (Knowledge and Work).

I have seen several mysterious celestial bodies. Once two light pink balls of different diameters were flying in close contact and very fast. That was in Kharkow Region, four or five years ago. Another time I saw one ball, also pink with a light space in its centre. That was two or three years ago in Lvov Region.

V. Garbarchuk.

I heard about a thing like that from my grandfather. As he was walking along a railway one evening in 1914, he suddenly noticed several lustrous cigar-shaped objects racing through the sky north to south at a colossal speed.

Alexander Poleshchuk,
the village of Rachin, Rovno Region.

Naturally enough, among the many eye-witness stories, top credence goes to statements by experts on the atmosphere. Here is a statement by three astronomers.

Robert VITOLNIEK,
a researcher of the Astrophysics Laboratory,
the USSR Academy of Sciences.
Ian MELDERIS and Esmeralda VITOLNIEK,
members of the Latvian Section, National Astronomy
and Geodesy Society, USSR: —

As we were watching the ionosphere and luminous

clouds at the observation station in Ogre, Latvia, on July 26, 1965, we noticed at 9,35 p.m. an extremely bright star which seemed to be slowly moving westwards. Through our 8-power binoculars we could discern a small flat spot. The telescope disclosed that it was a lens-like disc about 330 feet in diameter with a small spherical bulge clearly visible in its centre.

Around the disc, at a distance of its two diameters, three balls were slowly describing a circumference. All the four bodies were lustreless pearly green. The whole system was dwindling as if it were moving away from the Earth. Fifteen or twenty minutes later the balls began to run away from the disc each in its own direction. The central ball also left its place and flew aside. At 10 p.m. all flew out of sight.

The phenomenon was spotted northwest of the station, about 60 degrees above the horizon, apparently at a height of some 65 miles. Judging by the speed of its movement in the field of view, the system stood motionless in space and its seeming movement was nothing but the rotation of the Earth. A space rocket would have been moving much faster. Besides, a rocket or an Earth's satellite is one object and not a group of objects.

From: Sputnik: December 1967.



It's only meteors, weather balloons and such things, but when seen by an untrained observer ...

Questioner: „If highly developed people are living on the moon, why don't they make themselves known to the inhabitants of Earth? Wouldn't it be easy for them from the comparatively short distance?"

Adamski: „Nothing is easier! During the last 15 years they have been in our atmosphere, and made thousands of registered landings! These operations are still going on, along with operations from, for instance, Mars and Venus."

Miscellaneous

Scientists find key to skin color

Portland, Ore. — (UPI). Scientists of the University of Oregon Medical School said Saturday they have discovered why Negroes have dark skin and Caucasians white skin.

The research which produced the answer was termed a happy accident.

The discovery of the bio-chemical reason for skin colour was believed to be the first in the world.

The researchers who did the work, Dr. Kenneth M. Halprin and Dr. Akira Okhawara, said they have found a measurable difference in one obscure body enzyme (glutathione reductase) which is responsible for the level of a chemical which in turn inhibits melanin formation — or colour.

Whites have a high level of the enzyme, Negroes a very low level and one Indian from India was right in the middle.

The findings resulted, the doctors said, during research on psoriasis. They did not find the cause of that disease, but they did find the cause of skin colour.

The scientists indicated that theoretically, it would someday be possible to alter skin colour at will.

From: "The Miami Herald".

Sunday, 23rd October, 1966.

Credit: Mrs J. McEvoy, Florida, U.S.A.

Space bomb blasts arms limit hopes

by JOHN DAVY, Science correspondent,
"Observer", London.

RUSSIA'S apparent development of a sub-orbital space bomb will not substantially affect the balance of military power but it could further undermine the prospects for agreement on arms limitation and control.

This was the first reaction yesterday of British Defence experts to the announcements by Mr Robert McNamara, United States Secretary of Defence, that Russia appears to be developing this new weapon.

Mr Alistair Buchan, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, said: "I am afraid this is part of the general de-stabilisation in Great Power relations being caused by developments in weapon technology."

The hope had been that when both sides had achieved an effective "second-strike" capability — the means to hit back hard after a major nuclear attack — a stable balance would persist. But this was proving illusory.

MILITARY PRESSURE.

The U.S. may have aggravated these developments by constantly claiming numerical superiority in numbers of nuclear rockets, Mr Buchan suggested, and had

underrated the resentment caused in Russia.

Mr Kossygin had implied that serious negotiations on arms limitation would be possible only if the U.S. would accept "parity" with Russia. The space bomb might be an attempt to achieve such parity, said Mr Buchan.

American sources in London yesterday discounted suggestions that the new weapon would lead to a breakdown in the space and testban treaties. There was no evidence that the Russian weapon had carried a warhead into space, or that a nuclear device had been exploded outside the atmosphere.

Nevertheless, there is known to be increasing military pressure in the U.S. for warhead trials in space to test the antiballistic missile system now being installed.

It is thought that Mr McNamara may have chosen this moment to announce the Russian developments, partly to be able to anticipate a domestic leak and to put the military significance of the space bomb into perspective, and partly to forestall the Russians, in case they were planning to announce a new "secret weapon" at their celebrations of the Bolshevik Revolution.

The sub-orbital bomb will be less accurate and pack much less punch than the "conventional" ballistic missile. Its only advantages appear to be a reduction in warning time from radar, and an ability to attack from almost any point in the compass, thus adding greatly to the cost and complexity of any counter-measures.

But since both American and Russian strategy are based on being able to destroy an opponent after a major attack (which assumes that no counter-measures will be more than marginally effective), the sub-orbital bomb seems likely merely to accelerate the arms race without improving anybody's security.

From: "The Observer", London.

5. November 1967.

Questioner: "Is there an „Adamski“ behind the Iron Curtain?"

Adamski: "Contact has been established with many prominent persons — besides the fact that the space men work in research laboratories and institutes!"

Questioner: "Do you think, Mr Adamski, that the scientists on Earth, during their efforts to explore the moon, will find it inhabited — and wouldn't that be „proof“ to the people who doubt your story more or less?"

Adamski: "I don't care if they doubt — if they have got no further than to thinking along those tracks, there is a long way indeed. Yes, our scientists will discover that the moon is inhabited — today, as in former times, when earthly observers reported movements, lights and shining objects on and near the moon. But there is no guarantee that it'll become known by the public."

From: "Report from Europe",
edited by H. C. Petersen (1964).

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