

Guest Editorial

TO ALL CONCERNED WITH THE DESTINY OF MAN ON THIS PLANET

In this issue of Topside, we are turning our editorial pages over to our UFO colleague, Miss Rey d'Aquila, Founder of the UFO Contact Group in The Hague, Holland, who has a special message she would like to reach as many people as possible. We therefore present her editorial with the usual open-minded policy of Topside. Miss d'Aquila writes as a devout Christian and while we realize that some of our readers in many parts of the world may not share this particular faith, we feel that the basic concept of her approach to aid troubled humanity might equally apply to any religion that claims brotherly love as part of its doctrine. Rey opens her article with a quotation from the booklet "God Calling" :-

"Remember no prayer goes unanswered. Remember that the moment a thing seems wrong to you, or a person's actions to be not what you think they should be, at that moment begins your obligation and responsibility to pray for those wrongs to be righted, or that person to be different. Face your responsibilities. What is wrong in your country, its statesmen, its laws, its people? Think it out quietly, and make these matters your prayer matters. You will see lives you never touch altered, laws made at your request, evils banished. Yes! live in a large sense. Live to serve and to save. You may never go beyond one room, and yet you may become one of the most powerful forces for good in your country, in the world. You may never see the mighty work you do, but I see it and evil sees it. Oh! it is a glorious life, the life of one who saves!"

I would like to draw to your attention a new concept of "world saving" and suggest that you give it your deepest thought. It is so completely different from what many people, operating under the Power of Christ, are doing these days, so contrary to the mostly individual power for good, that its efficiency must be beyond doubt. Judging from the many letters that reach me from all corners of the world, it is clear that there is a very strong radiance emanating from the higher spiritual spheres influencing all those people on earth who are willing to co-operate in the great educational task of this New Age, each to the best of his knowledge and capability. Such people are receiving strong impressions from various sources pertaining to this task. These sources are unknown to us, but according to the laws of affinity, they will be constructive and harmonious as long as we ourselves are tuned-in to such vibrations.

However, with such increasing power of good emanating from people of goodwill on this planet, it is comprehensible that the powers of evil (non-constructive and unharmonious) are doing their utmost to catch us unawares at moments of mental weakness. At these moments, we may do and say the wrong things - but there is always protection even in these moments of weakness when a plea is made of our own free will. We should claim such protection from our Lord Jesus and thank Him for it. Always we must try to live with a feeling of security that we are being protected - this is the biggest help of all.

I possess many proofs that people today are being influenced by unknown sources, either constructive or non-constructive and accordingly they are making their contributions either towards the construction or destruction of this world. It is to those "Builders of a new world in Christ" whose co-workers and ambassadors may well be the visitors from other planets living and working among us, that I offer this efficient method of "world saving" on a large scale. I invite all those who are willing to adopt this method of helping others - no matter what their nationality or religion may be -

to assist in achieving a better climate for the blessings of the New Age. Some of you may be handicapped by too technical a mind to accept this method seemingly based on sheer spirit. Allow me to break it down to reason for you. In spite of our goodwill and readiness to make sacrifices, we do not seem to be making much progress in establishing peace on earth, do we? So there must be something wrong with our present method. The fact is we have been taking action on our own insight and initiative, and all individual power is limited. Also, such effort results in personal merit for which we can be thanked and honoured, thus feeding our small personal ego - and this very thing is our greatest handicap.

Now let us look at the reverse side of the medal. If we are willing to sacrifice ego and personal merit in the eyes of the world, if we are willing to let Christ take action for us, according to His Plan (which embraces the whole of the Universe and not the small territory our personal insight covers), if we are willing to do no more than report the world's wrongs in our prayers, asking that the Father's Will be done unto them, completely excluding our own personal desires, THEN we are evoking the Highest Power in the Universe into action, contributing nothing more than our complete faith and trust in that Power. Of course, this requires a certain way of thinking, a certain selfless attitude which may not appeal to all people. Of this I am well aware. So I am trying to persuade only those who are able to grasp the idea. All others must go on using their own method of help. What I am trying to do is to gather together the "strong ones" to pull the rope - for strong you must be to forsake all worldly recognition! But the aim is insured. As promised by our Lord - "--- You will see lives you never touch altered, laws made at your request, evils banished. You may never go beyond one room, and yet you may become one of the most powerful forces for good in your country, in the world."

Rey d'Aquila.

Editor's Note:

To any of our readers who may be interested in the booklet "God Calling", this may be obtained from the publishers, Arthur James Limited, Evesham, Worcs., England, at a price of 9/- (\$1.25). Miss d'Aquila recommends "God Calling" as an inspirational bedside booklet which has been of considerable spiritual help and guidance to her.

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EDITOR ON TOUR.

The Editor regrets that due to absence in Europe during the months of July and August, publication of the Summer edition of Topside was unavoidably delayed. It has therefore been decided to combine the Summer and Autumn editions of Topside and we trust that this double issue will compensate our readers for the long wait. The Editor's European tour included visits to Holland, Denmark, Italy and England and in each of these countries interesting contacts were made with UFO groups and workers, some of the highlights of which follow.

Holland: An arrangement was made for a meeting at Amsterdam Airport with Miss Rey d'Aquila of the UFO Contact Group in The Hague. Unfortunately, due to the Editor's plane arriving earlier than originally anticipated, Miss d'Aquila was unable to be there on time. However, she kindly forwarded on her report on recent UFO activities to reach the Editor in England. A brief summary follows.

Interest of Dutch Young People: Rey reports that in Holland there is a growing interest among the younger generation in what she terms "New Age Thinking" and that she

now has a small group of young men in their early 20s who attend meetings at her home for interesting discussions on this philosophy. She considers this interest shown by the younger people a most encouraging sign.

"Erratics": She further announces that, in co-operation with Mr. Ronald Calais, Director of AOSUAP, Lafayette, Louisiana, U.S.A., she will be making her 4th filmstrip under the title of "Erratics" in which she hopes to include photographs and details on "The Mysterious Chunk of Hardware at Ottawa". (See article in "Topside" No. 20).

"The Big Hum": An indefatigable UFO worker, Rey has recently written a draft TV play based on all the available UFO facts of the strange noise heard in Warminster and other areas of Southern England, which she has entitled "The Big Hum". This she has forwarded on to an Australian UFO colleague to work on, in the belief that he has a better chance of getting it published or produced in Australia than she has in Holland. She does however, report that on August 1st, the Dutch TV put on a UFO documentary relating to sightings in N.S. Wales, Australia, Chile and the U.S.A. - the first of its kind.

A Swarm of UFOs: Finally, Rey reports a dramatic sighting of a "swarm" of UFOs she witnessed. Details follow. Date: June 27, 1966. Time: 01.15 hours (night of June 27). Place: In her garden in The Hague West. Direction of wind: From NW - SE. Weather conditions: Clear, cloudless sky, with many stars in it. Rey continues: "I went into the garden for a bit of fresh air and was facing East. Suddenly in the sky there appeared a "rain of lights" resembling meteors, but to my amazement, they took the shape of a swarm, like birds. They actually "turned" from NW to SE and then to the East, the bigger lights wobbling over my rooftop as they disappeared. It all took about 10 seconds. The lights were a constant hazy-blue, not so bright as the stars. There were probably about 10 - 15 of them. I was too stunned to count. I had no idea of their altitude, but they looked like pennies at arms-length. I tried to reason it out. They could not have been meteors or satellites for these phenomena move in a one-way direction and surely cannot "swing" like birds. My only reasonable assumption was that they were UFOs and yet there remained that shadow of a doubt. However, as if to remove this doubt, the following day I received a letter from a friend in Eindhoven with whom I am in close telepathic communication and she, unaware of my actual experience, confirmed my sighting of the UFOs. This counter-check from an outside source convinced me that I had indeed seen a swarm of UFOs."

Denmark: With a nation as well-read and open-minded as the Danes, it has been inevitable that the UFO mystery has aroused considerable interest in this country, particularly at the intellectual and university levels. Much of this interest has been the result of an intensive UFO educational campaign put on by Major Hans Petersen of the Royal Danish Air Force, who is Head of Scandinavian UFO Information and IGAP organizer for Europe and Asia. In a series of lecture tours, television programs and press interviews, Major Petersen has presented the UFO case and the philosophy of The Brothers very thoroughly and convincingly. For further details on one of his press interviews, please read the separate article in this issue of Topside, the details of which were kindly translated into English by our Danish correspondent, Mr. Preben Peitzsch.

New UFO Magazine to be printed in Denmark: In collaboration with his co-worker in England, Mr. Ronald Caswell, Major Petersen is now busily occupied in the editing and publishing of a new international UFO magazine entitled "UFO Contact" which will be printed in the English language, as a start, in October of this year. Arrangements are also under-way to translate this magazine into other languages in order to reach people all over the world. Major Petersen plans to appoint special IGAP reporters in many countries of the globe, some of whom will assist in these translations. He is fortunate in having the

services of Mrs. Dora Bauer-Lammer, Austrian co-worker in Vienna, who is an expert linguist. This new magazine promises to be an exciting event in the history of UFO publications. For complete details, including subscription rates of this new periodical, please read the article "UFO Contact" in this issue of Topside.

Italy: Interest in UFO phenomena is rapidly increasing in Italy, with a considerable number of reputable men in professional fields joining the ranks of researchers. Large cities such as Milan, Turin and Rome, have active UFO groups, some with interesting publications. To any of our Italian-speaking readers, we recommend the UFO magazine "Clypeus" now in its third year of publication in Turin. Details may be obtained from Gianna Settimo, Casella Postale 604, Torino-Centro, Italy.

Phoney "Martian" Exposed: In Rome, a well-respected lawyer, Fernando Russo, is devoting much of his spare time to UFO research and space matters and is now regarded as Rome's "Space Specialist". Signor Russo related an amusing attempt by a phoney "Martian" to extort money and jewellery from him which was to be delivered at a meeting place in St. Peter's Square. The "Martian", in a telephone call to him, explained in a strange broken accent, that he needed these specimens to take back to his planet. Pretending to comply with this request, the astute lawyer advised the police and that night they arrested a queer figure swathed in bandages and wearing goggles. He turned out to be a law student whose brother had been a pupil of Fernando Russo. This incident would seem to indicate that the Roman lawyer is nobody's fool and that his keen interest in the UFO case must have a sound basis.

Papal Audience: While in Rome, the Editor had an Audience with the Pope at his summer palace in Castel Gandolfo and heard His Holiness make an earnest appeal for greater unity between the Christian churches, suggesting the laying aside of certain creed and dogma in an effort to establish a United Christian Church. This, we feel, is a step in the right direction and it is to be hoped that the ecclesiastical hierarchy of the various Christian churches will heed this plea from one of the world's great spiritual leaders. It is believed in certain UFO circles that the Space Brothers are in direct contact with the Pope. Certainly there is evidence to believe that the late Pope John received communications from them. It has now been established that there are corroborating witnesses to the meeting in Denmark of the late George Adamski with a man from Venus who handed him a sealed package, with instructions to deliver it to Pope John. Accordingly, GA made the trip to Rome and at Vatican City he was given a 2-hour Audience with the Pope at which time he presented him with the package. The day after the Audience, Pope John presented GA with a gold medallion. Later, in England, the Editor was privileged to see two colour photographs depicting each side of the gold medallion.

Britain: The Editor found England a veritable hive of UFO research activity, with a large number of active UFO groups in many parts of the country. Under the leadership of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association comprised mainly of scientists, technicians, professional men, university students, etc., most of the English groups are adopting a similar scientific approach to the UFO mystery. Undoubtedly too, the wide publicity given by the press to the Warminster incidents aroused the curiosity of the public-at-large and as a result of their clamouring for answers, a Public Enquiry was instituted into the Warminster affair. Apart from this, an intensive campaign is presently being conducted by the Midland Interplanetary Association to obtain thousands of signatures to a petition to be presented to the British Prime Minister, requesting that the full facts of the UFOs be released to the public. It might be of interest to add here that during a recent press conference at which the question of UFOs was raised, Prime Minister Harold Wilson stated: "The Government is taking this subject very seriously."

Warm Welcome from UFO Groups: It was the Editor's good fortune to meet with the leaders and members of two of the most active UFO groups in Britain, i.e., Ronald Caswell and his IGAP-GB group, with headquarters in Harlow, Essex, and Leonard G. Cramp, President, and members of the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society. The Editor was given a cordial welcome by these 2 groups and enjoyed some long and interesting sessions with them on subjects of mutual interest during which scientific and philosophical data were exchanged and valuable contacts made for the future.

IGAP-GB: Ronald Caswell, British co-worker for the International Get Acquainted Program originated by the late George Adamski, had a host of activities to report. Apart from conducting a most successful series of lectures, with film show of the GA colour movie shots of flying saucers, in various parts of Britain and Europe, he is now busily engaged in organizing the IGAP Information Service in Denmark, in collaboration with Major Hans Petersen, IGAP organizer for Europe and Asia. IGAP Information Service is soon to put out the first issue of a new, bi-monthly, quality magazine entitled "UFO Contact." For further details, see the special report on this new magazine in this issue of Topside. Ron's IGAP activities take him travelling to various parts of Britain and Europe either on lecture tours or on investigation research; he maintains voluminous correspondence with co-workers and UFO colleagues all over the world and also puts out an interesting bi-monthly news-letter packed with informative details of UFO interest gathered from various corners of the earth. He often wishes his day had 36 hours!

Contactee Reports: During an interesting discussion with members of IGAP-GB, the Editor learned of many of the more local activities of this group. Apart from their main interest in spreading the truth of the scientific and philosophic aspects of Ufology, members follow up with avid interest, reports of sightings and landings in Britain, often visiting the actual sites, and they are especially interested in contactee reports. Two accounts of contactee claims were reported to the Editor which are presented with the usual open-minded policy of Topside. The first concerned a contactee claim investigated by the IGAP-GB group in Devon in April of this year. The contactee in question lived in a cottage at the edge of Dartmoor and claimed to be in communication with some space people who promised him, as proof of their genuineness, that they would fly over his property and drop from their spacecraft pieces of the Mustang in which Capt. Mantell was killed. He was told to watch out for a blue light and on the night of April 24, he observed a blue light hovering over his cottage. The next morning he examined his garden and found the hedges burnt and a small collection of pieces of metal, including a button with an eagle on it. He took this material to Exeter for a series of tests by a Professor Newton and later, Leonard Cramp, well-known British UFO research investigator, analyzed them. Some of the hardware was identified as parts of Sperry aircraft equipment. Later, a U.S.A.F. officer who was at the Control Tower at the time of the Mantell plane disintegration, examined the material and expressed the belief that the pieces of metal were indeed part of the Mustang in which Capt. Mantell flew.

Appointments with Flying Saucers: The second contactee story concerns 21-year old Garry Byers, well-known to members of IGAP-GB, who periodically hears a "mystery voice" which directs him to certain places to keep appointments with flying saucers. The West Essex Gazette of April 29 published an account of one such appointment which took place at Theydon Bois when Garry saw "a dazzling white object" hovering a few hundred feet overhead. This sighting was later confirmed by a local resident, Mrs. Wendy Cannon, who also described it as "quite dazzling". Garry explains that the voice that he hears - a man's - feels like a "strong, insistent voice inside his head." More recently, Garry had another strange experience when, for no apparent reason, his car stalled. While examining the engine, he suddenly became aware of a man standing near him, wearing dark clothes and

brimmed hat which shaded his face. Speaking in a "flat tone", the man suggested that Garry kept a further appointment with a flying saucer on a named date at Everley on Salisbury Plain. A few moments later, Garry discovered that his car was in working order again and the man had vanished. He reported the incident to members of ICAP-GB and 17 of the group accompanied Garry to the rendezvous just before dawn. On arrival, some confusion arose as to the actual sighting place and one of the group, a navigator, worked out the most likely spot for a landing. This turned out to be the site of an ancient burial ground. The investigating group waited around, but apart from a few inexplicable lights, nothing spectacular happened. By daylight, the party came to the conclusion that the sky watch had been something of a fiasco, but before leaving, Dennis Caswell decided to take a photograph of what appeared to be a plane at high altitude. When the film was developed and printed, two small mysterious objects appeared in the sky. Blown-up to massive enlargements, they proved to be flying saucers of a peculiar mushroom shape. To the group's further surprise, on comparing these photographs with one that appears in the July-August 1966 issue of "Flying Saucer Review" which was taken in Melbourne, Australia, they found it to be of the identical mushroom shape! The colour photo taken in Australia was produced by a Polaroid camera, making it less easy to fake, with a witness present during the photographing of the UFO and the processing a few minutes later. Ron Caswell showed the photographs to the Editor who compared them with the Australian one and there was no doubt that they were of exactly the same type of UFO. The Editor also scrutinized an enlargement of the complete skyscape scene from which the massive blow-ups were taken and became convinced there was absolutely no question of fake photography.

Success of the GA Movie: Continual requests are being received by ICAP-GB for a showing of the GA colour movie which has now been shown in a number of countries and has proved of particular interest to university groups. Ron also mentioned that on August 1, the British ITV put on a television program dealing with UFOs which included a showing of the GA movie. He showed the Editor a series of colour stills taken from the movie which depict the typical scout ship with the three-ball landing gear.

A Welcome Confirmation: During a long exchange of UFO data, Ron remarked to the Editor that he had been particularly interested in an article entitled "The Space Brothers and Earth's Electronic Equipment" which appeared in a recent issue of Topsy and described how certain confidential scientific data on a tape recording made by the late Wilbert B. Smith and sent to a U.S. colleague, had been neatly erased by the Space Brothers. He commented on a similar incident which had happened to George Adamski during a lecture he was giving in the States. Apparently a non-sympathetic listener surreptitiously set up a tape recorder to record GA's speech. Later, the man complained bitterly that someone must have tampered with his recorder because all he wound up with was a reel of blank tape! It was interesting to get this confirmation of the Space Brothers' ability to use our equipment, when necessary. In conclusion, Ron mentioned that American co-worker, Mrs. Pomeroy is now collaborating with Mrs. Alice K. Wells, Director of the George Adamski Foundation in California, in writing GA's biography.

The Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society: On August 14, a meeting took place at the Channel View Hotel, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, between the Editor and members of the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society, including Mr. Frederick W. Smith, Hon. Secretary and Editor of the Society's magazine "Spacelink", Mr. Sam Richards, Hon. Treasurer and his charming wife, Freda, who is a writer and contributes regularly to "Spacelink". A long, lively and interesting discussion period followed during which a wealth of UFO data was exchanged and a valuable link established between the Island group and the Ottawa New Sciences Club who intend to exchange publications, tape recordings and other items of mutual interest in the future. The discussion group covered a wide variety of UFO subjects ranging from the purely scientific and technical aspects to the philosophical and

metaphysical angles and some very interesting theories were exchanged. On the question of the vast distances covered by visitors from other planets, the group appeared to be in agreement that there could be only one answer to this mystery - use of another dimension as yet unknown to earth scientists.

Representation at the Warminster Public Enquiry: Inevitably, the strange happenings in Warminster, Wilts. were discussed. As our readers may recall, residents of this area of England were for a long time pestered by a verberating, two-toned hum, some of them suffering degrees of shock from the vibrations. There were numerous reports of strange lights in the sky - UFOs in cigar, saucer and poker shapes - and an unusual number of cars stalled for no apparent reason. Further mystery was added by flocks of birds dropping dead and mice and similar small creatures found charred or riddled with tiny holes. While the effect of this strange air vibration was less disastrous to human beings, one person claimed to have been thrown against a wall by its force and the local Commanding Officer of the Territorials alleged: "A terrific whining and crackling noise surrounded and beat down on me." All these strange events received wide publicity in the English press, with people urging for an official investigation into the mystery. As a result, a Public Enquiry was set up and representatives from various scientific and UFO groups, and others, were invited to attend. Mr. Fred Smith was elected to represent the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society and he not only attended the Public Enquiry but appeared in a television program in which he endeavoured to put over the views of the Society. From a Ufologist viewpoint, the Public Enquiry was somewhat disappointing. Early enthusiasms became slowly swallowed in a bog of red tape and a number of flying saucer representatives failed to give sufficient support to the UFO case. When asked how many had witnessed actual sightings, only 4 persons stood up. An uneasy air of subtle undercurrents prevailed and some colour was leant to this feeling by the strange behaviour of a reporter from a newspaper with one of England's largest circulations. In the early stages of the Enquiry, he had promised to make "startling revelations" for the UFO case, but when it came to the point, he announced he had decided against this and had "destroyed his files". One can only wonder what pressures were brought to bear to induce a reporter to give up a sensational scoop of this nature.

Warminster Investigations Continue: Whatever the outcome of the Public Enquiry, the Warminster affair is far from dead. Sightings are still being reported in the area, and it has been noted that an R.A.F. officer who had followed the Warminster incidents closely from the beginning, now makes weekly telephone calls to the "Warminster Journal" for the latest reports! Perhaps the most valuable scientific research on the Warminster mystery is being carried out by members of the British UFO Research Association. Armed with telescopes, cameras, astro-compasses, recording equipment, low frequency electromagnetic wave-detectors, etc., they have been conducting an intensive sky watch in the area during the summer months, some of the members devoting their holidays to the project. Under the leadership of Dr. John Cleary-Baker, they are amassing scientific data to be analyzed in the forthcoming months. Dr. Cleary-Baker is already of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the Warminster phenomena is due to flying saucers. When asked by a reporter why Warminster in particular was chosen for this activity, he replied: "Well, Warminster is on the verges of Salisbury Plain and such places as Larkhill (Artillery) and Porton (Biological Warfare) are not far away. In other countries, notably the United States, the sightings do seem to be concentrated on atomic plants, naval dockyards, rocket launching sites, large airfields and other military air centres."

Visit to a Well-known UFO Author and Scientist: On the evening of August 14, the Editor was taken by members of the Isle of Wight UFO Society on a pleasant coastal drive of the Island and later to the home of the Society's President, Mr. Leonard G. Cramp, who extended a warm welcome and gave up several hours of his valuable time to discuss Ufology

in general and his new book in particular. Len, of course, is well-known in UFO circles across the world as the author of an earlier book "Space Gravity and the Flying Saucer" and also for his dedicated scientific approach to UFO research. He showed the Editor sections of his new book in manuscript form which he expects will be published this fall. Its tentative title is "Anti-Gravity and the Flying Saucer" although Len expressed some reluctance at the use of the expression "Anti-Gravity". However, for the want of a better term which would be widely recognized, he will probably use this. He scanned through and explained briefly the various chapters of the book which cover a scientific and logical, step-by-step evolution from the conventional Earth aircraft to the highly-sophisticated flying saucer. His conclusions have been drawn from a meticulous study of numerous UFO sighting and landing reports over the years and a series of ingenious, practical experiments he has carried out in the form of miniaturized simulations of typical UFO behaviour. Although the book represents a highly technical treatise, Len has gone to great pains to break down the language into terms which may be easily understood by even the layman.

The Inventive Genius of Leonard Cramp: The book is graphically illustrated with photographs and drawings depicting the basis for his theories and conclusions, and it includes photographs of some of his own inventions of various scientific devices constructed, for example, to simulate the gravity effects on craters made by UFOs on this planet. The often-reported suction effect of a UFO's take-off from the ground, pulling up weeds and even potato plants, was successfully reproduced by Len with a scientific device used on a small section of meadow-land extracted from his property. Frequently the Cramp kitchen has been used as a laboratory for some of these experiments, with members of the family fleeing for safety at the start of the "count-down"! As an amusing "scoop" for Topside, Len revealed that for one of his research inventions he experienced some difficulty in obtaining a suitably-sized lens. However, with his usual ingenuity, he solved the problem, and the next morning Mrs. Cramp found one of the lenses of her spectacles missing! Fortunately, she is the cheerful, co-operative type who, along with Len, believes in science for science's sake! Len, who has a great sense of humour and is really quite a modest man, cheerfully admits that he has slipped in "a cheeky one" in his book when he dares to question some of Einstein's theories!

Anti-Gravity: As the theme of the book develops from modern Earth aircraft towards the flying saucer, Len is led by gravity study, scientific experiments and logical reasoning, to the conclusion that the only way a man in an alien space capsule can be protected from the physical ill-effects of gravity is by some similar principle as that used on Earth Jets, i.e., slowing-down jets to keep the spacecraft stable. This conclusion leads in turn to the necessity for a specially-designed shape of spacecraft and, in a carefully-explained section of the book, complete with diagrammatic drawings of a man in a space capsule, Len leads his readers to the only possible shape to cover the anti-gravity device employed - and no matter what critics of George Adamski may think and Len himself is not 100% convinced of all of his claims, the salient factor remains that the only possible design of spacecraft, according to his scientific calculations, is the Adamski scout ship!

Metaphysics: The last section of the book deals with the philosophical and metaphysical aspects of the UFO case, and in this Leonard Cramp has some extremely interesting theories to put forward.

The UFO Book of the Century: In the Editor's opinion, Leonard Cramp's new book will be the most valuable scientific contribution to a better understanding of the UFO mystery that has ever been published. Readers and UFO groups are urged to obtain a copy for their libraries. There is something for everyone in this book - the scientist, technician, ufologist, philosopher, layman. Full details of the publication of this book may be obtained from Mr. F.W. Smith, 4 Connaught Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England.

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A UFO Painting with a Strange Story: Over the Cramp mantlepice there is a large, beautifully-executed oil painting by Leonard, depicting with drama and terrific impact, a flying saucer landing on the surface of the moon. It is one of a series of his paintings of UFOs based on descriptions of actual sightings by reputable observers. Len had a strange story to relate concerning the UFO/moon painting which involved the visitation of two space men to his home apparently for the specific purpose of examining the painting. He received corroborative evidence from 7 different sources of this visit, including members of his family, a friend who lived in another part of the Island and even the strange behaviour of the Cramp dog, Lassie - in fact, Len himself, much to his own disappointment, was the only member of the family who slept peacefully through the exciting events of that night.

Visit of Two Space Men: To put our readers in the picture of the locale and set-up of the visitation, it should be explained that the long strip of Cramp property contains two residences. At the top of this property is a small cottage occupied by Len's parents and at the lower end is the large house built by Len and occupied by his family. On the day of the incident, the Cramps were visited by Len's brother and family and as it turned out to be a warm summer's night, they decided to sleep in a tent on the Cramps' back lawn. That night when they all retired, Lassie the dog followed her usual practice of curling up at the foot of the bed occupied by Len's young son. In the middle of the night, Lassie became restless and excited and started to bark at the window, so the Cramp boy finally opened up the window and let her out. She raced all around the house, barking excitedly and finally burst into the tent awakening Len's brother. He managed to calm the dog down and they both settled down to sleep. It was then he had a strange "metaphysical" experience in which the dog became restless again and ran from the tent. Following the dog out, he was halted dead in his tracks, for there on the patio in front of the Cramps' large picture window, stood two space men dressed in astronaut's clothing, one a little taller than the other. They were looking intently through the window at the moon painting which was mysteriously bathed in a glowing light. Then the shorter astronaut turned to the other, nodding his head smilingly and approvingly.

Corroborative Evidence: The next morning Leonard Cramp awoke to find his household in a state of great excitement, each with stories to tell of strange noises and lights in the night. His brother related his own experience and went on to say that he had visited their mother that morning to find her very disturbed at something she had seen in the night. Len went to see her and she had an equally strange story to tell. His mother, who knew little if anything about UFOs, described how she could not sleep that night and had finally got up. Looking through her bedroom window, she was petrified to see a large, glowing, bell-shaped object which hovered over Len's house and had then landed behind some trees on the property. The clinching evidence came by telephone call from a friend of Len's who lived in Ryde, some miles away. He reported that in the middle of the night he had observed a brightly-lit UFO travelling at speed in a bee-line direction for Len's house! Confronted by all this evidence from different sources, Leonard Cramp became convinced that he had indeed been visited by two of the Space Brothers!

Editor's Summary: In summing up the wealth of UFO data gathered from individuals and groups visited, plus reports received from other parts of the world, the Editor has been greatly impressed and highly encouraged at the rapidly growing interest not only in the UFO mystery itself, but more significantly, in the Space Brothers' philosophy of Universal Brotherhood. This was particularly evident with the young generation and university students and the Editor noted that in each of the groups visited in different countries, there was a good percentage of young people. It is as if our younger generation, dissatisfied with present dogma-ridden religions, is turning with a new ray of hope to the wider horizons of Universal Philosophy. This is a most encouraging sign, for our young people are the future citizens of the world and maybe the knowledge they gain from pioneer UFO groups will in time pave the way to a better spiritual climate on Planet Earth.

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UFO RESEARCH ACTIVITY ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Of the many UFO groups in Britain, the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society is regarded as one of the most active and highly respected for its scientific approach to the UFO mystery. Mr. Frederick W. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Society and Editor of its publication "Spacelink", gives the following interesting account of some of the Society's activities:

The Society was founded in 1962 by eight founder members. It was formed mainly to send a delegation to the Inaugural Convention of the British UFO Research Association. We are very fortunate in having as a founder member and now our President, Mr. Leonard G. Cramp, author of "Space Gravity and the Flying Saucer" published around 1954, and one of the first books to take a serious technical look at the implications of particularly, the propulsion of certain UFOs. Mr. Cramp has become a world authority and is shortly to publish a second book reviewing the researches which have been made in the last decade both by other workers and not least by himself. Leonard is a tireless seeker of knowledge and although with both feet firmly on the ground, is not in the least worried by delving into the border-lines of scientific research - in fact, he thrives on it!

The Society meet monthly in Newport, capital of the Island, and have during its four years, covered many aspects of Ufology from straight astronomy to the "way-out" points of view. Brain Trusts are very popular and serve to impart much sought-after knowledge to the general public. Other activities have included practical evenings with demonstrations of telescope making and UFO detectors. Many Island societies have requested speakers and have afforded some first-class discussion evenings.

Some 50 members represent the present strength of the Society and include rocket technicians, electronic engineers, draughtsmen, technical authors and artists, housewives, a Unitarian minister, boat builder, agency director, apprentices, school teachers and university students.

Outside activities include publication of a monthly UFO Sighting Information Sheet named "UFOLOG" run very efficiently by hard-working John Feakins (information officer). Some 400 incidents have now passed through the Service in 2 years. An international section is a recent new feature. Circulation covers all British UFO groups. "Spacelink" published quarterly by IWUFOIS is edited by Frederick W. Smith and is now in its 3rd year of publication. Some 12 overseas exchanges are made with foreign magazines. Many original articles are contributed by members and others. Several TV appearances by members have made the Society well-known in the South of England, particularly over the recent Warminster (Wilts) sightings. Skywatchers are very popular, the Island providing a good vantage point with its high ground and open sea views. The Society is affiliated to the British UFO Research Association. An annual dinner is a big social feature and this year's guest of honour was Charles Bowen, Editor of the British "Flying Saucer Review".

The IWUFOIS policy is to pursue any avenue of research and investigate any promising incident. It has no conclusions to reach regarding UFOs. That something is "going on" is acknowledged. It is our business to find out and pass on what we find to those who will listen, and our experience is that the potential audience is enormous.

F.W. Smith.

Editor's Note: Subscription rates of "Spacelink" (highly recommended by Topside) are 9/4 (\$1.30) post-paid for 4 issues. Subscriptions should

be sent to: Mrs. P.N. Smith, 4 Connaught Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, England.
"UFOLOG", a monthly summary of UFO reports, may be obtained, post-free (12 issues) for 10/6 or \$1.50. Subscriptions should be sent to: Mr. S.A. Richards, Draycott Villa, Gravel Pit Road, Wootton, Isle of Wight, England.

"TWELVE TIMES I HAVE SEEN FLYING SAUCERS!"

Translated by our Danish Correspondent, Preben Peitzsch.

The following are excerpts taken from an article which appeared recently in a Copenhagen newspaper describing a reporter's interview with Major H.C. Petersen of the Royal Danish Air Force and Head of Scandinavian UFO Information. Toppside extends grateful thanks to Mr. Preben Peitzsch for supplying the English translation to this interesting article.

"Twelve times I have seen flying saucers." says Major H.C. Petersen. "These mysterious phenomena come from other planets. Some of them are the size of tennis balls - others are several miles long. Some of them are manned - some of them we are able to talk to. And Venus beings are living here on Earth. Only a few months ago, my wife and I saw a couple of UFOs. They were about the size of a tennis ball and both were as clear as glass. They flew right behind and above the hedge at the end of our garden. We tried to make contact in order to get them up to the house, but they did not respond, and soon after, they ascended and disappeared at great speed."

The man who gives this account is Major H.C. Petersen, who is at present on duty at the military air-base in Værløse, north of Copenhagen. He is 42 years of age, has a stocky, springy figure and a pair of seriously-searching eyes under a high forehead. He seems calm and absolutely matter-of-fact in all that he says and does. We are sitting in Major Petersen's big modern villa in Maløv (a village north of Copenhagen) and through the windows we can see the hedge down at the other end of the sloping garden. I (the journalist) came to see Major Petersen to get his opinion on the fact that UFOs have been observed all over the globe in increasing numbers. I showed him some pictures and articles in LIFE magazine. "Nothing strange in that," replied Major Petersen. "We human beings display gigantic activity in order to send manned rockets to other worlds. It is quite natural then that living beings on other planets may want to keep an eye on us and our activity. Therefore they send their flying saucers to Earth to investigate us and report back."

These words were said in a very matter-of-fact way. But they do not sound natural from the lips of an air-force major - a man who holds a position of great responsibility in the defence of Denmark, a man who cannot afford to get ideas into his head. How then does it come about that a man like Major Petersen believes in flying saucers? In reply to this question, Major Petersen related the early history of flying saucers which is well-known to ufologists. However, in 1907, he decided to investigate the matter himself because reports were becoming so numerous and "something had to be done to exorcise all this fantastic nonsense once and for all." But, as he started to work on this project, he became more and more convinced that the reports could not be built on fantasy and fabrication only. His next step was to collect reports concerning UFOs in Scandinavia. He founded "Scandinavian UFO-Information" and organized a network of reporters in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. In Denmark alone he has reporters in 40 cities, mostly teachers and policemen. The reports were published in his "UFO-News". During the eight years, he has published 2000 reports, that is about 20 a month, but he is convinced that there have been ten times as many sightings because only about 10% of observers care to report the UFOs. 90% are afraid to report because they fear ridicule.

HOWARD SMITH

"Twelve times I have seen flying saucers" claims Major Petersen. "The first three years after I started my investigations, I saw nothing. But on a night in 1960 in Jutland, I saw a white, light object half as big as the moon in the sky. Soon after I saw an object land very slowly somewhere. Another night my wife and I saw a UFO in wonderful colours slowly land on earth not far away. And more recently, we have seen several objects, for example, the above-mentioned "tennis balls" along our hedge. I do not believe they are man-made. If the Russians or the Americans had developed anything like these objects, they would surely not let them fly about all over the world like flying saucers do."

Major Petersen then proceeded to give a couple of examples of his UFO reports.

(1) One of his reporters, a Copenhagen police-inspector, was walking down Store Kongengade when suddenly he saw a little, shining ball - like a soap bubble - moving fast about the cars in the street. The inspector watched it for a while. Then he said: "If you are a flying saucer, pal, then come over to me." At once the ball stopped, came over and placed itself in front of the inspector. It stopped right in front of his face and, after a few seconds, it disappeared.

(2) A Danish man and his wife, together with another couple, were out on a drive. Suddenly they saw a huge, dial-shaped object land on a meadow close to the road. They stopped, jumped out of the car and approached the meadow. They saw 4 creatures walking about the flying saucer. When they were as close as 150 ft. from the saucer, their muscles became paralyzed. For the next 20 minutes they could not move but were able to watch the 4 strange beings and the saucer. Then the UFO took off and disappeared into the sky. Major Petersen admitted that these reports may sound fantastic, but he is convinced of their truth because they came from very reliable sources.

The Major then went on to talk about the late George Adamski and the claims made by him in his books. "I believe in Adamski" he stated. "He was my friend until he died a few years ago and I feel sure that he spoke the truth. Furthermore, science has now proved 50% of what Adamski claimed to have seen out in space - things which were unknown in those days. And it is not only Adamski who has been in a flying saucer. I have reports of other men who have and among them is an American General, but all this is being kept as a secret."

Major Petersen then described the visit of Adamski to Denmark in 1963. "Our UFO people got him a room in a hotel in Dragør (a little village on the southern part of the small island, Amager, where Kastrup Airport is situated). Already on that first day, Adamski claimed that he had received some mysterious information the meaning of which he could not understand. When two of my UFO people went out to see Adamski at 8 o'clock the next morning, he told them he had arisen at 4 o'clock and had walked about the harbour pier in Dragør. Here he had met a man from Venus who had explained the mysterious message and had handed him a sealed package, with instructions to deliver it to the Pope. "I do not know what the package contained," said Major Petersen. "But I know that Adamski went to Rome and at the Vatican he had a 2-hour Audience with the late Pope John XXIII, and that the day after the Audience, the Pope presented Adamski with one of the most distinguished orders of the Vatican."

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Asked about people from Venus, the Major replied: "Yes, they are sent to Earth and live among us in order to report what happens here. I know of 12 in Europe - and 3 of them live in Scandinavia."

In conclusion, Major Petersen reported that he now has contact people in 69 countries and that he is about to publish a periodical in English named "UFO Contact". His final word on flying saucers: "They exist. They are reality - thank God!"

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THE OLD, WELL-WORN ALIBI!

We print below an actual copy of the stereotyped reply which the British Government is sending out to the many people in England who enquire about the truth of the UFOs. It will be noted that it bears a striking resemblance to similar letters put out by other governments of the world, even to the percentages quoted and the list of all-too-familiar alibis. It all poses some interesting questions. From what higher authority do world governments take their orders and adopt their concerted "hush-hush" policy concerning UFOs? Why, if there is so little in it, are these same world governments so assiduously keeping secret files on the subject? Well, at least the British Government has had the good sense not to include in its list of alibis the laughable one of "swamp gas" which so deservedly earned the ridicule of the world and provided such excellent ammunition for our cartoonists!

Ministry of Defence,
Main Building, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.
March 22, 1966.

Thank you for your letter of 15 March about UFOs. The Ministry of Defence investigates reports of UFOs solely to the extent of its concern for the air defence of this country. More than 90% of the reports we receive refer to man-made satellites, balloons, stars, planets, meteors, aircraft, birds, parhelia, meteorological and other natural phenomena, or technical faults in photographic or radar apparatus. In less than 10% of all the cases we deal with are we unable to provide a rational and mundane explanation; this is generally due to lack of data. These cases include those where there is only a single witness and therefore no corroboration, and since many reports have been admitted to be hoaxes, some of these are no doubt included.

People who submit reports are informed of our conclusions, and their reports and our findings, are not published. This arises from the confidential nature of correspondence between citizens of the United Kingdom and Government Departments. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful.

(signed) M.H. Toft.

Editor's Note:

The above quoted percentages do not tally with the following report published in the English newspaper "Daily Express" on May 28, 1966, which reads: "There were 56 reports of UFOs received by the Defence Department last year, 14 of which have not been explained, R.A.F. Defence Under-Secretary, Mr. Merlyn Rees, said in a written reply yesterday."

FLYING SAUCERS TO BE FEATURED IN CANADA'S CENTENNIAL PROJECTS!

In 1967, Canada celebrates her century as a confederated nation and a wide variety of centennial projects is being planned across the country. It is interesting to note that in St. Paul, Alberta, the Chamber of Commerce has elected to erect, as its centennial project - and in all seriousness - a concrete outer-space landing pad for flying saucers! They are presently offering \$50 for the best pad design and the Car Ouelles Construction Company has offered to build it as their centennial project and they are prepared to spend a good deal on it. To justify the expense of what might be considered by some as a "way-out" project, the landing pad will be used as a rostrum for visiting speakers, when not occupied by flying saucers! It is to be hoped that our space friends will accept this invitation extended to them by outerspace-minded Albertans!

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NEW INTERNATIONAL UFO MAGAZINE!

Mr. Ronald Caswell and Major Hans Petersen, co-organizers of the ICAP Information Service in Denmark which is shortly to bring out a new international UFO magazine, have asked us to publish the following details concerning the publication and subscription rates of what would appear to be an outstanding new UFO magazine.

"UFO CONTACT"

We are now able to inform you that notifications of subscription to the planned ICAP magazine "UFO Contact" are such that there is approximately two-thirds of the necessary financial backing for publication for one year. It has therefore been decided that the first issue will be published in October, 1966 - next issue in December, following issue in February 1967, and so on every second month.

"UFO Contact", which is to be a quality magazine, will consist in the beginning of 32 pages, and the annual subscription has been finally settled at \$5 for air mail rate or \$3.50 for surface mail. Please note detailed price list at the end of this article.

To those of you who have offered us your support by taking out a subscription, we would request that you send in your remittance as quickly as possible. To others who may be interested in subscribing, we would welcome hearing from you. On practical grounds - we are, of course, working philanthropically and without other financial help - may we ask that you remit subscriptions for 1966 and 1967 at the same time. This would help us tremendously from a purely administrative point of view. Please note we are not asking for one year's subscription from October 1966 to October 1967. Will you please remit for both 1966 and 1967 - or just 1967.

Since our earlier announcement, we have had a new idea whereby you can take out a sponsored subscription for one or more well-known persons whom you would like to read the magazine right from the start, i.e., politicians, scientists, military or Church personages to whom we cannot, as yet, send the magazine gratis because we must first build up a certain economy as assurance for the future. So that we may get as many people as possible to understand how significant we believe this idea to be, we will offer sponsored subscriptions at a reduced price - on condition only that you inform us of your wish to take out this sponsorship to one or more persons, and inform us also of the appropriate person's position, name and address.

Another means by which a sponsored subscription can give benefit to the community as a whole, is for a sponsor to name his town Public Library. This new UFO magazine will be well worthy of a position on the shelves of a public library, and this can be achieved providing permission for this copy to be donated is first obtained from the Librarian in charge. In this event, please give name and address of Library.

Please note that "UFO Contact" will be despatched from Denmark for which subscribers in Europe and the U.K. do not require Air Mail - they will receive the magazine just as quickly. You are kindly requested to pay your remittance by international cheque or international money order - British money order from the U.K. - or by registered post, and address to: Major H.C. Petersen, ICAP Information Service, Bavneldens 27, Maaloev Sj., Denmark.

Subscribers will hear from us in October and they will have something really big to look forward to - the first organized and positive information project, with an approach to everyone, is in the making. We foresee the looks of surprise and enthusiasm on the day the first issue arrives!

To our subscribers, we extend thanks, because you will lead the way together with us - and every beginning is hard. And yet, not only are we convinced that we shall get a firm foothold, but that we shall become a truly decisive factor in spreading the truth to the masses and to those authorities who today fight the truth because of ignorance. Our aim is to bring about a more open-minded attitude towards the entire UFO case, and we feel confident that within a short time the effects will begin to be seen.

Please tell everybody with whom you come in contact about this new magazine. If you have friends or acquaintances who cannot read English, you can tell them that "UFO Contact" will also be published in other languages. At present there are plans underway for translation in Danish, French, Flemish, German, Spanish and Polish. Those interested can enquire of the following:-

- Danish : Mr. Leif E. Pedersen, Kastrupvej 260, Copenhagen S., Denmark
- French : Mrs. May Moriet, 13 Berkenlaan, Anvers, Belgium
- Flemish : Mrs. J. de Bruyn Kops - van Dam, Otterslostraat 25, The Hague, Holland
- German : Mrs. Dora Bauer-Lemmer, Karolinegasse 14/14, 1040 Vienna, Austria
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At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the ONSC, however, it was agreed that the Editor of Topside might accept a limited number of short advertisements on subjects suitable to our magazine, as a free service to subscribers only. The Editor, however, reserves the right to accept or reject, or to make further enquiries as to the nature of, any such advertisements and to publish them as space becomes available in the magazine

dependent upon the number of items received. It should be clearly understood by our readers that Topside accepts no responsibility for any of the advertisements published and extends this service mainly for the purpose of assisting readers to make contact with other Ufologists across the world and to exchange information of mutual interest.

For space reasons, such advertisements or announcements should be confined to approximately 50 words, unless special explained circumstances warrant more space. They should be sent to: Editor, Topside, Ottawa New Sciences Club, P.O. Box 2221, Station "D", Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

We print below our first two advertisements of this nature.

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EARLY BACK NUMBERS OF "TOPSIDE" (MARCH 1960, JUNE 1960, DECEMBER 1960, MARCH 1961, SUMMER 1962 AND FALL 1962) MAY NOW BE OBTAINED AT 25 CENTS EACH, WHILE PRESENT SUPPLY LASTS. WE ALSO HAVE A FEW COPIES LEFT OF THE SPECIAL MEMORIAL EDITION TO THE LATE WILBERT B. SMITH CONTAINING MOST OF HIS OUTSTANDING ARTICLES - A DOUBLE ISSUE WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED FOR 50 CENTS. PLEASE ADDRESS ORDERS FOR COPIES TO THE EDITOR, TOPSIDE, OTTAWA NEW SCIENCES CLUB, P.O. BOX 2221, STATION "D", OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA.

"ABOARD A FLYING SAUCER."

The October 4, 1966 issue of LOOK magazine contains Part One of a Two-Part article under the title of "Aboard a Flying Saucer" which is a condensed version of a book entitled "The Interrupted Journey" by John G. Fuller.

The article contains an authenticated account of the strange experiences of a young American couple, Betty and Barney Hill who, it is claimed, were "kidnapped" by humanoid spacemen and taken aboard a flying saucer where they were subjected to physical examinations but suffered no harm other than subsequent psychological shock and some vague anxiety.

Their actual experiences aboard the flying saucer remained blanked-out by a strange amnesia for several years until, haunted by the fear that something had happened that they could not recall, they sought the help of Dr. Benjamin Simon, the distinguished Boston psychiatrist and neurologist. Dr. Simon accepted them as patients and under psychotherapy, including periods of time regression under hypnosis, they "re-lived" their extraordinary experiences in full and frightening detail.

Dr. Simon tape-recorded their individual responses to his questioning while they were in trance state under hypnosis, and extracts from these tapes appear in the article. They make incredible and fascinating reading.

Researchers into the UFO mystery will find these articles, or later when it is published, the book "The Interrupted Journey" by John G. Fuller, of absorbing and unusual interest, and the details given may well shed some new light on the mysterious space visitors to our planet.