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LONG ago FLYING SAUCER REVIEW reached the conclusion that flying saucers definitely existed. The sheer weight of evidence, including thousands of sighting reports from every country in the world, was overwhelming. Many of these reports came from Service and civilian pilots, coastguards, police, ships' officers, radar operators and other trained observers. Flying saucers have not only been tracked many times on radar, but they have also been photographed not once, but frequently. These craft have even been filmed on several occasions. A good example of a saucer film is the now famous one taken by a team of fifty scientific experts, who flew from Scandinavia in three airliners, to photograph the eclipse of the sun on June 30, 1954. They actually saw and filmed two saucers from the air. An account of this happening, together with a photograph from the film, appeared in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 2, No. 1. The film is typical of the evidence that helped this magazine come to the momentous decision that the saucers are real, very real.

However, from time to time, human nature being what it is, someone is found to have faked a photograph or to have hoaxed the public over a sighting. In every field of human activity you get black sheep and, let us face it, the subject of flying saucer research is wide open to both the hoaxer and prankster. But the hoaxes and fakes perpetrated by the few do not nullify the whole evidence for the existence of flying saucers. Far from it!

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has also been presenting to its readers the personal experiences and contact stories of those people on this planet who claim to have met men and women from other worlds. It is possible that these contacts may be happening and it is FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's policy to present every facet of the saucer enigma to the public, so that they may judge for themselves.

It is in this aspect of the saucer story, that unfortunately is to be found the easiest and most profitable field for the hoaxer. Nevertheless, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW will continue to publish these contact stories in good faith and without prejudice. This magazine feels that they are an important part of the drama that is unfolding before our eyes, and may well turn out to be the most enlightening.

In comparison, flying saucer sightings now happen with such frequency that they are commonplace. They will, of course, still be of interest and importance to saucer research, and more especially to the newcomer. We will therefore continue to report sightings as objectively as possible.

The times we live in today are probably the most critical in the long and chequered history of this planet. It is against this backdrop that the most exciting and momentous act of all is being staged, namely, the coming of the space ships and their occupants to Earth. Do these ships come from Venus; from Mars; from the Moon; from another solar system or galaxy; or as some maintain, from other dimensions? These are among the many questions that FLYING SAUCER REVIEW now wants to resolve.

If we want to learn where flying saucers come from; who occupies them; and why they come here; then the close study of contact stories and of what those who participated in them have to tell, may well be of great importance to the whole of Humanity on this Earth. These contacts could be part of a gradual process of breaking the ice before open contact is established on a much wider basis with our visitors.

*Amazing letter reveals confirmatory evidence of
Adamski claims*

U.S. GOVT. HAS EVIDENCE OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has seen a photostat copy of a letter sent by a branch of the U.S. Government to Mr. George Adamski. It will be recalled that Mr. Adamski claimed to have met a man from Venus on November 20, 1952, near Desert Centre, California, U.S.A. A full account of this contact appeared in the book *Flying Saucers Have Landed* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski. Subsequently, Mr. Adamski related further experiences with the space visitors in another book, *Inside The Space Ships*.

The letter in question was an unsolicited one, despatched to him from Washington, D.C., on December 6, 1957. This letter is from a branch of the U.S. Government, but the individual who signed it asks that it be considered a personal letter "for the time being," and not construed as an official communication.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW may not publish the letter in full, nor name the actual department in the U.S. Government concerned, nor name the individual who signed the letter, but permission has been given to indicate that this magazine has seen the letter and that it was from a branch of the U.S. Government. Furthermore, permission has been given to quote from it as follows:

"It will no doubt please you to know that . . . has on file a great deal of confirmatory evidence bearing out your own claims which, as both of us must realise, are controversial, and have been disputed generally."

"While certainly . . . cannot publicly confirm your experiences, it can, I believe with propriety, encourage your work and your communication of what you sincerely believe should be told to our American public."

Although the letter states public confirmation cannot be given just now, this letter from a government department stating they have some confirmatory evidence of Mr. Adamski's claims, will be electrifying in its implications to most people!

For a very long time the idea of beings coming to this planet from outer space would have been laughed to scorn, but during the last ten years the saucers have done a wonderful campaign of gradually breaking people in to the concept that visitors

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MAJOR KEYHOE CUT OFF THE AIR

Here is further evidence that the authorities are sitting on dynamite!

Telephone calls flooded the switchboard at the Columbia Broadcasting System H.Q. in New York after Major Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S. Marine Corps, Ret., director of NICAP (see *Panorama*, this issue), was cut off the air for 15 seconds during a programme about flying saucers on the night of January 23.

The action was taken, it was stated, because Major Keyhoe departed from his script. He had started to refer to secret hearings by a congressional committee.

Major Keyhoe later said: "For the past six months our group has been working with a Senate committee. I was going to say that if they held public hearings with the information we have given them it would have proved the reality of these things and would have caused a sensation."

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has since received a letter from Major Keyhoe dated January 28. We quote from it:

"The statement I began when cut off the air was as follows:

"In the last six months we (NICAP) have been working with a Senate Committee investigating official secrecy on Unidentified Flying Objects. If open hearings are held, I feel it will prove beyond doubt that the flying saucers are real machines under intelligent control."

This statement was discussed with a sponsor's representative and he agreed it would get wide attention; but later the producer told me that since he personally was not informed

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FORMER CHIEF OF SAUCER PROJECT SPEAKS

Wilbur Smith, 47-year-old electrical engineer who for one year operated a flying saucer observation centre for the Canadian Department of Transport, thinks it is probable that spacemen have colonised every available planet in the universe.

In an interview to Angela Burke, *Toronto Star* staff correspondent, he said: "I'm inclined to believe that earthlings are descendants of these people."

Smith is chief radio regulations engineer and also an M.A. Since termination of the flying saucer observation centre, he has been privately carrying on a one-man vigil on objects from outer space.

"I have interviewed people who witnessed landings of spacemen. I've checked on their credibility."

Questioned about their manner of dress, Smith answered: "They're like us to the extent they wear clothes. They don't wear shells like crustaceans."

He denied that space travellers resembled "little green men."

Smith asserts that no basically sound religion should be upset about the possibility of life on other planets. "I can't find anything in the Christian religion that says flying saucers shouldn't exist, or that there shouldn't be people elsewhere in the universe."

Smith is not a member of any church although he attends Anglican services periodically. "I believe that earthly existence is only a small part of our total existence," he says.

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NORWEGIAN LANDING REPORT

Norwegian Air Force officers and policemen searched a snow covered hill near Stavanger after a woodcutter reported that a flying saucer had landed.

The woodcutter said he saw a very tall man with a tanned face and wearing a helmet step from the machine. After a few minutes the man got back in and the craft took off "with a noise like a flock of birds."

EVIDENCE OF EXTRA- TERRESTRIALS

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could and do come here from other worlds. Recent developments with our own satellite and rocket projects have helped to make people more space conscious. The Russian sputniks and the American Explorer have proved that space flight is possible. People in consequence are beginning to ponder again about flying saucers. They are thinking that if space flight is possible to man, then it is possible for beings on other worlds.

The London *Sunday Times*, of February 9, announced that America's first "reconnaissance satellite" can be launched before the end of this year, according to Dr. Wernher von Braun, whose team successfully fired Explorer. This satellite will weigh 300 lb., ten times heavier than Explorer. It will be shot to a height of 200 miles, and will photograph the earth with television equipment. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW considers that it may only be a matter of weeks or months—no longer of years—before a television carrying satellite is launched into orbit round the moon. When that is done, the inhabited portion George Adamski has written about in "Inside the Space Ships" and that other UFO writers have referred to, will either be disclosed or proved unreal as the case may be. See, too, Unanswered Questions, No. 11, in this issue.

The authorities obviously have something up their sleeves. This is becoming increasingly obvious. Recently, too, Major R. V. Lamb, of the South African Air Force Intelligence, stated in Pretoria that the existence of unidentified objects could not be denied.

Once again the \$64 question comes up. Are we going through the final conditioning period before the authorities tell us all they know about saucers? Or are we never to be told the truth about saucers officially?

SPHERICAL OBJECT HEADING FOR MOON

—Swedish Government Report

The Swedish Defence Department in Stockholm has released a report, made by a Swedish army captain, of a round, bright object spiralling up towards the moon.

The sighting was made by the officer at Kortedala, near Teborg, on the west coast on November 24.

"The captain reported he watched the object through his field glasses for 20 minutes," a staff spokesman said. "We are taking this report seriously since it came from a competent

observer. All details are being forwarded to the FOA (research institute of Sweden's armed forces).

"The captain described the object as a flattened sphere circling moonwards. Its sides were somewhat elongated and there was a flickering glow as from burning exhaust gases from one side."

See Unanswered Questions No. 11 in this issue, "Is the Moon already occupied?"

Keyhoe Cut off the Air

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he had no choice under CBS rules but to cut me off; however, even though this action was not deliberate censorship by CBS, strong Air Force pressure previously had caused deletion of a vital statement from my script. This script contained a statement listing four Air Force documents never officially released but which had been confirmed by the former chief of the Air Force Project Blue Book, Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, and by another former Project officer. The documents were:

1. A September 23, 1947, secret conclusion by Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) that the flying saucers were real.

22. A 1948 top secret ATIC document concluding that the UFOs were interplanetary spaceships.

3. A secret Air Force Intelligence analysis of UFO manoeuvres, also concluding that the objects were interplanetary.

4. A secret report by a panel of top scientists convened at the Pentagon in January, 1953, which urged (a) that the Air Force quadruple its UFO project, and (b) that they give the American people all UFO information, including secret Air Force conclusions, unsolved sightings and photo analyses. (These recommendations were officially rejected.)

According to one of the program staff, when my script was shown to

the Air Force representative he warned that the Air Force would immediately deny the documents' existence if I were permitted to make the statement. This would also include denouncing the quoted source—their own former Project chief—even though his book containing these items had been cleared by Air Force Security and Review. This Air Force threat, which appears to be censorship by intimidation, caused my planned statement to be cut out. In addition, though the programme officials tried to present an impartial programme, the Air Force insistence on an unfair share of the time forced me to delete many factual items refuting most AF claims. Among these were: Listing of official orders which silence armed forces personnel; citing of an AF letter to NICAP by Maj. Gen. Joe Kelly, Director Legislative Liaison USAF; refusing to release UFO reports; and admitting they are classified 'for official use only.'

In case you wish to join us and help to make all the facts public, we are enclosing information on NICAP. Regardless, we appreciate your interest and your protest against secrecy on this vital subject.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD E. KEYHOE,
Major U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.),
Director of NICAP."

THE SILPHO MOOR MYSTERY

ULO'S MESSAGE TO EARTH Hoax or Genuine?

A Scarborough man, who writes under the pen-name of Antony Avendel, has recently been examining a strange saucer-shaped object which came into his possession after it was alleged to have been found on a wild part of Silpho Moor near Scarborough, nearly three months ago.

The object is shaped like a spinning top weighs 35 lb., is 18 inches across, and has hieroglyphics on the outside. It is made of copper, three-sixteenths of an inch thick, in two skins. Inside it some burnt, powdery substance was found. A copper book was inside, too, in the centre of a coil of copper tubing. The book contained 17 thin copper sheets with more than 2,000 words engraved in phonetic-type symbols.

The story began when three men, Messrs. Frank Hutton, Charles Thomas and Fred Taylor, were driving up a steep hill on Silpho Moor at night when the engine of their car cut out. They then saw a glowing object in the sky above some trees and it seemed to go right down into the ground.

Mr. Hutton went alone with a torch and found the object in some bracken and then went back to tell the others. On the way he passed a man and a woman on a little used path. When he got back with his friends to the spot where he had found the object in the bracken it was no longer there. After apparently making enquiries they got in touch with the man that Mr. Hutton had seen with the woman. There was quite a little bargaining and eventually the object was passed over to them for £10.

Mr. Hutton took the object to Mr. Avendel in the mistaken belief that the latter was an authority on flying saucers. However, Mr. Avendel agreed to examine it and then to either return it to Mr. Hutton or advise him to turn it over to the authorities.

Mr. Avendel told the Press: "The base of the object is copper, but I have cut out a small circular portion which I shall send for analysis. The top is covered with some sort of plastic paint to whiten it. I looked very carefully to see if there were any Army markings, but there are none. It could not possibly be a mine and there are no explosives inside. . . . After receiving the object I went to the spot on the moor where it was supposed to

have dropped. Although it weighs some three to four stone, there was no impression on the earth though the heather appeared to have been scorched."

The object has two vent holes in the top with scorch marks around each. A shaft runs through the middle and it is possible to see into it by the aid of a light.

Subsequently it was found that the hieroglyphics on the outside of the object were the key for the breaking down of the message contained in the copper book inside. More than 100 hours' work has been put in by Mr. P. Longbottom, a Scarborough cafe proprietor, in transcribing the message.

The words on the outside of the object read: "Friends. Message inside to be dealt with by philosophers, not officials. Good wishes, Ulo."

The message inside started: "My name is Ulo, and I write this message to you, my friends on the planet of the sun you call earth. Where I live I will not say. You are a fierce race, and prepare space travel. No one from any other planet has ever landed on the

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"When we die we merely go into another phase. We progress we come back to live again and learn all that we didn't learn in our previous life. There must be levels of intelligence higher than our own. Maybe men from outer space have reached higher intellectual plateaus."

Mr. Smith doesn't pretend to have the answers to the questions of the universe. He is careful to state his opinions are purely personal ones.

To the suggestion that flying saucers might be Russian space ships, Smith replied that sightings had been made long before the U.S.S.R. was established.

"In 1947 a new flurry of sightings was reported and at that time neither the Soviet nor the U.S. had anything that went faster than sound.

"Since the launching of the Sputniks," he continued, "It's not considered bad form to see flying objects in the sky. As a matter of fact it's stylish."

Mr. Smith, who is a member of the co-ordinating committee of the International Geophysical Year, believes spacemen do not live under dictatorships. In his opinion it's impossible that a civilised race so far technologically advanced would tolerate a totalitarian government.

earth and your reports to the contrary are faulty. . . . It is impossible to receive radio over far distances owing to natural waves in space, unless key of several frequencies is used, but we can receive single frequencies from near transmitter-recorder in space vehicles."

According to the *Yorkshire Post*, Ulo went on to declare that one of the reasons for the bad understanding between countries is "no agreed one language. With your radio and television many could be taught one."

Ulo went on to argue against atomic bombs and their testing. "Our recording vehicles on return are sometimes found to have atoms radiating and we can't touch except by machine. . . ."

Mr. Avendel is quoted recently in the Press as stating, "I accept this as a message, but I don't accept that it has come from another planet. I think it was devised as a method of presenting certain ideas to the public—either by way of propaganda or advice. It may have come from a body of scientists, who, if they tried to put over their message in the normal way might be guilty of a breach of trust."

The object has been inspected by members of the Manchester Flying Saucer Research Society. The President, Mr. J. Dale (one of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's area investigators), made a special journey from Manchester to Scarborough to investigate. It is understood that he believes it has come from outer space.

On the other hand, members of the Teeside Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society of Middlesbrough have also inspected Mr. Ulo's saucer. The opinion of Mr. Rush (another REVIEW investigator on the spot) and his team is that the object is nothing more than a hoax by some person or persons unknown.

Mr. Rush and his members have studied analyses of pieces of metal from the object, together with photographs taken. One piece of the object taken from the inside of the outer casing of the object, proved to be a "normal, straightforward copper material, identical with that used in a domestic water tank. Another part of the object was lead, with certain similarities to plumbers' solder and almost certainly part of a lead pipe which has been soldered into the copper casing."

There the matter rests. If any further developments in this strange business come to light, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW will publish them.

Birmingham Woman Meets Spacemen

TWICE in six weeks 27-year-old Mrs. Cynthia Appleton, of Fentham Road, Aston, Birmingham, England, claims to have been visited by men from another planet.

Mrs. Appleton has two small children, Susan, aged 3, and Janet, aged 1. Her husband is a sheet-metal worker.

Mrs. Appleton has been interviewed since the contacts by newspaper reporters and many individuals. Among those who have been to see her are the Rev. William Carmel, rector of Aldridge, Staffs, the Rev. G. E. Tiley, of Powick, Worcs, Mr. Gavin Gibbons, the saucer author, and the editor of this magazine. All have been struck by her sincerity and intelligence.

The first contact occurred on Monday, November 18. Her story is as follows:

After lunch she had put Susan to bed upstairs. Baby Janet was in the pram in the front room downstairs. It was about 3 p.m. Thinking that she heard a cry she went into this room to see if all was well with Janet. It was, but she was suddenly conscious of a very real feeling of oppressiveness in the air. She described it to being similar to that experienced just before thunder. She looked out of the window to see what was the matter. She was standing near the door and facing the window within touching distance of the pram.

Like a TV Picture

Suddenly, there appeared the figure of a man standing on her left by the fireplace. She said he appeared "Just like a TV picture on the screen, a blurred image and then suddenly everything is clear." She was, of course, very frightened. At the same time she was conscious that he was calming her by some influence which he exerted upon her mind. She then felt quite calm and collected.

Mrs. Appleton noticed, too, that at the moment of his appearance a "whistle" exactly like the old wireless sets used to make when tuning in to a station. The man was tall and fair. He was wearing a tight-fitting garment in colour like a silvery plastic mackintosh. The sleeves reached to his wrist. The collar part of his garment rose up behind his head like an "Elizabethan" collar.

The man's lips were moving as if in speech, but she heard no audible words. He seemed to be able to read her mind and although she used no



Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, with Susan and Janet.

speech her questions were read and answered mentally.

On the floor there was some newspaper and the man was standing on this. After he left she noticed that it appeared to be scorched. (Subsequently this newspaper was removed by a reporter from the *Birmingham Evening Gazette*.)

In reply to her unspoken query "Where do you come from?" he answered "From another world." He did not state which one.

"Like yours" he continued, "it is governed by the sun. We have to visit your world to obtain something of which we are running short. It is at the bottom of the sea."

Mrs. Appleton said later that she was conscious of a word at the back of her mind—something like "titium." When her husband returned that night she asked him what "titium" was. He knew at once what she meant and said, "You mean titanium." He, being a metal worker was familiar with the word.

The space visitor had gone on to say, "You are stripping bark from the wrong tree to line the wrong boat." She remembered his exact words. "You are concentrating on the wrong power. You are trying to go 'up' (i.e. against the force of gravity). We go like this," and he made a sweeping lateral movement with both his hands and there appeared between his outstretched fingers what she could only describe as a television screen.

On the screen she could clearly see a space ship. It was circular with the top half like a transparent dome. With-

in this ship she could see several figures looking at her. Her visitor told her that we on earth called this large ship the Mother Ship; whereas they called it the "Master Craft." There were two of the ships on the screen. Several smaller circular craft were attached to the underpart of the Master Craft.

He said they never fought but lived in peace and harmony. He also told her they would return again in January, but he gave neither the place nor the exact date of his return. When asked in what manner the visitor left, she could only say "that suddenly he wasn't there any more."

She was frightened and returning to the back sitting-room she wept for half an hour. After this first contact she had a remarkably increased sense of awareness of other people never before experienced by her. Baby Janet, whose birthday was on the day before, had then one tooth. By the end of the week she had six. Was it anything to do with her visitor?

Second Contact

The second contact took place on Tuesday, January 7. However, on the evening before, she had been sitting on a low pouffe in front of the fire, when she suddenly had a complete blackout, becoming quite unconscious and falling forward—fortunately not on to the fire. Her husband was with her in the room so no harm came to her. On recovering consciousness after a few moments she felt dazed and bewildered. She had never had a similar blackout before and was not in the habit of fainting. The possible significance of this event may be clear as this report proceeds.

The next day at about 2.15 p.m. she was in the back sitting-room. She had just put Susan and Janet to sleep. It is a small room about 12 ft. square. She was sitting on the pouffe with her back resting against the wall. She became aware of a sound similar to a "whistle." As on the first occasion it reminded her of the whistle made by an old wireless set when tuning-in. Suddenly there appeared in front of her not one but two figures. They were standing in front of a wall upon which a picture hung. The taller of the two was standing slightly in front of his companion who was to his left and slightly to his rear. They appeared in exactly the same manner as her visitor had on the previous occasion—a blurred image and then suddenly

everything came into sharp focus. She recognised the one standing to the rear as the person who had appeared to her last November. She explained how difficult it was to describe their similarity of features. Europeans find it as difficult to distinguish differences with men of the coloured races in exactly the same way. Differences which are there but not immediately apparent. They were both tall and slim. It was possible to judge this by the picture on the wall and must have been six feet or over in height. They were dressed alike in close-fitting garments. The collars were low cut and circular rising up behind the neck into an "Elizabethan" collar or ruff. They appeared solid and opaque, just like any ordinary human being. Mrs. Appleton said that "you could not see through them although the light of the window was behind them." They were not phantoms. The hair of her first visitor was cut "page-boy" fashion, i.e. the hair straight and falling almost to the shoulders. The hair of the new visitor was cut "ballerina" style, i.e. shorter and curled up over the ears.

They Spoke English

You will recall that on the previous occasion Mrs. Appleton heard no audible speech, but was conscious only of telepathic communication. To her surprise on this occasion they both addressed her in English. She said they spoke English as a foreigner would speak it, with careful articulation and in a clipped manner.

Her first visitor introduced the other, who was apparently the more "senior." The latter then conducted the whole of the remainder of the conversation.

Mrs. Appleton was first informed that her "blackout" of the previous evening was entirely due to their action in preparing to make contact with her again. He did not explain why this was so. He mainly questioned her about the results of her previous encounter. What had been the results and whom had she told about it?

This time he told her that they came from Ghanas Vahn (pronounced gutterally as if German) and that this country was on Venus.

Why did they only appear to her and not to other people? Because she was one of the few who was capable of receiving such communications. Other people's brains, he told her, were not fitted as hers was to make such contacts possible. Men were so stupid and primitive that they did not even believe in another world. The human brain was in itself a radio set capable of transmission and reception. Men did not really need mechanical

sets to make such contacts possible.

Mrs. Appleton asked if it were possible for her to touch him. He said to do so would be very dangerous to her bodily health. What she was seeing, he said, was a projection of himself and his companion. (This would seem to show the possible presence of radio-activity or gamma rays. Note, too, the scorched paper in the first contact and the child's teeth.—Ed.) Scorching in various degrees has often been noticed with the near approach of UFOs.

She asked him why "they" did not seek wider contacts with the human race. He replied that such an immediate action might induce panic. Who could foretell the results of such contact in a world so divided as ours. She asked if it was possible for her husband to see them. "No," was the reply, "his brain is not capable at present to receive such a transmission." He was pleased though to contact her and he thanked her for her co-operation.

He then gave her some very startling information. The "bearers of the Hammer and Sickle" (obviously the Russians) were on the point of perfecting a ray gun. This could disintegrate matter without firing any shell such as is fired by ordinary artillery. He told her that in the near future there would be much bloodshed and suffering. He comforted her with the words "do not be afraid little one." He also informed her that they would pay her no further visits. This it was understood was because of the effect on her health.

The manner of their departure was similar to that before. The junior, after bowing to her, disappeared first. He just faded away like a TV picture

does when one turns off the set. The senior placed both his hands over his breasts, bowed and left her in the same manner.

Mrs. Appleton, on being questioned, said she did not feel frightened as on the first visit. After all, she was expecting a second visit, in accordance with the promise given in November. What were the after effects? She felt very heavy headed just as if she was recovering from a splitting headache. There was no sense of fear or distress.

In answer to a question from the Editor of this magazine, as to whether there was any noticeable smell on either occasion? she said there was a faint sort of smell like sulphur. The kind of smell after an electrical discharge.

Mrs. Appleton's health had not been too good after the first contact. She was informed that it would now improve, and it is understood that this has indeed occurred.

Conclusions

What conclusions can be come to about these two alleged contacts?

It can be stated once more that both Mr. and Mrs. Appleton are very sincere people. They struck those who interviewed them as truthful people.

There are no witnesses to either of the contacts. Her husband believes in her explicitly.

Most of those who have had anything to do with the case agree that it is not a psychic experience in the ordinary sense of the word.

It was not an actual physical contact either. The visitors were probably not actually present in the house. What was it then? Possibly as Mrs. Appleton maintains a projection of themselves. On this planet we have only recently begun to use television. Possibly an advanced race in space have gone a way ahead in developments of this kind and can project pictures anywhere.

Mrs. Appleton stated that she had not previously been interested in flying saucers and had not read any books or literature on the subject.

If that is so, and there is no reason to doubt her word, then researchers of flying saucers will note a certain pattern in these two contacts that is common to many other contacts and sighting reports.

(1) The scorching mentioned above. (2) The television screen depicted between the visitor's fingers on the first contact. This will recall one of the early contacts of Orfeo Angellucci described in his book "The Secret of the Saucers." (3) Telepathy on first contact and speech on second. This is similar to Adamski's experiences.

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Portuguese Pilots Meet Saucers

Translation from "*Diário Ilustrado*" Lisbon
G.W. Creighton

"Objects Came from Mother Ship"—say Air Force pilots.

THE NEWSPAPER *Lourenco Marques Noticias* has reported a fantastic meeting that Portuguese Air Force pilots had with unidentified flying objects! This story originally appeared in the Lisbon *Diário Ilustrado*. It has only recently been released by the Portuguese military authorities.

On September 4, last year, four jet planes commanded by Captain Lemos Ferreira left Ota base at night. When they were approaching Granada, Captain Ferreira saw a gleaming object, quite unconventional in both shape and size.

Then three more saucer-shaped objects left the parent ship! They flew past and above the jet fighters.

Suddenly the parent craft and the saucers dived towards the jets, causing the Portuguese pilots to panic and lose formation.

Captain Ferreira shouted over the radio to them and when they resumed formation the saucers had disappeared. However, prior to this sudden ending of the incident, the pilots had watched the saucers for 40 minutes!

This news item has been officially authorised for publication by the Portuguese Air Force.

THEY SAW EIGHT

Mr. D. J. C. Meyer and Mr. Charles Liebenberg were walking home after an evening at the pictures in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia, on November 26, last year. Suddenly they saw, not one, but eight discs in the sky above them.

"They were flying in a northerly direction," said Mr. Meyer, "and they flew in perfect formation in the form of a 'W.' They had the shape of saucers, and slid across the sky without making any noise at all. They seemed to be from about eight inches to one foot in diameter from where we saw them."

SILENT OBJECT ABLAZE WITH LIGHT

A large UFO, ablaze with light, and noiseless, was seen over North Devon, England, late on Sunday night, January 5.

Mr. Roy Sanders, of 27 Victoria Street, Barnstaple, saw it over Landkey at around 11.10 p.m.

"It looked like a giant airliner covered with luminous paint," he said. "It was making no sound and was travelling quite fast across wind."

Mr. Sanders said it was difficult to describe the exact shape of the craft because it was hidden by a blaze of large lights. Many other people also saw the object and were mystified by the shape and by the fact that it was silent.

R.A.F. Chivenor said none of their aircraft was flying over the week-end.

ORANGE OBJECT SEEN FROM BUS

Mr. William H. Watson, of West Kilbride, Ayrshire, Scotland, has sent an interesting report in to *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* of an object seen from a bus on January 17.

Mr. Watson was a member of a special bus trip from Ardrossan to the Kelvin Hall Circus and Carnival. There were about 30 people on the vehicle, and as they were approaching Barrhead, someone shouted from the back seat that an orange light was flying across the sky. Mr. Watson glanced around just in time to see the object vanish. However, he checked on how many of the passengers had seen the object. Four in the back seat had seen it, as well as one in the front of the bus. This sighting took place at 6.49 p.m. The object seen was disc-shaped or possibly sphere-shaped. It was orange in colour, but changed to whitish yellow, before disappearing. The object fell in a slight arc, not steep enough for a meteor and it had no trail of any kind. There were five witnesses.

SIX STRANGE ONES NEAR ANDOVER

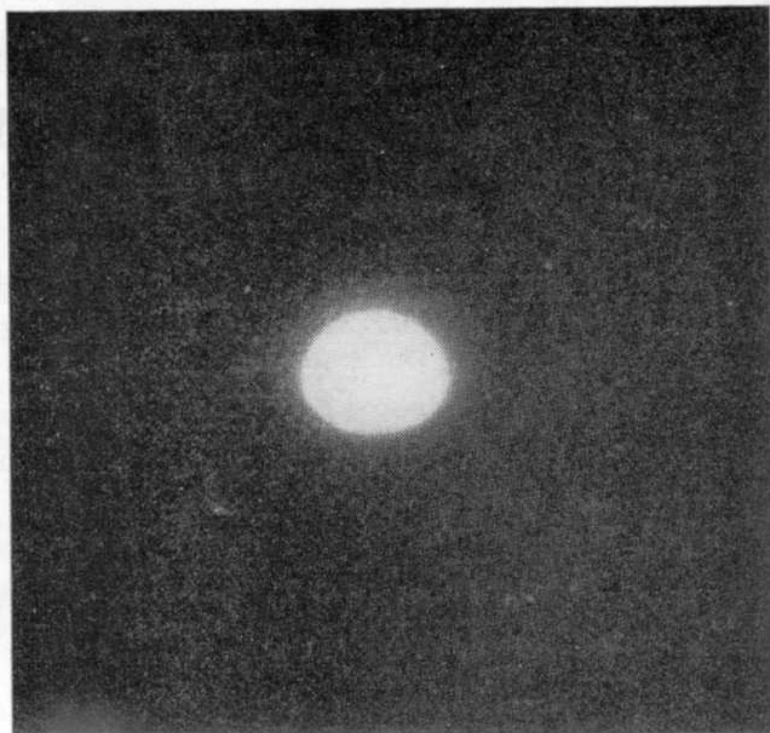
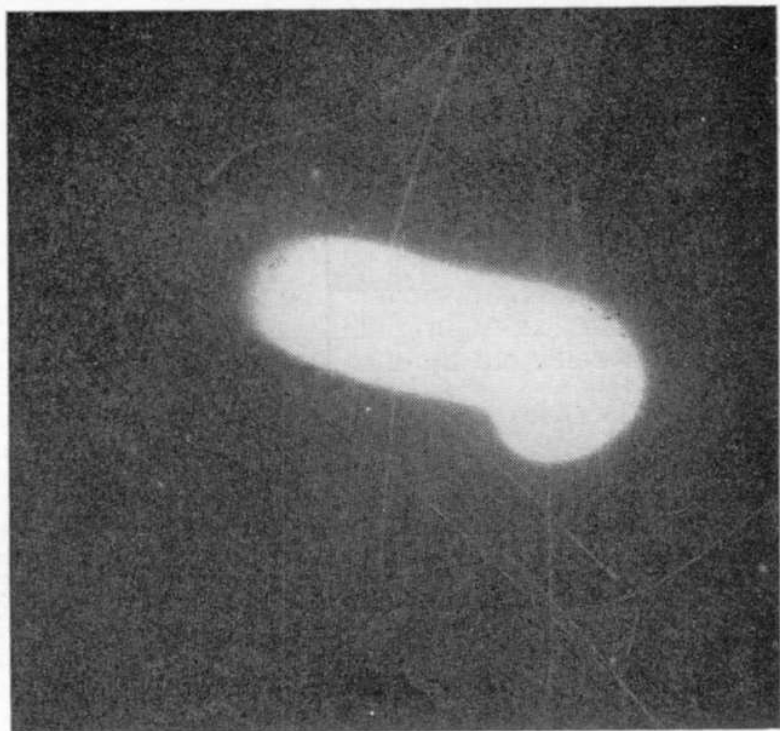
Mr. J. F. Andrews, of Highlands Road, Andover, England, was watching a football match on November 2, last year, when he saw six strange objects in the sky to the east of Andover.

He described the objects as "circular, more disc-shape than anything else, but having the appearance of being composed of vapour like a dark grey cloud."

Mr. Andrews, reporting his sighting to the *REVIEW*, stated "their disappearance took the form of a concerted swoop, as if in formation."

He said there may have been some 50-odd people at the football match, but not many of them in a position to witness these mysterious objects. "So far as I know the only other witnesses were two supporters of the opposing team, who expressed amazement at the spectacle. I wish I knew who they were!"

SPACE SHIPS OVER BRAZIL



Mr. Lucas A. Santos was coming home from a dance on June 3, last year, at about half an hour after midnight, when he saw an object hanging motionless in the sky. It was light green in colour and phosphorescent. It was very bright—brighter than the full moon, without, however, illuminating its surroundings. Mr. Santos states that the sky was clear and full of stars. He had just arrived by his home which is in Rafael Magalhaes St., Santo Antonio District, Belo Horizonte, M.G., Brazil. He ran into the house and fetched his camera. When he returned he managed to take three pictures.

In the first picture that he took the object was still motionless. Technical information: Mr. Santos has a Voigtlander Bessa camera, with shutters. Skopar lens 1:35, f. 10.5 cm. Speed of exposure, 1/50 second. Diaphragm completely opened. Distance, infinity.

Mr. Santos said: "I took the second picture when

the object began to move to the north-east. It moved fast and disappeared in a few seconds. The third picture I took did not show anything."

The two pictures are shown here, amplified fifteen times.

LAWYER MEETS SAUCER ON HIGHWAY

A dispatch from UP has reached us from CICOANI, Brazil, quoting *Tribuna da Imprensa*, Rio de Janeiro:

Some days before January 31, Sr. Manuel Portocarrero was driving a car from Arequipa city to Lima, Peru, on the Pan-American Road. In that car was a lawyer, Dr. Valença Longo and his wife. At 11.45 p.m. they noted failures in the searchlights of the automobile. The driver stopped the car and saw a bright flying saucer descending in the air, to hover at 1,500 ft., disappearing after this into the nebulous sky. The passengers of a bus and a motor truck in the same direction have also seen the UFO.

GREEN BALL OVER SCOTLAND

Two men driving back to Easdale, near Oban, Scotland, early on the morning of January 9, saw a large fiery ball appear in the sky.

Mr. Jack Campbell, who was with a farmer, Mr. William Ferguson, said: "We had almost completed the run to Easdale at 1 a.m. when we noticed the headlights of the car I was driving had changed to a greenish colour. On looking round we saw the green light, which seemed to reflect over the whole district.

"It was then that we noticed the ball of fire resembling a moon high above us. It was travelling over the sea in an easterly direction, sending sparks flying all round in the heavens."

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AUTHENTICATED SIGHTING OVER CALIFORNIA

Many reports have recently reached **FLYING SAUCER REVIEW** of people sighting saucers at lectures given by Dr. George Hunt Williamson. On January 11 he lectured at Vista, California. After the lecture several people stopped to speak to him when it was announced that flying saucers were to be seen outside.

According to a special report sent the **REVIEW** by Mrs. Rosemary Decker everyone hastened out of doors.

"Sure enough," writes our correspondent, "almost overhead stood an enormous red light—pure spectrum red, and three or four times as bright as Arcturus. As we observed, the light began to move, very slowly, toward the constellation Orion. By now we could discern two fainter lights very close to the red one. An orange, just above and to the right, and a golden, just above and to the left. The orange had a rhythmic pattern, a regular slow wink. The red dimmed occasionally, but irregularly, and the third was so faint I could not determine a pattern."

"By now a woman from the audience had brought out a pair of binoculars, and a man, who had got a little telescope from his car, was setting it up. Most of the group of forty or so who had stopped a moment to look at the object or objects, had satisfied themselves that it was a weather balloon or a silent helicopter, and had departed. It was a very nippy night and those of us who remained were shaking with cold, but couldn't give up the sight. One of my friends was now taking pictures with his still camera, and a few feet behind me I heard a movie camera cranking away.

"Through the binoculars and the telescope the three lights resolved into a single object with a light at either end and the red one in the bottom of the centre. The object's outlines, barely visible under binoculars, resembled an ellipse.

Out they Popped

"After perhaps ten minutes of slow travel across Orion and upward, the object stopped and again hovered. We were relieved, because by now it was plainly withdrawing. At this point Dr. Williamson commented to us that pretty soon we would see 'tear drops' emitted from the bottom of the object, which by now had elongated considerably. Hardly had he spoken when out popped the 'tear drops' in rapid succession, one, two, three, four. Some said they saw five or six. These little rascals flipped sideways, arc fashion, and became invisible a little distance below and to the side of the parent object (to us with only the naked eye).

"Now Dr. Williamson made another comment: 'It will be taking off soon,' and he was a bit wistful about it. Again he was correct. In a moment the object resumed its journey S. by S.E. and upward, as before, but this time very rapidly—so rapidly, indeed, that in a few more moments it had disappeared into the starry spaces.

"Suddenly we realised that we were chilled through, so we went home to hot coffee and a fire."

This was Saturday, January 11. On the Monday following, a report appeared in the *Vista Press*. It was a composite report, as a number of people had called them. One of those who had offered information was an amateur astronomer named Mr. P. Rothermel, who had observed the spectacle from his back yard.

"At about 10.30 he was retiring for the night, and his daughter was walking the dog. She hurried in to tell him there was an interesting light in the sky he might

WHAT CAME OUT OF THE TOP?

A strange UFO was seen early in December, last year, by Mrs. T. M. Donne and her nine-year-old son Gerald. They watched it from Mrs. Donne's home in Plymouth.

They saw, on the Cornish side of the River Tamar, an object which looked like an aeroplane coming down in flames. Then, Mrs. Donne said, it stopped. She called her next door neighbour, Mrs. R. Hooper, and together they watched the object, which stood still for about four minutes.

"It then moved off in another direction, and out of the top came a grey cigar-shaped object, which made off at speed and disappeared. Then the other end started moving and disappeared also," Mrs. Donne added.

LIKE A MAZANTINE HAT

Senhor Joao Munoz, who is studying engineering in Oporto, Portugal, was walking with his young lady in the back garden of her father's cottage when they heard a hum like that of a jet at some distance.

As the back garden was surrounded by high walls, blocking out a view of the sky, they ran outside to see what was happening. The cottage was situated in the region of Alentejo, between the two villages of Campo Maior and Arronches, near Portalegre.

Senhor Munoz was amazed at what he saw. He stopped still with his eyes fixed upon a point in the sky to the south. There were four strange objects, disc-shaped, motionless and noiseless, reminding him of a Mazantine hat. They were just hanging there in the sky.

He estimated the apparent diameter of each object as one inch. They were able to calculate the distance that the objects were from them. This was 5,400 metres.

Suddenly one object flew away at enormous speed and then stopped. Five seconds later they heard the same characteristic hum. The other objects followed their companion one by one, so that altogether three times more the same motion was repeated with the same sound.

Before they vanished rapidly out of sight, all four objects stood still without variation of colour as had happened when they changed their relative positions.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is indebted to our correspondent, Senhor Marciano Alves, of Lisbon, for this very interesting sighting report.

CALIFORNIA SIGHTING

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wish to turn his telescope on. This he did as quickly as possible—the object was moving slowly and he found it without much difficulty. Soon it stopped and he said, *dropped out eight or ten little discs in pairs*. They were coupled so closely that to the naked eye, he said, they appeared as single objects. These discs arced out and upward, surrounding the parent craft in a circle formation. At this point a small cloud slid across the whole and obscured it. By the time it had passed, the craft had taken off. (We had seen this tenuous little obscuring cloud, but just prior to the take-off, the craft emerged from it.)

"Mr. Rothermel observed with 40 power, wishing he had set up for 70 instead. I observed with the naked eye, wishing I'd had sense to take my binoculars with me. . . ."

Was this what Bender found out?

asks E. R. Lee

THE KEY TO the saucer mystery lies in the first three points of the theory outlined in this article. No other theory reconciles so much of the ambiguous and conflicting evidence reported.

Most proposals, from the simple Martian thesis onwards, fail to credit our visitors with the technical advances we expect ourselves in the next few hundred years. After all, a civilisation centuries beyond ours should have long-range methods of exploration, investigation and manipulation absolutely undetectable by us—including various subtle means for manipulating people. One of the strangest aspects of saucer reports is *why* there are saucers to report. Perhaps our visitors are as “backward” as they seem, but it would be wise to infer the opposite.

Outline of Theory

This theory is based on the following premises. In the interest of brevity, the supporting evidence is merely touched upon. There is much more of it.

1. The saucer operators are deliberately using obsolete equipment and methods.

Evidence: This should have been obvious when the older reports were publicised, since even a relatively stagnant culture would have shown much more change over the period of at least several hundred years. Saucer design indicates a technical level little beyond our own: nuclear investigation seems to lead almost inevitably to discovery of gravity-type fields and, left alone, we quite probably would have developed our own “saucers” in 50 to 100 years. In 1945 a few friends and I agreed that gravity research would be the next big step if only because it offered the best hope for defence against atomic weapons.

2. There are only a small number of saucer operators—a few thousand at most.

Evidence: On page 213 of *The Truth About Flying Saucers* Aime Michel points out the relative rarity of saucer sightings. Most saucer reports concern lights, dome-less discs, etc., which are probably automatic or remote-controlled. Wherever large numbers congregated (Farmington, New Mexico; Tremonton, Utah; Washington, D.C.; Gaillac and Oleron) their design and peculiar actions strongly suggest remote control, with the mother ship sometimes in evidence.

3. The saucer operators have methods of rapid interstellar flight and come from outside our Solar System.

Incidentally, the very earliest reports of the U.S. Air Force (and also of Major Donald Keyhoe in *True Magazine*, January, 1950) emphasised the most probable origin of flying saucers lay outside our solar system even if the speed of light were an absolute limit. However, this theory maintains that it is not the limit. Other competent authorities, including Professor Herman Oberth, have also stated the saucers come from outside our system.

In September, 1953, Albert K. Bender, who headed the International Flying Saucer Bureau of Bridgeport, Connecticut, U.S.A., was reported to have stumbled on the solution to the saucer mystery. Before he could publish this in the I.F.S.B.'s journal, *Space Review*, three men in black suits visited him, closed his organisation and frightened him into silence. Subsequently, Edgar R. Jarrold, who led the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, was also visited. He, too, had arrived at a possible solution of the saucer enigma and was known to have been working very closely with Bender. In this article our contributor presents a solution which he considers to be parallel to that reached by Bender and Jarrold.

Evidence: From the reported casual right-angle turns and sudden reversals of really large and massive craft, some saucers must be equipped with an anti-inertia system. Otherwise, the sudden deceleration and acceleration of the saucer's mass, required even with gravitational propulsion, would result in tremendous waste of energy. With inertia eliminated, a saucer would *in effect* have neither rest mass nor increase in mass with velocity as in the well-known formula: $M = M_0 / (1 - V^2/C^2)^{1/2}$, and the velocity of light would no longer be a limit.

It is odd that the role of inertia, so closely linked with gravity, has been almost completely neglected. The peculiar effects of anti-inertia explain so much of the saucer enigma.

While inertia and gravity are both effects of mass, they are distinctly *not* the same thing. A body might weigh 180 pounds on earth, only about 30 on our moon, and about 450 on Jupiter, but, neglecting friction, air resistance and so on, it would take "exactly" the same energy to move the body *along the surface* of all three worlds: Mass and inertia are independent of local gravity and would also be the same in empty space or free fall where the body would be in a gravity-free state.

Inertia

Although occupants of a gravity-propelled saucer might not feel the effects of sudden 90° and 180° turns, they would pay just as much in wasted energy as if using rockets of equal efficiency. Their power *may* be inexhaustible, but they probably nullify inertia.

A very fine article, "Inertia," by Dennis W. Sciama, Ph.D., of Cambridge University, appeared in the *Scientific American* for February, 1957. Like Berkeley, Mach and Einstein, Dr. Sciama offers evidence that inertia is not an intrinsic property but is due to interaction of all matter in the Universe. If true, an intense gravity-field with a steep gradient might be used to bend all emanations from other matter completely around a saucer which would thus disappear into an independent "Universe" of its own—the so-called "Hyper-Space." The saucer then would have no apparent mass or inertia. Of course, saucers *seen* making 90° and 180° turns are not completely inertialess, but the apparent mass retained could be quite small. But whatever the means employed, with effective mass or inertia cancelled, velocity has no known limit. Even "jumps through Hyper-Space" may occur.

Evidence that saucers employ gravity fields is

* A state theorised for extremely dense, collapsed matter of White Dwarf stars.

well known. Refer especially to Keyhoe's *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, pages 283-285. In the report of B.O.A.C. Captain Howard, June 30, 1954, the saucer's sudden fading and apparent rapid reduction in size as it vanished is an almost classic description of the predicted appearance of an object entering "Hyper-Space." Other reports have been similar. The light-bending effects of gravity fields also account for the peculiar shifting shapes reported. Captain Howard may have seen merely a large "cylinder" with several gravity generators or outlets operating not quite in phase, especially at the ends, to permit entrance and exit of the smaller objects observed.

4. Saucers are not extra-dimensional in the usual sense.

Possibilities such as those discussed in (3) above make extra-dimension theories redundant. If a gravity-field can be adjusted to bend *selected* wavelengths completely around a saucer, the eye might see nothing, while radar and photo-film registered normally. Conversely, visible saucers might be undetectable by radar. Foo-Fighter types seem transparent to radar, while others pass visible light. Our "visitors" can probably project three-dimensional saucer images, though I think it's against their policy; and if the incident on page 221 of Gray Barker's *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers* is credited, an invisible saucer agent wearing a cloak of light-bending material was once detected when he raised it above the toes of his moccasins as he walked around.

5. Saucer operators also seem to have a "spy-beam" or focused "radar."

This appears to become visible near the focal point to radar, photography, or the human eye. Jets have sometimes flown through such radar "ghosts" while others have appeared on film as discs, ovals, or cones. A good visual account, which appeared on page 51 of the U.S. magazine *Flying* for November, 1952, described a pale blue, six-inch sphere which drifted slowly through the cabin of a transport plane and vanished near the tail. A crew member who put his hand into it reported only a slight tingling and raising of the hairs.

If the foregoing conjectures seem very advanced, it should be remembered only 32 years separate the Bohr theory from the atomic bomb. Practical exploitation would now tread on the heels of a similar gravitational discovery. Without saucer contact, such developments were certain within a century—probably in 50 years.

6. **The saucer operators have bases on Mars, Venus, our Moon and underwater on Earth;** but on Mars and the Moon, at least, they have done little more than lay a foundation for future development, although their activity has recently increased.

General Statement of Theory

Our "visitors," having enjoyed interstellar travel a very long time, must represent a widespread civilisation embracing many planetary systems and races. Contacts with new races must occur constantly. With vast territory to cover, this civilisation must rely on a policy of unity with diversity. It expands and develops by allowing the new races it contacts to make full use of their native talents and resources to develop their local area while being integrated into its larger framework. With no sudden uprooting, new races gradually grow into place, making their own peculiar contributions.

As the psychologist Dr. Jung pointed out, meetings of advanced and primitive cultures usually prove disastrous to the latter. To soften this impact and conceal the extent of their own attainments, our "visitors" deliberately limited operations here to a technical level only slightly above the minimum necessary to achieve space flight. This does, however, permit wide use of automatic and remote-control equipment, gravity-inertia systems, and various types of energy and force which we would probably discover ourselves in the next century or less. For reasons of economy or policy, this project seems pretty self-contained, with our "visitors" building most of their equipment here in the Solar System and using what resources come to hand. This explains the lack of standardisation of saucers, many of which seem to be "haywire" products improvised for some specific task, or for display.

The saucer operators—a comparative handful—consist mainly of humanoids, since they will be dealing with humans, plus a few other types included for various reasons—specialists, personnel for bases in certain environments, as on Venus or underwater on Earth, and visiting investigators and observers. Evidence on the use of artificial humanoids (androids), either mechanical or biological, is ambiguous, as is also the employment of telepathy or other of the "psi" functions; but the use of either must, in any case, be limited. Utilisation of humans flown from this planet would be of great advantage to such a small group, especially since their presence would be of great aid in our later integration.

Our "visitors'" actions suggest we are the sole intelligent race in this Solar System, or at least the most advanced on the inner planets. Their task, probably routine, was simply to observe us; to guard us from races not completely integrated, or from groups or individuals who might like to exploit us or experiment with us; and to prepare the groundwork for our later development and occupation of other worlds. To accomplish this, they set up bases on Mars, Venus, our Moon and on Earth. The Earth bases were probably underground in remote areas at first, later under water. Though limited by policy, our "visitors'" accomplishments should not be disparaged. If Venus rotates in about 22 hours, as recently indicated by radio telescopes, it is possible they actually altered the rotation period of both Mars and Venus to conform to that of Earth. The mechanism involved, a lever principle perhaps, may explain old astronomical reports of a Venus satellite. With sufficient time, much can be done with small forces, and a day of equal length on Mars, Venus and Earth cannot be coincidence.

As soon as our development approached space flight, with the advent of atomic energy and rockets, the saucer operators began an increasingly widespread publicity campaign designed to minimise the effects of contact by gradually bringing themselves more and more to our attention, to prove they know all about us, and to make plain the futility of any attack upon them. They make their greatest efforts shortly after each Mars conjunction to emphasise their interplanetary nature. The passes at airliners are designed both to attract attention and put pressure on our officials—shaken-up passengers usually demand an explanation.

Sense of Humour

It should be noted here, our "visitors" sometimes disclose an outrageous sense of humour, as in creating a huge, cloudy "M" on Mars during the last two conjunctions, but I suppose they can be forgiven a little fun at our expense.

Since it would be against their policy to rob us of our last great independent achievement, they will defer actual open contact until we reach the Moon, when it could scarcely be delayed longer, in any case. By that time, saucer publicity will have done its work and the meeting will be something of an anti-climax. The strange silence of governmental authorities is quite natural if they also believe contact will not occur until a landing is effected on our Moon. But long before this, those playful practical jokers operating the saucers are almost certain to force the governments' hand. I often wonder just what explana-

SCRAPBOOK for 1884

February 3

M. Staevert, of the Brussels Observatory, saw upon the planet Venus an extremely brilliant point. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Ciel et Terre*, Vol. 5, p. 127; *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

February 5

Morales sees an illumination in the crater Kepler on the moon. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *L'Astronomie*, Vol. 9, p. 149.)

February 12

Astronomer Niesten sees similar light to M. Staevert, only this time it is at a distance from Venus.

February 18

Loud report heard at W. Mersea, near Colchester, England. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Nature*, Vol. 53, p. 4.)

March 29

Misty light effects seen upon the dark part of the moon. Not like "earthshine." (References: *Sidereal Messenger*, Vol. 3, p. 121; Works of Charles Fort.)

April 22

Red appearance in the sky, followed by the severest earthquake in England of the nineteenth

century, centred around Colchester (see item for February 18 above, of loud report in Colchester area.) (References: Works of Charles Fort; *London Times* of April 23, 1884; *Daily Chronicle* of April 28, 1884.)

July 3

Luminous globe as big as the moon with structural features seen moving slowly over Norwood, N.Y., U.S.A. It was surrounded by a ring and had two dark lines across its nucleus. (References: *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

July 26

A similar brilliant object (or maybe the same) the size of the moon was seen over Cologne, Germany. It appeared to be going up from this planet. Then it seemed to hover for some minutes before continuing upwards until it eventually disappeared. (References: Works of Charles Fort; *Flying Saucers Have Landed*, by Leslie and Adamski.)

August 17

An observer in Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A., sees a brilliant light on the planet Venus. (References: Works of Charles Fort.)

Was This What Bender Found Out ?

tion could be given if our "visitors" decide to add the other three letters to that cloudy "M" on Mars.

Installations built by our "visitors" on other worlds will gradually be turned over to us, and we will carry on the work to make these worlds truly habitable to mankind and to generally develop the entire Solar System. A task of this magnitude, requiring large mutual efforts, will aid our integration and keep us out of mischief. Later, we will be called upon, in turn, to help contact still other races.

We may find people from our planet or their descendants already working with our "visitors." It is possible some of the bases and many saucers are even now under human control.

If humans work for the saucer operators elsewhere, there is certainly no reason why they cannot serve as agents here on Earth—assuming our "visitors" need agents. A few saucer opera-

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tors themselves must have walked among us from time to time, in disguise or concealment.

The saucer operators probably never intervened before, in any important respect, since they wished us to develop in our own way. But no one is going to let the achievements of centuries of painful efforts be wiped out just as they reach fruition, if a little subtle influence would make all the difference. Their recent expansion on Mars and our Moon indicates they expect contact soon. I do not expect they will allow themselves to be disappointed.

Of course, the words and actions of Albert Bender and Edgar Jarrold, as described in *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, were consistent with this theory. Bender does not seem to have entirely understood the situation at first after the visit by the three gentlemen in black suits, and another visit was necessary to reassure him.



HOWARD MENGER'S OWN STORY

In the late summer of 1956, in High Bridge, New Jersey, U.S.A., a strange series of events began to take place which focused national attention on the ordinarily obscure farming community of Hunterdon County.

A young sign painter claimed that he had photographed flying saucers and has been in contact with the occupants. The amazing account of personal contacts with space ships and space people visiting earth from other planets, and his thrilling ride in a space craft from Venus, is told here, adapted from a tape made by Howard Menger.

MY NAME IS Howard Menger. A little more than a year ago I was a successful sign painter, leading a comparatively normal life in the farming area of northern New Jersey. In this obscure, country setting the "Howard Menger Story" broke prematurely. The story, in reality, was not supposed to gain publicity until the late summer of 1957; however, due to circumstances beyond control at the time, the story did come out in the newspapers, and it reached from coast to coast.

Because of the importance at this time of getting the message out to as many people as possible, I am devoting my entire time and effort in delivering this message. I would like to say that this is not an easy task. One must be prepared to sacrifice much . . . loss of business, home, friends, etc., and be able to sustain continual abuse, ridicule, and attack. However, I feel that this message is far more important and the knowledge that the overall picture is good and helpful gives one the impetus to carry on in spite of all difficulties.

My purpose is to get a message, a very important message, to as many people as I reach, and as fast as I can. A message from the people of outer space—people from better worlds. The message concerns all of us. . . .

First of all, I'd like to point out that there are people coming here from other planets . . . that they are not monsters . . . that they are very much like ourselves. They're here to try to help us help ourselves. The visitors, as I call them, do not force anyone to do anything they don't want to do. It's up to us, each and every one of us, to do what we want. To force us to do something, even though it's best for us, is against the universal laws.

The story of these visitors, coming from better worlds to our planet to try to help us, is a beautiful story. It began some twenty-odd years ago, between 1931 and 1932, when I was a child of eight or nine years. I had always wondered who I was, what I was doing here and where I came from, and where I was going. When I was a child I had "flashbacks," mental pictures of life some place else. To me it was an unknown place because it was different from anything I had known then. I know now that these mental flashbacks were from a past life on another planet. I often wondered what the purpose of we humans really was. I knew there was a God, and even at that tender age the more I saw, the more I looked around, I believed that there must be some great, Supreme Being, some Great Intelligence that created all this. That there must be a wonderful

purpose behind this creation. I suppose that any child brought up in a wooded section where there is a lot of beauty and wonderment would naturally think about similar things as I did at that time.

But to continue with my story. One day I had this tremendous urge to go to this spot in the woods. It was a beautiful section of the woods, and about a mile in the rear of the house. It is very lovely in the summertime. There is a brook running by, beautiful plants, squirrels running up and down the trees, rabbits, occasionally a deer would come up very close. I kept going to this spot for some unknown reason; something just drew me up there. There was never anything there, but just the beauty of the natural surroundings. But, this one day, there was something there—more beautiful than the surroundings. There was a woman sitting on a rock. She appeared to be about twenty-five years old. She wore no jewellery, no make-up; she had a ski-suit type outfit on, which seemed to glow—translucent sort of material, very beautiful material. There were no seams, no buttons, as far as I could see. She had long, blonde, natural hair . . . gold-coloured eyes (gold colour was very unusual to me at that time; it is unusual to me to this day). As to the feeling I got when I saw this woman, the feeling was unmistakable . . . it was a tremendous feeling of a great amount of love which seemed to emit from her to me. In my small understanding I felt that this was something very different from people I was used to talking to or being in contact with. She told me that she was from another place. (I later found out she was from Venus.)

Life on Planets

At that time, as young as I was, I did suspect that there was life on other planets. Children have great imaginations, and I suppose a lot of children think about life on other planets. But she didn't talk to me as though I were a child; she talked to me as though I were an adult. She said that she knew where I came from and what my purpose would be here on earth, in the future. She mentioned life on other planets. She said she knew I had been thinking about life on other planets, and that my wonderment was very strong. The meeting didn't last over fifteen or twenty minutes. She told me many things of which I've told on radio, television, newspapers, lectures, etc. I kept going back to this spot after the first meeting, hoping to see her again. I had a tremendous urge to see her, but I never saw her until quite a few years later. However, we did continue to see the discs in the sky, not knowing what they were, going in all directions over

this area . . . seeming to come from nowhere and then disappearing.

Shortly after leaving high school, I went into the Army, and quite a few contacts were made while I was in the service. The first one was in this county, at Camp Cook, California. There I met a young fellow who was dressed in an Army khaki uniform. He told me quite a few things. He mentioned the woman that I had met when I was ten years old; he said I would see her again and he gave me a lot of information that I will be coming out with gradually.

They Read Thoughts

The next contact was on Hawaii, where I borrowed a jeep to drive to a very secluded spot (I had received a telepathic message to go there), a cave area, where I met a beautiful dark-haired woman with large dark eyes. Her message was similar, that some day I would come out with this story to the people. The date for its release was supposed to be the summer of 1957. It's been kept a secret all this time.

The next contacts were on Okinawa, where the weather was very warm. We wore light clothing. I again borrowed a jeep and drove to a secluded area where I spoke to a man. He was of average height, very nice looking—they are all handsome in their own way; their eyes seem to look right through you. They seem to know what you are thinking. Of course, I've found out since that they do know what we're thinking. This same fellow told me that there were many people actually from outer space right there on Okinawa. You couldn't actually tell them from other men, until you were close, and then you would seem to feel something. I had this same feeling every time I met a being from another planet.

Another contact I had on Okinawa was a brief but unusual one, because I did not see this one. I was in the hospital 38 days—I had been blinded by shrapnel and the doctors were fighting to save my sight. . . . It was believed that I would not be able to see again. However, a lovely soft-spoken woman in nurse's uniform attended me. She didn't say too much, but she told me about other contacts I would have in the future. She also told me I would see again.

When I got home, at the age of 24, I found myself back up there in this same spot in the rear of my home. The same strange, uncontrollable urge drove me up there. Something really wonderful happened. A space ship came down . . . a large, ball of fire, pulsating, tremendous in size, it gradually seemed to change shape, as it got closer to the ground; it was fearsome at times. . . . As it came to within a foot of the ground, it stopped pulsating, and I could see that it was

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS — 11

IS THE MOON AL

IN the next few months the moon will become more and more important to the inhabitants of this planet. It is possible that either the Russians or the Americans may hit the moon with an unmanned rocket with a nuclear warhead. There are also plans afoot to send a satellite with TV equipment on it to orbit around the lunar surface and televise back the moon's secrets, especially information about the far side, which we have never seen.

Undoubtedly, from a military standpoint, both the United States and Russia would regard occupation and possession of the moon as of tremendous importance. The power that could first set up a base on the moon could control the earth.

Therefore, it is highly unlikely that either the United States or Russia would make public any knowledge they might obtain from a successful survey of the moon. Information about the moon would become top secret for military reasons, and a security veil will very likely fall over any information obtained from a satellite orbiting the lunar surface.

But the overriding question remains. Is the moon already occupied?

Are there native inhabitants? Or, more likely, is the moon used as a base by races from other planets in our solar system, or even by races from other solar systems or galaxies?

Scientists consider the moon to be a sterile barren planet. No animal life as we know it could exist there. The climate is said to be one of incredible extremes. Boiling hot days and icy cold

nights. A day on the moon is equal in length to fourteen earth days.

However, some scientists concede that it is possible that life could exist under the moon's surface.

It is beginning to be accepted that there have been quite a few changes detected on the lunar surface, too. For example, what are the things that have been persistently seen in the crater Eratosthenes? To quote from astronomer M. K. Jessup's book, *The Expanding Case for the UFO*, "... what anyone who studies the lunar details can verify, that during the lunar afternoon dark areas can be seen spreading over part of the interior and even spilling over the walls. These cannot be shadows, because the sun has moved to such a high altitude that shadows are impossible; and frequently the patches move in directions other than those which spreading shadows would take."

Many strange lights have been seen on the moon which are not explainable. Jessup points out that "when they *are* noted there is generally some abnormality that indicates intelligent control. Sometimes they fluctuate in a manner unlike the steady glare of reflected sunlight. Sometimes they appear suddenly, shine a few minutes or hours, and as suddenly disappear."

Jessup quotes Webb's *Celestial Objects*, a reliable astronomical text-book for many items, and writes: "In the lunar Alps there is a peak 12,000 ft. to 14,000 ft. high called Mont Blanc. Close to its eastern foot Schroeter, on September 26, 1789, saw a small speck of light on the

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some sort of bell-shaped craft. Some of the ship seemed to reflect the sunlight, while other parts seemed to pulsate from within, different colours. An opening appeared in the ship, similar to the iris of a camera. There were no bolts or hinges, or doors as we know them. Then, two men got out; one stepped to the left, one to the right . . . and then, this beautiful woman stepped out and

walked slowly toward me. When she came within speaking distance, she told me she was the woman I had met years before when I was a child. She was still the entrancing vision that I remembered as a child and she still looked 25. When I made a comment that she had aged a bit in those fourteen years, she laughed and said that she was over 500 years old. She said that I

READY OCCUPIED?

dark side of the moon and bright as a 5th magnitude star to the naked eye. The light remained in view for fifteen minutes. Normally, there is a round, small shadow which is *sometimes black, sometimes grey.*"

Jessup comes to the conclusion that certain lunar dark spots contain UFO activity. Objects "occupy and vacate craters, produce lights, come and go, change size, shape, colour, etc."

Two hundred years ago there were no white domes or "bowler hats," as astronomers term them, on the moon. There are now said to be more than two hundred. Dr. Percy H. Wilkins, the well-known lunar authority, has stated these domes are increasing. Many other astronomers have seen them and confirm Dr. Wilkins' reports. According to Jessup, "these white spots definitely show that something is happening on the moon. As long ago as the mid-nineteenth century reports indicated that such spots were increasing in number. We have every reason to believe that they are still increasing. Whereas a dozen or so were known in the period 1860-1879, more than 200 are now reported by Tulane University."

Then, of course, there is the now-famous Moon Bridge over the Mare Crisium, first seen in 1953. Dr. Percy H. Wilkins confirmed the existence of the bridge through the Mount Wilson 60-in. reflector telescope. Others who have seen it include Patrick Moore and Dr. James C. Bartlett, the American astronomer.

This bridge was stated by Dr. Wilkins in a B.B.C. broadcast to be "almost like an engineering job." However, although he did actually say

that, he has never considered the bridge to be other than a natural feature.

On the other hand, Dr. Wilkins, over the telephone to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, confirmed an amazing fact. That is, up to the time the bridge was first sighted in 1953, the area in which it is situated had been viewed and studied by astronomers very thoroughly for years, *and the bridge had never before been spotted!*

There is no space here to recall all the reports of objects that have been seen passing across the face of the moon or flying in its vicinity. They are recorded in books and the Review has many sightings of this nature on file.

All this is indicative of intelligent life on the moon. Activity which in recent years has been steadily on the increase!

What is happening also on the far side of the moon that our telescopes cannot see? Many people who have claimed contact with the occupants of flying saucers maintain there is a great deal of activity there, too.

There is undoubtedly much evidence to show there is quite possibly life on the moon. Dr. Percy Wilkins has told FLYING SAUCER REVIEW that life may well exist below the surface.

Therefore, plans by earth scientists to hit the moon by rockets with nuclear warheads (envisaged by Dr. Fritz Zwicky and others) so that the resulting explosion would be a signal the rocket had reached its destination, are nothing short of criminal madness. Public opinion should raise its poor apathetic voice to stop this reckless act before it is too late.

WN STORY... continued

must not forget why I was here and that in 1957 I should start coming out with this complete story—the whole message—as much as I could remember, and that more information would be given me as more contacts would be made in the future. This meeting didn't last more than fifteen or twenty minutes either (all too brief when one is conversing with an angel). . . . She stepped back

into the ship; the two men went in after her. I left the area awe-stricken.

There have been many contacts since then and in the next article I will tell about one of the most impressive contacts I had, one which I shall never forget and has made a lasting impression on my life. . . .

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SOLID or SPIRIT? an inquiry

'Flying Saucer Review' has lately been accused of playing the spiritual spotlight on the unidentified flying objects to the exclusion of all others. Nothing could be further from the truth; the columns of this magazine are open to every view that may help to throw fresh light on the flying saucer enigma.

By

If the spiritual approach appears to have been played up, it is not because it has been favoured above all others; it is because so-called practical individuals with a scientific bias are either suffering from a form of mental bankruptcy or reluctant to admit their interest in UFOs.

To find out whether there was any connection between these two approaches to the subject, we asked Derek Dempster to appraise the situation. Here is his report.

Derek D. Dempster

DETAILED CONCEPTS about flying saucers are just about as individual as individuals are individual, which, tongue twisting apart, is why there is so much contradiction, discord and plain hostility among ufologists; why the "materialists" condemn the spiritual aspects of the phenomena and the idealists decry the "nuts and bolts" approach.

Every since I became interested in the flying saucer enigma I have cherished the feeling that UFOs are as solid as the Russian Sputnik, the American Explorer or a big, red, double-deck London bus. But through the last four years the strangeness of certain sightings coupled with a number of incidents utterly divorced from UFOs led me to a reappraisal of the facts and subsequently the conclusion that they are as I have always imagined them, but that there is a clue to their behaviour in a number of manifestations most people would call plain supernatural.

Voltaire said that before beginning a discussion it was necessary to define the terms that were to be used. It would be impossible to do that here because of the subtle shade of meaning given to them by each and every one of us; shades that would be perfectly correct within their own concepts, but quite incorrect within the overall picture. However, by setting out the cases that led me to my conclusions, I hope to show you what I mean.

Early in 1954 one of the test pilots of the French Fouga Aircraft Company of Pau, in the Lower Pyrenees, reported approaching in the aircraft he was piloting an unidentified flying object hovering near the town, but that he was forced to turn away because of the intense heat that built up in the cockpit.

About two months later a United States Air Force Starfire was scrambled to intercept an unidentified flying object picked up on the American

radar defence chain. The jet fighter made a successful contact, but the crew baled out because the cockpit had become unbearably hot.

Why they parachuted is difficult to understand unless the fighter had suffered some structural damage caused naturally by an intrinsic fault, or by some outside influence such as a space ship; for in an aircraft of that calibre it is easy enough, if not quicker than baling out, to get away!

In most of the landings reported, eye witnesses and investigators after-the-event have found a curious parallel to these airborne incidents: singed or even burnt grass, where the space ships have actually touched down.

In Canada, for instance, there is the case of Jack Stephenson, who watched a UFO land and, after it had left, discovered signs of burning where it had touched down.

Then there is the Florida Scoutmaster case in which there was an interesting difference. The Scoutmaster actually felt a strong tingling sensation, obviously generated by a force similar to that which George Adamski claims he felt when he had his famous contact.

These tingling sensations provide the link with two very interesting incidents: in Norway and the Irish Sea.

Change of Colour

In the Norwegian incident, Trygvie Jansen, a master painter, was driving home one evening after work when he was suddenly confronted with a flying saucer hovering over the road. It was an amazing sight, but even more extraordinary was the tingling sensation Jansen experienced as he watched.

But the greatest shock was yet to follow. When he got home he found his car had changed in colour from beige to dark green.

The Irish Sea story involved the trawler *Ella Hewett*, which, in November, 1957, was overflown by a very bright object reported by many eye witnesses ashore. The peculiar fact about this incident was that on the following morning the bridge appeared to have been stripped of its white paint. Only the red lead undercoat appeared to have remained. And yet on the day after, the bridge was back to its normal, resplendent white. It had changed overnight.

What kind of "alchemy" is it that affected the car and the ship? What kind of power was it that burned grass, injured the Scoutmaster and sent vibrations tingling through George Adamski and Trygvie Jansen? Nor should we forget Buck Nelson's experience, whatever you may think of its authenticity. Here was a man suffering from

severe arthritis on a lonely Ozark Mountain farm suddenly struck down by a powerful, tingling force beamed from a flying saucer and cured of his aches and pains in practically no time!

It is not easy to lay a finger on the precise answer; but it is not difficult to understand why so many people read spiritual answers into the coming of the spacemen and such incidents as those just described. To the average individual, church-led in matters paranormal, such miracles as practically instant healing, changes in the colour of solid materials and other mysterious acts can only occur through Divine intervention, whatever that may mean. However, Buck Nelson gives us a slim connecting clue.

Heat, Doctors and Faith

Tingling sensations of the kind described by so many saucer witnesses and heat have often been felt by people who have never seen a flying saucer and who may question their existence; and it is an experience that is usual in deep meditation.

I know of a woman who suffered severe burns on the back during the initial meditation exercises of her own private philosophy. It is difficult to describe these burns, for they are not common; but one might say that the scars resemble those left by intense sunburn.

Preferring to remain anonymous, this person subsequently learned to control the heat she experienced and eventually discovered that it was in fact healing her of a number of ailments she had suffered from for a number of years.

Now it is more than likely that some of you will read auto-suggestion into this case; and you could be perfectly right. But some doubt creeps into my mind and I am forced to ask this question: "Why is it that heat can be felt flowing from the hands of a 'faith healer' acting upon you?" I do not like the term "faith-healer" but there is no other term I can use to convey what I mean. In any case the "faith-healer" who demonstrated to me this flow of heat through the hands claims to be no such thing: he is a Harley Street doctor.

There was no question of auto-suggestion here, nor is there any question of it with any of his other patients; so why should the sensation of healing heat be auto-suggestive if it occurs during personal meditation?

It seems to me that there is a force of some kind which, at the same time as being sufficiently coarse to activate mechanical contraptions, is fine enough to be conscious, and benevolent. In other words, like our terms, charged with infinite

shades of meaning, each shade apparent to someone or another, but not to all, so with this force which in itself spreads from the very lowest possible octave to the highest.

The trouble with mankind is that it is "tone-deaf" to all but a few of the octaves of nature and, like a two-dimensional creature trying to comprehend a three-dimensional animal, quietly says to itself of anything its mind cannot understand: "There ain't no sich animal!"

But there are more "sich animals" in existence than we can ever hope to know about for the time being; forces which our descendants will become aware of as they continue to evolve. And these are the forces it seems the flying saucer designers have learned to tap and the crews to manipulate.

I am reminded, at this juncture, of the French electrical engineer who, at the turn of the century, discovered a form of electricity he claimed was conscious. And while he was perfectly prepared to handle ordinary electricity, he would not play with the other.

Conscious Electricity

Why is it that so little has been done over the past fifty years to discover something more about conscious electricity?

In general terms, because the kind of electricity we generate for industrial and domestic purposes had and still has such tremendous potentialities that it has not been worth the difficulties involved looking into something like the conscious variety. It is only in recent years that scientists have come to realise the limitless power available to them, if they could only once learn something about it.

A number of men have been able to put "strange powers" to practical use. In 1870 John Worrell Keely apparently discovered a new force which he succeeded in harnessing. No one quite knows what his secret was, for he was found dead in his workshop some years after he had successfully demonstrated his motor to businessmen whose investments in the Keely Motor Co. reached the staggering sum of two million dollars.

Describing a Keely demonstration with an 8-lb. model airship, the *Philadelphia Evening Telegraph* said on April 13, 1890: "The model plane rose, descended, or remained stationary mid-way, the motion as gentle as that of thistle-down floating in the air."

The strange thing about Keely's motors was that only he was able to make them work—and they started when he played a certain note on the violin.

After his death, engineers dismantled his machines in an attempt to learn the secret of their tremendous power. All they found was a mass of criss-crossed pipes with nothing to show where the energy came from.

Because of the demonstrations they had seen with their own eyes, it was difficult for them to call Keely a charlatan. He had had the key to an unknown power; there was no doubt about it. Was it just another section of the universal octave scale of energy that he had tapped? Was it a form of power lying in an octave somewhere between ordinary energy and conscious energy?

The funny thing is that in a different way we have a modern counterpart to Keely here in England today. He is George de la Warr, who for the past fifteen years has been at work experimenting with radionics.

But his researches were not intended to produce power for industrial and other purposes. He has sought to heal.

De la Warr had the advantage over Keely, however, in that he was born at a time when nuclear physics had become less obscure. He says: "There is a universal source of energy sustaining life in an orderly universe." He believes everything obeys the laws of music and "sings," not in audible sound waves, but in complex patterns of vibrations called wave-forms: another way of saying a "universal octave scale of energy," in fact!

Intermeshing Forces

It is a curious thing about this "scale of energy," but the more refined it gets the more conscious it appears to become. And the more conscious it becomes, the more difficult it appears to be to tap. Could it be that, being conscious, it allows itself to be used only by those who have achieved a given measure of understanding, a knowledge and awareness of truth?

Was the world deprived of Keely's power because big business interest backed its development and its aggressive capabilities were demonstrated?

If my deductions are correct this is in fact the truth. Furthermore, they show that the spiritual vibrations of meditation, the hum of powerful electric motors and the applied energy obtained from a straightforward fire are all interlinked in the cosmic scale.

Neither spiritual nor material approaches to flying saucers must be condemned. Both are equally applicable, although it is extremely difficult for us ordinary mortals, embroiled in the battle of semantics, to understand where the forces mesh.

REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND WATERS

by

Ronald Leslie Matheson

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28, last year, at 4.30 p.m. in the early evening I was navigating the *Rosa*, a fishing boat, off Port Charles on the Coromandel coast. I hold a third-engineer's ticket and was taking the *Rosa* from the port of Tauranga to Auckland, where it was to be delivered to its owner. I was approaching Channel Island, which is several miles offshore and off Cape Colville, when I noticed an irregular smoke trail which seemed to rise from behind the island. This smoke trail twisted in an erratic way across the sky in a westerly direction. As I came abreast of and cleared Channel Island, I saw the smoke trails were not from a fire on the island as I had first imagined, but were out over the Hauraki Gulf. Actually, I had thought the smoke patterns in the sky looked a bit unusual, but hadn't thought much about it.

Watching this maze of smoke trails in the sky, I saw a new trail being formed, and my eye followed the movement until I came to the source of the smoke. I saw an oval, disc-shaped object from which the smoke or fumes were streaming. At first I could not believe what I was seeing, and felt that something might have gone wrong with my eyes. Feeling very disturbed, I left the wheel and walked around the *Rosa*, looking at various items of gear on the deck. Everything was all right and I felt more sure of myself. I was alone on the boat, unfortunately.

Description

I went forward again and watched the thing in the sky. The object was a fairly narrow oval seen travelling horizontally, and both upper and lower surfaces were similarly curved. Two saucers fitted together face to face would be roughly similar to its appearance. Smoke streamed away from its sides as it moved on an irregular, constantly-changing course through the sky. The sun was setting, half its disc being beneath the horizon. Looking across about 25 miles of water the horizon in this case was the sea.

As I watched, the object approached me at a slight angle, bearing to the left. It then tilted at a steep angle and, shooting upwards, showed its

circular shape clearly. The object was well above the glare of the sun, and my view of it was not affected by dazzle. It appeared as big as a florin held at arm's length. The rapid manoeuvres it made covered an arc of about 15 degrees. The thing turned through every possible angle during these manoeuvres, and for a period of at least twenty minutes I watched these movements while I steered the *Rosa* out towards the Hauraki Gulf.

These peculiar and rapid gyrations were confined to an area approximately equal to two feet in diameter at arm's length, and, covered as described above, an angle of about 15 degrees vertically. The late afternoon was very calm, and there was no wind. The lower sky was quite clear of cloud, but there were streaks of cirrus at a high altitude, almost overhead. The object was moving in an area of sky above the setting sun and its glare, but below these high clouds. I was thus able to see it very clearly.

Trails

Not knowing the actual size of the object makes it hard for me to say how far away it was. I believe, though, that the object was some miles away. The object was very clearly defined. Smoke poured out from its curving sides, narrowed immediately behind, then broadened out into a widening but thinning wake astern. The smoke was a dark greyish colour and the trails remained in the sky for at least ten minutes before vanishing. The area of sky in which the object was moving was thus heavily patterned with these trails, some firm and clear, others fading. The calm air helped to keep the trails from blowing away.

The object appeared greyish—a dark grey or neutral shade, and did not reflect. Had the object been made of polished aluminium, say, it would not have reflected light, the sun being beneath and to the left of it. The object was thus north-west of the setting sun. Had it been an aircraft it would not have reflected light from this position in the sky, and would possibly have been a similar dark colour.

It gave me the unmistakable impression that it was some form of controlled flying machine,

but its flight was so rapid that by comparison a jet plane would appear ridiculously slow. I want to make that clear. The thing was being flown, or directed. Somebody was flying it.

I must also stress that I saw this object in clear daylight, and as it made so many movements in the sky, plunging, heeling over, ascending swiftly and turning through every imaginable angle in its flight, I was able to get an unmistakable impression of its shape. It was a huge disc. Its rapid movements suggested tremendous power—moving in horizontal flight it appeared to cover a distance of miles in as many seconds.

I consider that it was a very large object, and may have been several hundred feet in diameter. It was as large, I thought, as a big Pan American airliner. I make this statement having seen Pan American airliners at what I believe to be approximately the same distance. I must say again most decidedly that what I saw that afternoon was some form of flying machine. I do not know of any aircraft which can move with such amazing speed.

No Sound

Just before flying off it levelled out, and then moved away very rapidly in horizontal flight, passing over the mainland in the direction of Warkworth and Cape Rodney, in the upper Hauraki Gulf. The tangle of smoke trails remained for some time, and slowly faded out of the evening sky. During all these rapid manoeuvres I heard no sound. However, the noise my boat engine was making may have muffled out any other sound. While I was watching the object diving and wheeling in the sky the sun went down beneath the horizon. It was daylight, though, when the object suddenly flew off over the mainland.

A navy patrol boat followed me up the Coromandel coast—I saw this boat tied up at the Whitianga wharf, in Mercury Bay. Leaving some time after I sailed from Whitianga, this boat overtook me just after dark, hailing me as it passed. I'd had engine trouble earlier in my trip and they wanted to know if I was all right. I have wondered since if the crew also saw the object, or if they were too far astern during daylight to have noticed anything.

The object was well out over the Hauraki Gulf when it performed its unusual manoeuvres. When I arrived in Auckland I mentioned what I had seen to the owner of the *Rosa*. Apart from telling my wife and members of my family what I saw, I have not spoken about the episode until persuaded to make this report by a friend, who heard of my experience from my brother. I

watched the newspapers for some days after delivering the *Rosa*, expecting to hear reports of the object passing over the country districts north of Auckland, but nothing appeared.

I am a licensed skipper of the Tauranga Big Game Fishing Club, and am also a builder. I have lived at Mount Maunganui for slightly over twenty years, and have been out in coastal waters a lot during that time, but have never before seen anything even remotely similar to the object described in this account. The description given is as accurate as I can make it. I feel that what I saw is important enough to justify study, and hope that this report, fantastic as it may appear, will be given serious consideration.

Testimony

I have known Mr. Ronald Matheson since 1946, and can testify that he is a most reliable person. He has previously been very sceptical about reports of unusual flying objects. Now, however, he is most assured about what he has seen and feels that it is not a matter for argument.

Mr. Matheson has been a successful skipper in the Tauranga Big Game Fishing Club, and the boat piloted by him during the 1957 season caught the highest tally of striped marlin.

Knowing his practical attitude and steadiness, I am prepared to accept the accuracy of his report. This very steadiness makes his report credible; it would be out of keeping with his character for him to invent the account set out here. It is his belief that the unidentified object described was of terrestrial origin, and that its existence is being kept secret for security reasons.

However, in my opinion, this is doubtful. With him, though, I hope this description of a strange flying object will be given serious consideration. I would like to add again that Mr. Matheson is very emphatic that what he saw was a controlled object—a flying machine with remarkable capabilities.

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LONDONERS PLEASE NOTE

The ninety-minute documentary film
"UFO" will be showing at the Empire
cinema, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E.17,
and at the Plaza, Hoe Street, Leyton, E.17,
from March 30 to April 2. Both cinemas
are on the 38 bus route from Victoria.

ARTHUR CONSTANCE

Surveys the World Situation

AS I READ M. K. Jessup's "Open Letter" to me in the January-February FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, understanding came to me of how Kaspar Hauser must have felt immediately before he appeared in the streets of Nuremburg on May 26, 1828.

I thought of Hauser, and of how he had been confined in a dark cupboard (like the dog Laika in its sputnik, but for sixteen years) and of how someone released him at last, so that a door *did* open, and there he was (one of the most mysterious figures in human history) with light around him.

Any light I have had in thirty (not sixteen) years of confinement, during which my three million news cuttings have accumulated (fantastically yet monotonously, like the minutes in Hauser's cupboard) has come and gone again, leaving me still in darkness. But M. K. Jessup's article gave me the feeling that a door was opening which would not be closed on me again.

Of the spiritual (or anti-matter) Cosmos, I am as ignorant as Kaspar Hauser was of our normal world. The books on UFO phenomena which I have repeatedly added to my 17,000-volume library have been periodical satisfactions of my appetite (sightings, sightings, sightings and more sightings) like bowls of food handed in to a purblind man in a cupboard, and "they" (whoever the etherians are) have trusted me with candle-stubs at rare intervals. But now there is prospect of natural light around me, for M. K. Jessup tells me that he is working on the Titius-Bode law of planetary distances. I shall await his "long and comprehensive paper" with the anxiety of a Kaspar Hauser or a sputnik dog, hoping for emergence into reality.

I have always believed that Bode and Titius were on the right track in their endeavours to formulate a law into which the planets of our system fitted; but scientists since have been con-

tent to ignore the tremendous significance of the discrepancies in their theoretical work. Fath (*Elements of Astronomy*, 1955)—to quote but one example of this indifference—says that "there is no physical reason underlying Bode's law, and it seems likely that it is merely a chance arrangement of numbers which breaks down completely for Neptune and Pluto."

But indifference has in some cases crystallised into dogmatism, so that the confident assertion of a certain Victorian astronomer that "this rule of Bode's is only empirical . . . and has nothing to do with gravitation," has been honoured by most astronomers since; which implies that a century of progress in astronomical science apparently leaves us no nearer the attainment of Bode's objective when he formulated his law.

I suggest, although it may only be the whine of a philosophical puppy, imprisoned in a sputnik of scientific prejudice, that further examination of those curious Neptune and Pluto discrepancies may result in many discoveries of profound importance to modern science, and that such discoveries may express themselves in any of the

In this striking article, our contributor replies to M. K. Jessup's "Open Letter" in our last issue, comments on some typical incidents and questions in letters he has received since the publication of his book "The Inexplicable Sky," weighs up the present world situation regarding the UFOs, and gives his views regarding future possibilities.

following forms:

A drastic increase in the known number of asteroids above the "something like 40,000" bodies now calculated as lying between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, and an appreciable increase in our estimate of their mass.

A revision of our present conceptions of Ceres, Pallas, Vesta and Juno, and a very different conception of the nature of planetoids and asteroids generally, particularly regarding their shapes.

The tracing of the orbits of several new planets outward from the sun beyond Pluto.

New light on Eros (which, in its orbit, approaches our earth more nearly than any celestial body, with the sole exception of our moon), so that our ideas of the nature of this

wanderer may have to be radically changed.

But none of these possibilities, nor even the *probability that further investigations of the discrepancies in Bode's law may result in the identification of the total solar system concretely with one wave or particle of light*, seems to be so significant as the possibility that such research might well reveal the real nature of the "matter" that "materialises" in our three-dimensional realm when a UFO sighting occurs.

My gratitude to M. K. Jessup for his references to this subject in his "open letter" to me is sincere and unbounded. I was already aware of the printer's error regarding the distance of Proxima Centauri in *The Inexplicable Sky*, and the shocking substitution of "miles" for "metres" regarding the diameter of the Arizona meteoroid which occurred during the production of the book. I appreciate Mr. Jessup's kindness in pointing out these errors. His criticism of my use of the word "meteoroid," however, is invalid. The American usage, "meteorite," is not justified to describe the object while it is falling—it applies to the object that has fallen. "Meteoroid" is the comprehensive term. Differences in practice between British and American terminology do not affect standards of etymological definition recognised by both countries. Webster's various dictionaries, Funk and Wagnall's, and in fact all standard American dictionaries agree with the correct English usage of "meteorite," as a meteoroid *which has fallen to earth*. Nor have I, as Mr. Jessup suggests, "overemphasised the discrepancies in astronomical data." I have simply drawn attention to discrepancies which are commonly minimised or ignored.

Viewing the Cosmos

Such discrepancies are inevitable, not because "astronomy is still in a formative stage," but because of the nature of the spherical "base" or "platform" from which astronomers view the physical cosmos.

Any point between the poles on the surface of this speeding, spinning, spiralling earth is moving in at least twelve different directions in relation to what we call "space." To appreciate the distances involved in "extra-terrestrial exploration" in diagrammatic form we should need an incredibly vast diagram, even if we reduced the 22-mile area of man's activities (from the record bathyscaphe descent of 2½ miles outwards to the highest man-made ascent of 19½ miles in a freed balloon) to the thinness of a pencil line—one-fiftieth of an inch. On this scale, the earth, with its man-activity film, would be a sphere just under eight inches across, the sun would be a sphere 72

feet in diameter, one-and-a-half miles away, and the nearest star would be about 370,000 miles distant. (Its actual distance, as I wrote in my MS. of *The Inexplicable Sky*, being, of course, 24,696,000,000,000 miles.) I give this very inadequate mental picture of man's relation to the centre of our solar system, and our sun's relation to the stars, because *it is vitally relevant to any survey of the present world situation*.

I regard Mr. Jessup's investigation of the discrepancies in the Titius-Bode law of planetary distances as of paramount importance in its relation to the most significant fact of modern times: man's increasing exploration of the nature of gravity. *The nature of the UFOs is closely associated with the problems that science faces in this field of exploration.*

Gravity

Gravity is not a "property" of matter. It is an invisible force that acts upon matter. Investigating the nature of gravity means investigating the invisible, the spiritual, the eternal. Even as man's investigation of the atom is carrying him into fields of spiritual investigation, so his investigation of the cosmos itself is passing from examination of the material into examination of the invisible. The main feature of the present world situation is the paradox that man, in reaching the nadir of materialism (the preoccupation of millions with hedonistic and "material-comfort" progress: the correlation of this materialistic attitude with the fear of physical destruction inevitably associated with atomic-war preparations) is also approaching spiritual zeniths hitherto beyond the range of his experience. We are witnessing an Armageddon—a titanic clash between spiritual and materialistic forces. This clash has its repercussions in the field of UFO investigation.

Mankind's incurable optimism (so pathetically yet gloriously evidenced in the long progress of human history) is now manifesting itself in blind, pigheaded resistance to the appalling implications of the present world impasse. Hundreds of millions of people believe that humanity will somehow or other come to "peaceful co-existence," and that this will lead to "world brotherhood," and that United Man will increasingly "explore other worlds" and "conquer space." Such wishful thinking—the latest expression in history of man's ineradicable optimism—is stimulated by a stupendous and stupefying output of "science fiction" that surely has no parallel among printing and publishing "records." The attitude of mind created by this torrential spate of imaginative literature is the main obstacle encountered by visitants from other

dimensions in their attempts to communicate with humanity.

Letters I am receiving from correspondents in many countries may represent only a microscopic cross-section of enlightened opinion regarding UFO phenomena, but I believe they are symptomatic. I suspect that there are many more actual landings from UFOs than those recorded in newspapers, or even in UFO publications. I suspect that the Bender case may be merely one of many, and that Mr. Reinhold Schmidt, the Californian grain dealer who was quickly subjected to questioning and examination by a psychiatrist last November after he had given his account of a talk with six space-ship visitants, was more fortunate in getting into print than others have been who have had (officially) similar "mental illnesses."

My correspondence also indicates growing alarm (particularly in the U.S.A.) regarding the increasingly pernicious effects of radio-activity. One lady wrote me regarding cases in her local hospital, begging me to do something. Others have written in similar terms. I cannot pursue this subject—I simply record the fact that there is a rising tide of indignation and anxiety regarding the menace of radio-activity.

Doormats

Surveying the political world situation, it is very evident that we are passing rapidly from a world condition of "cold war" to one of "cold feet"—the feet so affected being those of dilly-dallying democratic diplomats. The International Excuse Furnishers now regard Iron Curtains as unfashionable, and are concentrating on Door-mats. Top-level conferences will no doubt reach agreement some time this year or next as to who the Doormats shall be; in fact this essential prerequisite to the cocktail party seems already decided.

Significant (and, I believe, symptomatic) items in my clipping-accumulations:

The 4½-lb. cast-iron ball which smacked a two-inch dent in the roof of a building in Omaha—kids' pranks, aircraft, in fact all normal explanations being discounted in the *World-Herald's* investigations. Other similar spherical objects. The hundreds of "Tektites"—glass balls which are falling in many places, but *not*, as some think, from the moon. The meteorlike rock which crashed through the roof of a house in Sylacauga, Alabama, and the fact that it was not an isolated fall, others occurring at several points in South Georgia, in Columbia, and so on—and the un-meteorlike "tremendous explosions" which occurred, taken in conjunction with the Air Force denials that aircraft were in any way in-

volved. Falls of other things from the sky, strange lights in the sky, huge fiery things seen over Knoxville (concentrations of sightings around Knoxville parallel the inexplicable concentrations of meteorite falls in Arizona). These and other sky mysteries reported in recent correspondence must be making Charles Fort turn in his grave. Then there is the hole in the sky—*not in the clouds but in the sky itself*, 2,000 feet in diameter, seen by hundreds of people near Knoxville, baffling all the authorities: efficiently photographed, remaining quite definitely a hole in nothing, *and suggesting to isolated-in-space me, anyway, the Horse's Head Nebula and other holes in the sky to be found in conventional astronomical works.*

Things to Come

I foresee, meteorologically, more and more earthquakes and tornadoes, an increasing number of devastating floods, and a relentless rise in the world's ocean levels, menacing the microscopically thin land film that lies above them—which will surrender vast areas, now populated, to them—and floods of sputniks rising into space. But no human landings on other planets—not even on the moon.

I foresee, in order of menace-degree, the following possibilities of world catastrophe:

- ... *The obliteration of civilisation in a holocaust of flaming devastation, touched off by one or more man-made misjudgments of the Windscale type.*
- ... *A world-axis-shift, triggered by continued atom-bomb rehearsals, resulting in titanic floodings of the world's land surfaces.*
- ... *A spiritual submergence of the world under Communism's atheism, tyranny and materialism. "Far back, through creeks and inlets making, comes silent, flooding in, the main."*
- ... *I rate world war as a bad fourth in order of menace-degree.*

I foresee at least one world government publicly admitting the reality of visitants from "outer space" during the next two years, but tempering this acknowledgment with misrepresentations of their real nature and purpose.

Of far greater significance than any of these possible happenings is the world-wide trend towards faith, and away from fear, expressed in the rapid increase in the number of religious and philosophical groups recognising the true nature of the UFOs—groups which are coagulating into unifications. This fact may soon make my four prognostications seem unimportant.

From an Astronomer's Notebook

by W. Schroeder

(Author of "Practical Astronomy")

March

- 1 Moon occults λ Geminorum, approx. 22.20 hrs. G.M.T.
- 2 Algol Minimum 20.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 3 Mercury in Superior Conjunction.
- 4 Venus reaches greatest brilliancy.
- 5 Moon near Regulus.
- 6 Full Moon.
- 7 Algol Minimum 17.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 8 Moon in Perigee.
- 9 Moon near Jupiter and Spica.
- 10 Moon in ascending node.
- 11 Moon near Antares.
- 12 Moon in Last Quarter, near Saturn.
- 15 Moon near Mars.
- 16 Moon near Venus.
- 17 Algol Minimum 04.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 20 New Moon.
- 21 Algol Minimum 01.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 22 First day of Spring.
- 23 Moon near Mercury.
- 24 Algol Minimum 22.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 25 Moon in descending node.
- 26 Moon near Pleiades.
- 27 Moon near Aldebaran.
- 28 Algol Minimum 19.00 hrs. G.M.T.
- 29 Moon in First Quarter.
- 30 Mercury in greatest eastern elongation.
- 31 Moon near Pollux.

April

- 1 Moon near Regulus.
- 3 Moon in Perigee.
- 4 Easter Full Moon, near Spica.
- 5 Saturn becomes retrograde.
- 6 Moon in ascending node, near Jupiter.
- 7 Mercury becomes retrograde.
- 8 Algol Minimum 06.00 hrs. G.M.T.
- 9 Venus in greatest western elongation.
- 10 Moon near Antares.
- 11 Algol Minimum 03.00 hrs. G.M.T.
- 12 Moon near Saturn.
- 13 Algol Minimum 24.00 hrs. G.M.T.
- 14 Moon in Last Quarter.
- 15 Moon near Mars.
- 16 Algol Minimum 20.30 hrs. G.M.T.
- 17 Moon near Venus.
- 18 Mercury in Inferior Conjunction.
- 19 Jupiter in Opposition.
- 20 Moon in Apogee.
- 21 Moon near Mercury.
- 22 New Moon, in descending node.
- 23 Eclipse of the Sun (visible from Indian Ocean and Pacific).
- 24 Moon near Pleiades.
- 25 Moon near Castor and Pollux.
- 26 Moon in First Quarter.
- 27 Moon near Regulus.
- 28 Mercury resumes direct motion.
- 29 Algol Minimum 05.00 hrs. G.M.T.

The Sun

A FEW MINUTES after 3 o'clock in the morning of March 21 the sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north. For the astronomers in former times this instant used to mark the beginning of yet another year, but for us it represents the beginning of spring. On this day the sun remains above the horizon for exactly 12 hours, no matter where on earth we are, and from now onwards the length of the days increases. On March 1, daylight lasted for just over 11 hours in the British Isles. By the end of March the length of the day will have increased to 12¼ hours, and at the end of April daylight lasts for just over 14 hours.

During March and April the sun moves through the constellations Fishes, Ram, and Bull (Pisces, Aries, and Taurus).

The Moon

Once again the moon presents us with two worthwhile performances during these two months. On March 1 there is an occultation of a fairly bright star, and on April 19 observers in Asia and in some of the Pacific islands will be able to watch an eclipse of the sun.

The occultation of λ (lambda) Geminorum can be observed from London at 22.20 G.M.T. on March 1. Observers in the westernmost parts of Scotland will have to watch out for it about a quarter of an hour earlier, and in East Anglia and Kent the occultation will occur a few minutes later. This occultation can be observed from most parts of Europe, and within half an hour of its occurrence at London it will have been seen in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Northern Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and the

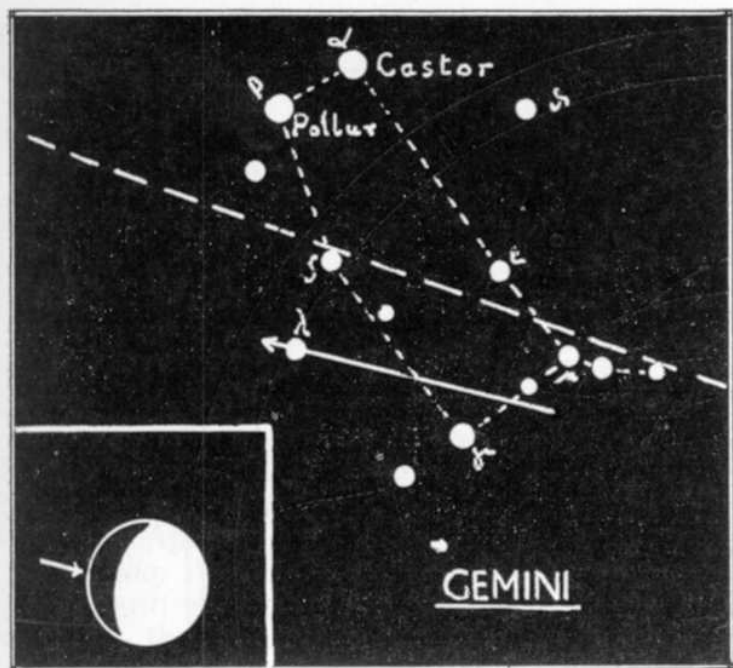


Fig. 1. On March 1 the Moon occults the star Geminorum. The arrow represents the path of the Moon during the day, and the inset shows how the star will approach the dark limb of the Moon, as seen from London.

north-western parts of Africa. The remainder of Europe will be covered by this "eclipse" of the star within another half hour or so.

The same star will be occulted by the moon another three times during this year. The reason for these repeated occultations is the fact that the lowest part of the moon's orbit is situated near this star at the moment. Although the orbit slowly swings around the sky, its highest and lowest parts remain over the same part of the sky, as the position of this part of the orbit is the same as the direction of its movement, so that the moon passes in front of the same stars during successive revolutions. Other parts of the orbit are inclined to the direction of its movement, and occultations occurring in these parts are not repeated, because the moon's orbit has moved slightly towards the west when the moon passes the same part of the sky during the following revolution.

The eclipse of the sun, occurring on April 19, remains invisible in Europe. The central part of the eclipse passes over Ceylon, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, the south coast of China, Japan and nearly the whole of the Pacific Ocean.

As the moon passes through her apogee two days before the eclipse, she is still at almost maximum distance from the earth. Her diameter, therefore, is insufficient to cover the whole of the sun's disk, and the eclipse remains an annular one, even in those parts where the eclipse occurs at noon.

The Easter Full Moon

The famous church council held at Nicaea, a city in Asia Minor, in A.D. 325 decreed that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the Full Moon following the Spring Equinox. If this Full Moon occurs on a Sunday, then the next Sunday is to be Easter. According to this rule, Easter Sunday in 1958 is April 6; Full Moon is two days before that date, on Good Friday, April 4.

The earliest date on which we can celebrate Easter according to this rule is March 22, but this happens only very rarely. It happened last in 1818 and will not happen again until 2285. The latest date on which Easter can fall is April 25, and this occurred in 1943, and the next time will be in 2258.

The Planets

Mercury. On March 3, Mercury is in Superior Conjunction, and travels across the sky, together with the sun. After this date, however, the planet increases its distance from the sun and can be observed shortly after sunset in the west from March 21 onwards for about eighteen days. The greatest elongation occurs on March 29, when Mercury sets more than two hours after the sun. Afterwards he approaches the sun again, and will be in Inferior Conjunction on April 16, after which date he becomes a morning star again, but remains too close to the sun to be observable.

Venus. Venus is a morning star and reaches her greatest brilliance at the beginning of March. Greatest Elongation is reached on April 8, but as the planet is considerably further south in the sky than the sun, Venus rises less than two hours before the sun.

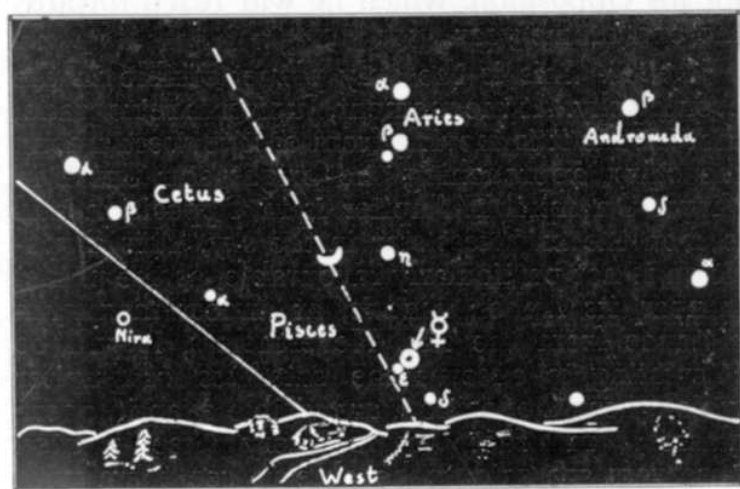


Fig. 2. The Moon and Mercury over the western horizon at 19.00 hrs. G.M.T. on March 22, 1958.

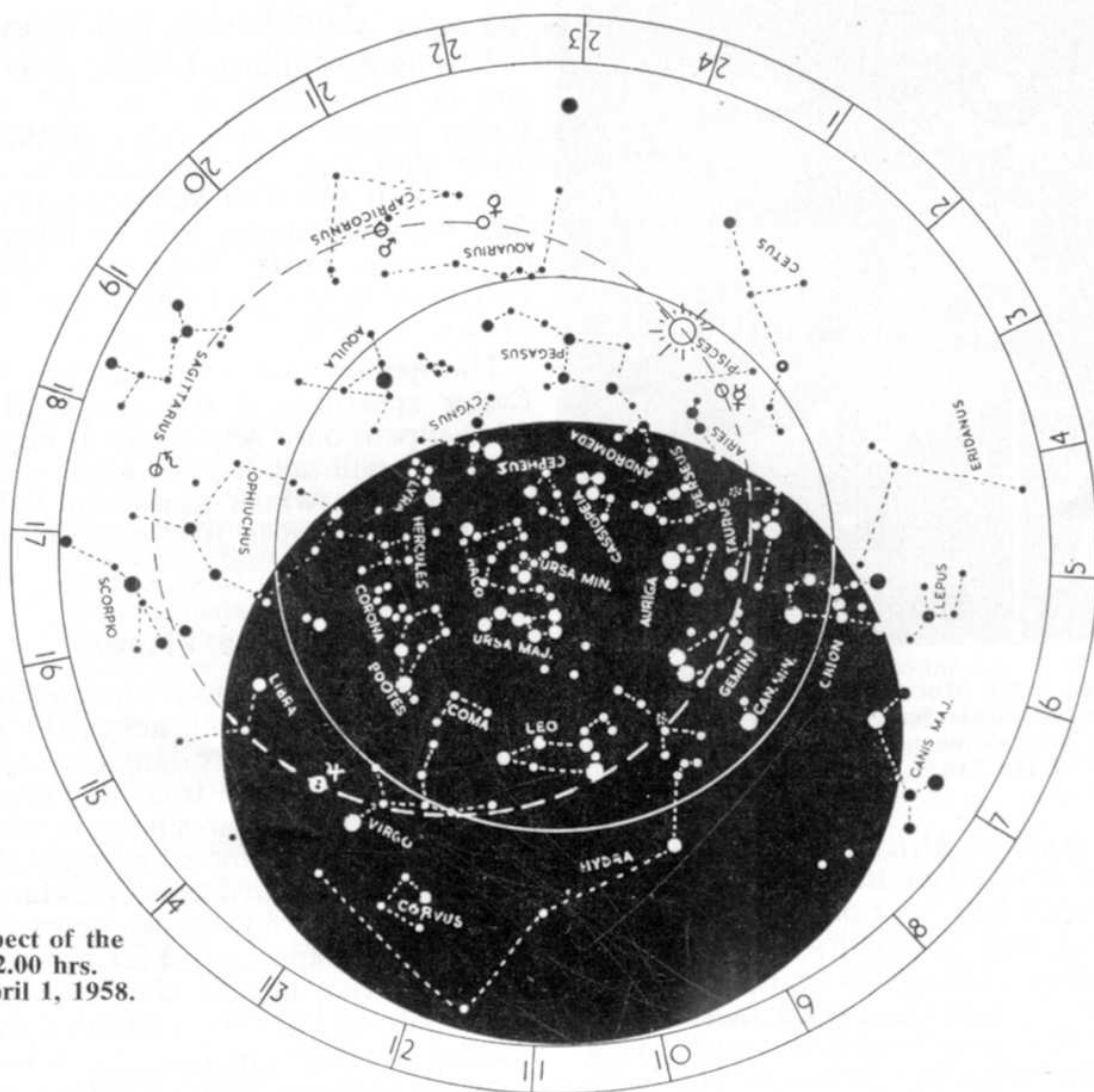


Fig. 3. The aspect of the night sky at 22.00 hrs. G.M.T. on April 1, 1958.

Mars. This planet, too, is a morning star, rising a little over two hours before the sun during the whole of these two months. Mars travels from the constellation Sagittarius into Capricornus, steadily gaining in brightness, preparing himself for his Opposition, which he will reach towards the end of the year.

Jupiter. This is the only planet visible in the evening sky. At the moment, Jupiter is retrograde; that means it is moving from east to west among the stars, approaching the bright star Spica in Virgo. On April 17 Jupiter is in Opposition and is then the brightest star in the sky. This Opposition is not particularly favourable, as the planet is near its Aphel; that is, at almost maximum distance from the sun. Nevertheless, it will be interesting to observe the satellites of Jupiter which, near Opposition, are visible even in opera glasses; in fact, some very keen-sighted observers are said to be able to see them with the naked eye.

Saturn. Moving along the lowest parts of the ecliptic, Saturn is not favourably placed for ob-

servation. On April 9 the planet becomes retrograde as a preliminary to its Opposition about nine weeks later, and although already brighter than Antares in Scorpio, which is nearby, its brightness continues to increase appreciably.

Meteors

The only meteor shower which will become noticeable during these two months will be that of the Lyrids. These meteors can be observed from April 12 to 24, the maximum activity occurring on April 21, when it should be possible to count about eight meteors of this shower per hour.

The Fixed Stars

The winter constellations are now disappearing in the west, only parts of Orion and Taurus remain visible, while Gemini and Canis Minor are approaching the horizon. The Great Bear, Ursa Major, is almost in the zenith, and due south we find Leo, The Lion, with Hydra, the largest constellation of the sky, over the southern

horizon. In the eastern part of the sky we find the summer constellations Virgo with the bright star Spica, Bootes with Arcturus, and Corona, the Northern Crown.

Constellations in the south, conveniently placed for observation: Leo, Coma (Berenice's Hair), Cancer (Crab), Virgo (Virgin), Sextant, Hydra (Water Serpent), Crater (Beaker), Corvus (Raven).

Variable Stars. Four Long-Period Variables reach their maxima during March and April, and in each case they just become visible to the naked eye. Their positions are shown on most star maps. They are: R Cassiopeiae, maximum on March 22; R Aquilae, March 30; R Serpentis, April 8; U Orionis, April 18.

The Milky Way stretches from the north-east to the south-west, but remains low above the horizon in the north and west, and is thus not particularly well situated for observations. The most interesting parts between Cygnus and Sagittarius come into view in the early hours of the morning.

The Constellation of the Month: Leo, The Lion

This is probably the only constellation which really resembles the creature it is meant to represent, and it is not difficult to imagine the figure of a lion couchant, with its front paws extended and its head lifted, outlined by the stars in this part of the sky.

The brightest star is α (alpha), Regulus, magnitude 1.3. It has a faint companion magnitude 8 at a distance of 176". At the other end of the constellation we find β (beta), Denebola, and if we look at this star through a good pair of binoculars we shall find at least some of the six little stars which bear the collective name, "The Companions of Denebola."

γ (gamma) is also a double star, the magnitudes of the components are 2.4 and 3.5, their distance from each other is 4", and, as they are so close, we need a really good pair of binoculars or even a small telescope to separate them. δ (delta) is of magnitude 2.6 and is really a fairly widely separated triple star.

Binoculars will also reveal two or three faint companions to ξ (zeta), and ϵ (epsilon) presents a charming sight, its two magnitude 7 companions forming a small triangle with ϵ .

τ (tau) is a double star, mags. 5.5, yellowish, 7, pale blue. The distance is 90". Another double star is 7, with two components of mags. 6 and 8 at a distance of 42". 54 is another fairly difficult double, mags. 4.5 and 6.3, distance 6", and 83 may prove difficult to find on account of its faint-

ness. This, too, is a double, mags. 6 and 7, distance 29".

About 5½ degrees north of Denebola is 93, where a mag. 4.5 star has an 8th mag. companion at 74" distance.

R Leonis is a long-period variable, reaching mag. 4.4 at maximum, but at minimum it is only of mag. 12 and can thus be seen in large telescopes only. As this variable will reach its maximum about July 30 this year, it will just about become visible to the naked eye now. Its period, by the way, is 312 days.

A good pair of field glasses will show us two spiral nebulae, seen edgewise. M 65 is easy to find, as it forms a perfect triangle with the star 73 and another, somewhat fainter star nearby. M 66 is a little brighter than M 65, but it also is smaller, and both nebulae will be in the field of view at the same time. Although their position is easy to find, the instrument must be a really good one, otherwise they will not be recognised.

M 96 is another spiral nebula, a little fainter, but of the same size as M 65, and this can be found quite easily, too, if we start off from the star 53, which is about one degree south of the nebula. But here, too, we need a really excellent instrument, or we overlook the nebula.

Leo is one of the most ancient constellations, and has always been associated with the sun. The national emblem of the ancient Persians was the crouched lion bearing the sun on his back, and the Royal Standard of the United Kingdom still carries on this tradition, which is as old as recorded history.

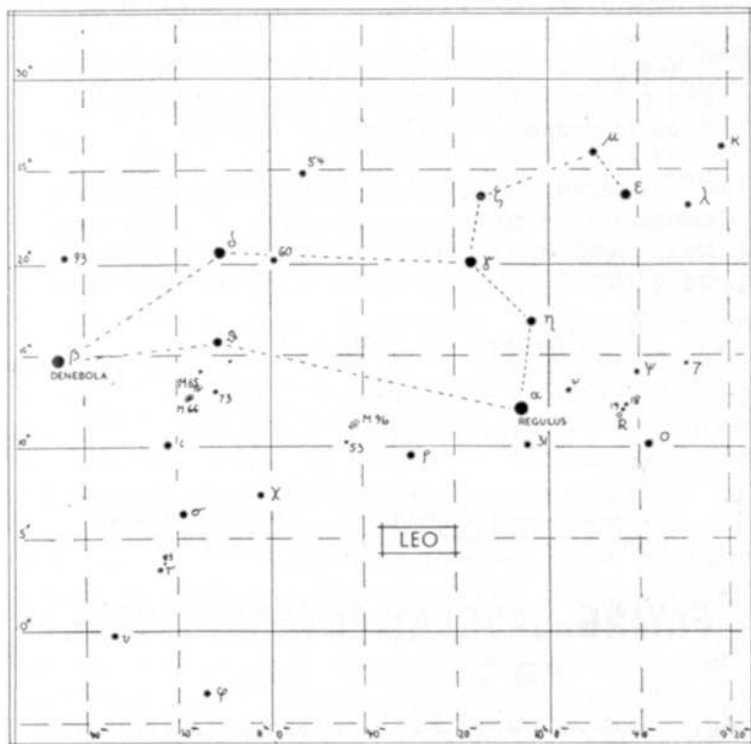


Fig. 4. The Constellation of the Month : The Lion.

SELECTED BOOKS

Reviewed by The Editor

FLYING SAUCER PILGRIMAGE, by Bryant and Helen Reeve. (Amherst Press, Amherst, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Illustrated, 304 pages, \$3.50.)

I predict that this book will be regarded as one of the top few, possibly the absolute tops, in an extensive and growing bibliography of over 100 books on the subject of flying saucers. It is undoubtedly the most all-embracing on every aspect of the subject that has yet appeared.

Ostensibly, it is the account of the most thorough investigation, certainly the most ambitious, yet undertaken. Just imagine! The authors deliberately set out on a 23,000-mile pilgrimage to visit and live with those people who claimed contact with the saucers. They spent three years over this assignment and, incidentally, they are still at it!

They met, among others, George Adamski, George Hunt Williamson, Truman Bethurum, Salvador Villanueva Medina (the Mexican "Adamski"), George W. Van Tassel, Daniel W. Fry, Mead Layne, Irene and Mark Probert and Orfeo Angelucci.

The authors have written the account of their adventures and experiences in a most readable and delightful light-hearted manner, and I particularly enjoyed their amazing visit to fabulous Mexico. However, do not be deceived by their gay and happy style. Oh, yes, they want you to enjoy their pilgrimage with them, and you will, too. But this book certainly goes "deep," and explores saucers, the space people and their *raison d'être*, from every possible angle.

There is a very full account of Salvador Villanueva Medina's contact with space visitors, near Valles, Mexico, in August, 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Reeve played a large part in uncovering this contact and in investigating the whole affair.

As a result of their very comprehensive researches, the authors found that physical saucers and physical contacts were not by any means the only method of communication in use by the space people. In fact, they point out that other types of contact may be more important, and they give descriptions of the many different kinds that are taking place today.

It is interesting to learn that there is a saucer "underground" movement. Why should that be necessary? The reason is that saucers are still not quite respectable. There are many people in business, professions or in jobs who dare not talk

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International Flying Saucer Sighting Day

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW announces that there will be one International Flying Saucer Sighting Day this year on Saturday, June 7. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW'S organisation, the International UFO Observer Corps, is now considerably more organised and efficient than last year, and will no doubt play a big part in making June 7 a great success. It has been decided to concentrate everything on one special day this time but, naturally, it is hoped that all groups will organise their own sighting days as well.

All readers of this magazine and all members of the International UFO Observer Corps are asked to try and form special observing groups to watch the skies on June 7. It will be appreciated if they would also inform the editor of this magazine before that date (1) where they will be watching, (2) the approximate size of their party and (3) what equipment, if any, they will have with them, i.e. telescopes, binoculars, etc. This will greatly assist operational headquarters in London. It is hoped, too, that other groups will once more join in on this occasion. They will be most welcome and are certainly invited to do so. It will, of course, be appreciated if sighting reports obtained by our friends in overseas organisations can be duplicated to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW in London as in previous years. Please put Saturday, June 7, down in your diaries. You have a date on that day to look for space ships!

NICAP News

The third issue of *The UFO Investigator*, published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), recently appeared. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW strongly recommends both this magazine and organisation. Major Donald E. Keyhoe has done a first-rate job since he took over as director of NICAP and as editor of its magazine. The NICAP Board of Governors includes the Rev. Albert Baller, Robbins Memorial Church, Greenfield, Mass.; Dr. Marcus Bach, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. Earl Douglass, religious writer and columnist, Princeton, New Jersey; Frank Edwards, radio-TV commentator, Indianapolis,

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Membership of NICAP, including *The UFO Investigator*, is \$7.50 a year. The address is 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, 6, D.C., U.S.A.

Another Japanese Group

Another research organisation in Japan is the C.B.A. These initials stand for Cosmic Brotherhood Association. Our good friend, Mr. Yusuke Matsumura, who is Chief of the Flying Saucer Research Group in Japan, is connected with this new movement. They plan to issue a flying saucer magazine.

Dutch Interplanetary Scientific Centre

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has recently heard from another Dutch saucer group called Dutch Interplanetary Scientific Centre (DISC).

This group was founded in March, 1953, to investigate unidentified flying objects. Their President is Mr. P. W. G. Lokkers. Their vice-President is Mr. C. Sypkens, an Amsterdam lawyer, who is also one of the European leaders of the Mazdaznan Movement, a pre-Christian philosophy. The Director of the group is Mr. N. Joh. Keukenmeester, who also edits their bi-monthly magazine *DISC Digest*, which is written in Dutch. This magazine contains popular articles about UFOs; flight into space; life on other worlds; nuclear fission. *DISC Digest* has a circulation of at least 1,000 readers. The organisation also has an off-spring, *The Hague Space News Centre*, which arranges lectures and discussions on UFO topics. Mr. Keukenmeester advises that, in addition to these lectures, they also have a debating club, called the Prismaclub, which meets twice a month in the Hotel du

Passage, in The Hague, where lively discussions take place. This go-ahead and lively group would like to contact other groups overseas. Their address is c/o Mr. N. Joh. Keukenmeester, DISC, P.O. Box 537, The Hague, Holland.

Danish UFO Group

There has recently been formed a group called the Danish Interplanetary Society for Contact. Strangely enough, they also use the same initials as the Dutch group mentioned above, DISC. The secretary is Mr. Jergen Keene, and their address is 18 Morlenesvej, Holte, Holland. Their objects are to investigate saucer sightings in Denmark, and to get the matter discussed seriously on the radio and in the Press, and to arrange local groups throughout Denmark. They, too, would like to contact overseas groups.

New German UFO Group

News of yet another new saucer organisation has come to hand. This is a group that was founded last year in Munich. It is headed by Herr Georg Neidhart, who has made a comprehensive study of flying saucers and is a popular lecturer on the subject. The name of the group is UFO Forschungsgruppe Munchen. Their address is Munchen 9, Naupliastrasse 18, Germany. They are anxious to obtain good photographs of UFOs.

Fine New American Magazine

A brilliant new American saucer magazine called *Flying Saucers from Other Worlds* has recently appeared in the United States on the bookstands. It is edited and published by Ray Palmer. *Flying Saucers* comes from the same stable that produced *Fate* and *Search* magazines. This magazine is very ably edited and is well worth the subscription price of \$3.50 for 12 issues.

U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book Report No. 14

The Jan.-Feb., 1957, issue of *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* announced that through the good offices of Dr. Leon Davidson, the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book Report No. 14 was available to the public in photo-offset form.

This is the original report that was prepared in 1953 and "released" in October, 1955, but even then was only available in the Public Information Office of the Pentagon in Washington. You could not take it away, but only come and look at it there. However, through the good work of Dr. Davidson, it was made available to the public at a very reasonable charge.

A second edition is now available. It includes an 86-page photo-offset copy of the full text of the original Air Force report, and some of the tables. Ninety-six pages altogether, 8.5 x 11 in., illustrated, \$1.50 post paid, from Dr. Leon Davidson, 64 Prospect Street, White Plains, N.Y., U.S.A.

Selected Books Continued

openly about saucers. They are afraid to profess their belief or tell of their experiences even today in this so-called "free world." As the authors put it, "fear of ridicule, fear of being thought insane or at least peculiar or unreliable, fear of his job," all this has helped to bring together people with a common interest and a desire to talk about it. The authors have found that this attitude to the subject is prevalent in the States. I do not think it quite so marked in England, although people's eyebrows are still apt to go up if the subject is raised in some quarters. However, I think the Sputniks have helped a lot to break down prejudice.

Although the whole of this book is exceptional, the real meat is in the second half. There is so much here that is worth the most careful reading and re-reading.

Are contactees chosen in advance by the space people? Why don't they land? How do we look to the space people? What are the space people like? What can we learn from space beings? Is this civilisation ending? Why are the space people coming to earth in such great numbers at the present time? Are the space beings hostile or friendly? These are just a few of the many questions discussed in this book.

The last chapter is devoted to an interview between the publishers of the book and the authors. A most fascinating question and answer session which serves as an admirable summary to the whole work.

There is an excellent saucer bibliography near the end of the book for the convenience of those who want to know more. There are also 15 pages of very interesting illustrations of saucer personalities.

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2. Venusian scout ship rising, showing underside details. Photographed by G. Adamski, December 13, 1952.
3. Flying saucer over New York. Photographed by August Roberts on July 28, 1952.
4. Mother ship releasing scout craft. One scout has begun to leave.
5. Mother ship releasing scout craft. Two scouts have taken off.
6. Mother ship releasing scout craft. Five scouts have left the ship.
7. Mother ship releasing scout craft. Six scouts are now to be seen.
8. Giant carrier ship photographed at 7.58 a.m., May 1, 1952, by G. Adamski.
9. Submarine type space ship, photographed March 9, 1951, by G. Adamski.
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MAIL BAG

New Year Message

Sir,

A New Year's message to the People of Earth:

Many times the Brothers have discussed with me the differences between their way of Life and that followed by the peoples of our world. At one time in the history of each planet there have been divisions between the peoples. In our system these differences have been worked out on every planet except Earth. Today they are living in peace, harmony and understanding—true brotherhood among Men, according to the Law of the Universe.

In a recent meeting Orthon told me a little more about their Council system, a meeting of which he had recently attended. He said that they had learned that peace, the goal of Mankind everywhere throughout Infinity, could never be attained over the highway of prejudice and armament. From experience the people of other worlds had learned that only over a council table, in the presence of open minds and heart-felt desire for understanding one another's problems could peace be brought about between individuals and nations. So great was this lesson, that even today all planetary problems are solved by a council of representatives from every class of peoples and every section of the planet.

Understanding, with continual progress, between planets of our system is accomplished through an inter-planetary Council. In this body, only representatives from Earth are still missing.

During our discussion it was brought out that any man, tribe, or nation who arms itself against another is but inviting destruction for itself. This was why Jesus commanded Peter to put up his sword, with the warning, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," Mat. 26-52.

Today the nations of Earth are beset with many problems. This is the Brothers' message to us at the beginning of this New Year, that peace, understanding and brotherhood may be brought nearer to a fulfilment on our planet before 1958 draws to a close.

GEORGE ADAMSKI,
Valley Centre,
California, U.S.A.

(This New Year message was received too late for inclusion in Jan.-Feb. issue.—Ed.)

Relative Terms

Sir,

There is, without doubt, a very wide gulf between "wishful thinkers" and others who are really desirous of finding the ultimate solution to the vexed question: what are UFOs?

To my mind, the most balanced, and by far the best informed book on the whole subject is "Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," by E. J. Ruppelt, who was in charge of "Project Blue Book." Being, as he apparently was, head of the American Air Force Organisation, with all its authority behind him, his very lucid, and unbiased findings must carry great weight. Sundogs, sonic balloons, fireballs, meteors, pranks played by radar (owing to inversions) and a host of other phenomena are all taken into account. . . . The point I wish to make is simply this, which, in fact, is made quite clear in the last sentence of his book, which I quote:

"Maybe the earth is being visited by interplanetary space ships, only time will tell."

May be! The ultimate answer is away over the horizon, and both "time" and "horizon" are merely relative terms.

SIR TERENCE LANGRISHE, BART.,
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Flying Saucer Propulsion

Sir,

I was extremely interested to read A. R. Holden's theory on "Flying Saucer Propulsion" but, feasible though it is, it obviously has its limitations both in velocity and electro-static capacity. The drive fits in with what we know of the scout-ships but the following is more probably the drive employed by the mother-ships.

It may have been noticed that as saucers accelerate they go through a definite colour sequence. (Not all of them are observed to do so but this is probably due to the almost infinitely high acceleration causing the colours observed to aggregate in the formation of normal white light as the human eye is quite unable to receive all the colours separately.) This colour sequence is through the spectral range—from infra-red to ultra-violet—and then they vanish! The opposite sequence occurs during deceleration.

Where do they go to and hence where do they come from?

I deem Einstein's Theory of Relativity to be slightly off the mark in stating that nothing can travel faster than light. Nothing can exceed the velocity of light provided it remains in the material universe, but—if an object approaches the speed of light (which is not, incidentally, a constant, as it varies according to the medium through which it is travelling and is only relative to a given light source) it begins to alter in material frequency, hence the colour changes, and it ultimately dematerialises *relative to our "normal" universal plane!*

The object, or UFO, will now be completely invisible to the material universe and so, too, is the material universe invisible from the object. It is now in what science fiction writers term "Hyper Space" and is capable of *infinite acceleration*, always provided it has the power, and, from reports of the tremendous accelerations of UFOs, I should imagine they have sufficient certainly to carry them far in excess of the velocity of light.

From the above theory it is quite conceivable that UFOs originate from solar systems far distant from our own.

The "hyper drive" probably works by placing the control mechanism in the craft (which probably consists of nothing more than an impulse "pick-up" coil and a variable, tuning, condenser) in the same frequency as the electro-magnetic impulses which exist in an infinite "circle," or more correctly "sphere," throughout the spacial infinitude, running parallel to one another, but slightly out of phase with them—either "lagging" or "leading" phase being used depending on whether the UFO is travelling with or against the impulses. These impulses are alternately positive and negative. When positive they display gravity, and this portion of the impulse wave is constantly in a solar system. When negative they display levity, the opposite of gravity, which exists between solar systems.

Velocity depends on the amount of phase angle employed by the control.

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LATE NEWS

ADAMSKI

(see page 2)

George Adamski has now authorised Press release of U.S. Government letter. It was from the Department of State, Washington, and signed by Mr. R. E. Straith, Cultural Exchange Committee. A full text of the letter will be published in the next issue. In a statement releasing this information Mr. Adamski said: "This has been brought about because recent developments and verifications have encouraged me to ask the people of America to demand the truth of the matter from their elected representatives in Washington. If the people respond, and I hope they will, it should not be long before the world receives official information from the United States regarding our interplanetary visitors."

Saucers Behind the Curtain

Moscow Radio, North American Service, 12 a.m., Saturday, January 18, reported—(1) Central Asia: a large bright object passed over a forest and vanished when it reached the horizon; (2) over a city: an object the size and brightness of the moon was sighted, and (3) over another city: a bright light, like an electric bulb, appeared from behind a cloud.

The objects in each case were described as "electrical phenomena."

Derbyshire Woman sees Mother Ship and Seven Saucers

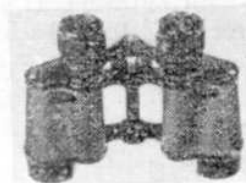
The *Psychic News* of February 15 printed a letter from Vera Westmoreland, of Derbyshire, England, who claims to have seen on January 7 seven saucers and their spaceship. She wrote that "The first saucer flew towards me, slowing down, changing its hue from brilliance to greenish illumination; I could see the whirling effect. The second one did the same, but changed colour several times as if signalling. Each one rose in speed and whisked out of sight.

"Looking toward the direction they had come from I saw a huge spaceship, oval in shape and brightly lit throughout. Five saucers were moving in and out. Those moving towards it were of a slightly duller hue; those coming away were vivid.

"For half-an-hour they stayed there. . . ." (See Portuguese pilots meet saucers—this issue, page 7.—Ed.)

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