

11-12
Dec 60

Edited by:- Roy Stemman
LONDON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH ORGANISATION

Editorial address:-

9, Elizabeth Kenny House, Grange Grove, Islington, London, N. 1.

President: Mr. G.F.N. Knewstubb, A.M. Brit. I.R.E., A. Inst. E.

Chairman
G.N.P. Stephenson

Hon. Secretary
Miss S.R. Stebbing

Hon. Treasurer
G. Berrisford

Nos. 11 & 12

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE

11th December, 1960

The last two issues of LUFORO BULLETIN this year have been combined into a special extra-large Christmas issue for your added enjoyment. On behalf of the Officers and Committee of L.U.F.O.R.O., the Editor takes this opportunity of wishing all readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

NUMEROUS REPORTS OF DAZZLING OBJECT OVER BRISTOL

On the evening of November 11th, 1960 numerous reports of a brilliant object were received by local newspapers and police in the vicinity of Bristol. Information at LUFORO's disposal at present does not give enough detail for a verdict to be given. Most reports were received at about 8.45 p.m., but it is possible that more than one object was seen. To spotlight the confusion, here is a quote from a long report in the Western Daily Press the following day: "It passed clean over Bristol, covering a dead straight line from north to south, or south to north. Opinions varied as to the direction." Reports were received over a 65 mile area, and here are just a few eyewitness accounts:

Mr. Leonard Payne, ambulance controller, 5, Fernsteed Road, Bishopsworth; "A ball of fire against the black sky - the brightest thing I have ever seen. It had a long blue tail, and looked enormous."

An eyewitness on Backwell Hill: "It was just like a flash of lightning. It was travelling very fast."

Mr. Gordon Dewey: 52, Hazelbury Road, Keynsham: "It was shaped like a long silver cigar. The trail was white, ending in red sparks and it went with a "wooshing sound."

A Filton Meteorological Office spokesman: "The flash illuminated the whole building like a sudden shaft of moonlight." He said he thought it was a meteor, but admitted "You can't be too sure."

R.A.F. Lyneham: "We were amazed at the strength of the flash - but our radar screens weren't 'on the air' at the time."

Another separate report, very similar, appeared in some London daily newspapers on the 12th. Captain J. Masey Beresford, Knook Camp, Warminster, Wilts: "A brilliant white flash lit the sky and temporarily blinded me. It remained stationary for a few seconds, then it moved to the north, leaving a wake of white sparks."

Here are some of the comments from the authorities when confronted with the question "What is it?":-

The Air Ministry and Cadroll Bank agreed; "It could have been a large meteorite or a satellite entering the earth's atmosphere."

The Air Ministry Operations Centre: "It could have been a large jet aircraft with a condensation trail behind it. One of our jets was in the area at the time, but we can't account for the blue flash."

Another comment accredited to the Air Ministry: "We have no knowledge that a satellite of any description has entered the earth's atmosphere - but the only other possibility is a large meteorite."

It is hoped that further details, following investigation by LUFORO, can be given in the next issue of the Bulletin. Perhaps we will then know what colour it was, whether it did stop, and if it was travelling north or south, or both.

COULD UFOs START A NUCLEAR WAR? --by the editor

Again there has been a public outcry regarding the possibility of an accidental nuclear war. Sometime ago you may remember a formation of objects streaming over the Pole alerted rocket stations. It was revealed afterward that the objects were meteors - in formation! - and many people were quick to point out that the whole civilization on earth might be annihilated through the misinterpretation of some natural phenomenon.

The problem has cropped up again. This is what the Daily Express said on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1960:

"The story of a nuclear war that might have been is leaking out in Washington. It is the story of ignorance that might have caused war - ignorance not by men but by machines.

"It happened at Thule, in Greenland, where America has recently completed a ballistic missile early warning system. This is a station designed to detect the flight of hostile Russian rockets over the Pole to strike America.

"Suddenly the radar signals showed a pattern which suggested that a mass formation of rockets was roaring over the Pole to wreak devastation on the U.S. Soon afterwards communications with Thule were cut off.

"Nobody is saying anything about the steps which were taken then. But fortunately nothing irrevocable was done - because it was discovered that the communications had been cut off by an iceberg breaking the submarine cable. "And it was found that the radar's rocket warning was merely reflections from the moon. The computers had not been taught to account for the moon; and to the electronic brains the moon's surface as it slowly rose over the horizon spelled only one thing - hostile rockets!"

For the present I will not comment on how plausible the above story is, or the convenient icebergs which cut communications. Instead let us consider the possible extra-terrestrial origin of UFOs and the danger in which they are putting themselves and the rest of the world by visiting earth.

A formation of spaceships flying over the Pole could cause eventual annihilation of civilization. Even considering UFOs to be some other phenomena, possibly natural, the danger still seems to be present. But this is the funny thing! The Pentagon has admitted that it has 13 radar reports of UFOs on the DEW line radar warning system - every day.
It seems therefore that there are two possible questions this article raises. (1) if a number of UFOs, seen in our skies is diminishing, as many claim, is it because they, (supposing they are extra-terrestrial) realise the potential danger their presence caused?

- 2 -

THOUSANDS OF FOOTBALL FANS SEE U.F.O. OVER PRESTON

"Eleven thousand pairs of eyes followed the ball as it was kicked high in the air at Preston North End versus Aston Villa football match on Saturday, 12th November 1960.

"But thousands of eyes failed to follow it down. They had spotted a gleaming mystery object which hovered above Deepdale.

"The R.A.F. and Meteorological Office were unable to give an explanation. One spectator said: 'It was round and hovering at a great height. It stayed there for at least a minute then swung to the right and disappeared into the cloud.'"

- Sunday Express, 13th November.

Photograph of the object - price 3/6d. - obtainable from: Daily Express Limited, Great Ancoates St., Manchester.

RADAR CONFIRMS MANCHESTER SIGHTING

Hazel Grove residents Mr. & Mrs. Cooke (87, Mill Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport) and a visitor Mr. Hobday (17, Elgin Drive, Sale, Cheshire) saw a large golden sausage-shaped object on October 28th, 1960.

It was seen for five minutes at about midnight, and no sound was heard. It was mainly gold, but had a blue secondary colour from the rear and was of a blurred shape.

It was estimated that the object was hovering at 5,000 feet and then moved in a SSW direction at very high speed. They all agreed it was not an aeroplane.

Mr. H. Bunting, Grad. I.E.E., President of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, investigated the sighting, and interviewed another person at a nearby establishment. He gave Mr. Bunting information about the sighting, on condition that when used, his name and place of work were not revealed. Without any prompting,

.....
he was able to give time, date, duration, place etc., of the sighting, explaining that it was tracked on radar at 30,000 m.p.h..

He also revealed that U.F.Os. have been tracked by radar during the past year, doing right angle turns at high speed. The man, naturally, is a firm believer in UFOs.

The explanation put forward by a spokesman at Manchester Airport Meteorological Office (quoted in the Evening Chronicle, 29/10/60) that the object could have been a balloon, sent up by Liverpool Radio Sonde Station at Aughton, which had risen high enough so that it was reflecting the rays of the SUN, is absurd as the sighting was at midnight late in October!

GLOWING OBJECT OVER COVENTRY

A long cylindrical object, glowing white and about four times the size of the fuselage of a big airliner, was reported sighted at Coventry on December 2nd, 1960, at 4.15 p.m..

It was seen by a number of men at Telephone House, Coventry, where it was watched through binoculars for about five minutes, moving in a south-westerly direction.

Mr. Hobbs, area engineer, reported the sighting to the "Coventry Evening Telegraph" which quoted him as saying that they had seen a "very big puff of smoke followed by several smaller puffs".

Despite the description of the object, there were people who suggested that it was a Russian sputnik. A check by astronomer H.C. Miles showed that a sputnik would have been on a west to east course, and not a SSW course as was the UFO. But John Frien-

COVENTRY SIGHTING.....

ds, Coventry's weather expert, told the 'paper that "unusual things can be seen when the setting sun is shining on an aircraft. I saw an object which I took to be an aircraft just to the right of the planet Venus, which was exceptionally bright last night."

Just in case any readers were still doubtful he added "the American balloon would have been over this country just after 4 p.m. yesterday."

(Editor: You pay your money, take your choice!)

SIGHTING AT WALTON-ON-NAZE

Mr. Michael Rockett, of Lytton Avenue, Enfield, while on holiday with friends at Walton-on-Naze, Essex, saw what they thought might be a "flying saucer".

The sighting occurred at 1.40a.m. on September 4th, and the object was shaped like a light bulb and luminous. He thought at first that it must have been one of the pier lights, but as he walked with his friends for about twenty minutes the object seemed to follow them. Then it stopped and from it came a beam of light, not very strong, that light up the sea in front of them. He described it as "most uncanny". Then the light shut off, the object turned south, and then disappeared at great speed towards the north-west. As it passed, they distinctly heard the throb of engines.

The night before, they had seen two oval objects fly rapidly over the sea at 11.30 p.m..

Mr. E.W. Algar, a Walton coast-guard, said that a similar object was seen by the three light vessels and coast-guards some months ago.

Witnesses were interviewed by LUFORO investigator, Mr. B.L. Wright.

FURTHER DETAILS OF BOREHAM WOOD "SPINNING TOP" SIGHTING

In a number of respects, the newspaper report of a Boreham Wood sighting quoted in Bulletin 8 was incorrect.

Here are the facts, reported to LUFORO by investigator, Miss Thelma Roberts.

The witness, Mrs. Aaron, was awakened from her sleep at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday, August 28th, 1960, by a 'terrible' high pitched vibrating noise, similar to a tuning fork.

She leapt out of bed, and looked through the open window. There, passing in front of the house, was a glowing green object at an estimated height of 1,400 feet. It was seen for two minutes or early, but it had disappeared behind trees by the time Mrs. Aaron was able to rouse her husband.

The object looked like a child's spinning top, and lit up the sky, emitting sparks from three central openings as it rotated and passed before her. It kept a level course, parallel to the road and railway line from St. Pancras and Kings Cross to the north, travelling south.

Elstree Aero Club, electric pylons, an experimental rocket plant and a reservoir are all in the near vicinity. Mrs. Aaron is familiar with aircraft lights and has flown many times with her husband, an aircraft pilot.

She stated that it was definitely 'unworldly' and could not sleep any more after seeing it. She had never believed in 'flying saucers' but had met a number of friends who claimed to have seen them. Now she is not certain what to make of them, but wants to know more.

No one confirmed the sighting in the newspaper, as she had hoped, but a number of friends also heard the sound. They, however, did not feel like getting out of bed at 4.30 a.m..

WEST COUNTRY SIGHTINGS

See accounts on page eleven.

THE EVENLODE INCIDENT - AND OTHERS

Following the publication in LUFORO BULLETIN (No.6) of the Evenlode Incident, when strange circles appeared in a field at Evenlode, much interest has been shown, and news of similar occurrences has reached us.

Here is an extract from a letter sent by Roger G. Wylde:

"I was very interested to read of the 'Evenlode Incident' as my father saw something rather similar near the Ivinghoe Hills about 2 years ago. To put it briefly, it appeared to be a perfectly circular depression in the middle of long grass, surrounded by almost impenetrable undergrowth. It was about thirty feet across, and, although the centre clump was still standing, the rest was lying flat - but all facing outwards, as it were.

"In other words it radiated outwards from the centre like spokes from the hub of a wheel. There were no tracks or signs to be seen to indicate that anyone or anything had been there previously."

SAUCER NEWS, the American publication, printed the results of our investigation of the circles together with the following interesting report:

EVIDENCE OF UFO LANDING IN TENNESSEE

"In a case somewhat similar to several others in the past few years, a circle appeared mysteriously on the ground overnight - this time in the front yard of a home in Martin, Tennessee. Miss Josephine Damron, who lives with her mother and brother near Martin, told reporters that on the morning of June 30th she noticed what she first believed to be mole workings in her yard. Upon closer examination, she saw that it was a perfect circle with its circumference a black greasy substance about six to eight inches in diameter. It looked a bit like oil, but when touched felt like car grease. However, after drying out in the sun, the substance had a 'charred beady effect' according to the witnesses. The circle was measured and found to be almost exactly fifteen feet in diameter.

"Since that time, two other such

circles have appeared elsewhere in the vicinity of Martin, and none have been explained."

Source: Saucer News, December, 1960.

CIRCLES OF FIRE?

Curator of a Witchcraft Museum suggests the Evenlode circles were the result of a "witchcraft" ceremony involving specially treated rope pressed into the ground in a perfect circle and fired.

BURNING OBJECT LANDED ON ROOF

"A strange burning object landed on a rooftop in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on May 24th. Whatever the thing was, it was burning with an intense heat, and the owner of the house on which it landed was unable to extinguish it. By the time firemen put the blaze out, there was little left of the UFO to investigate. It is thought to have been about 15 inches in diameter, but no one knows what gas floated it or what cause the fire.

"A similar incident occurred in Winston-Salem several months previously. Said Fire Chief W.N. Dixon, 'We're going to find the answer to this if there's any way to do it'."

Source: Saucer News, September 1960.

LARGE YELLOW DISC FILMED OVER SAULT, CANADA.

.....
The following UFO report is reprinted from Saucers, Space & Science, the excellent Canadian magazine edited by Gene Duplantier, (125, Woodycrest Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.) It is a report, special to S.S. & 3, by Norman R. Ouellette, Saucer Observation Club.
.....

About noon, in the last week of June 1960, six jets were flying over Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. They flew in formation, three on each side of the sky. The sun meanwhile was nearly overhead. Suddenly an object came very swiftly between them across the sky and apparently broke the sound barrier. It was reported on radio station CJIC the same day that the object was an unidentified plane (not shaped as our own).

Mrs. Arthur Kunkel, a resident of Sault was watching the jets from her backyard. She admired the diamond shape pattern the jets made with their smoke trails, so she took out her 8mm Kodak Brownie movie camera. She started shooting the design left by the jets and managed to include also an unknown flying object although at the time she was unaware of it. The sky was clear blue and a slight wind prevailed. When the film was developed, she ran it on her projector.

Mrs. Kunkel observed for a little over 3 seconds, a large bright yellow disc-shaped craft with the smoke trails as its background. This film, up to time of writing (October, SS&S) has not yet been shown to the Air Force or any other authority.

The SAUCER OBSERVATION CLUB of Sault Ste. Marie verified that the strange craft had hidden itself in the sun as the sun's rays shone near the object. According to Mr. Ouellette, director of that club: "This film proves enough that flying saucers exist because of the jet trails and the object."

Four different snapshots were taken of the film at varied positions and are available at one dollar per set. Write to Mr. Ouellette, 354, Hudson Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.

FALSE A.F. ANSWER IN RED BLUFF CASE

On August 13th at 10.30p.m., a large oval-shaped object was seen over Hollywood. 11.45: State policemen Stanley Scott and Charles Carson cruising near Corning, south of Red Bluff sees same or similar object. At first they took it to be an airliner, but then saw it had no wings. A red light showed at each end, and several white lights were seen on the side.

It was moving at a low altitude, and as the officers halted their car it stopped in mid-air, reversed direction and accelerated. After climbing a few hundred feet it stopped and hovered. Twice the object approached the police car, one red light sweeping the ground like a searchlight. One of the officers angled their red light up towards the object which swerved away. During the sighting, a static-like roar drowned the police radio.

Police man Scott commented, "While we were watching it, the object performed feats which were absolutely unbelievable. After a time, a second UFO joined the first. They remained together a while, flashing their red lights occasionally. Then they headed eastward and disappeared."

At midnight, after the officers had sent their first flash, the radar station at Red Bluff confirmed the UFO report for the press. The San Francisco Examiner: "The Red Bluff radar station admitted that at 11.45p.m., Saturday, when the phenomenon was first seen by highway patrolmen, it was tracking 'an object'".

The Corning Daily Observer: "One of the objects was spotted on the radar scope at the AF radar station near Red Bluff... This morning the radar station was considerably more vague than it was Saturday night when it confirmed the officers' report of the object"

THOSE ARE THE FACTS OF THE CASE, NOW READ THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION, TAKEN FROM "NICAP SPECIAL BULLETIN"(Oct.1960) PRINTED BELOW!

"In utter disregard of astronomical records, the AF has issued an impossible explanation of the August 13-14 UFO sightings in the vicinity of Red Bluff, California. The Red Bluff case included a dramatic encounter by State police, visual reports by other witnesses, and an AF radar station's admission that it had tracked 'an object' at the time of the State police sighting.

Answering a NICAP request for the AF conclusions, the official spokesman on UFOs, Lt.Col.L.J.Tacker, sent this signed statement:

"The individuals concerned witnessed a refraction of the planet Mars and the two bright stars Aldebaran and Betelgeuse (correct spelling: Betelgeuse)...Not only was there a temperature inversion but during part of the time double inversions existed."

A check on August 13-14 star positions by NICAP astronomical advisor reveals these facts:

1. Mars and the two stars were below the horizon, invisible when police sighted the UFO at 11.15p.m., August 13th.

2. Mars did not appear until an hour later. Aldebaran was just visible above the horizon at 1 a.m. August 14, and Betelgeuse did not rise until nearly 3 a.m.

It is absolutely impossible for Mars, Aldebaran or Betelgeuse to have been the UFO seen from 11.45 to 12.45, August 13-14, nor could they in any way explain the relatively low altitude radar tracking.

Apparently the AF gambled that no one would check the star positions, when they risked this answer. Probable reasons:

1. To kill this important new report and stop the growing press interest in the new wave of sightings.

2. To avert any speculation that the Red Bluff UFO came from the orbiting 'mystery object' tracked by astronomical observatories and the Space Surveillance Control Centre. (NICAP, 1536, Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington 6 D.C., U.S.A.)

ODD SPOT
Japan UFO Intelligence, September 19th 1960, reveals that one contactee claims to have been to a planet "Ireland"!!!

N-E-W-S S-U-M-M-A-R-Y

FOLLOWING the resignation of Mr. H. Bunting as Editor and Vice-President of Manchester U.F.O. Research Society, Mr. R. Miller-Lawson will edit their publication "Outer Space Review".

GRAY BARKER did not go up in a flying saucer after all. The offer sent him, and many others, fell through, but he has been told that he will be given the opportunity in the future.

DR. DONALD H. MENZEL, skeptic of UFOs has admitted that he failed to get all the factual evidence before explaining away important sightings.

CAPTAIN EDWARD J. RUPPELT, former chief of the U.S. Air Force investigation project and author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" has issued a statement to the press reversing his former beliefs. His book came down on the side of extra-terrestrial space-craft, although it remained inconclusive. Another edition of the book has been printed with chapters contradicting previous opinions.

THE CANADIAN NATIONAL Research Council is still puzzling over a radar sighting reported by a patrolling B-29 bomber pilot. Interpreted, the object would be some sort of space ship ten miles long.

THE LUFORO MEETING at Caxton Hall when a tape recording of Reinhold Schmidt's contact claims was played proved that the majority of members attending were 'anti-contactees'!

GEORGE ADAMSKI, it is reported, was recently invited to the United States Senate and to the United Nations, presumably to give briefings on his interplanetary travels.

GABRIEL GREENE, President of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America was an unsuccessful candidate in the American Presidential election.

CHIEF FRANK BUCKSHOT Standing Horse must be added to your contactee list. He is an Ottawa Indian from Oklahoma, and claims to have been to the planet Orion (?), Mars, Venus, and Clarion. No longer does contactee Truman Beth-erum hold the sole right to the know-ledge of Clarion, from which his lit-tle space lady came.

HON. BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH was heard on the radio recently speaking about his first book, "The Sky People".

GEORGE ADAMSKI recently made an appeal, or rather a 'workable solution' to the present world problems. He is suggesting that all nations should unify and co-operate in a programme of space exploration. He also hints at the possibility of attack from un-friendly extraterrestrial forces.

SIR EDMUND HILLARY, who recently went to Tibet searching for the "Abominable Snowman" came back with a UFO report. He said that he had seen across the Nepal-Tibet border a "phenomenon" which could have been anything including a Chinese rocket. While on Tolam Bau glacier there was a flash and a zig-zag trail of vapour appeared in the sky, lasting for thirty minutes.

LAURO MUNDO, co-founder of the Plan-etary Centre (2591, T. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 8, Michigan, U.S.A.) put for-ward, last year, a theory that people are reincarnated back on earth, and come back with the same fingerprints! Now, the LITTLE LISTENING POST, edited by Clara John, has this item in its tit-bits column: --"It is reported that the FBI in N.Y. has a 'REINCARNATION FILE', with 20,000 sets of finger-prints in it; - they aim to find out if certain people 'come back'."

RAY PALMER asks - in a recent issue of "Flying Saucers" - why it is that, if you watch a ship disappear below the horizon, then grab a telescope and look in the same place you still see the ship. Any answers?

CONTD.....

WEST COUNTRY SIGHTINGS

On the night that the object lit up the sky over Bristol, Friday, November 11th, (see page one) the same or a similar object was seen passing over Mid-Cornwall. Mr. A.C. Purton of St. Erme sent the following report taken from November 17th issue of the "West Briton".

"Seen in the Night Sky

"Railwaymen at work, or going to work on Monday at 4.30 a.m. report a brilliant flash at that time. Mr. Bob Harris of Wheal Busy signal box said he had never experienced anything like it. Mr. Kenneth Magar of Chacewater, a signalman at Probus, said he was passing through Aloweth when he heard an explosion, and then saw a rocket-like streak tearing across the sky in a southerly direction, leaving a trail of smoke.

"A ball of fire which those who saw it believe may have been a large meteorite lit up the sky over Mid-Cornwall on Friday night. Mr. D.J. Hick, a Chacewater butcher, said it bathed his van in a bluish-white light which lasted about twenty seconds. When extinguished it left a glowing trail in the sky. 'It looked like a huge rocket, except that it was much too big for a firework' he said. At the same time television viewers throughout the area had a bright white band across their screens. Observed at Troon and Redruth it appeared to many as a powerful flash of lightning.

"On Saturday night, the intense light of the aurora borealis was visible in most parts of Cornwall."

The above is very similar to a report, sent by Mr. P.W. Matthews, taken from the "Western Evening Herald" (Plymouth), 14th January 1959, which reads:

"Sphere Seen in Sky a Meteorite

"Services' View on West Object

"A brightly-lit sphere in the sky, seen by people living in three different areas of Devon and Cornwall early yesterday morning, was thought by service authorities to be "more than likely a meteorite".

"Mr. Albert Edward Jacobs, of 20, Julian Street, Cattedown, Plymouth, said he was just leaving for work at 4.50 a.m., when he glanced upwards. There was a large sphere over the Scound. It was very bright and lit up the clouds.

"While he watched, although there was no sound, what appeared to be a rocket was projected from it. This travelled a couple of miles and then went out. The light from the sphere went out, too.

"Falling to Earth

"When leaving his lodging at Trehyllys, Probus, yesterday, Mr. Norman Hendy, a signalman at Probus signal-box, saw what he took to be a flash of lightning, but as the flashing continued, he looked skyward and observed 'a ball of flame with a blue tail', which appeared to be falling to earth. Flashes were coming from the tail. The spectacle lasted for about thirty seconds. A similar object travelled slowly and silently scarcely 150 feet over Callington early yesterday morning.

"It was seen by Mr. and Mrs. John Higman, caretakers of the County Primary School. They described it as similar in shape to a tadpole. The head was all lit up like a ball of fire while the tail was aglow with rainbow colours.

"The sight of the thing startled us', said Mr. Higman, 'and we stood and watched it travel overhead'."