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" AMBASSADOR FROM MARS "

(From "The Times", Wednesday October 26th)

Story of an encounter in Californian desert.

Bonn, Oct. 25th.

Dr. Hermann Oberth, the German rocketeer and former teacher of Dr. Wernher von Braun, claimed in Wiesbaden that about 70,000 persons had seen unidentified flying objects, or flying saucers.

He was speaking at the fourth international unidentified flying object congress, attended by many hundreds of people who apparently believe that the earth has been visited by emissaries from outer space.

California seems to have maintained its reputation for being the home of natural and unnatural phenomena. Dr. Carl Anderson said that he was surprised by a flying saucer in the Californian desert in October 1935, carrying an ambassador from Mars who introduced himself as Kumar. He was of medium height, sun tanned, and with blue eyes, with a body odour or deodorant, like ozone.

Dr. Reinhold O. Schmidt, of Hollywood, said that in Nebraska in 1957 he found a flying machine about 90 ft. long and manned by four men and two women who came from Saturn. They spoke English with a distinct German accent, and said that they had come to help and not harm the world. He afterwards flew with them in the machine, and they were able to identify underwater navigational aids for Soviet submarines off the American and Canadian coast. The Pentagon was informed, and the markings were destroyed.

(To my knowledge, neither of the two contactees Carl Anderson and Reinhold Schmidt are doctors. The report erroneously refers to Schmidt as Oshmidt).

" TWO SAUCERS 'EARTH-BASED' "

(From "Manchester Evening News", Saturday October 22nd)

Existence of "flying saucers" is undeniable, Salford Technical and Engineering Association was told at Salford Royal Technical college today, and Mr. J. Dale, President of the Manchester Flying Saucer Research Society, said long observations indicated there were two-earth-bound "flying saucer" ventures.

One was based in the Soviet Union and the other seemed to operate from the Matto Grosso region of South America.

SENATOR JOHNSON ORDERS UFO WATCH

(From "The U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR", August - July, 1960.)

Subcommittee examining NICAP evidence

Senator Lyndon Johnson, majority leader and vice presidential nominee, has directed the Preparedness Investigating Committee ~~Sub~~ to keep a close watch on UFO developments, including the conduct and conclusions of Air Force Investigations. (Sen. Johnson is chairman of the subcommittee, which operates under the Senate Armed Services Committee).

The Senator revealed these instructions after receiving confidential NICAP digest of documented evidence. "At my direction" Sen. Johnson told NICAP, "the staff of the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee is keeping a close watch over new developments in this field, with standing instructions to report to me any recent sightings significant of unidentified flying objects along with an analysis of the conduct and conclusions of the Air Force investigation of each such sightings."

In addition to Sen. Johnson, the NICAP digest of evidence - key cases and documented proof of censorship - has been submitted confidentially to other members of Congress who have shown a serious interest in the UFO problem. One Democratic senator, who previously stated he would not oppose Congressional hearings, has now asked the A.F. for a statement on this documented evidence and NICAP's warning that the secrecy is dangerous.

The digest report to Members of Congress was labeled confidential because it contained a detailed "blue-print" of how America's enemies might exploit USAF contradictions in regard to UFOs. For obvious reasons, this section will be omitted here. The rest of the documented evidence given to Members of Congress is indicated below. Only a sample of the material can be shown, but the complete document proves beyond any reasonable doubt that:

1. The UFOs are intelligently controlled machines superior to any known earth-made devices.
 2. The USAF knows these facts and has kept the truth from Congress, the press, and the public.
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The rest of the article contains a resumé of the sections in the confidential NICAP digest of documented evidence. It is reported that some Congressmen have already been startled by this report. "I knew we weren't getting the full story" said one, "but this confidential report startled me. Put that evidence in the hands of every Member of Congress and you'll jolt enough of them to get action. Even in this short session, you'll probably get a quick inquiry, enough to prove that important facts have been hidden." NICAP needs financial support to do this. Only 31 Members of Congress received the confidential report. NICAP has made an appeal for more members, and has asked every NICAP member to secure just

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FLYING SAUCERS OVER PAPUA

0 The Rev. Norman Cruttwell will describe some of the 0
 0 sightings of unidentified flying objects over New Guinea in 0
 0 1959, in a lecture he will give to LUFORO at the Caxton Hall 0
 0 on Wednesday September 28th,1960. Included in the lecture will 0
 0 be the remarkable sighting of Father Gill, when at Boianai, 0
 0 figures appeared on a craft which hovered for half an hour, 0
 0 and was witnessed by thirty people. The talk will be illust- 0
 0 rated by diagrams. 0

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CAXTON HALL

0 Admission: 2/6d. 28th September 1960 0
 0 Lecture commences at 8.00p.m. (Doors will be open at 7.30p.m.) 0

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"THE MYSTERY OF THE "RING ANGELS"

This subject will probably prove to be more of interest to
 ornithologists than ufologists, although at the beginning this
 was not true.

It all began early last year when the newspapers heard
 that Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited had been picking
 up unidentified radar signals at their research laboratories in
 Essex. The papers reported that the scientists there were unable
 to say what was causing them. They had even gone to check the
 localities at which the signals were originating, but no geograph-
 ical features could account for these "angels".

This, of course, started rumours within the UFO circle, to
 the extent of some believing that there were large vibrating UFOs
 stationed over England at sunrise every morning. But, unfortunately
 some people automatically substitute "extra-terrestrial space-ship"
 for "UFO" whenever they come across it.

Here are the facts: The UFOs are seen just a little before
 sunrise, and do not last very long. They have a specific centre
 and the rest of the signal spreads out around this in a vibrating
 circle. This phenomena was filmed, and a speeded-up picture looked
 like ripples on the surface of water, radiating out from the point
 of disturbance. In fact, the period between each successive 'wave'
 has been between 1½ minutes to 12 minutes. The range of velocity
 of expansion has been between 25-55 m.p.h. The maximum diameter so
 far achieved has been 30 miles. The altitude of the rings does not
 exceed 2,000 feet, on all occasions they have been witnessed at
 sunrise, and ground wind-speed has always been less than 15 knots.

There is little doubt that they are caused by starlings
 and other birds leaving their roost in groups at separate intervals
 has long been known to ornithologists. One of the ring angels was,
 in fact, centred on Trafalgar Square.

 (Acknowledgements to Dr. E. Eastwood and his colleagues at the
 Research Division, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co.,Ltd., Great
 Baddow, Essex, for supplying information for the above article.

Did you see a black sphere surrounded by six very bright lights at dawn on Sunday? No, it was not a flying saucer, and according to Mr. C.F. Coventry, of 19, Links Road, Tilehurst, it was not a speed-hog of the skies. For he watched the object for almost an hour, during which time it appeared to change its shape to something resembling a pear and the six surrounding lights increased to nine.

How did Mr. Coventry come to see this phenomenon? He told our reporter that at 3.50 a.m. on Sunday he woke up and went into his bathroom. The window was open and he looked out in the eastern sky, which was cloudless, he saw an object, black and what appeared to him to be the size of a football, around which were six very bright lights. He watched it and since it appeared to be hardly moving he decided to return to his bedroom and continue his observations, since his bedroom, like his bathroom, faced north-east.

"I pulled the curtains back wide and got back into bed and watched the strange object" Mr. Coventry continued. He measured out some 12 to 15 inches down the window pane, which he said took the object some 15 minutes to cover. He said that with its change of shape to something pear-shaped, the six surrounding lights gave way to nine. The object did not seem to be a great distance away and its appearance was not accompanied by any noise.

At 4.45 a.m. Mr. Coventry, still quite puzzled, was watching the strange object in space when it disappeared in a due northerly direction.

Seen By Another Man.

But the story of the strange sphere on the dawn patrol does not end there. Mr. Coventry at lunch-time on Sunday went along to his "local" for a little light refreshment. There having a drink was another gentleman from Birmingham, who was on holiday in Tilehurst, and he was relating how he had seen the mysterious black ball in the sky that had turned pear-shape at dawn that very same morning.

Mr. Coventry is employed at the Headquarters of the Royal Air Force, Flying Training Command, Shinfield Park, in the Air Ministry Works Department. One might well expect him to be conversant with aircraft recognition, but this strange "convertible" in the dawn sky left him more than a little bemused and bewildered. A black ball surrounded by six lights that eventually turned pear-shaped with an accompanying contingent of nine bright lights. Did you see it? If so, you can appreciate the quandry Mr. Coventry found himself in at the cold break of day! (from David C. Jones)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LONDON U.F.O. RESEARCH ORGANISATION

The AGM of LUFORO was held at Caxton Hall on September 10th. Minutes of the meeting will be sent to all members shortly. The following were among those elected:-

Mr. G. F. N. Knewstubb, A.M. Brit. I.R.E., A.Inst.E.,	- PRESIDENT
Mr. G. N. P. Stephenson	CHAIRMAN
Miss S. R. Stebbing	HON. SECRETARY
Mr. G. Berrisford	HON. TREASURER

TYNESIDE UFO SOCIETY'S ALL-NIGHT WATCH

Four members of the Tyneside UFO Society, (41, Deanham Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 5.) Leslie Otley, Secretary; Harry Lord, committee member; Frank Satterthwaite, Librarian; and Andy Steel, Vice President spent an all-night vigil on the bleak Northumberland hills on July 10th, 1960, watching for anything unusual in the sky. All but Andy Steel, who was entering something in the log book, saw at 12.40 a.m. a pale green circle of light emerge from nowhere and smoothly sail across the sky for a few seconds, and then disappear as mysteriously as it had come. Although the other three witnesses gasped out something, Andy Steel was too late in looking up at the right place, and missed it.

Its apparent size was a quarter that of a sixpence held at arms length, yet large enough for the witnesses to observe the perfect roundness of the thing. It moved in a straight horizontal line at a fairly slow speed, and seemed to "emerge" from invisibility, became fairly bright then began to "fade out" until it was no longer visible. The odd thing about the fading being that its size did not diminish at any time. It merely came and went, leaving a clear sky where it disappeared.

"No one familiar with falling stars, meteors, St. Elmo's Fire, or any such phenomena would have mistaken this object with any of these. It appeared to be self-luminous and absolutely silent." (Acknowledgements to the Tyneside UFO Society's Aug.Sep.Oct.1960 issue of "Orbit" for this sighting).

MOSCOW RADAR REPORT OF 3 UFOs.

UFO-Nachrichten for August 1959, says that the Civilian Radar Post of the Vnukovo Airport at Moscow reported a sighting of three "disc-shaped flying objects" at the periphery of the city. The flying altitude was mentioned at 16,800 metres (approx. 55,000 feet). The minimum diameter was given as 80 metres (approx. 250 feet). The Soviet Air Force determined the position of the objects and sent jet interceptors, which failed to come into contact with them.

They disappeared at a height well over 30 kilometres. It is mentioned briefly that an "optical illusion" or "a natural explanation" is out of the question.

(Acknowledgements: Australian Flying Saucer Review, January 1960. Peter E. Norris, P.O.Box 32, Toorak, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.)

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one other member each, to help them send every Member of Congress the report. This is important, and LUFORO members should be interested.

Send for details of membership and subscription to: N.I.C.A.P. Major Donald E. Keyhoe, 1536, Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. U.S.A.

" VENUS'S ATMOSPHERE "

(From the New Scientist, 18th August, 1960. ---Trends and Discoveries)

The atmospheric conditions on the planet Venus closely resemble those on Earth, but the planet is at a much earlier stage of development. This is the conclusion of N. Barabashov, Chairman of the Soviet Interplanetary Commission.

Academician Barabashov explains the absence of oxygen spectral lines, and the presence of carbon dioxide, as resulting from a strong magnetic field which attracts paramagnetic oxygen and repels diamagnetic carbon dioxide; this would suggest that the lower layer of the atmosphere consists of light oxygen whilst the upper layer consists of heavy carbon dioxide.

The strong radio-emissions from the planet suggest the possibility of heavy thunderstorm activity whilst the low temperature difference between the dark and sunlit sides supports the assumption that Venus rotates rapidly around an axis inclined to the plane of orbit (see Technika Molodezhi, 1960/4, p. 14).

REV. CRUTTWELL TALKS TO LUFORO ABOUT THE PAPUAN SIGHTINGS

An excellent lecture "Flying Saucers over Papua" was given to LUFORO at the Caxton Hall on Wednesday, 28th September, 1960, at 8. p.m., by the Rev. N.E.G. Cruttwell. The lecture gave details of most of the Papuan sightings, and pictures and illustrations of the people who saw the objects, and maps showing the places at which they were observed, as well as sketches and diagrams of the UFOs themselves were shown to the audience.

It would be impossible to even try to give a resumé of all the sightings and information contained in the lecture. However, Rev. Cruttwell has typed out all the main details onto stencils, and it is hoped that copies will soon be made available. Further details will be given in a later issue of the bulletin.

It will suffice for the time being to say that Rev. Cruttwell has gone into the matter of the Papuan sightings very deeply, and although having no first-hand evidence in the form of personal sightings, he did know the observers of the strange objects very well. He had also gone into many other sightings, knew the main history of UFOs, and had visited a number of countries, and such people as Aine Michel. Our sincere thanks are expressed to him for an excellent talk, and we hope to keep in touch with him.
