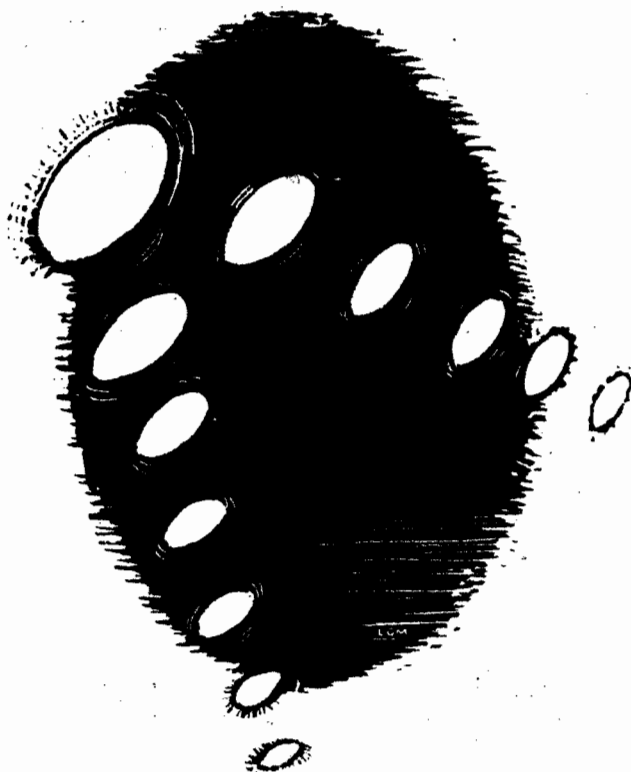


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The previous three months have brought in an increasing number of reports especially from the British Isles. We have a number to publish in the Bulletin. These are being investigated and we hope to publish an evaluation of these sighting reports in the December issue.

"I SAW A FLYING SAUCER"

Report from the Herald Express 16/August/1961:

"A TORQUAY man said today that he 'quite positively' saw a flying saucer moving low in the sky across Torbay.

He is Mr R G Clift, of 72 Grenville Avenue, Chelston who is night porter at Torquay's Edenhurst Hotel.

'I sighted the saucer at 12-15 pm. yesterday as I was looking towards Torbay through my binoculars' he told the Herald Express. 'I had an unrivalled opportunity of studying the object's shape which corresponded in every detail to sketches which I had previously seen.

'The rim of the saucer emitted a faint bluish light which scintillated in the rays of the sun. The upper part or superstructure was of a burnished white colour, almost opaque, and in strong contrast to the under-surfaces.

'Although I could only have had the object under steady surveillance for a few seconds, it seemed like hours. At first I thought it was a jet aircraft but when I realised what it really was I felt extremely shaken.'

Mr Clift added that the object actually flew into his range of view, as he was not consciously seeking any specific image in his binoculars.

'I often look towards the bay when I get up late in the morning after my night duty at the hotel. What surprised me about this object was the fact that it was comparatively low in the sky, which made identification all the easier. It's silhouette left me in no doubt as to what I was seeing as it sped in the direction of Berry Head. Then it suddenly flashed away in a great burst of speed.' Mr Clift has only one regret: the fact that he didn't have a camera with telephoto lenses.

Yesterday afternoon a shining object was seen moving rapidly through the sky over Torbay. Mrs J Mauder of Paignton, and Mr J. Gilpin, who was decorating the house, both saw the object."

Mr Clift has not yet replied to our (Tyneside UFO Society) request for further details, but Mrs. Mauder has kindly sent us the following additional details:

DATE: 15/August/1961 TIME: 12-20 pm. SHAPE: Unknown. Sighted as if a hand mirror was being turned over and over - the sun being reflected from the glass. DIRECTION: East to West SPEED: Very fast Seen by Mr Gilpin through binoculars for 20 seconds. There was no noise, no colour, no trail, its line of flight was straight. . . . ELEVATION: Low in height. Mr Gilpin and myself were watching a liner in the Bay and saw the object at the same time. Credit to Tyneside UFO Society for above reports.

#### THE EAST HERTFORDSHIRE AND ESSEX LIGHTS OF JUNE 30th 1961

In the previous Bulletin it was mentioned that details of these sightings would be reported. Since then further developments have occurred and these are still being investigated. The evaluation of these sightings promises to be interesting. However here is a brief summary of the reports which have so far come to light. The reports of eight witnesses have been published in the Sept-Oct. issue of Flying Saucer Review.

On the night of June 30th 1961 between 10 and 10-30 pm. Peter Wilkinson and Josephine Steele saw what appeared to be two brilliant lights in the sky over Stanstead Abbots in East Hertfordshire. They were set close together and appeared to move towards them at the height of a low flying aircraft. Peter Wilkinson discounted the aircraft theory due to the brilliance of the lights and the speed at which they travelled. During the observation the lights became partially blotted out by trees but were still visible through the branches and had apparently stopped moving. The lights were of a 'yellowish' colour. On this particular sighting the Air Ministry had no explanation - the nearest weather balloon launching was in Sussex at that time. At first these two witnesses were under the impression that there was in fact only one light, as did three Hertfordshire youths who observed a bright object at 10-10 pm. due

east of Hertford Heath at an elevation of about 15 degrees. The lights were stationary and yellow in colour. On closer examination they realised there were in fact two lights. The night was clear. Peter Camp of Ware mentions, in a letter to the Hertfordshire Mercury, that he, too, saw two 'apparently synchronised lights about 60 feet apart' hovering silently over the Stanstead Abbots area at a low elevation between 10 and 10-30 pm. that night. That same night a group of six people also saw two bright yellow lights hovering in the direction of Widford six miles N.E of the observers position at Ware, again between 10 and 10-30 pm. They were observed for about 10 minutes after which they either faded out or moved away from the witnesses at a tremendous speed. About 20 minutes later two of the witnesses saw them in exactly the same position again. Six more people in Hoddesdon (5½ miles from Ware due south) reported the lights. One of the observers saw a single light appear at 9-30 pm. that night, later, between 10 and 10-30 pm. "we all saw these two big headlights. There was no sound and the lights appeared to be coming towards us. Then they just went as if they had been switched off."

An official at Stanstead Airport said there was no traffic in or out at that time on June 30. "In any case pilots do not usually put on their landing lights until they are under 500 feet." The nearest R.A.F station to the point where the lights were seen - North Weald could throw no light on the matter.

Various observers in Essex also noted the appearance of two bright lights, close together which seemed to be centred for much of the time over a village near the Essex town of Halstead. Several observers were convinced that the lights were those of an aircraft - this would seem conclusive apart from the fact that they were uncertain whether the lights were stationary when they appeared. Several witnesses mentioned that the lights seemed to be carried by a dark object. The observations took place in the 20 minutes preceding 9-40 pm.

A "mystery light" was seen on June 20th by two separate witnesses seen as a bluish light - it hovered at a low altitude and then faded.

A rather sinister note closes this report. The day after the sightings on June 30th a ton of stones was found on the Hertford-Hoddesdon road at Hertford Heath. Mr Harry Lord of the Tyneside UFO Society feels there may be some connection between these two events. He is fully justified as there have been many reports of the jettisoning of material by UFO's. However, until we are in possession of the complete data a proper evaluation cannot be made. This data will shortly be forthcoming and results will be published.

#### DUMFRIESSHIRE SIGHTINGS

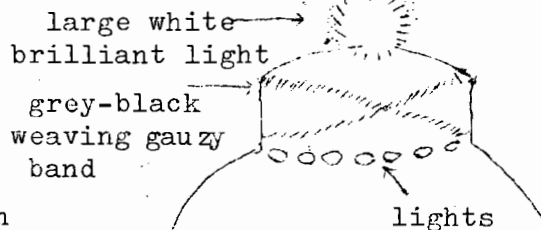
As mentioned in our last issue we have received a series of interesting sightings from Mrs. Mary Watson of Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. On the evening of June 28th 1960 Mr and Mrs Hugh Thompson saw a cigar shaped object speeding across the sky over Moffat at 10-40 pm. It

was yellow in colour with a central portion of green. Mrs Watson feels that this may have been the object that was reported by the B.B.C. the following morning.

2. On the morning of February 29th 1960 while on their way to work, the men who have signed their names to this saw in the sky over Moffat a long cigar-shaped object. Its appearance was silvery and it seemed to have lights inside. One man said that the object suddenly turned upwards and climbed towardd the moon (figurative) then straightened out and went on. The sighting took place at 8 am. Three other men saw the object but were absent when this report was sent to us.

3. In October 1959 Mrs Moffat saw a bright light twice the size of Venus with a black bar down the centre. Two days after this, she read a report in the Daily Herald that it had also been seen by people in Selkirk and Hawick. She made this observation through binoculars.

4. On the morning of August 15th 1960 Mrs. Violet Whybrow (Mrs. Watson's daughter) at 2-30 am. saw an object which resembles that seen by George Adamski. The object

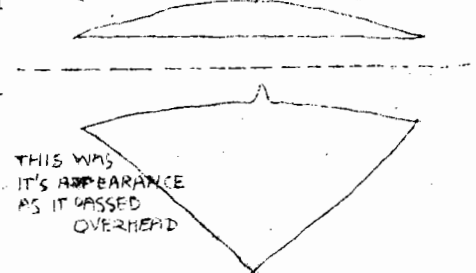


appeared to be hovering outside the house and remained stationary for five minutes. It was of a greyish-umber colour and was surmounted by an extremely brilliant white light which retained it's intensity during the observation. "Her attention was mostly drawn to the gauzy band which, when she first saw the machine, was weaving quite slowly round about it. As she looked it accelerated and finally seemed to fly around the saucer in cork screw fashion."

Mrs Watson mentions that the scullery was lit up by the light, although from her position she was unable to see the source. Her husband saw the light from their bedroom, but did not see the machine. When Mrs Whybrow returned to her bedroom window after donning a coat, the object had disappeared. Mrs Whybrow does not live in the same house as her parents.

5. On August 16th 1960 Mr and Mrs. Watson were visiting their daughter when an object shaped like a cigar flashed low over their heads at 10-40pm. whilst they were in the garden watching for the Elsa balloon satellite. The colour was a "reddish-brown clay" and the object was illuminated to a certain extent by the street lamps of the town.

FRONT VIEW AS IT CAME TOWARDS US      POINT STICKING UP IN CENTRE AND FROM SIDE



THIS WAS IT'S APPEARANCE AS IT PASSED OVERHEAD

At the centre and sides of the object were points which stood out from the main structure. As it passed overhead it assumed a roughly triangular shape. Mr Watson estimated its height to be approximately 150 feet up. The object appeared to be 12-14 feet in width.

6. On the 15th May 1961 the Provost of Moffat together with four other men, saw a long cigar-shaped object with an orange light which passed quickly overhead. He phoned an observatory a few miles away to check whether there was a plane, balloon or even a sputnik, but the observatory told him that there was nothing of that kind in the vicinity of the observers. It was also seen over Moffat and in Dumfries - 21 miles away. The time was 9pm.

Mrs Watson knows of other sightings in this area - at the time of the '47 - '52 spate of UFO activity. We are grateful for her co-operation and initiative in supplying us with the above details.

#### MYSTERY OBJECT OVER THE MIDLANDS AREA

On Sunday evening August 27th 1961 Mrs E Lea of Wolverhampton saw a strange object in the sky to the North-west at 8 pm. She describes it as being a long rectangular strip of brilliant light with what she says was a kind of ring at the end. It was reddish in colour.

The following Monday morning (28th August) Mr George Parr, a night-watchman at a Wednesbury factory saw a strange object travelling from North to South. It had a large incandescent flame at the rear and was travelling extremely fast. This happened at 5-18 am. "I saw what looked like fins along the side of the object, which seemed to fall off. At first I thought it was a spent rocket, or maybe a crashing plane."

A number of other people in the West Midlands area also saw the object. Mr Banks Fearon of Walsall said he was at West Bromwich when he saw a strange blue object rather like a shell travelling across the sky. It carried three lights and flames were shooting from the back. "After disappearing for a few seconds it came into view again and appeared to blow up. The three lights broke away. Two of them went out and one seemed to drift towards the ground. At first I thought it might have been a shooting star, now I am not so sure."

Mrs M Whitehouse of Cheslyn Hay reported that she, too, had seen an unusual object at about the same time on Monday morning. "I saw a brilliant light, it was almost like brilliantly polished gold. From where I was it looked about as big as a football. Before it got out of range of the window I saw two pieces fall off." Credit - Express and Star.

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#### OVERSEAS REPORTS

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We have been notified of two other sightings over the Papuan area

by the Reverend Norman Cruttwell of the Anglican Mission, Menapi. "With the exception of the following two reports I have had no intimation of any further sightings over the Territory during 1960. This is surprising after the wave of sightings in 1959. However I was away on furlough almost the whole year, and it is quite possible that other sightings may have occurred. It does seem that the objects seen in such numbers in 1959 have passed on. Apparently there were many sightings in Fiji, suggesting that their survey had moved eastwards (as was expected). The first report was given to me after my return to the Territory in Nov. 1960, but the sighting was made in January. It probably represents the end of the 1959 'wave'."

#### UMBRELLA-LIKE OBJECT NEAR LAE

DATE: January 3rd. 1960

WITNESSES: Mr John B Awui and five other members of the crew of the M.V. Maclaren King, a 70ft. Mission launch. (All Papuans)

The time was about 5 am. and the launch was anchored offshore at Lae. The morning was dull with low clouds, and there could not have been much daylight at the beginning of the observation. Mr Awui says

"We saw an object in the sky about 1½ miles away out to sea. Its appearance was in the shape of an umbrella. It was white in colour, as if painted. I should say that its size was about 40 or 50 feet across. It had four 'windows' on the under-side. As we watched, it moved slowly to and fro, but did not come near us. After about an hour it passed upwards through the clouds and we did not see it again. We heard no sound from it."

Two interesting points may be noted about this sighting. One is the similarity of the object in its umbrella shape to that seen by the Rev'd W. Gill at Boianai in 1959. That also had 'illuminated panels' and four 'legs' underneath. It will also be remembered that Stephen Gill Moi saw a 'saucer' with four dots beneath, and Mr E. Evennett at Giwa saw an object with four illuminated port-holes in its lower half. There seems to be more than coincidence in these similarities, and it is probable that all these people saw the same type of machine.

The second point is the curious description of it as 'white as if painted'. Since at 5 am. on a cloudy morning in Papua is nearly dark, one would expect the object to have appeared black against the lightening eastern sky. The fact that it appeared a shining white suggests that it may have been self-luminous, a characteristic property of UFO's.

#### ROCKET-LIKE OBJECT OVER SEFOA and S.E. PAPUA

DATE: 28th November 1960

WITNESSES: The Revd. N.E.G. Cruttwell and many Papuans at Sefoa Menapi and Samarai. This covers a distance of some 200 miles.



I was on the shore at the foot of the steep track leading to Sefoa Mission when suddenly at 6-50 pm. I heard a shout from the Papuanā with me and saw that they were pointing to the sky. I looked up to see a luminous object streaking across the sky from over the top of the mountains in a roughly easterly direction. It had the appearance of a firework such as a rocket. The head of it was a brilliant orange pink flare and behind it trailed a long tail of billowing bluish smoke. The vapour trail had the appearance of being at no great height, probably not more than 10,000 feet or so. The elevation was about 75° and the object took app.10 secs. to cross the visible section of the sky (between the mountain on the one hand and some trees on the other). This would be about 75% of the total arc. The sky was mostly clear except for some high stratus cloud. It was hard to tell, but I think the object was above this. The object did not burn out as a meteor would surely have done, but continued until out of sight on its horizontal course with no diminution of brightness.

Was it a meteor, or could it be classed as a UFO?

However, many 'satellite-like' objects have been seen over Menapi, mostly by myself. Most of these are probably normal artificial earth satellites of Russian or American origin. But there does seem to be a spate of them, and some of them show unusual features."

We think the above two reports are extremely interesting and thank Rev.Cruttwell for his thorough investigation.

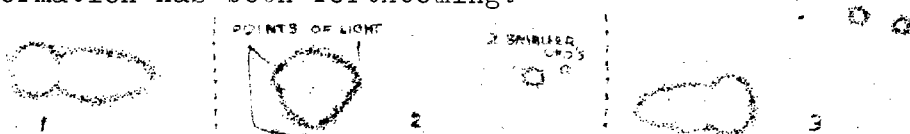
SWEDEN - August 28 1961 . From a locality near Enköping Tommy Helmer and his younger sister noticed "two strange objects" in the south. The objects came towards them and rose up. "I saw one of the objects in my spy-glass. The object was saucer-shaped and orange." The time was 10-40 pm. The weather was fine with the moon rising in the west.

AUSTRALIA - A UFO traced and seen flying over various ports of Australia - the A.R.A.F. unable to identify same.

U.S.A - PHOTOS OF UFO MANOEUVRES TAKEN OVER NEWARK - From 'UFO SIGHTER' which was founded to promote objective research of unidentified flying objects, we have news of an extraordinary film taken by two teenagers of a huge UFO and a number of smaller objects seen over Newark, Ohio USA on May 29 1961.

Robert Miller, head of the United Federal Observers of Newark, who, with a friend saw the objects in manoeuvres over Newark describes the sighting of a large white UFO in the sky. It was a large white ball - as large as the moon (which was low in the sky) with a bluish halo around it. As it progressed from north to south, it divided into sections. Miller's friend, who prefers to remain anonymous, armed with a ciné camera managed to record the objects. The round ball was still prominent, but with a larger oblong tail. After 20 frames three tiny blue and red UFO's appeared in the upper left-hand corner of the film. These gradually faded. The large UFO regained the globe form with a

a bluish-green and orange-white light around it. After another 20 frames the small UFO's reappeared in the upper left, whilst the large UFO seperated again. The small UFO's remained for another 10 frames whilst the large UFO merged into the previous spheroid. This lasted for 10 frames before fading - presumably the close of this film - which lasted for 1 to 3 minutes. The actual film is reported to be in colour. It was taken at 10 pm.(U.S.A.) on a clear night. The camera - a Kodak 8 mm. with telephoto lens. Four copies of this film were made which were then forwarded to NICAP by Mr.Miller. All sources indicate the authenticity of the film. Up till now no more information has been forthcoming.



SEQUENCE OF 3 FRAMES showing change of shape, and appearance of two smaller UFO's.

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MARTIAN INVADERS .."Evidence that life of some kind may exist on other planets is now so strong that a special branch of science called 'exobiology' has been formed to study it....the world's leading exo-biologists..do not visualise an attack by hordes of bug-eyed monsters in flying saucers. What they fear is that robot missiles or manned spaceships returning from the moon or planets may come back contaminated with out-of-this-world bacteria or other microscopic organisms." - Chapman Pincher in the Daily Express 28/9/'61  
 Credit - J.D.Llewellyn - head of our affiliate group Stratford-on-Avon  
JODRELL BANK-CHECK-UP ON STAR BLAST - Jodrell Bank scientists in Cheshire were today waiting for further details of an exploding star 'somewhere in the western sky'. The report came from Montreal, but has not yet been confirmed. - Manchester Evening News 25/9/61  
 Credit - Harry Bunting.

MYSTERY BLAST - Devon police said today that no information had been received to explain a mystery explosion that shook houses along the North Devon coastline during the night.-Belfast Telegraph 30/9/61

U.S.A.- MT.RAINIER SIGHTING - A strange object with probing beams of light was seen circling south-west of Mt.Rainier, Washington, during the early hours of July 13th this year, startling state and local law enforcement officers. Investigating officers said they saw one large light surrounded by several smaller ones. The lights moved up and down and back and forth for several hours before disappearing. Credit Saucer News Sept.61

news from the Secretary's desk.....CROPS DAMAGED BY BLUE CLOUD - Pau, France June 22nd'61 (Reuters)-Farmers today blamed a mysterious

blue cloud with a strong sulphur smell for heavy damage suffered by crops over a wide area in the Lacq region near here. The farmers claimed that emanations from the natural gas deposits at Lacq and from other industrial installations were responsible....Charles Fort reported a sulphurous cloud over Germany in April 1767. There are also other cases of falls of sulphur, odours of sulphur etc. most of them several decades ago. - Credit International Bulletin.

U.S.S.R. and EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS - To celebrate the 4th anniversary of the launching of Sputnik 1, Radio Moscow recorded the previous success of the U.S.S.R. in the field of astronautics and predicted plans for the future. On the subject of life on the planets, it was stated that people on Mars or Venus would be unable to see any signs of life or artificial construction on Earth in the same way that we are unable to trace any form of life upon other worlds. "When man lands on Mars we can expect many exciting discoveries including the nature of the Martian canals", continued the announcer.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I have received an overwhelming number of letters replying to the letter I published in the last issue by Roger Wyld. Lack of space prevents the inclusion of each one - I have therefore compromised by printing extracts from each one - Here goes! (reference to the last issue would help the reader here)

Dear Sir - The letter from your correspondent Roger Wyld in the September issue prompts one to ask how much he knows about physics and its aims. Most people would agree that the objects of scientific investigation are the establishment of a set of fundamental principles based on careful and often tedious measurements. In the last 50 years mathematical logic has hopped ahead of the practical investigations and Dirac's postulation of the positron may be cited as an example, but the mathematics were not proven before that positron was discovered experimentally. Observation and experiment are the cornerstones of science. Observation then leads to theories to tie the observations into a coherent pattern from which the deductions of future behaviour may be made. A.J.Watts, Colchester, Essex.

Dear Sir - No competent scientist who is aware of the history of his own subject will believe that his own theories and hypotheses are absolutely true. All he thinks at the time he advances them is that they are better explanations of the available facts than previous theories. They are then subjected to criticism by his fellow workers and after a period of controversy, are rejected or accepted for a time. In the latter case they form part of the accepted body of knowledge unless and until superior theories arrive to take their place. This seems to me a reasonable approach for a person of humility.

- Charles A Stickland, London S.E.16

Dear Sir - Wherin lies the difficulty in accepting UFO's?

I would suggest that we (or the Physicists) are vaguely affronted by

by demonstrations that do not conform to notions we have evolved and seek to impose upon Nature. We (or the Physicists) view phenomena in terms of quantities and numbers and tacitly believe that Nature conforms to our invented assumptions. It all too easily forgotten that quantities and numbers are only tools with which we try to fashion knowledge from Nature. Thus, when a bunch of estimable, learned Physicists tell us that the evidence for UFO's must be classed with mirages and hallucinations, they are merely saying "such phenomena are not reconcilable with our notions of quantity and number." - Richard W Plummer,

Dear Sir - How on earth does Mr. Roger Wyld suggest that we can learn anything about UFO's without studying them when they appear? It is all very well to rely on one's personal viewpoint but there are as many viewpoints as there are UFO researchers. A viewpoint is deserving of consideration to the extent - and only to the extent - that it represents a reasoned interpretation of the available data.

There have been a number of air disasters for which no obvious explanation has been found and which occurred when UFO's were in the vicinity. Accident or coincidence may explain these, but the mathematical likelihood that UFO action was responsible increases with every case recorded. The prolonged UFO survey without contact certainly does not inspire confidence in the good intentions of the alien visitants. There is no proof that the UFO's are hostile, but there are definite indications that they may be, and none at all to the contrary. (I ignore the fables of the 'lunatic fringe' of saucerdom which involve benevolent supermen capable of working any miracle except that of contacting humanity without running the risk of a black eye!)

There may be more reason than is apparent for the policy of the American Silence Group which NICAP is fighting. I can see no justification for with-holding information from qualified researchers, who, if need be, will observe the requirements of official secrecy. When one considers the ugly panics which can be generated among the uneducated public by science-fiction programmes on radio or T.V. one appreciates that it might not be wise to tell all the facts to the People if the facts are not entirely of a reassuring nature. Anyway, a bald statement that UFO's are interplanetary spaceships accompanied by the admission that nothing is known of the nature of the UFO-denizens or of their purpose in haunting our skies, would arouse an excusable apprehension in many minds. Students of the UFO mystery would do well to stop sniping irresponsibly at officialdom and consider that much of the censorship of which they complain may be imposed not out out of mere obscurantism but out of a sense of responsibility to the public. The more I learn about UFO's, the less inclined I am to rage against the censors.

- J.Cleary-Baker Ph.D., Weeke, Winchester.

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The room at the Caxton Hall was packed to capacity for the Brains Trust held on September 23 in which the members of the panel included G.F.N.Knewstub, Charles H Gibbs-Smith, Desmond Leslie and Antoni Szachnowski. Questions ranged from Saucers as subjective phenomena to the UFO files in the Moscow Academy of Sciences. It was generally agreed that many UFO sightings possibly have a subjective basis. Mr.Knewstub mentioned that corroborated sightings are not necessarily 100% reliable as individuals often differ in their opinions of the object's behaviour. In Desmond Leslie's opinion, any races wishing to return to earth must be a race of masochists! Whilst each member retained his own viewpoint - which certainly made for lively discussion - it was generally agreed that UFO's are very probably interplanetary, although definite scientific proof for this assumption has not been forthcoming.(or if proof has been found - it has not been publicised).

On Tuesday September 26th. Maurice Hussey reported the meeting on the B.B.C. programme 'TODAY' - He said that we'd heard so much recently about the triumphant flying objects sent into space by Russia and America that most of us had probably forgotten those unidentified ones universally known as the "flying saucers". That recent satellites sent up to tell us about conditions in outer space hadn't reported on flying saucers was simply because they weren't equipped with the means for sending back information of this kind. Even so, the flying objects were still coming; and he was convinced of this after he'd been invited to the meeting of LUFORO, the London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation.

Two phrases kept coming into the discussion, he said, the "objective" saucer and the "subjective" saucer. The objective one was a flying object seen by various people who agreed on the timing, height and colour of it. LUFORO was extremely keen on recording this kind of sighting and it printed forms with all sorts of questions to act as a prop to our observations. Their scientific way of getting to work was defeated though, by those with only a subjective saucer to report. These might be invisible objects revealed only to special individuals or, uncharitably, you could call them hallucinations. In fact one of the speakers said that 95% were quite bogus, but there was still the last 5% to account for.

At this point they were told about people who had claimed to have gone to other planets and those, even more remarkable, who had arrived from time to time! He himself knew a man who claimed to have visited Venus recently.

Everybody in this Meeting agreed that it only needed one flying saucer to land in a dramatic fashion in a public place and that would be enough. The Government would be stirred into allowing scientists

to test that genuinely objective saucer. Before all that happened though, LUFORO wanted more and more sightings of objective saucers accurately reported.

The Brains Trust was also lucidly reported in the West London Press of Sept.29. together with an article describing the Organisation and its aims. "Their Chairman, G.N.P. Stephenson receives more reports of UFO's than most of us would imagine. Altogether, including reports from other UFO societies, 100 possibles on an average are heard of from all over the world.... It would be foolish all this as a pastime for cranks. It is doubtful if a sceptic would continue to jeer after reading this extraordinary bulletin - though not necessarily ceasing to be a sceptic.

Certainly those who produce the bulletin use no blandishments to conversion, being content merely to present information to hand as objectively as possible... Since formation two years ago, LUFORO has received from all sources around 2000 UFO reports."

"An Air Ministry spokesman was invited as a panel member to put forward the official viewpoint," (at the Brains Trust) "but the invitation was declined. The reason - the R.A.F. is only interested in and keeps records of UFO reports relating directly to the national security of the country."

In an interview with Mr. Stephenson, the Times and County Mail of Surrey, also discussed the aims of the Organisation.

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#### IMPORTANT

LUFORO has been agent for the sale of Ray Palmer's magazine "Flying Saucers" published in the U.S.A. for over a year.

LUFORO however, is not at present, and never has been agent for any other magazine, book, or publication of any kind (and any impression which may have been obtained to the contrary is false).

Other than literature published by LUFORO and Palmer's "Flying Saucers" any books or magazines which have been obtained from Miss S.R. Stebbing have been obtained from her personally and NOT from LUFORO.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "FLYING SAUCERS" - If you wish to renew your subscription to this bi-monthly magazine, please send your annual subscription of 17/- to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

#### CONTACT INVESTIGATION SECTION

The first meeting of the Contact Investigation Section will be held in London soon. If you wish to be invited, would you please complete and return the application form for membership of the section as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

#### WANTED - HEADQUARTERS

Ever since LUFORO's formation two years ago, work has been ser-

INFORMATION SERVICE: Members may avail themselves of LUFORO's postal Information Service. All enquiries must be addressed to the Hon. Sec. and must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope; they must also be headed "Information Service" in block letters. The time elapsing before a reply is made will depend on the quantity of correspondence received, and only information already obtained by LUFORO can be given.

INVESTIGATIONS: Witnesses are required to complete a special UFO Sighting Report Form (S.3.) containing an exhaustive questionnaire. Wherever possible local Investigators are asked to interview witnesses and submit a full report. Investigations are carried out under the direction of the Chairman. More investigators are urgently required for the purpose of interviewing witnesses in their area and carrying out tests.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT: This Department has recently been set up and the Committee have appointed: Mr. F.M. Bull, Secretary, Foreign Department, 14, Battinson Street, Southowram, Halifax, Yorkshire, ENGLAND. All foreign language correspondence, reports or publications should be sent to the Foreign Department for translation into English.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON AFFILIATE GROUP: Chairman, Mr. J.D. Llewellyn, 80, West Green Drive, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, England. The Group holds monthly meetings.

AFFILIATION: The Committee will consider granting affiliation, on certain terms, to other Groups who so request. LUFORO itself is not at present, and never has been, affiliated to any other organization of any kind (and any statement that has been published to the contrary is false).

PHOTOGRAPHS INVESTIGATION SECTION: A Section to investigate photographs of alleged UFOs is in the process of formation. Those with expert photographic knowledge are invited to offer their assistance.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Associate membership of LUFORO is free of charge, members being entitled to free use of the Information Service only.

CONTACT INVESTIGATION SECTION: Secretary, Mr. R. Shephard, 88, Heathcroft, Hampstead Way, London, N.W.11, England. This Section has been formed to investigate the "contact" claims, particularly those pertaining to the British Isles. As this is a subsidiary activity of LUFORO, membership of this Section is not restricted to full members only and associate members are admitted. There is no charge for admission to the Section but applicants must complete the special application form.

INDEX OF REPORTS: An Index of UFO sighting reports recently received is published periodically as a Supplement to LUFORO BULLETIN.

seriously impeded by the absence of a central London headquarters. Does any member or reader have, or know of, a room in Central London which could be used by LUFORO for a small rent? Use on Saturdays only would be considered.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

OWING TO CHANGE OF RESIDENCE OF Miss S R STEBBING ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HON. SECRETARY EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 30th. 1961 SHOULD, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN (12 Dorset Road, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey England) WHO WILL FORWARD IT TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS. THIS APPLIES TO ALL CORRESPONDENCE, REMITTANCES, EXCHANGE MAGAZINES ETC OVERSEAS READERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MAY APPLY TO YOU *(EXCEPT BOOK ORDERS)* IMMEDIATELY

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VOLUNTEERS PLEASE! - As the Annual General Meeting takes place on Dec. 2nd. will any member willing to be nominated for election to the Committee please contact the Chairman as soon as possible.

FUTURE PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 4th. at 7.30 pm. in the Caxton Hall : Lecture by Leonard Cramp, author of "Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer" Admission 2/6d We are privileged to welcome this stimulating speaker - a discussion of points raised during the lecture will follow.

DECEMBER 2nd - From 2 pm to 10 pm. There will be a full and varied programme including the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. There will be several intervals and refreshments will be available. Various reports will be read and discussed. A variety of literature, reports and photographs will be available for inspection. The Chairman will answer questions on UFO activity during the past year. Suggestions regarding future activities of LUFORO will be discussed. The Chairman and Honorary Secretary will answer questions on the state of other UFO societies throughout the world, the activities of well-known ufologists, recent 'flying saucer' books etc.. A number of people who have witnessed appearances of UFO's will be invited to attend in order to be questioned by a panel, one or two short tape recordings may be played. This will undoubtedly prove to be a most interesting and educational meeting and members will have the opportunity to meet one another socially.

INVITATIONS TO THIS MEETING WILL BE SENT TO FULL MEMBERS ONLY - SO JOIN NOW IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A FULL MEMBER The charge for admission will be 5/- including buffet!.....

THE PRESTON & DISTRICT Astronomical Society will be holding a meeting on NOV. 16th. the speaker will be the well-known astronomer PATRICK MOORE. The place and title of the lecture has not yet been fixed but particulars can be obtained from J G Roberts Esq., 45 Branstree Road, Marton, Blackpool, LANCs.