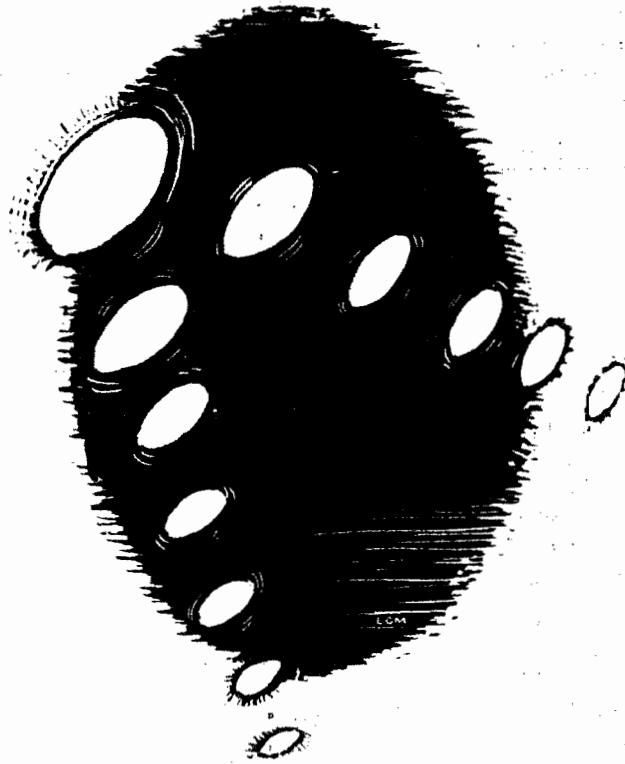


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#### FORTHCOMING LONDON MEETINGS

The London Meetings for April, May and June have not yet been arranged. All meetings will be held at CAXTON HALL, Westminster. Nearest tube station is St. James's Park. Admission to all meetings is 2/6d.

#### BRAINS TRUST

A meeting to be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th at 7-30 pm.

A number of experts including an astronomer who is well-versed in satellite observations, a well-known author on UFOs, a fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, an investigator who has spent some time studying "ring-angels", a specialist in optics and a journalist with extensive knowledge of UFOs, have been invited to take part in a BRAINS TRUST.

At the time of publication confirmations from all the above have not yet been received, but it is hoped to replace any who are unable to attend. We expect this to be a very interesting evening, entertaining as well as thought-provoking - bring your questions - AND FRIENDS !!

#### HUMAN PERCEPTION AND ITS INTERPRETATION AS APPLIED TO UFOLOGY

A meeting to be held on Saturday March 11th 1961 at 7-30 pm.

In this lecture Mr C.C. Stevens will discuss processes of evaluating data.

For details of July meeting see back cover!

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EDITORIAL

Here we are, at the start of a new year, and let's hope that 1961 sees further developments in the field of UFO research, which I feel is now treated with more respect by the "man in the street" than it was only a year or two ago.

As in any other controversial subject, a lot of rubbish is written about "flying saucers" ( a title, by the way, which seems idiotic when one glances at a list of UFO sightings). The aim of those concerned with UFO research should be to present a unified front for the future when governments will be forced to release information to the public. It is gratifying to know that all over the world active UFO groups and magazines are working with this aim in view. Certainly there is no lack of incentive for these researchers.

While the prime aim of LUFORO Bulletin is an up-to-date presentation of all latest world sightings and general information we invite readers to send in articles connected with UFO activity. If you have ideas you wish to discuss - let's hear 'em! After all it's by printing readers viewpoints in the bulletin that allows a broadening out of the subject.

Mr Roy Stemman would like to thank all readers who sent letters in appreciation of the last bulletin. We will do our best to keep up this standard and will introduce new ideas in layout etc. which, we hope, will attract more readers. You might like to recommend the bulletin to your friends!

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: TALKING POINT :  
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A constant theme in the stories from the various "contactees" is the phenomenon of telepathic communication between the space-people and the observers. DO OUR READERS believe that more effort should be made by UFOlogists to organise groups who would be prepared to undertake this form of research? Your views please!

GERMANY

From UFO-Naachrichten No.53

From the above excellent UFO news-sheet comes a most interesting sighting from Hamburg.....

"An especially noteworthy sighting was experienced by Mrs K. St.Bereits of Hamburg. In August of 1955 (date not given-ed.) at about 9-20a.m. from her garden, she suddenly saw an object sinking at great speed towards the houses. It stopped about 200' above the ground and slowly glided towards her, halting about 15 feet away. It was a disc about 21 feet in diameter standing on edge with a halo of pulsating yellow light. From a large opening in the middle (probably the bottom of the object-although directed upward in flight) came three equal beams of light which stood out clearly against the haze which lay over the opening. This haze was filled with reflections of the light and immediately above the opening a brownish-red glow was visible. As the object slowly moved on, the other curved side became visible (upper side?). Suddenly, on the rear side yellow pipes appeared, surrounded by a green light. Along these pipes ran a clearly visible air or gas stream which continually increased in speed until it became so fast as to be invisible to the naked eye. At the same moment, the object vanished, without it's direction being ascertained."

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This is one of the few sightings where the observer seems to have been privileged to take in details of the object at her leisure. It is an unfortunat@, and frustrating fact that the most spectacular UFO sightings usually lack photographic verification!

The next report is from Mainz...

"ON A JOURNEY from Frankfurt to Mainz on 12 September 1960, Herr S.Klauss saw a very noticeable UFO which has never been observed before. Herr Klauss and a witness saw an exactly square object, the underside of which was open, the 'deck' being visibly stronger than either of the side walls. The estimated flying height was 3000'. Visibility was good, the sky being clear and sunny. The duration of the sighting was about two minutes, when the object turned in the direction of Worms and disappeared silently at a high speed."

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"UFO OVER POSEN....."

IN STAROLEKA near Posen many people observed a 'Flying Saucer'-a UFO which emitted a bright light and which moved in various directions and at various heights, finally disappearing in a southerly direction. The "Flying Saucer" was also seen in Posen by many pedestrians and several police."

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ANOTHER 'PENDULUM' UFO.....

"On 11th November 1960 in Frankfurt, Mrs R.Wenzel saw a glowing object moving across the N.W.sky in a pendulum-like motion."

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LAMP IS EXTINGUISHED AS UFO PASSES OVERHEAD!.....

"FREIBURG: ACCORDING TO a report sent in by the leaderess of the Freiburg group, a girl student was working in her attic room at 9 p.m. on 31st August 1960, when suddenly her light went out. She wanted to go to the mains switch, but instead she went (continued on page 4)

*Best described*

NORFOLK SIGHTINGS

From our investigator in Norwich - Mr. Peter F Johnson, come a series of reports which received widespread interest over East Anglia.

The first one gives an account of "flying bananas" over Norfolk

Cutting from the Eastern Daily Press dated 22nd. July 1960.....

"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS OVER NORFOLK"

"Five objects described by some eye-witnesses as comets and by others as probably rockets, were seen on Wednesday (20th July) at Sheringham. Mr W. Starling, a Sheringham newsagent, said he saw these objects while playing bowls at Sheringham at about 9p.m. 'They were travelling very fast, faster than aircraft. I thought they looked like rockets because they had fiery tails and appeared to be no longer than two feet from where I stood. They were travelling out to sea over Weybourne. I did not give any more thought to them till this morning, when one of my paper boys, Cary Stafford of Holway Road, Sheringham asked me if I saw them, The boy was at Weybourne when he saw them, but he said there were five objects, though I saw only three.' ✓

Holiday makers on the sea front at Sheringham also saw them and one of these said he thought they were definitely comets."

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In the evening Mr Starling and two of his paper boys appeared on Anglia Television. Mr Starling said that he was on the bowling green and he saw lights, which he thought were comets, moving westward. He said that they looked to him like big bananas but orange in colour. He saw three at different intervals travelling out towards the sea. This was at 7-8 p.m. The boys said that they saw banana shaped things in the sky. They saw three for a period of three hours.

The second report is from the Eastern Daily Press dated 12 Sept. 1960:-

"MYSTERY SKY OBJECTS PUZZLE EAST ANGLIANS"

"Reports of strange objects in the sky flooded in from all parts of East Anglia as far afield as King's Lynn and Cambridge yesterday (11th September). In some cases people who saw the apparently immobile objects rang through to local police stations in an effort to find out what they were. The Air Ministry in London received many enquiries and others were made at East Anglian RAF stations. An 'Eastern Daily Press' reporter at Thetford himself saw an object which was easily picked out as it reflected the sunlight. The object was easily visible to the naked eye and the reporter was able to establish that it was probably a special meteorological research balloon released by a research unit at either London or Bristol Universities. This was the explanation given by the Meteorological Office at R.A.F. Marhamand. It was stated that Bomber Command, who had been told of this object, had

UFO Naachrichten Reports..continued from page 2 .

"..she went, as if drawn, to the window and saw a brightly glowing 'golden ball' fly by, a little smaller than the moon in size. She thought it was Echo I, the balloon satellite. As she turned round, her lamp went on again. Only when she saw the balloon satellite a few days later did she realise that she had seen a UFO."

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Chicago sightings continued:-

"...On the other hand, weather experts said that the sun's rays may have caused the phenomenon in the skies which some witnesses interpreted as an object." There you have four different explanations - the choice is yours!

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TINY VENUSIANS SHOP FOR SWEETS IN S.W.RUSSIA!  
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From the Yorkshire Post - Jan.9th.1961 Moscow,Sunday:-"Two leading Soviet newspapers today denounced as 'fantastic fairytales' reports that flying saucers had been seen over Russia. They sternly warned the public that it was time to put an end to such rumours.

The party newspaper Pravda, and the Youth newspaper, Komsomolshaya Pravda, both quoted the Soviet Academician and Lenin prizewinner, Mr Artsimovich, as saying that such reports resulted from self-deception or intentional falsification of facts.

Mr Artsimovich said rumours of flying saucer sightings were sweeping the country and too many irresponsible people had been delivering lectures on the subject, some material having been taken from the United States Press. He said it was being claimed tiny men from Venus had landed in South-West Russia and began searching for a place to buy sweets.-Reuter. " -Credit: Tynside UFO Society.

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"SEA WATCH. MYSTERY OBJECT NOT HOSTILE"

From the Daily Telegraph Oct.18th. 1960:- " The United States Navy said today that its anti-submarine defence force was still making contact with a myeterious underwater object in international waters in the Pacific. There have been no indications of hostile action by the submarine, if it is one, and the Navy is merely investigating, an official statement said. There is no cause for alarm. First report came last week when the crew of an Air Force plane reported sighting what was beleived to be a submarine, far at sea in international waters."

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NEWS FLASH.....

"SKY MYSTERY:-The Hague, Sunday: An 'enormous ball of fire,' about 15 miles up, was seen over the island of Tersohelling, off Holland, tonight. It lost height and disappeared.-Reuter."-Daily Mail, Jan.16 1961

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On Jan.2nd 1961 at 7-30 on the BBC's excellent new series "Let's find out," Patrick Moore, replying to a question, said that life was possible elsewhere in the Universe, but that reports of "things called flying saucers" cannot be taken seriously.

NORFOLK SIGHTINGS-"Mystery Sky Objects Puzzle East Anglians"(contd.)

had accepted this as being the most likely explanation. A spokesman at the Air Ministry yesterday said that enquiries had come in from all over Norfolk. 'I understand that it is considered possible it might be a meteorological balloon or balloons'(the usual non-committal answer!-Ed.)-"was as far as the spokesman would go. At Marham Meteorological Office it was stated that reports had come in from a wide area and the object had been kept under observation through a theodolite and binoculars for several hours. Several other meteorological offices in the area had kept it under observation and it was assumed to be a large plastic balloon sent up by a research unit. The fact which was puzzling the meteorological experts was that the object remained stationary for so long. A slight drift was detected but nothing like so much as they would have expected under the known air and wind conditions. 'We think that it must be quite large and I should imagine it is quite high. Indeed very high to move as slowly as it has been.' the Marham spokesman said. He added that information they had received made it probable that there were three such objects in the area.

The spokesman said that the R.A.F. Marham Air Traffic Control had picked up three similar traces on their radar. All three echoes were faint but visible. The balloon they were observing was at least 60,000 feet up, since the wind speed below that height would have normally caused considerable drift. A wind of about 30 knots was blowing up to at least 50,000feet.

At the Mildenhall Meteorological Office it was stated that they too had watched the object through their theodolite. It was possible a spokesman said, that it could be a weather balloon.(stationary at 60,000feet at a constant height?-Ed.).."We did at one time think we could see a canister attached but most of the time it looked just like a sphere,'he said. 'We cannot find anyone who says they have lost a weather balloon.' He added.'It does not appear to be the type we use.' It did not seem to be gaining height as would a normal gas-filled balloon the spokesman said. He thought it must be part of a 'planned research effort.' Otherwise he was mystified by the object. A Brandon woman, Mrs E.Jacobs, who looked at the object through binoculars, said it appeared to be like a figure eight - 'like two glass marbles on top of one another.' A Thetford man said he thought he could see a red object below the main sphere. The object remained visible most of the afternoon in the Thetford area, being obscured occasionally by cloud. It seemed to be always in the same position-north-east of the town." (underline mine-Ed.)

"CONE-SHAPED LIGHT IN SKY - What was the mysterious object crossing the sky near Norwich late last night(31st Oct.)?"

Cutting from the Eastern Evening News of 1st November 1960:-

Mr. R.Jeeves, a Norfolk News Company staff photographer, spotted it from his home near Rackheath. He first saw it through a window..(contd over)...

Norfolk sighting-----"CONE-SHAPED OBJECT IN SKY"-----continued---

"..through a window, 'like a flickering orange light.' He ran outside and trained a pair of binoculars on it. 'I made out a cone shape,' he said. 'It was travelling from east to west. There was no sound from it.'

Inquiries from the R.A.F. shed no light on the phenomenon. No aircraft were flying from airfields in the vicinity of Norwich because of the fog, and a duty officer stated, 'I have had no reports of anything unusual.'

The Eastern Evening News dated 2nd November 1960 added that the light "was also seen earlier in the day by a Norwich woman, Mrs E. Watson of 5 Rolleston Close. Mrs Watson said last night that she spotted the mysterious object over Bungay about 4-30 p.m. as she and her husband were leaving to drive back to Norwich. It was a bit misty at the time but she did not think that it could have been an aircraft or reflection she said."

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LETTER to the EASTERN EVENING NEWS dated 30/12/1960-

"Sir-The controversial subject of the existence of flying saucers has been debated at length during recent years but now I for one am certain of their existence. On Tuesday (27th Dec.'60) night I observed a bright disc-like object crossing the sky at tremendous speed in a south-westerly direction. It flew noiselessly and was followed by a pale blue trail. I was unable to estimate accurately its height or size. - Yours Faithfully, W.G.Shell  
Russell avenue, Norwich.

The second letter that appeared in the Eastern Daily Press of 1st Jan. 1961 is extremely interesting in that it corresponds with many other sightings having the same storm-like environment - we quote:-

"Sir - My husband and I saw a strange object on Friday (6th Jan.) morning before 6 o'clock as we were getting up. It did not make the slightest noise, but it had three large lights, as big as electric light bulbs, and they were spaced a short distance away from each other. It was barely house high and it had a very bright glare with it, too.

We particularly noticed the way the electric wires responded. They were all on fire up our road here, and cracked and spitted, and have been like that a lot since then. There were a lot of flashes from this object, too. When we first saw it we thought a storm was on by the flashes it sent out. The sky was pitch black at the time and it was raining hard."

-Yours truly, (Mrs) D.C.Penny  
13 The Pightle, Swaffham.

See also  
1962 Dec  
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"..and it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

II Kings. 2.

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From Mrs Clare Branch, a member living in Bournemouth, we receive these cuttings from the Bournemouth "Echo":-

"FREAK STORM LEAVES TRAIL OF DAMAGE"

"During the short, fierce storm over Bournemouth area last night (5/1/61) a 100ft. tree was blown down across a main road at Canford cliffs, the lounge window of a house at Boscombe was blown in and the gable of another house crashed into the road. Gusts of over 60 mph were recorded at Bournemouth(Hurn) Airport.

Mrs Sheila Clark, of 22, Carlton-road, Boscombe, was sitting with her husband, her son Richard and a guest watching television 'when we heard an explosion,' and flying glass ripped the curtains and narrowly missed Richard.

The top half of a sash window had been shattered."

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"SKY BOLT HITS A COTTAGE"

"With a clap like thunder and a roar of wind a mystery object crashed through the roof of Easter Cottage, Lymington, just before 10 pm last night(Jan. 9th 1961).....Mrs K.Barrow, the occupant, heard a loud crash and went outside to find that about 100 tiles had been either broken or dislodged..

Station Officer Donald Broomfield found five pieces of burned rock-like substance each about threeinches by two inches.

He told me he felt that the thing must have struck the roof in one piece before breaking up.

A small piece of the object shown to me today was of a deep dirty colour and seemed to have been burned inside."

The wind also turned over a summerhouse weighing about 30 cwt.

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" LIGHT IN THE SKY AT SHOREHAM"

"A coastguard at Shoreham, Sussex, spotted a brilliant white light high in the sky travelling eastwards at high speed today."

-Evening News and Star - Thursday January 5th,1961.

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"THE 'THING' IS BACK AGAIN!"

From the Gloucester Citizen 24 Dec.1960:- Credit Tyneside UFO Society

"The 'Thing' has made a Christmas return to Gloucester. An object similar to that which caused wide-spread comment several weeks ago was seen again in the sky over Cooper's Hill last night.

Eye-witnesses, who wish to remain anonymous, say that they were driving into Ermine Street at 11-15 pm when they saw the bright, round, moon-like object hovering in the dark sky. ...(continued on page 11)

SLOW MOVING GREEN FIREBALLS AND UFO'S

Eric Smith B.Sc.

Recent work by Donald H Robey of the Convair-Astronautics Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, California U.S.A. has shown that there is evidence in support of the contention that the phenomenon of slow moving green fireballs can be accounted for by the hypothesis that they are "cometoids" composed of chunks of frozen substances at very low temperatures. These cometoids would most likely be in an unstable state and in some cases could emit visible light.

Characteristics such as wobbling in flight, fuzziness of outline at low altitudes, shiny "metallic" appearance at high altitudes, light emission, short lifetime, no impact debris, and spheroidal shape can each be predicted qualitatively from the theory. Quantitatively it has been established that in the idealised case of a sphere of frozen water having a radius of a few feet and entering the atmosphere at a speed of 6.9 miles per second can survive and reach terminal speeds before completely ablating. Frictional heating would be negligible at terminal speeds.

Cometoid entry into the atmosphere will be generally more complex than in the ideal case of the sphere of frozen water. This will be due to the ice matrix being inhomogenous and the materials having higher vapour pressures or higher radical concentrations volatilising first. Sometimes a hollowed out body may be formed in which local high temperatures will produce energetic gases which, on being emitted will give rise to lift forces, rotation and irregular translational motion.

Light emission from the cometoids must be due to energy stored in the body rather than frictional excitation by the atmosphere which is negligible at the speeds which normally occur. It is suggested that phosphorescence (after glow) of solid Nitrogen could account for green colouring and the appropriate spectrum lines are given in the table below:

<u>Wave Length</u>	<u>Colour</u>
o	
A	
2946	) Ultra Violet
4306	) " "
4683	) Blue
5214	) Blue Green
5220	) " "
5228.5	) " "
+ 5235	) " "
5240	) Yellow (Contd. over)

\* This word was coined in order to distinguish the phenomenon from meteoroids.

(table contd.)

+ 5549	) Yellow
+ 5616	) " "
+ 5657	) " "
5943.8	Orange

+ Denotes brightest lines.

Nitrogen is evidently by far the most brilliant of the thermo-luminescent ices, though aliphatic ketones are reported to phosphoresce in the blue and violet when warmed, and photolysis of diazomethane ( $CN_2H_2$ ) gives a red glow between  $20^\circ K$  and  $25^\circ K$ .

Clearly this approach to the green fireball phenomenon can account for numerous "UFO" sightings and one could consider this as further reducing the numbers of "unknowns" of Project Blue Book. Robey cites one or two examples which he regards as probable cometoid cases. The following incident (taken from the San Diego Evening Tribune) which took place on 19 July 1956 in Arkansas City, Kansas serves to illustrate the wide possibilities of the theory:-

"The Kansas State Highway Patrol today said 'a ball of fire travelling east at a high rate of speed had been picked up by radar at the Hutchinson (Kansas) Naval Air Station.'

City Editor, Brian Coyne, of the Arkansas City Daily Traveler said 'a brightly-lighted tear-shaped object with prongs or streams of light spraying downward was sighted shortly after midnight. A second object was sighted around 1 a.m.. The prongs or streams of bright light also were observed first as directed towards the Earth and then extending from the sides of the object.' He also described the head of the object as being green in colour or 'bluish green'."

In spite of the wide application of the theory to UFO sightings, quick perusal of sighting reports over the last year shows quite distinctly that this will not adequately account for more than a few of the reports. Formations of objects either stationary or moving, discrepancies from the colour predictions in the theory and discrete geometrical form each distract from likely descriptions of \* cometoids, and to attribute such phenomena to cometoids stretches the present theory far beyond what can be reasonably regarded as acceptable limits. However, UFOlogists must be gladdened at receiving a new tool to help explain the often bizarre antics of the objects of their study.

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Journal of the British Interplanetary Society Vol.17 No.IIpp.398-411  
(Sept-Oct.1960)

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LUFORO Bulletin - Index of UFO sightings. See Nos.I-10.

\* This sentence should read:-"..discrete geometrical form (other than spheroidal, which is predicted by the theory ).."

Daily Mirror - 5 Dec. 1960

Titon Rocket blew up at Vandenburg Air Force Base California on Saturday night (late 3/12/60)..Many people phoned the police to say they had seen a bright orange "fireball" in the sky. But a spokesman at the rocket base said "Nobody here saw any fireball".

Daily Mail - 24 Nov.1960

The review of the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench's book "The Sky People" appeared next to a review of David Attenborough's book "Quest in Paradise" - discussing cargo cults - Coincidence! (see Mr.Trench's article in "Orbit")

"Orbit" - Nov.1960

"An American pilot who saw Rey D'Aquila's film strip of UFO's calmly said that many of these pictures were in file in his North American airbase".

CDSC (now CDUFO) Reports  
Oct. 1960

August 12 1960 New York

"Otis T Carr and officials of OTC Enterprises have been summoned to appear here for questioning on Sept.26 in connection with the sale of allegedly fraudulent securities.". (more of this later- Ed.)

NICAP - Washington Oct.12 1960

"The office of the Secretary of the Air Force has made two important admissions about UFO's

in a private "Policy Letter" to all AF commanders:

1. The AF maintains a "continuous surveillance of the atmosphere near Earth for UFO's".
2. The AF's interest in space surveillance is related to this constant alert for UFO's.

The policy letter dated Aug.15 was signed by Major General Arno Luehman."

The address of NICAP, or National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena is:- 1536 Connecticut Avenue Washington, D.C..

Another admittance.....

"The U.S. Government finally admits that it is developing a 'flying saucer'. This is a joint Army and Air Force project and has no connection with the Avro Saucer in Canada which has been receiving much publicity".

-Saucer News-Dec.1960 Vol.7 No.4.  
(James Moseley-editor)

London - A.P

MANY PEOPLE at the first National Flying Saucer Convention (held in London last Sept.-Ed.) believed that both President Eisenhower and Premier Kruschhev have been contacted by extra-terrestrial entities.

Sunday Express - Dec.1960

"SPACE VOICES SILENT

New York: Scientists at the Radio astronomy observatory at Greenbank, West Virginia, have stopped listening for voices from outer space. For three months they have listened unsuccessfully after unexplained radio signals were picked up".

APOLOGY - Regret necessity to renumber pages owing to collating error, which will be avoided in future

- Chairman.

...."THE THING"....continued from page 7

"It swooped from the heavens, then hovered for a few seconds over Cooper's Hill. Then it's light went out, and the object disappeared. Mr David Jones, area investigator of the International Unidentified Flying Objects Observer Corps will be carrying out investigations during the Christmas holiday, he told 'The Citizen' today."

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Here is yet another report of a 'storm fireball'-Daily Herald 10/12/60.

"SNOW, FOG, ICE, FLOODS - AND A BALL OF FIRE!"

"With many parts of Britain in the grip of fog, ice, snow and floods yesterday, a FIREBALL hurtled through the sky off the Yorkshire coast.

Flamborough coastguard reported a brilliant flash, followed by an explosive peal of thunder.

Suddenly the wind whipped up into a gale.

And police at Filey saw the ball of fire fall from the sky, giving off a blue light as it fell. Torrential rain followed a window-shuddering thunderclap." (underline mine - Ed.)

Credit Tyneside UFO Society

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Daily Herald - Friday December 23rd. 1960

Credit Tyneside UFO Society

"IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE"

"Christmas shoppers gazed skywards in amazement as the "thing" flashed overhead south of York yesterday. It looked like a bright white globe, with a long red tail, with sparks trailing behind.

What was the 'thing'? 'Probably a meteorite,' said a meteorological officer at an R.A.F. station near York."

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LUFORO F\*O\*C\*U\*S ON WORLD SIGHTINGS.....

This report from the USA in "CDUFO REPORTS" reflects the widely conflicting speculations from "experts" regarding UFO reports:-

CHICAGO-Nov. 23"Midwest residents were treated to a prodigious aerial display shortly after dawn today as an unidentified flying object described as 'bigger than the moon' and trailing 'a comet-like tail' soared over observers from Ohio to Wisconsin.

According to the Detroit Air Control Center, the mysterious light was caused by dropping tin foil in a radar jamming exercise of high flying Air Force jets!!" In their estimation, this substance illuminated by the rays of the rising sun was the cause of the sightings made by the citizens of Michigan and neighboring states shortly after 6:15 (approx. 12 noon GMT) today.

At Colorado Springs, Colorado, the North American Air Defense Command stated that, undoubtedly, a big weather balloon released by the University of Michigan scientists cooperating with the Tيروس project had been sighted.

To the East, observers thought they saw Tيروس II, the man-made weather reporting satellite sent up from Florida's Cape Canaveral.

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DATE	TIME	DUR	WITNESSES	NO. LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	DI-RECTION	SOURCE
1960							
MAR							
30	23.30		S	Goolwa, South Australia.	Orange, lights around it; on ground; flew off.		ADV MAR31 ASR V6N04
MAY							
days & nights			M	Many parts of Venezuela.	Luminous, cigar-shaped or disc-like; manoeuvres		SPA No.47 DJO NOV3
JUN							
2			M	Fethard, Co. Tipperary, Eire.	Pear-shaped, transparent, 2 vertical lines.	-W	FSR V7N01
25	11.30		S	Uitenhage, South Africa.	Still, vertically; moved horizontally		hills. EPH JUN30 FSR V7N01
JUL							
?				Leefe, Wyoming, U.S.A.	Luminous disc-like; hovers close ground.		SPA No.47 DJO NOV3
?				Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.	Luminous globe leaving greenish trail.		SPA No.47 DJO NOV3
20	19.00?	3h	2	Weybourne, Norfolk, England.	3, big, banana-shaped, red; 2 others.		EDP JUL22 LUB V2N01
20	20.00?		S	Sheringham, Norfolk, Eng.	3 at different intervals, fiery tails.	-W	EDP JUL22 LUB V2N01
AUG							
first week	45m		5	Hansen Dam, Calif., U.S.A.	2 red & green objects; fantastic manoeuvres.		SPA No.47 SFS AUG17
12	early	fm	S	Monetgo Bay, Jamaica.	2, bright, each like inverted "Y", at 20 m.p.h.		FSR V7N01 DGL AUG16
25	1.07		1	Geelong, Vict., Australia.	Blue-green ball trailing fire; no glow.	-E	GEA AUG.6 FSR V7N01
27?	11.50	25m	1	Tauranga, Auckland, New Zealand	White speck; still in N; suddenly fast	-NW	CHR AUG.8 ASR V6N04
31	21.00		1	Freiburg, Germany.	Golden ball flies by; extinguishes light.		NAC No.53 LUB V2N01
SEP							
11	day	sh	M E,	N&W Norfolk & Beds, Eng.	3 large spherical, high; radar, theodolite.		EDP SEP12 LUB V2N01
12		2m	1	E of Mainz, Germany.	Square, underside open; turned	-S	NAC No.53 LUB V2N01
15	night		S	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.	Bright starlike, 1 followed by 5 or 6 orange.		SCM SEP17 FSR V7N01
16			M	Caracas, etc., Venezuela.	Large, luminous, with lights; great speed.		DJO SEP17 FSR V7N01
20	16.00	20s	8	Marin County, Calif., U.S.A.	Silver disc, oval-shaped on top; emits rays.		SPA No.47 SLI SEP21
20	19.45	1m	2	San Anselmo, Calif., U.S.A.	Round, brighter than Echo 1; zigzagged.	-SE	SPA No.47 SLI SEP21
20	21.35	30m		Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.	Hovers, 37 miles up; coloured lights flash.		IIOUFO APRO
25			1	Vyeboomskop, South Africa.	Explodes, metallic, with lens, drops; analysed.		DTE OCT24 FSR V7N01
25	20.40	fm	1	Leeds, Yorks, England.	Illuminated cigar, dome on top; still; shot off		FSR V7N01 YOP SEP30
25	21.00	4m	2	Leeds, Yorks, England.	Orange, saucer-shaped; still in W; disappeared.		FSR V7N01 YOP SEP30
26	23.50	1h	3	Ivercargill, New Zealand.	3 lights from W merge; circles; goes W; returns		DES SEP27 FSR V7N01
27	night		1	South Africa.	Pilot sees 2 green fire balls speed over.		RDM SEP28 FSR V7N01
OCT							
?			M	Many parts of Venezuela.	Luminous, cigar-shaped; emits bluish light.		SPA No.47 DJO NOV3
1	16.00		M	Amanzimtoti, Natal.	Cylindrical; circling near moon; stops; rises.		STR OCT2 FSR V7N01
2	18.40	15m	1	Magogong, South Africa.	Bright star-like; slowly	-S	DFA FSR V7N01
4	18.10		S	Near Cressey, Tasmania.	5 domed discs join large grey cigar.		ASR V6N04 FSR V7N01
17			M	Over Toledo, Ohio, U.S.A.	UFO at 11,000ft. seen from plane; filmed.		SPA No.47 DJEN OCT19
17	20.15	3m	3	S of Launceston, Tasmania.	Flies fast; hovers; shoots away; white cloud.		ASR V6N04
23	2.00		1	Off Miami Beach, Flor., USA.	Glow; bright exhaust; then 2 light arcs.	-NE	SPA No.47

27 11.56 S Robe, South Australia. Red; slow, then zig-zaggs; falls; leaves smoke. ASR V6No4  
 end of month M Caracas, Venezuela. Luminous UFOs executing "Weird manoeuvres". SPA No.47 DJO NOV3  
 30 night M Crescent City, Calif., USA. 6, brighter & faster than Echo 1; 2 -SW; 3 -SE SPA No.47 BEE NOV1  
 31 16.30 1 Bungay, Norfolk, England. Mysterious object; seen in misty weather. EEN NOV1 LUB V2No1  
 31 night 1 Rackheath, Norfolk, England. Flickering orange light, cone-shaped -W EEN NOV1 LUB V2No1

NOV  
 7 even 40m M Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil. 1 white & 1 reddish; circling & 90° turns. SPEDV  
 11 15.15 3m 1 Birmingham, Warwks., Eng. Triangular, white, still; disappeared; no cloud. LUFORO:  
 11 23.00 1 Frankfurt, Germany. Glowing; pendulum-like motion; in NW. NAC No:53 LUB V2No1  
 12 8.00 fm 2 Stroud, Glos., England. Large cigar-shaped; followed by "star" S -NE FSR V7No1 LUFORO  
 13 16.40 2 Nottingham, England. Fluorescent cigar, bluish bottom, 4 windows. FSR V7No1  
 14 18.00 M Illinois, Ohio & Ky., USA. Ball of fire; (from Galesburg:) breaks up -NE PJS NOV15 FSR V7No1  
 15 2 Birmingham, Warwks., Eng. Large round reddish-white. LUFORO  
 22 18.15 6m 1 Carrizal, Venezuela. Pulsating blue-white; photo; shows speck. -W LIUFOU  
 23 6.15 M Midwest & central U.S.A. Cigar "bigger than moon", comet-like tail. CDU V2No2 LUB V2No1  
 23 18.30 2m 1 Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Round, bright; moving -S PTS NOV24 SPA No.48  
 23 19.30 1 Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Glowing; streaking swiftly -N PTS NOV24 SPA No.48  
 24 4.00 sm S Anderson, Shasta, Calif, USA. Long wide red streak in Eastern sky. BEE NOV24 SPA No.48  
 29 20.15 S Miami, Florida, U.S.A. Moon-sized, orange, yellow, white, sparks -NW SPA No.48

DEC  
 3 late M Vandenberg (A.F. base) Ca, US Orange fireball; after Titan rocket blew up. DMI DEC5 LUB V2No1  
 5 7.55 2m 2 Gloucester, England. Brilliant light; left trail; faded. -N LUFORO  
 6 19.00 M Medford, Oregon, U.S.A. Hovers; emits rays; disappears. APAVIA IIO MMT DEC7  
 7 6.00 45m S Martinez, California, USA. Large light, white; red; green; white; drifts -N SPA No.48  
 9 M Filey, E. Yorks, England. Fireball with blue light in thunderstorm. DHE DEC10 LUB V2No1  
 22 M S of York, England. Bright white globe, long red tail, sparks. -NE NJO DEC23 LUB V2No1  
 22? 23.15 3s 2 Gloucester, England. Bright, round, moon-like; hovers; swoops. GIC DEC24 LUB V2No1  
 22 16.30 1 Vancouver B.C., Canada. Moon-sized circle of lights; hovering. VAFSC  
 27 19.30 1 Norwich, Norfolk, England. Bright disc-like, blue trail; great speed -SW EEN DEC30 LUB V2No1

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 JAN  
 6 6.00 2 Swaffham, Norfolk, England. 3 flashing lights; electric wires crack; rain. EDP JAN9 LUB V2No1  
 9 22.00 Lymington, Hants, England. Small rock crashes in storm; burnt inside. BEE JAN10 LUB V2No1  
 13 19.57 1 Cottingham, Yorks, England. 5 discs very high & fast; 1 branches off. HDM JAN14 LUB V2No1  
 15 night S Terschelling Is., Holland. Enormous ball of fire about 15 miles up. DMA JAN16 LUB V2No1

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 DUR - duration of observation; NO. - number of witnesses; h - hour(s); m - minute(s); s - second(s);  
 f - few; M(m) - many; S(s) - several; ADV - Advertiser (New Zealand); APA - Aerial Phenomena Research As-  
 sociation; APRO - Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation; ASR - Australian Saucer Record; BEE - (Sacramen-  
 to) Bee; CDU - CDUFO Reports; CHR - Christchurch Star; DES - (Dunedin) Evening Star; DEN - (Detroit) News;  
 DFA - Diamonds Field Advertiser; DGL - Daily Gleaner; DHE - Daily Herald; DJO - Daily Journal; DMA - Daily  
 Mail (London); DMI - Daily Mirror (England); DTE - Daily Telegraph (London); EDP - Eastern Daily Press;  
 EEB - Evening Echo, Bournemouth; EEN - Eastern Evening News; EPH - Eastern Province Herald; FSR - Flying  
 Saucer Review; GEA - Geelong Advertiser; GIC - The (Gloucester) Citizen; CONTINUED OVERLEAF on back cover....



Our thanks are due to Mrs S.Hewitt for the report below taken from The (Hull) Daily Mail:-

"NIGHT SKY RIDDLE OF THE DISCS"

"A 15-year-old amateur astronomer was studying the stars last night when he saw a 'hazy blur of light' travelling across the skies at a fast speed.

Terence Borrows, of 89, The Garth Cottingham, who spends a couple of hours most nights watching the stars saw a blur of light at 7.57 pm. and took out his newly acquired telescope to investigate.

There were, he said, five discs one of which 'branched away at tremendous speed.'

Probably Aircraft

'They appeared as though travelling from the direction of Cottingham to Anlaby,' he said, 'but they were going so fast that I don't think they could have been aeroplanes.'

A leading Hull amateur astronomer Dr. W. Cameron Walker, headmaster of Kingston High School, said the discs could have been Russian or American satellites, but the most likely explanation was that they were aircraft flying very high and very fast.

'It seems that rays from the setting sun could have caught these aircraft and reflected the light back to earth. But it must have been very difficult to see this through a telescope.'

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HDM - The (Hull) Daily Mail; IIC - see IIOUFO; IIOUFO - International Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects; LUB - LUFORO Bulletin; LUFORO - London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation; MMT - Medford Mail Tribune; NAC - UFO-nachrichten; NJO - Newcastle Journal; PJS - Peoria Journal Star; PTS - (Cincinnati) Post & Times Star; RDM - Rand Daily Mail; SBEDV - Soc. de Estudos sobre Discos Voadores; SCM - South China Morning News (Hong Kong); SFS - (San Fernando) Sun; SIJ - (San Rafael) Independent Journal; SPA - S.P.A.C.E.; STR - (Durban) Sunday Tribune; VAFSC - Vancouver Area Flying Saucer Club; YOP - Yorkshire Post.

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London members please note date of next meeting:- Saturday 11th. February 1961 details on inside front cover!

For our July meeting we are pleased to announce that the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench will be giving a lecture.

More details later!

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