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ASTRONOMER STATES THAT U.F.O. IN ORBIT IS NOT METEOR OR SATELLITE!

RIDDLE OF OBJECT CIRCLING EARTH

SPACE OBJECT IS PHOTOGRAPHED

Chicago, Wednesday.

New York, Friday.

The director of the Adler Planetarium here told of new sightings of a mysterious object in orbit around the earth.

The director, Mr. Robert Johnson, estimated the object to be about one-tenth the size of the American balloon satellite Echo I - which is about 100 feet in diameter - but travelling twice as fast.

Mr. Johnson said the object, first sighted by him and two assistants last Friday, is neither an artificial satellite nor a meteor - REUTER.

(Evening News - 1st Sept. 1960.)

East Coast areas last week.

Observers said the object seemed to glow with an intermittent reddish light. It travels from east-to-west rather than in the west-to-east path followed by man-made satellites.

(Daily Telegraph - Saturday September 3rd, 1960)

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Another object has been found circling the earth! This time the news was apparently released by scientists, and the U.S. Air Force, Pentagon and Government have so far not been connected in any way. Unlike the previous object, which was sighted around Jan-Feb. of this year, this UFO has not made headlines. The above two newspaper reports were tucked away with the rest of the news, and are remarkable for their lack of comment. Notice that no possible explanations have been put forward to explain what the object could be, and the familiar Air Force or Pentagon "spokesman's" comments are also missing. Since the Sept. 3rd report no further news has appeared. Presumably it's still there - and still a U.F.O.

A MOTHER SAW MYSTERY OBJECT IN THE SKY.

Air Ministry officials were told today of a "giant catherine wheel" which whirred low over Boreham Wood, Herts, yesterday.

The mystery object was seen by two people. Housewife Mrs. Evelyn Aaron, of Theobald Street, said she heard a peculiar high pitched noise. When she looked up she saw the object which was flying very fast and low. "It gave me the impression that it was circular in shape", she added.

Mrs. Aaron, the mother of four children, said a man walking along the street also saw the object. He shouted: "Did you see that?" and ran.

Said the Air Ministry: "Light often plays curious tricks with the shape of normal aircraft but we will notify the department which investigates these matters."

(Evening News' 29.8.60.)

LUFORO is investigating this sighting further, and hopes to publish a more detailed account shortly.

Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but I will mention it as a matter of interest, that the following information appeared just a week after the above sighting was printed:-

OUR SPACE RACE SECRET - OFFICIAL

Britain is engaged in a top secret space project, it is officially disclosed today....Only after months of work has the Air Ministry given permission for the news to be released.

"The project is classified", that is, secret, the announcement warned, adding; "No further information is available".

Disclosure of further information might be detrimental to the national interest.

About 1,700 employees are engaged at BOREHAM WOOD, HERTS, (My caps! Eds.) on very advanced projects.

('News of the World', 4th September, 1960.)

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Reading Mercury, 4.6.60.
BLACK 'MOON' SIGHTED - A Dawn Sky Phenomenon

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. Knewstub, A.M. Brit. I.R.E., A. Inst. E.,	- PRESIDENT
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

...I feel that one of the most valuable things that the Society is doing is publishing all the U.F.O. sightings received. As far as I am aware you are the only organisation that attempts to publish every report it receives, even if only in abbreviated form.

The importance of this ambitious work lies in the possible independent verification of Aime Michel's discovery of 'orthoteny'. Only by obtaining a day by day basis can this be checked. I need not emphasise what the significance would be either for verification or a repudiation of orthoteny.

Peter P. Sharp, (B.Sc)
Knutsford, Cheshire.

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X LONDON FLYING SAUCER CONVENTION. X
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X A "Flying Saucer Convention" X
X will be held at the Russell Hotel X
X Russell Square, London, W.C.1. on X
X Saturday 24th, and Sunday 25th of X
X September, 1960. X
X Sessions are from 10 a.m. to X
X 1 p.m., 2.30 - 6 p.m., 7.30 - 10 p.m. X
X each day. Tickets are 3/- per X
X session, or 7/6d. per day. X
X The programme will include X
X lectures, "Scientific evidence X
X for U.F.Os" by John Dale, X
X President of the Manchester X
X U.F.O. Research Society, (at X
X 2.30 p.m. on Saturday) and X
X "Flying Saucers throughout the X
X ages" by D. Baker from South Africa, X
X (at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday). X
X There will also be tape re- X
X cordings of alleged "transmissions" X
X from space people, presented by X
X The Aetherius Society, who are arr- X
X anging the convention. X
X Full details of the conven- X
X tion are obtainable from the X
X Aetherius Society, 757, Fulham X
X Road, London, S.W.6. Tel: REN 4187 X
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FURTHER INDEX OF 1960 U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

DATE	TIME	DUR	WITNESSES	DESCRIPTION & DIRECTION	SOURCE
			NO. LOCATION		
JAN					
18	11.00		3. Colombo, Ceylon	Cig-shd ob very high. E.	FSR 6:4
FEB					
22	17.30		5 Sarnia, Can.	five rnd obs. noise lke dynamo	NAC49
MARCH					
9	19.15.		3 Beverly, Mass, U.S.A.	lrg rnd ob mvng fst.	NAC 49
15			1 Sturzelbronn, G.	whitish-yellow manvg ob.	NAC 49
16			5 B.C., Canada	Indians see 'space ship'	FSR6:4
19	22.28		1. Uma, Germany	Blue sphere, red trail NW	NAC 49
APRIL					
1			2 Raleigh	Shining ob E	NAC 49
2	21.00		3 Long beach, Calif.	V-frntn of 8 rnd obs E	NAC 49
4	21.30		1 Bad Homburg, G.	Greyish-Blue ob.	NAC 49
5	05.10.	5s2	Invercarcristill, Sc	Rnd ob with flashing lts.	FSR6:5
6	17.30		5 Opa Locka, Florida	Disc 170 yards away	NAC 49
7			M Mozambique	Orange ob explodes	FSR6:5

APRIL (contd.)

II	08.15	6	Nr. Stonchaven Sc.	Red disc mvng slowly	N	FSR6:4
II		2	Dundee, Sc.	Red cigar shpd ob.		FSR6:4
12	21.20	S	Louisiana	Sphere lnds wth explsn		NAC 49
20		I	Bad Homberg, G.	Blue ob from west		NAC 49
25	21.00	30s	I Plymouth, Eng.	Red cigar shpd ob mvng	fst	NAC 49
28	21.00	30m	Ventura, U.S.A.	Flaming ob		UB 2:6
30	07.30	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ m	3 Hayes, Kent.	3 obs cross sun's disc		FSR6:4

MAY

4	21.15.	I	Sarasota, Florida	Yellow ob with 4 win		NAC 49
13	02.20	2s	London.	Blue globular ob.		LUFORO
14			Alaska.	Silvery discs.		FSR6:4
15			Sydney, Aus.	Cigar shpd ob. under sea		BFS June
18			Fiji Islands.	Flaming ob dives in sea		UB 2:6
20	22.40	I	Switzerland.	Cigar shpd. ob		FSR6:5
24		2	Bad Homberg, G.	Yellow-red ob, very high		NAC 49
25		18m	3 Godalning, Eng.	Grey elliptical ob hov.		FSR6:5
29	10.01		Weston-super-mare	White ob. mvng fst.	NW	BFS June
29	03.50	55m	2 Tilehurst, Eng.	Dark ob with lts.	N	LUFORO

JUNE

2	P.M.	I	Minsterly, Eng.	No description		FSR6:5
7	23.30	2s	2 Retford, Eng.	Rnd ob with green lt.		FSR6:5
7	23.00	4	Colchester, Eng.	Disc mvng fst		FSR6:5
7	23.20	5s	2 Southend, Eng	Green ob mvng fst	NE	FSR6:5
7	23.15	4s	3 Leigh-on-sea	Green UFO		LUFORO
7	23.20	5s	I Westcliff-on-sea	Green-violet ob.		LUFORO
9		I	Frankfurt, G.	Red-yellow ball		NAC 49
15	23.43	I	Bad Homberg, G	15 obs in formation		NAC 49
19	23.30		Cheltenham, Eng.	Red ball of light		LUFORO
5			Cardiff	White lt. with flares		LUFORO
20	03.55	18s	I New Zealand	Red ball mvng fst		FSR6:5
25		I	Bad Homberg, G.	Yellow-red ob mvng fst	N	NAC 49
25/26	PM	1m	I Berlin, G.	Rnd ob. 3x star bright	SE	NAC 49
27	02.30	25s	I Berlin, G.	Oval domed ob.		NAC 49
28	23.00	3	Porthcawl, Wales	Hovering flashing lt.		FSR6:5
29		I	Newcastle, Eng.	No description		FSR6:5
29	20.15	I	London	Bright glowing lt.	W	LUFORO
30	20.00	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ m	M Bishop-Briggs, Sc.	Boll. shpd ob with win.		LUFORO

AUG

1	23.30	5s	2 Edinburgh, Sc.	Two lts mvng fst	SW	LUFORO
28	4.30	2m	2 Boreham wood, Herts	Lrg catherine wheel		LUFORO

ABBREVIATIONS:- Shpd - Shaped; Ob - Object; Can- Canada; Hov - Hovering; Frn - Formation; S - Seconds; Aus - Australia; S - Several; Sc - Scotland; Lt - Light; Mvng - Moving; M- Many; m - Minutes; Eng - England; Fst - Fast; H - hour; Win - Windows; Rnd - round; G - Germany; Manvg - manoeuvre; B.C. - British Columbia.

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