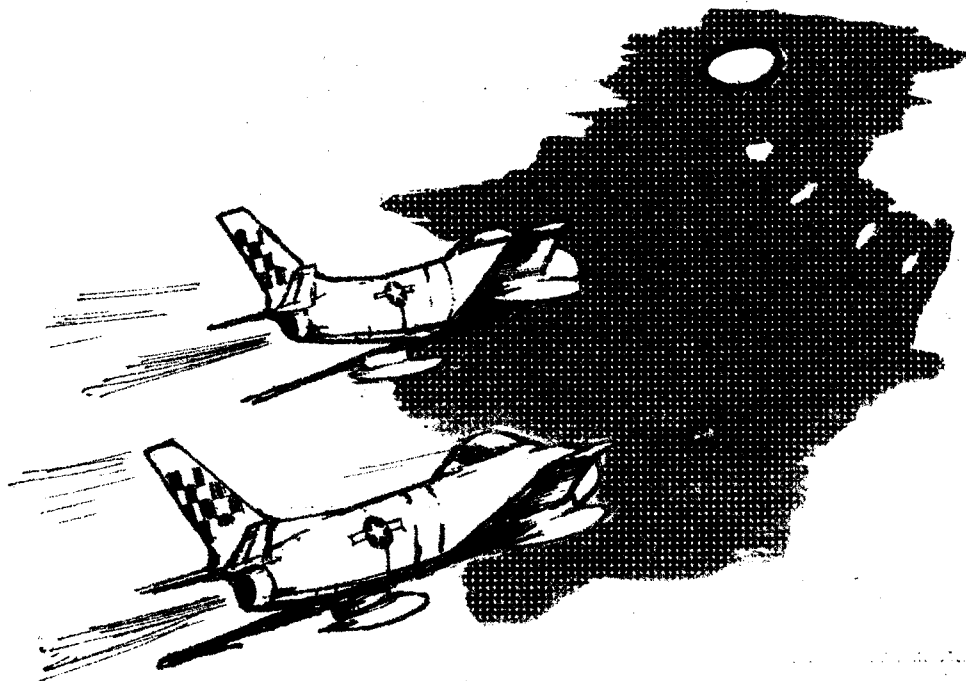


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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We very much regret to announce the resignation as Honorary Secretary of Miss Margaret D. Holmes, owing to health reasons, and feel sure all Members will join us in thanking her for all her hard work as Hon. Sec. during the past year.

Applications for the (voluntary) post of Hon. Sec. should be addressed to the Chairman for consideration. Applicants should have a fair amount of spare time, as well as being reliable and efficient.

Meanwhile all membership subscriptions should be addressed  
c/o G.N.P. Stephenson, Chairman, LUFORO, 12 Dorset Rd., Cheam, Sutton,  
Surrey.

Applicants (young or old) for positions as Executive Officers of LUFORO are also required. Special qualifications are not essential, but applicants must be able to bear responsibility. Assistant Executive Officers are also needed; short-hand typists are especially welcome.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LONDON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT RESEARCH ORGANISATION WILL BE HELD AT KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY AT 6 P.M. ON SATURDAY,  
24TH NOVEMBER, 1962.

(Members only; associate-members may not attend)

### CHANGES OF ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS

L. P. Maccubbin - U.S.A. Representative (OLD address: Charlottesville)  
NEW address NOW:- 331 East Little Creek Road, Norfolk 5, Virginia,  
U.S.A.

Lawrence G. Moore (OLD address was Kent Terrace)  
NEW address NOW:- 19 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middlesex.

### APPOINTMENTS

The Executive Committee have appointed as Assistant Editor of LUFORO BULLETIN, Mr. Peter Starkey, by whom this July-Aug. issue is edited. The Executive Committee have appointed Mr. John D. West of Thornton Heath to form a CROYDON BRANCH and authorized the Branch's formation.

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We apologize to readers for the unavoidable delay in issuing this Bulletin. It is expected that the Sept.-Oct. issue will be completed by the end of October.

Cross in box indicates you are now due to renew your subscription.  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: 10/-d. (or 1½ dollars to U.S.A. Representative).

## Photographs Taken

As widely reported in the press recently, the pilot of the X-15 rocket-plane saw a mysterious flying object during his history-making flight into the edge of outer space.

The pilot, Major Bob White of the United States Air Force, took-off from Edwards A. F. B. in California on July 17th this year. During the flight he reached a maximum altitude of nearly 59 miles, high enough for him to qualify for his "astronauts' wings".

It was when he began to re-enter the earth's atmosphere that he first saw the mystery object - 'something like a piece of paper - moving along with the craft.

He first saw the object when he glanced to his left out of the cockpit.

'As I went over the top,' Major White reported, 'I saw a couple of particles go by the plane. They showed up again - very small; flakey objects and I thought they were residue from peroxide which the engine burns.'

'Then, to my left, I saw another, larger object. It looked like a piece of paper the size of my hand. I haven't the slightest idea what it was.'

The object was grey in colour and was visible for five seconds, moving along with the X-15. He thought it was about thirty or forty feet from the plane.

## NASA Releases Photographs

In the "Guardian" on August 10th, in an item headed 'Unidentified Object Seen In Space', it was stated that photographs of the mystery object were taken during the flight. The photographs were, the report continued, released by the National Aeronautics & Space Administration.

They showed an object the size of the human-head, and were given to the press without comment.

(Joe Walker, X-15 pilot who saw mysterious flying-objects earlier this year, also photographed them. N.A.S.A. explained them away and refused to release stills from the film to the press and other news media. However, representatives of Keyhoe's National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena have been granted a private viewing of the film, according to the current issue of the "UFO Investigator".

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**News Item.....MOSELEY REVERSES OPINIONS ON "SAUCERS"**

James W. Moseley, Editor and publisher of the American magazine "Saucer News" has gone back on his earlier statements that all UFOs are secret U. S. weapons. In the 'June' issue of "SN" Moseley states -

'...over the years we have gradually lost faith in the validity of this information ("weapons theory")...your Editor...has now returned to his original feeling that the saucer phenomenon is still a mystery and that the extra-terrestrial solution to the mystery is the most likely one.'

FLYING SAUCERS OVER ITALYA REPORT

by Roberto Pinotti, of Florence

In Italy the flying saucer season has begun; but I think that the best is yet to come. Here is a list which will interest LUFORO:

Latest UFO sightings in ITALY :

a) April, 27th, 1961, about 2 p.m. ;

Bruno Ghibaudi, a well-known journalist and writer, who also co-operated with the Italian TV in several programs, snaps some photos of five UFOs near Pescara (Adriatic Coast). His photos were later published by three important Italian magazines: "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata", "Successo", and "La Domenica del Corriere". Ghibaudi published in "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata" many articles concerning the Flying Saucers (or Dischi Volanti, as they are called in Italy). The first group of his articles had only the purpose of interesting and informing the Italian Public; the second group of articles was about some cases of telepathical contacts with Extra-Terrestrial beings which occurred recently in many Italian towns; the third group, which is not yet complete, concerns the contacts and sightings in Italy.

b) September 27th, 1961, about half past 4 p.m. ;

Bruno Ghibaudi films a flying saucer hovering Monte Mario (Rome), where is located the great Astronomical Observatory.

c) December 1st, 1961, about 2 p.m. ;

Gaspare de Lama snaps UFOs over Milan. (See Ghibaudi's article in "La Domenica del Corriere") His photos were published by "Successo" (January 1962 issue) with an article by Ghibaudi.

d) December 15th, 1961, about 20 to 11 a.m. ;

Paolo Terri photographs a flying saucer hovering over the sea near Riccione, not far from Rimini (Adriatic Coast). His photo was published by "Successo" (January 1962 issue) with Bruno Ghibaudi's article (see c).

e) January 24th, 1962, about 15 past 8 a.m. ;

Virginia Jannucci, a teacher, sees an UFO over Milan with two of her pupils. Her sighting was reported in "la Settimana INCOM Illustrata" (article by Bruno Ghibaudi) and "Successo" (articles by L.R. and F.B.).

f) February 2nd, 1962, about 15 past 8 p.m. ;

I can observe a flying saucer over Florence. I did not report my sighting to the press because I had no other witnesses to support my story.

g) February 12th, 1962, about half past 4 p.m. ;

Gaspare de Lama snaps UFOs over Milan again. (See Ghibaudi's article in "La Domenica del Corriere") Ghibaudi reported ... continued page 4..

AIR MINISTRY EXAMINES SAUCER PHOTOGRAPH  
14-years old boy's snapshot

Yorkshire boy Alex Birch, 14, and two of his friends living in Mosborough, saw and photographed five "flying saucers" which hovered over Alex's house in Moor Crescent on a cold, grey February morning this year.

With Alex Birch were David Brownslow (12) and Sturart Dixon, aged 16. They were playing behind a disused nursery-garden behind Alex's home when Stuart threw a stone in the air.

To his amazement, hovering above him were five motionless flying saucers. He shouted to the other boys and all three gazed with astonishment at the strange craft.

Alex told the "Derbyshire Times" on June 22nd: "They were vivid, just hanging there. After a second or so some big white blobs started to come out of them and they were sort of hazy and obscured. I got my camera and took a shot of them. A second or so later they disappeared at a terrific speed towards Sheffield."

Stuart Dixon told a reporter from the "Times" that they were dark and apparently 'solid'. All three boys said there was absolutely no noise from the five objects, either when hovering motionless or when sped off towards Sheffield.

When the boys first told their parents of their amazing sighting, they were greeted with understandable scepticism. Mrs. Margaret Birch told Alex that he had been 'seeing things' - but her attitude soon changed when she saw the negative of the film.

At first the chemist who developed the film thought it was a spoil and did not make any prints of it. Alex had to wait some days before he could afford to take the negative back and have some prints made of it.

Mr. Colin Brook, Head of the English Department of Alex's school, interviewed the boys separately. He later told the press; "The boys have been interviewed and their stories closely checked. There is no doubt that they mentioned the sighting before the photograph was developed. This seems to discount that they are making up a story after having seen what may have been caused by a fault in the lens or on the emulsion of the film. One must conclude that they saw something and photographed it."

Reports soon appeared in the 'Daily Mirror', 'Daily Herald' and other newspapers, and Alex was interviewed on the B.B.C. programme 'TODAY'. Prints of the negative - reproduced in some newspapers - show clearly five disc-shaped objects with something like domes on top. The objects are dark in colour.

On August 29th the 'Yorkshire Post' included an item headlined: "BOY TAKES HIS 'FLYING SAUCERS' TO MINISTRY". It stated that 'Air Ministry officials are to carry out an investigation into mysterious black flying objects photographed by a Sheffield schoolboy, Alex Birch, 14. Alex and his father were taken by the "Yorkshire Post" to see  
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it also in "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata".

h) March 7th, 1962, about half past 8 a.m. ;

Luigi Zanardi and his wife see a bulb-shaped UFO in the sky of Milan. It was reported in "Successo" (May 1962 issue) and in "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata", with an article by Ghibaudi.

i) April 10th, 1962, about 20 past 9 p.m. ;

Mario Zuccalà, a tailor, contacts two 'Venusians' in a wood near San Casciano (Florence) who, after having taken him inside their saucer, tell him they would return to him to give him a message for the peoples of Earth. Italian Press and Public considered him only a faker.

j) April 13th, 1962, about 11 p.m. ;

Iller Benazzi sees with his fiancée and another couple in the sky of Legnano (Milan) an UFO which follows his car and, after having landed on the road, drives to Saronno. It was reported by many Italian newspapers and magazines.

k) April 18th, 1962 ;

Franco Colnaghi, with many other people, sees a glowing globe over the Central Station of Milan. It was reported by the Press and by "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata", with an article by Bruno Ghibaudi.

l) April 19th, 1962, about 15 past 9 p.m. ;

Luciano Novesi, with some of his friends, sees a saucer over Milan. It was reported by "Successo" (May 1962 issue) and by "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata" (article by Ghibaudi).

During the same day "an unidentified aircraft, after having hovered over the Gulf of Alghero (Sardinia), dropped three objects of unknown nature. Two of them fell into the sea; the third one fell into an irrigation-pool. It is now watched by Police". (Translation of a small article appeared in "LA Nazione" the most important newspaper of Tuscany).

m) April 25th, 1962 ;

"A disc-shaped flying saucer was seen in the sky of Milan by an American family, this night. Mr. and Mrs. Von Szeszich, who live in the central part of the town, were returning home with their relatives when they noticed a big flying saucer coming from the North and driving towards the West at enormous speed. Altitude about 400 meters; they could observe it for more than sixty seconds before its disappearing. The saucer had in its top-half a reddish dome. Its lower part was blue-green."

(Translation of an article which appeared in "LA NAZIONE".)

n) May 7th, 1962 ;

Emilio Braghiroli and Benedetto Lavagna, as other citizens of Milan, see a dazzling globe hovering over the town. It was reported by "La Settimana INCOM Illustrata", with an article by Ghibaudi.

Enough, enough!

MYSTERY FIREBALLS OVER BRITAIN

While it is generally agreed amongst UFO researchers that the 'true' flying saucers are flying machines of some sort, not all that is seen in our sky seems to be entirely Martian-made. Two recent reports from England suggest a natural cause rather than space ships swooping down from other planets.

On June 13th the SURREY COMET carried a report on its front-page of a mysterious flying object that was seen descending over Richmond Park in the early hours of the morning of Saturday (9th June).

Mrs. Joan Kinnier of Ham Farm Road, Ham (near Richmond), who saw the mystery object, told a 'Comet' reporter that she saw a 'bright, flaming object, falling steeply, and quickly disappearing behind the landscape.' The object made no sound.

Mrs. Kinnier said it seemed close to the earth; not distant, as in the case of a shooting star. The object was yellow and a great deal bigger than a meteor.

The object came and went in only a few seconds. It appeared to fall in Richmond Park - could it be that the deers had Martians for company? A recent report in the local paper said that the number of deers in the park is becoming inexplicably smaller (!)

A spokesman for the Air Ministry told the COMET that there was usually a reasonable explanation for such phenomenon. Regular reports were received concerning unidentifiable flying objects and further investigation had to be made before any final decision could be made.

Mrs. Kinnier had a confirmation of her report from another local resident.

The 'Richmond Herald' reported soon afterwards that 'Mr. G. Stephenson of the London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation' believed that the object was 'not a flying saucer but more probably a fireball or bolide.'

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A similar report appeared in the London "Evening Standard" on July 12th.

'A mystery object which showered sparks and gave an orange glow was seen to drop from the sky during a heavy thunderstorm by Mrs. A. Willgress, of Council Houses, Westfield, Upton, Norfolk, last night.

'Mrs. Willgress said the thing was as big as a watter butt and disappeared a few feet above the ground in her back yard.'

The latter report clearly suggests that the object was in fact an electrical phenomenon, of natural origin. In any case, it would be wrong to regard every occurrence in the sky as a spaceship from Mars.

Comments from readers on the possible cause of fireball UFOs which do not seem to be meteors will be welcomed by the Assistant Editor.

I wrote immediately to Iller Benazzi sending him the LUFORO form (translated into Italian); I am awaiting his reply.

I had a personal contact with Mario Zuccala last month, before my leaving for Rome, and I must tell you that he did not impress me favorably; besides, he has no proofs to support his contradictory story. He is poor and uncultured, and surely would be the last man the 'Venusians' would choose to be their emissary on Earth (not necessarily -Ed) All is against him; nevertheless I do not know if he is really a faker. However, he told me that the two 'Venusians' returned and gave him half of a message for the peoples of Earth; the second half was given to another man, living in another Country; this man will contact him and then they will reveal the message to the world. He said that the part of the message they gave him is contained in a box or something, which can be opened only by saying three words. These three Venusian words are written so :  $G \times U$  Probably they mean "Open, Sesame!"

Zuccala told me he hid this box inside a tree. The whole story, as he told me it, is incredible and under certain points of view ridiculous; Maybe he is a faker; maybe not, in fact there are some details which a man like Mario Zuccala could not know. At this moment, all that I can do is to wait. We will see if Mario Zuccala is a Venusian Emissary or only a Terrestrial faker.

Roberto Pinotti.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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All correspondence from readers of the "Bulletin" is welcomed by the Editor and Assistant Editor.

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SUTTON, Surrey.

.....please find a reader's letter on page 8.....



## MYSTERY OBJECT OVER STRATFORD-ON-AVON

### Object in Orbit?

On Friday, 27th July, 1962, the Stratford-on-Avon "HERALD" reported the following:

'More reports of an "unidentified flying object" over Stratford last Monday night are sought by Mr. John D. Llewellyn, who observed it twice through an earth-satellite tracking telescope.

'He described it to the "HERALD" as an 'extremely bright, satellite-like object' with what appeared to be a powerful searchlight on top. Slowly moving, it rose from the north-east horizon at about 40 degrees, and its radiance diminished until a green pin-point remained. From the overhead position until its exit to the northwest, it resolved itself into a triangle of two orange and green lights.

'I heard nothing but a faint whisper of sound, similar to a high-flying aircraft, when it was overhead,' he said.

'He saw it again at 11.20 and said both times in the early part of the flight it threw out a sort of beam of light which illuminated high altitude cloud.

'Mr. Llewellyn was with another member of a Midland's Interplanetary tracking team who keep a watch on earth satellites when he first saw the "flying saucer" type object at 10.40 at his home at 80 West Green Drive.'

Fortunately, Mr. Llewellyn is a LUFORO local-investigator in the Stratford area, and, apart from giving us further details of his own sighting, was also able to furnish us with further information of the mystery object given to him by independent witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Osburn, of West Green Drive, also claim to have seen the flying object, at precisely the same time and date. Mrs. Osburn described the object as "...moving very slowly, with what appeared to be a searchlight shining from it onto clouds...as it passed at right-angles the light changed to a reddish colour then into a green one..."

Further confirmation came from Mr. and Mrs. Beckett of Kings Lane in Stratford, and their son. They too saw the object, describing it as "...a bright starlike light in the sky...with what appeared to be rays of light coming from it...sparkling like diamonds..."

Mr. Llewellyn also contacted Mr. Frank Calbert-Dunn, also of West Green Drive, who said he saw the same object or a similar one some days before. His wife also saw the object.

Mr. Calbert-Dunn also claims to have seen an unidentified flying object in Germany in 1945.

Apart from reporting the incident to the press, Mr. Llewellyn got in touch with the Royal Air Force base at Gaydon.

Discounting the object's behaviour as that of an aircraft, an Air Force flight-lieutenant commented: 'This certainly places your sighting in the Unidentified Flying Object category.'

Sir,

In the last edition of the "LUFORO BULLETIN" I noticed that the magazine was described as "the most factual UFO publication". This is a true and also a very important statement since a great many journals available devote a large part of their content to theological and philosophical discussions rather than to the essential presentation of facts. Similarly, many of the books published about UFOs, with the notable exception of those of Aime Michel, deal with personal events and opinions. Although such works are of interest there is an urgent need for a book giving information in an unvarnished and honest manner, from which the reader can form his own ideas.

With this in mind I am writing the present article in the hope that there are other readers who have also realised the need for such a book, and who would be willing to help in producing one.

My own plan, although I am quite prepared to change it, is for a number of chapters on the subjects given below, giving as accurate a picture of the facts as possible, together with articles and appendices on practical topics, such as astronomical observation and meteorological notation in order that these may be applied to the study of 'flying saucers' and thus bring about a uniform system which may be used and understood by all observers. Such a system would greatly facilitate the analysis of sighting reports.

To compile a book on this outline requires an editorial team working with material that is accurate, and which does not express an opinion but rather explains the facts to layman and enthusiast alike.

Each and everyone can help by submitting ideas, and even rough drafts of articles explaining the manner in which they feel the topics should be treated. I should also like to hear from those willing to work on an editorial team. Please send your ideas to me at the following address: 14 Battinson Street, Southowram, Halifax, Yorkshire.

(Mr. Bull is an Officer of our Organisation - Ed.)

The subjects are:

Various types of UFOs reported:

- diagrams,
- descriptions of colour and general appearance,
- behaviour and movement,
- grouping,
- frequency.

Analysis of graphs of the frequencies of UFOs according to:

- nature of objects,
- monthly totals,
- yearly totals.

Articles dealing with:

- metecrites,
- falling lumps of ice

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## FLYING "STACK-OF-COINS" VISITS CORNWALL

### Visitor 's strange report

One of the strangest UFO reports in "saucer" history was made recently by a gentleman in Cornwall.

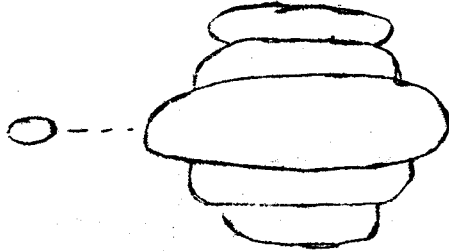
On May 25th this year, Mr . H. G. Pryor, of Truro, Cornwall, while visiting the picturesque coast of north Cornwall, was amazed to see a strange, low flying-object quite 'out-of-this-world'.

### Noise Like Aircraft Engines

Coming in from the north-east across the sea at about 60-70 miles per hour, approached a flying machine quite unlike anything likely to be found in 'Jane's'.

The object was about fifty high and appeared silver and black in colour. It looked like a stack-of-coins, and was 'led' by a small, red object, which may or may not have been connected to the main part of the body.

The object was also reported to have been making a noise 'like several aircraft engines.'



A Drawing of 'It'

### Hovercraft?

Though it is in the bounds of possibility that this object was some sort of new experimental aeroplane or hovercraft, certain considerations seem to rule this out. Would, for instance, the authorities concerned choose to test a secret-device along a much-visited part of the Cornish coast?

More probably, a new type of UFO is being manufactured by "saucer" factories on Mars!

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### ARE THE NATIVES FRIENDLY.....ON EARTH?

By Boris Karloff...taken from an issue in the TV TIMES during August.

I looked at the sky one night this week.....and wondered whether, in fact, there were alien travellers in space.

It is an uneasy feeling. Rather like hearing someone wandering round outside your house at night, and not being sure whether they have come to rob you or are simply lost.

Officially, of course, flying saucers don't exist. But people who claim to have seen them are convinced that they weren't illusions.

So how can we be sure that there are no space travellers hovering on the fringe of our atmosphere, trying to make contact?.....

But there is a snag.

Suppose you were out there, looking down on earth. Would you trust the natives? Would you trust your own judgement in an alien world? Would you dare risk landing?

# RECONSTRUCTED SIGHTINGS

*from LUFORO files*

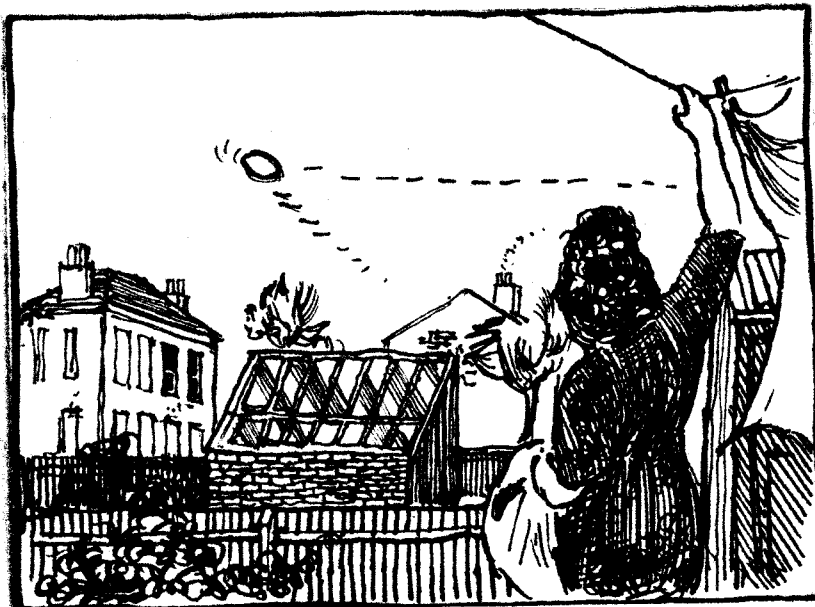
MRS. SPERRING of NEW  
FERRY, CHESHIRE

24 NOVEMBER 1959

"I thought it was just another plane - we see plenty here as Liverpool airport is just across the river from where I live.

I thought there was something odd about this one - so I stopped what I was doing and stepped into the centre of the garden to get a better look at it.

It was an oval-shaped object with an outer rim spinning around a domed yellow centre."



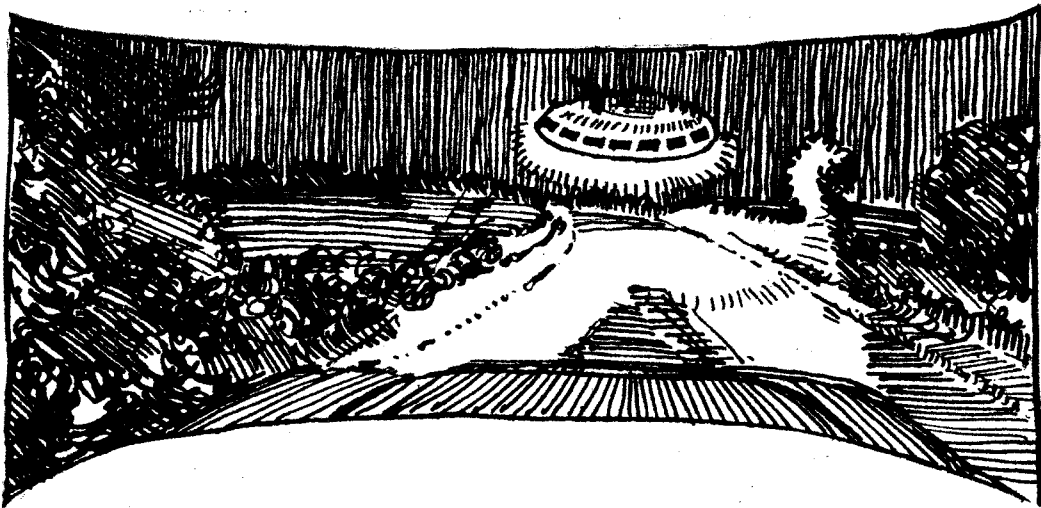
MR. RONALD WILDMAN of LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE - 9 FEBRUARY 1962

"I was approaching the crossroads at the end of the deserted Ivinghoe road at Ashton Clinton at 3-30 a.m., when I saw a white oval-shaped object with black square marks at regular intervals round it. As soon as I came within 20 yards of it the power of my car changed, it dropped right down to 20 m.p.h. I changed down into second and put my foot flat on the accelerator - nothing happened. It was definitely a solid object because the reflection of my headlights was thrown back from it."



MRS C.SMITH of RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT - 3 JULY 1961

"My daughter and I thought they might be ships' lights but the object came towards us and hovered at eye-level. The whole base emitted a bright orange light. The thing then turned at an angle and disappeared faster than any jet - leaving a ring of smoke behind which persisted for some five minutes or so."



## ARGENTINE WOMAN FRIGHTENED BY TWO MEN FROM FLYING SAUCER

### UFO COMES DOWN IN THE ARGENTINE

As reported in the GUARDIAN and other newspapers on the 25th June, a woman in the Argentine was taken to hospital suffering from shock after seeing a "flying saucer" and two of its occupants at close quarters.

The strange report, released to the public by Argentine T. V. with Air Force co-operation, came from the southern province of La Pampa.

According to the Yorkshire WEEKLY NEWS on June 30th, which gave prominence to the report:

'...The woman said she saw two strange men, resembling robots, near the flying saucer.

Experts later confirmed that the grass in the area where the saucer was supposed to have landed was singed in a circle about 20 feet wide.'

There are a number of points in the Argentine woman's story which point to her tale's authenticity. What a magnificent actor she must have been to convince the doctors that she was so shocked that she needed a place in the hospital!

Also, readers may remember of the Envelode Incident in England which occurred in June 1960. Circles, of the same dimensions as those reported in Argentina, were found in a field with no explanation for how they got there. Sceptics, not wishing this remarkable piece of confirmation alter their attitude to the subject, will put it down to coincidence. If so, they are only fooling themselves.

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### STRANGE ENCOUNTER WITH A FLYING DISC

A continuation of the articles from the Italian magazine, DOMENICA DEL CORRIERE, translated by B. S. Lawley. Readers comments on these and other such items in the Bulletin will be welcomed by the Assistant Editor.

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It took place on the 27th April 1961. I was driving along the national Adriatic Road from Ancona to Pescara.

About 7 kilometers from Pescara the engine stopped suddenly. It was not the first time, and I knew where the trouble lay. It was about 2pm. A few cars passed me as I was working on the car, but none stopped. When I thought I had cured the trouble, I stopped to look at the sea whilst I cleaned my hands on a rag.

All at once my eyes were drawn to a dark point which was oscillating strangely below the clouds and slowly becoming larger. It was coming from the south-east towards me. As it came closer, I made out its strange shape: an elliptic form, from which it issued two small triangular shaped wings with a rudder projecting vertically from it.

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Air Ministry officials in London yesterday."

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In the lengthy report that followed, the 'Post' stated that Air Ministry men questioned Alex for nearly two hours. "They took quite a lot of information from him", the reporter continued.

Mr. Birch said "they won't say that the objects are not some sort of flying saucers."

In bold type, the newspaper reported "Air Ministry officials smiled at the self-assured young man with the black camera. But they did not smile when they saw the photograph Alex had taken."

Alex's father expects a 'definite answer' from the Air Ministry in time for the convention of the British UFO Association on September 22. Alex and his father hope to be able to attend the convention, which is being organised by LUFORO. (See page 2)).

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FLYING SAUCER FILMED  
OVER SHEFFIELD

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A "flying saucer" which soared over homes in Sheffield recently was caught on film by an amateur photographic enthusiast.

Mr. Walter Revill, of Wakeley Street, Sheffield, filmed the mystery object after being called to the open by his neighbour Mrs. Teresa Spotswood.

Two other neighbours, Mrs. Greta Pellegrina and her husband, also saw the unidentified flying object as it sped over.

Mr. Revill told a reporter from the SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH: "When Mrs. Spotswood called me I was astonished. I have never seen anything like it before and I could not believe my eyes."

"I had never before believed in flying saucers", he told the paper 'YORKSHIRE POST', but he was sure that it was one.

"It seemed about a foot across, although it was very high up," he continued, "and was moving across the sky from north to south."

"It was like two saucers on top of one another with a straight line in the middle. It was lit up with a sort of orange colour and was moving in a straight line."

When I remembered I had a colour film in my cine camera I ran in to my house, brought it out, and filmed the object for some minutes. He added: "I have not done any night filming before but I hope I got this mystery on film."

Mrs. Pellegrina said: "The saucer had lots of little lights as if somebody was inside. But it was not an ordinary 'plane. It was definitely saucer-shaped."

Mr. Revill was interviewed twice on the B.B.C. programme Today a few days after his sighting on August 18th. Fortunately, his film lived up to his expectations and showed clearly the disc-shaped object seen by the four witnesses.

"I thought we were being invaded by something from another planet", Mr. Revill told a B.B.C. reporter.

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The peculiar craft had a grey opaque colour and had a non-reflective surface. It was silent and slow moving.

Recognising its delta shape I thought it was a 'plane from a U.S. carrier that was in colour and attempting to crash-land on the beach. I quickly opened the window of the car to get my camera which I always carry with me. The craft was approaching and I could make out all the super-structure details. It was about 8 meters long. I ran across the road and took the first photograph, without having time to look into the viewfinder, for the craft was now a few metres from the water. As I approached to take further shots, the craft made off at great speed, without touching down, towards the coast.

I remained there for a few moments, annoyed at only having taken one photograph. But suddenly my attention was attracted by another strange thing. High up in the sky, in a south-easterly direction, appeared flashes of light which immediately changed into blackish spheres. Abruptly I realised that a flying disc of a perfectly circular shape had arrived from the same direction and was rapidly approaching. A few seconds later, it was within range of my camera. The disc was absolutely silent and had a lenticular profile, thicker towards the middle and tapering to the edges. This profile showed itself when the disc, oscillating in front of me, descended to a height of not less than 50 metres. A semi-spherical shaped cupola surmounted the upper part. It was silver-grey and reflected the light slightly. The disc then moved away a few kilometres towards the north-east and as I searched the horizon I noticed that two points were rapidly approaching again from the south-east, were two more discs. They were about ten metres in diameter and seemed about the same size as the others; although their shape was slightly different, as the photos show. They had three clear hemispheres projecting from them at the bottom about 120 degrees from one another. A few seconds later there were three - a third disc having arrived from the same direction and joining the other two.

Around me the air seemed on fire, and I seemed to be in the middle of an intense electric field and felt very uncomfortable. I looked around, but there was not one. 200 metres away two children were running in the sand. The discs were absolutely silent, but around them one could see strange flashes which then gave way to the same blackish spherical condensation forms which I had observed at the arrival of the first disc.

Several times I had the impression that these flashes were directed against me; it is almost impossible to describe my state of mind. Not infrequently I was tempted to run away, but curiosity, and an almost physical inability to move my legs glued me to the spot. At this moment I realised I had fallen to the ground on the sands. I heard screams, and the two children, realising what had happened, were running away crying. A few minutes later the formation disappeared into the distance.

Sweating and trembling with emotion, I climbed back into the car and quickly drove towards Pescara. I took the film to be developed at once and



half-hour later I had my first surprise. The film was damaged in some parts as if it had been exposed to intense heat. But the discs had left their unmistakable image. A few moments later I had the photos and the enlargements that showed me a lot of details I couldn't see on the negative.

It was most impressive. Only now, going quickly through the photographs like a film sequence, could I reconstruct exactly the exciting event which I had witnessed. It had all lasted not more than two or three minutes - I was certain of that.

Ten days later I had a second surprise coming from an unexpected telephone call. 'I am a university student from Rome,' said the young voice. 'I too saw what you photographed.'

This roused my curiosity. We met and from the conversation which followed I realised what had happened.

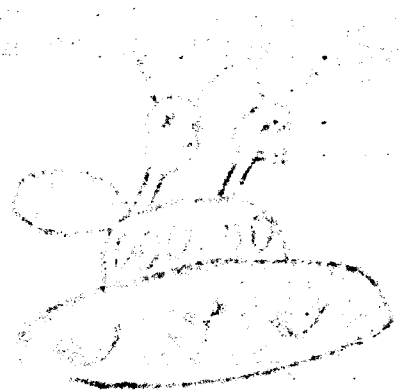
'I was on the beach at Pescara on April 27th,' the student told me. 'I had just eaten and was going for a walk when I noticed the first disc appearing being followed by the others. At first I thought that the first disc had landed on the beach, and whilst I began to approach, the formation followed its impressive flight like a carousel.

'When the saucers had gone away I noticed someone crossing over and getting into a white Gullietta car. When the car passed near me I waved but no avail. Turning round, however, I noticed the car had a Toreno numberplate. Half an hour later I saw it in a car park in the middle of Pescara.

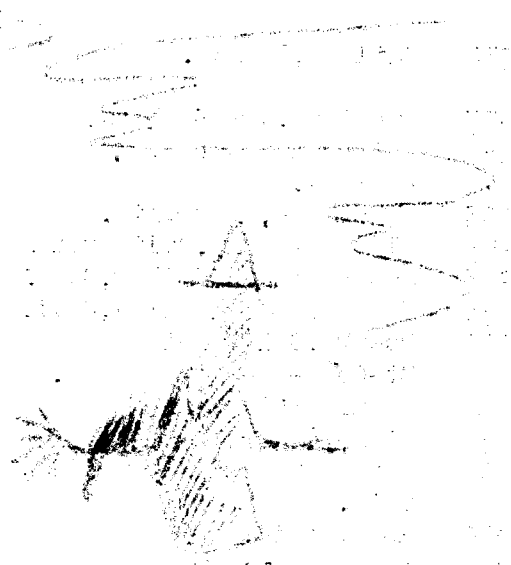
'On the windscreen I noted a press card of the PEOPLES GAZETTE. Unfortunately my train was leaving shortly and I couldn't wait any longer. As soon as I reached Rome I telephoned the newspaper and obtained the information for contacting you.

'I would prefer if you do not mention my name,' he finished.

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"Look! It's one  
of them U.F.O.s!"



Falls of Fibrous Material

Below is the result of our first 'reference-hunt'. An abbreviated reference is given to certain books frequently mentioned, the key to which is given at the end.

Date of sighting	Locality	Reference
?23 Mar. 1665	nr. Nounberg	Chladni, Annales de Chimie, 2, 31, 264. Annals of Philosophy, n.s., 12, 93.
21 Sep. 1741	triangular space enclosed by towns of Bradby, Selborne & Alnesford.	All the Year Round, 8, 254 Wernerian Nat. Hist. Soc. Trans., 5, 386.
Oct. 1821	Pernambuco	(1821) Annual Register, 681 Annales de Chimie, 2, 15, 427
1839	Carolath, Silesia	Edinburgh Review, 87, 194
16 Mar. 1846	Shanghai	(1847) Jour. Asiatic Soc. Bengal, pt. 1, 193
16 Nov. 1857	Charleston, S. Carolina	Amer. Jour. Sci., 2, 28, 270
end Oct. 1881	Milwaukee, Wisconsin & towns of Green Bay, Ves- burge, Fort Howard, Sheboy- gan, Ozaukee	Scientific American, 45, 337
16 Oct. 1883	Montussan, Gironde	(1883) La Nature, 342
21 Nov. 1898	Montgomery, Alabama	Monthly Weather Review, 26, 566.
3 Sep. 1950	Brisbane, Queensland.	FSM, 133
17 Oct. 1952	Oleron, France.	LSV, 177. TFS, 136. FSM, 286. M. FSOS, 158 (This reference gives the wrong date and spells the place name incorrectly)
27 Oct. 1952	Gaillac, France.	LSV, 179. TFS, 137. FSM, 287 (wrong date). M.
15 Apr. 1953	Auckland, New Zealand.	FSC, 182. M.
30 May 1953	Palmerston North, New Zealand.	FSC, 182. M.
9 Oct. 1953	Melbourne, Australia.	M.
13 Oct. 1953	Pleasant Hill, California	M.
16 Nov. 1953	San Fernando Valley, Calif	M. FSOS, 182.
1 Feb. 1954	San Fernando Valley, Calif.	M. FSOS, 182.
1 Feb. 1954	Puente, California	M.
20 Sep. 1954	St-Oere-en-Retz, France.	FSSIM, 63&171
13 Oct. 1954	Graulhet (Tarn) France	FSSIM, 170
18 Oct. 1954	Vienne (Isere) France	FSSIM, 196
22 Oct. 1954	Jerome School, Marysville, Ohio.	M. UA, 166. FSC, 181 (wrong date)
28 Oct. 1954	Rome, Italy.	M.
8 Nov. 1954	Florence, Italy	M.

Nov. 1954	Tuscon, Arizona	M.
Nov. 1954	Kankakee, Illinois	M.
21 Feb. 1955	Horseheads, nr. Elmira, New York.	M.
2 Oct. 1955	Ukrichville, Ohio.	M.
10 Oct. 1955	Whitsett School, Greens- boro, N. Carolina	UA, 322. M.
Aug. 1956	Melbourne, Australia	FSRY, 75
28 Apr. 1957	Christchurch (South Island) New Zealand.	FSRY, 141
23-24 Oct 1957	Eastern New Mexico	FSSIM, 235
5 Aug. 1961	nr. Meekatharra, Western Australia.	(1961) IUFORO Bulletin, 2, 11 & 12, 8. (1962) Australian Fly- ing Saucer Review, 6, 9.

FSC Keyhoe, Major D.E. (1957) The Flying Saucer Conspiracy; Hutchinson.  
 FSM Wilkins, H.T. (1954) Flying Saucers on the Moon; Peter Owen.  
 FSOS Keyhoe, Major D.E. (1954) Flying Saucers from Outer Space; Hutchinson.  
 FSRY Flying Saucer Review Yearbook, 1956-1957.  
 FSSIM Michel, A. (1958) Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery;  
 Criterion, New York.  
 LSV " " (1954) Lueurs sur les Soucoupes Volantes, Mame, Paris.  
 M Maney, Prof. C.A. (1956) The phenomena of angel hair, Flying Saucer  
 Review, 2, 6, 16.  
 TFS Michel, A. (1957) The Truth about Flying Saucers, Robert Hale.  
 UA Jessup, M.K. (1956) The UFO Annual, Arco.

Our thanks are due to Lionel Beer, F. Malcolm Bull, J. Cleary-Baker, and Basil Nubel.

The next subject is disappearances of aircraft (some ufologists believe UFOs to have been responsible on a number of occasions - Ed.). Please send all references you have on this subject to :-

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angels' hair,  
 falling 'objects' (e.g. Silpho Moer Object),  
 contacts with flying saucers,  
 disappearance of aircraft (e.g. Mantell),

Scientific articles:

the planets and the universe in general,  
 life on the planets, aurorae, astronomical observation,

Lists of such information as:

metecrological codes (Beaufort etc.),  
 UFO societies and publications.

F. Malcolm Bull.

The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects

Reviewed by Mr. Peter Starkey.

Privately printed and published, "The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects" is a truly valuable and worthwhile addition to existing UFO literature.

The authors, Hall and Maney, are both qualified and capable UFO researchers. Professor Maney, who is head of the Department of Physics at Defiance College, Ohio, is a board-member of Keyhoe's National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena; Richard Hall is N.I.C.A.P. secretary and assistant editor of the "UFO Investigator".

The book is divided into three main sections:-

- A Scientist Looks at UFOs,
- A Philosopher Looks at UFOs, and
- The UFO Mystery.

In the 'Scientist' section of the book, Professor Maney writes on some of the puzzling aspects of the behaviour of unidentified flying objects - angel hair, orthoteny, electromagnetic effects, etc. Unfortunately, some of the reports were written some time ago, and when compiling the book, Maney obviously made no attempt to revise the text in any way or bring it up-to-date.

Hall writes in the later part of the book on such controversial topics as contact-claims and orthodox scientific attitudes towards the subject.

Both authors are very critical of the present United States Air Force UFO-project, and feel that the investigation of flying objects should be handed over to civilian scientists working on behalf of the government. Rather than attempt to explain all sightings away, they consider, it would be more worthwhile for the U.S. Air Force to search for patterns in UFO behaviour.

Of particular interest to serious students of unidentified flying objects are the appendices, which include the NICAP subcommittee report on electro-magnetic effects of UFOs. Also outstanding in the book is a chapter compiled by Hall slamming the A. F. claim that "no qualified astronomer has seen or photographed so-called 'flying saucers'" by proving the exact opposite.

Taking everything into account, the "Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects", certainly ranks with the writings of Keyhoe, Michel and Ruppelt as one of the very best on the subject.

It could, in fact, become the standard reference text-book for students.

Obtainable from: Richard Hall, 1916-17th St., N.W., Washington 9, D.C.  
at 3 dollars 50 cents.

(With a Foreword by Dr. C.P. Olivier, President, American Meteor Soc.)

"SPACE REVIEW" - Albert K. Bender.

by Peter Starkey

Readers of "LUFORO Bulletin" will doubtless be familiar with the mysterious circumstances under which the International Flying Saucer Bureau was supposedly closed down in late 1953. According to Gray Barker, author of the melodramatic "They Knew Too Much about Flying Saucers", 'three men in dark clothing' hushed-up poor Mr. Bender who had discovered the chilling answer to the Saucer Mystery.

Followers of the Saga of Albert K. Bender will be glad to know that the I.F.S.B. publication 'Space Review' is now available in a photo-offset edition, published by Saucerina Publications.

Covering from October 1952 to October 1953, "Space Review" is interesting to flying-saucer fans from a purely 'historical' point of view. The neatly-printed journal reports on many of the now famous and much-written-of sightings in UFO history, such as the Washington Airport sighting in 1952, the Sutton Monster story and many others.

Unfortunately, some of the reports are apt to be rather sketchy and incomplete.

The "Review" contains quite a variety of materials, ranging from science fiction and short stories to theories on unidentified flying object propulsion. One writer even claimed that Russian and/or America had already reached the Moon (!)

Graham F. N. Knewstub, President of the London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation, contributes a short article entitled "A New Approach to the Saucer Problem" in the July 1953 issue.

Readers of the "Space Review" will notice the rise of the contact claims in 1953 when, apparently, every other crank this side of the Iron Curtain had a go of trying to convince us that they had been in close contact with extra-terrestrials. It is indeed interesting to note that in writing to Albert Bender, contactee George Adamski signed himself 'Professor' Adamski, despite the fact that he doesn't even hold a school certificate in needlework.

Lonzo Dove, hiding behind the title of astronomer, writes in the latter issues of 'Space Reviews' trying to connect the odd flashes on Mars with (of course) flying saucers. Dove made no mention of the fact that this 'mystery' was satisfactorily explained as high altitude clouds reflecting the sunlight.

Of particular interest is the last issue of International Flying Saucer Bureau's publication, which advises saucer-researchers to be cautious and the announcement that the 'source of the flying saucers is already known' but was being held up by high authorities.

Every saucer-fan is recommended to obtain a copy of these early flying-saucer bulletins.

Available on order from: R.G. Wyld, Librarian, LUFORO,  
69, Cranbourne Rd, Northwood, Middx.

BENDER'S BOOK IS A DAMP SQUIB

By Peter Starkey

I have before me a copy of Albert K. Bender's much-awaited book, "FLYING SAUCERS & THE THREE MEN", published in America by Saucerian Books.

As every saucer-fan knows, Albert Bender was supposedly hushed-up by what were generally regarded as government agents in late 1953, which resulted in the closing down of the International Flying Saucer Bureau. On his honour as an American citizen - according to Gray Barker in his book 'They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers' - he had to keep the amazing "solution to the saucer mystery" to himself...until now.

Naturally, I was full of curiosity and excitement as I opened the pages of this attractively covered book. But, after reading every word, weighing every sentence and turning everything over in my mind, I feel that I might have got much more out of Sunday afternoon by watching 'Hawkeye and the Last of the Mohicans' on the television.

This so-called "book of revelation" is a damp squib. Many a reader of Barker's book and followers of the 'Bender Mystery' will, after spending years buried beneath piles of saucer data hunting for the answers that Bender discovered, feel that they have spent this time on the trail of an overgrown prankster or alternatively an idiot.

Bender gives the reader the impression that he never quite grew up. On page 55 he 'points out' that the name of the saucer-researcher Lenzo Dove is, when the letters are reversed, Evod Onzol. Similarly, therefore, this review could be said to have been written by Yekrats Retep. Why Mr. Bender ever included such a childish item in his book is quite beyond my comprehension.

Not merely content with playing about with people's names, Bender built himself a Chamber of Horrors in his house. Apparently, Mr. B. spends his spare time frightening the life out of his visitors.

As for Bender's solution to the saucer mystery, it presents more questions than answers and is by no means new. Among the many 'surprises' in the book is the 'fact' the Three Men in Dark Suits weren't C.I.A. or F.B.I. agents after all - they were Space People. And, in fact, Bender's book is just another contact claim. But, unlike Adamski and his fellow cranks, this particular book's wild tales do not even make interesting reading.

The suggestion that the saucers are coming here to warn us of a forthcoming 'polar flip' is also "up-the-creek". Actually, Benders asserts the Saucerians were coming here to take back water to their home planet. I say "were" as Mr. Bender tells us that flying saucers just ain't no more - unless the space people decide to call on us one day in the future again.

While the Saucerians were here they took Bender on a conducted tour of their Base in Antartica. UFOs, incidentally, are powered by H<sub>2</sub>O, the motorists' dream.

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Kwane Nkruma's Youth Movements aren't the only 'godless' (21.) ones, it seems. Religion is bunk, the saucerians told Mr. Bender, and Jesus was nothing more than a fanatical believer in all this rubbish about the non-existent God. This is likely - and rightly so - to arouse the feelings of religious persons reading the book.

If this was the best Albert K. Bender could do, he might just as well have remained quiet. In fact, the only question remaining to be answered is - 'Is the book a very poor hoax or is Mr. Bender as nutty as the present writer suspects?'

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### THE BRITISH U.F.O. ASSOCIATION

On September 22nd, 1962, L.U.F.O.R.O. became a Corporate Member of the British U.F.O. Association, which was inaugurated on that date. The Council, which is the Association's governing body, consisting of delegates from the member societies, appointed the following Officers: President, Mr. Graham F.N. Knewstub, (who is the delegate of the British Flying Saucer Bureau); Secretary, Mr. G.Nigel P. Stephenson, (who is LUFORO's delegate); Treasurer, Mr. Antoni Szachnowski, (who is head of the Anglo-Polish U.F.O. Research Club).

The Objects of the Association are:

- (a) To co-ordinate investigation and promote research into "Unidentified Flying Object" phenomena.
- (b) To disseminate knowledge and facilitate the exchange of information on this subject.

The Association consists of the following societies, whose primary interest is the direct investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects.

- "The British Flying Saucer Bureau" (Bristol. Founded 1953.)
- "Anglo-Polish U.F.O. Research Club" (Penge. Founded 1955.)
- "The Tyneside U.F.O. Society" (Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Founded 1959.)
- "The Scottish U.F.O. Research Society" (Edinburgh. Founded 1959.)
- "London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation" (Fd. 1959.)
- "Stratford-on-Avon U.F.O. Group" (Stratford-on-Avon. Founded 1960.)
- "Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena" (Stockport. 1960.)
- "Cheltenham Flying Saucer Group" (Cheltenham. Founded 1961.)

### THE CONVENTION

A report on the Convention which was held in London to mark the Association's inauguration will appear in the next Bulletin.

On behalf of the Council of the Association, the Chairman takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Beer and all those who helped him to make the Convention such a success, especially those ladies who so kindly provided refreshments and insisted on paying for a ticket at the same time.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

We have pleasure in announcing that as from NOVEMBER 1962, Public Lectures will be held on the FIRST SATURDAY IN EVERY MONTH at KENSINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY until further notice.

This is an opportunity for members and non-members to meet each other and exchange news and views on UFOlogy. It is hoped that we will be able to serve light refreshments at the end of the meetings.

Saturday 3rd November 7.30 p.m.

Dr.G.G.Doel will continue to show some of the slides of UFOs, which were shown at the British U.F.O. Association convention and had to be curtailed.

The Ray Stanford films will be shown again in more favourable circumstances and a recording of Alex Birch's speech at the convention will be played.

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MEETING IN DECEMBER (But see below)

Saturday 5th January 1963 7.30p.m.

Egerton Sykes will be speaking on the latest research into gravitation. Mr.Sykes is a scientist, and lecturer of the first order, and we are indeed fortunate in having him. To quote his own words, he has been in saucer research from the beginning.

The committee reserve the right to alter or cancel meetings in the event of unforeseen circumstances and members are reminded that everything we do is entirely dependent on the voluntary efforts of individual members. So we ask all members to bear with us, if at times the organisation appears a little slow with administrative work.

Thankyou All.

L.Beer (Publicity Officer)

### WEST LONDON RESEARCH MEETING

Those interested in attending a Research Meeting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 8th December, 1962, at Feathers Hotel, Ealing Broadway, should write to:- E.R.Smith,B.Sc., Research Co-ordinator, LUFORO, 319, London Road, Reading, Berkshire.

### CROYDON BRANCH

Details of any Meetings at Croydon will be announced when arranged.