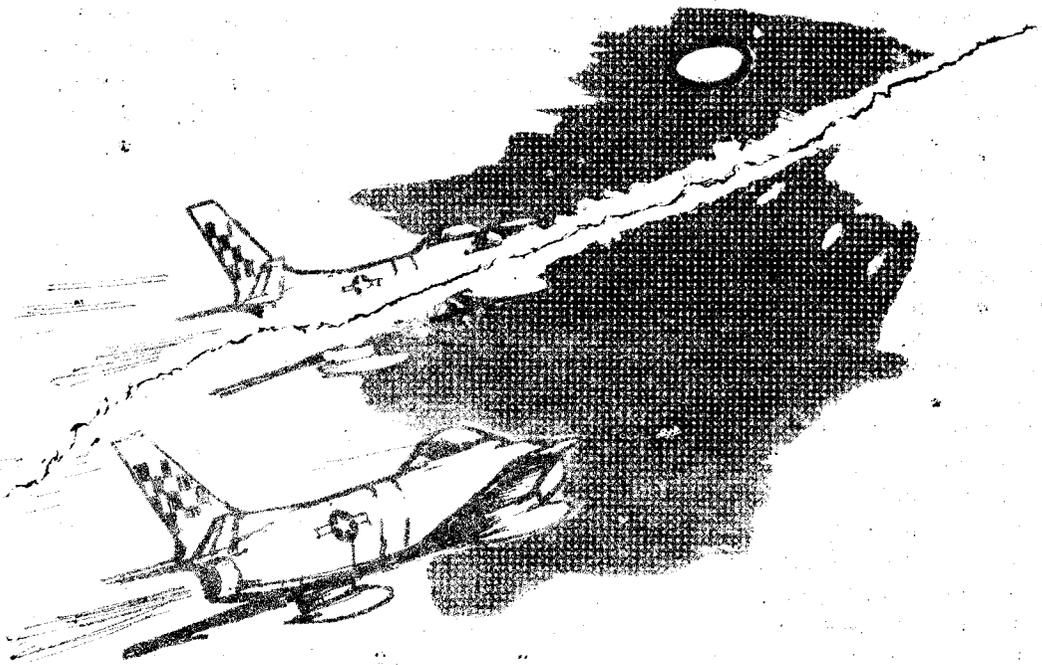


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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Executive Committee have asked me to announce that "LUFORO BULLETIN" will continue, possibly in an amended form.

This will ensure continued recognition of LUFORO as an independent society, for it must be realised that in joining the Association every member society retains its autonomy.

However, the British U.F.O. Association will publish a quarterly Journal, which will give coverage to British sightings investigated by any of the nine or more member societies. The Journal will be professionally printed by Xerography. One advantage of this method is that diagrams, sketches, press cuttings, extracts from other publications etc., can be reproduced photographically without additional expense.

Reports of sightings which are considered to be probably of genuine UFOs, will be written up in a readable form for publication. Details will be given of investigations carried out by the particular society, and, as far as possible, reasons will be given for any conclusions reached by the investigators. In addition, the reports will include comment by expert ufologists, explaining why the reports published are considered to be of sightings of genuine UFOs, and where there is doubt, the appropriate arguments will be discussed.

As LUFORO develops its index system and Information Service on behalf of the Association, it will be possible to compare sightings analytically with similar sightings that have been previously reported. Such informed comment will enable us to learn progressively about the UFOs we are studying, and with the supplementary assistance of logical speculation, we can expect to develop our understanding of UFOs through the pages of the Journal as the years go by.

The areas covered by the various societies or branches of the Association for regional administration purposes will be shown in each issue of the Journal, together with the addresses of the regional organisers, with whom members in the respective areas will be requested to keep in touch and to report local UFO sightings to them so that investigations can be directed immediately and efficiently.

The Council of the Association has agreed to a system whereby persons may, if they wish, receive the Association's quarterly Journal and still remain members of LUFORO or one of the other member societies, by making a single payment of one guinea to the appropriate society, providing that they make their application on the Association's membership application form and return it in accordance with the Association's standard procedure. Alternatively, persons may become individual members of the Association by completing a different section of the application form. In either case persons applying will receive four quarterly issues of the Association's Journal.

You are requested to defer payment of your guinea until February, when the necessary details and application form will be sent you.

G.N.P. Stephenson (Chairman & Editor.)

L U F O R O B U L L E T I N

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P.StarkeyFAST-MOVING "LIGHT" OVER MORECAMBE BAY

After a report of an unidentified white light over the Morecambe Bay area off the Lancashire coast on the night of December 28th 1962 the Air Ministry Air Traffic Control Centre, near Preston, told police that a pilot had reported something similar.

He saw a light travelling east to west between 700 and 800 miles per hour at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

Possibly the same object was seen from Levens Bridge the same night by a man looking in a south-westerly direction, but he described the object as 'green' in colour. Commenting, the Morecambe, Heysham and Lancaster "Visitor" reported that a green signal had no significance in the international distress code, ruling out the explanation that it was a distress rocket.

A police spokesman said: "So far there is no explanation". Local coastguards, however, told a reporter from the West Lancashire "Gazette" that it was 'probably' a large meteor.

This sighting, a report of which appeared in the "Times", is being investigated by the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena at Stockport, and it is hoped that personal accounts will be published in the first issue (Spring Edition) of the British UFO Association professionally-printed Quarterly Journal.

STRANGE OBJECT SEEN OVER W. AUSTRALIA

From the "Sydney Morning Herald", December 12th 1962.

Perth, Tuesday.

An unidentified crescent-shaped object sighted high in the sky at noon today caused a stir at Albany, 253 miles south of Perth.

The head of the meteorological staff of the Albany post-office, Mr. Bernie Hall, watched the object for nearly three and a half hours.

"The object is definitely not a weather balloon of the type used by Australian weather stations," he said. "I have no idea what it is."

No Aircraft in the Area.

The acting government astronomer, Mr. B.J. Harris, said today at Perth Observatory that he had received information about the object, but could not identify it.

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"At the moment it is a mystery, and we have not been able to pick it up here," he said.

No aircraft were flying in the Albany area at the time of the sighting. The post-office staff first saw the object while tracking a weather balloon at midday.

It was white, appeared to be of considerable size and crescent-shaped.

The object was moving in a south-westerly direction at slightly spasmodic speeds ranging from about six to eight degrees an hour, about 320 to 560 miles an hour.

A news broadcast by a local radio station brought scores of people out of doors. The object was barely visible to the naked eye at times, but it could be seen quite clearly through the balloon-tracking telescope at the post-office and through binoculars.

"ANOTHER LAKELAND FLYING SAUCER?"

"Walker tells of 60ft Phenomenon on the Fells

(From the Lancashire "Evening Post", 21st December 1962.)

"While searching for Christmas Holly on the low fells near Langdale, in the bright Lakeland sunshine on Wednesday afternoon, a young Westmorland man saw what he believes was a flying saucer.

"He watched it hovering in the sky for several minutes before it disappeared at a great speed, and he has given me a careful description of what he saw. The young man is 21 year old Harold Threkfield of Grassgarth Cottage, Ings, Staveley, near Kendal who is employed by Messrs. Croppers paper mills at Burnside.

"Mr. Threkfield has done two drawings for me of what he had seen.

"He told me he had gone into the Langdale area for holly and drove past Skelwith Bridge. He was about half a mile from Elterwater village when he stopped his van and walked up the fellside on the right of the road.

BUZZING NOISE

"He went on: "As I was walking up the fell I heard a sort of buzz. I paid no attention at first, but then it seemed to get louder and louder and I looked round and saw nothing.

"Then I happened to glance up again and saw a huge disc thing in the sky, like a saucer upside down. It seemed to be hovering about 700ft. up and I watched it for about a minute or so.

"Then it came down to about 150 feet and I must have watched it for a further two minutes.

"all at once it swished away at a tremendous speed and disappeared in the direction of Wrynoise Pass."

I questioned Mr. Threlkeld closely. "It must have been about 50ft. to 60ft. across," he said, "and it was of a metallic bluish colour. No, it was not spinning round."

"As it shot away I could see the underneath side very clearly. It had three projections very clearly seen rather like the shape of beer barrels underneath, and as it went away at a slant I could see a sort of dome on top."

PROJECTIONS

"There were other projections round the top of the saucer and I could see the underside very clearly. I could see through the dome and saw that there were something like tables or benches inside."

"It was just like a saucer with the rounded part on top and it sounded like a flight of bees, only much louder."

"I haven't seen anything like it in my life and I still haven't got over the surprise."

"There were also things like spars all round the rim of the saucer."

"Mr. Threlkeld saw the object in very clear weather at about four in the afternoon."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UFOs Photographed over Massachusetts.

On the afternoon of May 25th 1962 at one p.m. four photos were taken of a UFO as it passed over Barlington, Massachusetts. The pictures, though badly underexposed, show a dark, circular object. That night, mysterious objects were seen over Bridgetown, Mount Washington and Fort Thomas in Ohio.
Credit: Robert Gribble of America.

VENEZUELA

Luminous Object Seen by Highway Workers in Paysandu.

Highway workers confirm having seen a strange object which, when observed with binoculars, appeared to be of circular form, with some kind of propellers.

This happened whilst the workers were carrying out work in the National Route 3, near Constancia. These people say that the noise which the motor produced was similar to that of an aeroplane, and when the noise stopped the object rapidly disappeared, emitting as it did so a reflection of intense luminosity.
From a Venezuelan newspaper, 31st August 1962.

(A more detailed and accurate report on this sighting, which occurred in URUGUAY, has been received since the above was typed, and appears on page 6.)

FLYING SAUCERS OVER ITALY (CONTINUED)

Readers will remember in the July-August Bulletin the report of UFO activity over Italy by Roberto Pinotti of Florence, LUFORO's Italian Representative. Here he continues it together with two amusing contact claims.

April 30th, 1962.

"Eugenio Siragusa, an excise officer who lives at Corso delle Province 146, Catania (Sicily), met on this day two extraterrestrial pilots near the Aetna Volcano (Mount Manfre). The two beings gave him a message of peace for the rulers of the world. He sent this message to President Kennedy, Premier Kruschew; Queen Elizabeth, General de Gaulle and Pope John XXIII, as well as the Italian Premier. Only De Gaulle answered him, thanking him for his letter. He did not report his contact to the press, and only six months later the magazine LA DOMENICA DEI CORRIERE gave an account of his experience in an article by Renato Albanese. Mr. Sigagusa is (apparently) an honest and intelligent man, and he did not behave like Mario Zuccala, the tailor from San Cascubi who had a similar contact in April last, who seemingly tried to make the most of it for personal gain. As LUFORO representative I wrote to him at once in order to obtain further details; he answered that the Interplanetarians he met revealed to him many things (including the secret of propulsion of the saucers, of course); but at the moment he cannot reveal anything! Mr. Sigagusa has now formed the CENTRO STUDI FRATELLANZA COSMICA (Center of Studies of Cosmic Brotherhood.)

June 26th, 1962.

"During that night the Peregozza family had a very unusual experience. The family live at Via Abramo Massolongo 5, Veroa. That night they noticed a flying saucer hovering over the Santa Anastasia church. After having observed it for a long time, they decided to go to bed. Shortly after, Mrs. Peregozza and her daughter Luisa were awakened by an intense cold. This was very strange because that night was very warm. Suddenly a green light entered the bedroom through the open window and in it came a strange and huge figure which began to materialize. It was a bald-headed giant, and began to approach them. The two women cried for help, and then young Roberto entered their bedroom. The apparition then began to shrink and vanished. If the story is true (IF) then it was probably a sort of 3-D projection from the flying saucer, whose pilots wanted to contact them.

September 29th, 1962.

"A UFO is seen and photographed over Fiesole, near Florence. This

photo was published later by "LA NAZIONE", the most important paper of Tuscany. The form of this UFO was very unusual; it was like the "apiccas" which were seen in twenty formations over the town of Flint (Michigan) on April 20th, 1952 (Bluebook; see in the Mar-Apr 1956 issue of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW: "Flying Saucers - The ocular proof").

November 4th, 1962.

"Falling of fibrous material ("Angels' hair") on Porto Garibaldi, a village near Comacchio (North-Adriatic Coast). This happening was reported by Alessandro Mossotti in "LA DOMENICA DEL CORRIERE".

December 9th, 1962.

"Mr. Antonio Candau, a young man of Bologna, claims he met two pilots from a flying saucer which had landed in Via Codivilla. The two Extraterrestrials spoke to him in their incomprehensible language for one or two minutes, then they re-entered their scout-ship which took off at once in the night. Mr. Candau did not report his contact at once for fear of being disbelieved, and his story appeared only in the December 23rd 1962 issue of "LA SETTIMANA INCOM ILLUSTRATA", in a long article by Cesaro Carassiti.

December 18th, 1962.

"Francesco Rizzi, a night watchman of Milan, claims to have witnessed the landing of a small flying saucer in the courtyard of the factory "Cascami Seta", at Via Santa Valeria 3, in the central part of the town. He says that saucer was like an English helmet, and was five or six meters in diameter. It did not land, but hovered over the ground; a porthole opened and a little man, about one meter tall, appeared to him: but a second being, whom he could see inside the object, ordered him to re-enter with an imperious gesture of his arm, and the little "spaceman" obeyed. Then saucer took off in the night with a hissing noise. Mr. Rizzi reported his sighting at once to the Police, and then to the Press; the result was that he lost his job! However, that saucer was seen by many other people over Milan, that night. This story appeared in a number of Italian papers and magazines, and on December 29th, Walter Chiari, a well-known Italian movie star, in the TV show "STUDIO 1", spoke about Mr. Rizzi's experience in his sketch, and wished him a happy new year, asking his managers to re-employ him. "You can't fire a man only because he happened to see a flying saucer!" he said. But Mr. Rizzi is still out of work. How edifying!"

December 22nd, 1962.

Giovanni D'Agata and Italo Magri, two young postmen of Catania.

said they saw in the night a "Spaceman" walking in Piazza Spirito Santo. He was about one meter and eighty centimetres tall, wore a space suit and helmet, and walked like a palmiped. They approached the "alien", but when they noticed that he had no face inside his helmet, they fled in terror! When they turned round, the "spaceman" had disappeared. (from "LA NAZIONE").

REPORT FROM URUGUAY

"El Ciovi publishes information on the recent event in Paysandu"

(This newspaper "EL PAIS" dated 5th September, 1962, was sent us by E.C. Duggan.)

"CIOVI (Investigation centre of U.F.Os.) which is concerned with sightings of flying saucers in Uruguay has forwarded information about an object seen over Paysandu last week.

"The observation was made in the neighbourhood of Constancia, about 15 kilometers from the city of Paysandu, on Route 3. Witnesses were Snr Arthur Davinson who is a surveyor, Snr Ricardo Galetta and Snr Luis Ma Cabrera.

"The abovementioned are all officials in Region 4 of the Public Highways and they were busy at their usual work when they heard a strange humming sound, faint but quite distinct. At first they were unable to decide the origin of this sound but on looking up into the sky they saw almost overhead a brilliantly shining object. This object was spherical with long rays of prismatic light springing from its centre; it was very brilliant, motionless in the sky and apparently of enormous size.

"The witnesses affirm that this brilliance seemed to belong to the object itself and yet the outlines were clearly visible. One very significant feature of the phenomenon was that the object had four projections at angles of 90 , and at each of the four extremities there was a smaller sphere just as luminous as the large sphere but with diameters about one sixth or one seventh of the size of the original sphere. These projections appeared to be formed by shafts from the larger object, which extended to each of the smaller ones. The general colour of the object was described as being like aluminium or chrome but very brilliant; and the surfaces of the spheres were highly polished and presented a uniform appearance, however no details could be seen on them.

"At a certain moment the object wavered and oscillated thus giving the observers a different angle of the view, then tilting slightly towards the N. West and rising vertically the object disappeared from view in a fraction of a second. There was no change in brilliance nor in sound--it simply became smaller and disappeared in an incredibly short space of time.

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"One of the observers gave this opinion:-

The speed with which this object was lost to our sight was the thing that impressed me most---diminishing in size to the point of disappearing all within that fraction of a second. So sudden a transition from inertia to rapid movement and the attainment of so great a velocity instantaneously would undoubtedly have destroyed any machine known to us, according to all the laws of Physics.

"The phenomenon was observed for about a minute and a half and visibility was excellent since the sky was absolutely clear. The witnesses were amazed, never having seen anything of this nature in their lives before.

"This then is the sighting----it should also be made clear that the witnesses, interviewed separately, agreed in every detail of their accounts.

"This is the first information we have received about investigation of this particular case; it will be sent up for examination together with all the other details which we hold in connection with sightings which have occurred in the Province of Entre Rios (Argentina) and in Paraguay.

"Without doubt this is the most important sighting on record in Uruguay this year."

UFOS OVER BRITAIN

by John Cleary-Baker

The following analysis of 60 reports of UFOs over the British Isles made in the years 1956 and 1957 may prove of interest. All the reports have been evaluated as carefully as possible, in order to eliminate sightings of misidentified known objects and natural phenomena.

Area distribution of reports was as follows:

Wales	.....	1
N. Ireland	.....	1
Eire	.....	1
Scotland	.....	8
England	.....	49
English counties:		
Yorkshire	.....	6
London Area	.....	6
Lancashire	.....	4
Nottingham	.....	3
Warwick	.....	3
Kent	.....	3
Gloucester	.....	3
Oxford	.....	2
Hampshire	.....	2
Other Counties	.....	1 or Nil.

So far as can be gauged, reports do not follow the distribution of population in various areas, as they would if the UFOS were not intelligently controlled objects - a fact also noted by U.S. official investigators.

A further check was made on the number of reports made in each of the twelve months. Considering the small number of reports, (60), the deviations from the norm of 5 per cent per month are interesting and possibly significant:

JAN. ... 4	JULY. ... 6
FEB. ... 5	AUG. ... 3
MAR. ... 3	SEP. ... 5
APR. ... 10	OCT. ... 4
MAY. ... 5	NOV. ... 3
JUNE. ... 12	DEC. ... NIL.

Of course, 60 reports are too few to enable any firm and definite conclusions to be drawn from them. It does seem, however, that the period April to July finds these Islands more favoured with UFO visitations than during the rest of the year, also that London and the North "hog" a disproportionate share of these visitations. Generally, too, I note that coastal rather than inland areas are visited.

I would like to appeal to LUFORO members to co-operate with me and with each other in preliminary spadework necessary in the compilation of statistics like the above. A lone individual obliged to undertake both spadework and analysis finds the task extremely laborious, especially when time is limited.

Theories and speculations are two-a-penny today in the field of UFO Research and will lead nowhere. We have stacks of data but must get down to the job of sifting it and extracting from it everything of value it contains.

J. Cleary-Baker,
Historian, LUFORO.

FROM SHIPS AT SEA

On November 1st, 1962, an interesting UFO was observed in the Red Sea, according to an official report just received. This, and other reliable reports that may from time to time be received from merchant ships or official sources, will be reported in the Association's Journal.

DISAPPEARANCES OF PERSONS

Date	Persons	Place of Disappearance	Reference
1850	Crew of "Seabird"	Atlantic	Fate, April, 1953.
cl865	Unknown man	Hammersley Fork, Pennsylvania.	Jessup, M.K. (1955) The Case for the UFO, Arco, p.139.
1872	Crew of "Marie Celeste"	Atlantic	Jessup (op.cit.) pps.119-125.
23/9/1880	David Lang	12 miles from Gallatin, Summer Co., Tennessee, USA.	Wilkins, H.T. Mysteries Solved & Unsolved pps. 132-3. Jessup (op.cit.) pps.143-4
1885	Isaac Martin	Salem, Virginia, U.S.A.	New York Sun 25/4/1885
24/12/1890	Oliver Lerch	South Bend, Indiana, USA.	Fate, September 1950.
10/1902	Crew of Freya	Pacific	Jessup (op.cit.) p.129
24/7/1924	Flt-Lt. W.T. Day & Pilot Officer D.R. Stewart	Mesopotamia	Sunday Express 21&28/9/1924
1953	Crew of Holchu	Indian Ocean	Times-Herald (Washington D.C.) 11/2/1953
20/8/1962	Senhor Rivalino Mafra da Silva	Duas Pontes, Diamantina, Brazil.	Flying Saucer Rev- iew, Nov-Dec '62, 8, 6, 10.

Our thanks are due to Basil Nubel and S. Whitehead.

Gloucestershire Sighting

On 24th November, 1962, a large pale-blue moon-sized object with a fiery trail, moving north at not very great speed, was observed by Gloucestershire witnesses who rang the B.B.C.'s Bristol News Room. Later one of the witnesses was interviewed on Radio Newsreel.

"FLYING SAUCERS"

. magazine

The Librarian has a good supply of issues of "Flying Saucers", the American bookstall magazine edited by Ray Palmer, from March-April to November-December, which he would like to clear if possible. Will anyone interested in obtaining copies please write to the address below, stating the months required. The magazine sells at 2/10d per copy, post included. The January-February issue is also available. Annual sub. 17/-.

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Unbiased scientific investigation of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects and associated claims;
collection of first-hand evidence of verifiable data;
publicising information in bulletins and by other means;
and bringing about closer co-operation and understanding
between UFO researchers.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

"Flying Saucers in History"

Saturday, 2nd February 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

at Kensington Central Library

(off Hornton Street, opposite Kensington High Street Underground Station)

Mr. J. Cleary-Baker, LUFORO's Historian, will show that UFOs existed long before they hit the headlines in 1947. The historical aspect of UFOs is a very important one, and this should prove a most interesting lecture.

"Contactees I Have Met"

Lecture by Desmond Leslie

Saturday, 2nd March 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

Kensington Central Library has been provisionally booked.