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THE RECESSION HAS AFFECTED US ALL!

In common with businesses and organisations countrywide, BUFORA has felt the severe effects of financial constraints.

The decision to replace the Journal with the Bulletin, the first issue of which you are now reading, was taken largely as a solution to a major financial problem.

The Journal, as it was, had become extremely expensive mostly because of its excellent, but costly, format - high quality printing and paper. It was absorbing costs to such a degree that BUFORA was in danger of collapse.

We believe that the new Bulletin will be able to give members even more information and reports, but at a greatly reduced cost, losing only the 'glossiness' of the old Journal.

We see this aspect - more contact with membership - as a step forward and while we recognise that the change has elements of a step backwards this should be seen in the context of great financial difficulties in the field of 'Ufology'. Alpha magazine has disappeared and publications equally prestigious to the Journal are, even now, undergoing some great financial soul-searching.

Let us look towards the future - more funds for research, more support for investigators and more contact with a deserving membership who have stood by us in our troubles.

J. L. Spencer - Treasurer
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F A R E W E L L

As members will appreciate, the task of putting together a Journal every two months is no mean one and - to do the job properly, as I believe I have done - it takes time: to be precise, between fifteen and twenty hours each week!

Earlier this year a number of factors combined to cut down, indeed, almost eliminate the number of hours I could continue to devote to the production of the Journal. In all fairness, therefore, to BUFORA members, the BUFORA Council and myself, I decided it was best to relinquish the editorship.

That, due to financial considerations, the Journal is no longer to appear in the same format is entirely coincidental, though personally a source of regret; on the credit side, however, it will enable my successors to start with a completely clean sheet.

I remain - and intend to remain - a BUFORA Council member: maybe at a future date when problems of time and finance are resolved I may once again have the pleasure - for despite the time involved it has been a pleasure - of again editing the BUFORA Journal in a format similar to the one it has hitherto maintained since its inception in 1964.

My thanks and best wishes to all those who have assisted me during my editorial 'stints' - some 30 Journals in all. Those who succeed me will have my full support in endeavouring to sustain the high regard in which BUFORA's publications are currently held.

Norman Oliver

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want first of all to express my deep appreciation of the honour the British UFO Research Association has done me in making me its President. The duties of this office are, I know, unlikely to be onerous, but I shall always be glad to do what I can to help to elucidate the mysteries which BUFORA seeks to probe.

I think that the members of BUFORA are entitled to learn something of what their President thinks about Unidentified Flying Objects and this, my first appearance before them, seems to be the appropriate opportunity to give them - and indeed all of you an idea of my approach to the problem of identifying the unidentified.

At various times in my life I have been asked, notably by Sir James Barrie, 'Do you believe in fairies?' and I have been able categorically to answer 'No'. Some 70 years ago my contemporaries were apt to ask me 'Do you believe in Father Christmas?' and, assuming that my questioner was inviting my opinion, not about the Christmas spirit, but about the existence of a supernatural being of abounding generosity and abnormal powers of translation, I again was able, after mature consideration, to answer 'No'.

To-day, acquaintances, learning that I took part in a House of Lords debate on UFOs, or on learning that I had become President of BUFORA, only too frequently ask me 'Do you believe in UFO's?' Now I must say, Ladies and Gentlemen, that, unlike the first two questions I have mentioned, this is a very silly question indeed. If I see in the sky some object which neither I, nor whoever may be with me, can identify, it is, quite inevitably, an Unidentified Flying Object. And if all subsequent enquiry fails to explain it, it stays an Unidentified Flying Object. What I find quite unacceptable is the assumption, by the more credulous of our contemporaries, that any flying object for which a terrestrial, astronomical or meteorological explanation cannot be found, must be from inner or outer space. Before any such assumption is acceptable, we must eliminate the more obvious possibilities of meteorites; of satellite launching rockets burning up on re-entry into the atmosphere; of remotely piloted vehicles, with which even now we are not very familiar; of weather balloons; of trick reflections of light; of ball lightning and so on. If in any particular case, in any sighting, all such natural possibilities can be eliminated, we are certainly left with an identification problem of the first magnitude. With some of the evidence with which I have been presented I am frankly dissatisfied, and that is why I suppose I am described as a sceptic. But to be a sceptic is not necessarily to be an unbeliever, and I will try to tell you what I do believe.

It is impossible to believe, that in the infinite vastness of space, what we call LIFE is confined to this earth. It would be quite unwarrantable to assume that EARTH, in supporting life as it does, is unique. There has been no evidence so far, at least no evidence I find acceptable personally, of life as we know it anywhere else in the solar system. But the solar system is a trivial star in the immensity around us. Our commonsense insists that there must be other concentrations of intelligent existence elsewhere in the universe. Our commonsense also tells us, that if intelligent

life has developed elsewhere, it is more likely than not to have developed differently from the way it has on earth.

We far too readily assume that life elsewhere must be like life here: that 'life' cannot exist if conditions do not approximate to earthly conditions. Obviously there are regions in space where we could not exist, because, for example, it is too hot or too cold. But should we dismiss the possibility of intelligent individuals, utterly unlike ourselves in physical characteristics, existing in these regions? They may enjoy 1000°C. They may not need to breathe oxygen - they may not need to breathe anything. They may function in ways unimaginable to us. They may appear utterly different. They may not appear at all.

Contemplating the infinity of space, this awe inspiring immensity in which Earth can be but a grain of sand, we must feel

that we are unimportant
that we are probably not unique
that in an infinite universe we are perhaps reproduced
an infinite number of times
that there is an infinite variety of other kinds of
intelligent existence.

It is when we think of their possible forms that imagination begins to boggle. It is when we think of communication with them that the machinery of contact is difficult to devise. It is when we think of concentrations of intelligence light years distant that we realise that, unless we are wrong in our deduction that the speed of light is a limiting speed, visitors from outer space, if any, must be away from home for light years and so must exist in a different time-scale.

All this means to me that while, to put it mildly, the existence of collective intelligence elsewhere is highly probable, the problems of communication, to put it equally mildly, must be fantastically difficult. But I do believe that there is life, in the broadest meaning of that word, elsewhere. I do believe that it could be like ours on earth and I do believe it could be fantastically different. I do believe it might be able to make its presence known to us. What I am not sure about is whether it ever has.

Some of you here, I know, believe it has, and I intend to give my most serious consideration to your convictions, your records, and your experiences. There is much to be discovered, much to be explained and I wish that more and more resources could be employed to find the truth. Meanwhile we must do our best to explain the seemingly inexplicable, and in wishing you good fortune in this quest, I declare the 2nd International Congress open.

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I enjoyed reading the three 'sociological' points on p.217. Whilst I might dispute the second - that the ETH is a 'belief rather than a reasoned deduction', the other two - that '90% of ufologists are passive' and that most of us 'enjoy ufology....to solve the mystery would be self-defeating, it exists for its own sake....and is self-perpetuating', I go along with whole-heartedly.

A Handbook for Ufologists is the sub-title, and an excellent handbook it is.

Norman Oliver
June 1981

The most immediate reflection of this editor is that we are currently in a period of recession. By that I do not mean the disastrous economic recession which afflicts the world - although that has dolorous enough effects on us - but rather the recession in the matter of UFO reports which constricts the activities of investigating associations and groups, and the editors of UFO journals around the world.

I have commented briefly on this situation in the Editorial leading article of Flying Saucer Review, Volume 26, No.5, and indeed the situation would seem to have given the lie to some hairy old bogies which have been raised in the past. May I remind you of part of what was written in that article:-

That UFOs are seen is due entirely to the stress of modern life, so we have been told; alternatively they are generated by over-viewing of films and television documentaries on the subject; again, they are the result of too much exposure to articles about them in the popular press and magazines.

It was pointed out that there is plenty of stress caused in our modern world by events like Afghanistan, Iraq - v - Iran, Poland, war and famine in South East Asia, likewise in East Africa, nuclear weapons and re-arming, the economic blizzard, the senseless killing of John Lennon. To that can be added the escalation of events in Northern Ireland, and the assassination attempts on the President and on the Pope. The big movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind was re-jigged and re-circulated. The part magazine The Unexplained continues to spread the message.

All this stress; all this publicity, but still no surge of UFO reports, no new wave.

Indeed it would seem there is a very real recession.

So now is as good a time as any for the pleasurable exercise of reflection on the past. Perhaps some hints for the future may emerge. Let us leave today's gloom and take a trip back sixteen or more years. (Who suggested Time Travel isn't possible?)

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I was asked to edit Flying Saucer Review on a temporary basis when Waveney Girvan was lying seriously ill during the autumn of 1964. At that time we were emerging from what was considered to have been a period of recession in reports of UFOs. I believe it was Jacques Vallée who described that era, the early Sixties, as the "Dark Age of Ufology".

Such considerations happened to be wide of the mark for, even before Waveney died, reports were beginning to pour in from many parts of the world - Socorro was one of the leaders of that surge. After that it took months and months of slogging by Gordon Creighton to translate the mass of material which inundated us, and most of those reports came from South America in respect of the period 1962-1964. (At that time our new correspondent in Argentina, Oscar Galíndez, had collected heaps of cuttings, and waited until he had large parcels of them to send, so they were quite old by the time we received them.)

So there had not been a dark age at all. And in the reports we gathered in from Galíndez, and Dr. Buhler in Brazil, and elsewhere, there were fascinating aspects, some of which were quite new to me. They seemed to suggest that if UFOs were extra-terrestrial visitors, then the technology that controlled them was certainly of the 21st century.... and they were certainly beyond our ken.

On reflection it seems that up to that time - 1964, that is - most people who were interested in UFO reports leaned heavily in favour of the idea that the reported visitors were of extra-terrestrial origin. And if the UFOs, the objects, the craft, carried occupants, then those occupants were the counterparts of Earth's own astronauts and cosmonauts, and it was a matter for speculation among ufologists that a survey was being made of our planet with a view to a possible landing here in a proper co-ordinated fashion. That there were divergent views on how this was happening is well-known.

Suffice it to say there were those who were impressed by stories of the "evangelical" contactees who claimed to have held conversations, often of a philosophical nature, with landed ufonauts and even in some cases to have taken space trips with them. These folk quite often formed themselves into active and vocal groups intent on spreading the message they'd received and, consequently, they suffered a lot of "stick" from an eager media.

There were other groups, however, like NICAP of Washington, D.C., and APRO of Tucson, Arizona, and BUFORA of London, who wished to establish the scientific respectability of the subject, and to them, not surprisingly, the lunar day-trippers were anathema. Indeed it was not until the mid-Sixties that NICAP, for example, got round to admitting that there were perhaps a dozen puzzling landing cases where humanoid entities had been seen but, mark you, not of the long blonde-haired and toothy smiling variety. It was quite obvious that, thanks to the furor surrounding contactee George Adamski and his long-haired Venusian, that NICAP preferred their flying objects without pilots! Unfortunately the media were usually blind to such fine distinctions and invariably proved too eager to lump everyone together in the same "nut file".

That, then, for what it is worth, is a brief summary of the scene in 1964. I suggest we return to those topics which compelled the attention of a new editor working on his first issues. A new editor, by the way, who believed NICAP in their super caution had "bottled out" with their "holy dozen"; a new editor who had cut his teeth on Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery by the wise and erudite Aimé Michel, the greatest researcher of them all, and so knew that the humanoids formed a massive part of the phenomenon. He was soon to meet some more!

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I well remember the arrival of two small packages. Both had come from the United States, one from a young researcher named Jerome Clark of Minnesota, but at that time at college in South Dakota, and the other - the earlier of the two - from an investigator, Marvin W. Smith of Everett in the State of Washington.

Jerry Clark had latched on to a suggestion by Antonio Ribera in FSR Vol.10, No. 3, (May-June 1964), that "...UFO occupants may present themselves in

terms familiar to 'contactees', (Ribera meant anyone making any kind of contact - not "evangelical" contactees), and he expanded the idea, using an 1897 "Airship" case to illustrate his argument. This was that the occupants of a UFO were capable of presenting themselves to the human witnesses in a frame of reference a step or two ahead of human technological development. His equating of the 1897 "airship" and crew to the modern UFO and occupants caused me to pause: I was aware that 1947 only marked the beginning of modern publicity for the flying saucer, for I had been very interested in news in 1946 of the "Ghost rockets" over Scandinavia and, when in 1947 I read news of Kenneth Arnold's sighting, the "penny dropped". I had also heard of the "Foo Fighters" (1943-45) but it had never occurred to me that UFOs had been around since 1896-97, or probably well before that.

The fledgling editor was faced with a new possibility which, while not denying the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, certainly prompted doubts about our aerial visitors and their purpose here. The 1897 reports which were ferreted out in the following years contained descriptions which one would not expect of the extra-terrestrial counterparts of Gagarin, Glenn and Co. (The same could be said to have applied to the 1954 humanoid visitors - and they were before Gagarin, Glenn and Co.) The humanoids, or rather, the ufonauts, had been a very long time surveying the planet - which gave me some ease of mind when contemplating the first-ever report I'd received, the one from Marvin W. Smith of Everett.

Mr. Smith's report came, as I recall, largely in questionnaire form, so it required considerable editing to make it into a short article. It described two strange contacts, claims made by a retired - and retiring - lady who lived on Whidby Island, which is situated in Puget Sound, not too far from Everett. The investigator had learned of the incidents during a casual conversation, and they seemed so remarkable that he straightaway embarked on a search through directories, made telephone calls and wrote letters. His activity got him nowhere; the good lady did not want to know, and her case had never been publicised. In February 1964 Mr. Smith took the bull by the horns and voyaged over to the island and visited the lady. In the end she relented, but insisted she should be hidden behind a pseudonym, "Mrs. Ruth Brown". She wanted no publicity and was highly critical of the testimonies of some contactee claimants about whom she'd read. She suspected they wanted to cash in on their alleged experiences; she wanted none of that.

So what was it that she, one of the earliest "repeater" witnesses, claimed had happened?

<u>Encounter 1</u>	JULY 1963.	HOUSE 1/2-MILE FROM NEIGHBOUR
	AFTER TV, BED	"PRICKLY" SENSATION. UNEASY FEELING
	BEING WATCHED?	OUTSIDE WINDOW, CRAFT HOVERING.
	INQUISITIVE	RAN OUT INTO YARD. CRAFT GONE.
<u>Encounter 2</u>	OCTOBER 1963	BREAKFAST DAYLIGHT
	OBJECT LIKE JULY ONE SEEN "...APPROACHING FROM THE N."	
	A) AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE, SHORN OF WINGS, ETC.	
	B) TRANSPARENT "FRONT"	3 OCCUPANTS
	C) GRASS FLATTENED	
	D) ONE OCCUPANT CAME THROUGH SIDE	WORE COVERALLS

- ALL CONCEALED EXCEPT OPENING FOR EYES .."NO EYES
 VISIBLE." ENTITY LED CRAFT ROUND HOUSE.
 E) OUT TO YARD. "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" CONFERENCE.
 "ONE OF OUR PARTY KNOWS YOU! WE WILL RETURN!"
 F) RE-ENTRY (SAME METHOD) UFO CONTINUED ROUND HOUSE
 G) UFO TILTED, SHRUNK, DIPPED END INTO GROUND (SUCKING WATER?)
 H) OCCUPANTS WAVED TO WITNESS TO KEEP CLEAR. SHE 'AWARE' OF THIS.
 THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE? NOISY DEPARTURE. TO E.
 J) FUNGUS ON SPOT WHERE DIPPING TOOK PLACE.

All those features, terse in description, sparse in detail, contained in a 1000-word article based on a summary of a meagre investigation. Yet some of those features of the phenomenon were not widely known at the time - if at all. Would the case had been investigated in greater depth. I included it in the FSR November-December issue of 1964.

I was uncomfortably conscious that the witness had admitted to some prior knowledge of the subject, but on reflection, and based on the way she spoke, I would suspect that this was probably gained from the popular press, or from one or two of the contactee books available at the time. One thing for certain is that the Keyhoe books and Coral Lorenzen's The Great Flying Saucer Hoax, and Aimé Michel's Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery did not feature stories of the evangelical contactee kind, or in which the contactee wished to "cash in". NICAP studiously avoided such matters, and especially the ludicrous conversations.

Perhaps we should now examine a few parallels with the Whidby Island case. (I present but a few which spring readily to mind; there must be scores of others.) I doubt whether "Mrs. Brown" would have known about them.

THE "PRICKLY" SENSATION.

ARGENTINE COAL TRUCK DRIVER EUGENIO DOUGLAS (47)

3.30 a.m. OCT 12, 1963 Near MONTE MAIZ, ON WAY HOME
 TO VENADO TUERTO IN PROVINCE OF SANTA FE
 HEAVY RAIN. SOLITARY POWERFUL BEAM OF LIGHT
 FELT A "PRICKLY SENSATION" (TURNED TO BURNING WHEN CLOSE TO SOURCE
 OF LIGHT)

COLLAPSED TRUCK IN DITCH SCRAMBLED UNHURT OUT OF CAB
 SAW BIG OVAL OBJECT. SOURCE OF LIGHT. 3 HUGE ENTITIES OUT
 WITH CLOTHING "STUCK TO BODIES" AND "GLOWING HELMETS"
 BEAMS FROM ENTITIES. PISTOL SHOTS (4) AND FLED (PONCHO ROUND
 HEAD) BUZZED BY OBJECT MORE PRICKLING

FUNERAL WAKE IN MONTE MAIZ LIGHTS AND CANDLES
 CHANGED COLOUR GAVE OFF OBNOXIOUS SMELL
 MOURNERS RAN OUT SAW EUGENIO, DEMENTED, RUNNING ROUND
 STREET LIGHT WITH PONCHO ROUND HIS HEAD.

Perhaps Mrs. "Ruth Brown" of Whidby Island was fortunate she only experienced the prickling sensation.

NEAR LE MANS OCT 7, 1954 ABOUT 6.20 a.m.
 RENAULT WORKERS ON BIKES DISAGREEABLE PRICKLING ALL OVER
 OBJECT EMITTING GREEN LIGHT NEAR ROAD
 ALTHOUGH PARTLY IMMOBILIZED, GOT OFF BIKES SAFELY UFO AWAY

THE "TRANSPARENT" FRONT.

FAMOUS INCIDENTS OF THIS : BRAZIL. AUG. 28, 1963; FRANCE JULY 1, 1965

GARDEN OF HOUSE IN SUBURB FAMILIA SEGRADA OF BELO HORIZONTE,
BRAZIL. 7.50 p.m.
3 BOYS SENT OUT IN GARDEN TO GET WATER TO WASH COFFEE POT
SAW LUMINOUS SPHERE COULD SEE, THROUGH TRANSPARENT WALL OF OBJECT,
4 OCCUPANTS AT CONTROLS?
PARALLEL BEAMS OF LIGHT 1 ENTITY EMERGED TO GLIDE DOWN TOWARDS THEM
SLIGHTLY INFLATED DIVER'S SUIT TRANSPARENT HELMET
BALD HEAD SOLITARY CENTRAL EYE NO BROW
MOUTH MOVING (LIKE COD'S?) NO EARS NO NOSE
WHEN BOY WENT TO HEAVE A BRICK AT HIM, ONE-EYE TURNED AND
DIRECTED BEAM FROM BOX ON CHEST. ARM "PARALYZED".

This case became known only when it was published in Dr. Buhler's Bulletin (in Portuguese) in 1966. It is interesting that the boys spoke of the entity "emerging", with no mention of doors or vents.

There was no mention of "Mrs. Brown" seeing a beam, or beams, of light, but it was daylight, and she could have missed them if they were there.

The Valensole case of 1965 gave another instance of the transparent "front" but we'll mention that later.

There was also Mrs. Roestenberg's 1954 (Oct. 21) report from Ranton near Shrewsbury. Two entities were seen through transparent panels.

GRASS FLATTENED BY HOVERING OBJECT

Many instances of ring swirls of flattened grass have been reported but mostly the connections with UFOs have been speculative.

PREMANON (Jura) FRANCE A good case.

SEPT 27, 1954. PLAYING IN BARN (LIGHT RAIN) THREW STONES AT
"SUGAR LUMP" CREATURE (DESCRIBED AS GHOST BY BOY WITNESS)
LATER, GLOWING RED SPHERE WOBBLING OVER GRASS IN MEADOW.
SWIRLED GRASS DISCOVERED BY POLICE INVESTIGATORS. RING WAS
4 METRES ACROSS ANTI-CLOCKWISE.

EMERGENCE THROUGH SIDE OF CRAFT

A possible similarity was indicated in the Belo Horizonte case just discussed. For ufologists interested in projection hypotheses this is a rare, but valuable, indicator. The entity at Kinnula in Finland was said to have emerged through an aperture in the base of the object, and to have returned through the same gap. I fully expect someone to jolt my memory about other instances.

NO EYES VISIBLE

SOUNDS SINISTER. KINNULA ENTITY JUST ALLUDED TO, JAN 5, 1971
APPEARED TO BE CLOTHED IN COVERALL. HELMET A PART OF THIS,
HAD APERTURE. NO EYE(S) REPORTED SEEN

There has been another aspect of this "no eyes" business:-

GARY WILCOX OF NEWARK VALLEY N.Y.
10.00 a.m. APRIL 24, 1964 (Same day as Socorro case)
FARMER OUT MUCK SPREADING ENCOUNTERED ALUMINIUM HUED EGG-SHAPED

OBJECT. 2 CREATURES WITH TRAYS (SAMPLES?)
4 FT. HIGH. CLOTHING (NO SEAMS) PART OF WHICH WAS HOOD.
NO FACIAL FEATURES, OR SHAPES AS OF NOSE, AND NO EYES.

Again:-

LINHA BELA VISTA, RIO GRANDE DO SUL, BRAZIL
ILLITERATE FARMER, PEDRO MORAIS SAW "COPPER BOTTOMED" OBJECT
LIKE KETTLE. SEWING MACHINE SOUND. 2 SMALL HUMANIDS IN
ANOTHER FIELD. NO FACES SEEN. SEEMED TO BE ENVELOPED IN
YELLOW SACK FROM HEAD TO TOE.
ONE ENTITY TOOK A TOBACCO PLANT THEN BOTH ENTERED OBJECT (HOW?)
WHICH VANISHED IN SECONDS.

THE CONVERSATION

These always fascinate me. Here at Whidby, the entity, having presumably made a fantastic journey from heaven knows where, and on being asked as to what he is doing there, replied "One of our party knows you! We will return!" That borders on the absurd, but is par for the CE3 course, and no more absurd than the conversation on Sr Iriart's farm near Olavarria, B.A., Argentina on July 2, 1968.

FARMER'S SON OSCAR HERIBERTO IRIART. BRIGHT BOY, STUDYING TO
BE AN ACCOUNTANT. OUT RIDING HORSE.
2 "MEN" WITH TRANSPARENT LEGS
DISMOUNTED SAID LARGER MAN:
"YOU ARE GOING TO KNOW THE WORLD."
"YES, OF COURSE, WHEN I HAVE MONEY ENOUGH."
"NO. WE WILL TAKE YOU. WE CANNOT TAKE YOU NOW AS WE HAVE
A BIG LOAD."
HE INDICATED THE CRAFT STANDING IN A DITCH. GAVE ENVELOPE TO
OSCAR AND TOLD HIM TO WET IT. CAME OUT DRY. MESSAGE APPEARED:-
"USTED VA A CONOCER EL MUNDO. P. VOLADOR."
(You shall know the world. F. Saucer)

You will agree with me that that is absurd, but what about this:-

SAN PEDRO DE LOS ALTOS, VENEZUELA AUGUST 7, 1965.
GYNAECOLOGIST AND 2 INDUSTRIALISTS INSPECTING THOROUGHbred
HORSE-BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT. 4.00 p.m.
FLASH IN SKY. LIGHT CAME CLOSER. DISCOID OBJECT SEEN
DESCENDING.
INDUSTRIALISTS WANTED TO RUN. GYNAECOLOGIST STOPPED THEM.
SHAFT OF LIGHT SHOT OUT FROM UNDER UFO.
2 BEINGS 7 OR 8 FT TALL SEEN TO BE DESCENDING IN THE LIGHT
LONG YELLOW HAIR. PROTRUDING EYES. SEAMLESS ONE-PIECE SUITS.
STOPPED 10 FT FROM THE TREMBLING MEN
NO MOVEMENT OF MOUTHS SEEN. CONVERSATION HEARD INSIDE BRAINS

It was a long conversation as these conversations go. Here are some choice morsels from it:-

"...WE ARE STUDYING THE PSYCHES OF THE HUMANS, TO ADAPT THEM
TO OUR SPECIES"

And in answer to the question "...are there any beings like you living among us?"

"YES. 2,417,805!"

And to "...Have you any powerful weapons?"

"YES. WE POSSESS A WAVE COMPRESSOR CAPABLE OF DISINTEGRATING
THE MOON WITH ONLY ONE DISCHARGE"

"Have you brought it with you?"

"NO..."

And so on... The remarkable thing about that particular conversation was that a respected medical man remembered it all - there was a lot more to it than I've told you - word for word - verbatim, and was prepared to discuss it with researchers. It makes one wonder whether the weird messages could be fixed in the recipient's mind by some form of hypnotic suggestion. But why? Could it be a part of a big game of deception.

To complete this section, I have one last, but entirely new message for you. Aimé Michel mentioned it to me in a recent letter. He was referring to the letter by Dr. Willy Smith who, not surprisingly, had found the Dolomites story to be absurd. M. Michel, too, found he could not believe an account given to him by a sober, cultured witness during the 1954 wave, a witness who wanted no publicity. This witness was a very strange contact: he didn't believe his own story! It seems he was driving one evening in the country when he was forced to stop by something he saw in the road ahead of him. He got out of the car and perceived a typical disc-shaped object standing glowing, and between himself and the disc, a little being standing in the road. (The witness thought his adventure not worthy of investigation, so we have no greater detail than this).

The being then approached the witness and, in a mechanical voice, repeated two sentences a number of times:

"La vérité est refusée aux constipés."

and

"Ce que vous appelez cancer vient des dents."

Literally translated, these are:

'Truth is refused to the constipated,'

and

'That which is known as cancer comes from the teeth.'

Naturally Aimé Michel pointed out that "constipé" also means 'stiff' or 'ill at ease' while "vient des dents" can mean 'through what you eat'.

We can echo Aimé Michel, who asked "What truth?" and "Refused by whom?"

RE-ENTERING THE CRAFT

The entity at Família Segrada, near Belo Horizonte, like that at Whidby Island, entered his craft the same way as he emerged - straight up the parallel beams, and in. At Kinnula, in Finland on February 5, 1971, the entity which had emerged and floated down towards the forestry workers, turned tail and floated up again when one man approached it with chain saw running. It appeared to enter the UFO by an aperture - but not before the man, so he said, received a freeze burn when he tried to grasp the entity's foot.

Another interesting case which presented an intriguing aspect of this matter of re-entry, was that of Valensole, on July 1, 1965.

M. MAURICE MASSE TROUBLED BY TAMPERING WITH PLANTS BY UNKNOWN
L'OLIVOL FIELD ENCOUNTER HANDS
GLUTINOUS MUD AROUND CENTRAL PIVOT WHERE IT STUCK IN GROUND.
RETURN TO MACHINE BY MEANS OF SLIDING ALONG BANDS
OF LIGHT, "RISING AND FALLING IN SPACE LIKE BUBBLES
IN A BOTTLE WITHOUT APPARENT SUPPORT"

ENTITIES, ONCE INSIDE, LOOKED OUT AT HIM THROUGH TRANSPARENT
"FRONT" AS MACHINE FLOATED AWAY, THEN DISAPPEARED
WHEN SITE EXAMINED, CENTRAL PIVOT HOLE FOUND TO BE LIKE CEMENT.
LAVENDER PLANTS IN AREA/3 metres ACROSS WITHERED AND DIED.
HAD OBJECT BEEN TAKING ON WATER?

Again

VILLA SANTINA CASE 14.8.47
DISC-SHAPED OBJECT WITH PART BURIED IN CLEFT, ABOVE STREAM.

Many of the cases which I have given for examples were among those which, it was discovered later, had kept the pot boiling when it was generally accepted we were living in a ufological "Dark Age". Cases like Whidby Island, Newark Valley and Socorro broke the spell in North America; Valensole in Europe.

We now seem to be in the midst of a recession in UFO reporting. I don't doubt there will be suggestions that the phenomenon is coming to an end, but I would suspect that that would not be so. For all we know it is continuing apace in remote parts of the globe where, for some reason or the other, communications are not of the best. I think it is well on the cards that there could have been a wave in, say, the Republic of China, where interest has suddenly spurted. There could well be something in Russia. A phenomenon which could have been going on for centuries (remember 1896-97, 1910 and 1912, even the paintings in the caves, from Magdalenian times) such a phenomenon will be with us for always in one form or another.

So apart from investigating and, as is right and proper, largely dismissing the mundane lights in the skies, in the current absence of a wave of closer encounter reports I suggest researchers should take a look back at the cases of the earlier 60's.

Admittedly there were big waves in 1952, and in 1954, but the work about those periods which was published did not reach the broad mass of people, and details were largely forgotten (if known at all) by the 1960s when the official attitude towards the subject generally seemed one of hilarity. Nowadays communications are such that a spectacular case is round the world in the twinkling of an eye.

Remember Valentich. I do not know what the response to it was like in England; I heard all about it on breakfast time radio in Philadelphia, and TV news highlighted it later. Then there was Davy Crockett's New Zealand film taken from an Argosy freight plane in the early hours of December 31, 1978. That film was processed and followed the sun around the world on the same day. It was seen by hundreds of millions of people.

Nowadays the subject is saturated, not only by the media, but by a great mass of hack paperback writers. Should a CE3 or 4 be reported nowadays it must be regarded most carefully for signs of contamination - or of "leading" by the investigators. But the cases of 1962/3/4 could well contain masses of virgin material.

I feel that work of lasting importance for the subject could be done during recessions like this one, if we were to re-open the most promising of these

cases where possible. It can be done. Early in 1970 I received a call from a lady living in the Croydon-Purley area of Surrey. Her sister was married to an Argentinian inspector of air accidents who lived in Córdoba. He was to visit England for a course connected with his profession, and had expressed a wish to meet members of the FSR team. Gordon Creighton, Bryan Winder and I met the crash inspector and found out that he had a connection with Oscar Galíndez, our correspondent. Alberto Astorga (the inspector) asked if there were anything we would like specially to be done, and we suggested that he try to re-investigate the fascinating, but sparsely reported Trancas case of 1963 - and any others that took their fancy.

Some of you will recall the report of their excellent investigation of Trancas, a most complex CE3, which we published in Volume 17, No. 3 (May-June 1971). Unfortunately Oscar Galíndez for some years was unable to spare much time from his legal studies and his work for his doctorate. Now, however, he has returned with the fine study of the Villa Carlos Paz case of an anthropomorphic entity and possible UFO of 1968, and that is currently appearing in FSR.

Unfortunately we cannot afford to wait too long, for the years pass, and the witnesses begin to pass on. I would dearly love to see a re-investigation of that remarkable 1963 Whidby Island case with which I commenced my toil as FSR's editor.

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BOOK REVIEW

UFO Study. A Handbook for Enthusiasts

Jenny Randles

Robert Hale 1981. 271pp £7.95

The price of this extremely comprehensive Handbook may at first seem high, but it is well worth the money, for it provides first-class coverage of Ufology today, with the emphasis on Britain. Written and presented in a very readable style it includes such areas as photographs, physical traces, IFDs, contactees and the UFO witness remarkably compactly and comprehensively in a manner well-suited to the investigator, prospective investigator - and, indeed, even the armchair ufologist.

Amongst its pages are a lengthy index, selected bibliographies, ample references and half-a-dozen appendices, including a UFO Quiz. One might perhaps disagree with the emphasis accorded varying UFO hypotheses - 'The ETH is considered invalid in its primitive form by most modern researchers' - but this is a matter of personal opinion, not fact, and the facts of Ufology are well and ably presented. One might also disagree with the 'ten significant cases' singled out, but, again, this is a matter of opinion and will be largely influenced by the experience(s) of the individual researcher.

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