

The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena extends a welcome to all members in this the first newsletter since our formation one month ago.

We have received excellent publicity from the "Surrey Advertiser" and also in the "Evening Standard" as the result of our participation in the forthcoming National Sky Watch Day on Saturday, June 24th. It has also been noteworthy that our Group has become affiliated to B.U.F.O.R.A. the main British UFO research Group. We are in fact working in close co-operation with them in connection with the organised night watch on the 24th. We may well be lucky enough to have the BUFORA mobile research headquarters in this area on the night. This consists of a van which is fitted out with all of the available UFO detection equipment and is standing by to go to the scene of any area of UFO activity as part of the sky watch plan. As we in the Surrey area have had fairly regular activity, it is quite possible that we may have the benefit of this vanfull of "gadgets".

Apart from the co-operation with BUFORA, we have been contacted by a group of the International Sky Scouts, based at Shepperton and we have been invited to attend their meeting of the 10th June, to discuss how we can mutually gain the maximum benefit from taking part in the sky watch. In order to discuss the results of this meeting and to finalise our own plans for the night of the 24th, we will hold our first meeting in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, (behind Grays Garage on the By-Pass) at 7.30 pm on Monday the 19th of June. This will be an informal get together of members and friends interested in the UFO phenomena, at this stage we do not anticipate inviting lecturers from London etc, although this will eventually come. First of all we need to increase our membership (we have twenty members at present) and then we will not only be ready to invite eminent speakers down, but we will be able to trace more sightings within the local population and this is what our group is all about.

#### UFO REPORTS IN SURREY.

During the last twelve months and before the official starting of the Group, we have investigated fifteen sighting cases and interviewed a total of twenty five people, one particular interview being carried out on behalf of the Cambridge University Group (CUGIUTO). We have had the Guildford 'Double Bubble' mystery and the latest report on April 29th, speaks of a star like object moving across the sky and then hovering. The very latest report which we only received during the last week of May, is of a cone shaped object seen over Caterham, we are hoping to interview this person in the near future. If the details are of sufficient interest, for instance similar to the report in the Sunday Express of May 21st, then we will pass on the information to BUFORA.

#### Newspaper Reports On UFO's

In the latter report above, coastguards reported to the RAF and Ministry of Defence at Plymouth, that a cone shaped object had been seen flying over Brixham in Devon, for nearly an hour. It appeared to hover at 15,000ft. and as it slowly rotated, a door could be seen on its side. The Ministry at first denied that they had received any reports, but they later stated that it might have been the reflection of car headlights or some sort of meteorological phenomena, .....the time was midday.

From the Evening Standard Tuesday April 14th, "Mystery Of The Missing Sputnik": -Russia has created another Space mystery. One of her Spacecraft has literally fallen out of orbit. The question that Western Scientists were asking today was "Did it fall or was it pushed?".

The Sputnik was MOLNYA 2, it was thought to have been a communications satellite, the second in a series of four relay stations for telephone calls, radio and T.V. which the Russians have launched since the Spring of 1965.... But was it? The craft apparently unmanned was put into an egg-shaped orbit ranging from 350 to 24,000 miles out in space. According to all the laws of nature, it should have stayed up for at least 20 years, but it has come down suddenly after 18 months. Western tracking stations have found no trace of it on their radar screens since March 17th, the day before Russia's huge new spaceship was brought back to earth after an eight day mystery mission.

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From the SUN Monday February 20th,...Flying Saucer "Seen".

Fifty Space watchers claimed yesterday that they saw a flying saucer hovering over a small country town at the weekend. The 50 members of the International Sky Scouts staged an all night vigil at Warminster Wilts. They claim that seven times they saw the "long cigar shaped object" hovering over the town. From a hilltop viewpoint they saw the object change colours from white to red, green to orange and back to white.

Keith Palmer who is secretary of the International Sky Scouts said, "Unidentified Flying Objects have been seen here frequently over Warminster and we have decided to try and identify them positively by keeping long vigils". "Unfortunately this time the rain has hampered us, but 50 of our members saw the saucer. That definitely exist and may be dangerous", he added, "When we get positive proof on film, we are going to demand an official Government Investigation into the objects".

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The newspaper extracts above are for general interest and are not necessarily the views held by S.I.G.A.P.  
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#### NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

About a year ago, friends of my family moved out to Australia to an area around ADELAIDE called Para Hills. This area has for many years been a focal point of UFO activity in Australia and before the family left England, I light heartedly warned them to watch out for UFO's, but the family took it as a great joke and the mother of the group in particular.

A few months passed and we received from them this letter ... "Tell .. (me) that there have been some flying objects around Adelaide, that have not been identified. In fact we saw one about two months ago, across the field. We watched it from the lounge window, several people saw it and they still don't know what it was". (23rd November 1966).....an even more interesting extract follows, from a letter dated the 12th April 1967..... "Police are at the moment investigating a Flying Saucer seen over the Northern Area of S.A. They are as big as cars and have stopped some cars on a certain stretch of road. The driver of one car reckoned that when it hovered over him it emitted a 'mercury glow' and then stopped the car engine, as soon as it flew off, the engine started again!" ..... "There has also been seen, an object 'rising like a sky rocket, then rotating and hovering over a paddock, but making no sound" (she quotes a news paper from Adelaide) and then continues.... "It makes you wonder if we are being watched".....it does indeed... O.F.

The extracts from the two letters are extremely interesting, especially as they are from a former cynic. The behaviour pattern is typical of what we know about the UFO mystery, the silent hovering, the stopping of car engines and the strange glow. It all adds up to plenty of activity in South Australia and I have urgently requested newspaper cuttings of these and any further incidents.

Before we leave the Australian scene, there is just one point that we should realise and that is, these sightings are being reported because there are people there to tell the story, can you imagine what might be going on in the rest of Australia where there is no one to tell the tale. It is on record that in the Northern Territory, where only the aboriginals live, there have been countless activity and the aboriginals refer to UFO's as the things from "dreamland".

#### SIGAP LIBRARY BOOKS.

With the help of the members subscriptions we are now building up a library of UFO books, magazines and tapes. Lists of the books available should reach you all shortly. The tapes, which cover various interviews and talks, are on two track and the standard speed of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "...Apply to O. Fowler.

STOP PRESS, Latest sighting, a light over Guildford at 1am May 27th.

Published by :- O. Fowler.

Chairman.

R. Beet.  
Secretary.



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ENQUIRIES to the Hon. Sec. R. Beet, 16, Hillcrest Road, Guildford, Surrey.  
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There can be no doubt that at the present time we are in the midst of a great deal of UFO activity in this area, this is either due to an actual increase in sightings or the fact that thanks to the publicity that the subject is receiving as a result of the Skywatch etc, people are now less reluctant to report some of the strange things being seen.

However, it is essential that a proper investigation is carried out where possible, as the following article will show.....

Guildford Sighting Report :- 2215 25/6/67

SIGAP received a report on Monday 26th June, that an oval white UFO had hovered motionless in the North East at an elevation of 20 degrees and this had been seen by four witnesses in a car travelling along the Hogs Back two miles West of Guildford. The object then appeared to travel towards the North and then it dimmed until it was only a pinpoint of light. On the following Thursday, Mrs Pearce (a SIGAP member) found another witness who had also seen this object, from Beechcroft Drive off the A3, opposite Coombs Service Station.

The original main witness, Mr B. Knowles (a 21 year old music student) also stated that he had seen a similar object one week before on Sunday 18th June at a similar time. With this additional information and their curiosity aroused, a group of twelve people proceeded to the junction of Beechcroft Rd and the A3, where at 2225 on Sunday July 2nd they were able to see a bright shimmering light appear at a position 40 degrees East of North. It hovered for 20 seconds then dimmed sharply and moved towards the North, about two minutes later the object increased in brightness until it reached a magnitude of -2 (that of Venus). It was then observed through binoculars by Dick Beet who observed two bright lights close together, these moved towards the North then, rapidly losing altitude until they virtually landed. The last position was approx. 25 degrees East of North and at the last instant, a flashing red light was seen directly behind the light source.

With this information it became obvious that the light had in fact been an aircraft landing at London Airport (at least 20 miles away) with its twin landing lights showing the course of its approach. A further check was carried out in daylight and L.A.P. proved to be in exactly the position plotted the night before. All witnesses agreed that the lights they had seen were identical to the aircraft landing lights investigated on the July 2nd. As a final check, we have contacted L.A.P. and arranged to have a list of the aircraft landings for that particular period of time.

We feel that this investigation has been well worth while and we wish to thank the witnesses that came forward with the initial reports. Richard Beet.

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The International Skywatch June 24th.

We were very pleased to be honoured with the arrival of the BUFORA radio van and the PANORAMA T.V. outside broadcast team, as the Powley Downs site had been chosen the No 1. site of the country. The watchers included members of BUFORA and the International Sky Scouts as well as the SIGAP members, the total number of genuine spotters was 23, but without doubt local interest was aroused, as by lam on the Sunday morning we had over 60 people on the site. By 4pm on Saturday the radio van had made contact with other groups around London and the first UFO report came over the radio at 5.5pm, it was of a cigar shaped object over Fayden Bois in Essex. At 7pm the night watch officially began and because of poor visibility there were no reports until 11.23pm as by then the cloud began to clear. The latter report was of an orange light bobbing up and down in the W.S.W. approx 5 degrees above the horizon, this was visible for only a few seconds. There was little to report apart from the fact that many onlookers were seeing their first satellites, until at 12.25am someone spotted a thin black line running from side to side across the centre of the moon. This may have been the contrail of a high flying aircraft, as the line seemed to move downwards towards the bottom of the moon. This could be explained by the moon 'rising' up and not the line moving down.... At 12.23am a bright twinkling light sped rapidly across the sky from West to East, this was described as a retrograde satellite, (one about to enter the earth's atmosphere and burn up). By 1.50am the weather had clamped and a cold mist completely covered the sky, however by 3.30am the cloud or mist had broken into patchy areas and at 3.46am a small twinkling light was seen moving toward the East and about the same time a standard satellite was seen moving W.N.W. to E.S.E. The former light was of interest because as a rule satellites move from a Westerly direction to the East, because of the rotation of the Earth and the extra thrust needed to put one into the opposite direction against the Earth's rotation.

After more reports from other parts of the country, particularly the area around Manchester, which seemed to be having a number of peculiar lights bobbing around, the Sky Watch at Powley Downs ended at 7am.

Although nothing "spectacular" was seen at Guildford during the watch, the organisation ran very well and a great deal has been learned about the planning needed for such a venture. ~~Remember~~ this was the first time that a civilian body had set out to organise a sky watch over Britain without any kind of support.

from the services. (O.Fowler.) The film of the Skywatch appeared on PANORAMA  
 ----- 8pm Monday July 10th.

U.F.O. Reports In Surrey.

Since the publication of our first newsletter, a number of sightings have been reported and the majority of these have now been investigated and listed. It is interesting to note that whereas in previous months the reports have numbered an average of two per month, since our last report in the newsletter of June 1st, we have received ten reports of UFO activity around the Guildford and Woking area.

Two of the most interesting reports are briefly detailed here :-

Firstly, a woman at Woking was feeling unwell, so she decided to get up (it was lam)  
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she casually looked out of the window and saw a satellite passing over, it was the first one that she had seen, so she paused for a moment to watch it pass over when her attention was attracted to what appeared to be a red aircraft light. This rapidly grew larger, until it had reached the size of two large plates glowing red, the woman grew alarmed and would have shouted for her husband if their baby had not been asleep, however the red light suddenly moved away at terrific speed and was gone. The next day the woman told her two neighbours, but one was not interested and the other made a comment about drinking (how many times have we heard this ?) but luckily the woman persevered and told the police, we were then informed of the incident via the International Sky Scouts group at Shepperton with whom we are working in close co-operation.

The second case is even more mysterious, it concerns a retired R.A.F. Sqdn. Leader and his wife... they were walking along a footpath at Newlands Corner on Tuesday the 27th June at 12.30pm. Their attention was attracted by what appeared to be a white horse running up and down in a field near Albury Church (approx 1½ miles away) they paused to watch it and then they suddenly realised that it was not a white horse they were watching, but a brilliant white globe like object, about 15ft diameter. This white object appeared to be moving rapidly up and down the field and then it changed direction and cut across at right angles to its previous course. It followed the line of a hedge, then flew over it, skirted around a small herd of cows, approached a line of trees and then after a pause it floated up and over the trees and was last seen moving Eastwards behind the Church..... This is being investigated by I.S.S., B.U.F.O.R.A. & S.I.G.A.P.

There is also the case of two boys who were in a small party camping in the area of Pewley Downs.... They were in their tent and wide awake at lam on the 3rd of June, when they heard what they described as a loud sucking noise, one boy jokingly said it was a flying saucer, they looked out of their tent and.... it was. We have interviewed the boys independently and are satisfied that they did see what they claimed to have seen... a glowing white disc, with lights around the edge flashing on and off. After hovering for a minute or so, the disc sped off Northwards.

#### The S.I.G.A.P. Meeting

19/6/67

This took place in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd and a number of points were discussed, including the possibility of confusing lenticular clouds with UFO's. A Committee was formed and consists of the following persons :- Mr O. Fowler Chairman, Mr R. Beet, Secretary, Mr A. Wake, Treasurer and two further members Mr N. Wynn and Mrs A. Pearce.

A Constitution was accepted by the meeting and copies of this will be sent to each member in the near future. There was a completely unplanned episode, when a Mr J. Birch arrived just as the meeting was ending, to give an account of a Saucer sighting he had, some five years previously. He had never related the complete story to anyone and the members present were able to sit down and listen to the story first hand. This particular report concerned a UFO near the Worplesdon Road.

Stop Press Miss Melissa Marston has kindly donated one of the new UFO Detectors to the Group.



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I am pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of our Secretary Dick Beet, to Miss Violet Webb, who is also a S.I.G.A.P. member. The great day is on August 19th.

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The month of July was an extremely active one from the investigation point of view. The Group investigated ten reports during the month, there were four "Red Ball" type reports and a cigar shaped object at Send, Woking on 2/7/67.

During the investigation of a "White Globe" report at Chilworth, we encountered a hitherto unknown 'red herring' an object known as a "Hawk Balloon" ..... This is a white rubber balloon of 14' diameter, this is tethered to a concrete block and flies at approx 150', a dummy hawk is suspended underneath the balloon by a nylon cord 25' long and the movement of the balloon in the wind, causes the 'hawk' to bob up and down and give the impression of hovering. This contraption is designed to keep the small birds away from the area. We now know that this type of balloon has been responsible for one, if not two local sighting reports.

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U.F.O. DETECTORS.

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, two of the new Mc Carthy detectors were due to be delivered. These have now arrived and one is situated in Guildford and the other is on test before being delivered to its final location which will also be in the Guildford area. There are two other detectors in use in the group, one made by Mr O. Fowler which is based on an earlier Australian 'compass needle' type and the other which has been developed independently by Mr G. Raine and has an unusual feature in having a directional aerial. It is intended to exhibit the various types at our next meeting, this is expected to be on Sept 5th.

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SATELLITE NEWS.

We have recently been fortunate in contacting Mr T. Childerhouse of the Space Dept. Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, who has kindly offered to assist us in assessing "lights in the Sky" reports, by referring to the various satellites listed as being in the area at the time. The number may be quite substantial, as although we tend to think of Echo 1. and 11., or Ariol 2, Mr Childerhouse has supplied the Group with a table of earth satellites that lists over 450 satellites and if the launching rockets are included, together with other odds and ends, the total exceeds 1,200..... Mr Childerhouse has agreed to give a lecture on the subject of satellites at our next meeting, which will be in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd on the By-Pass, Guildford. (September 5th at 7.30pm.)  
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AIDS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF FLYING OBJECTS. (Condensed from the USAF Handbook)

An unidentified flying object can be defined as "An airborne object which by either, performance, aerodynamic characteristics or unusual features does not conform to any presently known aircraft or missile type, or which cannot be positively identified as a familiar object".

Unusual weather or light conditions may transform many familiar objects into U.F.O.'s. A meteor, comet, balloon or aircraft under certain conditions, assumes speeds, movements and shapes which are entirely uncharacteristic of the object when seen under normal circumstances. Aircraft at great heights can appear wingless and project -ile shaped. Objects that appear to hover or move very slowly could be balloons. Flame tinged or brightly glowing objects and those objects leaving a trail of light in their wake, may be identified with meteors and less commonly, comets.

Another explainable phenomenon may be caused by the sun's illumination of vapour trails.

Moving lights at night or shiny objects in the day time, could be aircraft.

U.F.O. PHENOMENA can be classified into the following groups for explanations....

- (1) Conventional aircraft observed from unusual angles.
- (2) Modern jet aircraft flying at great speeds and high altitudes.
- (3) Reflection of sunlight, moonlight or starlight from aircraft and balloons at great height.
- (4) Searchlight reflections on cloud.
- (5) Meteorological and upper air balloons.
- (6) Meteors, comets and stars.
- (7) Planets observed at certain times of the year.
- (8) Meteorological phenomena.
- (9) Cloud formations.
- (10) Birds, especially migratory formations.
- (11) Dust and haze.
- (12) Kites, fireworks and flares.
- (13) Rockets.
- (14) Contrails.
- (15) Physiological conditions.
- (16) Psychosocial conditions.
- (17) Hoax.
- (18) Spare...
- (19) Insufficient technical information, therefore unidentified.
- (20) Unidentified in spite of all technical data.

The above table could be adopted by the S.I.G.A.P. group as an easy reference to the conclusion of an investigation. Therefore on the report form alongside "U.F.O. Type" could be for example "type 5", as an explanation: -that is that the object was definitely/probably/possibly, a meteorological balloon.

Types 19 & 20, would however have to be sub-classified into UFO types, a good topic for a future issue of the newsletter. (R.C.Beet)

If YOU would like to have a short article printed in the Newsletter, please forward it to the Hon Secretary.

Will members please add to their library list "Flying Saucers, Serious Business". If any members have lost their library list, or require further copies will they also contact R.Beet or O.Fowler.

The promised copy of the S.I.G.A.P. Constitution should accompany your copy of the Newsletter this month. As members were told at the last meeting, the Constitution is based on the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association's basic Constitution and should, I hope cover all events. O.Fowler. Chairman.



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The Satellite Lecture.

Mr Tim Childerhouse of the Space Dept. R.A.E. Farnborough, gave a most instructive lecture during the SIGAP meeting at Plastic Coatings Ltd. canteen on the evening of Sept 5th. The talk included the demonstration of a solar cell as fitted to the U.K.3 satellite and working, scale models of the satellite complete with antenna various experiments attached.

From the U.F.O. point of view, Mr Childerhouse gave us several interesting pointers. These were such things as, satellites generally orbit from West to East or over the Poles, but they can rarely be seen moving from East to West as this is directly against the rotation of the earth and known as a retrograde orbit. It is also possible that a satellite with mirror reflectors could be possible for a flashing light seen in the sky and then disappearing, the rotation of a satellite could also account for a continuous flashing light moving across the sky.

Mr Childerhouse also showed large colour photographs taken in space from satellites and of excellent quality, a piece of material from the Echo satellites was also on show and proved to be an extremely thin section of silver plastic film. This was not of course taken from Echo 1. but was identical to the material used in that instance. Echo 1, we learnt was now more of a sausage shape than a globe and was riddled with meteorite particle holes. It is planned that American Astronauts will inspect Echo 1 in space as part of a future exercise and this may lead to the inspection of other satellites in space if it is successful.

An unexpected force came into play when the early satellites were launched and this puzzled the scientists for a time, for some reason the satellites were entering the earth's atmosphere before the calculated time and this was something of a mystery. It was then discovered that the light from the sun exerted a pressure on the satellite and slowly forced back into the earth's atmosphere before they were expected. The pressure involved could be likened to a sparrow settling on the roof of a nissen hut, but nevertheless this was enough to make all the difference.

When questioned at the end of the lecture, Mr Childerhouse admitted that there had been unexplained radar contacts, he described how a short time ago, an object the size of the Queen Mary at 160,000 ft and moving at 60 mph. had been picked up over Scotland. This had been traced on the radar for twenty minutes before it disappeared from the screen.....

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Change of Address Note.

The Secretary Mr R. Beet has now moved to 195, Epsom Road, Guildford.

The new "Saucer Sighting" Telephone Number is :-

GUILDFORD 63381

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Sightings in AUGUST.

Little need be said about the recent saucer hoax on Monday Sept 4th, other than the fact that it gave us an interesting exercise. Members of the group first heard the news about 4pm. and within 15mins a number of members were ready to move off and investigate. After contacting Ascot police station, we were told that we would not be able to see the objects and therefore there was little point in setting off

We then contacted B.U.F.O.R.A. and were told that the 'mini-saucers' had Ever-Ready batteries and contained 'porridge', we then called off any ambitious plans and shortly afterwards, the hoax was announced on the B.B.C.

The unfortunate thing about this, was shown almost immediately when a woman at Bromley gave an excellent description of a U.F.U. sighting and then followed this with "Of course now I can see that it was all a student hoax"...As a small consolation, we are hoping to obtain one of the 'hoax' saucers for future publicity.

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On a more realistic note, the month of August yielded six investigations, two of them were July sightings and four during August.

● We were quick to take advantage of Mr Childerhouse's offer of help and promptly passed on a sighting report sent in by the I.S.S. (International Sky Scouts) at Shepperton. They spotted a fast moving light travelling across the sky, while holding a Sky Watch at Whitmore Common near Guildford 28/7. The light was definitely identified as Beta Kappa 1. on a course N.N.W. to S.S.E. passing overhead zenith at 72 degrees. The stellar magnitude was  $\pm 3$  and the time at zenith was 10.22pm. The satellite Beta Kappa 1. was launched in Oct 1962 and is due to decay this month (Sept). This fact accounted for the brilliance and impression of high speed of the object.

On the 11th July a Mrs Strudwick saw a lemon coloured 'tennis ball' in the sky, it moved towards the East.

Mr G. Raine noticed what appeared to be a red ball in the sky, on August 5th during the afternoon. This was sighted at Aldershot and the object looped the loop performed other antics. This may have been a kite at some distance' commented Mr Raine.

The next sighting report also dated 5th August, concerns a 'double light' that hovered over Guildford in the Park Barn area at 9.30pm. This light was reported by five independent witnesses and was watched for three or four minutes, before it changed colour from White to Red to Orange and then shot skyward, disappearing into the streaky cloud overhead. The size of the twin light was described as being about the size of a golf ball at arms length and it is interesting to note that our SIGAP organisation is organised to such an extent, that two members phoned in the report, within minutes of the incident and both independently of each other, one had even watched the UFO through binoculars for several minutes.

Another extremely interesting report came from Mr M. Magnet of Farncombe, he was all night fishing at Broadwater Lake near Godalming, when at 2.30am. a cigar shaped object, glowing orangy/yellow crossed over the lake and disappeared in the distance. There was no noise and the thing was visible for about half a minute. Unfortunately Mr Magnet's friend was asleep a short distance away and did not hear Mr Magnet's shout, so there were no other witnesses, but we believe that other activity has been heard of in the area and we are now investigating.



The final report has been sent in from a new member at Bromley, Kent and while it is not strictly 'in our area', we are indebted to Richard Button (12 years old) who read the report in the local paper and promptly contacted the two witnesses, who in turn sent in their SIGAP 'Preliminary Sighting Form', with details as follows :-

Mr A. Northcott and Mrs. Baker, (two ambulance men) were on duty at their station when at 6.00am on 18th August they saw a U.F.O. for approx 15-20 seconds. It was travelling in a N.W. direction coming from Westerham and passed almost directly overhead. Mr Northcott climbed onto the station roof and saw the U.F.O. diminish in sound and size. The sound was similar to a heavy transport plane with engines unsynchronised - there were no aircraft about that could have produced the sound. The speed of the object was approx 300 mph (relatively slow) and the height was approx 3,500ft. The U.F.O. also pulsed with an orange and red light and did not waver from its course. Mr Northcott feels confident that the object was not man made.... He also drew a good 'saucer' sketch complete with colour details..... Thank you Richard.

#### A SURREY U.F.O. BOOK ?

Robert Couttie a 16 year old school boy and a member of the International Sky Scouts has decided to write a book on the subject of U.F.O. activity in Surrey, after reading the recently published "Scoriton Mystery" (this is in the SIGAP library).

One part of the book will contain information on sightings and the other section will express his own theories. We have made all reports held by SIGAP available to Robert, these number 45 to date. If anyone would like to contact Robert with any of their own theories, his address is 96, Oyster Lane, Byfleet, Sy.

The Woking Review has given publicity to the forthcoming book and we hope that it may bring forth some hitherto untold stories, or should I say experiences.

#### A SKYWATCH ON PEWLEY DOWNS, Sat. Sept 16th.

It is intended to hold a Skywatch on Pewley Downs next Saturday, from 7pm to 7am. This is at the request of several members and in view of the local activity, I think that it may be well worth while. We have arranged for a 240v generator to be on the site and this will be used to power Mr G. Raine's new super-sensitive 'magnetic field detector', this was recently demonstrated at the Tuesday meeting and will be fitted with a directional aerial.

I have no need to remind members that the nights are now very much colder than last June, when we had our last watch. We are not committed to any national hook up and therefore we will certainly be free to cancel the watch if the weather is not up to expectations. There is also one piece of disturbing news and that is, the wooden shelter on the downs has been burnt down by some ..... and this will leave us with only the smaller shelter where the kitchen was positioned last time.

In spite of the latter calamity, we look forward to seeing as many members as possible turn out on the night. There is no need to steel yourself for an all night watch, we will be pleased to see you for even an hour and there will be coffee and biscuits available, as well as a little 'medicinal spirit', (this may assist U.F.O. spotting ?)

During the Sky Watch, we will polish up our watch procedure and this time set our watches to the correct time before we start, this caused a little spot of bother last time.

O. Fowler.



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Representatives of the group will attend a meeting of the BUFORA National Advisory Council next Saturday October 7th. It will be held at the Kensington Central Library and members from seventeen affiliated groups are expected to attend.

In order to discuss any relative news from the Council meeting, we will hold a meeting in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, at 8pm on Tuesday 10th Oct. We are expecting Mr Edgar Hatvany the BUFORA projects officer to attend and it is anticipated that there will be a general questions & answers discussion on UFO's. There are many members who I feel will want to ask a question about a particular problem and we will do our best to find an answer, at least from the information known to date.

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#### September Sighting Investigations.

There has been a decrease in the number of reports during this month, due I believe to the overcast weather experienced throughout the month. Nevertheless the reports that have come in are of particular interest. (There were six reports).

A Mr P.E. Brackfield reported on the 9th Sept. that on 21/8/67 he had seen a pale whitish light appear (about 10.30pm) in the EAST and move across the sky rapidly to the WEST. This took place at Tolworth, Sy. and the whole incident was over in about seven seconds.

You may recollect from Mr Childerhouse's lecture, that satellites move generally from West to East, so we can discount a satellite. There is however a strong possibility that what Mr Brackfield saw was a meteor, this is borne out by the colour, speed and angle of approach. He also mentioned that the following morning about 6am, he heard a noise like a loud gas jet and he confirmed that it was not an aircraft using reheat etc. It is interesting to compare the latter report with the report last month from Bromley in Kent of a saucer flying over and heading N.W. (towards Surbiton/Tolworth area) at 6am. We may have a case of a UFO on a regular run?

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Mr D. Childerhouse, (not the lecturer) reported that he had seen a strange object hovering over the woods at Sandhurst and that after five minutes it sped off. During the time that it was being observed, it emitted blue rays and I have attempted to copy the sketch of the object :-



We are following this sighting up and hope to obtain more information shortly.

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On the 9th Sept. we received a report from the 'International Sky Scouts' concerning an incident at Winchelsea Camp Site near Rye. Campers were woken up at 12.30am on the night of 21/22, by a whirring sound, described as similar to a 'milk shake' machine. The sound had also been heard at the same time, the night before. A policeman reported seeing a UFO over Worthing the same night, more of that later.

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On Thursday 21st Sept at 7pm. two girls aged 11 & 12 saw an orange ball of light bobbing around above the trees near the new university site in Guildford.They appeared to be most excited about what they had seen and they were quite confident that it was not a light on the end of a crane.As a result of this Mr Alan Franklin (SIGAP) who was in the vicinity,telephoned an alert to the group (Guildford 63381) and by 7.30pm several of the members in the area were keeping watch for any sign of activity.The sky was over-cast and there was slight mist in the area.This may well have been little girls who imagined something when they saw only a moving light,but on the other hand it could have been important....Once again it was an interesting exercise.

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The next case is a little mysterious :- Mr Heath of Bellfields Estate,Guildford,came out of a friends house at 12.15am on 19/9/67,when he happened to look up at the moon. He saw what appeared to be a small star like object,moving up and down on the right hand side of the moon.He watched it for several minutes and then lost sight of it. Although this seems to be a little fantastic,we have recently received news(BUFORA)of a similar sighting and also Mr Magnet of Farncombe (Newsletter No 4) mentioned that he had often observed a small light moving near the moon,while he was night fishing.It is strange that there has not been more publicity to this phenomena,if it is happening.

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Now we come to the most startling report that we have heard of for some time,although this is way out of our Surrey area:- WORTHING,Sussex.

As the result of being sent a number of newspaper cuttings Mr Fowler sped off to Worthing on Sunday 24th Sept.The reports stated that a Mr Glover and Miss Moloney had seen a UFO land on the South Downs,the details were as follows;- Mr Glover and Miss Moloney,plus one other friend,decided to have a night watch on the downs near Worthing as there had been reports of strange lights seen late at night.On the night of 9/10th they waited and about 2am they spotted a light approaching the top of the downs,it was red and then as it touched the ground,the light went out.The distance was at least one mile. Within a short time ( $\frac{1}{2}$  min.) they saw huge beams of light spreading over the downs, from the area where the red light went out.Then there brief flashes of light shooting into the sky and shortly afterwards an answering flash from the night sky.

This form of activity has been going on since May of this year and there is growing interest in UFO circles.We are in touch with Mr Glover and we also have a member in the area.Tape recordings of the interviews with Mr Glover and Miss Moloney will be played at the Tuesday meeting. (O.Fowler.)

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As a result of the experience that we are gaining in the field of group organisation, we will shortly be contacting all members who stated on their membership application that they were willing to investigate sightings.Where there are several members in one area,it is likely that a 'cell'will be organised around a member who is available on the telephone.We will also endeavour to tabulate members who are willing to investigate sightings within 24hrs and within say five or ten miles radius.Members who are willing to investigate,will also be briefed and given a list of the information that is needed. A typical example is this brief extract from the USAF Handbook.

- "In reporting flying objects,there are certain characteristics which should be noted.
- |            |                 |                        |                               |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Number. | 4.Speed.        | 7.Altitude.            | 10.Manoeuvres & Direction.    |
| 2. Shape.  | 5.Acceleration. | 8.Sound.               | 11.Range.                     |
| 3. Colour. | 6.Size.         | 9.Relative Brightness. | 12.Initial & Final Elevation. |



We would also suggest that the information required should include :-

13. Date of sighting 14. Time of sighting. 15. Duration. Also where possible, a map reference should be given, together with the witnesses name, address, sex and age.

The book continues ... While the above information should be collected in reporting (and investigating R.B.) unidentified flying objects, there are other details which are helpful to the observer in identifying the object or in reporting it's characteristics.

1. Relation of the size of the object to the size of the moon or the sun.
2. Various types of sound, such as rumbling, whining, humming, swishing, explosive or jet or rocket type sound.
3. Colour may be described in terms of the colour spectrum, with additional details to indicate metallic or luminous characteristics.
4. Apparent speed or acceleration comparable with aircraft or meteors.
5. Shape may be described as elliptical or disc shaped, cigar shaped, propeller shaped, conical, rocket-like, meteor-like, or having the characteristics of tails of flame or fire.
6. Light brightness may be described as terms of brilliance or dullness by comparison to moonlight or to the reflection of sunlight on various metals such as aluminium or a mirror or on dull surfaces such as stone or plaster.
7. The degree of brightness may be related to the apparent distance of the object.
8. Angular velocity, that is speed or acceleration measured in degrees of acceleration may vary from zero, through very slow, slow, moderate, rapid, very fast, extremely fast, to more than 90 degrees.

ANGULAR VELOCITY CHART (Compiled for S.G.A.P.).

SCALE	DEGREES/Sec.	DEFINITION.
Balloon 0	0-15	Very Slow
High Aircraft 1	15-30	Slow
Low Aircraft 2	30-45	Moderate
Low Jet Aircraft 3	45-60	Rapid
Meteor 4	60-75	Very Fast
Meteorite 5	75-90	Extremely Fast.

R. Beet.

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S.I.G.A.P. Skywatch September 16th.

Although the watchers on Pewley Downs were equipped for an all night vigil, the weather turned out as poor as anticipated and although the weather cleared to 4/10's by midnight, within about half an hour a mist came in, giving complete cloud cover and the watch was called off.

The one interesting event of the evening happened at 9.29pm, when Mr G. Raines new U.F.O. Detector went off, giving a very strong signal of magnetic field interference for several seconds. The detector was constantly reset and continued to light up, until gradually as the source of interference grew weaker, the warning light interval increased, until eventually it did not light. There was complete cloud cover at the time and nothing was seen, but the result of the initial try out of the detector was most encouraging. This was reported in the Surrey Advertiser, the following week.

The Sky Watch group were also visited by the terrestrial hoaxers, the R.A.E. students. They brought along the last of the "saucers" and posed for a photograph. They received £1 for charity from the funds as in spite of the hoax, it is all for a good cause. O.F.



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### The October "Flap",Surrey's Contribution.

The sighting by two Devonshire Police Constables of a 'Flying Cross',started off one of the biggest flaps for years,before very long we were assailed by flying 'Crosses', 'Stars','Green Balls'and 'Fireballs'.The newspapers and television reporters,plus 'steam radio',were soon on the scene and during the final days of October,UFO's were the topic of conversation.....Now that the dust has settled,we can pause and assess the reports that came to light during the 'flap' period (23/10 to 6/11).

Since the publication of our last newsletter (Oct.6th),we have received a total of 19 sighting reports of which 9 were sent in after the 23rd Oct.We can no doubt attribute several of these to the publicity given to the SIGAP group in the local press,as well as to the general publicity of the subject in the radio etc,(our Hon.Sec. Dick Beet gave an interview on South East News).Several of the reports sent in to us concerned sightings going back as far as a year ago,it's not surprising therefore that the month of October resulted in only eight reports which could have been UFO activity. While this is quite good,it is no more than were reported in August of this year,but the press had done their job and for a brief moment the general public were on the point of realizing exactly how much UFO activity there is,over the British Isles.

However the Ministry of Defence soon put everyones mind at rest with the startling information that there had been numerous sightings of Venus,Aircraft and satellite reflections,in other words UFO's did not exist. It is with interest that we await the M.O.D.'s comments on the recent Russian statement that a scientific mission will investigate all Russian UFO reports,as they have been tracing them on their Radar sets for the past 20 years.Maybe the Russians haven't heard of Venus yet?

To return to our local sightings,you will find them in date order as follows.....

7/10/67 8.20pm.

Mr D.Law and his girl friend were standing near Guildford Cathedral,when Mr Law saw a bright whitish object in the shape of a half moon,streak across the sky at low alt. approx 500ft up. It left no trail,made no noise and was soon lost from sight,heading W.



15/10/67 2/3am.

Miss J.Darrah woke up and lay looking out of the window (curtains were open),when she noticed two bright lights in the sky,one a short distance above the other.After approx ten minutes,the top light was joined by a smaller light that approached from the S. then after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour all three lights moved into the distance and disappeared from sight.

3/10/67 3.30am.

Miss Akworth of West End,Woking,observed a red disc approx 50degrees above the S.E. horizon.The weather was clear and the disc did not move during the time of observation, 3 to 5 minutes.

24/10/67 9pm.

Miss P.Warren and two other women friends,saw a 'glowing ring of fire' approach the ground at Wood Street Common,Nr Guildford.It hovered for a few minutes and then it suddenly shot skywards and disappeared.



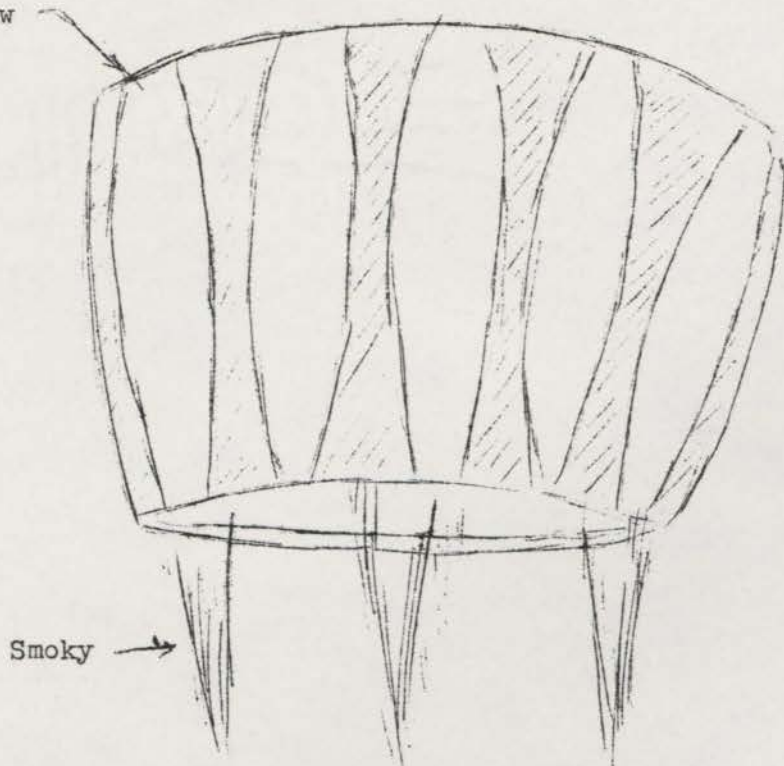
26/10/67 7.15pm.

Miss C.Fisher and her parents observed , a formation of amber coloured lights in the direction of the 'Hogs Back'. They saw the circular lights from their home at Shamley Green, during which time the lights changed formation several times, sometimes flying in a 'Vic' and then in a 'Cross' Two of the lights flew away from the formation and the remainder suddenly disappeared as though they had been switched off.

13/10/67 6.35pm.

Mrs B.Pratt of Jacobs Well, saw a bright light approaching as she led her ponies in from the field. The light drew closer and took the shape of a 'Flying Hovercraft' It had a number of brightly glowing lights around it and three hazy trails on the underside, as per sketch.

Yellow



Smoky

29/10/67 4.18pm.

Mr R.Martin of Godalming, looked out of his window and saw a Vee formation of lights, they were as bright as 100watt lights. He called his wife, but by the time they ran outside, the lights had gone.

6/11/67 7.15pm.approx.

Mr Murray of Woking saw a very bright cross shaped star moving slowly across the sky. It moved from S to N but then changed course W to E, its movements were very irregular, occasionally it would stop for a second or two.

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That completes the sightings reported to date and we have no comments to add,  
as these sightings are still under investigation. O.F.

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Sky Scouts/Contact Groups.

The International Sky Scouts, who recently renamed themselves 'Contact' (U.K.), have now apparently split into a further group 'International Sky Scouts Assc. (UK)'. who in turn have now separated from what was their parent body, the Japanese based 'Cosmic Brotherhood Association'.

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Sussex Investigation Society of Aerial Phenomena.

We are pleased to welcome a new investigation group onto the scene :- S.I.S.A.P. Mr D.Rodway of Herne Hill recently contacted us, with a view to co-operation between the two groups. We have had the odd incident in Sussex that has aroused our interest and led to us visiting the area, but the forming of a group in Sussex will now dispense with the necessity of having to travel that far and S.I.S.A.P. has been assured of our co-operation.

U.F.O.'s and Radar Tracking .

by Dick Beet.

The question has often been asked "If UFO's are real, why have they not been tracked on Radar screens?" An elementary study dismisses this statement as complete fallacy. We have ourselves heard how a government radar tracking station in Scotland, traced the journey of an object the size of the Queen Mary at a height of 160,000 ft. and travelling at 60m.p.h. (SIAP 'Satellite' lecture Sept. 67.) Further evidence is given in the following extract from the "Report on UFO's" by E. Ruppert, at one time the head of the U.S.A.F. 'Project Bluebook'. The report reached the investigating committee on teletype from the Army Signal Corps Radar Centre, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. September 12th 1961.

The incident had started two days before at 11.10am. when a student operator was giving a demonstration to a group of visiting 'brass' at the radar school.

During the demonstration the operator spotted an object about 12,000yds South East of the station, flying low towards the North. He tried to switch the set to automatic tracking, he failed, tried again, failed again. He turned to his audience of U.F.O.'s embarrassed and said "It's going too fast for the set, that means it's going faster than a jet"...a lot of very important eyebrows lifted...what flies faster than a jet?

The object was in range for three minutes and the operator kept trying without success to get into 'automatic track'. The target finally went off the scope, leaving the red faced operator talking to himself.

The radar technicians at Fort Monmouth had checked the weather, there wasn't the slightest indication of an inversion layer.

Twenty five minutes later, the pilot of a T-33 jet trainer carrying an Air Force Major as passenger and flying at 20,000ft. over Point Pleasant, New Jersey, spotted a dull silver disc like object far below him. He described it as 30 to 50ft in diameter and as descending towards Sandy Hook from an altitude of a mile or so. He banked the T-33 over and started down after it. As he shot down, he reported that the object stopped its descent, hovered, then sped South, made a 120 degrees turn and then vanished out to sea.

The Fort Monmouth incident then switched back to the radar group. At 3.15pm they received an excited almost frantic call from H.Q. to pick up a target high and to the North - which was where the first 'faster than a jet' object had vanished. They were told to pick it up in a hurry, they got a fix on it and reported that it was travelling slowly at 93,000ft. They could also see it visually as a silver speck.

The next morning, two radar sets picked up another target that couldn't be tracked automatically. It would climb, level off, climb again, go into a dive...when it climbed it went almost straight up.

The two day sensation ended that afternoon when the radar tracked another UFO,



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slow moving object and tracked it for several minutes....

The B.U.F.O.R.A. Northern Conference at Liverpool.

Reported by O.Fowler.

I visited Liverpool on November 4th, to represent the SIGAP group at one of the big meetings of the UFO year, the 'Northern Conference'. The meeting was held in the Central Hall, Renshaw Street. The meeting was well attended and I met delegates from the Mersey side UFO Research Group, The Tyneside UFO Society, Cambridge University Group for the Investigation of UFO's and British Unidentified Flying Object Research Society.

After meeting and having a general chat, the various groups settled down to listen to the first lecture of the afternoon, a talk by Charles Bowen, Editor of 'Flying Saucer Review', who gave an interesting talk on some of the outstanding reports of recent years. Mr Bowen was followed by Anthony Durham, who was until recently, Joint Secretary of the Cambridge University UFO study group, who spoke on the possibility of a number of UFO sighting being in fact 'ball lighting' and he raised some very interesting points that made the audience think twice about such things as 'red fireballs' etc. We are hoping to obtain notes of the more interesting points of the argument.

Mr W. Skellern of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, gave a talk on 'Mechanical Implications of UFO's' and illustrated his theories by means of a stroboscopic disc.

During the chit chat between lectures, Mr Stewart Miller of the Cambridge Group, requested copies of all our sighting reports to date, these with others, will be punched onto computer cards and then programmed to supply information on one of Cambridge Universities Computers.

Mr Bowen, who lives at Woking (Editor of FSR) spoke of the publicity that we had received over some of our sky-watches and he expressed his opinion that very little can be gained from a skywatch, as the chances of seeing a UFO are remote and the time could be more profitably spent on investigating all UFO witness reports more fully. I feel that I must agree with Mr Bowen's comments, as the number of reports that we do receive is steadily growing and each one does warrant more time than is spent on it at the moment.

S.I.G.A.P. Application Form For Area Investigators.

This post will be honorary and any investigator will at any time be able to opt out of the position by writing to the Secretary. The Executive Committee will reserve the right to remove the honorary office at any time.

Full Name.....(Mr, Mrs, Miss) Occupation.....

Address.....Age.... Telephone No.....

..... Qualifications/Technical.....

Have you a portable tape recorder.....Have you personal transport.....

Can you investigate a report within 24hrs/3days/7days.(Cross out where applic.)

In what area can you conduct your investigations i.e. radius in miles from your home.....

Have you a camera..... Any comments?.....

INVESTIGATORS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO HELP US. We regret we cannot pay expenses.

Please return this form to the Hon Sec. 195, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey.



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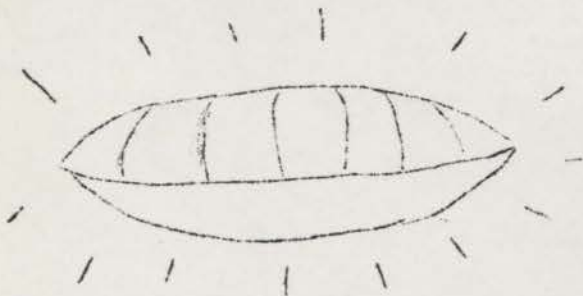
### November U.F.O. News & Views.

It has been rather a quiet month for UFO reports after the October 'flap', a total of 7 reports are listed, but of these, four concern unidentified lights in the sky and are of no great significance.....However the remaining three are extremely interesting and details are given below.

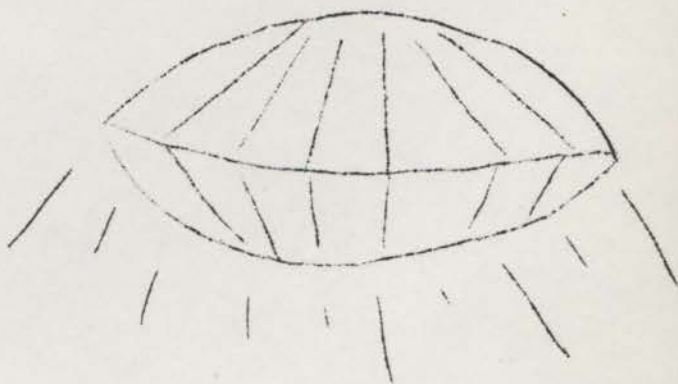
#### Case S.75.

Mr M.Chadd and his girl friend were driving past Cutmill at approx 9.30pm, on Saturday 4th of November, when they both saw a glowing object hovering in the air. It was positioned approx 10 feet over a group of bushes and trees and it was observed for about 15 minutes, then the glow diminished and the object disappeared.

This incident occurred some 15 to 30 minutes before the Caravelle crash at Haslemere which is a distance of some 8 miles, it may well have been a coincidence but those are the facts as reported to us. We have not yet completed our investigation into this incident, as may be gathered from the scant information available at the moment, but the sketch of the object is similar to a sketch made by Mr J.Birch of Worplesdon of a UFO that he saw in 1962. Both sketches are shown for comparison.



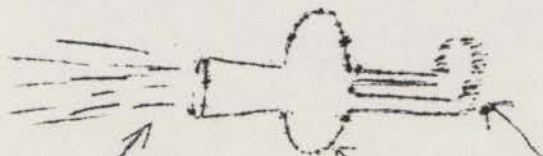
Mr Chadd's sighting.



Mr Birch's sighting.

#### Case S.74.

Mrs Quick of Storrington Sussex, phoned S.I.G.A.P. on Saturday Nov. 14th, to report a sighting that she had made on the previous Thursday evening, in the vicinity of the South Downs near Washington, Sussex. As a result of this, Mr Fowler interviewed Mrs Quick on Sunday 15th Nov. and took down more details of the incident. It seems that this object appeared on the top of the Downs, near to sunset, about 5pm and Mrs Quick then fetched her opera glasses and returned to the road, where she watched the object for approx 2 hours. While she was viewing the 'thing', she was joined by another woman who also studied it through Mrs Quick's glasses. During the time that it was visible, the thing glowed blood red and vivid white, it also shot across the Downs at terrific speed and performed various manoeuvres until finally it disappeared from sight...We have no comments to make at this stage, as we are waiting to contact the other witness.



Mrs Quick's sighting.

vivid white light.

metallic.

blood red light.



Case S.77.      Creature Report :- Ghost,UFO Occupant or Hallucination ?

(A Report By Dick Beet.)

On Thursday 23rd November,I received a telephone call from Alan Franklin,reporter for the 'Woking Review','West Surrey Outlook'and a member of S.I.G.A.P.,Alan had just learned of a strange occurrence that had taken place on Sunday 12th November soon after midnight on a deserted road between Cranleigh and Shere.

I was intrigued by this story so we arranged to meet the observer that evening and together with a couple of sceptical friends we decided to visit the location of the phenomenon.

The 'contactee',Philip J.Freeman seemed a solid individual and certainly not the type of person to give way to an hallucination of any kind.A carpenter by trade, Mr Freeman who lives at Shearwater,had just visited his brothers and was returning from Cranleigh accompanied by his girl friend.About two miles from Cranleigh he stopped to wipe the misted windscreen of his car,Mr Freeman continues the story :- "Just before I had finished wiping the windscreen,this terrible burning smell started coming up, just like burnt cakes or something.Anyway I got back into the car and this smell was now very strong,my girl also mentioned this and then as I turned around to speak to her,I saw this white face standing up beside the window about six inches away.The face was about ten inches long by about six inches wide,it was oblong and there were no facial markings at all,but it was very light.I could see a white arm coming up from the side of it and onto the side of the roof,the body seemed to be black and bell shaped."

"By the time I put the car into gear (I had no lights or panel lights on),I turned around and all that I could see was this very light face as we drove off down the road"

Alan Franklin and I subsequently visited the spot with Mr Freeman,but we were unable to discover any clues that could account for this strange incident.

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Planet Investigation.

Any indication that a planet is already inhabited by intelligent creatures would be the signal for the need to proceed with utmost caution.....Before a manned landing is made,it would be desirable to study the planet thoroughly.....for a protracted period of time; to send sampling probes into its atmosphere and to send surveillance instruments down to the surface.

Contacts with alien intelligence should be made most circumspectly,not only as insurance against unknown factors,but also to avoid any disruptive effects on the local population produced by encountering a vastly different cultural system.After a prolonged study,a decision would have to be made whether to make overt contact or to depart - without giving the inhabitants any evidence of the visitation.....

NASA/RAND (Research and Development Corporation) \*From "Incident at Exeter" by  
John G.Fuller.

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Group Notes. S.I.G.A.P.

Will members please note that we now have a copy of "Flying Saucers Are Hostile" by Brad Steiger and Joan Whritenour.An interesting paperback,listing a number of mysterious cases of encounters with UFO's. If you would like to read this or any other books in our library,then contact O.Fowler at the secretarial address.

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HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR INVESTIGATORS FORM YET ? IF NOT, DO IT NOW AND SEND IT IN.



SPACELINK      MAGAZINE.

You will find a leaflet on the Spacelink Magazine included with your newsletter for this month. We will not add to the publicity in the leaflet, other than by a brief mention that the Editor is Edgar Hatvany, who recently gave a lecture to S.I.G.A.P. at Guildford and if his lecture is anything to go by..we will say Go Buy.....

While on the subject of lectures, we are well aware that our meetings have been very successful to date and we regret that we have not been able to offer a full lecture programme, but we are after all, only an extension of the B.U.F.O.R.A. Group so to speak and they organise a complete lecture coverage for the year. The meetings are held in the Kensington Public Library, usually on a Saturday once a month. If anyone would like further details, then please contact our secretary Mr R. Beet.

Meanwhile we will certainly hold a meeting in the new year, details will be given out in the next Newsletter. We should also have our first print of car stickers by then, they will sell at 9d each and carry the name of the group in full, with the words 'Watch the sky for UFO's' in large print in the centre.

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● Now UFO's Are Stopping The Traffic :- Daily Express Nov. 7th.

The Daily Express discovered this amazing news, after a lorry driver Mr Karl Farlow described how he had encountered an Unidentified Flying Object on the A338 road in the New Forest just after midnight. If the Daily Express reporter had bothered to read up the subject of UFO activity, the report might well have been more accurately reported rather than as though he was divulging a great discovery.

We are indebted to the BUFORA Group for the additional information received... Apart from the fact that the UFO blacked out the lights and electrics of the lorry, the diesel engine continued to run. The driver pulled up, to observe the green glowing egg shaped object that hovered low over the road. At the same moment, a white Jaguar car approached from the opposite direction and his lights and engine cut out completely. Both drivers then sat in their vehicles and watched a strange performance.... from the bottom of the UFO, a trapdoor opened and a long tube reached down to the ground, on the end of the tube there appeared to be a circular object. This contraption then started to suck up grass, leaves and stones from the side of the road. After several minutes the tube and the nozzle withdrew into the bottom of the UFO and the trapdoor closed. As the object sped off, the lights on both vehicles came on again. Although there seemed to be enough power in the batteries to do this, there was insufficient power to start the vehicles. The Jaguar driver who did not want to wait for the arrival of the police, was given a push to start his car, he then sped off. The Diesel lorry had to be towed to a nearby garage, where the electrics were checked over and found to be in perfect working order, the battery however was flat.

We have read of such incidents before, but the flat battery story is rarely mentioned. One wonders, that if the vehicle was close enough to be affected by the UFO will the drivers suffer from any after effects, as has often been the case?

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What Next In Space ?

It seems that the Russians may be up to something, according to our sources of information. They have recently been introducing two new astronauts into their publicity programmes, one man and a new woman astronaut. A new space voyage may well be on the cards, possibly a trip around the moon and back? We will have to wait and see in January.



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### December Activity Reports.

A very quiet month for reports, due partly to the extensive overcast skies experienced and no doubt with everyone's preoccupation of the festive season. We actually received five reports, including three concerning sightings in November, they are listed below.

S79 a & b 15/11/67 5.30pm.

Brue Button (SIGAP) and two other witnesses watched two red lights flying over West Wickham, Kent. They appeared from the South and headed North, the lights did not flash as on an aircraft and they travelled extremely fast. There was no sound heard at the time of the sighting and the angle of elevation was 20 to 25°. When the lights were in the Eastern part of the sky, they suddenly became stationary and then moved off to the South again, disappearing behind a building. After approx three minutes, they re-appeared again, this time accompanied by a third object and it was noticed that all three lights were pulsating and they performed various aerobatics until approx 6pm when they were lost from sight.

S80 5/12/67 5.30pm.

Miss C.D. Nelson reported a star like object moving from North to East, this was later identified as the satellite Echo 2.

S81. 5/12/67 5pm.

Miss Brenda Nixon and two other witnesses watched a flashing red circular object, travelling from the North East to the West, over Guildford. It made no sound and was described as being 'considerably bigger than a star'.

S.78.5/12/67 1.50pm.

Murray Holt reported seeing a strange object in the sky, while walking by Guildford Grammar School. He first noticed the object glistening in the sun at an elevation of 60° while looking towards the South East. It was seen for half a minute before being lost from sight behind a building.



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### Car Stickers

We are enclosing one of the new SIGAP car stickers with each Newsletter this month. The stickers are free to members and any additional stickers may be purchased from Dick Beet at 3d each. We have been able to supply one free sticker per member, as a result of finding a lower cost supplier. We have further enquiries out for envelope stickers with similar wording and these may also be available in the near future.

### Reserve the 16th of January.

Our NEXT MEETING will be on January 16th at 8pm in the canteen of Plastic Coatings LTD, on the Guildford By-Pass.

The speakers will be :- John Adams, B.Sc., F.R.Met.S. "Spectroscopic Analysis" Contd



This talk will be invaluable to the members of the group who are equipped with the 35mm frames containing treated film which is capable of showing a spectra .When held in front of a light source (UFO we hope).

Mr Ron Toft (who has written an article this month) will give a talk on 'Astronomy', a helpful guide to all sky watchers.

We look forward to a 'full house' on the night, (SIGAP now has 47 members).

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#### In The News This Month.

The Group received several write ups' in the local and national press over the 'Creature Report' (S77.) and the investigation of the Caravelle crash (S75). We declined to give an opinion on either incident, but we succeeded in drawing the public's attention to both cases. It is only by such publicity that we can make the public aware of the strange incidents that are happening in our countryside and thereby increase the chances of even more strange happenings being reported and investigated by our Group - BUTORA.

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#### UFO's and Air Disasters.

Date. 10th June 1960.

Location. Mackay Australia.

E.H.Tindale, Radar observer in charge of the Mackay 'met' office, stated that he had twice plotted an Unidentified Craft on the night on which an airliner mysteriously crashed. Both plots of the UFO were made in the area where the main wreckage of the airliner was found. Tindale testified that he had plotted the UFO at 10.30pm and again at 11.30pm. The Brisbane board of enquiry stated that the cause of the crash was unknown and that aircraft experts were unable to offer any explanation.

Date. 29th Sept. 1959.

Location. Buffalo U.S.A.

10.37pm. Braniff Airways Flight 542 left Huston for New York.

At about this time UFO reports were coming in from around Buffalo, including a report from a U.S.A.F. Major who was piloting a C-47 aircraft. :- Within minutes, the Braniff airliner had been torn into thousands of fragments..... Bomb or UFO ?

R.Beet.

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#### Now UFO's In Poland.

Poland's network of meteorological stations is to keep an official watch during 1968 for 'Flying Saucers'.....

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#### Newsletter Articles.

We welcome contributions for the Newsletter from all members of the Group, but we do wish to point out that the printed articles do not necessarily reflect the views of S.I.G.A.P.

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#### A Stop Press UFO Report.

The very latest UFO report to arrive concerns a golden cigar shaped object sighted over Mytchett, Surrey in mid October. Mr Paul Hodges of Grove Farm stated that he saw a long cigar shaped object that was golden in colour. It appeared to be a size of 5" at arms length and was in view for two minutes and no doors or windows were visible. Suddenly the cigar began to disintegrate and within three seconds it was gone.



WAS CHRIST AN INTELLIGENT BEINGFROM ANOTHER WORLD?By Ron Toft

Flying saucers first hit the headlines in June 1947 when American businessman Kenneth Arnold saw nine silver discs darting in and out of the snowy peaks of Mount Rainier, in the State of Washington. He estimated their speed at between 1,200 and 1,700 m.p.h.

But this wasn't the first sighting by any means, although many people seem to think so. Records of mysterious aerial objects go back hundreds of years. They are even mentioned in the Bible. As well as sightings of saucer, globular and cigar-shaped objects, there have been numerous reports of these craft actually landing and even contact made with their occupants. Reliable people have described a variety of alien beings which they claim to have seen. Last November, for example, we had a report of a bell-shaped entity with a white rectangular head, seen near Winterfold, Surrey. Unfortunately few people, other than ufologists, believe such reports. The bewildered layman finds it difficult enough to even consider the possibility that unseen eyes in the sky are watching his every move, without being told that a many tentacled creature was seen proceeding through Epping Forest! But as with UFO reports, a number of contact claims are undoubtedly the work of hoaxers. George Adamski and his Venusians come to mind here, although I should like to be proved wrong. Yet there have been so many contact claims that it would be absurd not to believe them.

However, of the visitation of one extraterrestrial there can be no doubt, for he was seen by literally hundreds of thousands of people. He even had a name - Jesus Christ. I believe that Christ was not the son of the Universal Creator but a messenger of goodwill from another civilisation - almost certainly outside our solar-system. In my view the Universal God is not a supreme being, but merely some sort of dynamic force, perhaps akin to but certainly billions of times more powerful than gravitation or magnetism, both of which we still know little about. It is pointless speculating on the nature of this force or attributing any qualities to it. Our ignorance of it is complete. We are being very big-headed indeed, if we think that the supreme being - even if there was one - would send his only son to this insignificant speck of cosmic dust. The Earth is only one of nine known planets orbiting a very average star. The sun is only one of 100,000 million other stars in a very ordinary galaxy. And the Milky Way is only one of countless other galaxies in the observable Universe. There must be therefore, millions of other inhabited planets distributed throughout the Cosmos. Why should our hypothetical supreme being choose us?

I find it much more plausible to look upon Christ as an alien being from a tremendously advanced race of creatures, whose sole purpose was to show Man the error of his ways. Who then, you might say, is the God mentioned in the Bible? As well as being Christ's father, I think he was the King, or a sort of ruler if you like, of the planet where Christ came from. Obviously our "planetary" God could not have created the Universe, although the one mentioned in Genesis, The First Book of the Bible, apparently did. Though I am inclined to put this down as speculation by the ancient scribe who wrote Genesis, especially as a large part of the Book is inaccurate. For example, according to Genesis, God made the Earth, the seas, dry land, grass, trees and herbs, before the sun, moon and stars. One wonders how the plants carried out photosynthesis without sunlight! Genesis also states that land creatures were created before sea creatures, contrary to geological thinking.



Ask any religious leader how long life has existed on Earth and he will tell you: "A few thousand years". Geologists on the other hand say that primitive forms of life were in existence well over 1,000 million years ago. It seems therefore, that Genesis is a mixture of speculation and legend, and the material contained in it need not be considered in the present argument.

The suggestion that Christ was an extraterrestrial may shock and indeed disgust many people, especially those who are deeply religious. But let us examine the facts. First of all, Christ arrived on Earth in very mysterious circumstances. Angel Gabriel, God's messenger and also an alien, came to Earth and told the Virgin Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. The Holy Spirit would make her pregnant. Jesus would be miraculously transformed from his <sup>+</sup>"heavenly state" into a human baby in Mary's womb. The real Christ, as he existed on his home planet, may have been invisible to our eyes or even repulsive. So in order to carry out his work he had to take on a human appearance. But if he suddenly arrived on Earth as a mature man, awkward questions may have been asked. The most innocent way of arriving was to be "re-born". We all know the story of Christ's birth. Mary and her husband Joseph travelled to Bethlehem in order to comply with a registration decree. However, there was no room at the inns for them, and Christ was subsequently born in a stable and laid in an animal's food manger. Less than two years later three astrologers from the East saw what appeared to be a brilliant star in the sky. This "star" led them to Jerusalem, where they asked: "Where is the one born King of the Jews. For we saw his star in the east". (Matthew; Chap. 2 v. 2). Only those three men knew exactly when the star would appear. This seems to indicate that the aliens had told them - perhaps by telepathy - that Christ had been born and that they were to look out for his star. And it was that very star which later guided them to Bethlehem and hovered over the house where Mary and Joseph were staying. Was this "star" in fact a UFO. From the description we have of it, it seems to have been very similar to the one seen by the Devonshire policemen last October. Astronomers may say that the Star of Bethlehem was a supernova - or an exploding star - a comet, or merely several planets in the same line of sight. But no planet, comet or star moves and then hovers, which is exactly what the Star of Bethlehem did. Last October Government officials tried to explain away the star-like object seen by the policemen as the planet Venus. However, although Venus may be a mysterious body, it certainly doesn't travel at 80 m.p.h. and hover at tree-top height! Not a very intelligent explanation from supposedly intelligent men.

When Jesus was 12 years old Mary and Joseph took him to Jerusalem for the passover celebrations. Afterwards he was found in the temple discussing God's Word with the prophets. The fact that Jesus came from a very intelligent race of people is shown by the wealth of knowledge he possessed as a boy. Then when Christ grew up there were his fantastic healing powers. People from far and wide brought their mentally and physically sick friends and relatives to him. He cured them all. Remember Lazarus? He fell sick, died and was entombed. When Jesus arrived on the scene he had already been dead for four days. But the stone was rolled away from the entrance to the tomb and Jesus called out. Lazarus rose from the dead and walked out into the sunlight. An alien being capable of travelling from his own planet to Earth would not only be tremendously more advanced than us in technology.....but medicine too.

<sup>+</sup>The form in which Jesus existed on his home planet.



After Christ's crucifixion one of his disciples took his body and placed it in a newly hewn tomb. To prevent theft of the body the evil religious leaders had a boulder rolled across the entrance and a guard placed outside. On the third day after the crucifixion Christ was raised from the dead by God. There was an earthquake. An angel - also an alien - descended and rolled away the boulder - to reveal an empty tomb. After his resurrection Christ appeared before his disciples on a number of occasions. There was no question of it being Christ, for the marks of the nails and blows were clearly visible. Yet he was different. He appeared and disappeared suddenly and could pass through closed doors. Christ was probably existing in a different plane of matter now. On the fortieth day of his resurrection, Christ led his disciples to the summit of the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem. He told them that they would find strength in the special power ("The Holy Spirit") which he would send them. Then he ascended into the sky. "He was lifted up and a cloud caught him up from their vision. And as they were gazing into the sky while he was on his way, two men in white garments stood alongside them, and they said: 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus who was received up from you into the sky will come thus in the same manner as you have beheld him going into the sky'" (Acts of Apostles; Chap. 1 v. 9-11). Undoubtedly this brilliant cloud which took Christ away from his disciples was a UFO. And the men in white who spoke to the disciples afterwards were in all probability aliens too.

Ten days after Christ's ascension the disciples felt new power surging through their bodies. "Now while the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place, and suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each of them, and they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with foreign tongues". (Acts of Apostles; Chap. 2 v. 1-4). This was the special power which Christ had promised his disciples. However, it is impossible to say what sort of power this was. Clearly even today we do not know all the forces at work in the Universe.

Without a doubt the greatest event in history would be the demonstration to mankind as a whole of the existence of flying saucers. And it may just be, that a mass landing is nearer than we think. When Christ was ascending into the sky he told his disciples: "I am with you all the day until the conclusion of the system of things". (Matthew; Chap. 28 v. 20). Christ must have been referring to Armageddon when he said "the conclusion of the system of things". Armageddon - when everything evil will be wiped out - will take place in 1975 according to Jehovah's Witnesses. If this is so, we haven't got long to wait. The ridicule we bear now as UFO investigators will have been well worth it if we witness a mass landing of saucers in our lifetimes.

I can't wait to see a saucer land in Hyde Park and hear red-faced officials at Whitehall saying: "It's only Venus you know!"





THE SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
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UFOs have reputation for popping up virtually anywhere at any time. Although our group is primarily concerned with the investigation of Surrey UFO reports we are, nevertheless, also interested in sightings from all over the world. Quite often people send us details of mysterious aerial objects which have been seen by friends or relatives in other parts of the country, and occasionally overseas. One such sighting which came to light recently concerned a globular object which hovered over Tobruk, Libya, during the second world war.

It was seen by Mr. D. Butcher, of "The Ridge", Green Lane, Ash Green, Aldershot, now a S.I.G.A.P. member. At the time he was a sapper in the 54th Field Company, Royal Engineers. At about 10 a.m. on what Mr. Butcher thinks was December 11, 1941, he and other sappers of the same Company were driving into Airedale, some two miles from Tobruk, when they saw five soldiers gazing into the planeless sky. Here is Mr. Butcher's account of the sighting:-

"As we drew closer we recognised them as men of the garrison, who had considerable experience in aircraft recognition. On being asked what they were looking at, one of them invited us to sight along the cliff-like face of a great cumulus cloud which towered almost vertically above our heads. I did so - but could see nothing. Not until a pair of field glasses were passed to me, and I had sighted along my informant's pointing finger, could I locate the "thing". After that I was able to see it quite easily with the naked eye. What I saw was a silvery globe. By naked eye it appeared somewhat larger than the planet Venus as seen under desert conditions. That is to say, it was large enough for me to distinguish it from Venus. It reflected the sunlight and as I watched it floating like a pearl in space it struck me at once as something alien, remote and fairy-like. We all had the impression that it was observing. It was nothing that we could put a name to. Our guess was that it was between 30,000 and 50,000 feet up. The man who first saw the object said that there had been two other globes which had moved off towards the south-east. We observed the object for some time - about half an hour - and it never moved from its position, which was at about 85° above the south-east horizon. We discussed its identity. I, at first sight, had jumped to the conclusion that it was a parachute, but closer scrutiny soon ruled this out. It was plainly a globe. All agreed on that. Most of us thought that it might be a meteorological balloon, although just why there should have been three together at one time, and why two should take off from the other, we could not explain. The object seemed too big to be Venus and it wasn't all that far above the clouds. I knew that certain desert-dwellers were reputed to be able to see Venus in daylight with the naked eye, but doubted my own capacity to do likewise. I was sceptical about any of us being able to distinguish the planet in the glare of a desert sky near noon. It looked more like a balloon than a planet.



"Tired of waiting for it to show some sign of mobility, we took leave of our sky-watching acquaintances and journeyed on to our camp half a mile away. There we pointed out the mysterious globe to the rest of our unit and to the others - about 50 men in all. Most visitors to the camp were shown it. Assuming that the original discoverers of the object had also shown it to their own units, hundreds of the Tobruk garrison must have seen it. All day long it hung there, confounding the adherents of Venus by its stubborn immobility, and testing the credulity of the meteorological-ballooners by the same token. Only those who opined that it might be some sort of secret weapon left there by the high flying Italian Savoias gained a few converts: they waited for it to strike. Eventually all of us grew weary of speculating about it. It was there - a mystery - and that was all there was to be said. We went about our duties and only occasionally glanced up to the zenith to see if it was still there. Imagination dried up. We had accepted it. Only towards the end of the afternoon did I realise that it had declined a little to the south-east - say about seven to ten degrees. At dusk it was shining like a star, more golden in colour than it had been in daylight. I did not see the going of it. I was asleep. Next morning we searched for it, but without success.

"My sighting may be compared with that at Ouellan in the French Sahara some five months later, in April 1942. Both were witnessed in North Africa, both were long term sightings, and both involved a similar object, a globe. The Ouellan sighting seems to have been particularly well attested and observed".

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A squadron of UFOs paid a visit to Sutton last November. They were on a zig-zag course and said to have flown from the south and disappeared in the direction of Morden. The objects were seen by three choir boys at St. Nicholas' Church and the director of music at the church. They made the sighting on November 12 at about 8 p.m., just after the evening service. One of the choir boys, 12 year old Timothy Jackson, of 45 Cheam Road, Sutton, who is a pupil at Sutton Grammar School, said that they saw the objects just after leaving the church. It was a clear night with a bright moon. The witnesses saw a number of lights in the sky. Timothy described one of the lights as brighter than a star and said it began to move across the sky in a north-west direction. "The light seemed to zig-zag from left to right for about three minutes. At first we thought it was a shooting star, but it went on too long". Timothy said that he was also sure that the light was not a plane because of its manoeuvres and its speed. After sighting the object in the sky Timothy and his two friends, head chorister Geoffrey Davis, of 60 Upper Vernon Road, who goes to Glastonbury School, and Steven Prince, of 5 Brandon Road, who attends Sutton West, went to the police station to report what they had seen. The music director at St. Nicholas Church, Mr. David Squibb, of 9 Banstead Road South, verified the boys' account. Mr. Squibb, who is also director of music at Trinity School, Croydon, said the light zig-zagged for about five minutes. At first he thought it was a shooting star then, when it persisted, he thought it might have been a meteorological balloon reflecting the light of the moon.



But as he said: "I've never seen a balloon move about like that". He was sure the light did not come from a plane. "It was a clear moonlight night and we would have seen the outline of a plane and its green and red navigation lights as well". The light was white and bright. "I just don't know what it was. But something was there", said Mr. Squibb.

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Another November sighting has also come to light. Retired engineer Mr. E.C. Steele (77), of 36 Vogan Close, Reigate, saw what appeared to be a rift in the sky at 8 p.m. on November 4. In the rift were five very bright horizontal lights. Said Mr. Steele: "The spaces between the lights were about twice the diameters of the lights themselves. They were shimmering as in heated air. The outline of the surrounding space was indistinct but the lights were quite clear". When observed through binoculars the lights appeared larger, but no more distinct. Mr. Steele suggested later that the "phenomena" he saw may have been a kind of "mirage from a row of street lights in a layer of heated air". This would explain the shimmering effect.

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"A green ball of fire" seen by Epsom architect Mr. Roy Mortlock as he left his office on January 10, was the Russian satellite Cosmos 197 re-entering the earth's atmosphere - according to the Ministry of Defence. However, the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, says that this particular satellite is still spinning happily around the world! Mr. Mortlock said: "I was a passenger in a car leaving the office driveway, when I saw it. It appeared to be travelling towards Epsom Downs. I was prepared to forget about it, but the next day I heard in the office that others had seen it, and the police were called in. I then thought it was a meteorite or satellite".

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<sup>+</sup>A new list of books will be produced shortly. Books will be available at our meetings or by applying to Mrs. Pierce.

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Having edited the newsletter since it was launched in June 1967, I have pleasure in handing over the production of it to Ron Toft, a newspaper reporter who has been responsible for several of the mentions we have had in various national papers in recent months. I feel sure that we will benefit from his experience and I am looking forward to reading his articles on the latest news from the world of space exploration, the first of which will appear in the March newsletter. I intend spending more time on UFO investigation and analysis.

On a sombre note, I feel sure that all members of the group will want to express their deep regret at the tragic loss of Mr. Peter Seal, who died as a result of a road accident on January 30. Mr. Seal, although not a member of the group, was known to many through his sighting of the "Double Bubble" UFO over Guildford on November 15, 1966, and attended many of our meetings.

Mr. John Adams, a physicist specialising in optics and S.I.G.A.P. consultant, gave a talk on spectroscopic analysis at last month's meeting. He illustrated his talk with slides and simple models and showed members how to make a cheap compact spectroscope. By using an additional piece of equipment known as a diffraction grating, he demonstrated how a sufficiently luminous light source could be split into its component elements. It is hoped to use these instruments on UFOs. Mounted diffraction gratings are now available from me. They are 1s 6d. each, plus a s.a.e.

Ron Toft also gave a talk. He outlined the basic facts of Astronomy, with special reference to the possibilities of life existing elsewhere in the Universe. Unfortunately, owing to lack of time he was unable to finish his talk. Therefore he has been asked to speak again at the next S.I.G.A.P. meeting, to be held on February 15, at the "Plastic Coatings" factory 8 PM.

- Omar Fowler.



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I have recently had correspondence with the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society, the publishers of UFOLOG and until last year the producers of SPACELINK, which many of you will have read. UFOLOG is a monthly bulletin giving details of all known UFO sightings which have been probed by groups throughout the country. This is of course very useful information and S.I.G.A.P. is subscribing to it.

Someone somewhere has my "Guide to UFOs", a booklet by Lloyd Mallan and published in America by Science and Mechanics. Please can they return it! (195 Epsom Road, Guildford).

- Dick Beet.

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Finding enough material each month for the newsletter is a formidable task, as Omar Fowler will tell you. Yet the job would be made much easier and the newsletter more interesting if members sent in letters and articles. Things I should like are as follows:

1. Ideas for S.I.G.A.P. projects.
2. General letters.
3. Features on ufology and related topics.
4. Interesting extracts from UFO books and magazines.
5. Personal pieces - how I became a UFO believer.

Any copy for publication should be sent to my home address, given on the previous page.

Eventually, when S.I.G.A.P. has more funds available, it may be possible for us to have a proper magazine. But a lot depends on you.

- Ron Toft.

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S.I.G.A.P. has been contacted by The Society For The Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena, based at Tolworth, Surrey. We hope to exchange UFO data and co-operate on sighting reports. The Chairman is Mr. I. Mackinlay and the Secretary Mr. P. Jones.

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Last November a hideous bell-shaped creature was alleged to have been seen near Cranleigh, some nine miles from Guildford. Carpenter Philip Freeman stopped his car to wipe the misted windscreen and became aware of a terrible burning smell. He and his girlfriend then saw the monster. It had a white luminous head with an "arm" protruding from it.

Now S.I.G.A.P. has received another creature report. It was investigated by Alan Franklin.

It was approaching midnight on a frosty moonlit night early in January. A 22-year old engineer and his girlfriend had just parked their car in a clearing at the edge of Whitmore Common, near the Woking-Guildford railway line.

Seconds later the young man, who wishes to remain anonymous, had an "uneasy sensation". Looking up he saw a shadowy figure behind some trees. Thinking it was a "Peeping Tom" he started to get out of the car to tackle the intruder. But what he saw filled him with fear.....

For when the "thing" moved behind a small bush some 20 feet from the car it was outlined in the moonlight. The object was black, rectangular-shaped, some five feet high and three feet across, and "definitely not human or animal".

The man said: "It made no sound and moved with great speed in a gliding motion. It didn't bob up and down when moving but proceeded smoothly at the same height".

Not waiting to see anymore he started up the car again and drove away as fast as possible. His girlfriend asked him: "Did you see what I saw?" confirming that he hadn't imagined it.

The couple returned to the spot a fortnight later and noticed a pungent burning smell. At first they thought that something was smouldering in the car, but quickly realised it had an external source and drove off without investigating. The ominous smell was described as being like "seaweed rotting in the hot sun". The creature was not seen on this occasion.



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Some interesting facts have emerged from a preliminary analysis of UFO sightings reported to S.I.G.A.P. last year:-

1. The most active months were October and November when 21 UFOs (35% of the 1967 total) were observed. This corresponds with the nationwide UFO flap.
2. Major activity usually occurred between 4 p.m. and 3 a.m. The peak hourly period fell between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.
3. Approximately a quarter of the 75 sightings investigated were genuine UFOs. The majority were satellites, aircraft or natural phenomena. Some objects could not be positively identified but sufficient information was available to say that they had a terrestrial explanation.
4. Out of 72 sightings examined, 23 UFOs (representing 32% of the total) were point sources of light. Spherical objects constituted 13 sightings (18% of the total).
5. A colour analysis, based on 64 sightings, revealed that "plain light sources" accounted for 13 UFOs (20.25% of the total). Ten UFOs were red (15.55% of the total).
6. An analysis based on 48 sightings revealed that most UFO witnesses were 20 years old or less. Of these, 32 were male (66 2/3% of the total) and 16 female (33 1/3% of the total).

UFO Date Frequency			
Month	No.	% of UFOs	
January	1	1.67	
February	3	5.0	
March	1	1.67	
April	1	1.67	
May	1	1.67	
June	9	15.0	
July	8	13.33	
August	9	15.0	
September	3	5.0	
October	11	18.33	
November	10	16.67	
December	3	5.0	
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Hour	No.	%
0-1	2	3.4
1-2	6	10.1
2-3	4	6.7
3-4	3	5.1
4-5	1	1.7
5-6	-	-
6-7	1	1.7
7-8	1	1.7
8-9	1	1.7
9-10	-	-
10-11	-	-
11-12	-	-
12-13	1	1.7
13-14	1	1.7
14-15	1	1.7
15-16	-	-
16-17	4	6.7
17-18	1	1.7
18-19	2	3.4
19-20	5	8.5
20-21	5	8.5
21-22	6	10.1
22-23	9	15.1
23-24	5	8.5
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Since 1959 the Ministry of Defence has received a total of 808 UFO reports. Most of these were put down to aircraft (225) or satellites and space debris (211). But in 84 cases there was no explanation - apparently owing to lack of information. Seven sightings are still being investigated. The annual totals for the past nine years are tabulated below.

Year	No. of UFOs
1959	22
1960	31
1961	71
1962	46
1963	51
1964	74
1965	56
1966	95
1967	362

It should be emphasised that these figures only represent the number of sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence and are not the true totals for any particular year.



From the chart it will be seen that there has been no marked increase or decrease in the number of sightings reported to the Ministry, although sightings for 1966 and 1967 together represent over half of the overall total. The peak year by far was in 1967 - with the famous "October flap".

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February has been another quiet month from a ufological point of view, but there has been an increase in correspondence from other societies, interested persons and people seeking our advice.

We have already established that approximately 25% of sightings reported to S.I.G.A.P. last year were of genuine UFOs, but one begins to wonder if the UFO appears only to the involved witness, while other people in the vicinity go merrily on their way without being conscious of it.

We have had an increasing number of cases where the UFO has been seen over inhabited areas, yet only one witness has reported the object. The UFO has often been described in detail and recognised by investigators as being an Adamski or cigar type etc.

Could it be that the witnesses have power similar to "second sight" without being aware of it? Is it possible that a number of people may be living close to a higher plane of thought, or that they are more sensitive to the passage of UFOs than others? I wish I knew. For this is only one of the many mysteries surrounding these craft.

At last month's S.I.G.A.P. meeting Ron Toft concluded his talk on "Life in the Universe - The Astronomer's View". The date of the next meeting has yet to be fixed.

- Omar Fowler

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Omar Fowler, Dick Beet and myself attended the March B.U.F.O.R.A. meeting and listened to a fascinating talk entitled: "Pieces From The Jig Saw", given by Leonard Cramp, Vice-President of B.U.F.O.R.A. and author of "Space Gravity And The Flying Saucer" and "Piece For a Jig Saw". He gave a vivid account of strange troughs which had been made in barley fields on the Isle of Wight last summer and attributed them to a UFO seen by schoolboys.



In the troughs he found that the barley had been broken, flattened and threshed. He said it was definitely the work of a machine and not an animal. Farmers in Whippingham, where the incident occurred, were completely baffled. Mr. Cramp illustrated his talk with over 50 slides, both colour and black and white, and a movie film.

The next meeting to be held by B.U.F.O.R.A. will be on April 6 in Kensington Central Library, starting at 7 p.m. The lecture, "Spacemen in Antiquity", will be given by Raymond Drake, author of "Spacemen In The Ancient East" and "Spacemen In The Ancient West".

Once again I appeal for letters, articles and interesting extracts from UFO books and magazines, for the newsletter. As yet I have had virtually no response.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of space, the first of my articles on space exploration has had to be held over until next month.

National Sky-Watch Day this year will be on Saturday, June 15. Now that B.U.F.O.R.A. has its own communications officer, Mr. Roy Winstanley, it should be possible to maintain instantaneous communication between the main observation posts. At the moment however, Mr. Winstanley is trying to get the G.P.O. to allocate B.U.F.O.R.A. a special scientific radio frequency.

- Ron Toft

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Unidentified English scientists are assisting their American colleagues at the University of Colorado in unraveling the "mystery" of UFOs.

The U.S.A.F. initially made a grant of £125,000 for the study. But this has now been increased to £200,000 and the final report is expected in September.

But Edward Condon, director of the project, seems frustrated about the whole thing. "It's like a study of cancer without any cancer patients. I wish one of these damned things would land right here so that I could go out and take it to pieces".

Over 7,000 cases have been studied by computer but the analysis is not yet complete. Five pieces of hardware claimed to come from UFOs are also being examined.

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+ THE SPECTRE OF WINTERFOLD AS A LEY-PHENOMENON +

+ By +

+ Dan Butcher +  
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A ghost or ghoul, such as that seen at Winterfold on the night of November 12/13 last year by two young people from Woking, could be due to a bewildering number of things. Anthropologists, meteorologists, psychologists, psychic-researchers and theosophists, not to mention ufologists, could present us with scores of theories as to its possible nature.

It has occurred to me that the Winterfold spectre may be connected with the phenomena associated with Britain's ancient roads and pathways - those true "haunts" of our people. Many of the localities which are reputed to be haunted often turn out to be situated on one of the lines of these former highways. Churchyard ghosts, spectres haunting cross-roads and the corners of public houses, nixies and banshees of streams and ponds, phantom horses and their riders, black dogs, strange lights and apparitions of the devil - all are phenomena said to be encountered on the sites of old straight tracks, or leys. Without a doubt the majority of such reports can be attributed to a residue of folklore which has survived from remote times, acting upon the witness' imagination. Yet there have been some reports of seemingly genuine experiences, a few of which have displayed inexplicable features. We might call these apparitions of the wayside "ley-phenomena", and if it could be proved that the Winterfold spectre was seen on a ley, then we could classify it in that category. Unfortunately, being physically disabled, I am debarred from making a complete investigation of this matter, as field work would be necessary. However, on a three-inch ordnance map of the district one finds certain clues pointing to a ley in the vicinity of the sighting.

In Charles Bowen's article, "The Spectre of Winterfold" (Flying Saucer Review Vol. 14, No. 1, p. 15) the area of the sighting is localised between Pitch Hill and Winterfold and on the Cranleigh-Shere road. Now a straight line running S.W.W. from the trigonometrical point on Coneyhurst Hill will cross the road in this vicinity, and continuing on will intersect a track-junction at Colmans Farm. It will then traverse Alderbrook Park, passing close by two wells, and then continue on across Smithwood Common.



Next it will pass close to a spring at Bridgeham Farm, cross the nearby Wey and Arun Canal, and finally strike the cross-roads at Palmers Cross.

Ley-students will recognise the pointers to such a track having once been in existence. Coneyhurst Hill (843 ft.) is the highest hill in the district, and an obvious initial point for a trackway running to the Palmers Cross cross-roads. The suffix hurst in Coneyhurst denotes a clump of trees, which indicates that the hill was used as a sighting point. The word Colman in Colmans Farm is a name well known to the students of this subject, and is to be found on a number of leys. It refers to a class of travellers who once used these tracks, perhaps the people who first laid down the directions they took. The two wells may or may not be ancient, I have no way of telling. But the name Smithwood is significant, and Bridgeham Farm points to a former bridge, and an even earlier ford, over the nearby waterway now known as the Wey and Arun Canal. Palmers Cross, by reason of its name - a palmer was a pilgrim, the "cross" may refer to a mediaeval cross which marked the cross-roads where a prehistoric monument once stood - and the fact that it is at a cross-roads, seemsto clinch the argument. But, as I have already mentioned, fieldwork would be necessary to make a complete statement on the matter. Furthermore, a more precise indication is needed as to where the spectre was actually seen.

Since the old straight track and its folklore are closely interwoven with sighting reports of unusual phenomena, it may be well for ufologists to check on "creature" reports in order to establish their relationship, if any, to the ancient pathways. That creatures of spectral, humanoid and animal form have been associated with UFO sightings we all know. We are also familiar with Aime Michel's suggestion that UFOs may come into view at places arranged on a straight line. But the fact that UFOs are so often associated with roads is not so widely publicised. Many many sightings are made on roadways. Since most people travel by road this must be the rule - it is a likely place to encounter anything out-of-doors. Furthermore, most of us live in houses bordering roads, and from these houses, some of us make our sightings.

All in all, a road can hardly escape being involved in the matter, even sea "roads". A number of well known historical sightings have been made on roads. St. Paul for instance, experienced a blinding light on the road to Damascus. And Charlemagne saw a ball of fire on the road to Aachen. Sightings of cruciform lights were made on the London-Dunstable road in 1189 and 1227 A.D. (Flying Saucer Review Vol. 10, No. 3). Thus we cannot afford to neglect the study of ancient tracks in connection with UFOs. As Aime Michel has so rightly said: "In Ufology the rule is to think of everything and to believe nothing".

Editor's note: In the summer of 1965 I visited the small country town of Warminster in Wiltshire, at that time being "Buzzed" regularly by luminous balls of fire and other aerial oddities. While I was there I interviewed Mr. David Holton, a local scientist who had made an extensive study of UFOs and come to the conclusion they were definitely extra-terrestrial. He told me that as well as being the focus of UFO activity (i.e. visible aerial objects) Warminster and the surrounding villages had been subjected repeatedly in the past to mysterious "vibrations".



Apparently these had a startling effect on animals - particularly birds and humans. Mr. Holton said there were two types of vibrations. The first had been described as being a rumbling or roaring sound and the second, a high pitched whining sound. It was the latter which did the "damage".

Birds flying into the field of vibration dropped dead. Cats experiencing them refused food for some time afterwards. And in humans the vibrations caused dizziness and instability.

In Mr. Holton's opinion the vibrations are similar to the terrestrial echo-sounding device and are used by the aliens to determine the depth and nature of our atmosphere and to gain other information.

But the most interesting thing to note is that the vibrations followed definite lines over Warminster, a town which has many ancient pathways, tumuli and remains of prehistoric settlements....

It should also be worthwhile checking on the Whitmoor Common creature report to see if that sighting too was on a ley.

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+   THE FIRST TEN YEARS IN SPACE   +  
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What took place on October 4, 1957 will never be forgotten - for it changed the course and ultimate destiny of mankind.

Future generations will read about it as our children do today of Newton's discovery of gravitation and the invention of the telescope.

It was a day when the cold uninviting Siberian steppes trembled.....as a mighty rocket rose into the autumn sky on a spear of fire, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in the Soviet Republic of Kazkhastan. Soon after a 184 lb. bleeping metallic sphere went into orbit around the earth. The Space Age had dawned. A New era in technological achievement had begun. And a new word was born - "sputnik". For the first time in history man had overcome the force of gravity.

The world gasped when it heard of the launching. A louder and different kind of gasp came from America. Russia had put a satellite in orbit first and she didn't like it one little bit. For one thing it didn't do her prestige any good.

In the weeks that followed America made several unsuccessful attempts to put the Stars and Stripes in space too.



Then a month later while America was still reeling from the shock - Russia blasted Sputnik 2 into orbit. This space vehicle had a passenger on board, a dog called Laika. America was getting very hot under the collar now. She made more frenzied attempts to put a satellite in orbit, and finally succeeded on February 1, 1958 with the 9 lb. Explorer 1. It was much smaller than Sputnik 1 but at least America had her feet on the first rung of the space ladder.

The astronautical developments which have taken place in the short space of ten years is astounding to say the least. Failures were commonplace in the early days - at least as far as America was concerned. Rockets blew up on the launching pad, satellites failed to achieve the correct orbit. Undoubtedly the Russians too had failures at first, but they have never been publicly admitted. Rocket engineers on both sides have learned by their mistakes and today failures are relatively rare. This is an achievement in itself when one considers the millions of components which go to make up the giant rockets.

In September 1959 the Russians scored another space "first" by crash landing a spacecraft in the Moon's Sea of Serenity. The following month another Russian space probe, Lunik 3, gave the world its first look at the Moon's hidden side. The television pictures it sent back were far from perfect, but it was nevertheless, a remarkably successful first attempt. It also showed scientists that communication could be maintained with a spacecraft thousands of miles from earth.

America's first deep space probes, Pioneer 1 and Pioneer 3, reached approximately 80,000 and 64,000 miles from earth respectively, before communication was lost with them. Pioneer 5, launched in March 1960, did even better. It went into orbit around the sun between earth and Venus and signals from it were picked up by the 250 ft. radio telescope at Jodrell Bank when it was 22,500,000 miles away.

In April 1960 it was America's turn to score a space first, with the launching of Tiros 1, the first weather satellite. It sent back 22,000 pictures of the earth's cloud cover. It is not thought that the Russians had put a weather satellite in orbit before this date. Another great success for the Americans was Score, a communication satellite which relayed a message from President Eisenhower to the world.

Meanwhile the Russians weren't idle. And in February 1961 they launched the first unmanned probe to Venus. Venus is said to be the earth's twin because of its similar size and mass. But although it is the nearest planet to earth surprisingly little is known about it. This is because its surface is always hidden by a thick layer of cloud. However, the 6½ ton sputnik lost its transmitting "voice" only 15 days after it was launched. It is thought to have passed within 62,000 miles of Venus in May 1961. But any valuable data which its instruments may have gained never found its way back to the waiting Soviet scientists.

In April 1961, with the Space Age less than four years old, Man ventured for the first time outside his own planet. Yuri Gagarin, who died so tragically in a plane crash last month, piloted his 4½ ton Vostok spacecraft once round the world at over 17,000 m.p.h., and then returned safely to Soviet soil.



It was not until February 1962 that an American made a complete orbit of the earth, although there were two earlier sub-orbital flights. In June 1963 Valentina Tereshkova became the first spacewoman, and in March 1965 another Russian, Alexei Leonov, earned the title of first space-walker. It was also in March 1965 that America started her Gemini programme. Altogether there were ten highly successful flights in this two-man spacecraft series.

Without a doubt the most spectacular advances in space travel have so far been with unmanned vehicles. On November 28, 1964 a spacecraft was launched from Cape Kennedy. Not much publicity was given to it at that time but it was that same spacecraft which eight months later took the first historic close up pictures of Mars. In March 1966 the Russians triumphed again, this time by crash landing a spacecraft on the surface of Venus. Unfortunately communication was lost with it shortly before it entered the Venusian atmosphere so much valuable data was lost. But the Russians more than made up for this when they successfully soft landed a spacecraft on the planet last October. In February 1966 the Russians achieved a soft landing on the Moon, with Luna 9. This was followed in June the same year by the more sophisticated American spacecraft Surveyor 1, which sent thousands of high quality pictures of the lunar surface back to earth. There were seven Surveyor spacecraft altogether, five of them successful. Between them they photographed, dug and analysed the lunar soil.

Last year was one of tragedy. In January three American astronauts died - Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee - when the spacecraft they were testing caught fire. Ironically, they were on the ground at the time. Then in April Russian cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov perished while bringing his Soyuz spacecraft back to earth. The spacecraft's parachute became tangled and Komarov plunged to his death.

What will take place in the next ten years? I expect to see a manned orbiting space station, a permanent base on the Moon, and more reconnaissance flights to the planets. As far as the planets are concerned, the Russians will probably concentrate on Venus, mainly because of their phenomenal success last year. The Americans are turning their attention to Mars, The Red Planet, but at present their space expenditure is being cut drastically because of the Vietnam War.

As far as the coming year is concerned, we may see the Russians beginning to build their space station. They may also put more men in orbit around the earth to practice "docking" manoeuvres with two or more spacecraft, and even try a manned circumlunar flight. The Americans will push ahead with their Apollo programme, designed to put three men on the Moon before 1970.

In just ten short years, since the first bleep of Sputnik 1, Man has already gone a long way to reaching the ultimate goal - the stars.

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#### LATE NEWS ITEM .

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd on Tuesday May 7th. Please come along to this meeting and hear the analysis of the first years investigations. (Plastic Coatings is situated on the Bypass Trading Estate, GUILDFORD) Commences 8pm. O F



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+ SCHOOLBOYS SEE FIVE UFOs OVER LIGHTWATER +  
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April was an exciting month from a ufological point of view. For no less than five mysterious star-like objects, which changed colour and appeared to be rotating, were seen over the village of Lightwater, near Bagshot.

On the evening of Sunday, April 14, two schoolboys, David Wye (15), of 127 Ambleside Road, Lightwater and Stephen Clue (14), of 151 Ambleside Road, were playing about on heathland at High Curley, Lightwater. At about 8.15 p.m. David saw what at first he thought was a rather bright star, between 50° and 60° above the south-west horizon. He pointed it out to Stephen and both boys stood watching it.

Said Stephen: "It changed colour from white to red to turquoise-blue to red to yellow to green and then to white again. It would remain in one position for a few minutes repeating this sequence several times, then suddenly move sharply to a new position and change colour again".

Then the boys noticed that a second object had appeared in the sky - in the east. This too was between 50° and 60° above the horizon and changed colour like the first object. Both "stars" had fuzzy edges and changed in brightness as well. They seemed to be about the size of a pea held at arm's length. Stephen thought they were very high up, possibly 150 miles.

Unfortunately, the boys did not see the manner in which the objects disappeared, for they had to return home as it was getting late. They watched them however, for about 1½ hours, from 8.15 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. When David arrived home he found that his brother, and his sister and her boyfriend, had also seen the objects.

David and Stephen returned to High Curley the following evening (April 15) - this time accompanied by one of their friends, 15-year old Andrew Osborne, of "Woodpeckers", Ambleside Road.



At about 8.15 p.m. they saw both objects again, or two very similar ones, in approximately the same positions and at the same elevation.

Stephen said: "They both changed colour again and moved from one place to another. They appeared to be revolving and signalling to one another. The only difference was that they were shooting what looked to us like sparks. At first I thought they were satellites, but then I realised that they don't change colour and hover. The objects made no sound and were not aircraft or Army flares either. Neither did they emit any smoke or vapour".

He added: "The objects were brighter than the sky background". According to David there was no cloud present on Sunday and only occasional cloud on Monday. The temperature was moderate on both evenings and there was a light breeze.

The boys reported both sightings to Camberley police, who then passed the details on to Bagshot police, for further investigation. Stephen also mentioned that his elder brother Alan had seen one of the objects on Sunday evening from their house.

At 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, Stephen and David saw yet another star-like object changing colour. This one was in the south-west and the boys saw it from Macdonald Road, which adjoins Ambleside Road. They did not report this sighting to the police.

Do the boys believe in "flying-saucers"? David remarked: "I didn't before, but now these objects have certainly made me wonder". Stephen added: "I thought flying-saucers were a load of rubbish, just tin cans which people threw up in the air and photographed. But now I've changed my mind".

Investigator's report: When I first heard about the sightings I was sceptical, mainly because the witnesses were schoolboys, a class of people prone to exaggeration. But when I met Stephen and David on Tuesday, April 16, I was convinced that they had seen something unusual in the sky.

There are minor discrepancies in their reports, but this is only to be expected. If the whole thing was a hoax their statements would be identical. Also, the boys reported what they had seen to the police. Personally, I doubt if they would have bothered to do this if they had not been telling the truth. Then of course there were other members of the boys' families who saw the objects. It is most unlikely that they would all lie - just to get a bit of publicity!

High Curley is a shrub-covered hilly area, about 400 ft. above sea-level. It is quite surprising the distance that one can see from the top. An excellent UFO observation post. Stephen Clue and I went up there on Friday, April 19. I asked him to show me where the objects had been seen. I then took compass bearings and estimated the angle of elevation. My figures tallied closely with Stephen's. I went up there again that evening hoping to see the objects. Unfortunately cloud covered the larger part of the sky.



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TUESDAY MAY 7th

Members are reminded that S.I.G.A.P.'s annual meeting will be held on ~~Monday, May 6~~, in the canteen of the Plastic Coatings factory, Guildford, starting at 8 p.m.

S.I.G.A.P. now has 52 members.

Tony Wake has resigned from the post of Treasurer, owing to pressure of work. Graham Raine is Acting Treasurer until the annual meeting.

A scientific civil servant has joined S.I.G.A.P. He is Mr. Michael Prewett, of 20 Loman Road, Mytchett, who works at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

It is hoped to publish shortly a list of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and qualifications, where known, of all S.I.G.A.P. members. Each person will then know the other ufologists in his or her town or village and be able to meet from time to time. S.I.G.A.P. members may be living virtually on top of one another and not realise it! If any member has any objections to these details being published will they please notify the secretary as soon as possible or raise the matter at the annual meeting.

S.I.G.A.P. secretary Dick Beet gave a talk on UFOs last month to the Guildford Astronomical Society.

Graham Raine, of 1 Grove Farm, Mytchett, has written to Radio Moscow, hoping that through them he will be able to contact the recently formed Russian UFO Agency. Radio Moscow has replied saying that Graham's letter has been passed on to their science correspondent who, incidentally, was cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin's interpreter when he visited this country. Graham hopes to hear from him in due course.

It seems that S.I.G.A.P. is a trendsetter now. Following publication recently of Dick Beet's excellent analysis of UFO sightings reported to our group last year, Mr. Stephen Smith, Secretary of the British UFO Research Association's National Advisory Council, is urging all groups throughout the country to undertake a similar project. Says Mr. Smith in the Council's circular: "The Surrey Group are going strongly. They have published some basic statistics on the reports that they received during 1967, including temporal distribution tables, tables of UFO types and colours. Perhaps something similar could be produced by you all. If you would like to send me some of your own statistics then I will undertake to publish them as a special edition of the circular. HOW ABOUT IT?"

Members ought to be proud of the S.I.G.A.P. Newsletter - for it is the only monthly group publication in the United Kingdom giving full and regular local UFO news coverage. UFOLOG, published by the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society, is also a monthly publication but is merely a catalogue of recent sightings up and down the country, although it is certainly very interesting.



Artist and S.I.G.A.P. member Dan Butcher is to go through the group's files and carry out an analysis of UFO shapes, based on sightings reported to S.I.G.A.P. last year. Where possible he will make sketches and it is hoped to display these at a future meeting.

S.I.G.A.P. is setting up a historical section - to study ancient Surrey UFO reports. Anyone interested in this field of research should write to the Editor.

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In addition, S.I.G.A.P. now has 18 assistant area investigators covering many districts, including: Jacobs Wells, Pirbright, Cranleigh and Byfleet. Anyone can become an area investigator, though it is advisable to have some form of transport.

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+ BALL OF FIRE OVER SURBITON +  
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Twenty-four year old Kevin Woodgate and his wife, who live at 30 Glenbuck Court, Glenbuck Road, Surbiton, saw a glowing ball of fire in the sky from their bedroom window, shortly after midnight on April 4.

Mr. Woodgate gives the following account of the sighting: "On the night of April 4, at around 12.25 a.m., my wife and I had just got into bed. As I turned round to lie down my eyes caught sight of an extremely bright object high up in the sky. Thinking it was a shooting-star, I called my wife to look. But instead of moving down and burning itself out, it remained in the same spot. We both watched it while it flashed on and off like a police light. It was a bright reddy-orange colour. The object remained in the same position for around two minutes, and then began to move down and away towards London very slowly. The light remained flashing for most of the time, but at one point stopped, perhaps for 20 seconds. The object was seen for around six to eight minutes altogether. No noise was heard. The approximate size of the object when flashing was around six times as large as an aircraft landing light. As to the shape of the object, nothing was seen except the light, which seemed to start as a circle and then project outwards horizontally.

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+ CIGAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN +  
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When site engineer Robert Young went to bed at about 1 a.m. on April 9, a bright blue flash lit up his room.

Mr. Young (20), of 90 Seely Road, London S.W. 17, said: "My first reaction, as my bedroom faces railway lines, was that it was a bright train flash. As I heard no sound of a train approaching I looked out of the window. At first I saw nothing. Then all of a sudden a huge oblong shape lit up the sky with a vivid white light with a blue tint. This object was travelling so fast that an estimate of its speed would be impossible. Then suddenly it stopped and a very bright vivid orange glow appeared underneath it. The object then descended towards the ground out of sight. Immediately afterwards I went and told my future father-in-law and we proceeded to inspect the area in which I estimated the object descended. But nothing was found.

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STOP PRESS: Mr. K. Miles will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting. He recently visited Valansole in France, where a UFO and its occupants were encountered, and he will be bringing along slides showing the effect that the UFO had on the ground.



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+ Star-shaped UFO over Woking +  
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S.I.G.A.P. has just received an interesting report of a white star-shaped UFO which passed over Woking one evening last November.

It was seen by Mr. B.R.Lee, a T.V. and radio engineer, of 224 Walton Road, Woking. He is unable to give us the exact date of the sighting but says it was on a Monday in the latter part of the month. Here is Mr. Lee's account of the sighting:-

"At approximately 8.30 p.m. two friends called for me, as expected, at my home. They told me that on their way they had seen a UFO. I was sceptical and at first thought they were pulling my leg. But they suggested I should go outside and see for myself, which I did. We went to a point in Walton Road where there was a gap in the buildings - at the junction of Walton Road and Omega Road - and looking towards the south and upwards at an angle of 60° I saw an object resembling a white star moving in a westerly direction. The object was moving in an erratic zig-zag manner deviating up and down from its mean course. It appeared to be travelling at a very high speed. The distance travelled at arm's length was 15 inches. The light with which the object glowed varied in intensity. At its brightest it appeared as an average star, but frequently dimmed to a lesser intensity. These changes in brightness were quite haphazard. Both the changes in brightness and movement followed no obviously noticeable pattern. We watched the object for approximately ten minutes. My friends had previously watched it, before calling for me, for some 15 minutes. After a while we decided to leave because of the cold. When we left the object was still behaving in the same manner. It did not explode, change shape, emit smoke or vapour or make any noise while we observed it. Neither did it move in front of or behind anything. We did not have any kind of optical equipment. I have good eyesight though. I cannot estimate the size, speed or height of the object accurately". Mr. Lee says that the sky was clear at the time of the sighting.

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Pirbright member Robert Skinner has donated a copy of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" by Donald Keyhoe, to the group.  
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A huge green cigar-shaped UFO with dark markings down the middle was seen by astronomer James Maunder from the now disused Guildown Observatory, near Guildford, on November 17, 1882.

It was seen by a number of people and estimated to be between 40 and 200 miles high. "Definite in form with a mottled appearance and shaped like a torpedo" was the description given by observers.

The object was moving too fast for a cloud and was not a meteor either. Rand Capron said it was of an auroral nature, but other scientists disagreed, stating it was definitely a material object. (From "Flying Saucers Have Landed", Leslie, 1953; and "Case For The UFO", Jessup, 1955).

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A grey elliptical-shaped UFO hovered over Broadwater, a lake near Godalming, on May 25, 1960.

Mrs. Vera Bowden (35), of Barnet Lane, Wonerish, her son Nigel and his friend Paul Foster, saw it while picknicking on Chinthurst Hill two miles away.

Mrs. Bowden, who reported the sighting to the police, said the object was visible for about a quarter of an hour before it moved off towards the west and disappeared in the distance. She said it didn't make any noise and "looked to me just above the treetops. It was very clear and quite unlike anything I've seen before". (From "Flying Saucer Review", Vol. 5 No. 5).

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S.I.G.A.P. member Dan Butcher, who lives at "The Ridge", Green Lane East, Ash Green, has sent in two possible UFO reports from the past:-

"Late one summer evening during the early 1950's my mother became excited because of a rosy red light she could see in the distance behind some trees. 'There is such a peculiar light over towards Inwood Barn' (just off the Hog's Back), she told me. 'It looks like a bonfire, but it is big and I am sure it is not a bonfire'. There was a peculiar intonation in her voice, as if she were somewhat awestruck. I, for some unfathomable reason, refused to go and look. Later I became aware that a number of our neighbours had gathered at the bottom of their gardens and were watching the light with my mother. After some time - perhaps 20 minutes - the group broke up and my mother came indoors. But after that she went to the bedroom window and reported that the light was still there. She kept reporting it for about an hour. The weather was clear and settled. Unfortunately my mother is now dead and her friends who also saw the light have moved from Ash Green. Some time later we received a current issue of 'Everybody's Weekly' - and this should greatly aid the approximation of the date - which contained an article on flying saucers, including the story of Mantell's UFO chase. My mother read this and once again became excited, avowing that this was what she had seen, a flying saucer.



"I once asked an old man, now dead, who lived at Ash Vale in some old people's cottages almost opposite the entrance to Firacre Road, if he had ever seen a fireball. This was just after a well-known and prominent fir tree had been struck by lightning in a one-flash storm at Ash Vale a few years ago. I asked him because he was an old resident of Ash. He pondered awhile and then said yes. Sometime during the 1920's - he could not give the exact year - when he lived in Ash Street, he and many of his neighbours had stood in their back gardens and watched a fireball travelling slowly along the length of the Hog's Back".

Editor's note: Fireballs are a larger and brighter type of shooting star or meteor, generally 1-10 cm. in size, though sometimes larger. Like the shooting stars they are stony or metallic particles which become incandescent during their passage through the earth's atmosphere. Generally speaking, meteors begin to glow at a height of about 65 miles and burn out at 50 miles. However, the larger ones do not burn up and when they reach the earth's surface are termed meteorites. But it is possible that the object which Dan Butcher mentions was not a "true" fireball at all, especially as it was moving slowly on a horizontal plane. It may well have been a globular UFO.

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About 25 people attended S.I.G.A.P.'s second annual meeting, held on May 7 at the Plastic Coatings factory, Guildford. Secretary Dick Beet, who opened the meeting, told members that the group had made excellent progress during the year. Membership had more than doubled since the first annual meeting and 92 UFO reports had been investigated since the group was formed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:-  
Chairman - Omar Fowler; Secretary - Dick Beet; Treasurer - Graham Raine; Newsletter Editor - Ron Toft; Librarian - Mrs. A. Pearce; Photographic Analyst - Norman Wynn; Foreign Correspondent - Keith Burnett. The last post is a new one and will entail keeping in touch with UFO groups throughout the world.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Mr. Ken Miles, who recently visited the small town of Valensole in the French Alps, where a UFO and its occupants are claimed to have been encountered. At about 6 a.m. on July 1, 1965 lavender farmer M. Maurice Masse was just about to start work in his field when he heard a whistling noise. Looking around he saw an oval-shaped machine standing on six legs. Beside it were two small beings. As he advanced towards them one of them pointed something at him and he became transfixed. He couldn't move although he could see what was going on. After a while the creatures got back into their craft and silently took off. When he gained control of his limbs M. Masse rushed to a nearby cafe and told the proprietor what he had seen. Soon the news broke. Perhaps the most interesting part of the story is that no lavender has ever been able to grow in the spot where the craft landed. Mr. Miles showed some excellent slides of the bare patch of land, about 15-20 ft. in diameter, where only weeds grow.

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The next S.I.G.A.P. meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11, at the Plastic Coatings factory, starting at 8 p.m. The main item on the agenda will be the finalising of arrangements for the group's part in the National Sky Watch on Saturday, June 15.

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S.I.G.A.P. member Dan Butcher is interested in correlating UFO dreams to actual sightings. If anyone has experienced such a dream, or knows of anyone who has, would they please send details to Dan, at "The Ridge", Green Lane East, Ash Green. Accounts should be composed, as near as possible, in the form of an actual sighting report, giving details of the shape, colour, sound (if any), altitude and direction of the dream UFO. Other details, such as the dream locality and the date and time of the dream, would also be welcomed. All submitted material will be treated as strictly confidential - if requested.

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From Jimmy Goddard (Secretary of "Contact"), of "Wynchlands", Walton Bridge Road, Shepperton, Middlesex:-

"I was very interested indeed to see the article on ley-phenomena in the S.I.G.A.P. Newsletter. The question is asked as to whether Whitmoor Common, where another "creature" was seen, is also on a ley. It is in fact on a ley which seems to be fairly important in its connections with UFOs. I found this ley some years ago and, in fact, had a skywatch on Whitmoor Common some months ago because of it (though the only "UFO" I saw then was later identified by you as a satellite about to decay!). What I would have done if I had come face to face with the "creature" seen there later I cannot say.

"Be that as it may, this ley passes through several points of interest. It comes in a roughly south-west direction passing through a centre in Finchley where a number of UFOs were seen some years ago. Then it comes through Hendon, where I myself saw an orange hovering object on February 18, 1967. This was in broad daylight at about 10.30 a.m. From here it continues through a church in Hounslow to Sunbury Cross, a junction of several roads which is an important ley centre. Continued further south it goes through Whitmoor Common to a centre on the Hog's Back (where I saw an identical hovering orange UFO on the night of June 24, 1967 - this was also witnessed by members of S.I.G.A.P. and B.U.F.O.R.A. four miles to the east on Pewley Down).

"Coming southwards again this ley passes through a church with a spire in Elstead (about four miles east of Godalming), a track junction on Hankley Common about a mile from Elstead, an area called "Green Cross"  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Hindhead, and a "Palmer's Farm"  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north-east of Liss. If my plotting is correct, it also passes through Godshill on the Isle of Wight, which has an interesting legend of angels moving stones - such legends of supernatural beings moving stones etc., abound on leys and could refer to beings from outer space having a hand in building them.



"To return to my sighting from the Hog's Back; the UFO was seen due west both by me and the watchers on Pewley Down, who were four miles due east of me. Thus I think this may have been connected with another ley passing through the same Hog's Back centre (marked by a copse on the side of the Hog's Back). This comes westward through a church with a tower in Bletchingley (about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Redhill), through a group of tumuli on Reigate Heath, then through Newlands Corner (a tumulus there) and Pewley Down to the Hog's Back centre".

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Members will probably remember that a few weeks ago I had a letter published in the "Surrey Advertiser" asking for details of ancient UFO reports. It sparked off the following reply from someone wishing to remain anonymous:

"Being, as you write in the Surrey Advertiser, a fool, I for one deny the existence of UFOs. You would have to be in a very sorry state of health to see one, unlucky, not lucky. A non-drinker like myself could never see one. Now please answer a few questions - why are they not seen by more than one person at a time. What makes you think they come from outer space. It would take thousands of years to reach this planet. Their occupants would have to be of both sexes to enable them to breed on their way, and what would they do about food etc., and getting rid of those that die on the way, or perhaps they eat them! We don't have to worry about what happens if one should happen to land here. As they don't exist they could not land anywhere. Like the Surrey "Puma" they just are not there, but no doubt they will still be seen by the other fools who can always see anything they want to see. They also must keep up with the people who pretend to see these things. Just start something and you can be sure there will be plenty of people to carry on the fun, and if they give other people pleasure good luck to them. But please don't get serious about it." Yours etc., "A Fool".  
P.S. "Please carry on your good work. It gives us fools lots of laughs, as did the non-existent Surrey "Puma". What next I wonder?"

Apart from having no logical argument and not being sure of his facts, this individual would do well to improve his grammar before indulging in further "letter-writing".

-Ron Toft

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Three more people have joined S.I.G.A.P. They are:-

Mr. Derek Toombs, of 28 Clynmawr Street, Abertillery,  
Monmouthshire, Wales.

Mr. Ronald Snow, of 22 Grove Farm, Mytchett Road, Mytchett,  
Camberley, Surrey.

Mr. George Newman, of 60 Hazel Avenue, Guildford, Surrey.

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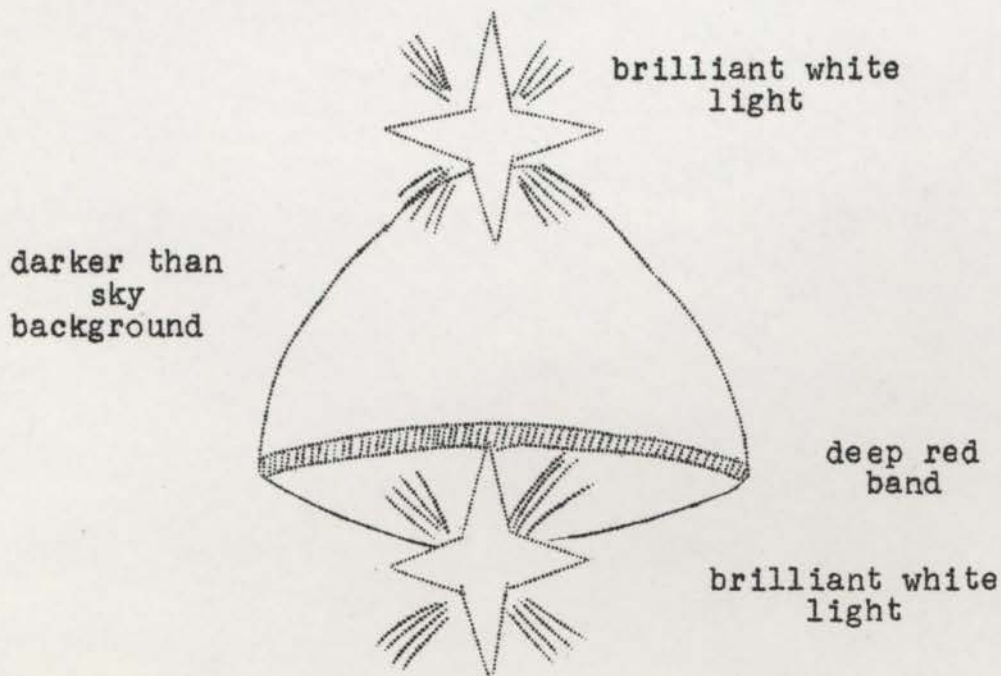
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UFO PAYS MIDNIGHT VISIT TO NEWPORT

Mr. Derek Toombs, a Welsh S.I.G.A.P. member, has sent in an extremely interesting account of a UFO which he and a friend saw over Newport in April. Mr. Toombs, a newcomer to our group who lives at 28 Clynmawr Street, Abertillery, Monmouthshire, Wales, says in his report:-

"At 12.20 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, April 23, 1968, I was walking along Stow Hill, Newport, in the direction of the Hardpost Pub, with Miss Violet Burnap, of 160 Stow Hill. By chance I happened to look up at the sky - to see a brilliant white light moving from West to East. After a few minutes I came to the conclusion that it was a UFO. The behaviour pattern was of the usual kind exhibited by such objects - bizarre, pendulum, zig-zag and curved movements of varying accelerations along its average West to East course.



SKETCH OF OBJECT SEEN BY MR. TOOMBS



"The UFO gave the impression that it was scrutinizing Newport town, and appeared to be travelling along the South Wales coastline towards the River Severn. At first the object looked like a bright moving star. But after continued observation both of us could define an outline. It seemed to be shaped like a tea-cosy with a light on top and a light underneath. Along the perimeter of the bottom part of the tea-cosy shape was a deep red band. At no time did the lights change in brightness. The object did not make any noise and we could see no vapour trails or emissions of smoke. The object, which moved very slowly, was first sighted approximately  $85^{\circ}$  above the western horizon. It was last seen about  $35^{\circ}$  above the eastern horizon. It faded into the distance behind the glare of Newport's lighting complex. Police and local newspapers were given details of the sighting".

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Sightings From The Past

During the summer of 1964 two UFOs were seen over Dunsfold Aerodrome, some 10 miles from Guildford. They were observed by Mr. A. H. Lloyd, of "Strathavon", Guildford Road, Cranleigh, at that time an electrical aircraft inspector.

The exact date of the sighting is not known, but Mr. Lloyd thinks it was sometime during June or July. Says Mr. Lloyd:- "I have been in the aircraft industry for 12 years and in the R.A.F. for 4 years prior to that, and have been intrigued by the UFO problem for a long time. So when this sighting occurred I was prepared.

"The sighting, which took place at about 2 a.m. one morning, lasted 22 seconds. I saw two UFOs - one slightly above and behind the other. Both had a hard outline and were glowing brightly. They were similar to mercury arc lamps, but not so dazzling. The objects made no noise and were on a North by North-East course. They did not deviate from this course although they were descending in a long curve. I estimated the height at which I first saw them as being 2,000-3,000 feet at a distance of half a mile. They appeared to be the size of a sixpence held at arm's length, only elliptical in shape. They did not pulsate but glowed steadily. An interesting factor is that as the objects passed before me and until their disappearance behind some trees, I could not detect any parallax between them. They stayed the same distance apart, although the sighting angle changed.

"The night was very quiet, and lit by a bright moon. There was some scattered light cloud. Visibility was good. The sighting was verified by one or two people the following month in either the "Flight" or "Aeroplane" magazine".



This particular sighting was investigated by S.I.G.A.P. member Mr. R. K. Thackray. Says Mr. Thackray in his investigator's report:-

"In view of Mr. Lloyd's occupation at the time of the sighting, aircraft misinterpretation is not very probable. Mr. Lloyd is an intelligent and reliable person with the ability to think logically. He is not the type to exaggerate or distort. Since his sighting he has become very interested in UFOs. He is convinced that he did not observe any normal aerial object with which he was familiar. I believe this is a very reliable report. During the time Mr. Lloyd observed the object he did all the usual visual tests to eliminate conventional possibilities.

"He holds the opinion that life must exist on other planets and that 'flying-saucers' are possible". S. 95

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On September 1, 1859, Richard Carrington, an astronomer, saw two moving luminous bodies in the sky from his observatory at Redhill, Surrey. He was of the opinion that they were not meteors.

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Another Redhill sighting was reported on November 12, 1965. At 9.45 p.m. a local resident spotted a mysterious glowing orange-coloured object crossing the sky from the direction of Godstone. It made no noise, was visible for about 1½ minutes, and shaped like an inverted shuttlecock. The witness was unable to offer a natural explanation for the phenomenon.

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An object almost as big as the moon, but not so bright and shrouded in a mist, was seen in the sky over Guildford on December 16, 1965, by a woman on her way home. She saw it as she turned off the Guildford Bypass into Manor Road. The object was travelling in a northerly direction towards Stoughton Barracks. Its speed almost equalled that of a shooting star.

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Two large glowing lights were seen in the sky over Andover, Hants., on September 14, 1953. Both were flat underneath and domed on top. The objects appeared to have some sort of stronger light band running around their middles, described by witnesses as being like a "revolving neon light". The 'saucers' were noiseless.

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An elliptical UFO was seen over West Horsley, Surrey, on October 4, 1962, just as the sun was setting. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wood, of "Copsley", Shere Road, West Horsley. Mrs. Wood was the first to see it - when she looked out of a bedroom window at about 6.50 p.m. She said the object was about 10° above the western horizon, as bright as the moon, and at a distance of some 20 miles. Mrs. Wood's husband, an amateur astronomer, observed the object for a few seconds with his telescope, before it disappeared behind a cloud. He described it as being like a flattened ball with two pieces protruding from it - one on either side. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood were completely baffled as to the nature of the object.

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The Skywatch held on June 15 at Pewley Down, Guildford, was disappointing to say the least. Not because virtually nothing out of the ordinary was seen, but because of the atrocious weather.

At 7 p.m., when the watch commenced, the sky was almost devoid of cloud. All our hopes were high. For if any UFO was going to visit the Guildford area that night we would be sure to see it. But fate was against us. As darkness crept up on us, so did the cloud. Soon the sky was completely overcast and that's the way it remained for practically the whole of the night.

Despite the weather, many members turned out for the skywatch. June 15 was National Skywatch Day and 27 UFO groups throughout the country set up observation posts. Warminster, plagued by UFOs in the past, St. Austell, Stockport, Nottingham and Edinburgh - these were just some of the places where UFO enthusiasts maintained an all-night vigil. But for the second time, Pewley Down was chosen by the British UFO Research Association (B.U.F.O.R.A.) as the skywatch headquarters. S.I.G.A.P.'s equipment included a mobile generator, UFO detectors and diffraction gratings. The main piece of B.U.F.O.R.A. equipment was a portable radio station which succeeded in establishing contact with other UFO groups - in this country and abroad.

One of S.I.G.A.P.'s consultants, Mr. Tim Childerhouse, a satellite expert who works in the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, provided skywatchers with a list of the times when certain satellites and rocket fragments would be visible. Unfortunately, owing to the bad weather none of these were seen.

But what several members did see at 10.50 p.m. was a red glowing object in the direction of Hindhead. It was visible for 25 seconds. S.I.G.A.P. will look into this sighting further.

Eight men and a girl who also went skywatching on June 15 and set up a UFO observation post near Worthing, had a terrifying experience. Their all-night vigil was at Chanctonbury Ring - associated with witchcraft and the devil in bygone ages - seven miles from Worthing. They claim that although they saw nothing they felt a strange presence and became unusually cold. One skywatcher had stomach pains and another had difficulty in breathing. The men and the girl planned to go back to Chanctonbury Ring on June 29. We have not yet heard whether or not they did.

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A loving kiss from a spaceman of the future could well kill his wife if he had just returned from another planet - according to eminent scientist Dr. J. R. Wilkins. He says that the danger of astronauts bringing back an alien disease might one day make it necessary to isolate them for a month or more after a voyage.

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The possibility of astronauts one day coming face to face with intelligent beings from another world cannot be dismissed as metaphysical speculation - says Dr. Kurt Debus, Director of America's Cape Kennedy Space Centre.

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Soviet space scientists have successfully launched and brought back to earth a robot astronomical observatory. The satellite, Cosmos 215, carried eight small telescopes. Information gained from the stars by the telescopes is now being analysed by computer.

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Three American astronauts will spend 10 days in orbit around the Earth in September testing the Apollo moonship.

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Since writing the article entitled: "The Spectre of Winterfold as a Ley Phenomenon", I have discovered that if the line Coneyhurst Hill-Palmer's Cross is extended to the east, it will strike the southern flank of Holmbury Hill - and then, further on, the northern side of Anstiebury Camp. If the same line be extended to the west, it will strike first Hydon Ball, and then Beacon Hill, Hindhead. All of these hills must have been important sighting points in ancient times and tracks must have radiated from them in all directions. That all five (including Coneyhurst Hill), lie on a straight line is remarkable. It makes one think that a ley must have linked them. Holmbury and Anstiebury were Iron Age forts. All this strengthens the suspicion that the Winterfold Spectre may have been witnessed on the line of an ancient trackway.

- Dan Butcher.

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LATE NEWS ITEM.

The S.I.G.A.P. Group can now add to its contacts in the U.S.A. the "Students Investigation on UFOs" of Oklahoma City. Other interested parties are the Colorado University and the Utah University. Our stamp bill is rising weekly.....



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+ GLOWING BALL SEEN IN SKY OVER +
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Arthur Langley, of 8 Manor Farm Cottages, Wanborough, was just going to bed when he saw his UFO. It was approximately 12.20 a.m. on July 6. Says Mr. Langley in his report to S.I.G.A.P.: - (S.101)

Mr. Langley's wife told S.I.G.A.P. that she had seen several peculiar lights recently:-

"It was 2.40 a.m. one morning either at the end of June or the beginning of July. My Labrador dog was howling like a wolf outside her kennel, a noise which she has never made before. I was furious and went into the garden to quieten her. I pushed her back in her kennel and turned round to come back in the house when I saw six or eight fairly large lights. They were about the size of a tea plate and spaced about four feet apart in the shape of a semi-circle. However, as I was quite a long way away it was difficult to assess the exact size and distance.



They were whitish in colour, and about 20 feet below the Hogs Back. I realise after a moment or two that there wasn't a village there, in any case the lights were too bright. I then thought it must be a dreadful accident and went and looked out of the bedroom window. I stood looking for about five minutes. Eventually I saw a car go along the Hogs Back. It was then that I could see that the lights were below the Hogs Back. I waited a little longer and saw another car go along. This convinced me that it wasn't an accident, especially as the lights didn't move at all. I then went back to bed. I have looked for them every night since then, but I haven't seen them".

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+ CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT OVER GATWICK AIRPORT +  
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Mr. A. G. Pyatt, a salesman, of 39A Burnbury Road, London S.W. 12, saw a UFO over Gatwick Airport at 5.10 p.m. on June 30. A Mrs. Ingersoll, who was with Mr. Pyatt at the time, also saw the object. (S.98)

Says Mr. Pyatt: "Whilst driving from Lowfield Heath to Charlwood I noticed a bright object in the sky. As it was in line with the Gatwick Airport runway I thought it was an aeroplane, but it did not appear to be moving. It seemed to be hovering in the sky. I was not able to determine its exact shape, but it seemed to be cylindrical and not of aircraft shape. The object was in my view for three to four minutes".

This particular sighting was investigated by S.I.G.A.P. member Mr. R. J. A. Snow. He says in his report: "Normally at Gatwick Airport there is a lot of noise when aircraft are taking off or are in flight. However, at the time when the object was sighted, the observer claims that no noise was to be heard. He was very specific about this point. In my mind this story is true and accurate. Both the observer and his witness were not firm believers of UFOs. I have known Mr. Pyatt, who is middle-aged, for some years. On further questioning I discovered that the object eventually completely disappeared, without any sound or trace.

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A silver, very bright, classic "flying-saucer" shaped object was seen by Miss Ellinor Austen, of 14 Heatherbank, Tower Road, Hindhead, at 1.30 a.m. on July 6. She was standing outside her house at the time. The sky was clear and stars were visible. Said Miss Austen: "I had the feeling that the object contained instruments and people".

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LOST and FOUND.

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The Contact Group at Shepperton have reported to us, that one of their folding chairs disappeared during the National Skywatch on June 15th. If anyone has found that they have one extra chair, will they please contact the secretary.

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Mr. R. K. Thackray, a member of S.I.G.A.P., saw a "very bright large white light" over the Hogs Back at 11.25 p.m. on July 3. Mr. Thackray, who lives at Laburnam Cottage, Beary Lane, Fox Corner, Worpleston, was in Elstead at the time. The object was seen too by a John Enever and Stuart Reffold. (S.108)

Mr. Thackray says in his report:- "It was a bright night with scattered hazy cloud. I was looking out from Elstead village towards the Hogs Back. The skyline of the Hogs Back was clearly visible against the bright sky. Suddenly I saw a bright light moving across the sky from west to east at a steady rate and at a constant height above the Hogs Back skyline. The object was the size of a pea held at arms length. Its brilliance was constant. When the object passed out of sight behind a tree I moved to a new position and saw it fading into the haze. I heard no aircraft noise and saw no aircraft navigation lights".

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+ STAR-SHAPED UFOs SEEN BY +  
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Two star-shaped UFOs which appeared to be joined were seen by Woolworths supervisor Mrs. Dorothy White and shop assistant Mrs. Irene Skinner at about 10.30 p.m. on June 13. (S.100a)

Mrs. White saw the objects from her home at 8 James Road, Peasmarsh, Guildford. Mrs. Skinner saw them from the back of Guildford's Odeon Cinema.

Mrs. White said: "I saw an extra large bright star with a smaller one underneath. The smaller one looked as if it was suspended from the one above. The bottom light was reddish and neither moved during the period of observation. I called my daughter to have a look at the objects and then we went indoors.

Mrs. Skinner's description of the objects was almost identical. She said: "They stood out as quite unusual, yet they looked exactly like stars. The objects did not change colour and they did not move".

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Although S.I.G.A.P. observers saw nothing more spectacular than low cloud and the odd star or two during the Pewley Down Skywatch on June 15, this it seems, was far from the case in Wales, where the Welsh UFO Research Association (W.U.F.O.R.A.) also held an all-night skywatch.

Welsh S.I.G.A.P. member Mr. Derek Toombs, who lives in Abertillery, Monmouthshire, was one of the 20 who took part in the skywatch - on Caerphilly Mountain. He has sent S.I.G.A.P. a tabulated account of the unidentified objects seen during the night:-

S.97.A. Time: 23.52-23.53

Whitish-yellow star-like object travelling from west to east. Its motion was zig-zag, pendulum and curved.

Weather: semi-clear, patches of cloud.

B. Time: 02.10

Small white star-like object travelling from south to north in a zig-zag pattern. It made no sound. Ten people observed this UFO.

Weather: clear.

C. Time: 03.04-04.15

One large object and five or six small green objects with vary luminosities observed. There was no sound and the objects behaved irregularly. The larger object was travelling from north-west to south-east. A formation of UFOs was also seen travelling from east to south in a diamond-shape formation.

Weather: quite hazy; thundery.

D. Time: 03.48-04.04

An ellipsoidal-shaped UFO seen. Its length was more than three times its breadth. Colour: leading edge (facing north) green, trailing edge red-orange. It had a bright white central area sometimes appearing blue. The object was pulsating constantly.

Weather: clearing.

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Another Surrey UFO has been reported by S.I.G.A.P. member Richard Colborne. He saw it while travelling to Woking at 4 a.m. on June 29 with a Mr. Edgar Ingrams. The object - yellow-white and cylindrical-shaped with tapered ends - was first seen in the sky above Guildford Technical College. It is interesting to note that it was below cloud level. Mr. Colborne and Mr. Ingrams followed the UFO by road for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. It finally disappeared behind houses on Bellfields Estate.

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A "radiant orange" star-shaped UFO was seen at Farncombe on the evening of July 6 by Mr. Robert Harris and his wife Janice, of Birtley Road, Bramley.

In a report to S.I.G.A.P. Mr. Harris gives the following account of the sighting:-

"It was 8.15 p.m. My attention was drawn to what at first appeared to be a bright star low in the sky. It was not until after pointing it out to my wife that we both realised it was descending vertically from a point above the trees on the horizon. It disappeared from view behind them, taking in all about 15-20 seconds. When first seen it was about twice tree-height, these trees being on a hill about half-a-mile away. The object was of a radiant orange colour, its light varying slightly. Looking at an Ordnance Survey map afterwards I found that the object was in the East. The weather at the time was dry and clear generally". S.104

While Mr. and Mrs. Harris were busy observing the star-shaped object, Miss Phyllis Pease, who was driving along the Bramley-Alford road, saw a red ball of fire in the sky. It was visible for about half-a-minute, after which it suddenly disappeared. Miss Pease's passenger also saw the object, which was in the North-East.

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A cluster of three "very large" stars which hovered for three to five minutes and made a droning noise, were seen by secretary Miss Pamela Jennings, of Ash Hill Road, Ash, at 11 p.m. on August 19. After a short while they shot up into the air and disappeared. The objects were seen from Ash Hill Road.

At 2 a.m. one morning in late May Miss Jennings saw another peculiar star-like object from Ash Hill Road. She was sitting in a car at the time with R.A.E. engineer Mr. Anthony Frost.



Here is Mr. Frost's account of what was seen:-

"We were sitting in my car and in the sky in the south-easterly direction appeared what looked like a shooting star streak of light. As this came level with us it slowed down and started hovering and making a droning noise. As it went past it turned to a red colour and disappeared in a flash of red. S.116

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+ BALL OF WHITE LIGHT SEEN OVER ASH VALE +  
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A brilliant white light was seen in the sky over Ash Vale in mid-May by Mrs. White. She saw it between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. one morning from her house in Homely Crescent, Frimley Road.

Mrs. White said: "I looked out of the window and saw a brilliant light in the West over the "George Inn". It was visible for only a few seconds. It was round and made no noise".

This sighting was investigated by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler. He says in his investigator's report:-

"When I interviewed Mrs. White several interesting facts came to light not directly connected with the sighting in question. She told me that her husband died some three years ago. About six months after his death she had a peculiar dream. In this dream she saw a saucer outside her house. The occupants came inside and took away her children. She was so alarmed at this that when she woke up she went into her childrens' bedroom to see if they were still there. Mrs. White also mentioned that she had never believed in the 'Lord' but after dreaming that he was in a triangular cloud looking down at her she looked out of her window and saw such a cloud. She now believes in the 'Lord'.

"As regards the May sighting, Mrs. White emphasised that the light was so bright that it was impossible to describe it and then in a flash it was gone.

"Mrs. White appeared quite genuine during the interview".

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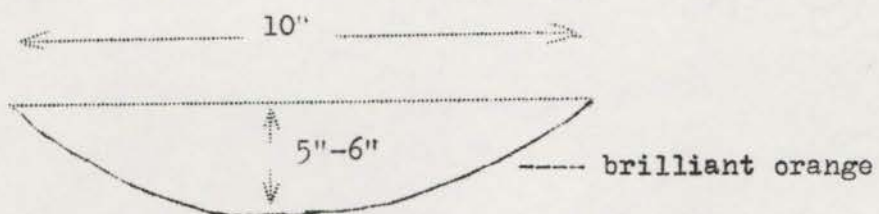
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An orange UFO shaped like a half-circle was seen over Guildford one night in June by Miss Dorothy Raggett. Miss Raggett is unable to give us the exact date of the sighting but says it was around the middle of the month. She saw the object from her house in Worplesdon Road, Guildford.

Says Miss Raggett: "It was sometime after midnight. I was in bed looking out of my window when I suddenly saw a very bright orange object. At first I thought it was the moon, but then it dawned on me that it was the wrong shape and colour. I quickly put on my glasses and hurried to the window to see it better. I listened, but all was quiet, not a sound anywhere. It was a very dark night with no stars. The object was moving very slowly from the Guildford direction towards Woking. It was a most brilliant orange and looked about ten inches along the top and five to six inches in depth in the centre. I watched it for about five minutes I should think, then it suddenly vanished and all was darkness. I am most interested and should like to know what it was and if anyone else saw it". S.102



Sketch of object seen by Miss Raggett.

S.I.G.A.P. member Mrs. S. J. Holt investigated this sighting:-

"Miss Raggett is a quiet lady of perhaps 48 years of age. She has never seen a UFO before and knew that most of her friends would be unsympathetic to such a story, so she didn't mention it to them. She works for some friends of mine, Captain and Mrs. C. C. Dingle of Worplesdon and it was to Mrs. Dingle that Miss Raggett described her experience. The Dingles took the first opportunity to mention it to me and arranged for me to meet Miss Raggett at their home. She strikes me as a reliable and truthful person".

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A mysterious circular light passed over Biggin Hill, Kent just after midnight on July 17. It was seen by Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Russell, of Sutherland Avenue, Biggin Hill.

Said Mrs. Russell, a secretary: "I was awakened at 12.45 a.m. by a stillness and smell, which I assumed was from the cesspits. But as it wasn't a warm night I thought it unusual. Then I heard a sudden short burst of a light aircraft engine. It was unusual because I did not hear it approach or recede. From my bed I saw a large circular light travelling at excessive speed. It was so unusual that I went to the window and called my husband. We watched it travelling in the direction of Surrey. It was not an aeroplane as it was travelling too fast. On the other hand it wasn't going fast enough to be a meteorite and it kept at a very regular height. The colour of the light was apricot".

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S.I.G.A.P. is to get an official place in the next edition of the Guildford Telephone Directory, under the yellow pages section Research & Development Organisations. The group's name will also be listed in the ordinary classified section too.

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S.I.G.A.P. member Leslie Seymour, formerly of 19 Oliver Road, Horsham, has emigrated to Montreal, Canada. We hope that he will keep in touch with us and let us know what is going on in Canada as regards UFOs.

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S.I.G.A.P. now has 66 members. The following is a list of the people who have joined in the last couple of months or so:-

Mr. Ian Mackinlay, 5 Firdene, Tolworth, Surrey.

Mr. Trevor Heath, 63 Cypress Road, Bellfields Estate, Guildford, Surrey.



Mr. Christopher Hopper, 100 Addison Road, Guildford.

Mr. Edward Giles, 23 Brooker Street, Hove, Brighton,  
Sussex.

Mr. Peter Hill, The Flat, 19 Bridge Street, Godalming,  
Surrey.

Miss Phyllis Pease, B.A., 7 Stocks Mead, Washington,  
Pulborough, Sussex.

Miss Ellinor Austen, 14 Heatherbank, Tower Road,  
Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr. Roger Amos, B.Sc., 12 Nightingale Road, Guildford,  
Surrey.

Miss Marjorie Dalley, Lawrence Farm, Buckland,  
Betchworth, Surrey.

Mrs. Rosemary Hick, Lawrence Farm, Buckland,  
Betchworth, Surrey.

Mr. Richard Farrow, 78 Paxford Road, North Wembley,  
Middlesex.

Mr. Arthur Tuffill, Mayfield, 29 Harvey Road, Guildford,  
Surrey.

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Articles for publication in the Bulletin are always  
welcome. They should be sent to: Ron Toft, S.I.G.A.P.  
Bulletin Editor, 14 Buckhurst Road, Frimley Green,  
Camberley, Surrey.

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+ BALL LIGHTNING IN NORMANDY HOUSE +  
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Ball lightning is a rare atmospheric phenomena and when seen can be confused with globular UFOs. Most members will probably not have heard of the report of ball lightning in a Normandy house early last year. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their two children were in the sitting room of their bungalow on the afternoon of Sunday, February 19, 1967. It had been raining for some time. David Johnston decided to use the telephone which is situated in a recess by the stairs. After a little while the silence was shattered by an explosion, later described by Mrs. Johnston as a loud popping followed by a clap of thunder.

At that instant the telephone went dead and from the telephone protector appeared a ball of fire.



It was the size and shape of a narrow light bulb and had a yellow-orange colour, surrounded by a "fuzzy blue edge". It travelled slowly behind Mrs. Johnston who was sitting with her back to the telephone protector box, scorching her neck and singeing her hair. Later she complained of headache. The fireball then crossed the room in silence towards the fire, then changed direction and headed towards a power socket on the skirting board. At that moment the fireball increased in size and changed shape. It was now "more octagonal with jagged edges". On reaching the power socket the fireball shrunk until it disappeared. Later investigations by a maintenance telephone engineer showed that the telephone earth wire had become disconnected at some time in the past.

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Up to a few years ago I had no reason to believe or disbelieve in the existence of "flying-saucers". About seven years ago on a fine clear October night I was entering our drive with the family in the car when we all spotted in approximately the North West, at a height I should have accessed as 2,000 feet, a very bright stationary light. It could not have been a star, car headlights or a searchlight, as there were no beams or cloud to reflect it, After possibly 30 seconds this light suddenly moved at a terrific speed across the northern sky, finally disappearing in about the North East. This gave rise to a discussion on the atmosphere and visibility. We all came to the conclusion we had observed something peculiar. It was obvious that the idea of flying-saucers should of course enter our heads. I should like to add that having spent years at sea, as a navigator, the observation of things in the heavens was a form of second nature. Possibly being a romantic at heart and having a natural tendency to discover for myself rather than accept the theory of others, I feel that the possibilities I put forward may be of interest to others. It has always appeared odd to me that man has some natural gifts and others he has to learn. For instance, no sooner had man made his first pot or weapon than he felt a desire to decoration or beautify it. This instinct of creating beauty is not common to any other creature on Earth. This makes me feel that man must have always been far above the other animals of the Earth and not, as suggested by Darwin, evolved from them. I think that man came from another civilised planet. Assuming man and women arrived here from an old world that was dying, they would naturally have called Earth a garden. In their efforts to survive, spaceships and such things would have been forgotten, and of course the actual ship in which they came to Earth would have disappeared. It is interesting to note that in the olden times the only name a man had for vehicle was a chariot. If it had been propelled by a jet or rocket power it would have been called a fiery chariot. It is rather significant that biblical references to appearances from or to heaven were made in a fiery chariot or cloud of fire. It would only be natural to assume that if people had been sent to this Earth from another planet, there would be visits from spaceships to see how they were getting on. The possibility of further investigations along these lines would certainly be a relief from our present mass acceptance of those theories that have grown up during recent years. (Capt. Urry lives in Winborne, Dorset).

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Starting with this issue SIGAP's monthly bulletin takes on a completely new look. The printed heading, which we are sure members will agree gives it a neater and more official appearance, is another step towards a proper magazine.

Up until now news of UFO sightings has been more or less restricted to the Surrey area. But from now on there will be full details too of the more important sightings from all over the world. In fact we hope that the bulletin will not just appeal to SIGAP members but to ufologists up and down the country. In the past the bulletin has been issued to members and friends of SIGAP, UFO societies and independent researchers who request it. Now a big drive is under way to get more and more people outside our group to buy the bulletin. Yes, I said that nasty word "buy". Beginning this month too the bulletin will cost one-shilling. This is in order to cover printing, duplicating and paper costs. We feel this is very reasonable in view of the price of some UFO publications. SIGAP members needn't worry though for the bulletin is included with their subscription.

What can you expect to see in forthcoming issues of the "new look" bulletin? Here are some of the scheduled items:-

- (A) UFO news from Surrey and all parts of the world.
- (B) Letters from foreign UFO societies.
- (C) Advances in astronomy and astronautics.
- (D) Progress of the new science of exobiology.
- (E) Details of any SIGAP projects and miscellaneous information on the group and its members.

Now that the SIGAP bulletin, will we hope, have a wider readership, I repeat an appeal I have made on many previous occasions for articles and interesting UFO titbits for inclusion in the bulletin. Some of the things which would be welcomed are features on ufology and related topics, interesting extracts from UFO books and magazines, and your views on the UFO phenomena as a whole. As I have said before, the more articles sent in the more interesting the bulletin becomes. Newspaper clippings would be particularly useful. At present SIGAP has access to most of the national papers and a few of the local ones. But it is easy to miss something and is far better for someone to send in a clipping of which we already have a copy, than not to get one at all. So clippings from provincial papers anywhere in the country, and for that matter articles from magazines, would be very welcome. If they are wanted back we will merely photostat them.

The circulation of the SIGAP bulletin is about 80 at present. If, during the next few months, this figure rises substantially we should be in a position to go over to a quarto duplicated magazine with a glossy cover. Then our ultimate goal - a printed magazine.

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A luminous cigar-shaped UFO was seen by a number of people in a car park at Earlswood Lakes, Redhill, at about 11.30 p.m. on August 11. Among the eye-witnesses were London accountant Mr. James Winze and his girl-friend Miss Hilary Parker, of Wimbledon.

A report in the August 16 issue of the "Surrey Mirror" says that Mr. Winze was the first to see the object. He drew his girl-friend's attention to it and both watched the UFO move slowly across the sky. Miss Parker said it was like a luminous sausage. It bore no resemblance whatsoever to an aircraft, she added. An airline navigation officer at Gatwick Airport said the object could have been a weather balloon.

Residents of Hooley, four miles from Redhill, reported seeing a similar UFO a number of times over their village. Mrs. R. A. Bathmaker, of Clover Hill, Hooley, described it as spindle-like with a disc structure, possibly revolving, underneath. The Meteorological Office told Mrs. Bathmaker that the object was not a weather balloon and advised her to ring the Ministry of Defence. She did so, but they couldn't tell her what the object was either. They did however, take details of the sighting.

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A "very bright light" was seen in the sky over Guildford's Friary Sportsground by several members of an archery club, at 7.30 p.m. on September 11. One of those who saw it was Mr. J. A. Plowman, an executive, of 23 Kings Road, Guildford.

He says in his report: "I arrived at Friary Sportsground to find members of my club looking vertically upwards and watching a bright light which looked like a very large star with two or three others, smaller, in close proximity. It would appear that they had noticed this very bright light which seemed to be stationary, when suddenly three other lights split from the main source and moved around. At the time of my arrival they were all stationary and then gradually faded, seeming to go higher and higher until there was no sign left. What I saw lasted approximately ten minutes and no other stars or lights were visible at the time". SIGAP is awaiting further details on this sighting from the other members of the archery club.

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Five lights in the sky were seen by Margaret Francis, of 33 Levylsdene, Merrow, Guildford, just before dusk on August 5 as she was driving out of Guildford along the Aldershot Road.

She says in a letter to SIGAP: "I saw five white lights ahead of me, fairly high in the sky. This was so unusual that when the lights became obstructed by trees I endeavoured to catch sight of them again as I rounded a bend in the road - but they had vanished. I'm quite certain it was neither an aeroplane nor helicopter".

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A spherical object "enveloped in an orange glow" was seen by a Cranleigh woman early on August 24.

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An extremely interesting account of a brilliant glowing object approximately the size of the moon which was seen over Midhurst, Sussex at 11.45 p.m. on July 15, comes from Mrs. G. C. Richardson.

She said: "While walking my dogs in an orchard near my house just before retiring I looked up towards Bexley Hill and saw what must have been a UFO cruising steadily below the tree line on the horizon from the direction of Petersfield towards Petworth. I stood and watched it for at least four to five minutes. Then it disappeared over the tree line of Curdray Golf Course, getting smaller and dimmer as it did so. In appearance it was a remarkable glowing object - like the headlights of a car in brilliance. It might have been imagination, but I thought I saw a slight grey vapour, first to the left of the object, then underneath while it was over the fields above the orchard. It made no sound at all and appeared to be in no hurry, merely cruising along peacefully, possibly a reconnaissance. This was nothing like I have ever seen before and certainly not an aircraft that I know of, as it was far too large, brilliant and soundless. The vapour was very faint and grey and only visible for a few minutes while close, otherwise the UFO was just a brilliant glowing light. It did not pulsate or alter course and was of the same brilliance until dimming and becoming smaller as it was lost to my view in the Petworth direction. The vapour might have been imagination, but a UFO it certainly was. I wish I had had another witness, but I could not rush to the telephone as I might have missed seeing in what direction it went and if it did anything out of the ordinary. I nearly telephoned the police, but then decided against it, as they might have laughed".

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SIGAP member Roger Thackray has sent in a report of a bright star-like UFO which performed various antics in the sky over Guildford and Worplesdon on September 1.

Here is Roger's extremely detailed account of what he saw:-  
"I came out of Guildford's Civic Hall at midnight. It was a bright night, reasonably clear with some scattered high cloud. I was sitting on the steps looking north when I saw a bright light the size of a large star moving west. I pointed it out to one of my friends, G. Andrews, and stated that it was a satellite. We both watched it and it stopped for maybe two seconds and started moving back in an easterly direction from where it had come. This eliminated a satellite, so we continued to watch the light for about 20 minutes. It was moving east to west and back at a steady rate stopping at each extremity for about two seconds. The extent of travel was about 30° of sky in approximately two minutes. The size and light intensity were consistent. Whilst stationary at each extremity it appeared to move up and down slightly, before moving off horizontally. But this could have been an optical illusion. Occasionally, with no regular pattern, the light would flicker and dim and then return to its usual brilliance, which could have been due to haze or scattered cloud which existed in that part of the sky. Most stars were visible however. After observing the regular movement for 20 minutes my companions and I set off in the group van to Godalming, dropped off one person and returned to Guildford. Whilst passing the G.P.O. sorting office in Woodbridge the light again came into view. It was particularly noticeable being much larger than the other stars. J. Enever and myself were the only two in the van now, driving down Worplesdon Road to my home, still observing the light in front of us and slightly to the right. It now appeared larger and brighter and a vague shape seemed to materialise. (This again could have been imagination and illusion through staring at it, but John Enever also agreed there was a shape).



We stopped the van on the open stretch of the road between Perry Hill and Fox Corner and the object was on our right facing towards Brookwood and much closer".

John and Roger got out of the van and saw that the light at least appeared to have a shape - that of two domes, one upside down, joined at their bases.

Continues Roger: "Turning off the Bagshot Road into Berry Lane we arrived at my house and the light, again in a northerly direction, was easily visible through a tree. I went inside and pointed it out to Miss L. Bennet and my mother and father. The time was 12.50 a.m. We all went upstairs and watched it until 1.10 a.m. It was still doing exactly the same movements. Everyone at my home agreed that whilst stationary the light did move up and down. My father is in the aircraft industry and agreed that it was no aircraft. At 1.10 a.m. the light flickered and diminished to star size or even smaller and moved off in a north-easterly direction until it became a pinprick of light and disappeared".

From Roger's home the object appeared to be star-shaped. He goes on to say: "Whilst it was disappearing it was flickering, but with no regularity. At all times the colour of the light was blue-white and at no time were any observation lights visible. Total observation time: approximately 40 minutes. But it was in the sky at least from midnight until 1.10 a.m. I would reckon the object was moving between Camberley and Chertsey passing over Bagshot.

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SIGAP's list of members continues to grow.....The latest person to join our group is Mrs. J. Hodgins, of 43 Farnham Road, Guildford.

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FANCY THAT: A request for information on SIGAP and a copy of the "bulletin" was recently received from Mr. Michael McNamara, of Brighton. Not the one in Sussex - but in Victoria, Australia!

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Congratulations and best wishes for the future go to SIGAP Photographic Analyst Norman Wynn and Ivy Price, who were married on August 24 at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham. The couple are making their home in Guildford.

The Editor apologises to Norman for forgetting to mention the happy event in last month's bulletin. We hope that married life doesn't interfere too much with Norman's SIGAP activities.....

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A talk on UFOs was given by SIGAP Chairman Omar Fowler to 30 members of Emmanuel Church Young Wives' Group, Stoughton, Guildford, on September 11.

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SIGAP Foreign Correspondent Keith Burnett has written to several UFO societies abroad asking if they are willing to exchange sighting details and publications. Here are the replies he received from two of them:

Students Investigation on UFOs  
(SIUFO)

1741 S.W. 17      Oklahoma City  
Oklahoma 73108

"The SIUFO is only interested in a serious study of UFOs. Our main purpose is to unite the efforts of those members making science projects on UFOs for next year's science fairs. The SIUFO is a youth organisation and the age of our members runs from 12 to 17. We have also three college students who form the Membership Evaluation Committee. We also have a Board of Advisors and a Science Staff.

"The SIUFO is interested in linking up with your group. I hope our helping out each other will be beneficial. If SIGAP has any sightings of UFO explosions I would appreciate it if you would send us details. We will reciprocate in any helpful way possible".

Signed: Tim Kuhlmann, Director/SIUFO

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Extraterrestrial Phenomena Investigating Committee  
(EPIC)

Box 622, Schenectady, New York 12301

"Would be glad to co-operate with you in any way possible. I will see to it that you are put on our publication exchange list.

"At present I am hard at work on a book that is deadlined for Fall publication. I am looking for information on ancient sightings. Anyone who can pass some along to me (with proper bibliography of course) will receive credit.

"Our group is quite active. I also work with APRO and have conducted a radio program "UFO-Skywatch" over WSNY, Schenectady, New York, for over a year now. I also lecture, write for various publications and have appeared on network radio and TV shows. I will be doing radio tapes for the Voice of America on the subject of UFOs, this summer, in Washington D.C.

"Looking forward to hearing from you and also to receiving your group's publication. Hoping our arrangement will be a mutually profitable one".

Signed: Jennifer Stevens, Director/EPIC

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Now that most members have probably had their holidays, SIGAP is resuming its meetings. Already an impressive programme has been drawn up for the coming months. As in the past, all meetings will be held in the canteen of the Plastic Coatings Factory, Guildford, starting at 8 p.m. (The factory is just off the Woodbridge Meadows By-pass).

The following is a list of the scheduled meetings. Additional ones may also be held.



October 15, 1968: "Leys and Orthoteny". A talk on a particularly intriguing aspect of the UFO enigma, given by Jimmy Goddard, Chairman of Contact U.K. (North Surrey Branch).

November 12, 1968: At this meeting some 30 colour slides will be shown. They will be of SIGAP member Dan Butcher's superb UFO paintings.

December 10, 1968: "A Film Evening". Two exciting space films will be shown. The first will be "Doorway to Tomorrow", a 28-minute colour documentary on the John F. Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, with emphasis on the Complex 39 "Moonport" from which the Apollo astronauts will be launched to the Moon. The film shows in detail the Vehicle Assembly Building, tallest structure in the world, assembly of a Saturn-Apollo rocket, the mission launch control centre and the movement of the launch vehicle by crawler to the launch pad. "The Clouds of Venus" is a 30-minute colour film on the planning, launching and results obtained from the flight of the Mariner II Venus probe on December 14, 1962. In order to cover the cost of hiring the films a small charge will have to be made. Members: 1s 0d. Non-members: 1s 9d.

February 11, 1969: A talk on UFOs by a BUFORA representative.

April 8, 1969: "UFORUM" - a discussion on the feasibility of alien craft visiting the Earth.

June 10, 1969: SIGAP's annual meeting.

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During the months preceding the Spanish conquest of Mexico in March, 1519 a nameless dread seized the people of the doomed country. Something like what we today would call "a UFO wave" occurred. Whether or not there was a rumour of the coming of Hernando Cortes we cannot say, but sinister auguries began to make their appearance.

Inextinguishable fires broke out and what appeared to be comets traversed the sky for hours on end. All the astrologers in the land were called to interpret the phenomena, but they failed to answer the riddle. Anyone dreaming of anything about the end of the Empire was ordered to report the matter. Panic spread far and wide. The rulers lost their morale and the dreamers were massacred. The ordered and settled world of the Aztecs had lost its equilibrium, and the country was ripe for the plucking.

Two reports from this "wave" have come down to us in meagre detail. One tells of an enchanted "crane" which appeared in the middle of the day, bearing a mirror in which a starry sky was seen to be reflected. The other relates how a shepherd was kidnapped by an "eagle" and borne away to a shining grotto where he was received by a personage "compared with whom Montezuma (the Aztec ruler) was nothing". (Ref. Laurette Sejourne, Burning Water: Thought and Religion in Ancient Mexico).



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A giant "birdman" is terrorising people in the Chillan area of Chile, South America. The creature is claimed to be almost 10 ft. tall, has wings instead of arms, and an albino white head and body. Police are convinced that the "thing" exists and lorry and jeep safaris go out daily in search of it.

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A mysterious pyramid-shaped object with three bright knobs hovered over Madrid for more than an hour at the beginning of last month. A Spanish Air Force jet chased the object to an altitude of 50,000 feet and then had to return to base because of fuel shortage.

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A UFO wave is sweeping Argentina. Some of the places where "saucers" or their crew are alleged to have been seen in recent weeks are:

MENDOZA: Two casino workers claim that two humanoid-like beings paralysed them and took blood samples from their fingers. The aliens also made inscriptions on their cars with some sort of welding implement.

MAR DEL PLATA: Three saucers hovered over the sea. Seen by hundreds of people. Navy explanation - planes.

BUENOS AIRES: Alleged collision between a car and "saucer". Some reports said two bald-headed dwarfs were captured.

BAHIA BLANCA: Mother of two said alien called at her house. Creature was supposed to have been tall, hairless and earless. Its mouth was big, teeth long and eyes flashing.

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A research centre is to be built at Columbia, New Jersey, by the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. UFOs and all sorts of wierd "things" which defy scientific explanation will be studied there.

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West Australian publican John Stevens believes he was followed by a "saucer" for 20 miles. John, who lives in Fremantle, was driving to Kalgoorlie, 374 miles east of Perth, when his car was lit up by a peculiar light. It was V-shaped with a central spotlight. When he got out of his car the light disappeared, but came on again as he drove off.

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Some 400 people phoned London Airport at the beginning of last month after seeing flashing lights in the sky over London and the Home Counties. The Ministry of Defence and British Airports Authority said it was an aircraft carrying out calibration tests.

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Two more "explanations" for UFOs. According to Philip Klass, editor of an American aviation magazine, they are nothing more than plasmas - molecular balls of fire. These he claims are often associated with power cables and thunder and lightning. What people see are not alien spacecraft but freak atmospheric phenomena. (Editor: Plasmas may well account for some sightings but Klass' ingenious theory fails to explain many facets of the UFO mystery - in particular "saucer" landings and contact with their crews). An even more way-out theory has been put forward by Italian aeronautical engineer Vesco. He says there is nothing "Out-of-this-world" about flying saucers. They are simply experimental craft designed and built by British scientists and flown from secret bases in Canada!!!

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Scientist To Aid S.I.G.A.P.

American scientist Dr. Frank B. Salisbury, Head of the Plant Science Department at Utah State University, is to be a consultant to S.I.G.A.P.

In a letter I received from him a couple of weeks ago he said he would be "most happy" to examine our more noteworthy sighting reports and give us his opinion as to whether the objects seen can be explained away by conventional phenomena, or were in fact genuine U.F.O.s.

Dr. Salisbury is one of the few scientists with an open mind towards U.F.O.s. Most scientists relegate the idea of spaceships visiting the Earth to the realms of science-fiction. Even those who think "there may be something in U.F.O.s" rarely stick their necks out and say so. For as Dr. Salisbury puts it: "Any favourable mention of the flying-saucer by a scientist amounts to extreme heresy and places the one making the statement in danger of excommunication by the scientific theocracy". He said in his letter that he spent the summer writing a book on U.F.O.s and hopes to do the final "polishing" on the manuscript before too long. I daresay he will let us know when the book is to be published.

Dr. Salisbury has written several thought-provoking articles on the possibilities of life existing elsewhere in the Universe. In fact his interest in U.F.O.s arose out of his studies of exobiology. A particularly interesting article by Dr. Salisbury is entitled: "The Scientist And The U.F.O.". It was published last year in the "BioScience" Journal. In it he states that if U.F.O.s are extra-terrestrial spaceships "they are of the most pressing interest to the exobiologist". And the possibility that they may be seems great enough, he says, for at least a preliminary scientific investigation. Dr. Salisbury goes on to ask: "Can we eliminate the spaceship hypothesis in any rigorous scientific manner?". He points out that the problem can be approached in two ways. Either it must be proven that not one of the thousands of U.F.O.s reported could have possibly been a craft from another world, or it has to be shown that it is impossible for alien beings to visit us. Says Dr. Salisbury: "Obviously we cannot show in every case that a purported U.F.O. was not an extra-terrestrial spaceship. The data may not be available and the events cannot be repeated. Furthermore, in several instances, very detailed data does exist in relation to a sighting, and yet it cannot be rigorously stated that the U.F.O. was not an extra-terrestrial machine. It is also logically unreasonable to say with absolute certainty that it is impossible for extra-terrestrial beings to visit us. Although we know a great deal about the Universe we do not yet know enough to make such an all-inclusive negative statement".



### Flying Saucer Fiasco

Soon the Colorado University U.F.O. Committee will issue its long awaited report. Surely a properly conducted unbiased research group could issue only one verdict - that U.F.O.s do exist and that many of them defy logical explanation and could well be spacecraft from another world.

Regrettably this will not be. The report, when it is issued, will undoubtedly hit the headlines. But I doubt very much if it turns out to be worth the paper it's written on.

During recent months the committee has been in chaos. Dr. David Saunders, Co-Principal Investigator, and Dr. Norman Levine, Research Associate, have both been sacked. Dr. Edward U. Condon, who is supposed to be running the committee, told the "Colorado Daily" that they had been dismissed for incompetence, but declined to comment further. The real reason for their dismissal however, was because they revealed to Dr. James McDonald, University of Arizona atmospheric physicist, that the whole project was a cover-up; a trick to convince the public that U.F.O.s were not extra-terrestrial spacecraft. It has also been rumoured in various quarters that certain committee members have resigned over the sacking of Drs. Saunders and Levine.

The committee concluded its "investigation" in June/July, after "examining" 1,500 U.F.O. reports. Now the thesis, for what it's worth, is being compiled.

There have been various clashes between the committee and Dr. McDonald, who leans strongly to the view that U.F.O.s are spaceships from another world. If the committee's report states that U.F.O.s are nothing more than hallucinations on the part of witnesses or atmospheric phenomena, we can expect sparks to fly.

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The circulation of the S.I.G.A.P. Bulletin topped 100 last month for the first time. This is an increase of 20% on the previous best figure and is undoubtedly due to the facelift which the bulletin has been given. Two letters have been received by S.I.G.A.P. praising the "new look", plus many verbal comments.

The first letter was from Judy Williams of Contact U.K. (Bristol Branch). She writes: "Let me congratulate S.I.G.A.P. on their new look newsletter. It's beautifully duplicated. Do you do it yourselves or have it done professionally?". The other one was from Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Editor of U.F.O.L.O.G., published by The Isle of Wight U.F.O. Investigation Society. She says: "I congratulate you on your new look bulletin. I think it is very good indeed. My best wishes for your hoped for magazine". The Editor takes this opportunity of thanking everyone for their kind words.

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A general talk on U.F.O.s was given by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler to members of Sanderstead Young Conservatives on October 9.

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Three more people have joined S.I.G.A.P. They are:

Mr. Douglas Palmer, of Elm Cottage, 90 Westfield Road, Woking.  
Mr. John Bostock, of "Harfield", 30 Loop Road, Woking.  
Mr. Robert Francis, of 59 West Close, Fernhurst, Haslemere.

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Two more letters have been received from foreign U.F.O. societies. The first, addressed to S.I.G.A.P. Foreign Correspondent Keith Burnett, was from the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation. The second one was from the Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre, and received by the Editor.

Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation  
(C.A.P.R.O.)

P.O. Box 1316, Winnipeg 1, Manitoba, Canada.

"Thank you for your interesting bulletin. We will be happy to reciprocate by placing your name on our mailing list for future editions of our publication.

"As you may know, C.A.P.R.O. is the Canadian affiliate of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Tucson, Arizona, and we are the largest U.F.O. study group in Canada. Our basic aims coincide with those of our parent organisation A.P.R.O., however, we operate independently and publish our own bulletin, concentrating on U.F.O. activities in Canada.

"The year 1967 proved to be the heaviest in Canada as far as U.F.O. reports were concerned. Again in 1968 we are encountering another large wave, although not on the scale of the 1967 flap.

"We sincerely look forward to future information from your group in a mutual exchange of information, and if we can ever be of service to you, please feel free to write anytime".

Signed: Brian C. Cannon/Director.

U.F.O. Investigation Centre

19 Hurlstone Avenue, Hurlstone Park, Sydney, N.S.W. 2193, Australia.

"Very pleased to receive your letter. I have put your name on our free mailing list, which comprises well over 150 societies all over the world, and posted by sea-mail a copy of our last newsletter, No. 20.

"Trusting you would like to know something about our society herewith some facts. Founded in 1950-51 and with close to 600 members, we are the oldest and largest group of its kind in Australia. We regard the U.F.O. problem seriously and scientifically and are in touch with quite a number of scientists all over the world. Naturally, every member has the right to look at U.F.O. matters in any way he or she desires.

"Our publications go back to 1953. Besides the newsletter mentioned above, six times a year we publish a review. No. 10, 60 or so pages, will be out shortly and you will get a copy in due course. You are at fullest liberty to quote anything from our publications, with credit given to U.F.O.I.C.



"We are looking forward to receiving your own publication for our extensive library, comprising about 150 different items from all over the world. A quite active Junior Section, over 70 strong, holds its own monthly meetings. Otherwise, there are monthly meetings alternating between public and members' meetings. We are in touch with about half a dozen groups in the U.K. I trust that will do for now, hope to hear soon from you".

Signed: William E. Moser, J.P.,  
Secretary.

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MEETINGS: Three important U.F.O. meetings took place during October. The first was the monthly B.U.F.O.R.A. meeting held in Kensington Central Library on October 5. It was attended by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler, and his wife Jean, Secretary Dick Beet, Editor Ron Toft and ordinary member Mike Prewett. The guest speaker on this occasion was that well-known journalist and U.F.O. researcher Arthur Shuttlewood. He outlined what had been happening in Warminster since the memorable "flap" of 1965. Although very little had appeared in the national press about U.F.O.s over Warminster and the surrounding district during the past couple of years, sightings were still being reported - at the rate of at least one a week - he told the attentive audience. Arthur Shuttlewood's three-man U.F.O. team have taken more than 3,500 photos of Warminster "saucers". Of these, 100 were successfully developed. He went on to say that the evidence for the existence of extra-terrestrial spacecraft was overwhelming. The fact that visitors from space were watching our every move was "undeniable". Many members will probably remember Arthur Shuttlewood's first U.F.O. book: "The Warminster Mystery". Well he has just brought out another one now. It is called "Warnings From Flying Friends" (26/-). Some of the exciting topics discussed are: the space probes in orbit around the Earth which have never been launched by either the Russians or Americans, secrets of a crashed U.F.O., and speculation as to the method of propulsion employed in "saucers".

B.U.F.O.R.A.'s 1968 Northern Convention was held at the Friends Meeting House, Manchester, on October 12, under the auspices of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (D.I.G.A.P.) This was attended by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler. Here is his report on the convention: "The morning programme began with Norman Oliver of B.U.F.O.R.A. giving a talk on "Experiences of Contact Claims". He mentioned a case not too distant. Earlier this year a woman at Horsham had apparently been receiving messages from a U.F.O. and she was told to question her husband, an electronics engineer, on various subjects. He in turn asked his wife technical questions on electronics and she was able to answer them through her U.F.O. contact. It was a most interesting lecture. The afternoon began with the news that two of the speakers were unable to attend. Their positions were hastily filled by Roger Stanway (co-author of "The Flying Saucer Report"), who spoke of investigations carried out in the Staffordshire area, and myself. I gave a talk on U.F.O.'s over Surrey, with the aid of S.I.G.A.P. member Dan Butcher's paintings. Both of us were received enthusiastically by the audience. The meeting ended with a questions and answers session conducted by a panel of experts. Many groups from all over the country had exhibits at the convention. These varied from sectioned meteorites to an invitation to invest in Lunic Enterprises Ltd., who incidentally, had their last "saucer" held up by string, according to a national newspaper report!".

The third meeting last month was S.I.G.A.P.'s own one, held at the Plastic Coatings Factory, Guildford on October 15. Some 25 people turned up to hear Jimmy Goddard, of Contact U.K., give an



interesting talk on "Leys and Orthoteny". A ley is an alignment of pre-historic monuments and earthworks across miles of countryside. Leys can be found throughout Britain, even using the rigorous rule of not allowing any alignment with less than five pre-historic points on it exactly. Writes Jimmy Goddard in his "Handbook of Leys and Orthoteny": "They will travel for miles, sometimes from coast to coast, cutting through ancient monuments or sites in every area they pass through. Also, they will form radiating patterns, sometimes as many as ten leys meeting at one point (which is called a "ley centre"). The temples of Stonehenge and Avebury both have ten leys passing through them, and Arbor Low, a stone circle in Derbyshire, is reputed to have fifty". Jimmy Goddard goes on later to describe the mystery of orthoteny. "Ever since 1947 the flying-saucer has been a thorn in the side of the orthodox scientist, but until 1954 he had a good reason for not taking any interest in the phenomenon. The reason was, of course, that the sightings were not repeatable. A person would see one, perhaps only for a few seconds, maybe a little longer; but always the apparition would have vanished before any scientific investigation could be made. To be accepted by science as a fact, any phenomenon must necessarily be repeatable or show some kind of pattern, and until 1954 the erratic U.F.O.s did not fulfil any of these requirements. The only thing that could possibly be done was to take the reports of witnesses and note them down; but even this was not truly scientific, for testimony is really the field of the lawyer and not the scientist. But, despite what he may tell you to the contrary, the scientist has not got this excuse now. On September 17, 1954 it vanished forever with the discovery of the first "orthoteny". Orthotemies are alignments, or, more strictly speaking, great circle courses, plotted by taking U.F.O. sightings (usually during a "flap", the term used for a concentration of sightings) that occur within any particular day. They were first discovered by Aime Michel (a French scientist) during the great French flap of 1954, which, lasting just a month (from September 17 to October 17), was one of the greatest in modern U.F.O. history and forms the basis for Michel's book "Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery". In it he tells of how he first discovered orthoteny after his friend the poet Jean Cocteau had told him to see whether the objects moved along certain lines or traced out patterns. He tried this out with sightings on September 17 at the beginning of the flap, and found his first orthoteny, stretching from Cenon through Clermont-Ferrand and Chaudolas to terminate at Rome". During his talk Jimmy Goddard showed S.I.G.A.P. members by means of maps, some of the more important leys which cross the country. It was surprising to notice that many U.F.O. sightings had been reported on the lines of leys.

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Now that the S.I.G.A.P. Bulletin is starting to give more space to foreign U.F.O. sightings, a big drive is under way to establish contact with ufologists round the world. We hope to have at least one correspondent in all the major countries, so that if any U.F.O. wave occurs, like it did recently in Argentina, we will get full details. This will take a bit of time and full coverage of foreign sightings will not be possible for a few months.

We would be extremely grateful if any member who can speak a language - especially German, Spanish and Russian - would drop us a line. We don't want to make contact with a foreign U.F.O. researcher if we can't translate the reports he may send. It would be extremely useful to know how many linguists we have in the group.

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S.I.G.A.P.'s next meeting will be held on November 12 at the Plastic Coatings Factory, Guildford, starting at 8 p.m. Colour slides of Dan Butcher's excellent U.F.O. paintings will be shown.

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There will be a special U.F.O. section at The Daily Mail's New Year Show, to be held at the Empire Hall, Olympia, between December 28 and January 11. Among the many items on show will be B.U.F.O.R.A.'s detecting van, a model of a typical U.F.O., and S.I.G.A.P.'s now famous U.F.O. paintings, done by Dan Butcher. If any members would like to man the exhibits at some time during the show, will they please let Omar Fowler know as soon as possible.

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A brilliant white light, described as "smaller than the moon", but "much bigger than a star", was seen by two West Ewell, Surrey, residents at approximately 10.50 p.m. on September 17.

The object oscillated from circular to bone-shaped at a frequency of about once per second and was so bright that it attracted their attention through the window of a well lit room. It first appeared directly above the chimney pots of a house opposite. Some five minutes later it had lurched and zig-zagged its way through a horizontal distance of about  $10^{\circ}$  and out of sight behind some trees. The night was cold but very clear and the observers have never seen anything similar before or since this occurrence. The observers' names and addresses have been omitted at their request.

(Credit: Mr. D. I. Simpson, Chairman of the Society for the Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena).

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Two lights in the sky which were "definitely not aeroplanes or headlamps" were seen by engineer Mr. Neil Meredith (22), of 93 Tartar Road, Cobham, between 11.15 p.m. and 11.35 p.m. on October 21.

Says Mr. Meredith in his report to S.I.G.A.P.: "Three of us (the other witnesses were Mr. T. Stedman, of 22 Old Common Road, Cobham, and Mr. M. Martin, of 24 Old Common Road, Cobham) were standing by Portsmouth Road, Cobham when I noticed two lights in the sky at an angle of about  $45^{\circ}$  behind a slight cloud. This cloud was the only one on the horizon; the rest of the sky was clear. The brighter of the lights was at the top of the cloud and the dimmer one in the middle of the cloud. They moved across the cloud from side to side, never once coming out from behind the edge of the cloud. When the top one moved the dimmer one moved to the position the other light had taken. After five minutes a third light joined the others and moved around them. A few minutes later all three moved away to the right and disappeared. After phoning your Guildford number we stood outside the phone box and a white ball shot across the horizon leaving a trail as far as the eye could see. It was like a continuous long thin cloud. We watched for five minutes more and nothing more was seen; then the two lights re-appeared in about the same position as they were before, but much fainter. Then they disappeared".

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A number of mysterious zig-zagging lights have been seen in the sky in the High Wycombe, Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross area. The Ministry of Defence has told villagers that the lights are nothing more than aircraft operating from London (Heathrow) Airport.



But this explanation does not satisfy Mr. E. M. Walker, of Hill Farm, Hazlemere, near High Wycombe. He claims that one object had a hoop around its centre, was noiseless, hovered for a long time and then shot off at a terrific speed. No aircraft can do this Mr. Walker points out.

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News from abroad.....and odds and ends: S.I.G.A.P. has heard from a person recently returned from the U.S.A. that U.F.O. activity is still very much in the news there. A yellow globe of light with a point on one side was seen by a large number of people in the town of Auburn (State of Washington) during early August. The object was observed for about a week, appearing at roughly the same time each evening. It was reported by local radio stations as a U.F.O. The object was widely discussed and the lack of interest shown by the U.S.A.F. caused some rebuke from the radio station announcers. A number of days passed before the Air Force arrived on the scene to investigate the incident.

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DUNDAS, Ontario, Canada - An object described as looking like a "box-kite" was observed two miles west of Dundas on April 7, by Mr. Fred Passmore. Mr. Passmore, a former R.C.A.F. pilot in World War II, spotted the U.F.O. at approximately noon while pruning fruit trees on his farm. He was watching for a plane carrying his two sons on an air-cadet training flight. As the plane passed over his farm Mr. Passmore's attention was drawn suddenly to a second object which appeared to be beneath the plane. It was box-shaped, orange in the centre, and black toward the edges. As the object appeared under the plane, Mr. Passmore had the impression it was hovering. However, as the plane passed out of sight the object continued in a westerly direction and took from three to four seconds to pass from view completely. The sky was clear, the sun shining and the viewing conditions excellent. Mr. Gordon Gee, shift supervisor at the Malton Airport weather office said he knew of no rational explanation for the U.F.O. Said Mr. Passmore: "It was nothing that exists, as far as I know, in our arsenal".

(Credit: Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation).

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A large atmospheric disturbance was recorded at Aberdeen University on October 15. Experts said it could have been either the explosion of a five-megaton H-bomb, a huge meteorite, or a large rocket exploding on its launching pad.

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A school cycle shed at Writtle, Sussex, was struck by a thunderbolt on September 23. The shed flew across a road and smashed into a house. Said village policeman Tony Parker: "A huge ball of fire fell from the sky exploding like a bomb on the shed".

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Another U.F.O. group has been formed. Called COS-MOS, it commences operations on January 1, 1969. It aims to contact saucers and their crew. It will concentrate on two objectives:

1. Obtaining details of British contacts of all types, be they with spacemen or spacecraft, physical or mental, or indeed any form of contact whatsoever.
2. To attempt to make contact, specific study groups being set up to examine all possible methods whereby this end may be attained.

Membership is £1-1-0d per year. Write to: Mr. Norman Oliver, Director of COS-MOS, 95 Taunton Road, London S.E.12.

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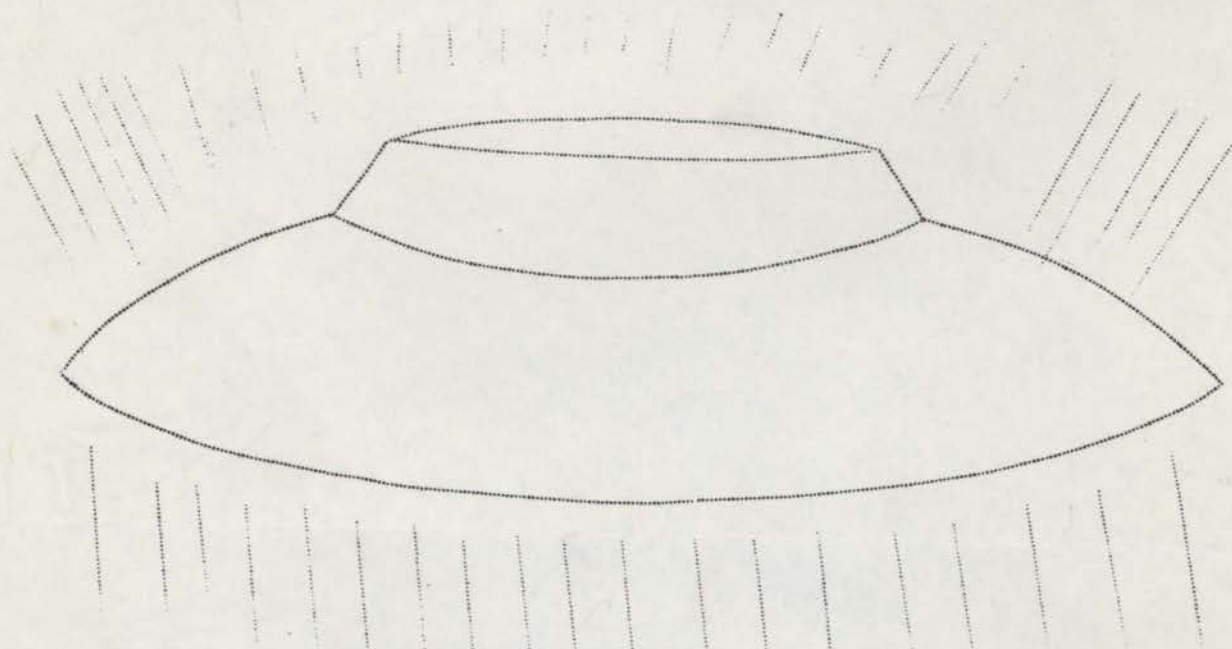
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A classic "saucer" shaped U.F.O. was seen hovering in the sky for a short while near Henley-on-Thames on November 4. It was observed by Mr. Richard Froud, who is employed by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at Culham, Berkshire. He saw the U.F.O. at 7.25 a.m., while driving from Wargrave to Henley-on-Thames.

Says Mr. Froud in a letter to S.I.G.A.P. - "The cloud was low and dawn had almost broken. Then on the windscreen appeared a "saucer" shaped object. At first I thought it was a reflection on the glass, but putting my finger on it, I found it to be outside. At this point I had a very uneasy feeling. The object was hovering and seemed to be glowing like a fluorescent strip-light. Then some trees came between us and I did not see the object on the other side. It was not the Moon, and being very keen on aircraft, I can say that it was not any of our planes, or one belonging to the U.S.A. or Russia.

Mr. Froud adds: "For many years I have kept an open mind about "flying-saucers". But now I am certain that they are here".



Sketch of the object seen by  
Mr. Froud on November 4

(N.B. This particular U.F.O. bears a resemblance to the "Adamski" type of saucer, although slightly more elongated).

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+ THOUSANDS SEE "BALLS OF FIRE" IN SKY +  
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Police stations up and down the country were inundated with calls on November 20 after thousands of people had seen "balls of fire" flashing across the sky shortly after 7 p.m.

I first heard about the sightings on the "News At Ten" television programme, and I must admit that my hopes were immediately raised that this was the start of a new U.F.O. wave. But it wasn't. As you probably know by now, the "fireballs" turned out to be nothing more mysterious than a Russian rocket burning up in the atmosphere.

World famous satellite expert Mr. Desmond King-Hele, who works in the Space Department at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, told me that the rocket was part of the booster used to launch the satellite Cosmos 253 on November 13. The satellite, whose mission was undisclosed, is thought to have been recovered safely in the Soviet Union five days later. The section of the booster which burnt up upon re-entry was about 20 feet long and weighed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons.

Mr. King-Hele went on to say that pieces of the rocket could have reached the ground intact - but where was impossible to say at present. For out of the thousands of sightings of the "burn-up", the R.A.E. has received only two accurate reports. Pointed out Mr. King-Hele: "We would like to know the exact compass position and elevation of the bits of the rocket".

S.I.G.A.P. was also flooded with reports. Chairman Omar Fowler received eight phone calls and Secretary Dick Beet, three. Dorking police were so inundated that they rang S.I.G.A.P. Area Investigator Dick Munford to assist with the inquiries. It was getting on for midnight when Dick eventually left the police station!

One person who saw the re-entry of the Russian rocket was Mrs. Pamela Green, of South Road, Horsell, Woking. She said she saw the bits of the rocket for between three and four minutes. "I could make out approximately between 30 and 50 separate pieces, mainly white with red and orange", said Mrs. Green in a report to S.I.G.A.P. She went on: "They looked like a cluster of lights travelling at the same speed. But occasionally one would appear to lose speed and then catch up again. It rather gave the effect of a rocket on Guy Fawkes night, but much wider and longer. The speed was difficult to assess - I can only compare it with an aircraft travelling at say 500 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet".

If any members saw the pieces of the rocket and took compass and elevation measurements, would they please send the relevant details to me. I will then pass the information on to Mr. King-Hele.

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A number of U.F.O.s reported recently in the Surbiton area have turned out to be searchlights used in the making of the film: "The Battle of Britain".

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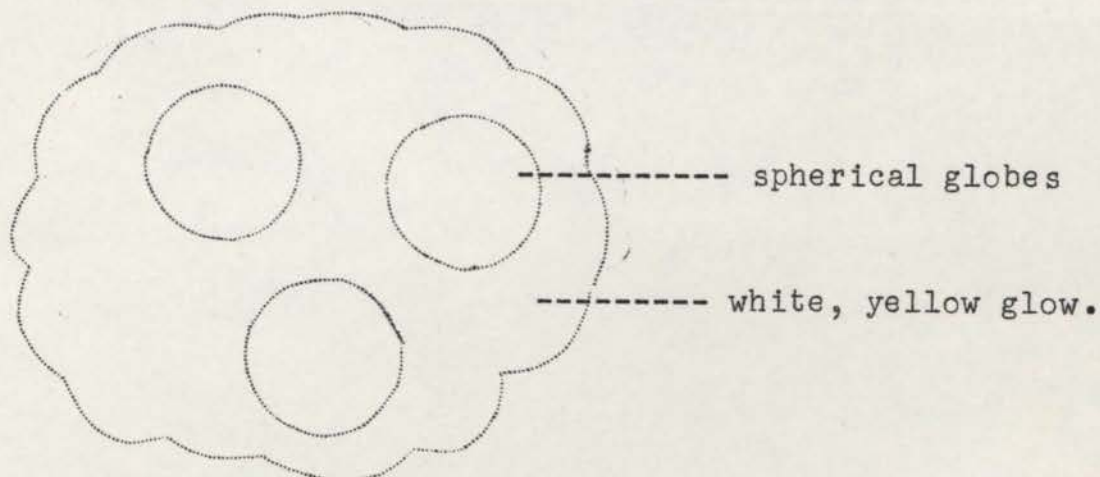
"A round yellow glowing object" was seen by six Chertsey schoolchildren on July 24.

It all began at about 9.30 p.m. Lesley Otley and her friend Marlene Bremner, both aged 14, were standing in the grounds at Meads Secondary School, in Chertsey Road, Addlestone, after helping with an end-of-term concert. Suddenly they saw "The Thing" hovering in the sky. Both girls rushed into the school to get more witnesses, and a few moments later brought out Burt Scuffham, Michael Wardley and Douglas Antill. All five claim they saw the U.F.O. accelerate rapidly and shoot away into the distance. Another pupil at Meads Secondary School, 15-year old Stephen Williams, also saw the object - at 11.30 p.m. while walking home. He said it appeared to come from the Staines direction and disappear over Addlestone.

Describing the object, Lesley Otley, who lives in Western Avenue, Penton Park, Chertsey, said: "The object was large and glowing bright yellow. It was larger than a plane and moved considerably faster than one. We first saw it when it was stationary. It then moved quickly and was out of sight behind some trees. It re-appeared a few minutes later and returned to the original spot. It then moved further away. It seemed to descend while moving away, but this may have been because it was moving away so quickly. The object did not make any noise".

Said Burt Scuffham, who lives in Victory Road, Chertsey: "For many years I have been interested in flying-saucers. I used to pray that I would see one, and when I did, well, it came as an incredible shock. To be perfectly truthful, I don't know what I really saw on the night of July 24. It may have been a visitor from another Galaxy, or something far more tangible".

Following an article in "The Surrey Herald", an Addlestone couple came forward and said that they had also seen "The Thing". They were Mr. John Read (23) and his wife Veronica (24), of Meadowlands Caravan Site. Mr. Read was the first to see the object. He was standing outside his caravan at about 10.30 p.m. Immediately he called his wife and her brother, 27-year old David Byrne. According to their account the object came from the Shepperton direction, hovered over the caravan site, grew very bright, and then suddenly faded and shot away back where it had come from, a red and white light flashing. Both adults and children agreed that "The Thing" moved faster than any plane.



Burt Scuffham's sketch of "The Thing"



British U.F.O. Research Association's Annual Meeting: Nov. 23, 1968.

Report by Group Secretary Dick Beet

Following the main agenda of the Annual Meeting, in which our Chairman, Omar Fowler, was elected to the Executive Committee, there was an open debate on U.F.O. research. This was initiated by Stephen Smith, Director of B.U.F.O.R.A. Research, and Dr. John Cleary-Baker, Editor of the B.U.F.O.R.A. Journal, and Evaluation Officer.

Stephen Smith suggested that U.F.O. researchers should concern themselves with the job of investigating sightings and not to become involved with decrying political or military authorities. He stated that there were now 200 investigators throughout the country.

Dr. Cleary-Baker said he felt that B.U.F.O.R.A. should confine serious research to U.F.O. landings or near landings, although all aspects of the phenomena should be probed. B.U.F.O.R.A. Vice-Chairman Lionel Beer, in answer to Dr. Cleary-Baker, suggested that all reports, however insignificant, should at least be recorded.

Anthony Durham, of Cambridge University, informed the meeting of the advances made with the collection of U.F.O. data for use with the I.B.M. 7090 Computer. It is hoped that S.I.G.A.P.'s new preliminary sighting report forms will contain facilities for machine readable data.

Richard Farrow, Assistant Research Director and S.I.G.A.P. Area Investigator, said that he would like to see all member-societies covering B.U.F.O.R.A. members in their area. Thus, if any sighting was reported and the member-society were unable to cover it immediately, then the independent member would be able to investigate it.

Dr. Cleary-Baker suggested that some form of training for investigators, a view strongly endorsed by S.I.G.A.P.

Edgar Hatvany asked if it was possible to employ the use of a computer to establish the probability of a sighting occurring in any one location. Anthony Durham stated that the capital cost for supplying automatic data handling equipment and the means of operation for one year, would be around £2,000.

The meeting concluded with a mention of the investigations carried out in Stoke-on-Trent last year by amateur astronomers Roger Stanway and Anthony Pace, who together wrote "The Flying Saucer Report". Their new work is "Manual for U.F.O. Investigators and Researchers". They proposed that if endorsed by the committee, it should be adopted as the standard B.U.F.O.R.A. Manual.

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Four more people have joined S.I.G.A.P. They are:

M. A. Searle, of 11 Farnham Road, Guildford, Surrey.  
Miss M. L. Lampard, of 71 Ash Hill Road, Ash, Surrey.  
A. Sholl, of 8 Pewley Hill, Guildford, Surrey.  
R. J. Timmis, of "Greystones", Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey.

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S.I.G.A.P. is now listed in the new edition of the Guildford telephone directory, in both white and yellow pages. Our "Yellow Page" classification is "Research and Development Organisations".

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Most of you probably remember that our consultant John Adams gave us a talk on Spectroscopy earlier this year in which he described how to make a simple spectroscope. I have in fact made one, and apart from teething troubles, works reasonably well. If you do not feel inclined to make such an instrument, which is designed for the analysis of emission spectra from light sources, a commercial model is now available from "Proops", of 52 Tottenham Court Road, London. The cost quoted is £3-10-0d. But if enough members are interested a reduction may be obtained. Please write to me.

- Dick Beet.

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Mrs. Jean Fowler, wife of S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler, is to audit the British U.F.O. Research Association's accounts.

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S.I.G.A.P. Foreign Correspondent Keith Burnett received last month a letter from Russia. It was very kindly translated for us by Gordon Creighton, President of B.U.F.O.R.A.

The letter, which is from Aleksandr Kazantsev, reads: "There is no special organisation in our country that deals with U.F.O. problems. But the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences contemplates publishing in 1969 a large collection entitled: "THE INHABITED UNIVERSE", under the editorship of Academician B. Konstantinov, Vice-President of the Academy. In that collection you might find answers to all the questions that interest you. You can order the collection through the NAUKA Publishing House in Moscow".

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The next S.I.G.A.P. meeting will be held on December 17, 1968 at the Plastic Coatings Factory, starting at 8 p.m. Two space films are being shown. The first is "Doorway to Tomorrow, a 28-minute colour documentary on the John F. Kennedy Space Centre, Florida. In place of "Clouds of Venus", which we have been unable to get, is a 30-minute colour documentary entitled: "Legacy of Gemini", which shows the major accomplishments in America's two-man Gemini programme and their relationship to the three-man Apollo programme. The film includes the best of Gemini photography.

Forthcoming B.U.F.O.R.A. meetings, which are held in Kensington Central Library, starting at 7 p.m., are as follows:

January 4, 1969: Brains Trust. An opportunity for members, and non-members for that matter, to put the association's officials "on the spot" and ascertain their views on many matters of interest to U.F.O. students.

February 1, 1969: UFO Occupants - Methods and Motives. A talk by Gordon Creighton, world famous U.F.O. researcher.

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About 15 luminous U.F.O.s were seen by several people over Algiers on the night of Thursday, November 14, according to a report in the "Daily Telegraph". Described as being "roughly triangular" in shape, the objects were flying in a northerly direction at a high speed.

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10,000 PEOPLE VISIT U.F.O. STAND IN ONE DAY.

At one time on Friday 3rd January over 1500 people an hour were passing through the B.U.F.O.R.A. stand at the NEW YEAR SHOW (Olympia). It was estimated that at the end of the day at least 10,000 people of varying ages had seen the display of "saucer" photographs and U.F.O. detecting equipment.

The exhibition which had been sponsored by the 'DAILY MAIL', covered three floors at Olympia and the subjects varied between such things as a 'live' Radio 1 disc jockey show, to an exhibition of tropical fish. The U.F.O. stand carried a number of contributions from the SIGAP group, including a number of Dan Butchers paintings and statistical graphs supplied by Dick Beet. Members of SIGAP were also on the stand during the display and a number of enquiries were received for membership forms.

B.U.F.O.R.A. received a number of new sighting reports as a result of their participation in the show and no doubt there will be an appreciable increase in their membership as a result of the wide public interest.

#### DID CAPTAIN MANTELL DIE IN HIS CRASHED PLANE ?

What might be termed as a 'spin off' story as a result of the U.F.O. Exhibition came when a visitor to the stand mentioned that he had some personal knowledge of the Captain Mantell case, a well known U.F.O. case that took place in the U.S.A. on January 7th 1948.

The visitor explained that he had been connected with the U.S.A.A.F. at the time of the incident and that he had also spoken to personnel who had been at the scene of the crash.

To reflect on the incident, Captain Mantell was one of the pilots 'scrambled' to chase a disc shaped object seen over the U.S.A. The aircraft used were P.51. Mustang fighters and they were not fitted with oxygen equipment at the time. The fighters chased the object, but as it appeared to be moving higher, all but Capt. Mantell's aircraft turned back. Shortly afterwards, Captain Mantell's aircraft fell to the ground and crashed. The mystery then began and theories were advanced for the cause of the accident, some people believed that the object had been a 'Skyhook' balloon and that lack of oxygen had been the reason for the crash, while others spoke of an encounter with a U.F.O. and of strange marks and the remains of the aircraft.

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The visitor to the U.F.O. stand at Olympia stated that marks had definitely been found on the remains of the crashed aircraft in the form of lines of equally spaced holes and he also stated that the body of Captain Mantell had not been recovered from the aircraft. There has always been a certain amount of conjecture about the recovery of the pilots body from the aircraft and the latter statement only increases the mystery surrounding this incident. We intend to interview this person further and any additional information will be reported in due course.

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U.F.O. FLAP IN NORWAY .  
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We have recently heard of exciting news from Norway in the area of Tønsberg.

It was reported in the local paper "Tønsberg Blad" just before Xmas, that a number of glowing balls had been seen in the area, they were about 2' in diameter and had been seen to chase a car and to hover over a house. In one incident the driver of a water 'taxi' on a nearby fiord had seen a light near a local island, he subsequently sped off to investigate and was alarmed to find that the light was a U.F.O. The light then began to move towards him so he quickly turned about and quickly made his way back to the shore. A Norwegian U.F.O study group is believed to be investigating the incidents and we expect to hear more news of the "glowing balls" ourselves.

The magazine "Norsk Ukeblad" also gave details recently of U.F.O. activity in both Norway and Denmark. Reference was also made to the transparent balls and the way in which they have been known to follow people. The magazine reflected that a similar phenomena had been seen during the war, they were then referred to as "Foo Fighters" and had been known to fly into the aircraft of that period.

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-O- THE LOCAL U.F.O. SCENE . -O-

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S.138. On Monday 2nd December, David Chaloner a pupil at the Royal Grammar School Guildford, noticed a star like object near the moon, the time was approx 6.15pm.

David commented that the sky was clear and the stars were visible, the object near the moon could be seen moving towards the North in a wavering motion. Within a short time the object changed course towards the North East.

It is possible that this moving light may have been a satellite and we will investigate this possibility. Our thanks go to Mr R.M. Skinner who sent in the report.

S.130. Mr R. Amos of Nightingale Rd, Guildford, reported seeing a bright pink light flickering near the Cathedral, he was looking West at the time and the light was seen to move towards the North or North East. The bright pink light was somewhat brighter than a star and although close to the horizon it could be seen varying its height. Eventually it vanished behind some trees after being viewed for some 30 seconds. Because of local aircraft noise it was not possible to determine if the object made any noise itself.



We have received a number of sighting reports from the Aerial Phenomena Investigation and Research Group, a society run by young people in Surrey. Unfortunately the UFO reports are lacking in important details but are nevertheless interesting and it is intended to document them more fully before printing details in the Newsletter. An example of the quality of the reports is shown below.

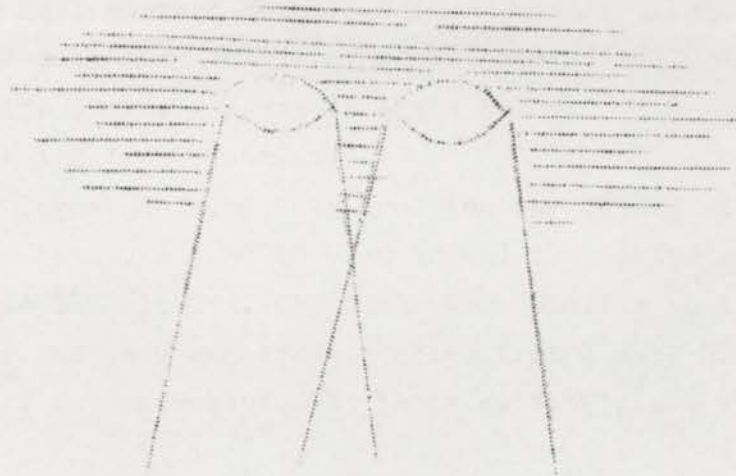
S.133. Date of sighting 4to 5 years ago.

Mr K.Swift saw two lights shining down from the sky while walking near Ragge Hill, Tatsfield, Surrey. The time was 6.30 to 7.30 am and the lights were moving in the opposite direction to the witness. The beams were similar to car headlights, but were much closer together and they appeared to shine from a dark shadowy object but it was difficult to make out the shape. The incident took place within a five minute period.

The story was investigated by Mr C.A.Ward the Chairman of A.P.I.R.G. who made the following comments..."The author of the report ,K.Swift , is a personal friend of mine and is considered by myself and others ,to be a very reliable witness."

" Tatsfield is close to the wartime airfield of Biggin Hill and although the R.A.F. side of the airfield is closed the other side is open as an Aviation Centre."

"It is possible that the witness may have mistaken a night flying aircraft with its landing lights on, but there are several factors against this". "Aircraft lights are usually inclined  $30^{\circ}$  to the horizontal and the witness stated that the lights seen by him were  $70^{\circ}$  to the horizontal , it should also be noted that no sound was heard and an aircraft flying at that height 2-3,000 ft. could clearly be heard."



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LIST OF NEW MEMBERS Dec. 68.

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Mr R.C.Jarvis,4,Hillspur Road,Westborough,GUILDFORD,Surrey.  
Mr R.Drefke,35,Cooper Road,GUILDFORD,Surrey.

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HEARD ON THE U.F.O. STAND.  
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Grown Up :- " Where are all the little green men then....."

Sprightly 12 year old :- "Exactly what is your organisation out to prove ?"



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DOG MEEETS U.F.O.

A BRIEF SURVEY.  
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By - D.G.Butcher.

Part 1.

Reports of encounters between dogs and U.F.O.'s are by no means uncommon. There must be many cases on record. The following article surveys a brief selection culled from the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and Aime Michel's FLYING SAUCERS AND THE STRAIGHT LINE MYSTERY.

The nature of these encounters, to judge from my rather limited sources, falls under four main headings:

1. Cases of fright on the part of the dog.
  - .. (a) Mild alarm.
  - (b) Severe Fright.
2. Cases of defiance on the part of the dog.
  - (a) Fear of dog shewn by U.F.O. entities.
  - (b) Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
3. The attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. occupants.
4. Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting.

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Cases of mild alarm among dogs at a U.F.O. encounter usually results in barking and howling which draws the attention of the human witness to the scene. The four following reports are typical :

At Poncey-sur-l'ignon, October 2nd 1954, dogs started baying and the witness saw a 'great cloud cigar'. (1)

At Premanon, (Jura), on September 27th. 1954, a barking dog drew children's attention to a U.F.O. entity. (2)

November 1964, at St. Alexis de montcalm, Montreal, a dog awakened Dr. Lebel in the early hours of the morning. Witness saw a large luminous ball hanging stationary above the tree tops near his home. (3)

1966 (?), Florida. Dogs awakened a man who was sleeping in a swamp. A lighted object was seen in the distance. The man tried to communicate with it but was knocked unconscious. (4)

It is difficult to judge, from these reports, the degree of fright experienced by the animals, but they were disturbed enough to bark or bay. There however, instances on record of dogs howling in the prescence of a U.F.O.

When the famous 'airship' appeared at Paris, Texas, in 1896-7, a dog howled until it passed from sight; (5) and howling dogs were reported to have awakened a couple of boys on two consecutive mornings in August 1965, near Sydney, Australia, and on each accasion a U.F.O. was seen. (6)

At Clifton Hampden, in North Berkshire, in 1966, a U.F.O. came into view while a woman was shutting up her corgis for the night. The dogs started to whine, making a 'dreadful noise'. (7)



Dog Meets UFO cntd...

(8).  
Running dogs, as if fleeing from a U.F.O., can be seen in the Cappelquin photograph  
On the evening of September 9th. 1965, a girl out walking with her dog between  
Tongham and Ash Green, Surrey. Suddenly the dog sat down and refused to move. It  
was then that its mistress saw 'two headlamps' in the sky. The girl was disinclined  
to attribute the dog's action to the U.F.O., but we cannot be sure that such was  
indeed the case - it could conceivably have been a temporary paralysis, though that  
seems unlikely. (9)

Cases of severe fright. The following is a borderline example, and should have  
perhaps, been included in the first category. At Weston near Runcorn, (no date/1967)  
a girl saw something in the sky, and sought refuge in a nearby house. A dog's hair  
stood on end. (10)

August 25th. 1965, at Morriston, South Wales, a woman was standing at the window  
when a bright light in the sky approached with such a glare that it seemed to burn  
her skin. Her neighbour's dog became very frightened and, for ten minutes, refused  
utterly to go out. (11)

At Quarouble, France, on the 10th. September, 1954, M. Dewilde's dog was "howling  
loud enough to wake the dead". A U.F.O. was seen on the railway lines near his  
house. Just then, his dog came crawling up to him on her belly, and began to bark  
again. Shortly afterwards two U.F.O. occupants were seen. (12)

To be continued.

References will be printed finally.

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-O- Late UFO Report. -O-

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A New Haw woman said on Friday that she had seen two flying saucers. Mrs D. Withall  
of the Avenue New Haw, said she saw the objects at 10 am. while returning home from  
shopping.

The two saucer shaped objects were grey, with white domes, and were flying low  
over Grange School, New Haw, she said.

Mrs Withall said at first she thought she was seeing things. "They seemed to be  
following each other, and were travelling very fast" she added.

"Surrey Herald" 13/12/68.

This report will be followed up by SIGAP. O.F.

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Satellite News. (Decays)

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Warnings to aircraft pilots have recently been given by an American Organisation  
called the Volunteer Flight Network. The warnings are intended enable pilots to  
re-route their aircraft if they are flying in an area where a satellite is known  
to be re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

We have a short list of decays, but no information on exactly where they will  
occur. :- 13th Jan 68. USA 1963/3a FTV Payload, also 1965/82np USA Titan debris.  
16th Jan. 1968/83a USSR Cosmos 245 Payload. 17th Jan. 1965/82by USA Titan 3 c4 debris  
23 Jan. 1965/82op USA Titan 3 c4 debris.

The Newsletter has been produced by O. Fowler, as Ron Toft is away on a short course.



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ANDRES EXPLORERS TO INVESTIGATE "COSMODROME" FOR SAUCERS .

SANTIAGO, Chile.

A group of explorers will take a close look this month at a mysterious platform in the Andes, hoping to clear rumors that it is a "cosmodrome" for Flying Saucers.

The platform consisting of 10 ton blocks of volcanic rocks, was discovered last September, but owing to high winds and driving snow the explorers were forced to retreat from the site. They were unable to study the platform or to enter what appeared to be a door into a small fortress beneath.

Humberto Sarnataro Bounaud, a 32 year old businessman and painter, will head the expedition. He says that helicopters will be used and more equipment will be taken on the second investigation of the platform.

Many peasants and villagers in the area claim they have seen Flying Saucers apparently taking off and landing on the mountain near the platform. There have also been reports that cars have broken down and restarted without mechanical attention, an unexplained smell of burning without fire and fruit trees are blossoming out of season. Police and scientists have scanned the area with a geiger counter, but have found that only a strange heat made the trees blossom at this time.

The platform is in the mountains between San Clemente, Chile and San Rafael, Argentina - about 142 miles south east of Santiago.

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IS THERE WATER ON THE MOON ? WAS ADAMSKI RIGHT ?

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There have been many questions asked about the claims of George Adamski and in spite of the apparent absurdity of many of his statements, several have been confirmed in recent years. An example of this was seen when the first American astronauts described "fireflies in space". This phenomena had been commented on by Adamski in his book "Inside the Space Ships" some years before and in the same book, he described rivers on the moon. Although this seems hardly likely in view of the recent moon photographs, the possibility of water on the moon has been speculated upon in the past. Now in the January 2nd edition of "New Scientist" three researchers at the University of California, (S. Peale, G. Schubert and R. Lingenfelter) claim that as a result of analysing the photographs taken by Lunar Orbiter 4, it can be seen that more than 80% of the sinuous rilles on the moon (riverlike channels), lie on the margins of circular mare basins or craters

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with mare like floors. The significance of this finding is that the sinuous rilles - which may range in length up to 1000 km and be a few km wide - provide strong evidence for the presence of a fluid, probably water, on the moon.....

ECHO 2 Explains A Curving U.F.O. (S.138)

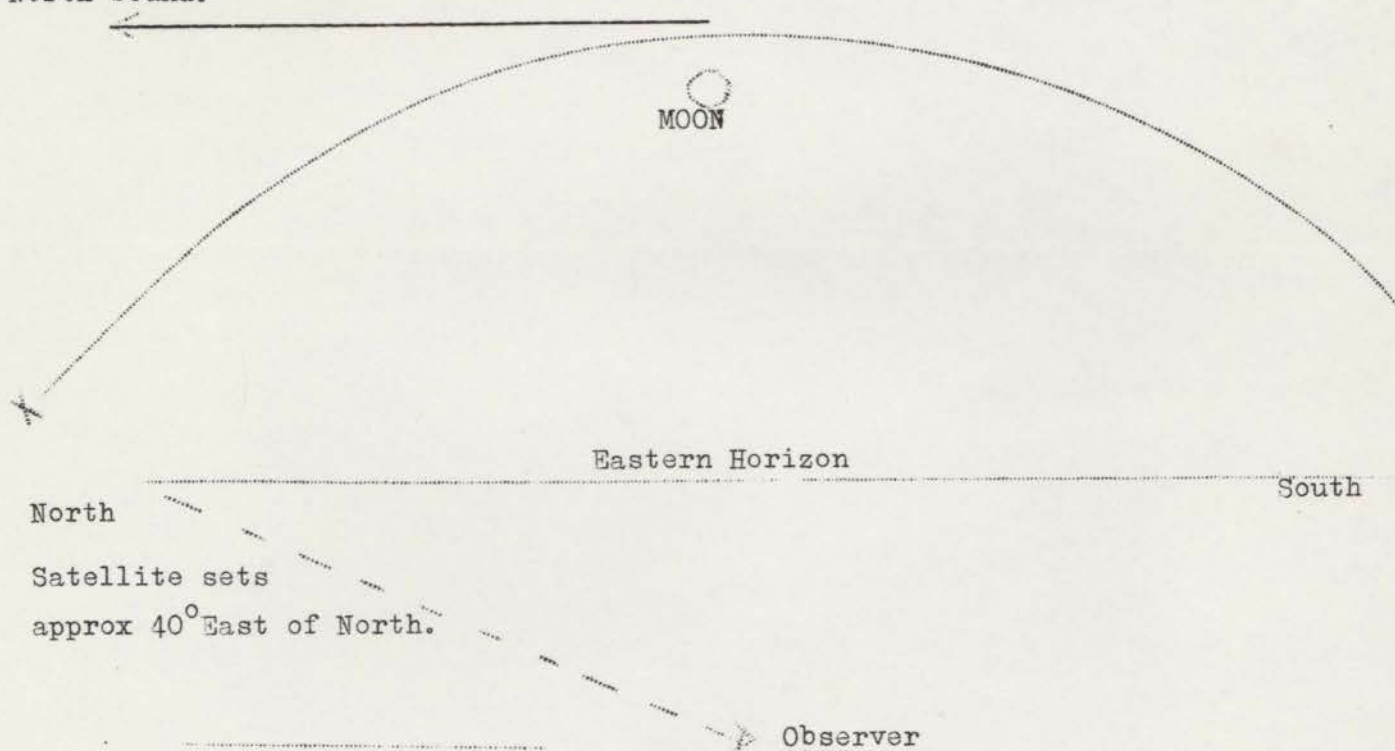
We are indebted to Tim Childerhouse of the Space Dept. R.A.E. Farnborough and one of our consultants, for explaining how the behaviour of Echo 2 can account for the report in last months Newsletter No. S.138.

Mr Childerhouse explains :- David Chaloner clearly saw Echo 2 (northbound) on the night of Dec. 2nd at 6.15.p.m. I also observed this satellite in the vicinity of the moon, perhaps the brief description and drawing may help to understand the track of the satellite across the sky.

All satellite transits form a curved path in the sky, the lower the pass the greater appears the curve, the higher and slower satellites are also affected by an additional factor. For every 4 minutes the earth will rotate 1 degree and this rotation will accentuate the curved path across the sky.

Satellites direction

North bound.



AUTHOR TO GIVE TALK ON FEB 11th

Norman Oliver the co-author of the "Scoriton Mystery" and "Sequel to Scoriton", is also an authority on UFO contact cases. He has recently formed a new group called COS-MOS (Contact Space-Men Or Saucers) and we are pleased to announce that he will give a talk to SIGAP on the subject, next Tuesday FEB 11th, 8pm at the canteen of Plastic Coatings Ltd, By-Pass, Guildford. Dont miss it .

TØNSBERG LATEST :

We have now received newspaper cuttings from the 'Tønsberg Blad' (Norway) and these are being translated. Latest January news states- 40 bright UFO's seen in the area during 1968. We expect to carry full details in our March edition.



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DOG MEETS UFO:  
A BRIEF SURVEY  
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By D. G. Butcher.

Part II.

October 26, 1967, at Ringstead Bay, near Weymouth. A U.F.O. arrived overhead and hovered there for some time. The witness' Alsatian dog was very distraught, and refused to 'sit'. She pestered her master to move on. On four subsequent visits to the area she became very distressed on each occasion.(13)

The dog in the following report, as in the previous two examples, was a bitch. It was at Valence, France, on the 26, September, 1954. The witness' dog, Dolly, first barked, and then howled miserably. A U.F.O. was then seen, and its occupant. The witness, a woman, fled; and the dog continued to howl, all the dogs of the village joining in. The dog was still trembling with fright three days later.(14)

In the following case it is reasonable to suppose that the crowd, who were throwing bricks at the U.F.O. entities, contributed to the dog's panic. When a U.F.O. landed on a sports field at Monza, Italy, a man set his Boxer dog on to the creature who was in a sort of diver's suit. The dog turned on its master and bit him!(15) Perhaps we have here not only a case of severe fright, but also of disorientation, and even an example of positive defensive action on the part of a U.F.O. entity.

U.F.O. occupants shew fear of dogs in some instances, as in the case of an American working in Austria in 1951. The report has it that the contactee's memory was preserved only because a dog's barking frightened the ufonaut away at the last minute.(16)

September, 30, 1954, at Valence, France. Woman with a dog met a form 'swathed in cellophane'. Seeing the dog, it climbed back into the U.F.O., and took off.  
(17)

October 15, 1954, at Perpignan, France. Customs official attested on oath that a reddish object landed near him, and that a man came out of it who was apparently scared by the barking dogs. He climbed back in, and took off.(18)  
Positive defensive action taken against dogs by U.F.O. entities. On October 17, 1954, near Corbierres, France, a man was out hunting with his dog. A U.F.O. appeared, and two beings emerged from it. The man fled, but his dog ran towards the aliens. The man then noticed that the dog was retreating, walking in an awkward manner, as if partially paralysed.(19) What seems to be the same story, but with a different time and place attributed to it, tells of a man who came upon a U.F.O. when out hunting with his dog. The man fled, and the dog went for the object, but the latter became semi-paralysed, and was hardly able to get back to its master. According to this account, the incident took place at Manosque, near Valensole, in France, on 14, October, 1954.(20)

A group of U.F.O.'s. landed on the railway line near Trancas, Province of Tucuman, S. America, on October 21, 1963, and directed beams of light on a nearby house. The occupants of the house were terrified. Three fierce dogs were



affected by the rays, and became listless and enervated; but when the beams fluctuated, or played on another part of the house, they seemed to come to life again and began to howl. The dogs kept up their howling for some time after the U.F.O.s had left. (21)

Attempted abduction of dogs by U.F.O. entities. The following case may point to an attempted abduction. On January 10, 1967, at Point Pleasant, in the Ohio Valley, U.S.A., barking dogs drew the witness' attention to a U.F.O. which was descending a hill and edging along a ravine which led down to some kennels. It then changed direction. (22)

In the Autumn of 1966, three dogs disappeared, the incidents coinciding with the appearances of U.F.O's in the Point Pleasant area. (23)

November 6, 1957, at Everittstown, New Jersey. A non-human, gnome-like ufonaut, associated with a luminous egg-shaped object, spoke to Mr. John Trasco in 'broken language', saying: "We are peaceful people. We don't want no trouble We just want your dog." The dog was a 6-year old Belgian police-dog tethered to the side of the house. It was barking furiously, and frothing at the mouth with excitement and terror. (24)

Earlier on the same day, at Dante, Tennessee, a 12 year old boy got up to let his dog out of the house. Twenty minutes later he went out to fetch the dog, and saw it with a group of other dogs near an elongated egg-like object. "One of the men (associated with the object), grabbed at the dog who growled and backed away. The man then picked up another dog — an anonymous, small, dark-brown one — but it started to bite him, and the man put him down." (25)

Traces of a giant dog in the vicinity of a U.F.O. sighting. This is a special category, and can hardly be classed as an encounter.

On the evening of December 14, 1963, on the road to Vereeniging, S. Africa, two men, Messrs. Muller and Immelmann, saw "an exceptionally large dog.....as big as a buck". A little later, as they were still travelling along the same road, they decided to return and investigate. At the spot where they had seen the dog they were persistently buzzed by a U.F.O. (26)

On January 19, 1967, on the Interstate Highway 64, at about 10 miles outside Charleston, W. Va., U.S.A., a large metal sphere was seen hovering at about four feet above the road surface. Three months later, John Keel examined the precise spot and found there a series of "very strange footprints in the mud beside the road...They looked like huge dog tracks....except that they were not dog tracks and were so deep that the animal which made them must have weighed from 200 to 400 pounds". None of the wildlife authorities in Charleston were able to identify the tracks.(27)

Three coinciding elements are to be noted in these two stories: the U.F.O., the road, and the trace of a giant dog. In those Black Dog legends which tell of a spectral animal having a light, or lights, where its head should be, a similar triad is implied: a mysterious light, a road, and a very large dog.

The tracks mention in the last case might be compared with some of the alleged footprints of the 'Surrey puma'. Those discovered in the vicinity of a 'puma' sighting on Hurtwood Common were of a very large dog, according to Maurice Burton, writing in the Surrey Advertiser in 1965.  
(To be concluded in the next issue).



We have received further information on the Volunteer Flight Officer Network from SIGAP member John Bostock of Woking. V.F.O.N. was established in the autumn of 1963 and its purpose was to set up a world wide observing network consisting of commercial airline crewmen who will report sightings of all unidentifiable phenomena to one central location.

The project, directed by Herbert E. Roth of the American United Air Lines, has now expanded to include 118 participating airlines in 54 countries. A total of 39,000 flight crewmen are covering over 2.6 million unduplicated air route miles.

To date, V.F.O.N. has processed 1,346 reports, each one carefully has been carefully investigated and catalogued as follows :-

1127 Meteor sightings  
39 Reports of satellites, balloons and launch vehicles  
73 Reports on 28 different satellite re-entries  
34 U.F.O. type reports  
37 Reports of uncatalogued debris  
36 Reports still in process  

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Spreading The Word .

Omar Fowler and Graham Raine gave a talk on Surrey U.F.O.'s to the W.I. at Milland, Nr. Liphook, Sussex on January 8th, with the aid of colour slides and tape recordings.

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A REPORT FROM WALES.

We have received a small number of reports during January and SIGAP member Mr D. Toombs has sent in several from Monmouth. This extract is from a report by a Mr P. Davies :- On Sunday Oct 13, 1968, at 8.45pm. I was observing the constellation of Draco the Dragon'. I then spotted a bright red light and brighter than Mars at opposition. As it came overhead, I noticed a shaft of light, white in colour, it was protruding from the right side of the object, my seven friends also noticed this light, it seemed to be shining onto some thin huge cloud. The object then disappeared into some thick cloud at 30° above the S.E. horizon. ( S.140).

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The Newsletter has been produced this month by O. Fowler, with contributions from R.C. Beet and D.G. Butcher. We welcome back Editor Mr R. Toft next month.



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U.F.O.s have been seen the world over - and Norway is no exception as the above headline shows.

It accompanied an article which appeared in the newspaper "Tonsberg Blad" on January 13. The story was very kindly translated for S.I.G.A.P. by a Norwegian woman living in Tilford, near Farnham, along with several others.

Here is a condensed version of the January 13 article:-  
U.F.O.s.....have, during recent years, drawn great attention all over the world. A report from an American association a few years ago showed that Scandinavia, Norway in particular, was one of the places where U.F.O.s were seen very regularly. Confirmation of this has been impossible. But Wilhelm S. Simonsen, Chairman of the "Popular Scientific Association", says that observations are quite regular and that during the past year 40 separate sightings were reported to the association. Just over 100 Norwegians had seen U.F.O.s in the sky.

Mr. Simonsen told the "Tonsberg Blad" that it was impossible for a single person or association to get the complete story on what had, or had not, been seen in the sky. "We do a great deal of work in registering activity in the sky over the whole country. But we are not the only ones. A number of other groups probably have information that we do not. We cannot present the total number of sightings in Norway, but we have a good picture as our numbers show. In the beginning of December a number of people in the Tonsberg area saw light phenomena in the sky and the "Tonsberg Blad" got in touch with a number of astrophysical organisations in order to get an explanation. Scientists say it was either Venus, a star, or even a satellite".

"We are aware that a lot of scientists are willing to explain U.F.O.s away as natural phenomena", Mr. Simonsen comments, "but in our view such answers are classified as popular and easy. Those who go through all our reports and data will find that only a few of the reports fall into these categories. Of the 40 reports that we have listed, it can be seen that only two are likely misinterpretations of natural light phenomena.

"The balloon satellite Echo II caused a lot of U.F.O. reports, but it looked nothing more than a strong star. Meteors and satellites move quite quickly and evenly and they have a flame-like tail when they enter the Earth's atmosphere. But the strange thing is that observed U.F.O.s have changed course and speed, stood still and behaved far differently from a meteor or a satellite.



"We do not insist that glowing phenomena are caused by flying-saucers with small green Martians. We are treating it as a matter of research. The subject is quite interesting, especially as there has been much activity during 1968".

Shortly after the U.F.O.s had been seen in the Tonsberg district, the "Tonsberg Blad" got several requests from organisations who wished to get in contact with the different observers. We printed a request for these but there was no reaction. We have now had a new request from the organisations in Oslo. So we are asking for those who saw the light phenomena in December to get in touch with one of the following two addresses:

Populaervidenskapelig Forening, 4020 Klofta.  
UFOINFORMASJON, Postbox 4203, Torshov, Oslo.

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Here is another report from the "Tonsberg Blad" translated specially for S.I.G.A.P. This one is dated December 17, 1968 and deals with part of the Norwegian U.F.O. flap at the end of the year:-

The glowing object which early on Saturday evening was seen by a man in a car near the canal bridge and later followed the driver towards Tenvik, was observed from several quarters the same evening. "Tonsberg Blad" yesterday got directions from six people in Notteroy, plus one from Slagensmann, who at one time or another, saw the same glowing thing. The information that people have given agrees amazingly. In the Tolvarod area during the same period the T.V. picture from Sweden was impossible to get properly and for about a quarter of an hour the T.V. screen gave only glimmerings and waves and a grating sound. Earlier in the evening and later there were no disturbances, a lady told us, and lots of other people said the same. The driver first discovered a U.F.O. and tells us that he first saw the light when he looked north-westward from the canal bridge. The light was hanging like a ball 300 metres over Teie. The U.F.O. eventually disappeared out of sight but appeared again when the driver had gone quite a way up the road. The ball of light then hovered over the heights of Teiehyden. The U.F.O. then settled at about 100 metres from the car at a height similar to a helicopter. The speed was about the same as his own - 50 to 60 km. per hour. Just before Herstad it disappeared towards the west but then it appeared again near Borgheim and followed the car some 100 metres distant. The driver believed at first that the light came from a plane but soon realised that a plane should have several other lights than the one that was hovering over Notteroy. The driver stopped to listen for an engine, but there was no sound. He stood and watched the ball of light hovering about 100 metres to the side of him. He then turned towards Tenvik and discovered to his astonishment that the ball had also made a turn and followed him. When he got home he fetched his wife and they both viewed the phenomenon for a while. They continued to go to and fro from the window to watch the U.F.O. But then it suddenly disappeared.

Another man told our paper that a bright glowing object had been seen by him at some crossroads about half-an-hour before the previous driver had seen the ball at the canal bridge. The second man discovered the U.F.O. when he stopped to see if the road was clear towards Tonsberg. He described how he saw this bright "thing" about 400 metres away and between 200 and 300 metres up in the air. The thing kept up a normal car speed he said, and it moved towards Gipe. The driver thought at first it was a plane, but then he thought



the light was strange. He described the light from the object as being white and flat. He started out at the Ekenes crossroads and kept an eye on the "thing" and then it slowly floated over the sky towards Notteroy church.

A U.F.O. was also observed from Teie. A schoolboy told the "Tonsberg Blad" that just before seven o'clock he saw a round ball of fire which came down over the mountains towards Teie and then turned towards the middle of Notteroy. The boy said that the ball could not have been more than 100 metres over the roofs when he saw it.

A couple in the east saw a bright ball at about 8.15 p.m., which came in from the west at slow speed and disappeared in the east. They thought it was a plane. Because of the speed and height both witnesses thought that the light could have been from a single-engine plane. They did not hear any sound.

Late yesterday afternoon the "Tonsberg Blad" received a phone call from two more men who said they had seen a flying object on Saturday night (December 14). One of them saw it from an upstairs window, glowing like a shining ball. Although the other witness saw the object from another point he agreed with the description. It flew off towards the west.

A man from Slagenstangen told us that he saw a glowing thing in the sky on Saturday at 6.45 a.m. in the morning, twelve hours before the other four witnesses had seen an object over Notteroy. It was very dark when the man saw the U.F.O. He said it came from the direction of Notteroy and disappeared towards Horten. The object moved slowly, like a plane that was coming in to land. It moved slowly in a half-circle. It had a green shimmering colour. The man thinks the object was about the size of a small car and during the few seconds that he saw the U.F.O. he heard no sound.

"Tonsberg Blad" spoke to a meteorologist at the Asmund Moene Institute and was told that the weather situation discounted the possibility that the object could have been a fireball, or electrical phenomena in the upper atmosphere.

An observer at the Astrophysical Institute at Blindern tells the "Tonsberg Blad" that natural phenomena could not account for the object seen over Notteroy and although a fireball could account for the ball of light following a car, one must have thunder before a fireball could be seen, otherwise it could not have been possible.

The Observatory also told us that they receive a great many reports of U.F.O.s throughout the year, but they did not have the time or opportunity to examine every case very seriously. First and foremost it was difficult to examine something with only the witnesses reports to go on. "Through the years we have had reports of Norwegians seeing objects in the sky after hearing of U.F.O. reports and stories of Martians", said the observer, "but they have had a simple explanation". The observer said he believed that a lot of the glowing lights seen are weather balloons, aircraft or satellites lit up by the sun. "We have never had any reports of U.F.O.s that we believe in. They can be explained away by the planet Venus", he added.

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DOG MEETS U.F.O.:

A BRIEF SURVEY

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By Dan Butcher

Part III

Since the writing of the article under this heading (see the last two bulletins) many more cases of dog v. U.F.O. have come to hand. In this concluding section a few of the more interesting of these reports will be presented.

Leaving aside numerous instances of mild alarm among dogs encountering a U.F.O., we may straight away deal with a few cases of more severe fright, such as that of the dog whose "hair stood straight up" when something like two red reflectors were seen in Doddridge County, U.S.A. in November 1966. The animal ran into a field and was not seen again. An abduction? (28).

Similarly, dogs panicked and took to the fields in Argentina on June 16, 1967 when a hideous rumble was heard overhead and mysterious glaring lights seemed to emanate from the sky. (29)

In the case of the "U.F.O. nests", or circular depressions found in swamps at Tully, in Queensland, Australia, a witness who had previously dreamt of U.F.O.s landing on his property, said that on the morning of the incident his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off into the swamp. (30)

Perhaps the case of the little dog of Betty and Barney Hill could be classed as severe rather than mild fright. Its ears pricked up at the onset of the beeping sounds heralding the contact, but at the end of the affair it was trembling. (31)

John Keel reports the case of shepherd dog having been crushed to death in a field in Ohio, U.S.A., every bone in its body having been broken. The knee-high grass around it was flattened in a perfect circle, reminding us of the "U.F.O. nest" case in Queensland, mentioned above. (32) Keel said that he had examined a number of dogs which had been mutilated as if by a scalpel. (32).

In the early Maury Island U.F.O. sighting incident, the witness' dog was killed by slag falling from the object. This was in June 1947. (33) And in the affair of the boy, Oscar Iriart, in Argentina in July 1968, a dog was paralysed. (34).

Disappearances of dogs in the vicinities of U.F.O. sightings, according to John Keel, were very common in West Virginia and Ohio in 1967. (35)

A number of encounters between dogs and errant hairy monsters have been reported from Florida. Sometimes the dogs have refused to pursue the thing; at other times they have been the aggressor. Once, when a dog chased one of these monsters into a wood, it returned with a chunk out of its hide, and weak from loss of blood. (36) As for evidence of a giant dog associated with U.F.O. phenomena, Charles Fort mentioned, among similar cases, that of a wolf or large dog which ravaged sheep at Hexham, North Wales, in 1904. Bloodhounds and foxhounds could or would not pick up its trail. This was during a revivalist period in Wales when many mysterious lights were seen, such as that which at one time followed the car of Mrs. Jones, the revivalist leader. (37)



Now if we are to believe Mr. Buck Nelson of Texas County, Missouri, he actually saw this U.F.O. big dog. He made the encounter on March 5, 1955 near his home. Three men and a huge dog emerged from a U.F.O. to meet him! (38)

An unclassified case concerns the favoured little dog belonging to Charles Garreau. At Chalais, France in November 1954 it was patted by U.F.O. entities. (39) That was one little dog that had its day!

But even here our friend Buck Nelson goes one better. His dog actually made a space trip with its master! (40) - and that is something which even Howard Menger's dog could not achieve: she had to wait outside when her master entered the U.F.O. - but in recompense, she too, was patted by the U.F.O. occupant. (41)

For those members who are particularly interested in this aspect of ufology here is a list of references:-

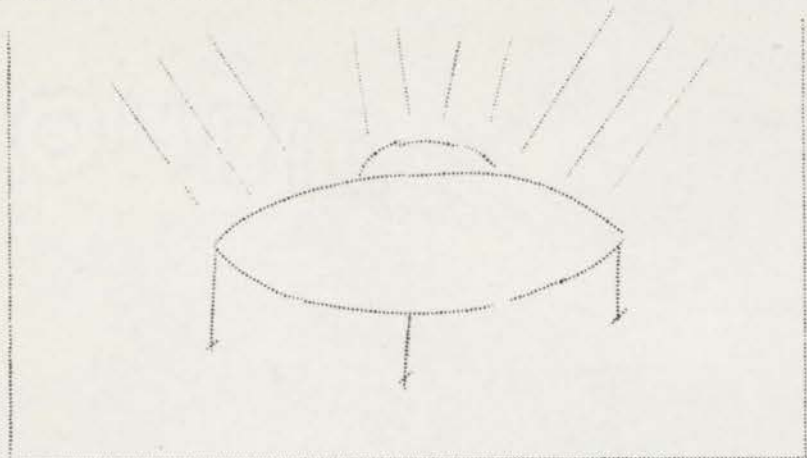
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N.B. The numbers on the left (i.e. 1-41) correspond to those quoted in the text.



A classic "flying-saucer" is claimed to have been seen by Mr. K. Clements (19) while travelling on a train from Princes Risborough to Marylebone on Christmas Eve. Mr. Clements, who lives in Foresters Drive, Wallington, Surrey, told S.I.G.A.P.: "I was returning to London on the 5.25 p.m. train. The train was between High Wycombe and Princes Risborough when I started to look at the evening star. The carriage window was clear. Just as the train past a hill I lost sight of the star and when it re-appeared there was another star, but this one was moving north and when it was nearly overhead I saw that it had three legs on it and a red light on top. It was silver.

This is a sketch of what Mr. Clements says he saw:



An interesting talk on contact cases was given by Norman Oliver, Director of the recently formed COS-MOS organisation, at the S.I.G.A.P. meeting on February 11.

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The following people have just joined S.I.G.A.P. -

Mrs. B. S. Blundell, of 2 Tekels Court, Tekels Park, Camberley.  
Mr. Richard Harrison, of 2 Ridge Road, Sutton.  
Mr. Timothy Binstead, of 16 Glenbuck Road, Surbiton.  
Mr. K. Clements, of 200 Foresters Drive, Wallington.

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IMPORTANT: Group Secretary Dick Beet is moving on April 1. After that date all correspondence, renewal of subscriptions, etc., should be addressed to him at: 164 Park Mead, Cranleigh.

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Forthcoming S.I.G.A.P. meetings:

APRIL 15: UFORUM. Guest speaker plus an informal discussion on various aspects of ufology. N.B. This date has been changed from April 8.

MAY 6: S.I.G.A.P.'s Annual Meeting. Editor Ron Toft will give a talk entitled: "The Moon and its Mysteries", followed by the election of officers for 1969-1970 and other general business.

MID-JUNE (date yet to be fixed) National Skywatch.

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What days do you prefer S.I.G.A.P.'s meetings to be on? At present they are usually held on Tuesdays, starting at 8 p.m., at the Plastic Coatings Factory, Guildford. Comments should be sent to the Chairman, Omar Fowler.

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+ DR. EDWARD U. CONDON +

+ AND HIS AMAZING U.F.O. REPORT +

+ By Ron Toft +

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Intelligent beings - perhaps structurally and metabolically radically different from us - could exist elsewhere in the Universe. In fact, according to current scientific opinion, the chances are they probably do. But.....they cannot visit Earth for at least another 10,000 years. Why? Because American scientist Dr. Edward U. Condon says so.

Highly respected by his colleagues and Government officials, this was the man who headed the two-year investigation into U.F.O.s at the University of Colorado.

The conclusions reached by Condon and his team have already been made public. U.F.O.s exist alright, they readily admit. But they don't come from outer space. Their report was presented to a special review panel of the National Academy of Sciences - and accepted in its entirety. The panel was chaired by Dr. Gerald M. Clemence of Yale University. Members included specialists in physics, astronomy, meteorology and psychology. The panel found "that this has been a very creditable effort to apply objectively the relevant techniques of science to the solution of the U.F.O. problem. The report recognizes that there remain U.F.O. sightings that are not easily explained. The report does suggest, however, so many reasonable and possible directions in which an explanation may eventually be found, that there seems to be no reason to attribute them to an extra-terrestrial source without evidence that is much more convincing. On the basis of present knowledge the least likely explanation of U.F.O.s is the hypothesis of extra-terrestrial visitations by intelligent beings".

The Condon report has now been published word for word in paperback format. Entitled: "The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects", it costs 12s 6d. Almost two inches thick, the Bantam book contains a phenomenal 961 pages - plus some extraordinary "facts" and recommendations, an example of which was given in my opening paragraph.

Does Condon have absolute proof that alien life-forms could not possibly visit Earth within the next 10,000 years? The answer is a firm "no". All he has is weak circumstantial evidence. In his 43-page long "Summary of the Study" Condon explains that light travels at 186,000 miles per second, covering nearly six million million miles during the course of one Earth year. But even at this speed it still takes 4.2 years to reach the nearest star, excluding the sun, which is Proxima Centauri. More astronomical facts are mustered. The Milky Way, the catherine wheel like galaxy in which we live, is 80,000 light years in diameter. Other star systems are millions of

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light years distant. Having convinced the reader of the immensity of the Universe, that even the nearest stars are tremendously remote, Condon goes on to say: "Even assuming that difficulties of this sort could be overcome, we have no right to assume that in life communities everywhere there is a steady evolution in the directions of both greater intelligence and greater technological competence. Human beings now know enough to destroy all life on Earth, and they may lack the intelligence to work out social controls to keep themselves from doing so. If other civilisations have the same limitation then it might be that they develop to the point where they destroy themselves utterly before they have developed the technology needed to enable them to make long space voyages". After further sheer speculation on possible social priorities and intelligent life-span of alien civilisations, Condon sums up: "We feel it is safe to assume that no intelligent extra-terrestrial life outside of our solar-system has any possibility of visiting Earth in the next 10,000 years".

It is here that Condon has committed a cardinal scientific sin. He assumes that aliens could not visit Earth. How often have we heard scientists say: 'You cannot afford to assume anything. We deal only in facts'.

True, it would be impossible for Man to reach even the nearest star with the ungainly chemical rockets he has at present. But just because we don't happen to have a more efficient method of propulsion doesn't mean that other intelligences haven't. Condon, and indeed many other scientists, preach that interstellar travel is impossible. Yet how many times during the course of history have "established" principles been shattered by new discoveries. One has only to look back at the 20's and 30's. Any talk of travelling to the planets was considered absurd. Yet today it is virtually a reality. Man will achieve interstellar travel - one day. Who can say what older and wiser civilisations in other parts of the galaxy have already accomplished.

One wonders why Condon and his team even bothered to investigate U.F.O.s if they believed from the outset that aliens couldn't visit us. Even more puzzling is why Condon chose "10,000 years". It could have been hardly more than a figure chosen at random to reassure the public and the U.S. Government. For how on earth could Condon know what manner of beings inhabit the depths of space, let alone what spacecraft they have and what forms of energy they have harnessed.

Condon shoots down the spacecraft theory of U.F.O.s completely and adds: "Our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of U.F.O.s in the past 21 years that has added to our scientific knowledge". Another amazing statement. Even if all U.F.O.s were natural phenomena or hallucinations on the part of witnesses, science would surely benefit from a thorough investigation. There is much about the atmosphere and the human mind which we still do not know. He goes on to point out that in his team's opinion "further extensive study of U.F.O.s cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby". What absolute rubbish.

In my opinion the most ridiculous and disturbing recommendation in the whole report is that teachers - American at any rate - should stop their students reading U.F.O. material. Says Condon: "Many children are being allowed, if not actively encouraged, to devote their science study time to the reading of U.F.O. books and magazine articles. We feel that children are educationally harmed by absorbing unsound and erroneous material as if it were scientifically well founded. Such study is harmful not merely because of the erroneous nature of the material itself, but also because such study retards the development of a critical faculty with regard to scientific



evidence which to some degree ought to be part of the education of every American. We strongly recommend that teachers refrain from giving students credit for school work based on their reading of the presently available U.F.O. books and magazine articles. Teachers who find their students strongly motivated in this direction should attempt to channel their interests in the direction of serious study of astronomy and meteorology".

To restrict a student's reading matter, irrespective of how perverse it may be, is unthinkable - a step towards communism. If this recommendation is implemented it will undoubtedly be a step backwards in American education. A student should be allowed to read any books and magazines he wishes - and form his own opinion of them - not have his mind made up for him.

The University of Colorado U.F.O. project cost American taxpayers around half-a-million dollars. Was it worthwhile? I think so. It was the first time a really scientific study of the U.F.O. problem had been carried out and may well result in other scientists carrying out similar research. Condon and his team did a considerable amount of research - if nothing else. But they examined only a small percentage of U.F.O. reports, and these were mainly American. Ideally, an international U.F.O. research council, composed of scientists, should be set up. I'm afraid I cannot accept any of the Condon report's conclusions and recommendations. Why? As I have said before, every year from all over the world come reports which defy logical explanation. Reports which tell of strange disc-shaped craft travelling at colossal speeds. Reports which tell of encounters with intelligent beings from another world. Fantastic? Preposterous? Ridiculous? Yet people from all walks of life, often separated from each other by thousands of miles, have seen these objects in the sky, have seen them land, and have met their occupants. Is it not more fantastic to believe that all these people are either lying or have some mental or optical defect?

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**DID LIFE BEGIN IN SPACE:** The commonly held belief that life originated in or near Earth's primeval oceans may have to be abandoned - following a discovery by a team of astronomers at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Green Bank, West Virginia, U.S.A.

The astronomers' instruments have picked up huge clouds of formaldehyde both inside and outside our galaxy, The Milky Way. Formaldehyde is an organic compound containing carbon - the basis of all terrestrial life. This discovery may mean that biological molecules could build up in space and then rain down on the surfaces of planets where, over millions of years, they could develop into complex organisms.

If this theory is correct life may be an extremely common phenomena in the Universe - according to Professor Thomas Gold, of Cornell University, New York.

**THERE IS WATER ON MARS:** Exobiologists were somewhat disheartened by the pictures of Mars sent back to Earth in 1965 by the highly successful American space probe Mariner 4. For they showed a dead looking surface pockmarked with craters - resembling the Moon rather than Earth.

But now the possibility of life on the Red Planet has been revived by astronomers at the McDonald Observatory in Texas. They claim to have "conclusive proof" that there is water in the Martian atmosphere. Water is essential to life as we know it; so the discovery, if confirmed, is encouraging to say the least. Observatory Director Dr. Harlan Smith says the humidity of the Martian atmosphere is equivalent to a cubic mile of water. This would be sufficient to produce damp areas on the planet where small organisms could thrive.

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TELEVISION SPACE SPECTACULAR: A 2½ hour television spectacular on astronomy is being screened on April 17. Called "The Violent Universe" it will be shown in colour on BBC 2. It will go on record as the longest and most ambitious programme of its kind ever seen on British television. Viewers will be shown a scale model of a small section of space - 43 ft. by 37 ft. by 27 ft. - each foot representing three light years (equivalent to about 18 million million miles).

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ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN TELESCOPE: An Anglo-Australian astronomical observatory, housing a 156-inch reflecting telescope, is to be built at Siding Springs, Coonabarabran, New South Wales. The Science Research Council is responsible for the British share of the £4.4 million project. Sir Howard Grubb Parsons & Co. Ltd. of Newcastle-upon-Tyne will grind and polish the optical components of the telescope and construct the huge tube. The contract is worth about £650,000 and will take 2½ years to complete.

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TEN MANNED MOON LANDINGS: Space chiefs in America are planning ten manned lunar landings - the first scheduled for July. The initial flights will involve perfecting landing techniques and the setting up of mini-laboratories on the Moon's surface, which will radio data back to Earth long after the astronauts have left. On later flights there will be overland exploration.

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LIFE ON MOON?: American scientist Dr. Jack Green, who worked on the "Surveyor" series of lunar soft-landing craft, believes that sulphur may be present on the Moon - after examining photographs of the landscape in the vicinity of the huge crater Aristarchus.

"If this holds true, there could be large areas near volcanic craters which are warm and moist and conceivably support small organisms". Aristarchus, 28 miles in diameter, is situated near the Moon's eastern limb (as seen in an inverting telescope).

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ROYALTY AND U.F.O.s: Prince Philip is interested in U.F.O.s and has just obtained a copy of the book "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects", the subject of the main story in this month's bulletin.

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U.F.O. TALK: A talk on U.F.O.s was given by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler on February 13 to about 30 members of the 18 Plus Farnham Group, a youth organisation. The meeting was held in the Albion Public House, Farnham and went down very well.

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FIELD VAN ON LOAN: The field van belonging to the British U.F.O. Research Association (B.U.F.O.R.A.) is now on loan to S.I.G.A.P. "for several months". Many members will remember that the van was present at last year's skywatch at Guildford and a centre of attraction at the "Daily Mail" New Year Show at Olympia. It is being kept in Omar Fowler's car port.

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SKYWATCH DAY: This year's National Skywatch Day will be held on Saturday, June 28. Full details will appear in the May and June bulletins.

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NEXT MEETING: The next S.I.G.A.P. meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15. It is hoped to have an informal panel discussion on various aspects of ufology. The meeting will be held, as usual, in the canteen of the Plastic Coatings Factory, (off the Woodbridge Meadows By-Pass) Guildford, starting at 8 p.m.

S.I.G.A.P.'s annual meeting will be held on May 6, same place, same time. As members are unlikely to receive their bulletins before this date next month, this is the final reminder. New members can be sure of a warm welcome at all S.I.G.A.P. meetings.

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U.F.O. SEMINAR: A U.F.O. seminar is being held at Cambridge University on Saturday, April 19. The aim is to train BUFORA members in the thorough investigation and evaluation of U.F.O. reports with the possibility at some future date of helping with special investigations. The meeting will be held in the Bevin Room at Churchill College. S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler and one or two other representatives from our group are expected to attend. A full report will appear in next month's bulletin.

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U.F.O.s ON TELEVISION: According to a report in the current issue of the "Merseyside U.F.O. Bulletin", television astronomer Patrick Moore, well known for his "Sky at Night" programmes, is to interview journalist and dedicated U.F.O. researcher Arthur Shuttlewood on BBC 2 on May 10. Apparently Patrick Moore and a television team visited Warminster, once scene of intense U.F.O. activity, on January 31 and did some filmed interviews on Cradle Hill. In a letter to the "Merseyside U.F.O. Bulletin" Shuttlewood says: "This may be something of a breakthrough for all our earnest efforts, because the BBC team came up to Cradle Hill with us last night. I will leave the programme to describe what they all saw, including Patrick Moore, whom I met and was interviewed by for the first time.... Now that Patrick Moore and the BBC have visited us, with results that shocked and pleased them, I feel meekly satisfied". Moore is renowned for his negative attitude towards U.F.O.s, so the programme should be interesting!

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SCIENCE FINALLY GIVES U.F.O.s NOD: This was the headline above an interesting article on U.F.O.s which appeared in an Arkansas, U.S.A. newspaper on January 3: "The dreamers always must precede the doers across new horizons. The ethical scientist has opinions, preconceptions, but dares not acknowledge them even to his colleagues. To the professional scientist all new ideas are theoretical until they are supportable with conclusive evidence. There is no conclusive evidence about "flying-saucers". Most men of science, therefore, have expressed either disdain or disinterest in the subject. The handful of bona fide scientists who did want to speculate on UFOs found themselves in the uncomfortable company of pseudoscientists, commercial cultists, pulp booksellers and crackpots. Last December's issue of the respected "Journal of Aeronautics and Astronautics" changed all that. In this technical publication the bigwigs subscribed to this very meaningful conclusion: "UFO phenomena cannot be resolved without quantitative scientific study; this matter merits the attention of scientists and engineers". Suddenly the pooh-poohers were themselves refuted. Suddenly, officially, all Air Force and other studies conducted heretofore were adjudged inadequate. Suddenly such men as Dr. James McDonald felt less alone. Dr. McDonald, a physicist, head of the department of meteorology, University of Arizona, has been in the forefront of those urging "quantitative study". Inevitably now the evidence he and others have collected will be properly evaluated. Dr. Allen Hynek, head of the department of astronomy, Northwestern University, now freely confesses his own "conversion". He says: "I can no longer dismiss the U.F.O. phenomenon with a shrug".

(Credit: U.F.O.R.C., Seattle, Washington).

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THE THING which blazed a fiery trail across Britain's evening skies on April 25 was almost certainly a meteor; a chunk of rock from outer space heated by friction with the atmosphere to a fantastic temperature as it hurtled earthwards.

The celestial firework was seen by hundreds of people in such widely separated places as London, Belfast and Wick. Newspaper, police, fire-brigade and Ministry of Defence switchboards buzzed incessantly. One of those who saw the meteor was S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler, who lives in Mytchett Road, Mytchett, near Camberley. Here is his report: "I was sitting looking out of the window when the object appeared, moving rapidly towards the horizon. It was a brilliant whitish-yellow ball of fire  $\frac{3}{4}$ ° in size, with a long greenish-yellow tail of  $\frac{1}{4}$ ° in length. The time was 9.20 p.m. The object was visible for three to four seconds. Its direction was  $290^{\circ}$  to  $300^{\circ}$  W.N.W. The elevation was  $30^{\circ}$  initially, then  $20^{\circ}$ , then it was lost from sight. I estimated its height as 80 miles".

Only three minutes after Omar's observation, S.I.G.A.P. received its first telephone report, from Mr. A. H. Lloyd, a Cranleigh member. This was followed by another at 9.30 p.m. from Mr. C. Hopper of Guildford. Said Mr. Hopper: "There were two tails on the object. It was electric-blue in colour, turning red towards the end of the tails. Three-quarters of a degree in size, it moved through  $20^{\circ}$  of sky towards the horizon,  $20^{\circ}$  West of North".

Astronomers at the Royal Edinburgh Observatory, Scotland, said they believed the remnants of the meteor ended up in the sea off the North Scottish coast. But the consensus of opinion generally, is that the fragments landed in Northern Ireland.

A Mr. Willie Greer, who lives in Ballymurphy, County Down, was quite adamant that the object - or what was left of it - had hurtled down into a bog near his bungalow. Mr. Greer, who reported seeing a greenish-blue light only about 2,000 feet up, was quoted as saying in "The Times" of April 26: "I thought it was an Army flare to do with all these pipeline explosions. But then it stopped, the light went out and it fell crashing down to the ground right in the middle of my bog". The mission hall just down the road shook at its foundations, and the ground quaked. Some ladies who were in the hall at the time reported hearing an explosion. A bang, at first thought to be a terrorist bomb, was also heard in Belfast.

Mr. Kenneth Gatland, Vice-President of the British Interplanetary Society, at first believed the fireball to be the remains of the Russian satellite Cosmos 265, re-entering the atmosphere. Others disagreed. Mr. Gatland checked his calculations and changed his mind.



It could have been a fairly large meteor, he concluded. A fire which broke out on a North Wales mountainside in the Conway Valley was thought to have been caused by pieces of the meteor which had broken away from the main body. But fire chiefs said later they were satisfied that the meteor was not to blame. This was backed up by the fact that no crater or meteoritic debris was found in the vicinity. On April 26 members of the Irish Astronomical Society searched for remains of the meteor on marshland near Ballymurphy - but found nothing.

FOOTNOTE: Meteors, technically speaking, become meteorites after they have landed. Twenty-one are known to have fallen on the British Isles. The heaviest was one which weighed at least 102 lb. (the largest fragment found tipped the scales at 17 lb. 6 oz.) which landed in Barwell, Leceistershire on December 24, 1965. The largest known meteorite in the world was found at Hoba West in 1920 (South West Africa). It weighs an estimated 59 tons. A much larger one is believed to be buried deep beneath the mile-wide Meteor Crater in Arizona, U.S.A.

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AFTER quite a lengthy lull in local U.F.O. activity, S.I.G.A.P. is pleased to announce that sighting reports are starting to trickle in again. We can expect this trend to continue with summer almost upon us. With clearer skies and more people outside, there is a greater chance of U.F.O.s being seen - if any are around of course!

Reports have just reached us of a glowing rugby-ball shaped U.F.O. seen over Worplesdon by six people on April 14. The witnesses - Ted Kinge, Mick Dobson, Terry Cater, Tony Heather, David Watts and Bill Webb - were just outside the sports pavilion on the football ground at Perry Hill, Worplesdon.

Mr. Kinge (46) a charge-hand with Plastic Coatings Ltd., Guildford, said the U.F.O. was seen at about 9.45 p.m. The sky was overcast at the time. "The object gave off a blue-whitish fluorescent light", said Mr. Kinge, who lives in Rickford Hill, Worplesdon.

Mr. Webb, who also lives in Rickford Hill, gave the following description: "It was a very bright light - too large for a plane. There was no sound that we could hear. It had the speed of a very fast aircraft. The object disappeared behind a house and we did not see it again".

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FIRST U.F.O. CONVENTION: Britain's first National Space and U.F.O. Convention is to be held in the grounds of Woburn Abbey this summer, by kind permission of His Grace, The Duke of Bedford. This important step in ufology has been arranged through the Interplanetary Space Travel Research Group (U.K.). The convention, to be held on Sunday, August 17 at Woburn, Bedfordshire, will be an opportunity for U.F.O. groups up and down the country to show the public aspects of their research and display their publications. There will be many prominent speakers, a film show, and refreshments. S.I.G.A.P. hopes to have a stand at the convention, which opens to the public at 11 a.m. Admission is by programme only; obtainable from: N.S.U.C., 149 Stewart Road, Leyton, London E.15. Adults: 4/- Children: 2/6.

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SPECIAL ISSUE: The world-famous U.F.O. publication "Flying Saucer Review" has just published a special 72-page issue entitled: "The Humanoids", which deals "exclusively with reported landings of U.F.O.s and contact with their alleged occupants". Price: 12/- From: 49A King's Grove, Peckham, London S.E.15.

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A CHANGE OF MIND: "Hogwash" was Dr. Hynek's reaction to U.F.O.s when he was called as a scientific consultant to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A., many years ago. But he has changed his mind since that time. "It is now a scientific problem", says Dr. Hynek, Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and consultant on U.F.O.s to the United States Air Force since 1953. "I would like to see U.F.O.s put on a par with other scientific problems". Dr. Hynek classified sightings on a double scale. This scale includes a strangeness index, sightings with no logical or scientific explanations, and a credibility index based on the reliability of people reporting the sightings. He said that competent research had been held back because scientists, the public and the press pay more attention to hoaxes than to reports which "have remained a mystery for over ten years". "To say our planet is the only part of the universe to have life is like saying 'my cat is the only one that can have kittens'". "Not one sighting", complained Dr. Hynek, "has been given the interest and thorough investigation of a major crime in the U.S. I deplore the lack of scientific talent and equipment to investigate U.F.O.s. Unfortunately, I personally have never seen a U.F.O. I am disappointed and feel left out". "If you see an object", says Dr. Hynek, "first get witnesses. Try, if possible, to get a photograph. When estimating speed, size, shape and brightness, use the artist's tool of thumbnail and some distant object for comparison".

(Credit: "Saucer Scoop", St. Petersburg, Florida).

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+ SATELLITE NEWS: A SUMMER VISITOR +  
+ By Tim Childerhouse +  
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AS the sun comes north and the birds return to these islands, we also welcome the return of a regular summer visitor, SAMOS 2. This unusual naked-eye satellite is visible, always northbound, from April to September in the northern hemisphere and southbound from October to March in the southern. The satellite will pass over Britain at almost the same time every day. Samos 2's nightly appearance is between 22 and 23 hours U.T. Launched on January 21, 1961, apogee (furthest point away from Earth) about 550 km. and perigee (nearest point) 450 km., Samos 2 will remain with us for another five or six years. In this time the period of revolution will change and Samos 2's nightly pass will not be quite so regular. The satellite is affixed to an Agena rocket, the whole being about 25 feet long and five feet wide, in all quite a large object. It is a well predicted satellite (4th magnitude) but occasionally Samos 2 deceives us by rolling slightly and then the satellite appears as at magnitude six, the eye's limit. Given a high priority number, Samos 2 is a regular easy-to-find object and soon becomes a favourite with observers.

ECHO 2, the brightest satellite in orbit, and "big brother" to Echo 1, is predicted to decay by the end of May. It has been suggested that the flimsy plastic skin could survive the re-entry back to Earth. This large balloon satellite has been given a high priority and it is hoped that the decay will be observed. If a bright fairly fast-moving object is seen going north, it is probably Echo 2 on one of its last orbits of the Earth.



Mr. Childerhouse, one of S.I.G.A.P.'s consultants, works in the Space Department at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. He gave a talk entitled: "New Satellites in Space" at the April meeting. Mr. Childerhouse told members that a total of 1,610 objects were in orbit round the Earth on March 1. Many satellites, he said, had given rise to U.F.O. reports, and it was not generally realised that at this time of the year, between 8 p.m. and midnight, it was possible to see as many as 50 bright objects traversing the sky. He went on to say that a number of satellites now carried reflecting mirrors, which could be seen as flashes in the night sky. There were also satellites with small searchlights on them and it was a known fact that military space vehicles were equipped with small motors, enabling them to change their orbit.

Mr. Childerhouse added that at the time of the Worplesdon sighting on April 14, the satellite Pageos A had been passing over. But the direction, height and speed of the reported U.F.O. precluded it from being that satellite.

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HAYLING ISLAND SIGHTING: A retired Hayling Island nurse claims she saw a U.F.O. in the early hours of the morning of March 18. The witness, who prefers to remain anonymous, saw the object between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. It was "brighter than a star and moved around the sky in various gyrations. It came down vertically, hovered, and then moved up again at an angle of approximately 90°. The colour was dazzling white and the object had what appeared to be a shower of glistening light beneath it. The object had a pointed end and a dark band". The witness was interviewed by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler. Here is his verdict: "She pointed out that it could not have been an aircraft and I think it unlikely that the sighting could be accounted for by any natural phenomena. The observer is believed to be in her late 70's but is mentally alert. She does suffer from tiredness though. Glasses are usually worn, but they were not worn during the sighting. She has not seen anything like this before. She is familiar with the star constellations as she used to navigate when a nurse in North Canada".

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NEW APPOINTMENTS: S.I.G.A.P. Bulletin Editor Ron Toft has been appointed official English correspondent to the Argentina U.F.O. publication "Espacio". And the magazine's editor, Senor Guillermo Aldunati, has agreed to be S.I.G.A.P.'s representative in the Argentinian Republic. Members may recall that a large number of U.F.O.s have been reported in South America recently. "Contact" cases in particular, seem to be on the increase. It will, therefore, be of tremendous value to have such a competent researcher as Senor Aldunati to sort out first hand the facts from hoaxes and newspaper sensationalism. Ron Toft has also been appointed English representative for the U.F.O. Research Committee, based in Seattle, Washington. As well as having its own team of researchers throughout the States, U.F.O.R.C. also has representatives in Argentina and Chile. U.F.O.R.C. was formed in June 1965 and publishes a monthly bulletin. Director Rod Dyke hopes to write an article for us in the not too distant future.

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SPECIAL EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Last year S.I.G.A.P. announced that it had tentative plans to launch a magazine of sorts before too long. We are now pleased to inform our readers that we can go-ahead with this project. Cover designs are being drawn up with the very able help of S.I.G.A.P.'s artist-member, Dan Butcher. It has been agreed to call the new publication "PEGASUS", after the star constellation and the winged horse of Greek mythology. It will replace the "S.I.G.A.P. Bulletin" and appear in a quarto duplicated format each month. Eventually, funds permitting, it may be possible



to completely print it. "Pegasus" will contain local and foreign U.F.O. news, details of S.I.G.A.P. projects, the latest developments in astronomy and space research, and many other interesting topics. The first issue should be out shortly.

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A special U.F.O. seminar was held in Churchill College, Cambridge University, on Saturday, April 19. Aimed primarily at making members of the British U.F.O. Research Association more proficient researchers, it was attended by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler. The following is a full report of the seminar, by Omar:

B.U.F.O.R.A. Information Officer Richard Farrow opened the proceedings. He spoke on the problems of trying to extract useful facts from a witness' report, such as the comparative size of the U.F.O. when compared with a known body such as the sun or moon. It had been proven on many occasions, he said, that a witness tended to exaggerate the size of an object in the sky when there was nothing to compare it with. A compass bearing on the true direction of the sighting was also important. There was a lengthy discussion when it was suggested that if the opportunity arose, the investigator should take a peep into the witness' book-case, with a view to seeing if he read wild science-fiction stories or had any U.F.O. books in his possession. Richard went on to disclose that B.U.F.O.R.A. now had a psychologist on their panel of consultants - a Mr. Stonebridge, who together with Dr. Cleary-Baker, Anthony Durham and Norman Hardy, a newspaper science correspondent, would endeavour to untangle the important facts from the reports received.

Stephen Smith, B.A., then took to the floor and discussed in great detail his interpretation of the Condon Report and the important lessons to be learned from it. He was particularly concerned with the importance of intensive investigation of major cases and the correct documentation and presentation of the evidence. It was essential that the question and answers should be written up in a presentable form. Stephen Smith, who is the B.U.F.O.R.A. Research Director, appealed for more help from other groups affiliated to B.U.F.O.R.A. to assist in the writing up and investigation of U.F.O. reports in the same way that S.I.G.A.P. had offered its assistance.

Anthony Durham then spoke on "Perception". He informed us of the large number of natural phenomena to be seen. If what he says is true, it's a wonder my car was not struck by tornadoes, ball-lightning and meteorites on the way to Cambridge. However, Anthony went on to disclose such things as five per cent of the male population of the United Kingdom are colour blind, while the chance of a woman being colour blind is only 1 in 100. He added that the planet Venus, satellites and aircraft, accounted for 50 per cent of all U.F.O. sightings. He went on to point out that there were countless natural explanations for many U.F.O. reports - such as temperature inversions and mirages, the latter can be easily seen over a hot tarmac road in the summer. Sun "dogs", atmospheric changes at sunset, lenticular clouds, meteors leaving trails for up



to an hour after they have passed, and his old chesnut - ball-lightning. These, together with such things as aircraft landing lights and meteorological balloons going up every six hours, made the audience wonder whether there were in fact such things as U.F.O.s after all! According to Anthony there are 100,000 incidents of ball-lightning over the U.K. each year. Finally we were advised to read two books, and this is good advice: "Light and Colour In The Open Air", by M. Minnaert. Bell. 25s., and "Eye and the Brain", by L. Gregory. World University Library. 14s.

Stewart Miller then spoke on the reliability, or rather the unreliability of witnesses, and he gave his ideas on how they should be approached: First of all try and interview the witness within the first 24 hours, or possibly small points will be forgotten. The witness should be interviewed on his/her own and asked first of all to write down the incident exactly as it was remembered, without comments of any kind from the interviewer. Questions about colour, speed, direction and general movement, etc., should be asked afterwards, and during the period of questioning the witness should be studied for any sign of bad nerves, wild imagination and similar things. Imagination, it seems, may play a greater part than we suppose, and it was an important point not to believe the witness' first statement as gospel truth. The witness may well have imagined that he saw something, when actually he had not. This was quite possible, Stewart commented. Lack of sleep would lead to hallucinations. A person suffering from this was quite likely to see flashes out of the corner of his eyes. Possibly the witness might be under the influence of drugs and this could lead to visual aberrations. Anti-biotics could cause the same effect. Obviously there are many things a potential interviewer must bear in mind.

Finally, Roger Stanway and Anthony Pace gave the audience the benefit of their experience gained during their "flap" investigations in Staffordshire. How for instance if a number of sightings were reported you should write all the details as soon as you get them. The occasion may not present itself to make notes later and things can get terribly confusing. It is also wise to conserve your energy and not to exert yourself chasing "lights in the sky" when you might well have a landing case and be too tired to investigate it properly. It was also useful to keep a diary of U.F.O. activity as this would enable one to keep things in their correct order. Finally, when giving the press details of any U.F.O. activity, it is best to restrict the information in case it influences potential witnesses.

The seminar as a whole was extremely useful and it enabled a wide range of views to be expressed about the whole field of U.F.O. investigation. This type of meeting is far more beneficial than listening to one person's theories for a couple of hours.

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NEWSPAPER SENSATIONALISM: Early reports of the talk given by Air Marshall Sir Victor Goddard at a "Contact" meeting in Caxton Hall on Saturday, May 3, suggest that, unlike the headline in the "Evening News" of April 30, he did not reveal U.F.O. secrets alleged to have been uncovered by him in Washington in the mid-1940's. He only gave some indication of his own thoughts that tended to deepen the mystery. Sir Victor spoke on the subject of Extra Sensory Perception and said that this may hold more answers to the U.F.O. problem than people imagined. A metascientific study should be carried out in more detail, he said. On the subject of U.S.A.F. and Ministry of Defence U.F.O. secrecy, Sir Victor said this rumour had no basis in fact. He claimed that the report about him in the "Evening News" was just newspaper sensationalism and he had been completely misquoted.

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LATE NEWS: Two fragments of the meteor mentioned on page one have now been found. One, weighing 16 lb., is being examined by atom scientists at Harwell. The other is much smaller and part of it has been sent to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

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AN AERIAL reconnaissance of the sprawling Hampshire village of Yateley and the surrounding district, seems to have been carried out one night last month by a brilliant glowing U.F.O.

S.I.G.A.P. has so far received four independent reports of THE THING, seen, according to present information, between 10 p.m. on May 12 and 4.45 a.m. on May 13. A small Yateley schoolgirl may have been the first to observe the U.F.O. Diane Gardner (8), of Lucas Close, said that at about 10 p.m. on May 12 she watched a glowing ball of light from her bedroom window. Diane had just gone to bed when the "sky was lit up". She looked out of the window and saw the object which she described as "like a saucepan without a handle". She added: "It was just above the trees. It was very bright and white like the moon". The object made no noise and disappeared behind houses. Mrs. Joan Gardner was in Diane's bedroom at the time - attending to some things in the airing cupboard. She said: "Diane called me, saying there was a bright light in the sky. At first I didn't take much notice. But she was so insistent that I went to the window. But by that time it had gone". Diane, a pupil at St. Peter's Primary School, Yateley, said she had never seen anything like it before. Had Mrs. Gardner heard if any other local people had seen anything unusual in the sky that night? "I have been meaning to ask - but people think you're crackers".

It was round about 10 p.m. when housewife Mrs. V.M. Denyer, of Mickle Hill, Sandhurst, saw the U.F.O. She said: "I was in my bedroom when a light caught my eye. I turned to the window and saw a terrifically bright object moving across the sky. It intrigued me. It was so much bigger than a star and seemed to be fluorescent white in colour". Mrs. Denyer added that the U.F.O. was some distance off and its light intensity was "pretty constant". She went on: "Suddenly it shot off at a terrific speed and disappeared to a pinhead. At first I thought it was a parachute flare, but it didn't go down". This particular sighting has yet to be fully investigated.

Just four-and-a-half hours later a mysterious aerial object was seen by two profile operators on night shift at Clark Equipment's Blackbushe branch. It bathed a belt of trees in an eerie fluorescent light before rapidly accelerating away into the distance. The U.F.O., reported to be shaped something like a cigar, was seen by Malcolm Lauchlan (26) and his mate Barry Robinson, of Gloucester Road, Aldershot. I interviewed Mr. Lauchlan at his home in Park Road, Camberley, only a few hours after the sighting. He said: "We were stuck for words. We just stood with our mouths open. I said 'Am I seeing things?'. My mate replied 'I saw it all right. So did you'. He got a bit panicky and said 'What the hell was that?'". The incident began at 2.25 a.m. Mr. Lauchlan and Mr. Robinson were taking a breather outside the Clark Equipment buildings. Suddenly they caught sight of a star-like object moving towards them in the clear sky. As it approached



it got brighter. Then, when about half-a-mile away, it stopped abruptly and hung in the sky, oscillating. Mr. Lauchlan, married with two young children, continued: "The object came from the Eversley direction. At first I thought it was an aircraft of some sort. But there were no flashing lights. It was just one continuous light. There was no noise at any time. There would have been if it were an aircraft, because there wasn't a breath of wind at the time". He added that stars were visible, but there was no moon. He went on: "When it was about half-a-mile away it hovered in the sky, moving up and down. It was massive. It looked like a series of headlights or floodlights at Wembley, but the light was not dazzling. My mate estimated it was 150 feet above the ground. It hovered for about five seconds. Then it seemed to turn, silhouetting the trees with its yellow glow. It accelerated away so fast it was gone in seconds". The U.F.O. was seen again by Mr. Lauchlan and another colleague, between 3.30 a.m. and 3.45 a.m., but in the distance this time. What did Mr. Lauchlan think the object was? "I found it hard to believe. It definitely wasn't an aircraft". S.I.G.A.P. consultant Tim Childerhouse, a satellite expert who works in the Space Department at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, said that a bright flashing Russian satellite was due over at 2.26 a.m. But he would not commit himself as to whether or not this is what the U.F.O. was.

Mrs. Dorothy Mead, of Frensham Close, Yateley, saw her U.F.O. at 4.20 a.m. She described it to me as a huge glowing ball of light in the sky from which a white beam was coming. Said Mrs. Mead, a 43 year old widow: "My dog Jamie woke me to go outside. I went into the kitchen and there shining on the floor was this beam of white light. It was like a searchlight, but very narrow, only about six inches across. Through the window I could see this red glowing ball. It was hovering backwards and forwards". Mrs. Mead tried in vain to rouse her 17-year old son. Then she opened the back door of her bungalow, letting her bull-terrier into the garden. But it quickly came back in again, jumped on to a table and looked at the glowing ball of light with his head on one side. Went on Mrs. Mead: "He was shaking and obviously frightened". The white beam was not visible from outside and may just have been a concentration of the light from the object by the window. The U.F.O. moved around the sky very slowly, as Mrs. Mead watched it, making no noise. Then, after about 20 minutes, it moved at a snail's pace towards Blackwater and Hartley Wintney. What was the object? Said Mrs. Mead: "No-one can convince me it was an aircraft and it was obviously not a flare. I know flares". She concluded: "It must have been out of this world".

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Mrs. Mead informed me that both she and her/husband had seen a U.F.O. last year too. Major (retd.) Alfred Mead had observed it through binoculars. Said Mrs. Mead: "My husband wouldn't let me have a look at it with the binoculars. He just told me to forget it". She added that she felt her husband knew more about U.F.O.s than he made out.

From the data available at present it seems the U.F.O. was in the Yateley area for nearly seven hours! Although there are certain differences as to the colour and shape of the object, it is virtually certain that all the witnesses saw the same thing. The chances of four U.F.O.s being seen over one village during the same night, must be exceedingly remote. A full report of any further sightings in the Yateley area, or statements from other witnesses, will appear in next month's bulletin.

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GOLDEN LIGHTS IN SKY: Two brilliant golden balls of light were seen over Blackwater, Hampshire in the early hours of May 18 - less than a week after the Yateley sightings. They were seen by Miss Dorothy Watts, of Vicarage Road, Blackwater. Blackwater is a village which straddles the main A.30 London-Penzance trunk road, only a stone's throw from Yateley. Miss Watts said she saw the lights at about 1 a.m.



She said: "I was in bed. They lit up the room so brightly. They were like two big golden headlamps - ever so bright. There was no noise at all. They were coming from the Yateley direction, going fairly slowly. I saw them for about 15 seconds. I don't know what they were. I've never seen anything like it. They were too bright to be aircraft. They didn't leave a vapour trail".

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S.I.G.A.P.'s third annual meeting was held on May 6 in the canteen of the Plastic Coatings Factory, Guildford. It was attended by some 25 people. A talk on the moon was given by S.I.G.A.P. Bulletin Editor Ron Toft. By means of a very detailed 3 ft. by 3½ ft. photographic map of the moon's visible face, he pointed out the main lunar geological features and indicated where Russian and American space probes had landed. He also gave a brief run-down on the data sent back by these probes. Ron then showed members a large selection of excellent lunar photographs - some taken on the surface by the American Surveyor soft-landing craft, and others from a few miles above. Particularly interesting were the colour photos taken by the Apollo 8 astronauts who circum-navigated the moon last Christmas.

S.I.G.A.P.'s Executive Committee now consists of the following:

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TREASURER - Mrs. Jean Fowler.  
BULLETIN EDITOR - Ron Toft (re-elected).

Ordinary members - Dan Butcher, Graham Raine, Dick Munford,  
P. Parkinson and Miss M. Dalley.

The group now has 86 paying members. Of these, 59 are area investigators.

For those members unable to attend the annual meeting, the following are condensed versions of the reports given by Omar Fowler and Dick Beet:

#### C H A I R M A N ' S R E P O R T

B y O m a r F o w l e r

The group has been very active during the past year and we have attended a number of conferences up and down the country, such as the Midlands Conference at Manchester on October 12, 1968, the Western Conference at Bristol on July 20, 1968 and the U.F.O. Seminar at Cambridge University on April 19 this year. We have also held 'mini' sky-watches in various places, as well as being hosts to B.U.F.O.R.A. on National Skywatch Day. Our 'mini' watches took place on Chanctonbury Ring in Sussex on June 29, after a local U.F.O. scare, and as the result of another sighting, a mini watch was held at Wanborough on July 13. In an effort to fathom out the mysteries of Warminster, a watch was held on Cradle Hill, but we only succeeded in listing a substantial number of satellites, although the local watchers insisted that several of them were U.F.O.s.

It is obvious that satellites and rocket debris are responsible for an increasing number of U.F.O. reports, but this does not mean that the year has been without its major U.F.O. sightings. The Russian



Cosmos 253 satellite caused wide speculation at the time of its re-entry on November 20, but we established without doubt, and in a very short time, that this particular display was man-made.

Our interests have ventured beyond Surrey, and indeed, beyond the United Kingdom during the past year. We now have many contacts round the world, the latest being in Argentina, and earlier this year we were lucky enough to scoop other groups by publishing information on U.F.O. activity in Norway. I would like to express our thanks to our consultants and translators who have kindly given up a great deal of their time assisting us.

We have great hopes for the future, a new magazine, more world U.F.O. news, our participation in the National Skywatch on June 28 and our probable representation at the National Space and U.F.O. Convention, to be held at Woburn Abbey on August 17.

Unfortunately we have to adjust ourselves to the rising costs of everyday living (our stamp bill is over £20 per year) and therefore we have found it necessary to increase the annual subscription from 10s 6d. to 15s 0d. Also, in view of the increasing amount of time taken up with administrative work, we will attempt to restrict our membership to 100. It is our intention to spend 95 per cent of our time investigating U.F.O.s and 5 per cent on administration, not vice-versa. We now have adequate members to cover Surrey and after all, this was and still is our intention.

At the time of the annual meeting the number of sightings reported had reached a total of 151, of which 58 took place within the last year. Of the 58, 45 were in Surrey and the breakdown is as follows:

12	aircraft
1	star
1	meteor
16	satellites
6	natural phenomena
3	other known explanations
1	investigation incomplete
18	U.F.O.s
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My wife Jean has taken over the position of treasurer from Graham Raine, because of his pressure of business. Although Graham was unable to attend the annual meeting we have details of our current financial state:

Cost of stamps and stationery for the year:	£28-0-9
National Skywatch expenses:	£3-8-4
Woburn Abbey fee:	£1-1-0
Book:	12-6
Hire of space films:	£1-12-0
Printing costs:	£2-5-5
Recording tape:	£1-0-4
Cash in hand on May 1:	£4-6-2

#### S E C R E T A R Y ' S   R E P O R T

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S.I.G.A.P. now has three representatives on the B.U.F.O.R.A. National Executive Committee and we have been appointed Regional B.U.F.O.R.A. Evaluators for local sightings. This means that we are responsible for all sightings that occur within our investigation capabilities. This increased responsibility calls for enlarged investigation procedures:



1. New preliminary sighting report forms.
  2. New standard sighting report forms (these have been designed so that the information can be extracted for computer purposes).
  3. Investigators' report forms.
  4. Some form of investigator training (The recent Cambridge University seminar was very useful and attended by seven of our investigators. A "Manual for U.F.O. Researchers" is at present being compiled by Stoke-on-Trent amateur astronomers Roger Stanway and Anthony Pace.
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SATELLITE NEWS By Tim Childerhouse: The big Russian spacecraft PROTON 4 is predicted to decay on or about June 15. Proton 4 is one of the heaviest unmanned spacecraft put into orbit. Launched on November 16, 1968, it weighs some 8,600 kg., is four metres long and three metres in diameter. As the name suggests, Proton 4 is monitoring and transmitting information on cosmic ray particles, their energies and composition etc. The visibility pattern (whether it can be seen from these latitudes) for this satellite will be difficult to predict. The short summer nights lessen the chance of observing the last few orbits. If you do see a fast bright object travelling from west to east during the middle of June, it could be Proton 4.

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U.F.O. TALK: A talk on U.F.O.s was given by S.I.G.A.P. Chairman Omar Fowler to approximately 70 parents, teachers and pupils at Broadwater Secondary School, Godalming on May 2. There was a great interest in the subject and many questions from the floor afterwards. "The pupils in particular seemed to know a great deal about U.F.O. phenomena", reports Omar.

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TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION: The cancellation of "The Invaders" T.V. show was not due to poor viewer ratings as announced, but that the real reason was due to the impending resignation of Roy Thinnes from the title part. It is said that Thinnes has been threatened on numerous occasions when the show dealt with topics "too hot to handle". When reached for comment, Thinnes would say only that "I have no comment other than the fact that there is more truth behind the T.V. plots that most people realise".

(Credit: "Saucer Scoop", St. Petersburg, Florida).

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NATIONAL SKYWATCH: This year's National Skywatch Day will be, as already announced, on June 28. As in previous years, the headquarters will be on Pewley Down, Guildford. The Skywatch will start at 7 p.m. on June 28, ending at 7 a.m. on June 29. Volunteers are required for the following shifts:

Shift 1	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Shift 2	9 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Shift 3	11 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Shift 4	1 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Shift 5	3 a.m. to 5 a.m.
Shift 6	5 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Those who intend taking part should bring along with them at the very least, a notepad and pencil. Other useful items: camera, binoculars, camera, telescope, U.F.O. detector.

Write the shift or shifts you wish to take part in on a postcard and send it without delay to: Dick Beet, 164 Park Mead, Cranleigh, Surrey. By the way, Dick is now on the phone again. His number is CRANLEIGH 4420.

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LATE NEWS :- Pre-watch briefing at Plastic Coatings canteen 8pm, Tues. 24th June.

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