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FLYING SAUCERS ARE BECOMING RESPECTABLE

- by Chapman Pincher -

The Astronomer Royal, Dr. Richard van der Reit Woolley, reaffirmed his belief that 'space travel is utter bilge' in London yesterday.

"I said it was 'utter bilge' when I arrived four and a half years ago and it remains 'utter bilge'. He said: "The surfaces of the moon and planets are so inhospitable that there is no question of living on them."

I say that Dr. Stay-on-the-Ground Woolley is in danger of finding himself sole holder of this belief five years from now.

The performances of the Russian and U.S. moon-shooters already confound him. Now the possibility that other worlds may be watching us is being seriously considered by scientists as reputable as Dr. Woolley.

Professor R.N. Bracewell, of California's Stanford University, considers it highly likely that robot-reconnaissance vehicles the outer space equivalent of U-2 airplanes - have already been sent to study the earth or should be expected soon. He suggests that scientists should now mount a sustained effort to search the skies for them.

One U.S. experimenter is building a radio set to scan star systems for signals from beings who are expected to be more intelligent than we are.

THREE EVENTS

What is even more surprising is the fact that these speculations are being published in leading technical journals such as "Nature". What has happened to make reputable scientists admit that even the concept of the "flying saucer" may not be 'utter bilge'?

I trace this exciting development to three events:-

(1) The PROBABILITY that life exists on other planets is now accepted because of the evidence that the entire universe is composed of the same types of earth atoms.

Laboratory experiments suggest that certain combinations of these atoms can automatically become alive under climatic conditions similar to those which once existed on the earth.

Thousands of millions of other planets are likely to have experienced these conditions and so may have produced life.

(2) RESEARCH on proteins has shown that wherever living matter has arisen it is likely to have evolved along lines broadly similar to those on earth because the arrangements of atoms capable of producing life are restricted. This suggests that any creatures intelligent enough to communicate with us are more likely to be humans than bug-eyed monsters.

(3) THE TREMENDOUS advances in space-flight have proved the feasibility of robot and even manned travel to and from other worlds. The Jodrell Bank radio telescope has shown that communication across millions of miles of space is possible.

### SHATTERING

In spite of all these developments reputable scientists give no credence to the claims of people who insist they have already seen flying saucers, even talked to their pilots.

No authentic physical evidence to support the existence of spaceships from other worlds has yet been established.

It is untrue that any Government department, here or in the U.S., has clamped down on information about "saucer" sightings for security reasons. -- I --

The scientists simply suggest that "flying saucers" are possible and means now exist for detecting them.

An authentic message from another world, whether delivered by radio or spaceships, would be the most shattering event in human history.

It might even shatter Dr. Woolley.

(Thanks to the Daily Express for permission to quote the above feature story from their June 16th, 1960 issue.)

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### "HOVERING" OBJECT OVER LAKE

Mrs. Vera Bowden, 35, of Barnet Lane, Wanerish, was picnicing on Wednesday with her young son Nigel and his friend, Paul Foster, on Chinthurst Hill, when suddenly they saw "an elliptical grey shape which appeared to be hovering over Broadwater, a lake two miles away, near Godalming".

Mrs. Bowden, who reported the incident to the police, said it was there about 18 minutes before it receded west into the distance.

She said there was no noise and "it looked to me just above the treetops. It was very clear and quite unlike anything I've seen before."

(Source: The New Daily, Friday, May 27th, 1960.)

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In the issue dated 21st May of the "Hampshire Chronicle" a weekly periodical covering the Winchester area, the following letter appeared in the "Letters to the Editor" section.

"Sir, - At 3 a.m. this morning I was awakened from sleep by an unusual sound in the air. My window has a clear view of the south-eastern sky, and on looking out I saw the Russian spaceship travelling in an easterly direction. It appeared as a ball of fire, about the size of the moon, and seemed to pass over the top of the moon. My husband and I watched it out of sight, and we wondered if Russia is allowed to disturb one's rest, and who really owns the sky?

Yours etc.,

B.D. Martin,  
Meadowview, Gordon Road  
Curdbridge.

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May 17th, 1960. P.T.O.

The following Saturday, 28th May, another reader remarked thus:

"Sir, - Your correspondent, Mrs. B.D. Martin, should have reported what she saw on the night of May 6th to the proper authorities, as it must undoubtedly have been a very strange object indeed that she saw (and heard) that night.

As our planes can only barely be heard and can only be perceived by the trails they make when they are flying at a bare ten miles high, how could it have been the Russian Sputnik that made a strange sound that night? The Russian Sputnik is a "projectile" circling the earth at something around 100 miles high, making no sound, except radio signals. With no engine of any sort and even if it made a noise it could not be heard where there is no air. There has never been a sound on earth that could be heard from 100 miles.

Coupled with this fact that the object "looked as big as the moon", and to look that big at 100 miles high it would have to be fantastically big.

These facts prove that it could not possibly have been the Sputnik that Mrs. Martin saw. Past stories of "Flying Saucers" force me to the conclusion that this large shining object, with the fearsome noise, could only have been a ship from outer space, just taking off after a spy trip around Southampton Docks and the vicinity.

Or was it the result of too much supper?

Yours etc., "Observer".

(The above two quotations were received from P.E. Evans of Winchester)

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#### UFO SIGHTED BY AIRLINE CREWS

An eastern Airlines pilot named Earl W. Miles reported that he and his crew saw a mysterious object over Virginia about March 15th. The sighting was confirmed by two other Eastern crews. Said Miles, "The object was clearly visible, including the outline of its shape and certain details. The shape of the entire object was identified by all of us to be like the fuselage of a plane except many times larger than any plane we ever saw. From the back of the fuselage streamed a tremendous white flame that from our distance appeared to be a quarter of a mile long. It had no wings, and there were no protrusions on the body that could keep it balanced or directed. We estimated from what we know of that flight speed the thing was travelling in excess of 6,000 miles per hour. It went across the sky, from the point of vision at the side of our plane where we picked it up, in about 50 seconds." Captain Miles added that such sightings are made quite frequently by experienced pilots, but that "information is evidently suppressed from the newspapers".

(From "Saucer News" Vol., 7, No.2. P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey, U.S.A. Two dollars for six quarterly issues.)

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Apologies for a badly duplicated last issue. This was due to the stencils being typed on a different typewriter which proved to be unsuitable.

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### AUSTRIAN UFO SIGHTING

We are indebted to the Canadian magazine, "Saucers, Space and Science", edited by Gene Duplantier, for the following story, which was published after being translated from the original, and which is herewith in an abridged version.

"Wiener Montag", a Viennese newspaper, published on March 7th, 1960, a full-cover-page picture of an object, photographed by their staff reporter and technician, Edgar Schedelbauer, who was questioned exhaustively before it was decided to release the story.

Edgar Schedelbauer, living in Strass, near Liebnitz, (in the border province of Steiermark), after visiting his elderly father in Wildon, was travelling home after 1 a.m. on the morning of March 2nd, on his motor-bicycle. Between Labuttendorf and St. Veit am Vogau he suddenly noticed a light in the direction of Radkersburg, which he thought may have been a falling star, but its size and brilliance and the speed at which it was moving ruled out either that or the moon. At 20 metres height the object crossed an open field parallel to the street, described an arc, coming lower, finally becoming stationary beside the street at a height of 15 metres. His first thought was to take cover from possible danger but his reporter instinct urged him to investigate. Leaving the motor-bicycle in the ditch he photographed the object with the camera he was carrying around his neck. The object appeared to glow milky white, in the form of a "fiery spider", and Schedelbauer felt heat coming from it. After being stationary for about 5 to 7 seconds the object suddenly darkened, and what sounded like muffled engine sounds developed into a roar similar to that of jet airplanes, and it returned out of sight towards the direction from which it had come.

Schedelbauer afterwards experienced for three days reddish spots on his face and hands which caused him no irritation.

PAUL A.R. PEUGELS.

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### FINCHLEY U.F.O. SIGHTING

On the 12th June, at 9.30p.m. a cigar-shaped object of a reddish-orange colour was seen at North Finchley. The witnesses, Geoffrey Berrisford, who has had six years' experience with an R.A.F. aircrew, and his wife, are both LUFORO members.

It was seen for about 7 to 8 minutes, seemed to reflect the sun which was below the horizon, and was clearly defined with parallel sides. It was about the size of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " on a rule at arm's length, and about the same distance above horizon, tilted at an angle of about 18 degrees, and moving very slowly.

Mr. Berrisford, whose hobby was once aircraft recognition is positive it was not an aircraft. Its shape seemed too regular for it to be a cloud or vapour trail. Further, the Air Ministry's estimate of the wind at 10 p.m. (270 degrees west) indicated that the object seemed to be moving against the wind.

### MORE INVESTIGATORS REQUIRED

Will anyone willing to investigate local sightings, and interview witnesses please write to Mr. Stephenson, address below

If you know of anyone who is not a subscriber to this Bulletin whom you think might be interested in helping us by interviewing witnesses please put us in touch with him.

### OBSERVERS REQUIRED FOR THE BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY

More observers are urgently required by the British Interplanetary Society for the visual tracking of artificial satellites. If you are interested in becoming an observer for the BIS please write to Mr. Stephenson. Optical aids are not essential, but if you do possess binoculars or telescope please mention this in your letter.

### SKY WATCH

If there is sufficient co-operation, a constant watch on the sky from different parts of England and elsewhere will probably be arranged for a week in August. Will all willing to take part please inform Mr. Stephenson what times of the day or night they are likely to be available and how many hours in the week they will be able to spare for observing.

It will help if housewives and people on holiday will select hours during the day when the majority of people will be at work. More unpopular will be hours in the middle of the night; please book some of these if you can expect to rouse yourself. The weekend should not present so much difficulty.

It is important that, if possible, observations of UFOs are reported to Mr. Stephenson immediately, by post or telephone, as the help of some national newspapers in the investigation of a UFO can sometimes be obtained if the report is still news. Daily newspapers are not interested in something seen a few weeks ago. The same applies to local newspapers, which are usually keen to publish UFO reports.

### TRANSLATORS NEEDED

Can anyone help with correspondence in foreign languages, particularly Italian, Spanish and Russian?

### FURTHER 1960 SIGHTING REPORTS

The UFO sightings overleaf are additions to the list published in our last Bulletin. Together these two lists show the number of 1960 reports received up to 1st July. Further sightings will be published as we receive them. The abbreviations and index at the end of the UFO reports are additions to those used previously, (which can be found in the last bulletin).

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DATE	TIME	DUR	WITNESSES	DESCRIPTION & DIRECTION	SOURCE
		NO.	LOCATION		
<b>JAN</b>					
2	20	2	Augsburg, Germ.	Red-white spherical ob.	NAC No.46
6		3	St.Gallen, Swit.	Oblique discs, trg fast-S	NAC No.44
7	22.25	1hr 4	Nr.Dublin, Eire	V bt lt, wnet out, stat.	ORB 2No.2
11	16.45	3	Southsea, S.Eng.	V bt cigar-shd, Stat, mvd up	ORB "
18	22.45	1	Lakota, N.D.USA.	Cres-lk, dg, fiery ex, g-fl	UFI MAR
19	08.20	2	C.G.Florida, USA	2 fast-mvg silvery discs	UFI MAR
24	day	4m M	Sydney, Austral.	Hvg sil-ob, mvd fast, expl	UFI MAR
<b>FEB</b>					
2	21.40	I	Hamburg, Germ.	Yel-sphere, disap sudd	NAC No.46
3	20.35	3	New Hampshire,	5 glwg UFOs, 1 pulstg.-N	UFI MAR
4	19.00		East Madison, NH	3 glwg UFOs, 1 pulstg.-N	UFI MAR
9	22.36	1	Bonn, Germany.	Blue ray ill lg area.	NAC No.46
11	21	15s 1	Dusseldorf, Ger.	White ob, disappeared.	NAC No.44
21	19.54	2	Fussen, Allgau	Red ob w g tail, mvg fast	NAC" "
21		5s 4	Konigsfield, Ger.	Long g ob 1/2 of moon E.	NAC No."
22	day	2	Stranraer, Scot.	Lg fast silv-circ ob-SW	
27	19.00	1	Newcastle.Eng.	Lg egg-shd ob, g-b trail	" "
29	19.40	4ml	Wiedenbruck, Ger	Silv-disc which vibrated	NAC No.46
<b>MAR</b>					
3		1	Aberdeen, Scot,	L wh-ob, low, swg-noise.	ORB 2No.2
4	17.55	5m M	Dubuque, Iowa.	3 lg ell ob, SW-NE.	SN - 7:2
8	20.01	10m M	Cape Canaveral.	Form col-lts, wide area	ORB 2No.2
15		50s S	Virginia, USA.	Lg-drg, est.6,000m.p.h.	SN - 7:2
22		M	Bonn, Germany.	Wh disc, disap. mvd fast	S-NAC 46.
24		3m 3	Morehd., Cty N.C.	3 dark disc-shd obs, acc.	SN - 7:2
31		S	Cowpens, S. Ca.,	Ob est 250' long, 100' up.	SN - 7:2
<b>APR</b>					
11	20.15	15ml	Nottingham, Eng.	Narrow strip orange lt.	NUFORC.
16		1	Nr. Nottingham.	Small white ob, fast.W.	OSR 4:2
<b>MAY</b>					
18	21.53	S	Newcastle, Eng.	Glowing ob, sparks & sm.	S ORB 2No2
23			Majorca.	Triang. ob seen by astrs.	ORB 2No2
<b>JUN</b>					
7	00.30	30m S	Wapping, London.	Large red hot football	LUFORO.
10	21.30	8m 2	Finchley, London.	Red-orange cig.shd ob.	LUFORO.

ABBREVIATIONS:- cig-shd:-cigar shaped; cres-lk:-crescent like; ex:-exhaust; glwg:-glowing; ell:-elliptical; form:-formation of drg:-dirigible; est:-estimated; acc:-accelerated; sm:-smoke; silv:-silvery; pulstg:-pulsating; triang:-triangular; astrs:-astronomers; ill:- illuminated. NH:- New Hampshire; C.G:- Coral Gables; m:- minutes; s:- seconds; M;- many; S:- several; KEY:- UFI:- UFO Investigator, NICAP, 1535, Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C., U.S.A. NUFORC:- Nottingham UFO Research Centre, 13, Needham Road, Arnold.

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