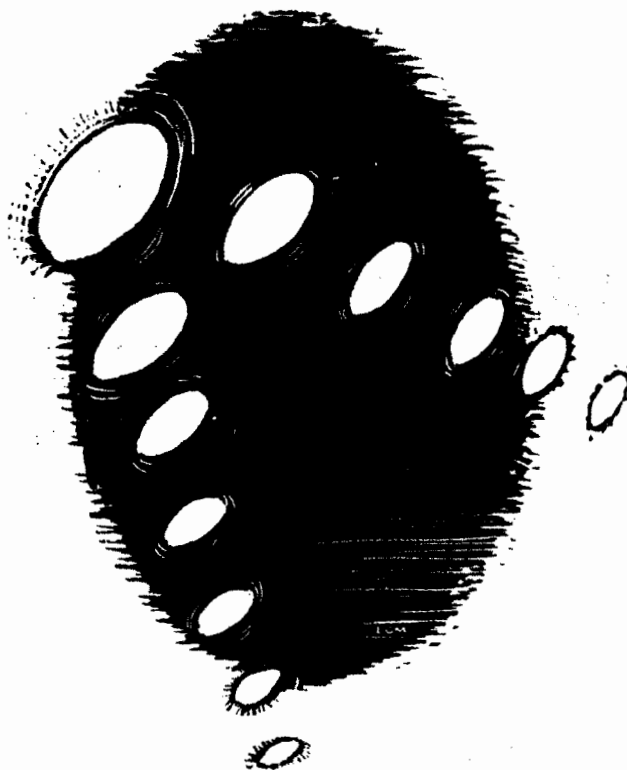


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THE CHAIRMAN regrets to announce the resignation from the Committee of Mr.G.Berrisford, up till now our Hon.Treasurer, due to change of residence; Miss.M.E.Goodall

Mr.Roy Stemman, formerly President of LUFORO and editor of the bulletin for 1960, due to private reasons.

The Chairman and Committee would like to thank them for the great help volunteered for the Organisation.

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The Chairman is pleased to announce the co-option to the Committee of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shephard, and of Miss Yvette Stebbing as Acting Honorary Treasurer.

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JUNE:

As no meeting has been planned for this month those interested might like to attend a meeting of the Flying Saucer Viewpoint group held at the Caxton Hall on the 8th. of June (Thurs.) Details of meetings can be obtained from J.Sturzaker, 25 Circle Gardens, Merton Park, S.W.19.

JULY: The Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench has had to postpone his lecture. (see back cover (-July Meeting))

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EDITORIAL

To many people interested in the subject the present-day attitudes concerning UFOs may seem a trifle confused. This editorial is not intended to present a comprehensive picture of the situation - that would take up a book - the idea is to present the general pattern of opinions from various quarters regarding the why and wherefore of these objects.

Firstly I should mention that we have been criticized by a few in our use of the term 'UFO' where, so they say, we were supposed to have implied 'flying saucer'. Two months ago we included the American Airforce definition of unidentified flying object, and we see no reason whatsoever for describing a UFO as a 'flying saucer' unless the type of sighting warrants the term.

To the general public in each country these objects and associated 'contacts' etc. seem to hold very little interest since they remain distressfully unaware of the implication of possible extra-terrestrial visitors. Unless the Governments publicly admit the existence of UFOs and their probable origin, the people refuse to take interest in the amount of research, filings of sightings etc.. Moreover, at the moment, most of them are completely in the dark about the official attitudes to these objects. On the other hand, it would not be in a country's interest to publicise sightings observed by special equipment which might be helpful to an aggressor (i.e. radar installations etc.) After discussion with several journalists we are certain that no Press censorship exists towards UFOs.

There is a feeling among UFO researchers today that events are quietly building up to a world-wide recognition of these objects, their behaviour and their origin. Many scientists are gradually realising that other planets besides ours are inhabited, We are all familiar with the theory propounded by M.Agrast, a Soviet physico-mathematician suggesting the Baalbek Terrace in the Anti-Lebanons as a possible area for landings of extra-terrestrial beings thousands or tens of thousands of years ago. Hermann Oberth, pioneer of rocket development believes that "the flying saucers come from other worlds." Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto who has sighted UFOs says: "These things which do appear to be directed, are unlike any other phenomena I ever observed... other stars in our galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races in these worlds may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge

the space between the stars." Professor C.F.Powell,Dean of the Faculty of Science at Bristol University has said:"We may very reasonably suspect that there are beings within our galaxy of planets with physical conditions similar to ours who have achieved a far higher form of technical development and with whom I hope we will attempt to contact." Meanwhile the British Astronomer Royal believes that space travel is "utter bilge".

It is a well established fact that every major world government has stacks of UFO reports documented by Air Force pilots, astronomers, aircraft technicians etc. The Brazilian Government has admitted the existence of objects which cannot be identified with any known aircraft on Earth, The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (U.S.A.) directed by Major Donald Keyhoe has stated that:"From evidence in NICAP's possession it is clear the Air Force is still withholding information, including sighting reports, on UFOs." It is due to their influence in America at present that from a report we have just received, the Air Force has sent its commands a new warning to treat sightings of UFOs as 'serious business' directly related to the nation's defence. From C.D.U.F.O.C.(U.S.A.) we have information that the House majority leader, John W. McCormack says that he feels "the Air Force has not been completely frank with the public regarding unidentified flying objects." (understatement of the year) He suggested that the House hold hearings on UFOs.

Unfortunately there are opportunists in the field of 'UFOlogy' who, masquerading as prophets maintaining contact with interplanetary beings take advantage of the gullibility and natural spiritual instinct of their audiences by associating religion with craft watching over our planet. No one yet has seriously attempted to thoroughly investigate their claims. This is more prevalent on the U.S.A., but this set-up is grasped on by the sceptics who utilize as their main weapon against serious UFO researchers.

Public apathy, stubbornness and lack of funds are the chief obstacles confronting UFO researchers at present. Nevertheless, a thorough investigation of sightings, relationships in behaviour and close co-operation with genuine contactees not mindful of publicity will strengthen any public demands for information about unidentified flying objects.

Acknowledgements:-NICAP - 1536 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 6, D.C.
-Australian Flying Saucer Review, February -P.O.Box 32,
Toorak, Melbourne, Victoria.
-Interplanetary Nov.1960 - Robert Gribble, 5108 Findlay
Street, Seattle 18, Washington D.C.

Note: For a more comprehensive survey of the UFO situation see the article by Peter F.Sharp B.Sc. - 'An Appraisal of the Present UFO Position' - in Flying Saucer Review March-April 1961.

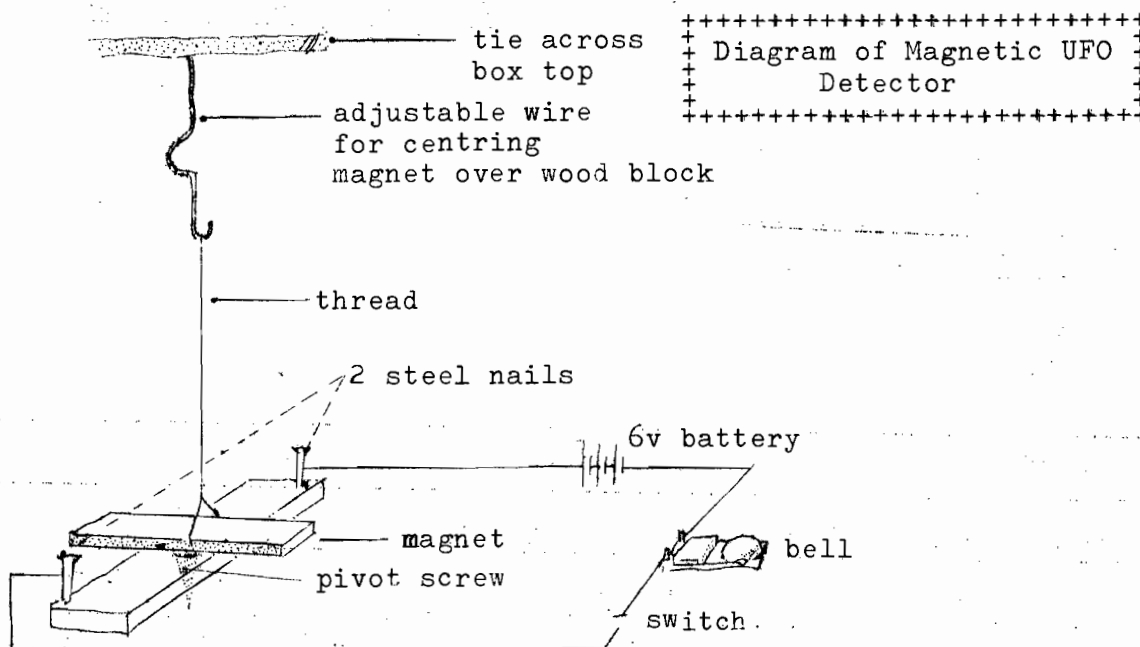
UFO DETECTOR ALARMS

Many UFO groups overseas have had considerable success with magnetic detectors which are extremely simple to construct and have a high sensitivity. One of our members, A.C.Purton, has sent us details of one such detector that has been tested by him. We suggest that those interested might like to construct one of their own, taking care that the finished job is placed out of range of draughts, possible vibrations &c.

THE DETECTOR consists of a magnet suspended in a box by means of a thread and a wire adjustable in all directions. Below the magnet is placed a block of wood at each end of which is a nail made of some magnetic material (not copper or brass). These nails are connected in series with a battery bell and switch. The block of wood can be turned smoothly around a central screw until the magnet is almost, but not quite attracted to the nails. When a magnetic disturbance takes place the magnet swings slightly, is attracted by the nails and completes the circuit, thus ringing the bell. A switch is included as a convenient, quick method of stopping the bell ringing after the alarm takes place, since the detector may be installed in an inconvenient position to reach quickly.

The box in which the magnet is suspended should be constructed so as to be free from draughts and should be preferably fixed firmly to some solid support.

The detector has a high sensitivity and should naturally be kept as dry as possible; the nails and magnet should be polished every so often as sparking at the contacts may dull the surfaces and prevent a current flowing freely.



The most suitable magnet to use would be the flat type as illustrated. However, a horseshoe type will be satisfactory if the wooden nail carrier is shortened. Magnets can be obtained from H.W. English, Rayleigh Road, Hutton Brentwood, Essex. The type required should be specified. Short bar magnets can be placed on a meccano strip - after magnetization. Readers who decide to make this detector could look out for magnetic effects during thunderstorms - as these might cause false alarms.

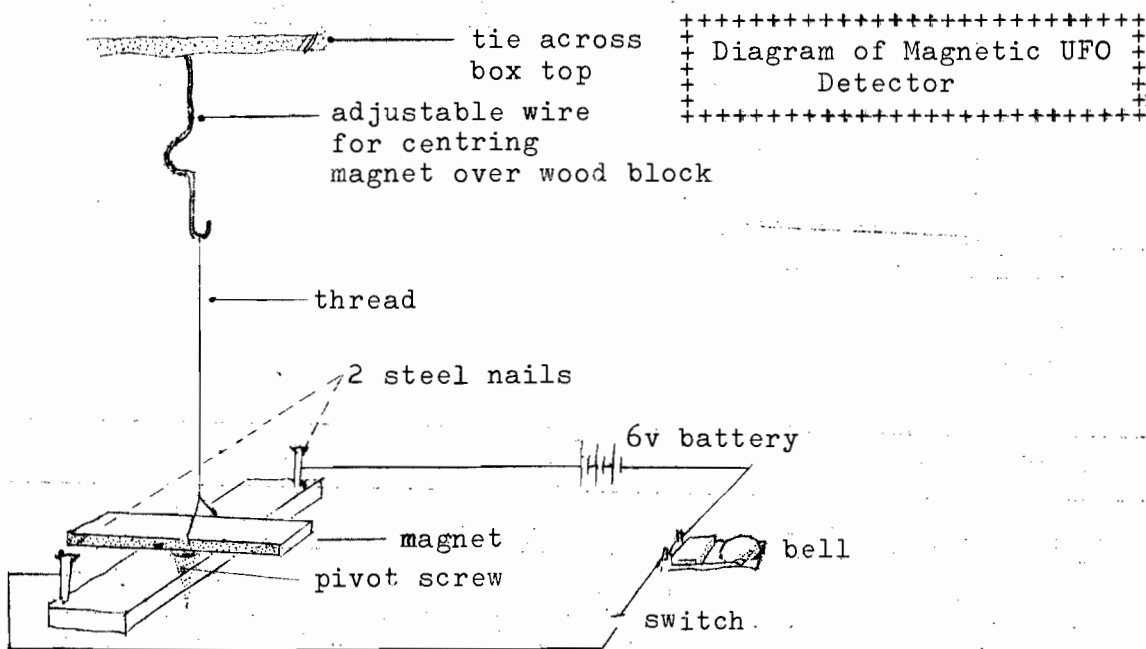
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"THE NAVY 'BAGS' A FLYING SAUCER"

Wednesday 17 May 1961

"THEIR LORDSHIPS of Admiralty claimed their first flying saucer last night. There it was, complete with orange tail and green light officially 'bagged' in the Admiralty 'News Summary'.

Item No.16 headed 'Another busy month for minesweepers,' contained the following extracts from the log of the minesweeper H.M.S. Maxton on passage from Arseu, Algeria to Palma, Majorca:-

APRIL 19-'At 19.40 a sighted object to W.N.W., high altitude, moving fast. As it drew closer an orange trail grew progressively wider from the leading point in contrast to normal vapour trails.

The object emitted a strong greenish light. It appeared to increase height abruptly and disappeared to the North-West at a great speed.

APRIL 20 - 'At 1450 a same remarkable phenomenon sighted to the North.

Again a trail, thin at first and getting much broader at leading point as range decreased.

'Revealed erratic course with abrupt alteration. Again object disappeared to N.N.F., apparently rising and increasing speed.'

There ended without comment the extracts signed by Lieutenant C. J. Paterson, in command.

A spokesman for the Board of Admiralty said last night: 'The whole thing is a complete mystery to us. This is the first report of such a phenomenon in the Royal Navy. No doubt we shall just have to put it down in the record as unsolved.'

-Daily Mail (Northern edition) - Credit:

Tyneside UFO Society.

FROM OUR investigator W.F. Frankland we have details of a series of sightings noted by D. Wright of Nottingham. Some of these sightings may be of a subjective nature.

13 Nov. 1960 - The sky was cloudy but through a gap in the clouds both his mother and himself saw a cigar shape lit by a blue fluorescence, pointed at

one end and squarely blunt at the other with 4 'portholes'. No sound was heard and the duration of the sighting was approx. 10 secs. N-S direction. Time = 5.40 pm.
Jan. 2 '61 - 9.16 am. Coloured 'cloud' striped pink and green near to sun.
Jan. 16 10.43 am. - Through a gap in the clouds 4 triangular objects were seen moving quickly in line. Three were apparently fastened together nose to tail by a silver thread. Duration = 3 secs.
Feb. 18 8.25 pm. - An orange 'moon' was seen suspended in the sky, then it started moving towards earth and disappeared 'like a record into a sleeve' without reaching the horizon of rooftops. No sound.
Feb. 25 (no time given) - Scanty cloud, mother and he saw orange 'saucer' with dome on top which appeared "like picture on T.V. just switched on." Duration = 2 secs.

March 9 7.40 pm - Mother saw 'saucer' suspended over nearby church. It had an orange colour and was visible for only 1 sec.
This particular person has a certain amount of time available for observing UFOs and is able to watch the sky area visible through a large living room window.
FROM Mr. T.P. Welch of Gateshead we receive a report of an oval white object seen by him on 21 April '61. The object appeared to glow and was the size of 1/4 diameter of sixpence at arms length. The estimated speed was 150 mph. at a height of 10,000 ft. and distance of approx. two miles. The object moved slowly and described a wide turn to the left disappearing behind cloud. The shape did not resemble an aircraft. - Credit: Tyneside UFO Society.

POPPING GREEN-WHITE LIGHT SEEN
We quote from a letter from an investigator:
Dear Sir, - "At ten o'clock on Monday evening the 17th. April 1961 I was walking along from Well Hall Road along Congreve Road. As I was roughly
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four houses distance from my house I was conscious of a slight popping noise from my right hand side and coming from the sky. There was no one else in the vicinity and no noise except for a slight murmur of an occasional car in the distance. I turned my head and saw a long stream of greenish-white light travelling in the same direction that I was walking" (due N.N.W.).. "dissolve very quickly into a trail of white sparks. The length of the stream was about six to ten feet, and the most important thing is that the light may have started after I had turned my head, it made no other noise apart from the slight popping at the beginning!" Duration of sighting - 15 - 20 secs. Object travelled parallel to the ground with a 10° downward curve on dissolving.

THE MYSTERIOUS HUM IS BACK AGAIN!

Letter published in the Daily Sketch Monday May 15:

"I FIRST heard THE HUM two years ago in East Sussex. But after attending tests arranged by the Daily Sketch, and after hearing the views of the experts, I decided I must have imagined it after all...

Until Thursday night..just after midnight it came through loud and clear. I woke up my whole family WE ALL heard it.

We all agreed there were two sounds in one - a high pitched wail like an air-raid siren mixed with a lower hum like a wasp. Before THE HUM began I heard-or rather felt-a sort of hissing in the air" - that report came from a Sketch reader in Blackheath.

YET ANOTHER MYSTERY EXPLOSION

"POLICE, WEATHER EXPERTS, and airport officials over 100 sq.miles of the West Riding (Yorkshire) were last night trying to discover what caused a mystery explosion.

The bang was heard in Leeds, Bradford, Otley and Guiseley. It made buildings shudder and stopped pro-

ceedings temporarily at Leeds county court." - Daily Express, 24 April. (Credit: Tyneside UFO Society)

UFO OVER LONDON

"A 'BRILLIANT yellowish-green light which left a spark trail' was seen in the sky about 10 o'clock last night by people in the London area. The Air Ministry said there had been no official reports of any unidentified lights in the sky." -Daily Telegraph 18/4/'61

OVERSEAS SIGHTINGS...

Precis Translation from "Le Courrier Interplanetaire" - No.53:-

Montevideo 20/12/'60 - "The crews of two aircraft of Pluna and Transcontinental saw a strange object following the plane at a distance. The pilot of the Pluna plane, who was in contact with the other plane during the 40 minute long flight and who exchanged messages with the other plane concerning the object, said that it moved to the left of his plane and in a parallel course."

SPACE PANCAKES ANALYSED!

From The New Daily May 1 '61 we quote this report originally from B.U.P.:-

"...in Washington, undergoing analysis are three 'space pancakes' which, a Wisconsin plumber says, were handed to him by three 'flying saucer men' who landed in his back garden.

The U.S. Air Force, became interested in the report and have sent Dr.A.L.Haynak, a university astronomer to go to Eagle River, Wisconsin to investigate the report.

According to the plumber, a flying saucer swooped over his back-garden last week. He said that he filled a jug of water for three black-uniformed occupants and in return received the three small

small 'space pancakes' perforated with tiny holes.

These pancakes are being analysed by a private committee which investigates 'saucer' reports.

The plumber also said that the 'flying saucer men' were short and Italian-looking. He said they did not speak in his presence."

ARGENTINE SIGHTINGS BY AIRLINE PILOTS

Date: Feb. 7th. 1961

This UFO was first seen at night as a 'bright something' about the size of a tennis ball, at an elevation of about 45°. Unfortunately the compass bearing was not specified.

The 'tennis ball' grew in size until it became as large as the noon-day sun. Having reached this latter size, the object immediately began to shrink in size again, and continued to grow smaller until it disappeared.

Seen under conditions of a clear, cloudless and moonless night sky, the spherical shape was clear cut and of a 'brilliant flame yellow'

The duration of the phenomenon was estimated by the observer to have been approximately 15 secs.

There was no noise and there appeared to be no vertical or horizontal movement or even a 'burning tail.' The estimated height was 1 to 2 miles.

On reflection the observer considered he had seen an object approaching at high velocity which had, without reducing speed, reversed direction along its reciprocal course.

The sighting was confirmed locally and a peon at a Chacra about 3 miles away had seen more or less

what had been described.

Another person had seen a 'tubo de luz', a tube of light, standing vertically on nose or tail. This phenomenon lasted a few seconds.

The first observer continues in his very long description of the event to say that some weeks earlier several airline pilots flying between Uruguay and Buenos Aires at night had seen a 'ball of fire' in the sky, had radioed base, and a few moments after, a UFO had been picked up on shore-based radar screens 'moving so rapidly that the papers said it could not have been any conventional aircraft or other machine known to the world.'"

Credit to J.B. Score of POOLE, Dorset.

PHONE FOR UFOs (Credit: C.N. Jones)

Under the titles 'UFO Report Unit' and 'NICAP-National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena' - the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, an American group, have acquired this telephone directory listing for anyone to immediately report an unidentified flying object. The service is open 24 hours daily and helps to alert all investigators in the area.

No 3 foot detectors for this group! CUFOp is building a 39 foot observation tower to be equipped with a telescope, short-wave radio, telephones and a new electro-magnetic detector which will ring a bell if magnetic fields other than normal enter the area. The group plans to man the tower during the hours of darkness.

-Cleveland Press, Feb. 9 '61

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** which have a bearing on ufology **
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** WRITE NOW - to the editorial address **
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MYSTERIOUS FLASH IN SKY DUBLINS AREA

Cleveland, Ohio: Feb. 9th. 1961 - "A mysterious and brilliant flash, bright enough to read by, according to those who saw it - lit up the skies south of Cleveland early today.

A deputy sheriff in Geuga County who saw the blue light shortly after midnight said it was followed by a vibration that rocked his cruiser.

Two airlines pilots, approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport in their separate planes reported the occurrence to Case Tech Observatory. 'This is most unusual, a mystery,' said Jason J. Nassau director of the Observatory. 'I spoke with the two pilots who saw the flash. From what they told me, this does not sound like the flash of a meteorite because the light lasted only a second or two. It could have been a satellite burning up and exploding in the earth's atmosphere as it descended.' Ralph W. Burhans, project leader at the Standard Oil Research Lab. in Warrensville Heights noted, though, that there was no record of any man-launched satellite in orbit over this area at the time of the flash, and no record of any that was ready to plunge to earth. John Lengel, special deputy sheriff describes it thus: - 'At the crest of a hill with the clear sky to the south plainly visible. I saw this terrific flash - it looked like a giant arc-light and for an instant it was as bright as day. I could have read a newspaper by that light. After it vanished, I felt this thud that rocked my car.' Other sheriffs over the county witnessed the incident. - Cleveland Press 9/2/1961

Detectors - A.C. Purton has given us another address where bar magnets for the detector described earlier in this issue can be obtained: Southern Radio Supply Ltd., 11 Little Newport Street, London, W.C.2. Price: 1/6d. plus postage.

ERRATUM: - In the February issue regarding the Brazilian Navy sightings credit to APRO was unfortunately omitted due to an oversight on the Editor's part. The whole of the article published in 'Flying Saucers' was reprinted from The A.P.R.O. Bulletin. The address of this large organisation is - Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, 4740 E. Cooper Street, Tucson, Arizona. Copies of 'Flying Saucers' can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, LUFORO.

REVISED SIGHTING REPORT FORM

A newly designed UFO Sighting Report Form (S.3.) is enclosed with this Bulletin. All members are asked to study it carefully, particularly Section C, so that in the event of their investigating a sighting or experiencing one themselves they will know what details are required. The diagram in Section C, 13, represents the sky as seen from the ground by the observer looking upwards, and consequently the points of the compass from East to South to West are seen to follow in an anti-clockwise direction from North, as in the case of a star map. It is most important to record the bearing and elevation of an object at any two widely separated points as accurately as possible so that, when there are several witnesses in different parts of the country, the object's course can be plotted. Any queries concerning this form should be addressed to the Chairman. (More available)

When you hear of a UFO report (or a rumour of a possible UFO) please send a form to the witness as soon as possible. You need only insert, in the "letter" part of the form above Section A: the name and address of the addressee, the date and the date of the witness's observation. If you wish, you may sign the letter. When submitting press cuttings etc. please state whether you have sent witness for:

NEXT LONDON MEETING

Saturday, 15th JULY, 1961, at 7.30 p.m. - in the Meeting Room of Kensington New Central Library (practically opposite Kensington High Street Underground Station) - Lecture by C.A. Stickland, B.Sc., "Flying Saucers and Their Effect on the Weather". Admission 2/6d. Refreshments available.

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