

# UFOLOGY: FROM TOTAL NEGATION TO SECRET LABORATORIES

By Vadim Orlov

In Lev Chuiikov's article, "UFOs and Politics", (to be published in FSR shortly G.C) the writer has presented a true picture of the ufologists' decades-long persecution in this country. While preparing the article for publication we conducted a kind of editorial investigation and interviewed several ufologists who used to work with Zigel' and who were the first to realize how complicated the problem of UFOs was. One of them was Professor V. Burdakov, Ph.D., who had worked side by side with the General Designer of rockets, Korolyov, for many years. Here is this short interview:

Q: Tell me, Valery, did Korolyov tell you he was familiar with materials on ufology?

A: Yes, he did, briefly. He also mentioned Stalin's concern with the problem of UFOs. As for details, I learned them from another source — from designer M. Tikhonravov, one of Korolyov's closest subordinates.

Q: What were the details?

A: In 1947 some high-ranking government official summoned Korolyov to his office. He referred to Stalin's orders. He pointed to a heap of foreign material on ufology and suggested that Korolyov should analyse it in three days' time. Some translators were to help him. It was necessary to answer only one question: whether these mysterious objects posed a threat to the State?

Q: Did Korolyov cope with that task?

A: He did. He even managed to do it in the set time. At first he thought that there was too much material and asked for permission to take some of it home. That was out of the question. He had to work in the Kremlin, in a special room. After examining the materials he reported in person to Stalin himself. He said that UFOs were not weapons of a potential enemy and they posed no real threat to the country. But that the phenomenon itself did actually exist.

Q: What was Stalin's reaction?

A: At first he thanked Korolyov for the precise answer. He added that he had consulted other noted scientists and they had all made similar conclusions.

Q: What did Korolyov himself think about studying UFOs?

A: In the 50s he did take an interest in the problem. One day he even ordered me to go to the Pulkovo Observatory where people used to report sightings. How-

We noticed this interesting little item in the *Psychic News* of April 23, 1994, and would be pleased to hear from any of our U.S. readers who can throw any light on it or furnish details.

## CONTACT WITH UFOs 'ILLEGAL'

On October 5, 1982, Dr. Brian T. Clifford of the Pentagon declared at a press conference that contact between American citizens and extraterrestrials, or their vehicles, is strictly "illegal".

From a law written down before the *Apollo Moon* shots were launched, anyone found guilty of such contact can be imprisoned for one year or fined \$5,000. (Source: *Enigmas*)

ever, Korolyov thought that his Department, the Rocket Designing Bureau, was not the right place to study UFOs. \*

Q: Thank you very much, Professor, for your most interesting reminiscences.

Vadim Orlov, interviewer.

## NOTE BY EDITOR OF AURA-Z

Here then we have a piece of evidence of the authorities' cautious attitude to UFOs. It came from the Head of the State himself. Now let us try to ascertain when exactly the communist ideologists "classified" the problem and gave it a negative estimate.

We managed to find out from a file of old newspapers that the first directive goes back to 1952, to the speech of M. Pervukhin, Member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party. As was the tradition, his report contained a section on opposing bourgeois ideology. He said that it was his duty to stress that "flying saucers" and "green balls" first started appearing to Americans. M. Pervukhin's words bristled with ridicule. According to an unwritten rule which existed at that time such speeches be-

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came orders to minor authorities to be carried out at once. It is here that the decades-long tradition of slandering ufologists originates.

No one could ignore the Party's orders, not even in the Academy of Sciences. When F. Zigel' submitted a detailed review of the foreign press and appealed to the Presidium of the Academy to start serious examination of the problem they answered... (believe it or not, this is a verbatim quotation) — "*Neither the existence of ufological organizations abroad, nor the publication of books and magazines on this subject should deceive us, because in the USA investigation of the problem of UFOs is, in fact, a consequence of the atmosphere of military psychosis*".

This double-dealing has been applied every since. Party and Government leaders were scared by a phenomenon they could not comprehend when sitting in their well-guarded offices, while in public the problem was ridiculed or, as Zigel' put it, "a fool's cap was put on ufology". President of the USSR Academy of Science, Academician A. Alexandrov set the fashion. He treated UFOs like he would treat chaste conception. But the interest of independent investigators in things contemptuously called "flying dishes" passed through that trial.

In 1989-1992 the focus of world public interest in this phenomenon transferred to this country. It did not diminish in the rest of the world though.

Ufology had been banned, investigations had got no support from anyone, and yet Russia's ufologists had succeeded in acquiring a lot of scientific data from UFO landing places. They did not set out on their expeditions empty-handed, though, they were equipped with original instruments. They had Yu. Simakov's biological detector, R. Varlamov's radioindicator, A. Pluzhnikov's biological locator and others. Readings of some instruments were verified with others, thus reliable data was acquired.

Editor, AURA-Z.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

\*Evidently Korolyov's heart lay in rockets! So it is not surprising that he went on to become, in due course, the head of the entire Soviet Space Programme during the desperate days of the Cold War. His position as such a key figure was never mentioned - it was a dead secret - and in Russia only the "top people" knew of his very existence for he was never named or discussed in TV or radio programmes or documents and the ordinary Soviet public never heard of him.■



#### A Letter From Ahmad Jamaludin (Malaysia)

Dear Mr. Creighton, — It has been quite a long time since I last wrote to you or submitted any articles for FSR. It has been a frustrating period for me, as the UFO reports seem to have been almost non-existent in Malaysia for the past few years. I do not know the reasons for such an extremely quiet period.

Anyhow, I am enclosing a local newspaper report on the UFO activities over and around Taiwan,(1) which I hope you will find of some use.

I am at present working on the possible relationship of UFO manifestations and earthquakes. (2) I believe there is such a relationship, but unfortunately I do not have enough seismic data to correlate with the UFO sighting reports.

I also plan a further article in due course for you on the UFO sightings over South-East Asia as a whole, but have not yet got the recent reports fully assembled. I do have a lot of earlier accounts, which may already be known to FSR readers, and I am still hoping for enough new cases to appear for me to compile something of interest, which I feel is long overdue!

Allow me to terminate here, and to wish you all the very best for your dedication

in carrying on the enormous task of getting FSR going strong and respected worldwide.

Wishing you and family all the very best, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year,  
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#### COMMENT BY EDITOR

1. Already published by us in FSR 39/1 (page 22)
2. We have long been aware of the very strong evidence for this relationship, and in the early years of FSR we devoted a good deal of space to discussing it. At present the evidence from such regions as Mexico, and Central America as a whole, is in fact quite alarming, and we have for some time past been slowly gathering material for a fresh discussion of the subject. Incidentally, I recall that quite a few years ago a French investigator produced an article in which he set out to prove that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are *caused* by malignantly minded aliens! Although I can't say I have ever seen any evidence for that sort of theory, it seems today to be an *unquestionable fact* that the Valley of Mexico, with its mighty volcanoes, is *under constant surveillance by UFOs*.

From this fact I think we can take it as quite certain that big changes are impending on our Planet, and that others know it.

In the near future I hope to produce a summary of some of the recent evidence that UFO occupants - or certain of them - are conducting an extensive and sustained study of earthquakes and volcanoes throughout our world. We do know that the sightings of UFOs over and around Mexico City (the world's largest metropolis now!) and the Valley of Mexico have recently been quite unparalleled in number. So many people now possess good cameras and camcorders that a tremendous number of excellent daylight pictures of UFOs have been secured by residents of Mexico and the Valley.

We are informed that, all around Mexico City, on the hills and mountains, the authorities now have reporting posts with the necessary seismic recording instruments. For a serious outburst by the two neighbouring volcanoes of Popocatepetl ("*Smoking Mountain*" in Aztec) and Iztaccihuatl ("*White Goddess*" in Aztec) could almost certainly produce a far more terrible disaster than even what befell Herculaneum.

Popocatepetl (17,794ft), 50 miles to the S.E. from Mexico City, had had enormous eruptions in the period known to us since the Spanish Conquest - viz. 1519, 1523, 1539, 1548, 1571, 1592, 1642, 1664, 1697, 1862, 1921, and the