

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

ENGLAND

UFO terrifies Hainault youths

An unusual UFO incident in the rain was stated to have taken place on Friday, September 16, 1972, at Hainault, one of the eastern suburbs of London which reach into Essex. This account is taken from the *Ilford Pictorial and Guardian* of September 20, 1972—

"Danny Harle and Colin Hastings . . . (of) Kingswood Youth Club . . . left their homes in Brocket Way, Hainault, shortly after 9 p.m., and walked quickly to the club through driving rain. As they walked down Harbour Road, 15-year-old Colin glanced upwards.

"He stopped walking and pointed to the sky. Danny also stopped and followed his friend's gaze to a sight that seconds later, had the two terror-stricken boys running in fear of their lives.

"Above their heads, resting immobile, lay three clouds, each glowing with brilliant white light.

"There was a noise, low but distinctive, and the air seemed to fill with a deep electric hum.

"And as the sound grew louder one 'cloud' quickly compressed into a small triangle and moved from sight, leaving a strange incandescent tail across the sky.

"Another 'cloud' seemed to vibrate from side to side while the third suddenly zoomed into a tiny pinpoint of light. Danny saw it apparently about to disappear, then watched it horrified as it returned suddenly in a huge cigar shape, which tilted and then appeared to come closer and closer to them.

"We went out of our minds with fright," said 18-year-old Danny, "it seemed to be filling the whole sky. We just panicked and ran and ran till we got to the youth club."

"When we glanced outside again there was just the vibrating cloud left. It began darting about, almost as if it was lost, and then turned into a triangle and vanished in the same direction as the first one."

"When they phoned Barkingside Police, both boys expected the whole episode to be taken with a pinch of salt. But instead the police warned Air Traffic Control at West Drayton, and then contacted the Air Ministry—because they too have seen the strange visitor in the stars.

"On the night before Friday's strange happenings a policeman passing through Hainault at roughly the

same time, looked into the sky and saw the three glowing clouds.

"The Air Ministry, too, are concerned over the sighting, and have launched a full-scale enquiry.

"But whatever the official findings, Danny and Colin remain convinced that the 'things' came from another world.

"It was all over in four minutes," Danny said, "but we were shaking like jellies afterwards. I never believed in this sort of thing before, but now I've actually seen something, I don't know what to think."

100ft. UFO over Oldham

We learn from the *Yorkshire Post* of October 21, 1972, that—

"Scientists at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, are investigating a report that a mysterious 'disc shaped' object was seen in the sky above Oldham, Lancs., by a works security man, Mr. John Byrne.

"Sketches of the 'flying saucer' have been drawn by draughtsmen at the Ferranti electrical engineering works and a spokesman at Jodrell Bank said: 'We are taking a close interest but it is very difficult to come to a firm conclusion without the corroboration of independent witnesses.'

"The object, about 100ft. across, was seen by Mr. Byrne as he made his nightly patrols at the Cairo Mill, Oldham.

"He said yesterday: 'It made a humming noise like a generator and was about 300ft. above the works. Then it turned sharply on its side and shot up into the sky.'

"I have been frightened before but this was a different type of fear. I was just rooted to the spot."

"The 'sighting' has been reported to police.

"Mr. Byrne, of Sunfield Way, Lees, near Oldham, added: 'I was sceptical about flying saucers but not any more. Now I am a confirmed believer.'"

[It will be seen that the date and time of this alleged incident are not given in this report—EDITOR.]

Credit to Miss O. Atherton of Harrogate.

WALES

"Soupbowl" in the sky

The story of a multiple witness UFO case was featured by the *Western Mail* of Saturday, September 16, 1972—

"Three policemen called in after villagers claimed they had seen an object in the sky like a flying saucer said last night there was no doubt the sightings were genuine.

"Police were called after the object was reported by at least 20 people on a housing estate at Croespenmaen, Crumlin, in Monmouthshire.

"The bright orange object appeared in the sky on Thursday night [September 14] in the North-West in the direction of the Brecon Beacons, and changed rapidly in colour and size, said the witnesses.

"It was in the sky for about two hours, finally disappearing when an aircraft flew overhead.

"A spokesman at Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport said last night that two Cambrian Airways Viscounts had landed at the airport at about the same time and could have passed over the area where the object was sighted.

"But as far as he was aware nothing unusual was spotted on the airport's radar.

"The Crumlin area lies directly beneath Green One—the corridor for aircraft flying between Britain and America—but a Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said pilots in the area at the time had not reported anything strange.

"The object was first spotted at 8.30 by Mr. Robert Phillips, aged 24, a plumber, of Meadow Walk, Croespenmaen, who was on his way home from Oakdale.

"He watched it for about 30 minutes through a telescope borrowed from a neighbour, and then phoned the police.

"He said the object looked like an 'inverted soupbowl with dark rings underneath it which appeared to be spinning.' Three times it disappeared at the approach of an aircraft, but on the third occasion it did not return.

"One of the policemen called to the scene, Sergeant Clive Williams, of Blackwood, said he saw an orange red circle in the sky which seemed to turn over to a cone-shape.

"Its colour changed from red to white and green and it moved away rapidly," he said. "I revisited the site in the morning and it must have been something in the sky for there are no mountains obstructing the view."

Credit to F. W. Holiday, who lives in Pembrokeshire, and who observes: "The witnesses seem to have watched the object from the B4261 road between Oakdale and Crumlin. If one takes this approximate position and plots the area in the north-west at the lower shoulder of Cefn Manmoel—where presumably the object was visible—we then find that Tenby, Aberfan and the

new location form a near straight line.” [Mr. Holiday has in mind his Tenby experience which he described in his article “Was ‘God’ at Aberfan?” in Flying Saucer Reivew Vol. 18, No. 4—EDITOR.]

SCOTLAND

Clackmannan mystery light

We read in the *Glasgow Evening Citizen* of September 15, 1972, that—

“A mystery light was seen over Clackmannan last night. It came from the direction of Kincardine-on-Forth and was seen for about 10 minutes over Alloa, the county town.

“Mr. Gordon Gillies, of 36 Gean Road, Alloa, said: ‘The object was high in the sky and a bit bigger than the north star. It followed a zig-zag path across the town and back again before disappearing to the south. Each time it changed direction it paused for a second or two before continuing.’

“The Meteorological Office in Glasgow and R.A.F. Pitreavie said that they had no knowledge of high flying objects in the area.”

FRANCE

Mystery at Montauroux

Scores of readers have sent copies of the following report from Nice which was published in *The Sunday Express* of October 15, 1972—

“The mystery of Montauroux, a rural commune near Grasse, is still unsolved despite intense police and scientific investigation.

“Last Sunday M. Rene Merle, a local peasant, went along to his woods for a little rough shooting, and was flabbergasted to find that 330 square yards of ground among the pines and white oaks had been ‘flattened.’

“Fragments of a section of dry stone wall which appeared to have ‘exploded’ had been projected in all directions, lacerating the bark of many trees.

“A tree stump previously so firmly embedded that it could not be moved by man alone, had been uprooted and hurled several yards.

“Pine tree trunks 18 inches thick, were coiled up as if by some giant centrifugal force, some twisted in a clockwise direction, others the reverse way. A line of pine trees was sliced as if by a blade in a cut rising progressively from 18in. to 6ft. above ground level.

“On his dry wall M. Merle detected traces of rubbing but no fragments of metal or paint marks.

“The police from the local gendarmes to Riviera headquarters, have confessed they are baffled.

“The wildest rumours are circulating in this quiet corner of Provence.

“Montauroux villagers are convinced that only a flying saucer could have wreaked such havoc on M. Merle’s land which is more than 100

yards from the nearest forest track and bears no track marks of a heavy military or other vehicle.

“Nice University Professor of Mineralogical Research, Guy Turco, went to the spot but after spending hours studying the soil and rocks admitted: ‘Nothing in the arsenal of my knowledge enables me to explain this phenomenon. The cause is definitely not a meteorite.’

“A tornado, a whirlwind, or lightning? Meteorological experts consulted have declared: ‘The trees are all twisted in different directions. A whirlwind always turns in the same direction. Nor is it ever confined to one small area but always moves in a trajectory. It never rises or dies in the same spot.’

“When biology student Alain Jhis-tarry went to inspect the spot he reported that his compass ‘went hay-wire’ and pointed due west instead of to the magnetic north.

“Science fiction writer Jimmy Guieu is positive that behind the mystery can only be ‘an extra terrestrial engine, probably 20ft. to 30ft. in diameter, and propelled by anti-gravity magnetic energy.’

“He supports his theory by the fact that last month a ball of fire was seen by several witnesses above the same area. And that the fire brigade found no trace of any fire.

“Now some facetious locals have placed a sign at the entrance to the forest track, reading: ‘The Martians’ Road.’”

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cape May UFO photograph

A claim to have photographed a flying saucer has been made by a

photographer on the staff of the *Cape May County Gazette*, which is published at the county town of Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The Cape May peninsula will be familiar to readers of FSR Special Issue No. 2, *Beyond Condon*, for the stories of the UFO sightings of the Christiansen family, and for subsequent bizarre events, especially the visit of “Tiny” to their home at Wildwood Crest. The account that follows is taken from the Thursday, July 13, 1972, issue of the *Cape May County Gazette*. We can only wish that the paper had published more than one of the several photographs that are stated to have been taken from Fishing Creek on the evening of Friday, July 7, 1972:

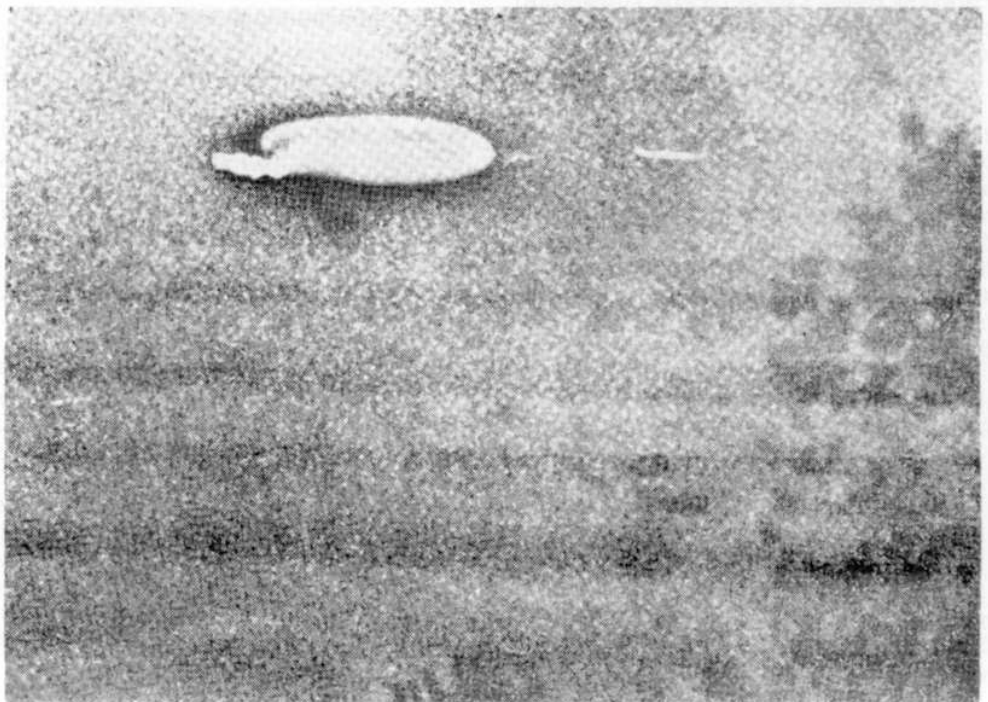
“A flying saucer visited Cape May County Friday night and a County Gazette photographer was there to prove it.

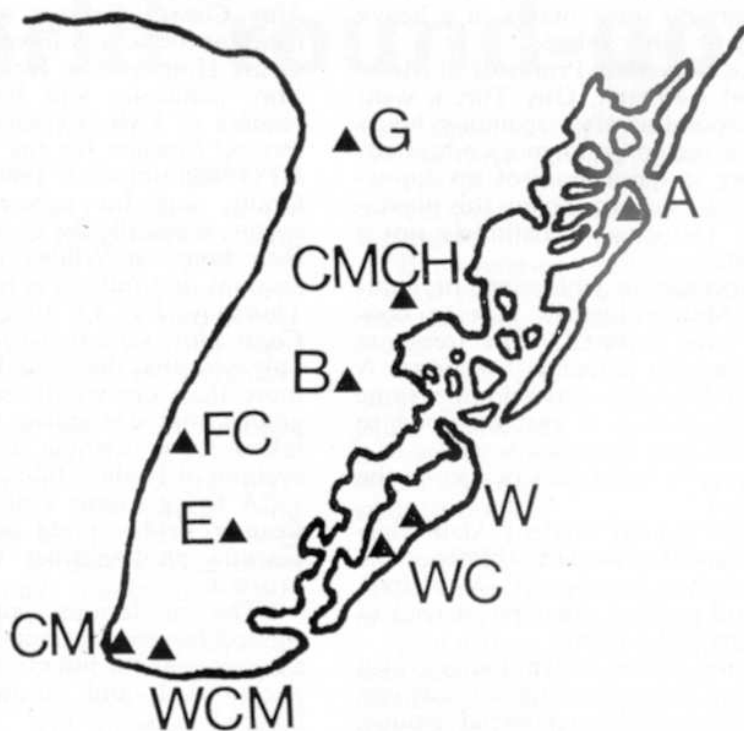
“The mysterious craft was first sighted hovering about 75 feet above a house near the intersection of Tabernacle road and Shunpike shortly before 9 p.m.

“Spinning swiftly and with bright lights shining from its underside, the saucer suddenly sped north over the Cape May County Airport, but not before Frank Markley, of West Cape May, a member of the County Gazette staff, photographed it despite the evening’s darkness.

“Markley said he was driving south on Shunpike when he noticed the unusual lights in the sky. He immediately stopped his car and watched the hovering craft for several seconds trying to identify it.

“Certain that the spinning craft idling low over the house met the description of flying saucers reported





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| E: Erma | B: Burleigh |
| W: Wildwood | FC: Fishing Creek |
| WC: Wildwood Crest | G: Goshen |
| WCM: West Cape May | A: Avalon |
| CM: Cape May | CMCH: Cape May Court House |

thousands of times over all parts of the United States in recent years, he grabbed his 35 mm. camera, quickly switched from colour film to black and white and began snapping despite the almost total darkness.

"Not until his film was developed and the flying saucer clearly showed on his negatives did he report what he had seen.

"With photographic proof to back him up, he was ready to face the sceptics and the scoffers—including the nation's military minions and the special Air Force department assigned to track down reports of all Unidentified Flying Objects.*

"Markley said the saucer matched descriptions of other UFOs sighted in recent years having a round structure estimated at 25 feet in diameter, a flat bottom studded with bright white lights and a gracefully tapering top side.

"From his vantage point on the shoulder of the road, Markley said the flying saucer appeared to be hovering about 75 feet above the ground and was approximately 150 feet away from him.

"He said the whirr of some kind of motors was definitely audible, and the photographs showed a wake of light or exhaust emission trailing behind the eerie visitor."

Credit to Mrs. M. Mills Jenkins of Lebanon, N.J.

* [Apparently the news that Project Blue Book was disbanded in 1969 has not reached these good-people—EDITOR.]

Colby Cops and UFOs

The town of Colby is located in the north western part of the State of Kansas. Unfortunately our correspondent clipped out most of the name of the newspaper; all that can be seen is that it is *Prairie* something of Wednesday, August 23, 1972. The initial report to the police was made by a citizen of Gem, by the name of John L. Calkins, early on Saturday morning, August 19:

"... after being awakened at 2.00 a.m. by barking dogs, Calkins went to his front door and saw three objects hovering rather close to his home making 'shrill, high whistling sounds' completely different from anything he'd heard before. 'It was the creepiest feeling that I'd ever had,' he said. Calkins also reported seeing six lights on the large object. He also said he saw interior lights on the object and heard beeping sounds.

"Calkins . . . thinks the objects may

be earthbased experiments for some sort of advanced space travel being conducted by the United States or the Soviet Union."

That was the incident that sparked off the police involvement, and elsewhere in the article we read that—

"At least 50-60 people are reported to have viewed the objects which were visible between 2.00 a.m. and 6.00 a.m., August 19.

"Paul Carter, member of the Colby Police Department, said the local department received (the) call from Gem about 2.00 a.m. reporting a 'thing or couple of things hovering' with flashing red and green lights.

"After referring the caller to the Thomas County Sheriff's Department, Carter said he dismissed the report until 2.07 a.m. when he was on patrol going east on 4th street.

"Carter said he saw an object with red and green flashing lights coming from the northeast. After radioing the other patrolman on duty, Dennis Brown, Carter began to follow the object south on Country Club Drive.

"After following behind it to the I-70 overpass, Carter stopped and the object began hovering over a pasture. He said it was about one-quarter of a mile from him and between 10 and 15 feet off the ground.

"At this point, the object began turning into an intense white light—too intense to look at. A few seconds later, it made a whooshing sound—similar to a vacuum cleaner—and went straight into the air where it disappeared.

"Brown did see the object disappear into the sky.

"The object soon brightened again and was seen heading toward the Mingo interchange. Colby patrolmen were in contact with Oakley police. At the time, Colby lost sight of the object heading south east, Oakley police picked it up with binoculars.

"After disappearing for a few minutes, 'a very bright coloured object appeared in the sky where it seemed to us to be over Gem,' Carter said. The object moved and seemed to be over the Rexford area. The object remained there until about 6.00 a.m. when it disappeared completely. Between about 3.00 a.m. and 6.00 a.m., a number of other smaller objects were seen streaking back and forth across the sky.

"The objects sometimes approached the large one. They 'just sat there and hovered and streaked off and then came into the same area,' Brown said.

"Although an exact size was nearly impossible to determine, both estimated it at about 18 to 20 feet by 30 to 35 feet in size. 'All I can say is it was big,' Carter said.

"Carter said he never felt threatened



Police officer Carter (left) examines the paddock

by the object, even when he was quite close to it, but 'I just got to thinking how puny I was compared to whatever that object was.'

"Carter and Brown both said they were UFO-disbelievers until the Saturday sightings. 'I read some books on this stuff,' Carter said, 'but I was a firm non-believer up until about seven after two this morning (Saturday). I found that I could change my mind pretty fast.'

"Neither would make any guesses as to what they might have seen, but knew they had seen something.

"Earl Wood Jr. of the Oakley Police Department generally agreed with Carter's and Brown's description. He said that he and his partner, Duane Nelson, identified six lights on the object and had 'no trouble identifying that it was circular.'

"Both the Oakley and Colby police officials said that when the objects passed, debris seemed to fall. Nothing was later found in the area however. 'When these objects passed, it looked like a lot of falling stars, like debris falling off,' Woods said.

"Woods said the three lights on the front of the object were white and those in back flashed from red to green.

"Another eyewitness was Dr. W. L. Johnson of Colby, who saw a UFO as he stood in the front yard of his home at about 6.08 a.m.

The object had orange-red flashing lights when he first saw it in the sky southwest of his home on North Range. It moved south and hovered over the experiment station for a few minutes, then moved straight north, maintaining about the same altitude.

After a minute or so, the object seemed to move toward Johnson's house and rapidly gained altitude. At this point, it changed to a blue-green colour and was the largest that it was during the sighting. It appeared to be about four feet across at that distance and at that height.

"It moved southwest and remained stationary for a couple of minutes, then started climbing and disappeared at about 6.20 a.m. Dr. Johnson said there was no sound and that he has no idea what it was."

Credit to David Weidl of Hopewell, N.J.

SOUTH AFRICA Object follows couple in car

The Kimberley newspaper, *Diamond Fields Advertiser* of August 30, 1972, carried the following account—

"An unidentified flying object followed a Kimberley couple, Mr. Koos Harmse and Miss Daphne Vertue for about one and a half hours on the Schmidtsdrift road on Sunday night. [August 28, 1972.]

"Mr. L. James of the Boshof area also reported seeing a UFO, this one on Monday evening. [August 29.] It was flying towards Kimberley, and had a glowing light with a red-hot tail about half-a-mile long. The UFO, which appeared low on the horizon about 8.00 p.m., was seen by Mr. James, his wife and their farm labourers.

"Mr. Harmse and Miss Vertue were travelling towards Kimberley from a farm in the Limeacres district between 8.00 and 9.30 p.m. The object, described as a 'thing four times the size of a star which constantly changed colours,' was first sighted at Schmidtsdrift bridge. 'It was in between the hills,' said Miss Vertue.

"'We saw a big star in between the mountains but took no notice of it at first. We crossed the bridge and were stopped by a kudu in the middle of the road. We looked at the animal and then I noticed the veld on the left side of the road looked as if it was on fire. Suddenly the flames disappeared and we saw two rows of lights, more or less in the shape of port holes on a ship. One ran under the other and level with our car. We could distinctly see each separate window and it seemed as if there was a big bright spotlight on the front of the object. It was a dull orange colour.

"'We got back into the car and moved away from it because I was so scared. But then when we stopped again we found it had followed us. By this time it had changed colour and shape. Through dense bush it looked like a big white spotlight, but on open stretches of land it again looked like an object with orange windows and a big spotlight on the front.

"'By this time I was near to tears because the faster we went, the faster this object followed us. And every time we stopped it stopped too. What made it worse was that when we got to the milestone about 25 miles outside town, this object seemed to split into four bright white lights. These lights drifted with us until we reached the prison. Then they vanished.'

"Many other people sighted the object, reports about which were made to the police."

Credit: Philipp Human.

JAPAN Pacific UFO off Okinawa

The following UPI report, originating from Hong Kong on September 23, 1972, was reported in the *Japan Times* of September 24, 1972—

"Crewmen of a Trans World Airline (TWA) flight Friday [September 22, 1972—EDITOR] sighted an Unidentified Flying Object travelling at 'outer space speed' southeast of Okinawa Prefecture, a TWA spokesman said Saturday.

"The spokesman said Capt. D. Shifflet and two crew-members of TWA 745 flying from Okinawa to Bangkok saw the object appearing 'as a brilliant bluish-white ball' at 11.00 a.m. when they were cruising 10,000 metres over the western Pacific, about 560 km. southeast of Okinawa.

"Capt. Shifflet reported the unidentified object was travelling in a south-southeasterly direction at outer space speed,' the spokesman said.

"The object was best described as appearing to be a space object as its passage was too fast for a comet though the main body was similar to that of a comet,' he said.

"The spokesman said the object, which was 'several times the magnitude of the brightest planet,' was approximately visible for one minute and was also seen by Flight 985 of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines."

Credit to **Jun-Ichi Takanashi**, Chairman of the Modern Space Flight Association of Osaka, Japan, who comments that a few Japanese newspapers carried the report in the corners of their foreign news pages. [At least they did report the incident, which is something for which we should be thankful!—EDITOR.]

Okinawa UFO photographed

The following item appeared in the *Mainichi Daily News* of September 28, 1972 (English-language newspaper)—

"Naha, Okinawa—A mysterious flying object spotted over Okinawa by a pilot of a Trans World Airlines plane one night [September 22, see previous report—EDITOR] last week was photographed by a student of a senior high school, it was learned here.

"He is Masahiro Asanuma, 21, a correspondence course student of a Naha senior high school, who snapped the UFO when it flashed across the skies about 8.30 p.m. last Friday.

"The picture was taken in Nago City in northern Okinawa, but the rapidly travelling object was also observed in Shuri, Naha City, three days later (?). [Our italics, and question mark—EDITOR.]

"Asanuma said that he happened to be gazing at the Moon with some 40 classmates on the lawn of a youth centre where he was attending a class.

"A strange flaming object, brighter than the full moon, appeared in the north-north-western sky and shot over to the east . . . Asanuma, who had his camera with him, took four pictures.

"The phenomenon was reported by

more than 10 persons at other spots in the cities of Nago and Koza . . ."

Credit to **Courtlandt Babcock** from "somewhere in Japan."

[A newspaper reproduction of one of Mr. Asanuma's photographs accompanied the article. Readers may like to know that Mr. Jun-Ichi Takanashi sent us reports of the photographs that appeared in "Mainichi Shinbun" and "Yomiuri Shinbun" of September 27 (with translations). He is endeavouring to obtain prints of one or more of the photographs, in which case Flying Saucer Review would hope to present a more detailed report of the incident—EDITOR.]

CHINA

Unusual "meteor" in Chinese history

Our reader **Richard Heiden** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has sent us the following interesting account from the year 235 A.D., which he unearthed in page 245 of *The Astronomical Chapters of the Chin Shu*, by Li Shun-feng (620-670 A.D.), edited and translated by Ho Peng Yoke, and published by Mouton and Co., Paris, 1966. The item appeared under the sub-heading "Meteors and Meteor Streams."

"During the 13th year of the Chien-Hsing reign period of (Emperor) Hou Chu of the Shu (Kingdom) (+235) Chuko Liang led a large army against the Wei (Kingdom). When his troops were stationing at Wei-nan [footnote gives the name in Chinese characters—R.H.] a red meteor with pointed rays fell from north-east towards south-west into his camps. The meteor moved to and fro three times above the camps, being of a greater magnitude each time on its forward movement than its return. According to the standard prognostication whenever two armies faced each other a large meteor moving above one of them, or falling down on it, it would be an omen of defeat. During the ninth month (30th September to 29th October—Julian calendar) Liang died in his camp, and his army burnt its own tents when it withdrew. His Generals (also) harboured hatred against one another, so much so that they fought among themselves."

NORTH VIETNAM

Sky spy, or UFO, over Hanoi?

From the *Asahi Evening News* (Japan) of September 30, 1972, we learn that—

"Sept. 29—A mysterious object appeared in the clear blue sky over Hanoi today, attracting missile fire from the ground but apparently

remaining motionless. It was spherical in shape and a luminous orange in color, and was clearly at a very high altitude.

"Of the many theories put forward here to explain this object—supported by several foreign correspondents—was that it could be a new type of observation balloon to provide television pictures of activities in the Hanoi region."

Credit to **Courtlandt Babcock**.

BRAZIL

Disc accompanies aeroplane

We are indebted to reader **Richard W. Heiden** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for sending us the following translation of a news item carried in a São Paulo (Brazil) newspaper of August 10, 1971:

"It was an apparatus like two basins, one on top of the other, and it emitted an intense orange light." That is how Vicente Lopes Buono, pilot for 24 years, described for the authorities of the Uberaba airport the unidentified flying object that accompanied him yesterday for 20 minutes on the flight from Belo Horizonte to Uberaba.

"Vicente Lopes Buono was piloting the PP-DHU airplane when, 50 minutes before arriving at Uberaba, he discerned the object, which was flying at an altitude of 2,400 metres and at a distance of approximately ten kilometres. He tried, in vain, to communicate with the Brasilia Air Base, and then called the Uberaba airport. The flight controller, Sgt. Falcão, decided that he should reconnoitre the machine. It was 9.00 a.m. and the plane was between the cities of Pratinha and Sacramento.

"Lopes Buono tried the approach, but the object always maintained its distance until they were flying over the locality called 'Barragem do Estreito,' at barely 10 km. from Uberaba. There the flying object went away at a dizzying speed and disappeared. 'I never saw anything like it in my entire career as a pilot,' says Lopes Buono, who gave a statement to Sgt. Silvio Motta, commander of the Brazilian Air Force unit in Uberaba."

Richard Heiden comments: The flight from Belo Horizonte to Uberaba would be directly westward, over the southern part of the state of Minas Gerais. Sacramento is precisely between the two cities, being somewhat closer to the latter than to the former. Pratinha and Barragem do Estreito I have not been able to locate. Brasilia, with whose air base the pilot tried to communicate, is quite some distance north of the route taken by the 'plane, even farther than Uberaba is from Belo Horizonte, so one wonders why he tried to contact its air base at all.

SWEDEN

Six Lilliputian planes?

A small village, Bönträsk, situated five miles north of Överkalix, was visited by six strange objects in broad daylight on Wednesday, October 11, 1972, according to an engineer, Halvard Persson, and his mother. They described the objects as "Delta-winged Lilliputian planes."

Both witnesses live beside a large lake. At noon, on a clear sunny day, they were outside the house. Halvard Persson said: "Suddenly there was a loud buzzing sound in the air. I looked up and my eyes alighted upon six incredibly small aeroplanes—I can't describe them otherwise—which came from the south and flew across the whole length of the lake. And what terrific speed! In 30 seconds or so they had reached the end of the lake which is 7 kilometres long. The formation split into two parts and three of the objects headed north and the others north-west. A strange thing was that the small planes resembled our Dragons, which always fly at high

altitudes, but we didn't hear any engine noise. They were almost 700-800 metres away from us; I can't remember if they had any colour. They looked like Lilliputian planes—just about 30 centimetres in length. I've never seen anything like that before."

Credit: Åke Franzén of Skärholmen, Sweden.

Note by Assistant Editor (EB):

Small though the objects may have been, we wonder whether they were as small as the witnesses believed. Would an object (presumably non-luminous) only 30 cms. in length be seen at a distance of 7 kilometres, or did the aircraft merely give an illusion that they had reached the far end of the lake?

*UFOs of small dimension are not uncommon, and a bizarre instance of one of these was reported in **Phénomènes Inconnus**, No. 3, 1972 (25, rue Denfert-Rochereau, 38000 Grenoble, France). My translation of the account follows:*

SPAIN

Mini-UFO silences radio

In a report dated June 25, 1972, we read that—

"A monk at Logrono, south of Bilbao, received a strange visit: a luminous object about 50 centimetres long entered his room in the middle of the night while he was recording a radio transmission by tape-recorder.

"The Venetian blinds at the window opened as if by magic before this UFO which stayed in the room several minutes. Javier Bosque, of the order of St. Joseph of Calasanz, stated that his radio station had become silent as soon as the receiver had been illuminated by the light emanating from the object. The UFO remained about 30 cms. from the ground, emitting sounds which were faithfully picked up by the tape recorder.

"The monk got members of the Civil Defence, and some technicians, to listen to the magnetic tape; they estimated that this was a question of a 'very rare phenomenon' and that the recording was not faked."

A REMARKABLE WOMAN'S WORTHY CAUSE

On October 22, 1964, Waveney Girvan, Editor of *Flying Saucer Review*, and, ten years earlier the driving force behind the founding of the journal, died of cancer. In the same week a friend of my family, Mrs. Yvonne Dale, learned that she too had the disease.

Once she had recovered from the initial operation, this beautiful and courageous woman decided that, in addition to looking after her husband and two young daughters, she would devote her spare time to raising funds for cancer research. Before long she reached the conclusion that this alone was not sufficient: in addition to helping the fight against the disease, she wanted also to fight against the *effects* that it had, not only on the patients but also on those who had to live with, and help them. She conceived the idea of establishing a hospice, or hospices, where patients could be given, periodically, care and treatment *while their families would be afforded periods of rest from the trials of caring for loved ones seriously ill with cancer*. Again, when the final time was on hand, the hospice would be there to receive the patient for further care. Yvonne Dale's idea was that the hospice would be open to sufferers who would all have equal standing whether or not they could afford to pay.

With astonishing single-mindedness of purpose she launched herself into the task, set up a committee, persuaded many well-known people to give her their backing, and organised the drive to mobilise all available talent, and to collect funds. All this was done in the face of the inexorable advance of her illness, and during the last two years her work was punctuated by long spells in hospital—where she still contrived to guide her husband (who took over from her as secretary) in the continuation of the task.

Yvonne Dale died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on October 28, 1972. As *her* memorial there now exists the project for the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, named after the wife—who also died of cancer—of the senior surgeon who attended her, a donation of 2½ acres of land at Milford in Surrey for the site of the project, complete architects' plans, and funds well in excess of £20,000.

A fantastic achievement by a woman who, knowing of her impending death, refused to give in without a fight. In the last years of her life Yvonne Dale was supported by the "few"; her dream, launched so successfully, and well on the way to realisation, now needs support from the "many" so that her ashes may eventually rest in a niche in the chapel of her hospice.

I feel sure that many of FSR's readers in all parts of the world would like to help this worthy cause. Enquiries, or donations, should be addressed to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice Ltd., c/o Mr. Charles Dale, 15 Paxton Gardens, Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey, England.

Thank you.

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