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A Call for Discretion

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW was the first specialist journal to draw attention to the Warminster phenomenon. Within a few weeks of the appearance of our article in the July/August number of 1965, events cascaded around the quiet little market town on the western edge of Salisbury Plain. Celestial objects were seen, and noises were heard at all points of the compass. Photographs of alleged objects were taken, some being accorded wide publicity; even now some are undergoing searching analysis. A rising note of hysteria pervaded the scene, and this prompted the REVIEW to stand back and observe events with caution.

From details revealed in correspondence with an American researcher, we have learned of happenings in the United States (about which a full report is being prepared by our correspondent) which could be paralleled in this country, and which support our view that there may have been many real events in the Warminster area. It seems likely, furthermore, that strange objects have been observed there in some numbers because people are on the lookout for them after the great blaze of publicity. Warminster is adjacent to an area where there are many military establishments, which could be a reason for UFO activity, and it is more than likely that there are many other quiet, hilly, wooded spots within easy range of other defence establishments and industrial areas under "surveillance" where similar phenomena may be observed, but where nobody has taken the trouble to look for evidence.

We suggest that those research groups that can find the time, and who have the necessary patience, should organise expeditions to such places. Venues that occur to us are, for example, the mountainous country overlooking the valley of the Clyde and the industrial lowlands of Scotland; the Lake District and the Pennines, where these regions are close to the Cumberland coal and steel districts, to Lancashire, and to the busy North-East around Newcastle upon Tyne; the Cleveland Hills overlooking Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley; the hills and reservoirs around Sheffield and other vital parts of Yorkshire; the wild mountainous country of South Wales; the Chiltern Hills, not so very far from London and its international airport. Several of these localities have already been the centres of interesting activities during the past two or three years.

Above all it should be remembered that any such expeditions should be organised quietly and without advance publicity. The bun-fight and barbecue atmosphere prevailing at some recent essays at field work leaves much to be desired; the temptation to invite along

certain journalists—who seem intent only to encourage a circus atmosphere, and to provoke laughter—should be avoided. Instead, it would be an advantage if police officers, members of the Observer Corps, service officers and other reliable and trained observers, could be invited as witnesses once it is established that the chosen area is subject to UFO activity. There is every chance that a discreetly organised watch in the early hours, over a period of days, could reveal the presence of hitherto unsuspected “unlit” objects, often low over the ground. It seems too that “star-like” objects so often derided by over-serious researchers, could be shown to be just small portions of larger, darker objects, on patrol, as it were.

It is essential that during daylight hours, researchers should become conversant, without fuss, with those places in their chosen locality where man-made lights may be expected at night. They should also learn their star maps, in case there is a clear sky. For reasons that should be obvious, they should act throughout the exercise with discretion.

This REVIEW would very much like to be acquainted with details of impending expeditions, and to learn of any results. Publication of the results of investigations, and of any other research into the subject will establish international priority for the work, for the REVIEW is read in more than forty different countries, and goes to many learned institutions and scientists in those countries.

The McCarthy UFO Detector

Prolonged testing with a prototype model has revealed that even the best batteries would have only a short life. Accordingly a mains power-pack has been incorporated which will convert mains electricity supplies ranging from 110—250 volts AC. Battery supply may still be utilised where a detector is needed for portable, outdoor use.

The addition of the two-diode power unit to the detector, which consists of pick-up coils, 5-transistor amplifier circuit, relay switching device, alarm buzzer, etc., has necessitated a price adjustment to £6 2s. 6d. (including packing and delivery).

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