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EDITOR'S PAGE

This is the last issue of Volume II of URANUS and the first issue under a new Editor, so without further delay let me introduce myself as David Wightman of No. 1 Bluebell Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan, Lancs. This address is only a temporary one and you will be advised of the change when it occurs. In the meantime please write to me instead of to Mr. Biddle on editorial matters and do not forget to enclose stamps or reply coupons if you want me to answer you.

All readers of URANUS will hear with regret of the retirement of Eric Biddle. Those of you who have been readers of the journal since its appearance two years ago will have realised just how much hard work went into the task of producing what has always been a saucer magazine of the greatest interest. He is, perhaps, even better known across the Channel for his pioneer work on OURANOS, the bi-lingual saucer journal which was the predecessor of URANUS.

However there are grounds for reassurance, as he has not lost his interest in the saucer problem and you may expect future material from his able pen. Also it should be understood that there was nothing mysterious or significant in Mr. Biddle's giving up his post. The reasons for it are well known, being mainly of a personal nature, and are not the result of pressure being applied by any person or group of persons.

Markham House Press have asked me to say how much they regret the decision and also how much they appreciated having been able to work with him in the initiation and building up of URANUS.

It has been suggested that URANUS might organise a SAUCER CONGRESS to be held in London in May 1957. It is felt that this would give some of the experts the opportunity of exchanging ideas and of briefing the many saucer fans who find that they cannot always extract sufficient details from what is actually published. Please write to the Editor and let him have your ideas on this as soon as possible.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BRITAIN

It has been suggested that the time is now ripe for a review of the present situation of Flying Saucer research in Britain.

I have been aware for some considerable time that a newcomer to saucer research who picks up a saucer magazine to read would find himself puzzled and confused after reading some of the articles contained therein. A review of saucer research up to the present time would help to avert this unfortunate situation.

However, apart from the details of three saucer periodicals published in this country, little information is available concerning the number and location of local organisations. We know that there are a number of local societies in Britain but we have no details. We would like to appeal therefore for leaders of all local organisations to send to the editor information regarding their society.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS COUNTRY IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE F.S. MYSTERY?

It is a sad tale to have to tell; for whether we like it or not we must admit that very little has been done. There seems to be a lack of initiative and drive amongst saucer researchers in this country. There has been no shortage of interesting news; some of it has been spectacular. But NO PRACTICAL USE HAS BEEN MADE OF IT.

There have occurred in this country several authentic sightings of U.F.O's such as the saucer seen AND PHOTOGRAPHED by Steven Darbishire up in Coniston. This sighting is famous all over the world and is borne out as authentic by yet another case in this country, an object seen through a telescope by a Mr. Potter of Norwich. No picture was available in this case but a drawing made by Mr. Potter was very similar to the "Coniston Saucer." Two independent draughtsmen have applied autographic projection to the Coniston picture and photograph taken by Adamski. (Plate 12). They both arrived at the same conclusion, and the two objects, whatever they were,

were identical in shape and proportionate in size. Unfortunately (?) the photographs taken by G.A. have come in for severe criticism from Lonzo Dove. His arguments will be examined in the next issue of URANUS.

The hue and cry over the Coniston affair lasted for several days. D. Leslie spent a few days up there and afterwards conducted extensive experiments to find out how the picture came to be so blurred. Steven went down to London and was questioned by Air Ministry officials, but the whole thing "died a natural death." It shouldn't have been allowed to. Mr. Potter reported his experience to the B.A.A. It was some time before he received a reply of any kind; when he did finally get one it said: "A piece of dirt must have got in the tube." But even this was better than Mr. Harold Hill achieved. Mr. Hill watched a large object followed by a group of smaller objects for almost a quarter of an hour through his twelve inch reflector telescope. After clouds had cleared he found that the small objects had disappeared and the principle object had become two. Mr. Hill reported the matter to the B.A.A. but waited in vain for a reply.

We have no researchers in this country to compare with Gray Barker, Donald Keyhoe, James Moseley (even if he doesn't believe in Saucers), Leonard Stringfield, etc., etc. Nobody interested in the subject seems to have friends occupying positions in the A.M. The press seem satisfied to report sightings (more correctly than they used to) and go no further than that.

Many of you will have read the account of the Brazier sighting in the January-February issue of "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW". As a matter of fact that article was the direct result of your editor's own investigation. The drawings in the Review were done by L.G. Cramp, taken from carbon copies of sketches provided by Mr. Brazier himself. The account was an abbreviated version of the actual letters received from Brazier. I wrote to all the saucer mag's and gave details of the incident and also to the A.M. As a result of my letter to a daily newspaper, they said they would like to come down and interview me. They did come but I was out so they went

to our local group secretary's home instead. They obtained a large amount of information from there and even took some photographs of him and his wife. I rang up later and asked when an article was likely to appear and was told "very shortly." No article was ever printed; why?

A few of you may have read the articles by John Otto, in "SAUCERS". This gentleman is a radio enthusiast and is using his knowledge to try and contact UFO's. He reports a certain amount of success; some of you may believe him, some of you certainly will not: the point is, HE IS TRYING. There is no shortage of "Hams" in this country, why should some bright minded saucer enthusiast not inspire an attempt in this direction. Anybody with a knowledge of radio could build a "Light beam transmitter", why not "have a go?"

A lot of people have the impression that saucers are no longer being seen over this country any more. While this could be true, we must realise that the man in the street does not habitually walk about with his eyes turned up to the skies. It is well known that the great majority of saucers are silent in operation even when seen from close range. Unless they happen to be flying at a low elevation on a clear day (or night) they are unlikely to be spotted by the man going to the local for a pint or watching the pictures or television.

In other words, those most likely to see flying saucers are those whose every day job it is, at least in part to scan the heavens. Into this category go civil and military pilots, astronomers, ship's captains and meteorologists, etc. It is rather significant that the vast majority of the occupations cited above involve responsibility directly or indirectly to some government department or other? Anything at all out of the run of the ordinary would be therefore reported through official channels. The likelihood of well authenticated sightings getting through to the press is thereby greatly reduced.

Only on a very few occasions has anything relating to the saucer mystery been dragged from official sources. They once achieved the distinction of being "raised" in the House of Commons. Alas and alack, it

was a short lived glory. A technically minded MP said that they were surely "all balloony" and that, was that. The A.M. has made its excuses for not making public the results of its five year long investigation into the matter. I myself have already made two attempts to obtain information from them but only received one of their stock letters: "As you probably know, we investigate all reports of such sightings and up to now 95% have proved to be natural phenomena. The other 5% we have not been able to ascertain."

To sum up: The position in this country at the present moment is one of stalemate. Apart from a few infrequent spasmodic outbursts of sightings, viz. "What blazed over Britain", the powers that be have adopted a policy of silence and have achieved a degree of success that must turn officials at the Pentagon in Washington green with envy. They have indeed managed to keep the public opinion in flying saucers at a minimum.

It is difficult to state just how many research organisations - apart from Bristol - exist in Britain. There is an active group at Wigan, and another in Liverpool. This latter one is understood to be behind the "PLAN" announced in "Destiny". No results have been announced so far the reason given being that the "Time is not yet ripe for success". We await further details with interest.

If any organisation or group feels that they have been omitted, will they please write to me giving details.

THE AIR MINISTRY TALKS ON "FLYING SAUCERS"

On the 9th of April I wrote to the Air Ministry in London requesting an interview with an officer who was conversant with the "Flying Saucer Mystery". Not so very long ago, the very idea of doing this would immediately have resulted in one being labelled "daft". But time and an awful lot of very convincing reports of "U.F.O's" (Unidentified Flying Objects, the military term for "Flying Saucers") have changed things more than somewhat. In short, my request was granted and I travelled down to

London in the (very) small hours of the morning full of optimism.

I had arranged to meet a fellow "Saucerer" on the A.M. steps at 10 a.m. We met as arranged and marched boldly up the imposing looking steps and through the glass doors. We were directed to the left and came to a quite ordinary looking "enquiry desk". Our appointment was confirmed so we wended our hopeful way up an escalator, into a lift (self operated) and up another four floors. On this floor we "encountered" another desk and here we had to fill in a form. This done to the gentleman's satisfaction we were taken along more corridors until we at last arrived at the office.

Inside was an ordinary (everything was ordinary in the A.M.) desk which was occupied by three or four telephones and a handsome looking individual, dressed in "civvies". Somehow it wasn't quite what I had expected but we were invited to "pull up a couple of chairs and make ourselves comfortable."

So our interview which lasted for over two hours began. I WASN'T "tongue-tied" as I expected to be and the questions simply flowed out in orderly array. For me to recite all the questions we asked the officer would simply confuse the layman; they weren't technical questions but to anyone who hadn't made a study of saucer sightings they wouldn't mean anything at all.

My first question concerned a sighting which took place in Scotland only last October; October 28th to be exact. The object came to within twenty yards of the observer at an altitude of only 50ft. I was especially interested in this sighting for I had investigated it personally. However I was doomed to disappointment. I had sent all the details of the case I had obtained to the A.M. some time ago but in answer to my question regarding the result of their investigation I was told that the A.M. does not investigate "second hand sighting reports." I was rather surprised at this for the A.M. had actually asked me for further details. We made arrangements to have photostatic copies of letters written to me by the person concerned, these would be forwarded to the A.M.; the red tape would be cut and the wheels of

investigation set in motion. I was promised that such results that COULD be released would be sent on to me. I had to be content at that.

We also had to be content with promises concerning two other sightings. We wanted the results of the A.M.'s investigation into the sighting made by young Steven Darbshire who lives near Coniston in Lancashire. This sighting you will remember was remarkable because of the photograph Steven obtained. The second sighting was that made by a "part time" R.A.F. flyer. He was Flt. Lt. Salandin. "The thing had a bun shaped top, a flange like two saucers in the middle and a bun underneath. It could not have been very far off for it more than filled my windscreen." This was part of Salandin's statement. The "man from the A.M." didn't know the answer to either of these two sightings. We did get a promise of any forthcoming information however. I was beginning to feel a little disgruntled, we were doing all the talking and getting nowhere at all. Maybe we were giving HIM information?

I decided to stick to sightings however, surely I would get an answer sometime. I asked about another "air to air" sighting. This time it involved the pilot and co-pilot of a Portugese "Skymaster" which was flying between Dunsfold and Epsom. Following is the pilot's description: "it was long, shaped like a cigar and silvery as though made from aluminium. It flashed past, just under our nose and at tremendous speed."

I DID get an answer to this one, but it nearly resulted in me falling from my chair. "Yes, that sighting was investigated, I was told, the A.M. is quite satisfied that what the pilot actually saw was one of those long toy balloons." To the layman this doesn't seem to fit: to the serious saucer student it sounds just plain "daft". I couldn't accept this and I made great haste to say so. I went at length into the details why I couldn't accept it. A restatement of the first reply was my only reward.

We tried two more sightings and the pattern changed somewhat. Answers we got all right but were told we mustn't repeat them let alone print the information we had been given. This was because the answers contained

secret material. The quotation regarding the official secrets act was duly recited and there the matter ended.

I was still on sightings and I decided to try my luck with the "Thing Which Blazed Over Britain." Many of you will remember this incident. It occurred on March 24th, 1955. It hit the headlines in many newspapers the next day. It was given various descriptions and was seen from many different parts of Britain. Quite a number of witnesses described it changing colours, "Red, turning blue or green" was the description given in the Manchester "Daily Dispatch." A certain amount of evidence tended to show that it changed direction. Arthur Constance was so convinced that he had something that he made up an 18,000 word report and presented it to the A.M. So, I popped the question. I received the answer I might have expected. It was a meteor, Greenwich observatory said so. I had no intentions of arguing with the Greenwich observatory at that moment so that too I let drop.

I tried just one more sighting: that which took place at the glider championships at Lasham in Kent. It hadn't been reported to the A.M.

I changed my method of attack (if you could call it that at its best).

The following are most of the other points we covered:

1) The A.M. do NOT co-operate with other countries on the saucer problem. I listed five other countries which had official investigations in progress. There was no comment from the A.M.

2) I asked for NUMBERS of cases solved and unsolved so that some significance could be drawn from the percentages published by the A.M. Percentages by themselves, I remarked meant nothing at all. "Numbers are not available", said the A.M.

3) There is NOT a separate body within the A.M. which investigates U.F.O's.

I was mildly surprised at one statement and this was that the Ministry were most anxious to avoid the development of a similar situation to that which prevailed in the U.S.A. at the moment.

I asked, out of curiosity more than anything else if he (the official) was privately interested in the subject. He replied in the negative but added that this was probably because he was so indoctrinated with official procedure. (He had held his present post since 1946). He didn't know any other A.M. officials who were privately interested either.

He didn't think there was much chance of the report made out by the A.M. ever being made public.

Looking back on the whole interview; it was obvious that he hadn't told us all that he knew. Most of the answers came from "stock".

We were both reminded that to print anything we had been told not to could land us in serious trouble and what is more, our chances of obtaining further interviews at the A.M. would be zero. One thing is certain: The A.M. ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN THE SAUCER PROBLEM, and they will continue to investigate all reports of U.F.O's.

We were shown to the door at approximately 12.40 p.m. and left after being invited to, "call again if you think we can help you." The promise of information on the three sightings we had asked about was also renewed. I am now anxiously awaiting those reports.

D. Wightman.

CATACLYSM HAS BEGUN

The Editor,
URANUS.

Surbiton,
12th April, 1956.

Dear Sir,

On the strength of your recently published controversy on "Cataclysm has begun" I purchased, at rather an unnecessarily high price, a copy for myself. Frankly I was disappointed. Not only was I almost convinced that the Author has jumped to an inexcusable conclusion, but I put the book down feeling that here indeed was proof that the dreary old world would continue orbiting for several million years without any major changes taking place.

The most lasting impression that this pamphlet gave to me was that the Author rather typifies the now all to prevalent A-Bomb neurotic. Fearing Man rather than loving him, he suggests not only that Science should stand still in her tracks but that Man himself should refuse to accept the fate which has always been his. Surely this is a time when we should realise that the A-Bomb is just around the corner but that, at the same time, we have been given this discovery in order to raise ourselves to a higher level of culture? The A-Bomb itself is not to be feared; by other means its energy can be channelled to our benefit. We are making a great and dangerous mistake if we allow ourselves to be driven backward by fear of Nuclear energy; if anything is to be feared it must be what use we make of it! This far I can sympathize with the Author's fear. But there is something which he, and others like him, overlook.

There can be no progress without some degree of danger - danger again from ourselves. In order to progress we are in no position to thrust aside Scientific discoveries, merely because we are afraid of their being put to improper uses. Mankind is still in the process of Evolution. It can safely be said that each successive discovery puts an increasingly greater burden on our consciences. We have, in other words, a greater responsibility to shoulder with every new discovery. Mr. Williamson, and others of his persuasion, may think that they are doing Mankind a service by trying to stop the clock. The best service they could do their fellow men would be to try to help them to understand their responsibilities one to the other. In this way, and in this way alone, can they prevent the misuse of this newly-won power.

Let it be remembered that the same energy which can destroy lives can be used to help Mankind to help himself. Would it be right for us to falter now that we have reached the stage in Evolution where we have been given the right either to progress further or to destroy ourselves, merely because a few people have lost faith in the human race?

If Mr. Wightman was reading with only one eye it may have been because this pamphlet presents only a one-sided viewpoint.

John Pitt.

ODD BITS? HERE AND THERE

A letter from Henry Moray in Salt Lake City reveals how far advanced scientists are in the development of alloys. "Over there" they have: an alloy of lead (60%) and copper (40%) which melts at 8,400 deg F. An aluminium so hard a H.S. drill will only scratch it, and this same aluminium doesn't get hot when ground on an emery wheel. A lead, copper, aluminium alloy which is harder than tempered steel and can be made ductile by a process similar to that employed in spinning glass cloth. Finally, an alloy, (not specified) which only melts when heated to 6,000 deg. Centigrade. (This is hotter than the surface temp' of the sun. Ed).

In a "LITTLE MAN" incident near Cincinnati, the creature was said to "bounce along". (Remember the "THING FROM BRADFORD", recounted in the summer issue of "FLYING SAUCER NEWS").

A Brazilian Naval commander says the saucers come from the centre of the earth. He supports Richard S. Shaver who, a few years ago wrote in "Amazing Stories" that a race of "dero" who lived in underground caverns were in contact with the saucerians.

It is rumoured that an "Image Intensifier", an electronic device which brightens telescopic images has been fitted to a large U.S. telescope.

Keyhoe, in his new book mentions birds of all kinds dying in their thousands and falling in the same area. This comes under the heading of "Fortean phenomena." A couple of explanations are attempted in the book but are found lacking. A similar thing has been happening over in this country though not on the same scale. It has been blamed on the use of chemical insecticides.

Gray Barker's new book: "They knew too much about Flying Saucers" is due out at any moment and will be

reviewed in the next issue.

Last Minute News. Readers will be sorry to hear that our old friend Richard Highes has had to give up editing "Flying Saucer News" owing to the pressure of business affairs.

HOSITILITY?

"THE CASE FOR INTERPLANETARY WAR": this was the headline of the November 1955 issue of "ORBIT". DO YOU think this is carrying things a little too far? As long ago as September 1955, a writer (no name given) claimed that "The U.F.O's have turned from surveillance to aggressive action."

Is there any REAL evidence that aggressive action on the part of the saucer intelligencies has taken place? Disappearance of planes is a cause for serious investigation and concern. Admittedly, in some cases the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of military and civil a/c strongly suggests "action" not necessarily aggressive.

The "Kimross affair", not widely publicised in this country strongly indicates action on the part of the crew of a U.F.O. The U.F.O. was never seen visually, at least not by those who can now tell the story. Sighted on radar, and being over an area where no a/c military or civil should have been at that time made it an "unknown". Accordingly, a jet interceptor was scrambled to chase and identify it. Both jet and "unknown" were tracked and the pilot of the jet was directed by radio towards his target. As the plane approached the "unknown" however, radio contact was lost. The jet's "blip" continued to close with the "unknown" and then was seen to merge with it. This could only mean one thing to the radar operators; the jet and "unknown" had collided.

A search was of course made but no trace of wreckage was ever found. An official explanation said that the "unknown" was a Canadian airliner. In "FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY", Keyhoe and a Capt. Ed. Stone make a detailed analysis of all the facts surrounding the Kimross affair

and prove beyond doubt that the official explanation is untenable. Both Keyhoe and Capt. Stone are forced to the fantastic conclusion that the jet had been "kid-napped", pilot complete.

Even stranger is the case of the five "Avengers" and one "Martin Mariner" which disappeared without trace. The five Avengers were out on a routine training flight which wouldn't have taken them out of sight of land, the distance being covered only 160 miles. Yet, ALL FIVE crew got LOST. The Mariner went out to search and got lost too. Over 20 ships and 240 planes searched an area of 280,000 square miles and absolutely NOTHING was ever found.

L. Stringfield quotes several instances of military planes blowing up unaccountably. Just why these accounts are printed in a saucer mag' only the editor knows. Equally "un-saucerish" is the power failure which occurred at Danville, Calif' on December 23rd, 1955. One complete column out of a total of seven was taken up by this incident. The nearest thing to a flying saucer Stringfield could dig up here was a low flying plane.

Some cases reported in English newspapers recently would surely find a place of honour in "ORBIT". In the "Evening Express" of March 29th NEW MARIE CELESTE MYSTERY? 17 LOST IN TRAWLER", said the headlines. "AIRLINER DIVES TO AVOID COLLISION" said the "Evening Chronicle of March 27th. Nearer to Stringfield himself was the incident in which a passenger ship caught fire and sank. This happened 60 miles N.W. of Campeche. A coastguard plane was sent to search for survivors and crashed when 20 miles from the scene. There was no survivors from the ship or the plane BUT, the plane was hardly damaged for it was taken in tow later. I have no doubt whatsoever that we shall be hearing more about this one.

The cases of (officially designated) meteors and fireballs causing fires and other damage is siezed upon by the ed' of "ORBIT" as fuel for this "Interplanetary War" postulation. During 1957, man made satellites will be sent up from America as part of contribution towards the Geophysical year. Each will orbit the earth in

about 90 min's. This has not been achieved in a short space of time. Exhaustive experiments will have been carried out. We are told that the satellites (the size of a basketball) will eventually re-enter the earth's atmosphere, being burnt up in the process. Widespread experiments are also being conducted with guided (some radio controlled) missiles. Accidents can and DO happen; technical faults HAVE been known to develop before.

Would it not be less fantastic and more probable to suppose that some of the "Fireballs, Meteors and Bollides" could be "artificial satellites or guided missiles" returning to earth and going astray? IF this was the case, could we expect the authorities to say so? I think not.

The saucers are intelligently controlled, of that we can be sure. If military pilots are given instructions to fire on "U.F.O's" when their signals are ignored, and there is now evidence to show that this has indeed happened, (as long ago as 1952, see THE REP' ON THE U.F.O.) Then by earthly standards, retaliation on the part of the saucer intelligencies is fully justified. Have we ANY definite evidence that this HAS happened?

D.W.

FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION IN THE ANTIPODES

There are two organisations in Australia:

The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society of 22 Northcote Street, Kilburn, South Australia.

To our mind this is the most energetic group in the Southern Hemisphere, they publish a well got up quarterly: AUSTRALIAN SAUCER RECORD (available through Markham House). This organisation may be said to have replaced the former Australian F.S. Bureau of Fairfield, N.S.W.

There is an Australian F.S. Investigation Committee, of G.P.O. Box 578, Melbourne, Victoria, which did at one time exist. Whether it still does so is a matter for conjecture.

In Tasmania there is the Interplanetary Research Group of 357 Argyle Street, Hobart, who are stated, presumably on good authority, to publish a quarterly

review. Efforts to extract copies from them having failed, the question must be left open.

In New Zealand there are no fewer than six organizations. Two of them are in Auckland:

The Civilian Saucer Investigation of P.O. Box 1914 which is stated to have a quarterly called: "Flying Saucers". Here again the information is second hand, but may well be correct.

Another F.S. Investigation Club, 21 Maungakeikei Avenue, One Tree Hill.

In Christchurch there is the New Zealand Inter-planetary Society of 55 Tedder Avenue.

In Dunedin there is a branch of the Civilian Saucer Investigation at 860 Cumberland Street.

Hamilton boasts two groups, both in the Claudelands district. They are the F.S. Investigation of 10 James Street, and the Hamilton F.S. Investigation Society of 164 River Road.

BOOK REVIEWS

The SAUCERIAN REVIEW, Edited by Gray Barker. Post free 11/9 from Markham House. \$1.50 in the U.S.A.

Most readers of "URANUS" will remember the "SAUCERIAN", edited by Gray Barker (one time chief investigator for the I.F.S.B.), and published quarterly. This extremely well produced and highly informative mag' ceased to be available some twelve months ago and everyone began to wonder what had happened to Barker. However with this new publication he has come back into the picture with a bang. It will be published annually in the same format as the old SAUCERIAN, has 100 pages, comprising some 50,000 words. Barker explains that he had been justly proud of his journal and did not want his increasing business activities to oblige him to lower the standard. He has therefore decided to issue a press bulletin, the new SAUCERIAN BULLETIN, at fairly frequent intervals, containing reports as to current activities, and to leave the magazine type of article for the SAUCERIAN REVIEW. The REVIEW is packed from

cover to cover with interesting and even surprising facts. Although the book is described as a review of 1955, there is plenty of material you will not have read before. Where the basic details are known unusual factual notes will be found.

There is a very detailed investigation into the "Hopkinsville Little Green Men" incident. All saucer enthusiasts will have heard of and probably read about the affair but here the report is presented in full. The Eastern Ed' of "THE SAUCERIAN" went to the farm just after the official investigation ended. One thing was evident, the police were impressed in spite of the absence of "material evidence". Here is what police chief Greenwell had to say: "Something frightened those people, there are one or two things which take some explaining." All the police investigating the affair were visibly impressed and one or two went so far as to say the whole place had an "uneasy" feeling about it. To add to the mystery, 48 hours afterwards, the family disappeared, bag and baggage. Several other little men incidents are recounted.

Unfortunately limitations of space prevent a detailed analysis of the contents which range from the approaching conjunction of Mars to Moseley's offer of \$1000 to anybody proving that F.S. are of extra terrestrial origin. Also covered are such points as the vanishing water hose pipes and the F.S. Club at Amersham, Bucks, who tried to have a hill dug up because they thought there was a saucer base under it. (This was news to me).

A few copies have reached this country and can be had while stocks last. D.W.

THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY by Major Donald E. Keyhoe.

It is indeed unfortunate that this important book is not yet available in Britain.

In 1953, when the author wrote "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", he had so it seems some hope that the American government would soon release whatever information it had on the U.F.O's (pronounced "Yoo-foes"). This however did not happen. Instead, secrecy was increased.

Just how this is enforced and the methods by which startling new developments are concealed is the subject of "THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY". The book is a chronological sequence (with very few exceptions) of the sightings which have become known to him through his many varied sources. Some of these sources are from the "top brass clearance sources" in Washington.

There is ample material evidence to support the title of the book. He has put a substantial amount of "never heard of before knowledge" before the reader, uncovering in the process the biggest bungling job ever. It is revealed how two opposing bodies in the Pentagon itself have on occasions been at one another's throats over the release of information.

In all Keyhoe provides clear information on 100 recent, authentic sightings. Repetition of older well known sightings is rare. One of the most interesting though not recent sightings is the "Nansei-shoto Riddle" and took place in the Pacific near the close of the war in the East. Keyhoe obtained the information on this case from a Combat Information Centre Officer who was aboard one of the carriers concerned. His job was to direct fighters on task force missions and to supply combat information to commanders. On this particular day, all but twelve of the carriers' planes were away on a mission. Escorting the ships were cruisers and destroyers. The combat officer together with two other officers sat before a large radar screen below decks. He was suddenly distracted from a routine weather report he was checking by an exclamation from one of the other officers. A large "blip" had appeared on the large screen in front of them; a closer look led them to interpret the blip as 200-300 planes. Immediately the alarm was given for it was evident that they were enemy planes. As quickly as possible the remaining planes were "scrambled", meagre protection against such an impending attack. The "bogeys" were coming in at 12,000ft but the speed at which they were approaching was incredible: 650 knots. Radio contact was kept with the fighters as the combat officers kept them on their course to intercept the raiders. Keyhoe paints a vivid

picture of growing panic as they draw nearer and nearer. But long before the "bogeys" were actually over the task force it became evident that the planes had been scrambled in vain. The precise position of the raiders was given to the pilots but they could see nothing, just clear sky. The "raiders" were tracked directly overhead and past the task force. The existence of the "raiders" was confirmed by radar sets on the other ships so there was no question of the sets not functioning properly. No temperature inversion could ever produce that type of blip on a radar screen. After the war, the Navy officially confirmed the story but no explanation was ever made public.

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