

DEFENESTRATION AT KEMPSEY

Bizarre levitation effect during UFO flap in New South Wales

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A town in the northern part of New South Wales, Australia, has been the centre of a spate of UFO incidents in recent months. We are indebted to Miss Patricia Riggs, Associate Editor of *The Macleay Argus*, Kempsey, for notifying us about this and sending us the newspaper reports upon which this article is based.

WHEN Miss Patricia Riggs of *The Macleay Argus* first wrote to the *Review* on April 27, 1971, she mentioned that a journalist had found our address in a copy of *Honey* magazine in which an article on UFOs had appeared in January. At that time she did not know of any Australian organisation such as ours as they were not listed in any directory to which she had access. Her letter ran:

"At the present time, my newspaper is receiving an abundance of reports about bright lights and strange objects which cannot be explained at all.

"The purpose of this letter, then, is to enquire if you want clippings

of the sightings (and of a man who claims he was sucked through a window by an irresistible force) and whatever information we are able to obtain.

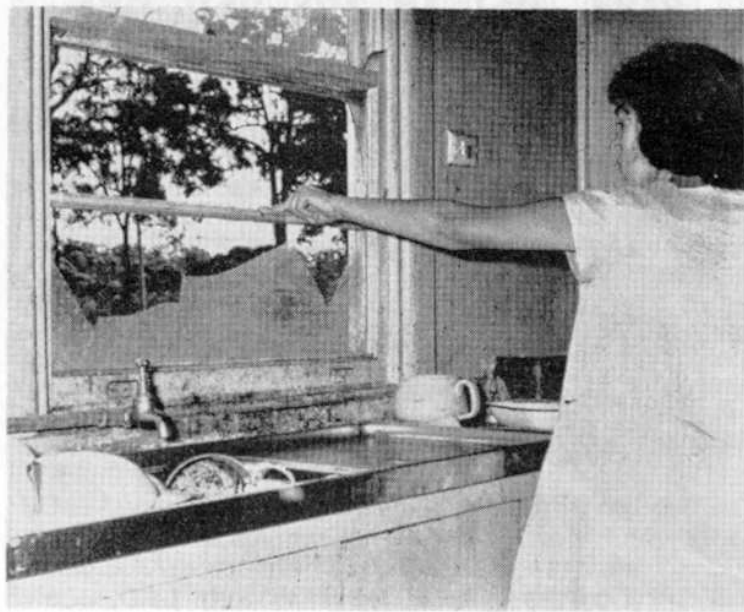
"One of the curious things about these events is that a great number of them appear to have occurred in a particular area . . . Anyway, which way—the whole thing is curious indeed."

We replied by return, and shortly afterwards received a wealth of cuttings whose contents, to do them justice, would take up more space than could be spared for one article. However, I have selected here the earliest sightings of the Kempsey "flap", most of which were re-

ported to have occurred on April 2. The subsequent incidents will be dealt with in other articles.

The Face at the Window

A few hours after a number of Kempsey people reported sighting a strange bright light in the West Kempsey sky, a man at Greenhill claimed on the night of Friday, April 2, that he had been sucked or drawn through a window pane in the kitchen of his home. The man, whose name was not published to protect him from unwanted publicity, was an aboriginal aged 34. He vowed, according to the newspaper account, never to live in the house again after his terrifying experience.



Witness's flight path: up and away, horizontally, through the kitchen window (above), to come to ground on the steps (right).



He went to Sydney and wanted his wife to go there with him, but she said she could not because of the children. She preferred not to stay in the house, but had nowhere else to live.

The report on page one of the *Argus* of Thursday, April 8, ran:

"The woman said her husband had been drinking early in the evening and, although affected by liquor, was not drunk.

"She said: 'We came home from the neighbours at about 10 o'clock after watching television. My husband went to bed and was playing with the baby. He got up and went into the kitchen to have a drink of water. He didn't turn on the light, but he said afterwards he tipped his head back and saw this little face pressed up against the window. It had no hair and it looked like a small saucer. It had features but he did not describe them.

"He doesn't remember much about going through the window. He said he was sucked out by some force. He fell out at the bottom of the steps on his back.

"I ran outside. I thought he would be stunned, but he wasn't. He wasn't even winded. He jumped up and ran like hell down to the gravel (a stockpile near the Green-hill houses)."

"I ran after him and he was crying and shaking. I thought he had the horrors and told him so. I went to go back to the house and he asked me not to leave him there, he was so frightened."

"The woman said she had gone to the hospital with her husband where a stitch was inserted in a cut in a finger of his right hand. She had to leave him there to go home to her children.

"Later, the police were called and they took the man away and kept him in a cell for the night. He insisted to his wife that he was not mad, that he had really seen something. She believed him and stated: 'I know he saw something. He's not superstitious. He doesn't believe in ghosts or men from space. He does now.'"

On April 7, an *Argus* reporter (probably Miss P. Riggs, who has told me that she personally investigated the incident) went to the home and came away puzzled by the bizarre incident:



Map of Eastern Australia showing the location of Kempsey

"The man, about 5ft. 3ins. tall and weighing about 8½ stones, was standing at a sink about 18 inches wide. His wife insists that he was in a horizontal position going through the window and that he was not 'struggling or thrashing about at all—just going through like that, straight out.'

"The pane of glass he went through is 4ft. 6ins. from the ground. His leap, which shattered the glass but did not break the frame, would be impossible from a standing position. He went through a glass pane 32 inches wide and 10 inches deep, touched nothing on the sink in front of him and tumbled 7ft. 2ins. to the bottom of the back steps. He was not hurt in the fall and had no soreness that night or the next day.

"He did not put the light on in the kitchen and no light was being reflected from the bedroom next door. The street lighting outside is strip lighting. The moon that night was in the first quarter. There was also a light cover of cloud.

"The man repeatedly told his wife of his terror, yet could not run from the object of his fear. He went to it.

"He had a clear recollection of the incident that night, but his wife said the next day he thought he had put a fist through a neighbour's window and wanted to go and mend it."

A Mysterious Light in the Sky

The *Argus* of April 8 also gave details about the strange bright light that a number of Kempsey people had seen earlier on the evening of April 2.

At 6.10 p.m., Mrs. Ina Murray, her son David, daughter Rowan and nephew Ric Cooke saw a bright light "reddish in colour with purple overtones" travelling low in the north-western sky. David watched the light through binoculars and saw a smoke trail behind it. They then saw the light make a controlled and deliberate descent somewhere near the hospital, whereupon it disappeared from view. At first they thought the light came from a landing helicopter, but discarded this idea because the light was too big and bright.

At about the same time, Mr. Arnold Nelson saw a reddish light over the Macleay river. He had been saying farewell to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Cyril Adamson, on the veranda of his house. They watched the light descend slowly into the river between West Kempsey reservoir and the hospital. Mr. Nelson said the light was very low and appeared to be about 4ft. in diameter. He saw a smoke trail following the descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, who live opposite Mr. Nelson, also saw the light whilst driving in the area. It was in the south-western sky, "a beautiful red light like a setting sun" hanging between two heavy black clouds. Mrs. Andrews called her husband's attention to the "sunset", and he tersely informed her that the sun set in the west, not the south.

Another witness was Mrs. Richard Blight and her children who thought the light was a flare from an aeroplane coming in to land. Enquiries revealed that there were no civil defence exercises taking place, and no night flying in the area.

Parachute attached

On Thursday, April 15, the *Argus* had further news about the light. Around 6.00 p.m. on April 2, Mrs. Ailsa Summerville saw the light as it passed outside her window and watched it for several seconds before it disappeared. Her house is very near the Macleay River and overlooks it. Like many others, she described it as a brilliant pink light with lighter tonings on the outer parts of the sphere. She described the incident for the *Argus*:

"The light was no more than 50-60ft. from the house and about 40ft. from the ground. The light was so intense that I could see the outline of a parachute. It seemed to be attached to this glowing ball by cords or some other material. These were also very distinct.

"The light glided smoothly past the house and seemed to go towards trees. I kept watching it until it went out of sight. No, I wasn't frightened, just fascinated by the brilliance of the colour."

Mrs. Summerville mentioned her sighting to her husband, Mr. Darrel Summerville, secretary of the Macleay River Co-operative Dairying Company. He made a search of the river bank and undergrowth in the region where the light disappeared, but was unable to find anything.

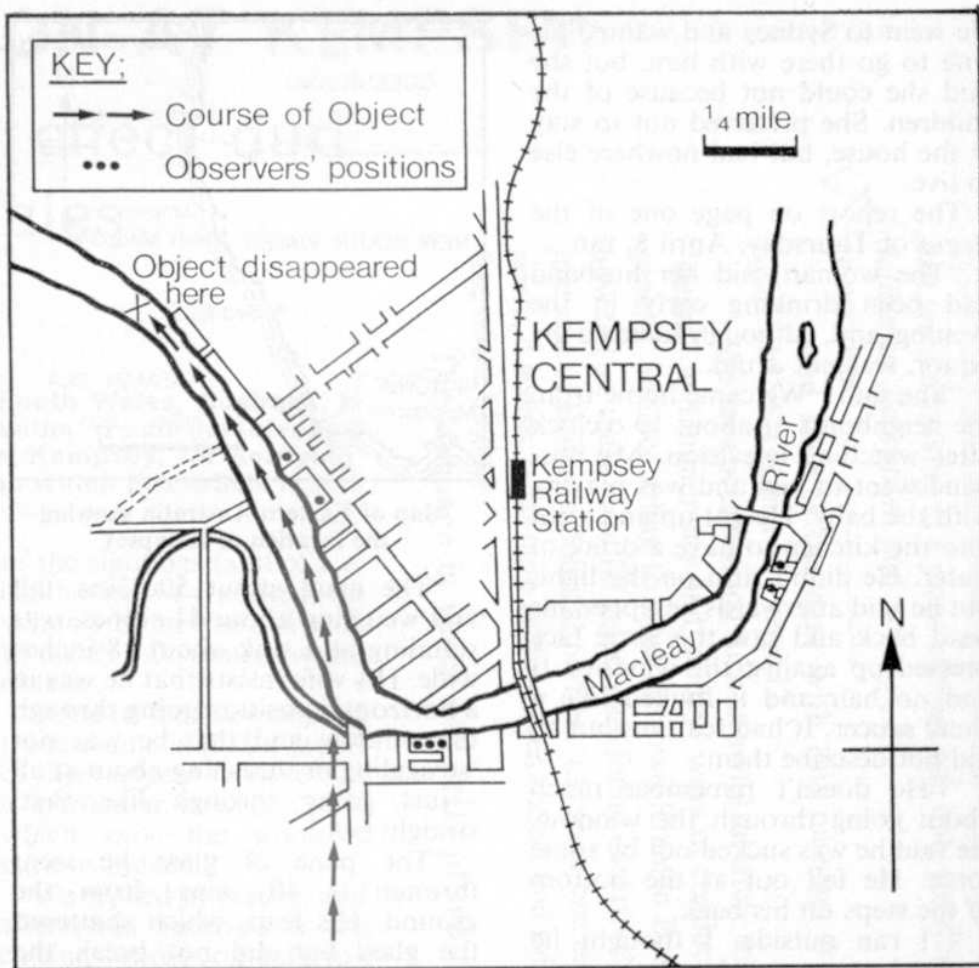
A taxi-driver, who preferred not to be named, also claimed to have seen the light. He and his three passengers had it under observation for about five minutes:

"It seemed to be a rusty orange colour like a sunset. We thought it was an aircraft, but the light went over the aerodrome and travelled towards Greenhill. It disappeared at Greenhill and we knew it was Greenhill because we could see the lights there."

Ball of Fire near the Bowling Club

The *Argus* of April 17 reported that a resident of South-West Rocks claimed to have seen a brilliant light on March 25, but had been reluctant to report it earlier "because people would say I was mad."

Mrs. A. Laws said she had been awakened at about 10.00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, when her room was illuminated by a brilliant burnt orange colour. She described



Map showing observed course of object and positions of some of the witnesses

her experience thus:

"My bedroom overlooks a bowling club and Arakoon and the old jail. I got out of bed and pulled back the blinds and saw a huge, bright light eight or ten feet in diameter near the bowling club. I thought the club was on fire and then I saw this was a great ball of light like a beautiful sunset. I thought that it might have been a flare from a ship in distress or that I was having a nightmare. Then I saw the light come down slowly to

earth and disappear behind the bowling club. I didn't see it again. I watched this beautiful light for five, maybe ten, minutes. I have never seen anything like it before."

Mrs. Laws' youngest son, Douglas, had come home from work between 10.00 and 10.30 p.m. and had awakened his brother, fearing someone was in trouble at sea. He had gone to the pilot and reported the incident, but was assured that no one would be using a flare such as the one he saw.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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"1971 MIDWEST UFO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS" published by UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis Inc., Box 9, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366 USA: \$3.00 USA/Canada; \$3.75 elsewhere.

YOUNG UFOLOGIST would like to hear from anyone

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PSYCHIC SURGERY AND HEALING BY UFOs

Is there a link?—The question is ours after a close look at 'Beyond the Senses', a new book

Charles Bowen

DURING the last ten years a growing number of people have been considering the possibility that UFO phenomena may be closely linked with psychic phenomena. It is suggested by some that UFOs are but one small part of the overall scene of paranormal, psychic events, and that these events are triggered by "ultraterrestrial", or elemental denizens of this planet. Others propose that UFOs are either straightforward visitations by extraterrestrial craft, or effects *created* (by induction) by such visitors, who may also be responsible for much of what falls in the category of psychic phenomena. There are others who feel that the UFO picture could be an admixture of each of these, with the two "sides" locked in what is to us an incomprehensible struggle for possession of this planet, with human observers occasionally catching a glimpse of the participants, or perhaps being deluded by their imitations, deceptions and hoaxes.

Such speculative essays are all very well, but until our collections of data have taught us more we can only ponder these possibilities. However, in both UFO and psychic realms it does seem that we humans are the target for both good and evil forces, and that many features in both realms are very similar; even, perhaps, common to both realms. One of these is in the field of healing, where there have been many UFO-caused instances—one of the most recent being the affair of the French doctor who, in one weird UFO encounter, was cured of both a partial paralysis and an ugly flesh wound (described in FSR Special Issue No. 3, *UFO Percipients*). All of which prompts the suggestion that serious UFO researchers should remain ever mindful of the remarkable "breakthrough" events reported in the field of psychic surgery.

A book published in June this year introduces the subject of psychic surgery—as well as psychic healing and other matters—and it should be of great interest to FSR readers not only because of the possibility of a link, but also because Gordon Creighton features prominently, and sensationally, in its pages. Another friend who is involved is Mrs. Anne Dooley, a lady who has given invaluable assistance both to the late Waveney Girvan, and to the present editor of *Flying Saucer Review*.

The book is the first of the new series (edited by Dr. Paul Tabori) "Frontiers of the Unknown—A Library of Psychic knowledge," and is entitled *Beyond the Senses*. By Paul Tabori and Phyllis Raphael, it is a report, in 218 pages, on psychical research and occult phenomena, and is published by Souvenir Press Ltd., at £2.00. The book is highly recommended.

The authors tell how Mr. Creighton underwent psychic surgery, without anaesthetic, in the presence of a large group of people. Brazilian taxi driver Lourival

de Freitas was the medium, and with a penknife and a spoon handle he removed a growth about the size of a marble from the back of one of Mr. Creighton's eyes. Lourival said the growth would have caused blindness in a couple of years, and would ultimately have proved fatal. Gordon, who had only asked for treatment for chronic sinusitis, was totally unaware of the presence of the growth. During the operation he said he felt discomfort, but no pain.

I did not witness the first operation, but was present a few days later, together with my daughters Pauline and Elizabeth, other members of the FSR team and scores of other observers, when Lourival de Freitas performed an exploratory operation on Gordon Creighton's other eye and discovered nothing untoward. It was a staggering experience to see our old friend with the blade of a penknife inserted between eyeball and eyelid while he translated observations made by Lourival in Portuguese!

The authors also refer briefly to a film of that other remarkable psychic surgeon, Zé Arigo, while at work. A group from FSR, namely R. H. B. Winder, G. Creighton and myself, were invited to Dr. Andrija Puharich's presentation of this film, when B.M.A. members and a number of journalists were present. Dr. Puharich has been leader of a team of N.A.S.A. scientists who have been in Brazil searching for leads to E.S.P.: one of the fascinating things they found was Arigo, who had a following about as large as that of the footballer Pele.

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We must not forget that the connection between UFO phenomena and psychic phenomena is purely hypothetical. However, we know from first-hand experience that psychic healing and surgery is not done by trickery, and we know that it works. The stories of UFO-caused healings are powerful ones, and we know that in some cases the intervention of UFO entities has been reported.

Thanks to Gordon Creighton and Anne Dooley, and to Dr. Puharich, as well as to the book *Beyond the Senses*, we know that both Lourival, and Arigo (who was killed, tragically, in a road accident in January this year), claim that they are guided by entities, the spirits of long-since-dead "physicians".

Arigo's guide was of particular interest, for it was stated that he was a "German doctor, killed in 1918"—a Dr. Fritz. Now Arigo, a man of small learning, knew only his native Portuguese, but when Dr. Puharich contrived to get him to repeat word for word the instructions that he received from his "Dr. Fritz", the tape-recorded results were found to be in German!

The question remains: are these "guides" the same entities who sometimes manifest themselves in certain UFO incidents?