

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on animals, birds, and smaller creatures Part 9

IN this part of our catalogue, prepared by Gordon Creighton, we conclude the collection of reports for an extremely busy year. The catalogue, with some 200 cases, will probably be completed in the next three issues of the REVIEW.

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141. Near Alamosa, Colorado, U.S.A. (September, 1967)

"Snippy the horse", a pet palomino, disappeared from the Harry King Ranch, twenty miles N.E. of Alamosa, on September 7. It was found two days later, dead and curiously mutilated, with all the skin and flesh gone from the neck and head, the flesh ending with a very clean cut around the neck. There was "a strange medicinal smell in the air." On October 8 a pathologist established that the abdominal, spinal and brain cavities of the carcass were completely empty, and he said that part of the animal's flesh appeared to have turned into some sort of gelatinous mass.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 2* (October 1967), p. 4. Also APRO Bulletin, September/October 1967.

142. Caracas, Venezuela. (Night of September 22, 1967)

Near Caracas a race-track employee was attacked by a very powerful creature which tried to choke him but ran away when a horse in a nearby stable started neighing frantically. Thirty minutes later, a horse was also attacked, and an employee of the stables saw a dwarf, 1 metre tall, "zoom" out of the building.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 885 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia*. [Regnery, Chicago, edition] (from Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs Over The Americas*).

143. Moigne Down, Dorset, England. (11.25 a.m., October 26, 1967)

Angus Brooks, a retired administrative official of B.O.A.C., was walking with his dogs (a young Dalmatian and a twelve-year-old Alsatian bitch) when he saw a UFO which slowed down and hovered and assumed the shape of a circular central cabin with four projecting "arms". He could hear no sound from the object, but his Alsatian remained close beside him, extremely distraught, refusing to obey his orders "sit!" or "down!" and pestering him to move on. He thought there might be a VHF sound from the UFO which she was picking up and which was giving her pain.

On each of four subsequent visits to the spot, with other witnesses, this dog was very distressed. The four-year-old Dalmatian was probably ranging further afield at the time of the sighting, and Mr. Brooks did not in fact notice where it was.

Angus Brooks: *Remarkable Sighting Near Dorset Coast*. FSR, January/February 1968, pp. 3-4.

144. Near Boyup Brook, Western Australia. (End of October, 1967)

Another case of the effect of UFOs on night insects. Mr. A. R. Spargo, driving his car at about 9.00 p.m., found the engine suddenly cutting out, and saw a mushroom-shaped UFO shining a powerful beam of light down on to him through a tube extruded from the base of the craft. Describing his experience later, he said that what had struck him as most strange was *the utter silence that accompanied it*. "You hear frogs, crickets, and all sorts of things if you stop in the

Bush at night." *But, for an estimated period of five minutes, Mr. Spargo had heard nothing.*

Joanna Hugill: *A Tube Of Light*. FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 15-16.

145. Weston, near Runcorn, England. (1967)

A girl was walking home to Weston one night and saw something as she was passing the I.C.I. offices at Heath. Terrified, she fled to a nearby house and knocked on the door. The householder let her in, and agreed that something must be wrong, as the hair of his own pet dog was all standing on end, and the animal was obviously terrified too.

FSR, September/October 1967, p. 31.

146. Ririe, Idaho, U.S.A. (Night of November 2, 1967)

Two Navajo Indians, Willie Begay and Guy Tossie, employees of the Earl Hunter Ranch near Pirie, were driving southwards in an old Buick car on Highway 26 at about 9.30 p.m. It was a clear, cold, frosty night. A small, domed UFO appeared, hovered in front of them, and halted their vehicle. From the UFO descended two beings, a little over 3ft. in height, with rough faces, appearing to bear deep scars, and with "high ears", no visible noses, round eyes, and slit-like mouths with very thin lips or none. One of the creatures got into the car beside the terrified Indians and for some time jabbered at them—a series of high unintelligible chirruping or warbling sounds.

Investigating, the Police found subsequently that on the same night cattle in the surrounding area had been stampeded by something, and dogs had been terrified. And another local resident (anonymous) had had an encounter on the same night with two strange beings from a UFO—an experience that had left him so overwrought that he feared he was going out of his mind.

The stampeded cattle, owned by Mrs. Claude Mann, "broke through a steel-pipe gate that night. They ran for nearly two miles. After being rounded up, they again broke out of their pasture by tearing out a fence."

This case is one of six "occupant reports" submitted recently by NICAP to a panel of scientists representing biology, physics, anthropology, psychology, astronomy, and other fields. After their thorough study of the case, which they evidently found impressive, one of the members of the scientific panel, Dr. Allen S. Mariner, psychiatrist, of Canandagua, N.Y., said: "This to me is the most convincing case of the six . . . The consistency of the witnesses in cross-examination is another convincing element, as is the report of frightened animals in the area—a phenomenon to which I believe we should pay much attention."

Another member of the NICAP panel, an astronomy lecturer at a planetarium in the North-East (name not divulged) said: "After reading this case report, I regard the Pirie episode as one of the most convincing occupant cases on record." He too said that he was "struck by the numerous examples of frightened animals in the vicinity the same night."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. V, No. 1 (September/October 1969), pp. 5-8.

147. San Jeronimo, Argentina. (November 3, 1967)

As Carlos Spini and another man were looking at some cattle, they saw a luminous blue circular object touch down briefly near them. It took off again when they went towards it. (The report contains no mention of whether or not the cows were disturbed by the object.)

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 895 of *A Century Of*

Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia.

148. Highway 17 at Maple Ridge Hill, Ontario, Canada. (9.30 p.m., November 5, 1967)

Terry Goodmurphy and Steven Griffon were driving westwards (note that it was two months after the mysterious affair of the horse "Snippy"). Nearing the top of the hill, they saw an orange glow in the sky, and thought it was due to a fire. Later they saw an object manoeuvring at a height of no more than about a hundred feet and they became alarmed and turned back, notifying the Ontario Police. The Police investigated, but found nothing. That same night, however, something occurred at the Lorne Wolgenuth farm at nearby Sowbery. For, on the following morning, at the time when two horses usually came in from the pasture to the barn, only one appeared, and it had a long cut on its neck. The other horse, a mare known as Susie, was found dead several hours later, her throat and jugular vein cut.

Jacques Vallée: *Passport To Magonia*, Chapter II, "The Haunted Land."

149. Petrila, Romania. (2.00 p.m., November 22, 1967)

Ladislau Schmit reported: "I suddenly saw all the chickens in my farmyard running towards me, cackling like lunatics and visibly terrified. They were all flying about . . . I raised my head, and clearly saw a very brilliant object . . . silver or aluminium, in the shape of a disc . . . at an altitude of about 16,000 feet . . . at first motionless in the sky, but after about a moment it began to move slowly . . . and soon took off at a bewildering speed towards the north-west and disappeared."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), p. 1.

150. Arizona and Virginia (U.S.A.), Canada, and India. (1967)

"Objects that shot off beams of light, landed, and frightened witnesses and animals" were observed in the above-named areas during 1967.

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 3 (November/December 1967), p. 3.

151. Mohawk River area, Scotia, N.Y., U.S.A. (1967/1968)
A woman (pseudonym "Peggy G.") was said to have

learnt that several of her neighbours in this area along the banks of the New York State Barge Canal had reported the loss of their dogs, one of the neighbours having indeed stated specifically that her dog "had been taken away by little men." Becoming obsessed with the notion that she ought to report the matter to the authorities, "Peggy G." ended up receiving treatment in a mental hospital. "Although she refuses now to discuss the matter, those who are close to her state that she still swears her original story of the 'little men' is true."

In the following year, an outbreak of poltergeist phenomena occurred in the home of Jennifer Stevens, resident of the same area. There were strange noises in the house, and her Siamese cat behaved in an extremely jumpy manner, "huffing up and spitting at 'nothing'."

Jennifer Stevens: *Mystery On The Mohawk*, in FSR Special Issue No. 2, *Beyond Condon*, June 1969.

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NOTE

* I do not know what the present view of NICAP is of the "Snippy" case. It seems however that during the period immediately after the episode they shared the view that a perfectly rational explanation of the case was available and that there was no need to invoke UFO agencies as being responsible. However APRO and many other investigators appear to have been very far from sure that such an assumption would be justified, and one scientist conveyed to Charles Bowen, during a recent visit to this country, that his private investigation of the affair had led to many interesting discoveries—which we hope will be made known in due course. In view of all the other cases in which mutilation of animals is alleged to have occurred, and for which no rational explanation has been forthcoming, I have thought it right that the case of "Snippy" should not be excluded at present from this Catalogue.

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MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

FSR in public libraries

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter (FSR, Vol. 16, No. 5) regarding libraries and the *Review* I would like to make known my experience.

In a fit of public spiritedness I decided my own local library (Northampton) should have a supply of FSRs. So, after receiving their blessing, I put in a one-year subscription.

Three months later I made a check in the library. There were row upon row of specialist magazines from *Budgie Ailments Weekly* to *The Practical Sewage Review*, but no FSR.

My request for FSR sent one of the mini-skirted pages grovelling into a cupboard from which she produced the current issue.

Attempts to have the magazine displayed came to nothing. I think perhaps

they were a little shy of having flying saucer literature actually on view, despite the fact that at least one of Adamski's books is still listed in the main library.

I have, therefore, given up the idea of supplying cupboard fillers for the library. Perhaps I should hoist one up the Town Hall flagpole and fly it at half-mast unless someone promises to put it on view at the library.

Yours faithfully,
David Abbott, 108 Ridgeway, Northampton.

[Our reader should have pointed out that while FSR might not be favoured by Northampton Library, it may be read in the Library of the House of Commons, the Library of Congress, the Library of the United Nations, and the Libraries of many other famous institutions.—EDITOR.]

The truth about Spitzbergen

Dear Sir,—Your issue for November/December 1970 carried some discussion on the Spitzbergen incident, and the categorical assertion from Gordon Creighton that ". . . the matter can only be solved at the source, that is to say in Norway itself." I would beg to differ. I believe that it is probable the British press has already published the solution.

Not long ago I had access to what is probably the most comprehensive file of newspaper clippings on UFOs in the country, which includes the original report on the Kenneth Arnold sighting in 1947. The Penthouse team was quite wrong when they claimed that the German newspaper, *Stuttgarter Tageblatt*, was the first to break the silence about the Spitzbergen investigation