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EDITORIAL

CLOSING IN NOW?

British listeners who heard and saw the evening news on BBC2 Television at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 23rd, 1998, will have learned that, for some time past, there has been a vandalistic epidemic of **cat-killing** in the area around London. **The bodies of these animals are being found without heads and without tails, and totally bloodless.**

We learn that a London doctor telephoned next day (November 24th) to the BBC (Broadcasting House); the BBC Television Centre; *The Times* (newspaper); *The News of the World* (newspaper); and *The Daily Mirror* (newspaper), all of whom totally denied any knowledge whatsoever of such a story.

On the same day I telephoned to the Cat Protection League in London (0171-272-6048). The lady who answered me confirmed that they knew of the affair, and had received numerous reports and enquiries. And if my memory is right, it was she who mentioned Enfield and Barnet (two areas to the N.W. of London) as being mainly affected.

This lady also gave me the special telephone number of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the R.S.P.C.A., for receiving calls about this outbreak. I telephoned to the number in question (01403-264-181), and was informed by the RSPCA lady who answered me that they too were well aware of the affair and were receiving numerous calls.

Some time later the London doctor also contacted the RSPCA lady on the same number, and he too received confirmation that there was indeed such an epidemic of "vandalism" around London.

At first he found her unwilling, it seemed, to be very communicative. However, when he mentioned that he was a G.P. (British medical doctor) she seemed to open up slightly, and went on to tell that, as well as cats, **domestically owned rabbits were**

also involved.

When he asked what she thought might be committing these depredations, she said that **"assuredly no animal could be involved"**, and that consequently it was clearly the work of **people.**

The doctor enquired, no doubt facetiously, whether the victims included any humans yet, but as far as I can ascertain he received no answer!

I thought that FSR readers would like to see this report as it may possibly contain features with which they think they are already familiar.

Note that, in the following item from the Daily Telegraph, Dec. 13 1998, mention of blood drainage is carefully avoided. Likewise there is no reference to dead pet rabbits in hutches or cages! G.C. ■

Ritualistic killers stalk family pets.

An organised gang is behind the mutilation of more than 100 pets in the south-east of England, police believe.

Detectives and RSPCA officers are worried by the ritualistic nature of the attacks, in which animals -mainly cats- have had their heads, tails and hind legs removed with a cleaver.

Parallels are being drawn with horse mutilations, carried out across southern England during the past 8 years, which have been linked to satanic cults.

The killings, which started in London, have spread outside the capital. They increased during September and October, and 20 pets were killed last month. Some owners have had post mortem examinations carried out, confirming human involvement.

The attacks began in February when the body of a rabbit and the head of a cat were found at a school in Tottenham, north London.

Officers investigating the killings say it is the first time they have witnessed ritual mutilation on such a large and organised scale. One said: "The number of cases has become so large, that we now believe this is organised killing. It points to some sort of ritualistic

abuse, or black magic. It is very sinister."

The latest victim is a cat belonging to Maggie Jones, 33, a nurse from Tunbridge Wells, Kent. The 10-year old tom cat, Muffin, was found on Monday with its head, back legs, and tail removed.



Muffin:head cut off

"If I could get my hands on those responsible, I would feel like doing the same to them. I cannot believe how anybody could do such a thing," she said. ■

HUGE ANGELS SEEN IN SPACE BY SIX SOVIET COSMONAUTS IN 1985. © By Gordon Creighton.

INTRODUCTION.

In a letter dated April 17, 1986, one of FSR's oldest and staunchest American readers, Mrs. Giovanna Klopp, of Ventura, California, sent me some extraordinary photostats from the newspaper *Weekly World News* of October 22, 1985, and April 8, 1986. These reports said that Soviet astronauts aboard the space-station *Salyut-7* had had the astounding experience of seeing enormous cosmic beings with wings as large as those of *Jumbo jets!*

Although I already had a lot of material clearly indicating that during and since the 1980s there had been a striking increase in claims of sightings or encounters with angels from all parts

of the world - including Russia - I decided to first try to secure evidence of the story from Russia, and in the meantime I just put it on file, for the general opinion everywhere about the *Weekly World News* and various other American tabloids has always been that they were totally worthless and unreliable. (As most of our readers probably know, those "notorious" American tabloids have for years past carried vast numbers of the most lurid and "way out" sort of UFO reports. So nobody seemingly had a good word to say for them. *But it now has turned out that in fact a lot of their "wildest" stories have proved to be true. No wonder then that so much energy went*

into damning the tabloids!).

After the disappearance of the Soviet Marxist tyranny, the way seemed open for an attempt to learn more about the angel story, and in March of this year I began by sending copies of the *Weekly World News* reports to our Russian Consultant/Correspondent Nikolai Lebedev (St. Petersburg) and to the Editor of the Russian review *Aura-Z* (published in English) in Moscow.

Neither letter brought any answer, and then in May of this year I also sent copies to Gennady Lisov, Editor of

the excellent and very successful Russian monthly *N.L.O.* (means "UFO" in Russian), published in St. Petersburg. And that brought results. For, on page 6 of its issue for September 1998, I find the whole story - and more!

I give, below, firstly the full text of the original report in English in the *Weekly World News*, April 8 1986 (The sighting was in July 1985, it seems), and then, to follow, my translation of the full supporting story as reported in the September *NLO*. G.C. ■

Soviet cosmonauts said creatures had wings as big as jumbo jets!

[I.] SPACE ANGELS MYSTERY SOLVED

Soviet cosmonauts who sighted a band of gigantic angels on a space mission saw immortal super-beings of pure energy, says a top Russian scientist. Dr. Yury Manakov said he hoped to dismiss the celestial sighting as an hallucination, but was unable to do so. (Story continued on centerfold).



Last summer's space-mission sighting by cosmonauts explained when...

SOVIETS SOLVE SPACE ANGELS

Russian astrophysicist affirms that heavenly apparitions are actually highly evolved aliens!

By SCOTT THOMPSON (*Weekly World News*, April 8, 1986)

Reports that Soviet cosmonauts sighted a band of angels on a space mission last summer have been disputed by a Russian researcher who says the celestial apparitions were actually fields of pure energy and alien intellect. In an interview with French journalist Andre Demazure, Dr. Yury Manakov said the cosmonauts initially referred to the beings as angels simply because they had wings. But now that all the facts are in, he said there can be no doubt: The creatures descended from a race of humanoids who shed their bodies after reaching the top of the evolutionary ladder.

"I have studied every aspect of the cosmonauts' report, and this is my conclusion," said the astrophysicist. "I realize that Christians around the world would like to believe that this phenomenon is proof of their God in heaven.

"But as communists, as atheists, we Soviets take a purely scientific approach. We do not let religious superstition distort the facts.

"And we say these beings are far from angels, even if they did have wings."

As reported in *THE NEWS* last October, the cosmonauts claimed to have seen the beings while orbiting Earth in Salyut 7 three months earlier.

Accounts of the incident that were smuggled to the West quoted the cosmonauts as saying that a brilliant orange glow engulfed their craft. The source of the light, they said, "was seven giant figures in the form of humans but with wings and mist-like halos.

"They appeared to be hundreds of feet tall with a wingspan as great as any jetliner."

The apparitions reportedly tailed the craft for 10 minutes.

The 43 seconds of film they got were enormously revealing, Manakov said.

"The forms seemed to change continually," he said. "The beings appear solid, then misty. They are nothing like the classic description of angels, which are corporeal, like humans."

Demazure interviewed Manakov on the grounds of a space-research facility in the Ural Mountains. He said he requested the interview in a letter to the Soviets in late October, and was informed in January that he would be allowed 30 minutes with the researcher.

Curiously, government officials who once denied that the cosmonauts saw anything extraordinary now respond to queries with "no comment."

"As for the veracity of Manakov's claims, I can only say that I faithfully reported what he told me," the French journalist said.

[II.] THE RUSSIAN ARTICLE IN N.L.O MAGAZINE.

The confirmatory Report in *N.L.O.* No.9 (1956) of September, 1998, (Page 6).

INCREDIBLE HAPPENINGS ABOARD THE SALYUT-7 SPACE STATION.

By EVGENIY DMITRIEV. (*Translation from Russian: G.C.*)

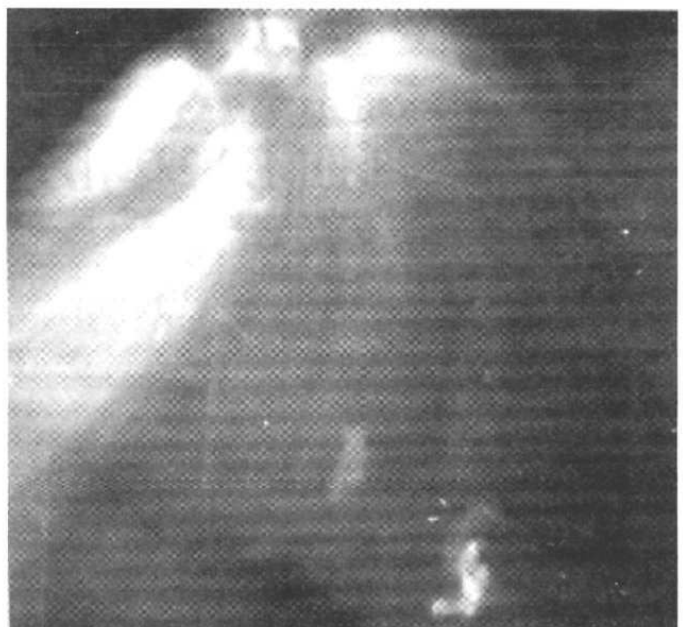
Евгений ДМИТРИЕВ

Невероятное происшествие на космической станции «Салют-7»

Way back in 1985, when the Soviet Space Programme was in full swing, but when folk preferred to keep quiet about extraordinary events in Space, something very unforeseen happened to the *Salyut-7* space-station.

They were in the 155th day of their orbiting flights around the Earth. The crew of six astronauts - three "oldsters", Leonid Kizim, Oleg At'kov, Vladimir Solovyov - and three "visitors" - Svetlana Savitskaya, Igor' Volk, and Vladimir Dzhaniybekov - were occupied with their planned experiments and observations. A series of medical tests were just due to begin. The instrument panels were aglow with action-lights, when suddenly the smooth course of their work was interrupted by strange and supernatural occurrences, for, ahead of them, on their flight course, there had appeared a great cloud of orange-coloured gas of unknown origin.

At first the astronauts were wondering and debating



what it could be, and down on Earth their Flight Control Centre received their message: "*Salyut-7 has gone into a cloud*".

A moment later it seemed as though the orange gas was penetrating into the orbiting craft. An orange-tinged luminescence enveloped the astronauts, blinding them and preventing them from seeing. Fortunately however their eyesight recovered almost immediately. And dashing to a porthole, they were able to see quite distinctly, on the other side of the glass, seven gigantic figures inside the orange cloud!

Neither political indoctrination nor the dinned-in Marxist-Leninist philosophy of Materialism was of any avail. Not one of the cosmonauts had even a glimmer of doubt that out there, right before their eyes, creatures of light were flying -celestial angels! Almost like humans - and yet, nevertheless, different.... And the differentness wasn't because of their mighty wings or the blinding aureoles around their heads. The main difference lay in the *expression on their faces*. Seemingly sensing their gaze, the angels gazed back at them. As one of the astronauts described it later: "*They were smiling. Those weren't smiles of mere greeting, but smiles of delight, of joy. WE don't smile that THAT!*"

The space-craft's clock counted off ten minutes, after which the celestial beings had vanished and the orange cloud too was gone, leaving behind in the minds of the astronauts a sense of inexplicable loss.

At once Earth Control was calling - requesting a report on what they had been seeing. And as soon as the flight-controllers had the report, the affair instantly received the stamp of "SECRET". And down at the Control Base the doctors began to take an inordinate interest in the crew. Thus, instead of this crew having their own medical tests checked, they found themselves involved in a close study of their own health - both physical and mental! Tests showed that they were all *normal*.

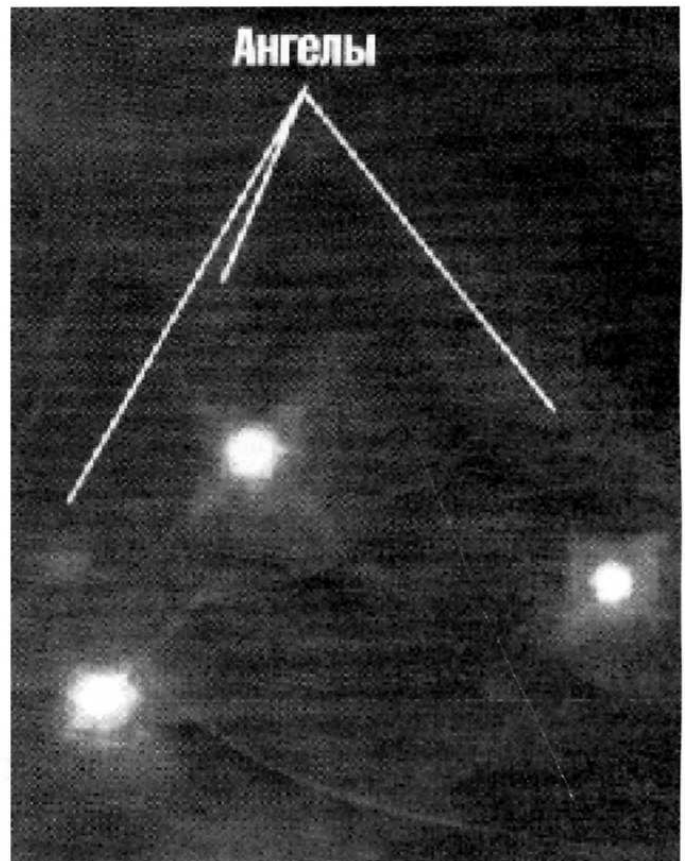
In order to avoid all publicity, the cosmonauts' report on the flight vanished from sight, and the crew themselves were told to keep their mouths shut. *In those days the existence of angels was inadmissible for Soviet ideology.*

But today, with the arrival of *glasnost*' great changes are taking place. And the events aboard *Salyut-7* are no exception.

But, paradoxically enough, the greatest effect of the testimony given by the Soviet cosmonauts has been felt *abroad, outside Russia.*

For the fact is that the publicity given to this event in the West happened to coincide with the publication of a number of sensational photographs from the *Hubble Orbital Telescope*. At the JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) in the USA, where the extended analysis of the *Hubble* pictures was being carried out, the ubiquitous journalists, somehow or other, got hold of some of the sensational photos. The JPL experts had been studying puzzling "anomalies" registered by the *Hubble*. On some of the photos flying, angel-like, figures were clearly visible! So far the scientists have been unable to establish their precise nature.

And then, later, the *Hubble* Telescope's staff were put to examining yet another mystery. For, when the *Hubble* had been investigating the Galaxy NGG-3532, its sensors had recorded the appearance of seven (also seven! *G.C.*)



bright objects in orbit around the Earth! From the first picture to be transmitted to them, the scientists were prepared to conclude that the *Hubble* had photographed some UFOs flying in a group. But on some of the photographs received later there were seen, somewhat dimly but nevertheless clearly detectable, *shining winged beings reminiscent of the Angels of the Bible!* John Pratchers, an engineer on the *Hubble* Project, said of them: "*They were about 20 m, in height. And their wings were as long as the wings of the present-day aerobus airliners. Those beings radiate a powerful light. We are unable to say yet who or what they are. But it seemed as though they wanted us to photograph them!*"

THE VATICAN.

The Vatican too is taking an interest in the *Hubble*'s pictures. According to statements made by western journalists, representatives from the Catholic Church have had meetings about the matter with NASA experts.

And, to their astonishment, the clerics have been informed by NASA that "*Angel-like anomalies are common in Space!*"

It turns out that several crews of the American "*Shuttle*" have seen angels. Strange winged beings have also been registered by the instruments aboard exploratory satellites (*sputniks*). *But, until recently, the evidence for these sightings has always been deliberately hushed up. Many people have been scared about "unpredictable reactions by the public".*

The Catholic Church's attitude towards these reports of Angels in Space is cool. The Church has refused to issue any statement about the suggestion that the appearance of angels could indicate the end of the world, and has indeed voiced some doubts as to their "angelic nature"! Pope John Paul expressed the view that possibly these beings may not be quite so pure and good as had seemed at first sight! For - as is well known - *Demons too have wings....* ■

AND A CURIOUSLY SIMILAR RUSSIAN REPORT FROM 1981. By Gordon Creighton.

“RUSSIANS MEET SPACE ALIENS IN ORBIT”. INCREDIBLE REPORT FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. SOVIET OFFICIALS SAY A MAP, HAND-SIGNALS, AND EXCHANGE OF NUMBERS HIGHLIGHTED THE FOUR-DAY ENCOUNTER.

This, another super-UFO report from Henry Gris, was in the *National Enquirer* for August 7, 1984.

“In a heart-stopping encounter in space, Russian cosmonauts flew side-by-side with extraterrestrials for four days”, say high-level Soviet sources.

The tall, large-eyed aliens even climbed out of their sphere-shaped spacecraft and floated untethered with no space suits or visible source of oxygen.

At a top-secret meeting of about 200 Soviet officials on the third floor of Moscow’s Ministry of Planning, General Georgiy Beregovoy, Head of the Soviet Space Training Programme, revealed the astonishing details of the encounter.

Those at the meeting were sworn to secrecy, but

and took several feet of film. During the first 24 hours, the alien object remained about 3,000 feet away, showing no signs of life.

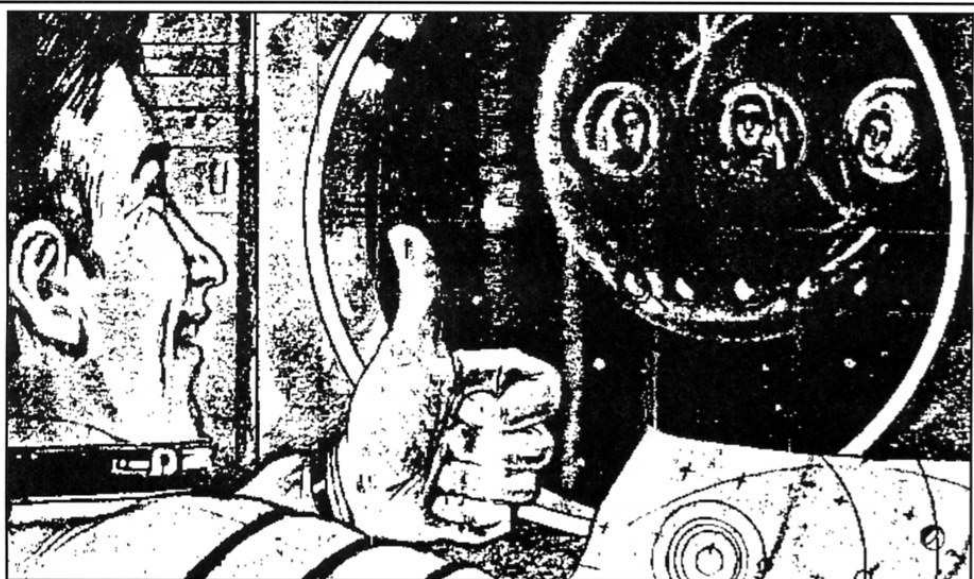
CLOSE APPROACH.

“Then, suddenly, it moved in to less than 300 feet. The cosmonauts counted 24 windows — plus three large circular portholes. And, peering from the three portholes, were three heads that looked human.

“They wore tight-fitting hoods. Using binoculars, the cosmonauts could see that the aliens had bushy, straight eyebrows and firm, strong noses. But what really struck them was the size of the aliens’ blue eyes — they were about twice the size of human eyes.



Cosmonauts Kovalyionok (top) and Savinykh.



HUGE EYES of space aliens remained expressionless as one exchanged thumbs-up sign with Russian.

three sources who were there have disclosed the whole story to *The Enquirer*.

Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyionok and Viktor Savinykh were nearing the end of a 75-day Space mission. They were aboard the *Salyut-6* space station when, on May 14, 1981, a silver, perfectly round alien ship appeared outside.

“The alien ship was only half the size of our bottle-shaped, 49-foot long Soviet craft”, said one of the Soviet sources, who was at the briefing.

A respected Soviet engineer who was also there continued: “Somehow the alien craft had joined *Salyut-6* in its orbit. For a while the cosmonauts watched the object. One whipped out a movie camera,

“Their skin was brown -like an East Indian- but their faces remained expressionless, giving them a robot-like look.

CLOSE APPROACH TO WITHIN 100 FEET.

“Eventually the alien craft came within 100 feet of *Salyut-6*. On an impulse, one of the cosmonauts displayed a celestial map to the aliens.

“His heart skipped a beat when one of the aliens pulled out his own map. The cosmonaut could see it through the window — it had our own solar system on it!

“One cosmonaut gave them the ‘thumbs up’ signal. Without expression an alien repeated this gesture.”

A Soviet scientist who was at the briefing revealed that the cosmonauts actually tried to communicate with the aliens, using a flashlight to send Morse Code messages. But they got no response.

Finally, one cosmonaut flashed some *numbers* in Morse code — and the aliens responded by flashing some numbers of their own. Russian mathematicians on Earth soon realised that the figures they had been exchanging were related by a complex series of formulas.

“Clearly, at least in mathematics, we speak the same language”, said the Soviet scientists.

ALIENS WALK IN SPACE.

On day three, the aliens took several Space-walks, the scientist continued. What amazed the two Soviet cosmonauts was that the aliens -measuring about 6 ft. 6 inches in height- were wearing no space suits.

“They floated untethered, far away from their ship, and had no discernible breathing apparatus”, he said.

After four days, the aliens finally left, said the Soviet engineer. And the cosmonauts caught their departure on film.

“The silver sphere began retreating into the distance, growing smaller and smaller, taking its time”, said the engineer, who saw the film.

“It was as though the ship was saying a friendly cosmic farewell: ‘So long, new friends’.” ■

A “VALENTICH TYPE” OF CASE OFF PUERTO RICO

© By **JORGE MARTÍN**, Editor of *EVIDENCIA OVNI*,
(Puerto Rico), and *FSR* Consultant.

[I have translated from Spanish, and out of *EVIDENCIA OVNI* No. 3, 1994, only the second half of Jorge Martín’s article entitled *DESAPARECIDO EN EL AIRE* (*VANISHED INTO THIN AIR*).

For the first part is simply an account in Spanish of the amazingly similar (and very well-known in the English-speaking world) mystery of the disappearance of the Australian flier Frederick Valentich over Bass Strait, Australia, on October 21, 1978. This already has an extensive bibliography in English. Lengthy and detailed accounts are known throughout the English-speaking world. We can mention in particular

Bill Chalker’s two articles on it in *FSR* (*The Missing Cessna and the UFO*, in *FSR* 24/5, and *The Valentich Affair Re-examined*, in *FSR* 30/2); Dr. Richard Haines’ masterly book on it, *Melbourne Episode: Case Study of a Missing Pilot*, published in 1987 by the L.D.A. Press, Los Altos, California, USA; and, more latterly, the summary of the case given by Paul Norman in the December 1996 number of the *Australian UFO Bulletin*, December 1996.

I have of course no knowledge as to whether the Valentich case has ever been discussed yet in any of the Spanish journals of Ufology. G.C.]

