

about two minutes before it disappeared."

(Signed) G. Barnes, Southsea.
of Monday, May 24, 1971—

"While travelling in the 6.27 train from Portsmouth to Petersfield on May 18 I saw a black flying object. It was of classic UFO shape—a black disc surmounted by a dome.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter which I was seeing from the front, but having watched its flight for a good two miles I began to doubt my assumption.

"I wonder if anyone travelling on this train had a similar experience?"

(Signed) P. Martin, Petersfield.

of Monday, May 31, 1971—

"With reference to G. Barnes's letter (*The News*, May 21), I believe that I also saw the light mentioned in the letter.

"It was at approximately 11.15 p.m. and it appeared to be a solid object, spherical in shape. It hovered over the area of Hilsea Lido and then moved

steadily in the direction of Portsdown Hill."

(Signed) Sarah Pink, Cosham.

and of Tuesday, June 1, 1971—

"I also saw the flying object reported by Mr. P. Martin. I observed it moving over Portsdown Hill as I was driving past Fort Widley at about 8 p.m. on May 25.

"It appeared to be a silver disc, with a dome above and below it. I am quite certain it was not an aeroplane."

(Signed) S.C., Southsea.

Credit: I. M. Argent of Southsea.

MAIL BAG

UFOs and green water

Dear Sir,—After reading the account in your March/April issue of green ice found where a UFO had landed in Finland I looked up a case in H. T. Wilkins' book, "Flying Saucers on the Moon", which occurred in July 1950 near Steep Rock, Ontario, and is quoted from the Steep Rock Echo, September/October, 1950. A saucer came down on the water in Sawbill Bay and midgets used a hosepipe; later, a fisherman noticed a "curious, fluorescent sediment, greenish in colour" in one of the inlets of the bay.

I have always assumed that this was a case of emptying the bilges.

Yours faithfully,

John M. Lade, Yaldham Manor,
Kemsing, Kent.
July 14, 1971.

A request to investigators in Peru

Dear Sir,—I wish to call the attention of the UFO investigators in Peru through the pages of the *Review*, in order to be informed of the credibility degree of an alleged "landing with occupants" case, in which I am very interested and in which I hope your readers will be soon very interested also. The account I hold is a small Argentinian item, published in the issue of *La Razón* dated September 25, 1968:

FROM ANOTHER WORLD?

"Lima (Peru)—Twelve fishermen, when standing on the Naplo beach 70 kilometres South of the Metropolis, reported to the Police that they had seen three strange beings coming out of the sea, and then, later, vanish. The Police have filed the case as "confidential occurrence". According to the

seamen's version, the three beings were dressed in black clothes, and the appearance of their faces was cold, and pale as marble. One of the fishermen reported that last night a brilliant unidentified flying object was seen in the same area. The fishermen did not see how the beings disappeared."

The special interest this report has for me is its remarkable similarity to another Type-I case in Spain, dated September 21, 1968. The summary of this aquatic landing on the La Escala beach (Gerona) is:

"Two fearful beings with yellowish faces, wearing tight black clothes, came out of an object resembling a buoy. Fisherman Juan Ballesta, 52, was in his boat near the islet called "Cargol" when he observed the object and the entities from a distance of 10 metres. The facts were reported to the authorities, who found no trace." (Sources: *Correo Catalán* 22/9/68 and *El Noticiero Universal* 23/9/68.)

As you will note, the parallels are obvious, perhaps too obvious, and several ideas flourish in the mind in this respect. Primarily:

(a) Sr. Juan Ballesta, due to motives not yet known, reported a fraudulent case (a hoax). An undetermined press agency from Latin America took the Spanish report and, changing it a little, distributed it to news media as originating in . . . Peru.

(b) The account of Sr. Ballesta is truthful and exact, and the UFO observation was a real one. The Peruvian "repeater" came from the insincere manoeuvres of a press agency.

(c) Both cases happened as they were reported, in which case we are faced with something valuable: two almost identical sightings, in almost identical circumstances, and occurring *maybe* on the same day or thereabouts.

Action programme: in Spain, and more especially in the Cataluña Region (which contains the Gerona province), UFO students should make a complete enquiry in this case by interviewing directly Sr. Ballesta and the police. In Peru, and this is the principal reason for writing this letter, some local researcher is asked to study the case with first-hand, original information, to approach the witnesses, police, etc., and to prepare a report which details the supposed sighting: real UFO, hoax, or newspaper fraud. For this last possibility, investigators in Argentina may be helpful. I ask that all the findings be published in this same column as soon as some new fact is known, or be sent directly to me through *Flying Saucer Review*.

My thanks in advance for any information which may come from our Peruvian and/or Argentinian friends.

Yours truly,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, President, CEONI, Colegio Mayor A. Salazar, Paseo al Mar, 23, Valencia-10 (Spain).

July 5, 1971.

Books on UFOs, FSR, and public libraries

Dear Sir,—Having tired somewhat of berating the world's scientists, it appears that the fringes of ufology have decided to belabour libraries and librarians for equally obscure motives.

Being involved in the library world myself, I have heartfelt sympathy for