

World round-up

of news

and comment

about recent

sightings

From all over the world reports of UFOs continue to reach this office in ever-increasing numbers. As we have space for only a small proportion, we would like to thank all our readers for sending in (and in some cases personally investigating) details of sightings which have occurred in their neighbourhood. Because some of these reports, perforce, cannot be printed, it does not mean that the effort has been wasted. All details are of the utmost importance to us, for from the totality of reports we are able to build up a global picture of the extra-terrestrial survey to which the Earth is being subjected.—
Editor.

ENGLAND:

Hundreds of parachutes

The *Daily Sketch* of September 26 reported that thousands of parachutes—or what looked like parachutes—were seen dropping from a height of 50,000 feet over Essex the day before. The Air Ministry could supply no explanation: the R.A.F. and the American Air Force were equally baffled. The “parachutes” were seen over the sky in many parts of Essex. An aircraft engineer who lives in Crawley, Sussex, was in the area and he is reported as having said: “I saw hundreds of them through my telescope stretching higher and higher into space. They were at heights from 15,000 feet to well over 50,000 feet and to be seen at those heights their size must have been terrific.” No reports have been forthcoming as to what these “parachutes” were, though many people came forward to admit having seen them.

Needless to say, when the authorities had time to recover, an old standby was invoked as “explanation.” Apparently, a meteorological balloon had exploded over the area and the radio-sonde attached to a parachute had descended to earth. In view of the evidence quoted above, this is patently nonsensical.

Triangle of lights

The Air Ministry has been informed of a strange phenomenon witnessed in the sky over Consett, South Shields, Fawdon and Fenham, Newcastle. It was witnessed by many people in the places named on the evening of September 8. Among the witnesses was Mr. J. Leslie Otley, secretary of the Tyneside Unidentified Flying Object Society, his wife and two neighbours.

The witnesses were in general agreement that the object was a triangular formation of lights with a red light in the centre. Mrs. Otley added that she first saw a single light in the sky and this was followed by the triangular formation.

A spokesman at the R.A.F. station at Acklington said that he had received reports on the phenomenon from at least two sources and these had been passed on to the Air Ministry. “I have no further information about this,” he said, “and even if I had we are not allowed to release information.” Which leaves us exactly where we were before.

Hum probe

Mysterious and persistent noises, buzzes and hums have been reported over a number of

areas of England during the past few years. At last an official investigation into the mystery has been ordered and Lord Hailsham, Minister of Science, has called for an inquiry. The investigation will be carried out by Post Office engineers and research men. Other Government Departments will help these experts (in what art or science they are expert has not so far been disclosed) to discover and presumably to eradicate the nuisance that has been tormenting thousands of people who are sensitive to the noise. The existing equipment, however, has failed to trace the hum—as well as the buzz and the whine—to its source, and more ambitious equipment, according to the *Daily Sketch* of September 27, is now to be used.

We wish the searchers after the source the very best of luck, but we doubt whether they will succeed. The reason for the lack of success in these and similar quests is that the researchers will start off with the assumption that *everything* in this universe can be explained in terms of the known: that something might possibly be unknown never occurs to these highly qualified investigators.

We do not claim that the noises have anything to do with saucers except this: all mundane explanations of both mysteries have