

PYRENEAN HUMANOID REPORT

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Monsieur Lagarde, member of the editorial team of the French journal *Lumières dans la Nuit*, will be remembered by FSR readers for his article *UFOs and Fault Lines* which was published in our issue for July/August, 1968. M. Mirtain is one of the LDLN team of field investigators. Their report appeared in the LDLN issue No. 98 for February, 1969, and has been translated by Gordon Creighton.

THE witness, Monsieur Jean Senac of Libaros (Departement of Hautes Pyrenees, France), is an old soldier, veteran of numerous campaigns all over the world wherever the French Army has fought. At the age of 71, he is still alert and active in agricultural pursuits.

One day, at 10.30 a.m., in broad daylight, he was the witness of a sensational and mysterious happening on departmental highway No. 21 which runs from Tarbes to Castelnau-Magnoac. It happened four years ago and, apart from the inhabitants of the neighbouring villages, the public has never heard of it until now. The statement made to us by Monsieur Senac is as follows:

"I am no longer quite sure of the precise date, but I know it was after the straw had been cut. It was in the first half of July 1964, possibly on the 8th or 9th. That morning, at 10.30, I was near Maraunats, about 150 metres beyond the spot where the road crosses the road from Galan. Looking along the road towards Sentous, I was dumbfounded to see an extremely bright shining machine lying athwart the road and the verge of the road. The sun was shining, the visibility was excellent, and I was amazed to see this strange shining craft which looked like nothing known to me. You might have said it looked like a table, but I could not make out its precise shape because it was so dazzlingly bright. It is 250 metres from here (Investigators' note: we were stand-

ing with him at the spot) to the thing. If it was a car or any other familiar object, you couldn't have been mistaken about it, even if you couldn't see all the precise details.

"From its position on the road, I should say it was about 2½ to 3 metres long, and its height was about that of a passenger car, perhaps a bit less. It seemed to me that it was not quite touching the ground, but there weren't any wheels, and I can't say whether or not there were legs.

"At that point, it suddenly rose up and flew off towards Puydarrieux at great speed. Such a thing was totally unexpected, and my astonishment knew no bounds. I was still standing there, looking at the place, when I caught sight of two strange forms. They were little men, absolute dwarfs, which must have been hidden from my sight by the machine. As you can see, I myself am not very tall. Well, they were a lot smaller than me."

M. Senac stretched out his hand and indicated their height. We measured it, and found it was 1.15 m.

"They were wearing a sort of clothing that I could not see very well, but the colour of it was khaki. And of that I am dead certain, for I know khaki all right . . . I have worn it often enough. I can tell it at a great distance, and in broad daylight, as far off as this, I can't be mistaken.

"Then I watched those two little beings walk along beside the hedge about 30 metres or so in my direction. Then they went through a gap

in the hedge and walked across the bracken towards that big chestnut tree there. They seemed to be bent forwards, with a load on their backs, and I could see a sort of sack on the back of each of them, but could not make out the details. My curiosity was well and truly aroused, and I'd have liked to have been nearer, to question them, but I couldn't leave my cows where they were, on the verge of the road. So, without losing a minute, I took the cows back to my place, and then I got on my bike and set off towards the chestnut tree. When I got there, I found traces of where the two dwarfs had been and I found marks of trampling beneath the tree."

He mimed and gestured, to indicate not just their simple passage at the spot, but a trampling on the spot.

"I looked all round for any signs as to which way they had gone, but found nothing. Although it is true that it took me half an hour to put the cows in and come back here on my bike, there was only a very brief period in which I had not had the road under constant observation, and it seems to me that they cannot possibly have left the same way as they came.

"Then I went all round everywhere . . . at the spot where the thing had stood, I thought I could make out the marks of feet, but I'm not sure, I can't swear to it."

Monsieur Senac is a grand old man, with a very honest reputation, sincere and trustworthy. He has a fine military career behind him, and it would not be easy to fool him.

When we asked him if he had

heard any noise when the object took off, he said he thought he heard something, but was not too sure about that, as he had had a bullet through his left ear and could only hear with the right one. But he said there was at any rate no smoke or flame or sparks as it took off.

For those who know the area in question, we must add that the local scene has changed quite a good deal since 1964. The thick hedge along the roadside has now vanished, and the big chestnut tree which stood back about 15 metres into the field from the hedge has been cut down but its stump and branches are still to be seen. The land which was fallow in 1964 and covered with bracken, is now under cultivation.

THE PLAN FOR VALENSOLE

Dr. Jacques Lemaître's plan to plant lavender cuttings in the landing spot on l'Olivol met a very mixed reception. However, he now tells us that Monsieur Masse has ploughed the field in the normal cycle of events, so that the soil may recover its strength.

It is obvious, therefore, that the 'plan' will have to be postponed until it is known how the new plants eventually fare, say in two years' time.

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