

Saucer concentration over Papua

reports our on-the-spot investigator

Report No. 1

The Rev. Norman E. G. Cruttwell, of the Anglican Mission, Menapi, via Samarai, Papua, New Guinea, sent FLYING SAUCER REVIEW this interesting report:

"At about 6.45 (time guessed as the witnesses had no watches and described it as 'dusk') on March 19, this year, my assistant Papuan priest, the Rev. Albert M. Ririga and one of my teachers, Augustine, were returning from taking a village service. They were on the track about 5 miles N.E. of this Mission and facing out to sea at a point where the track comes out of some trees to the sea shore and then continues along the beach. They were walking in a S.W. direction.

"They saw a brilliant light in the sky out to sea in a southerly direction, hanging fairly low over the distant town of the Owen Stanleys across the bay. I should explain that we are on Goodenough Bay and the other arm of the bay lies about 20 miles of open sea to the mainland.

"Augustine described it as like another moon in the sky, but smaller. The real moon (which was half, i.e. first quarter) was also in the sky in quite another direction. Albert described it as like a lamp in the sky. They both agreed it was a brilliant white light. Albert also described its brilliance by comparing it to a hurricane lamp at 10 yards. (He did this by showing me the lamp and the distance).

"They gazed at it for a short time and it appeared to be stationary. They then walked on a bit keeping it in view for what seemed about 10 minutes (remember, they had no watches—Ed.) One thought it did not move, the other thought it may have moved slightly but not much. Then they passed under some trees, where it was hidden from them. When they emerged again it had disappeared.

"That is their story. They are both intelligent and educated Papuans, especially Father Albert, and there is no doubt that they saw something unusual. It was also seen by two other Papuans in the village of Banapa, through which they passed between the sighting and reaching here, and with whom they discussed what it might be. They thought of a rocket or a satellite, but of course its comparative immobility rules those out, as also a meteorite.

"They are emphatic that it was in the sky and not on the mountains or in the sea (we often see bush fires glowing on the hills at night). They said it was far brighter than any star. I looked out several nights after to see if I could see the object or anything like it, but there was nothing, not even a bright star in that direction."

A further report from Mr. Cruttwell states that on the same day as Albert and Augustine's sighting, but earlier at midday, a bright white stationary light was seen from Dogura, 25 miles from the Anglican Mission at Menapi across the bay. It was observed low in the western sky and remained visible for about 5 minutes and suddenly went out. It was seen by a Papuan engineer, Mr. George Awui and other witnesses. They said it was 'brighter than a star.'

Report No. 2

At about 7 p.m. on April 21 this year, an Australian trader, Mr. Douglas L. Glover saw a bright white light appear in the southern sky over the mountain range, which faces Giwa across the bay. (Giwa is about 12 miles west of Menapi. See previous sighting report.—Ed.) Mr. Glover estimated that the object was only a short height above the 5,000 ft. mountains. He described it as like a Tilley lamp in the sky (sic. c.f. Fr.

Albert and Augustine's sighting). He thought at first it was a boat approaching (it was dark with just a glimmer of light in the west) until he realised it was up in the sky. It travelled slowly out from the mountains over the sea on a course oblique to him, in an approximately north direction. As it drew closer the object appeared higher, passing right across his field of view until it appeared above a group of trees to the left of his house (somewhere over the sea between Giwa and Baniara, and probably not more than 8 miles from Menapi.) *It then stopped, seemed to hover for a moment and started to travel in exactly the opposite direction, returning to exactly the same spot over the range where he had first observed it.* It then suddenly went out as if it had been switched out. He did not see it again.

Mr. Glover is convinced that what he saw was a flying saucer, though he admitted he could see no shape, just the bright light, brighter than any star. Unfortunately he had no binoculars or telescope with him. The observation lasted between 5 to 10 minutes.

One of the Anglican Mission, Menapi, boat crew "boys" stated that they had seen a white light like a moving star from Sariba slipway, near Samarai. They saw it low in the western sky moving eastwards. Visible for about 5 minutes until it disappeared behind some trees.

Report No. 3

On the night of May 24, at 7 p.m., a remarkable UFO was seen from the Government Station at Baniara Island, approximately 4 miles from here (Anglican Mission, Menapi). It was seen by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. Ronald Orwin, and his Patrol Officer, Mr. Robert Smith. Both are personal friends of mine and men of complete integrity and reliability. I have no doubt what-

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Tuesday evening, and they had seen a brilliant orange object, "bigger than a star," which moved slowly across the sky in a southerly direction. As it passed overhead, it was lost to view, being obscured by the car roof. Mrs. Hayward said that their attention was occupied by the movie, and they thought nothing of it beyond speculating briefly what it could have been, until they heard of Mr. Neale's experience.

Special points of interest in these cases are the following:

- (a) General similarity of appearance (dome-shaped, glowing, with rows of lights or "portholes").
- (b) Identical behaviour (hovering close to, or resting on, the ground, a few hundred yards from a country road; departing abruptly when a vehicle approached).
- (c) Similarity of terrain (rough, undulating scrubland, similar to English moorland, with in each case a patch of trees nearby).
- (d) Possible connection with the River Murray (both were near the river; Goolwa is at its mouth).

ever of the truth and accuracy of their statements.

The weather was clear and the sky full of stars. The UFO was seen and watched for 1½ hours until it disappeared. It was a bright bluish (at first), then definitely blue light like a very brilliant star in the western sky—high. At first they thought it was a bright planet (e.g. Venus) but they saw it was slowly moving in a S.W. direction. It slowly faded after a few minutes until it went right out. Then almost immediately it appeared again waxing with a bright green light. Mr. Smith noticed the extremely interesting point that the green light did not appear at exactly the same point as the blue light had been, but slightly lower, as if from a different position on the vehicle. He could see no outline of such a vehicle, but then although a clear night it was a very dark one. The green light did not last so long as the blue but changed through a sort of intermediate mauve or orange colour—really indescribable—to a bright orange red. This only remained for a very short time, like a flash, and then went out. Then the original blue light gradually came on again. The whole cycle took perhaps 3 to 4 minutes and was repeated over and over again for the duration of the sighting. The object pursued a slow but erratic course in a general S.W. direction and faded out in the end at a point over the mountains near Dogura. After that it did not reappear. It ended with the red-orange flash. It was observed with the naked eye only. There was no sound.

To this remarkable sighting I must add this one. From the Principal of our Teachers' Training College at Dogura (in a letter). "On Good Friday, March 27, many students saw a light 'like a Tilley lamp' between 5.30 and 6 p.m. It came from the sea and moved over Dogura (from direction of Cape Frere) and disappeared over the horizon in the direction of Holy Name School approximately S." Signed (The Revd.) David Durie, Principal, St. Aidan's College.

Report No. 4

The Revd. William B. Gill, Priest-in-Charge of Boianai Mission Station about 15 miles from here across the bay, at the foot of the mountains, has reported this sighting to me. On April 9, this year, he was on a launch about 1 miles off shore, near Boianai, Milne Bay, just before 7 p.m. The weather was clear in the immediate vicinity, but there were clouds and rain squalls about. At about 6.50

p.m. he noticed a brilliant white light "like a Tilley lamp" apparently high up on the flank of a precipitous mountain, Mt. Pudi. He estimated the mountain at 4,000 ft. and the light about 500 ft. from the top. As it was stationary he thought there must be someone up there with a Tilley lamp, as did also the Papuan men who were with him. He therefore looked away, though puzzled as to how someone could be up there with a lamp. Five minutes later he looked again and the light had disappeared. Three or 4 minutes later he looked up again and the light was shining again, but now from a new position on the opposite side of the mountain. It had moved at least a mile to the east, quite impossible if a man had been carrying it. However, Father Gill still did not realise the significance of it and looked away. Next time he looked back the light had gone again and did not reappear. Next morning he examined the mountain by daylight, and realised there was no village or house, or even a track up there, but only the precipitous mountainside. It was not until he got a letter from me about the sighting at Giwa (Report No. 2) and asking if he had seen anything that it occurred to him it might be a UFO.

I am quite certain it is the same "Tilley lamp-like" object which has been seen by so many people lately. His date does not coincide with the others and must therefore be an additional appearance. But the interesting point to me is that it was seen against the mountain, which enables us to pin-point its position and altitude more accurately than before. It cannot have been higher than 3,500 ft. Probably less as it was presumably somewhere between him and the mountain, which was perhaps 7 or 8 miles away.

Now for a few general observations about these sightings. All those in this neighbourhood have been seen over or near the mountains, i.e. the Owen Stanley Range. Others in the islands have been seen out over the sea. But they do seem to be following the land as a whole. This suggests that they are surveying this country. Why? In the instance of this particular white light it seems to be returning again and again to this few miles of coastline, and to keep emerging or retreating to or from the mountains. If it is interplanetary, is it returning to the Moon or Venus and then coming millions of miles to the same spot again? One can hardly believe it. I wonder whether it has some retreat in the mountains where it is hiding. I am going on patrol in

the mountains soon and will make exhaustive enquiries. Of course, it may be sent from a Mother Ship higher up which is invisible to us. But it seems unlikely that one would stay in one place so long. All this, of course, is pure speculation. But I have no doubt at all about the object's existence. Although I think it may have departed now. It has not been seen here for a month or more. I wonder whether it is a small unmanned disc. Well, there you are. All pretty amazing really!

(Editor's note: The above fascinating reports have been sent to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW by The Revd. N. E. G. Cruttwell, International UFO Observer Corps Investigator for Papua (New Guinea). Thank you, Mr. Cruttwell.)

From Portugal

UFO beams Village

A group of about nine or ten people, including five engineers, recently spent a weekend holiday at Vila Nova de Mil Fontes, at the mouth of the Mira river, 90 miles south of Setubal town, Portugal. One of the engineers was Luis Netto Lopes. Two other members of the party were Vasco Belmonte and Jose Rodrigues, clerks in the Vacuum Oil Company offices. They were all dedicated to submarine fishing.

After dinner on March 28, members of the party took a walk. One of them pointed out to the rest that a certain house in the little village was somewhat more visible than the others. They then discovered the reason. The house was being focused on from a certain spot in the sky! A long beam of light like a powerful searchlight was directed down on to that particular house.

Suddenly the beam of light was withdrawn. The group of friends discussed the affair for some time without coming to any satisfactory conclusion.

Then once again a beam of light was seen focusing this time not on the house, but on something in the river. Senor Lopes said the glow fell upon a rock and illuminated it to a fantastic degree. Afterwards the beam moved slowly across the river and vanished as soon as it reached the bank. Nevertheless the spot in the sky from which the beam had been directed remained for a few seconds longer. Then the UFO

suddenly moved at terrific speed to the west and disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean.

In assessing this report it should not be forgotten that the observers had five engineers among them. They knew the distances of both the house and the rock. They estimated the height of the UFO to be at around 6,000 ft. It must have been a very powerful light to have come from such a height and to have illuminated so strongly both the house and the rock. (Source: Senor Marciano Alves, International UFO Observer Corps Investigator for Portugal.)

Cigar Off Portugal

On Friday, January 29, 1959, a cigar-shaped UFO was seen hovering over the Atlantic, off the Portuguese town of Viana do Castelo. The space ship was seen by many observers. None of them had a camera, otherwise a picture of really worthwhile interest might have been obtained.

The great ship had a silvery light shining on top and at the back a rather reddish light. The cigar was in view for half an hour! During that time the object changed from the horizontal position to a vertical one, but no changes took place in either colour or shape.

Estimated height of the object—1,000 ft. It seemed to be moving very slowly. Suddenly, the huge ship accelerated up into the sky! It climbed fast and disappeared from sight. (Source: Senor Marciano Alves, International UFO Observer Corps Investigator for Portugal. Portuguese newspapers also published short accounts.)

Lisbon Airport Sighting

Senor Rocha de Souza who was officer of the day in the control tower of Lisbon Airport on the night of May 13-14, this year, observed a bright object flying at tremendous speed from south-west to north-east at about 3,000 ft.

The UFO came from the direction of Serra de Sintra (a mountain—Ed.) about 12 miles from where Senor de Souza was at Lisbon Airport and travelled towards a locality known as Charneca, 3 miles distant from Monte Junto (another mountain—Ed.), about 20 miles from the observer.

Senor de Souza considered the flight of the object quite abnormal because of its horizontal uniformity and constant speed. The head of the

object looked like an ellipse probably on account of the relative position of the observer and emitted a bright, white light. A large tail lit by a green and orange light—not so bright as the one at the head of the object—could be seen.

The object suddenly stopped when about 2 or 3 miles north and climbed up into the sky to vanish from sight. The observation lasted for 3 minutes. Senor de Souza is an experienced observer of meteorological phenomena, aircraft, balloons and artificial satellites. He stated that the object could definitely not be included in any of those categories. (Source: Senor Marciano Alves, International UFO Observer Corps Investigator for Portugal.)

From Denmark

Saucer Stops Car

Many reports of cars stopped by UFOs flying in close vicinity have been received by FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Readers will recall the world-wide saucer "flap" of November-December, 1957, and that no less than 10 cars were stopped by a UFO appearing over U.S. Highway 54 in New Mexico. A 200-ft. egg-shaped object stopped the engines of cars in the area of Levelland, Texas. Now comes a report from Denmark of a yellow-green object that caused a car engine to stop as it passed overhead.

Aage Henry Hansen, of Carit Etlarsvej 18, Horsens, stated he was driving in a westerly direction when suddenly he saw a stationary object over Bygholm. It was quite still for about 5 seconds. The UFO suddenly moved towards him at a height of about 100 metres (328 ft. approx.), and at a speed of 60 kmt. (37 m.p.h. approx.). When it passed over his car Mr. Hansen looked out of a side window towards the north without seeing the object. However, it soon appeared in view again through the windscreen moving westwards with increasing speed. A few moments later it was flying well above the speed of a jet fighter. As the speed increased the object changed colour from yellow-green to white-yellow (like a car light) and it disappeared over Aarupgaard.

"I was rather excited about the sighting," said Mr. Hansen. "I have never believed in the so-called 'flying saucers' and except for a few articles have not read anything about them, but I must admit that I now believe in them. I can say that the

car engine stopped as the object passed over. I felt myself under observation. . . . I had my headlamps on and tried to catch the object in the spotlight as it was going away, but without success. I therefore saw no details other than it was ellipse shaped. I am quite sure however that the object was round, the ellipse shape being due to the angle of observation.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is indebted to S.U.F.O.I., the Danish flying saucer group (director: Captain H. C. Petersen) for this interesting report. S.U.F.O.I. commenting on the above report state the eyewitness appears to be utterly reliable and his information concerning speed, height, etc., are due to his interest in gliding, and his estimations are taken in relation to a glider in the air. The car headlamps did not go out and Hansen considered that the saucer was about 15 metres long (50 ft. approx.). This sighting occurred on January 13, this year.

Police See UFO

Police Inspector Knud Ebjerg and Sergeant. Byel were driving along Stege towards the north after having visited the hospital Oringe. They discovered a gleaming object in the sky about three times bigger than an ordinary star. The UFO was apparently over Kalvehave and just to the right of Monsbridge. It appeared to be quite still and low in the sky. Inspector Ebjerg said "With our naked eyes we could see that it was changing colour from strong red to white and then to a pale blue, whereupon the colour changed again to red, white and blue. We were now near my house, so I called on my neighbour, Mr. Borge Piil who is the owner of strong binoculars with which we observed the object. We could quite clearly see that it moved about in the form of a question mark and that the changing colours were clearly seen through the binoculars."

It was 8.30 p.m. when the two officers first saw the object and they observed it until 8.45 p.m. when it had moved to the north of the lights in Kalvehave as seen from Stege. The weather was quiet and the water in Stege bay was mirror-like, so shiny that the reflections were very clear. The object was very strongly shining and it was a streak of light over the water towards us, reported the Inspector. The duty officer and the military depot at Vordingborg were informed of the object's presence by telephone, added Inspector Ebjerg. This sighting occurred on March 9, this year. (Source: S.U.F.O.I., Denmark.)