

difficult for us to tell which one of the witnesses would be "dominant." We merely remind the reader of a possibility.

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6. J. Heering: "UFO Physics — Part I," FSR Vol. 22, No. 5 (1976).
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ARE CONTACTEES LEFT-HANDED?

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RECENT work on the brain has shown that each half performs quite different functions. The left half is concerned with all the mundane performances which the body has to cope with and carry out from day to day. However, in the right half (or hemisphere) lies the seat of psychic reasoning, and the basis of psychic phenomena, such as telepathy and cognition.

At birth the right hemisphere is predominant, but as we develop so the left hemisphere takes over to carry out all the automatic and meaningful acts — to feed, clothe and protect, etc. — which is necessary for survival. The right hemisphere then becomes subordinate, and is no longer predominant in day-to-day thinking. However, in many people there is one important difference...

It is known that the speech centre in right-handed people resides in the left cerebral hemisphere, and the speech centre in left-handed people resides in the right hemisphere. So here we have an interesting situation: left-handed people would have an active speech centre in the right hemisphere associated with an active psychic centre. This means that all "pure" left-handed people will be using their psychic centre whenever they speak, think, or "think of speaking." They will be more receptive to other peoples'

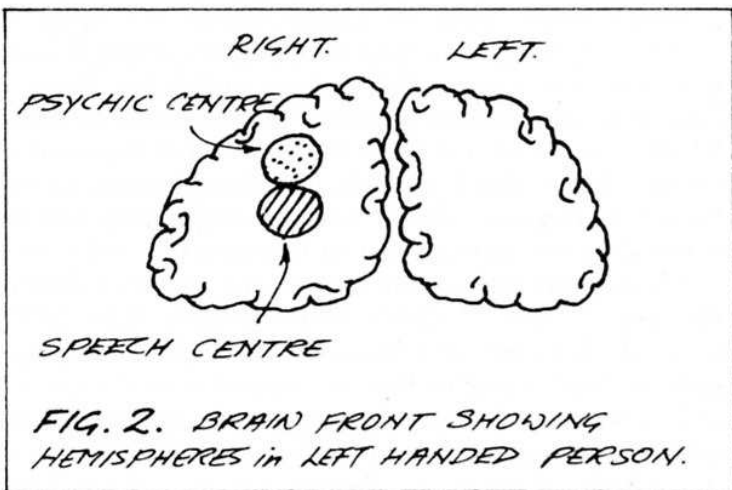
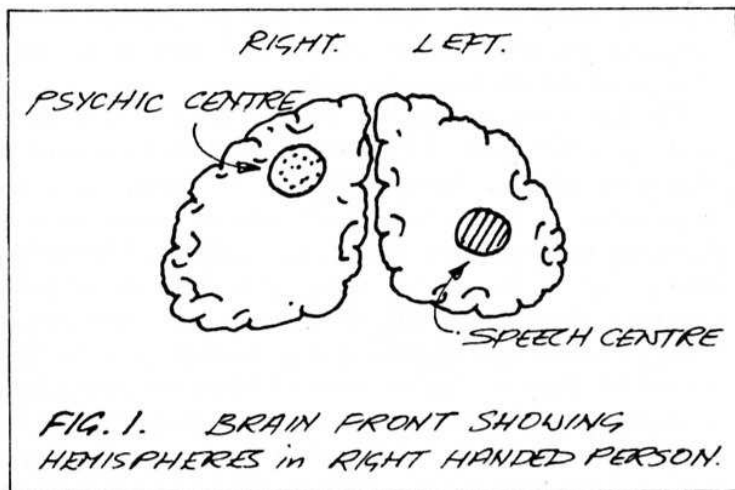
thoughts, and under stress will be able to "speak their thoughts silently."

All automatic writers and painters are predominantly left-handed, and this includes genuine mediums, but — and this is the crux of the matter — to what extent are UFO contactees left-handed? These people have active psychic centres, would be recipients of telepathic messages, and would be easily contacted, and programmed, in contrast to the insulated right-handers.

I think this is a path for extensive research, and could easily be carried out — are (or were) Betty and Barney Hill, Carl Higdon, Louie Smith, Travis Walton, Maurice Masse, and a host of others, left-handed? If so, we may have stumbled on one of the reasons for the erratic behaviour of UFOs, and/or their occupants, in that they could be trying to locate left-handed humans for programming.

In this context, there could be a relationship between epileptics and left-handed people, and it is a fact that most idiopathic epileptics are left-handed at birth.

Perhaps now we have found the reasons for "their" searchings, but not the reason "why" — as yet!



DR. FELIX ZIGEL' AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF UFOLOGY IN RUSSIA: PART I

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As the older of FSR's readers may recall, there was a period, between the spring of 1961 and the summer of 1965, when the Review carried rather frequent items from or about the Soviet Union. This was because at that date I had regular access to many Soviet newspapers, magazines and technical journals, several of which are not normally available outside Russia. The result was that, over the period in question, FSR had some fifteen or sixteen articles or translations on the general themes of Space and Space-Travel and even on UFOs, as currently reflected in the thinking of Soviet scientists and scientific writers. Several of the articles had titles such as *What the Soviet Press is Saying*, or *What do the Soviets know?* Some of the articles were straight translations of work by leading Soviet scientists of the day, such as Academician L. A. Ambartsumyan, Professor Krassovskiy, Dr. Asratjan, Dr. Kardyshev, V. Davydov, N. Kozyrev, Klyatkovo, and two or three of the accounts even dealt with actual UFO reports from Russia — the very first to reach us from that country. Notable among these reports was the article *Amazing News from Russia: Can This Be True?*¹ This was a translation which I had made from an article in Italian by Alberto Fenoglio, relating a number of truly remarkable Soviet UFO stories that he claimed to have gleaned from Soviet scientists and diplomats during their official visits to Italy. (While it has, naturally, never been possible to secure any confirmation of these Russian UFO reports supplied by Alberto Fenoglio, one can at least say of them that, amazing as they seemed to us at the time, they appeared to bear some stamp of truth, if only for the reason that they were entirely in line with what we were already getting from the rest of the world.)

Many years were to elapse before we were to receive anything else so extraordinary from Russia, but now that day seems to have come, for there is even more fantastic news out of that country. To cap it all, the source of this fresh information is reported to be Dr. Felix Zigel' himself, the best known of the Soviet Ufologists.² These new developments will be covered in the second part of this article.

Meanwhile, let us return to a brief consideration of the years since 1961-65. FSR's Editor throughout most of that time was Waveney Girvan, after whose sudden death Charles Bowen stepped into the breach and took control. As we look back now at some of the titles that Waveney Girvan selected for my items from the USSR, it looks as though he may have been

tempted at times to believe the Soviets were on the point of "coming clean" and being the first "to tell the world the truth about UFOs."

As the course of subsequent History has shown, that was not to be. But undeniably all those Russian articles were infused with an infectious sort of enthusiasm about the Cosmos and about the possibilities of Space-Travel and of finding intelligent life elsewhere, and indeed one might say that Russian writing and thinking on such questions is still notable for the same sort of quality. But the Soviets clearly never had it in their heads to "be the first to tell the world about UFOs." Their minds were set on something else. They were revealing their total determination to be the first into space, to be the Masters in the Space-Race, and to use this superiority to further their ambitious plans for our Planet.

Dr. Felix Zigel'

For many years after 1965 FSR received little material from the USSR, but what we did see from that source seemed to indicate that a number of their leading scientists and science writers were open-minded about the UFOs and were expressing themselves pretty freely. Foremost among these scientists was Dr. Felix Zigel', Professor of Cosmology at the Moscow Institute of Aviation (which, by the way, is a body under military control). His pupils at the Institute included the Soviet cosmonauts. Zigel's rise to eminence had been rapid. Graduating from Moscow State University in 1942, he forthwith took his place as an *Aspirant* (i.e. a junior member) in the Astronomical Section of the USSR Academy of Sciences. By 1943 he was teaching Astronomy and Mathematics in various universities, and in 1963 he moved to the Moscow Institute of Aviation and began to have charge of the cosmonauts in training.

He has been taking an interest in UFOs from as early as 1955, and since FSR started its existence in that year and has been regularly in Russia, it is not impossible that we will have played some part in forming his opinions about our subject. Meanwhile others too in the USSR were beginning to be sufficiently interested to talk of establishing some sort of semi-civilian investigative group in that country. Our friend Dr Jacques Vallée visited Moscow somewhere around 1968 and met the Soviet ufologists, and on his return from there he told us that the Soviet Air Force were said to have no less than 15,000 UFO reports on