

Birmingham Woman Meets Spacemen

TWICE in six weeks 27-year-old Mrs. Cynthia Appleton, of Fentham Road, Aston, Birmingham, England, claims to have been visited by men from another planet.

Mrs. Appleton has two small children, Susan, aged 3, and Janet, aged 1. Her husband is a sheet-metal worker.

Mrs. Appleton has been interviewed since the contacts by newspaper reporters and many individuals. Among those who have been to see her are the Rev. William Cartmel, rector of Aldridge, Staffs, the Rev. G. E. Tiley, of Powick, Worcs, Mr. Gavin Gibbons, the saucer author, and the editor of this magazine. All have been struck by her sincerity and intelligence.

The first contact occurred on Monday, November 18. Her story is as follows:

After lunch she had put Susan to bed upstairs. Baby Janet was in the pram in the front room downstairs. It was about 3 p.m. Thinking that she heard a cry she went into this room to see if all was well with Janet. It was, but she was suddenly conscious of a very real feeling of oppressiveness in the air. She described it to being similar to that experienced just before thunder. She looked out of the window to see what was the matter. She was standing near the door and facing the window within touching distance of the pram.

Like a TV Picture

Suddenly, there appeared the figure of a man standing on her left by the fireplace. She said he appeared "just like a TV picture on the screen, a blurred image and then suddenly everything is clear." She was, of course, very frightened. At the same time she was conscious that he was calming her by some influence which he exerted upon her mind. She then felt quite calm and collected.

Mrs. Appleton noticed, too, that at the moment of his appearance a "whistle" exactly like the old wireless sets used to make when tuning in to a station. The man was tall and fair. He was wearing a tight-fitting garment in colour like a silvery plastic mackintosh. The sleeves reached to his wrist. The collar part of his garment rose up behind his head like an "Elizabethan" collar.

The man's lips were moving as if in speech, but she heard no audible words. He seemed to be able to read her mind and although she used no



Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, with Susan and Janet.

speech her questions were read and answered mentally.

On the floor there was some newspaper and the man was standing on this. After he left she noticed that it appeared to be scorched. (Subsequently this newspaper was removed by a reporter from the *Birmingham Evening Gazette*.)

In reply to her unspoken query "Where do you come from?" he answered "From another world." He did not state which one.

"Like yours" he continued, "it is governed by the sun. We have to visit your world to obtain something of which we are running short. It is at the bottom of the sea."

Mrs. Appleton said later that she was conscious of a word at the back of her mind—something like "titium." When her husband returned that night she asked him what "titium" was. He knew at once what she meant and said, "You mean titanium." He, being a metal worker was familiar with the word.

The space visitor had gone on to say, "You are stripping bark from the wrong tree to line the wrong boat." She remembered his exact words. "You are concentrating on the wrong power. You are trying to go 'up' (i.e. against the force of gravity). We go like this," and he made a sweeping lateral movement with both his hands and there appeared between his outstretched fingers what she could only describe as a television screen.

On the screen she could clearly see a space ship. It was circular with the top half like a transparent dome. With-

in this ship she could see several figures looking at her. Her visitor told her that we on earth called this large ship the Mother Ship; whereas they called it the "Master Craft." There were two of the ships on the screen. Several smaller circular craft were attached to the underpart of the Master Craft.

He said they never fought but lived in peace and harmony. He also told her they would return again in January, but he gave neither the place nor the exact date of his return. When asked in what manner the visitor left, she could only say "that suddenly he wasn't there any more."

She was frightened and returning to the back sitting-room she wept for half an hour. After this first contact she had a remarkably increased sense of awareness of other people never before experienced by her. Baby Janet, whose birthday was on the day before, had then one tooth. By the end of the week she had six. Was it anything to do with her visitor?

Second Contact

The second contact took place on Tuesday, January 7. However, on the evening before, she had been sitting on a low pouffe in front of the fire, when she suddenly had a complete blackout, becoming quite unconscious and falling forward—fortunately not on to the fire. Her husband was with her in the room so no harm came to her. On recovering consciousness after a few moments she felt dazed and bewildered. She had never had a similar blackout before and was not in the habit of fainting. The possible significance of this event may be clear as this report proceeds.

The next day at about 2.15 p.m. she was in the back sitting-room. She had just put Susan and Janet to sleep. It is a small room about 12 ft. square. She was sitting on the pouffe with her back resting against the wall. She became aware of a sound similar to a "whistle." As on the first occasion it reminded her of the whistle made by an old wireless set when tuning-in. Suddenly there appeared in front of her not one but two figures. They were standing in front of a wall upon which a picture hung. The taller of the two was standing slightly in front of his companion who was to his left and slightly to his rear. They appeared in exactly the same manner as her visitor had on the previous occasion—a blurred image and then suddenly

everything came into sharp focus. She recognised the one standing to the rear as the person who had appeared to her last November. She explained how difficult it was to describe their similarity of features. Europeans find it as difficult to distinguish differences with men of the coloured races in exactly the same way. Differences which are there but not immediately apparent. They were both tall and slim. It was possible to judge this by the picture on the wall and must have been six feet or over in height. They were dressed alike in close-fitting garments. The collars were low cut and circular rising up behind the neck into an "Elizabethan" collar or ruff. They appeared solid and opaque, just like any ordinary human being. Mrs. Appleton said that "you could not see through them although the light of the window was behind them." They were not phantoms. The hair of her first visitor was cut "page-boy" fashion, i.e. the hair straight and falling almost to the shoulders. The hair of the new visitor was cut "ballerina" style, i.e. shorter and curled up over the ears.

They Spoke English

You will recall that on the previous occasion Mrs. Appleton heard no audible speech, but was conscious only of telepathic communication. To her surprise on this occasion they both addressed her in English. She said they spoke English as a foreigner would speak it, with careful articulation and in a clipped manner.

Her first visitor introduced the other, who was apparently the more "senior." The latter then conducted the whole of the remainder of the conversation.

Mrs. Appleton was first informed that her "blackout" of the previous evening was entirely due to their action in preparing to make contact with her again. He did not explain why this was so. He mainly questioned her about the results of her previous encounter. What had been the results and whom had she told about it?

This time he told her that they came from Ghanas Vahn (pronounced gutterally as if German) and that this country was on Venus.

Why did they only appear to her and not to other people? Because she was one of the few who was capable of receiving such communications. Other people's brains, he told her, were not fitted as hers was to make such contacts possible. Men were so stupid and primitive that they did not even believe in another world. The human brain was in itself a radio set capable of transmission and reception. Men did not really need mechanical

sets to make such contacts possible.

Mrs. Appleton asked if it were possible for her to touch him. He said to do so would be very dangerous to her bodily health. What she was seeing, he said, was a projection of himself and his companion. (This would seem to show the possible presence of radio-activity or gamma rays. Note, too, the scorched paper in the first contact and the child's teeth.—Ed.) Scorching in various degrees has often been noticed with the near approach of UFOs.

She asked him why "they" did not seek wider contacts with the human race. He replied that such an immediate action might induce panic. Who could foretell the results of such contact in a world so divided as ours. She asked if it was possible for her husband to see them. "No," was the reply, "his brain is not capable at present to receive such a transmission." He was pleased though to contact her and he thanked her for her co-operation.

He then gave her some very startling information. The "bearers of the Hammer and Sickle" (obviously the Russians) were on the point of perfecting a ray gun. This could disintegrate matter without firing any shell such as is fired by ordinary artillery. He told her that in the near future there would be much bloodshed and suffering. He comforted her with the words "do not be afraid little one." He also informed her that they would pay her no further visits. This it was understood was because of the effect on her health.

The manner of their departure was similar to that before. The junior, after bowing to her, disappeared first. He just faded away like a TV picture

does when one turns off the set. The senior placed both his hands over his breasts, bowed and left her in the same manner.

Mrs. Appleton, on being questioned, said she did not feel frightened as on the first visit. After all, she was expecting a second visit, in accordance with the promise given in November. What were the after effects? She felt very heavy headed just as if she was recovering from a splitting headache. There was no sense of fear or distress.

In answer to a question from the Editor of this magazine, as to whether there was any noticeable smell on either occasion? she said there was a faint sort of smell like sulphur. The kind of smell after an electrical discharge.

Mrs. Appleton's health had not been too good after the first contact. She was informed that it would now improve, and it is understood that this has indeed occurred.

Conclusions

What conclusions can be come to about these two alleged contacts?

It can be stated once more that both Mr. and Mrs. Appleton are very sincere people. They struck those who interviewed them as truthful people.

There are no witnesses to either of the contacts. Her husband believes in her explicitly.

Most of those who have had anything to do with the case agree that it is not a psychic experience in the ordinary sense of the word.

It was not an actual physical contact either. The visitors were probably not actually present in the house. What was it then? Possibly as Mrs. Appleton maintains a projection of themselves. On this planet we have only recently begun to use television. Possibly an advanced race in space have gone a way ahead in developments of this kind and can project pictures anywhere.

Mrs. Appleton stated that she had not previously been interested in flying saucers and had not read any books or literature on the subject.

If that is so, and there is no reason to doubt her word, then researchers of flying saucers will note a certain pattern in these two contacts that is common to many other contacts and sighting reports.

(1) The scorching mentioned above. (2) The television screen depicted between the visitor's fingers on the first contact. This will recall one of the early contacts of Orfeo Angellucci described in his book "The Secret of the Saucers." (3) Telepathy on first contact and speech on second. This is similar to Adamski's experiences.

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