

change of any astronomical body as shown by the photographs contradict every known celestial law.

The object bears comparison with that in the Lucci photo-

graph, taken in the late sixties at Beaver Falls, Pa., although in the latter case the object was visible to the observers when photographed.

It is my opinion that the

object, the image of which appears on these transparencies, is quite likely one of our friends (?) displaying yet another facet of their cloak and dagger activities.

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SPIES FOR THE "SPACEMEN"

Gordon Creighton

THE very cockles of the heart are warmed by a report in the London newspaper *Sunday Express* (August 22, 1976) concerning a legal wrangle which may well make history.

It concerns two German gentlemen, Herr Karl Veit and Herr August Woerner, ardent UFO buffs of long standing and close friends for years past. As the report puts it: "There had never been a word of disagreement between them. Both firmly believed in flying saucers. There had never been a doubt in the minds of Herr Veit and Herr Woerner that the strange vehicles carried 'Visitors from Outer Space' who had been sent on reconnaissance missions to Earth."

Herr Karl Veit, as many of our readers will know, heads the German Society for UFO Studies, Deutsche UFO/IFO-Studiengesellschaft, (DUIST), in Wiesbaden, and publishes a monthly paper called *UFO-Nachrichten*. Herr Woerner has his own separate UFO/study organization in Mayen, near Koblenz. Over the years they have collaborated, compared notes, and exchanged information about their researches and their findings. But now the long friendship has ended in a bitter quarrel, for Herr Woerner has taken out a summons accusing his old friend Karl Veit of "engaging in espionage activities in the service of Earth's extraterrestrial enemies."

The disagreement between the two old friends started in 1972, when they fell out over the knotty problem — indeed the key 64 billion dollar problem — of whether or not the 'Visitors' are friendly towards the Earthlings.

Herr Veit was adamant (as all readers of his *UFO-Nachrichten* will be fully aware). Beyond any per-adventure, in his view, the Cosmic Brethren, the Elders from Space "...are our friends. They have come to warn us against man's irresponsible probings into Space and interference with Nature. They are also trying to stop us from indulging in an atomic war which could not only destroy the Earth but also endanger other star systems."

This nice and beguiling theory was flatly rejected however by Herr Woerner as "dangerous poppycock." Said he: "The visitors, far from wanting to avert an atomic war on Earth, are simply waiting for one to start. Then, when most of the human population here has been wiped out, they will move in and take over the world."

Veit and Woerner naturally both claim to have

the fullest evidence in support of their theories.

And then suddenly the quarrel turned even fiercer. Because Herr Woerner had changed his mind as to where the flying saucers came from.

Said he: "They do not come from Outer Space. They have their bases deep in the Earth — their exits are in the inaccessible mountains of Tibet.*

When Herr Woerner's new theory had fully taken shape, he wrote to Herr Veit: "I presume that you will now put an end to your previous activities, and cease to act as a mouthpiece for these Satanic powers."

When Herr Veit ignored the challenge and showed that he still clung to his former views, Herr Woerner decided that the moment had come for him to take the question into the law courts. He got the State Court in Frankfurt to issue a summons charging Herr Karl Veit with "spying for extraterrestrial powers."

The lawyers for both sides are now considering this intriguing and unusual *mise en scène*. One court official was quoted as having made the following observation on the case:—

"There is no question of throwing the case out as frivolous. It is most unusual. But Herr Woerner and Herr Veit are both serious men. And Herr Woerner clearly believes that he has grounds for complaint. Our problem is that espionage cases are usually handled by the Federal Public Prosecutor. But he already has his hands full with cases concerning earthbound spies and terrorists. In any case, this is the first time that any court anywhere in the world will have to deal with alleged Space spying...

"I suppose that, in this day and age, it had to come sometime."

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If I may be permitted to conclude on a more personal note, I will confess that (as I suspect many

NOTE

* Tibet (like the Bayan Kara Uula Mountains lying to the east of that country) is satisfyingly remote, and inaccessible, and mysterious, and we can easily see therefore what a boon it is to zealous Ufologists.

G.C.

FSR readers have by now spotted) my own position in these weighty problems tends to be a little nearer to that of Herr Woerner than the position of his opponent, though my view may be thought a trifle more simplistic, if one may employ such a term. For I like to visualize the KGB ensconced in their plush Headquarters, a truly posh *Lyublyanka*, at the Centre of the Earth, and there pulling levers and pressing buttons on all sides to produce earthquakes, wars, violence, blackmail, revolutions, drug-addiction, insanity, demonic possession, droughts, floods, murder and mayhem on both small and vast scales. And I have no doubt that, as an occasional relief from the boredom of a chairborne job, their top or favoured operatives are granted a spot of leave, to take a hand at the control of a UFO as these sleek shining *Vimanas*, the product of the technology of the Workers' Paradise, pop out from the Polar Entrances of the Hollow Earth, rather in the fashion that the huge fat white maggots of the bot-fly will pop out from the spines of cattle when you squeeze them at the right spots.

Some readers may of course write in to point out to me that the Control Point at the Centre of the Earth is already bespoken, according to long religious tradition, for certain other Gentry.

To which I will simply reply that I find it not at all without significance for you and for me that two distinguished organizations should be occupying what seems to be one and the same suite of offices. Might they in fact, on closer inspection, not perhaps turn out to be part and parcel of *one organization rather than two?*

Surely one must admit that it bears thinking about and makes an awful lot of sense.

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