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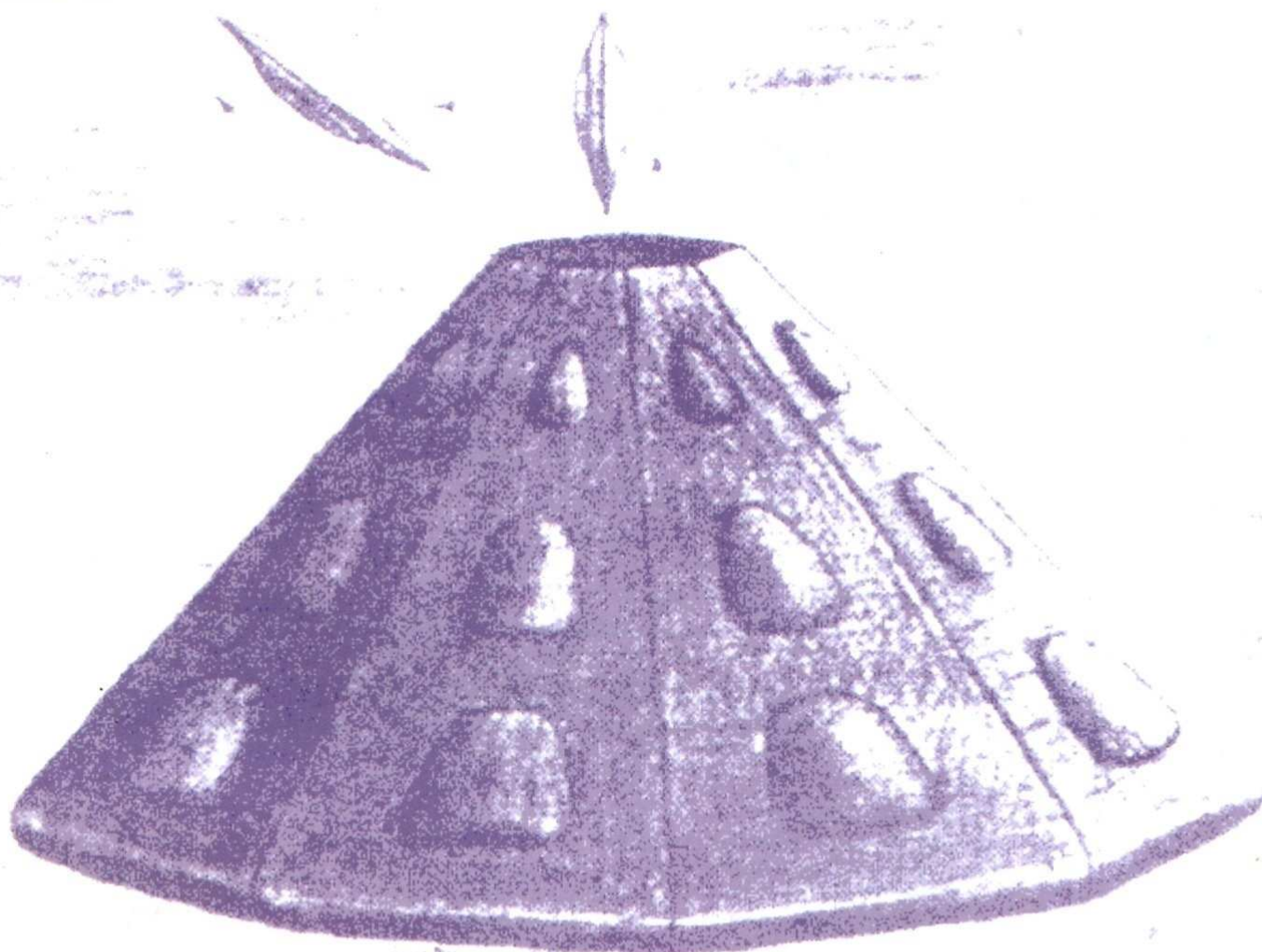
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EDITORIAL

As many of our readers know, FSR, having started almost half a century ago with capital of only £100 (!), has a growing number of serious problems to face -the greatest of course being the arrival and existence of the INTERNET, which has already gravely affected many book publishers and driven several British UFO journals right out of existence. Even Graham Birdsall's marvellous UFO MAGAZINE, published in Leeds, has recently lost more than half of its circulation, so I am informed by Timothy Good.

I will make mention below of some of our other problems. WHEN YOU HAVE ABSORBED WHAT I SAY, YOU WILL, I AM SURE, ALL REALISE THAT, IF YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE TO SEE FSR SAVED AND PRESERVED FOR THE FUTURE, YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABSOLUTELY OBLIGED TO EMBARK ON A PERMANENT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ON OUR BEHALF, FOR ONLY IF YOU CAN DO THAT AND KEEP TELLING YOUR FRIENDS ALL ABOUT US AND KEEP URGING THEM TO BECOME SUBSCRIBERS, ONLY THEN CAN WE HOPE TO HAVE A READERSHIP SUFFICIENT EVEN TO KEEP US AFLOAT!

FOR NONE OF THE YOUNGER PEOPLE OF BRITAIN HAVE EVEN HEARD OF OUR EXISTENCE. NOR IS THERE ANY WAY THAT THEY WILL EVER DO SO UNLESS YOU, OUR TINY BAND OF PRESENT READERS, TELL THEM!

You may ask -why is this? Let me tell you the simple reason:

FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A PERMANENT BAN ON MYSELF AND FSR THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF THE TV AND RADIO AND PRESS MEDIA OF BRITAIN. NOT EVEN A PASSING MENTION IN ANY NEWSPAPER IS EVER PERMITTED, AND IF I WRITE A LETTER TO ANY NEWSPAPER ON ANY SUBJECT OR POLITICAL MATTER ON WHICH -AS A FORMER BRITISH DIPLOMAT AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICER- I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AND EXPERT KNOWLEDGE, EVEN THAT LETTER WILL NEVER BE PERMITTED TO APPEAR IF IT BEARS THE SIGNATURE: GORDON CREIGHTON.

At FSR we have always lived from hand to mouth.

No cash ever available for travelling to conferences; no cash available for advertising. Only for about six months, just once, have we ever reached a bank balance of £15,000. Generally it is below £9000 or £8000. At present we have just enough money in the kitty to print and issue the next FSR. After that, if *you* don't help us (we know that nobody else will, for we have approached many potential patrons, as yet without significant outcome) we shall go under and we shall certainly vanish without trace.

If you study history carefully you will notice that people who try to tell the truth, -as we do- are invariably highly "unpopular".

The fact is that, for 44 years, with little money, no office, and very few hands, we have maintained a quality of first-class, world-wide coverage of the "UFO Phenomenon" such as no other UFO journal anywhere in the world can show. **(This of course is precisely why it has been thought so necessary to destroy us, and we accept the implied compliment.)**

Here now is an "interesting" little fact for you to mull over:-

During the past four or five years there have been a least a dozen people -newspaper reporters, TV and Radio programme people- who have telephoned to me or written to me, and have seemingly been immensely interested in all I have had to say, often indeed staying on the 'phone for an hour and even more with me, and all of them ending by saying that they will come "to interview me"! **NOT ONE OF THEM HAS EVER COME!**

But why is this, you may ask. SIMPLE, DEAR WATSON! THEY THEMSELVES HAVE EACH "RECEIVED A 'PHONE CALL'!"

In fact several times I have laughed and told them: "YOU WON'T COME! YOU'LL HAVE A 'PHONE CALL!"

It might be a remarkable thing were we ever to know how many of our readers stop their subscriptions because they have "had a phone call". It wouldn't cost much for a Government, or indeed absolutely anybody, to put us right out of business by such a method. And my guess is that it is happening now.

If, as is probable, you are at this point starting to talk about "Creighton's paranoia", let me invite you all to take

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THE "ARICA CASE" OF THE CHILEAN SOLDIER WHO "WENT INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION" AND "AGED BY FIVE DAYS" IN FIFTEEN MINUTES! BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

(Translations from Spanish, Chinese and German, G.C.)

[Founded in 1955 on a capital of only £100, *Flying Saucer Review* has now battled on for 43 years, poor, unable to pay for any advertising, and consequently unable to reach a wide audience owing to the deliberate blanket ban imposed upon FSR and upon myself throughout the whole of the British media for the last sixteen years.

Our staunch readers should realize that such a ban is potentially a very great tribute to us, for it shows that somebody knows only too well that we have, throughout been telling the truth or as near to the truth as we could get!

With no office premises, no proper filing system, and a total of only five pairs of hands *at the most* -as today (and generally over the 43 years it has been only *two* pairs!) we have led this precarious existence and endured the heat of the day and borne the brunt of organized ridicule that has been concocted in official and authoritative levels

and poured out upon us through the British media. (One of these days I will publish the names of a few of the "big shots" in the paranormal field who have publicly scorned and ridiculed us but who all along have been studying the UFO scene and have had their plans to destroy us and take our place when the "appropriate moment" comes.)

Given this lack of clout and of facilities, the idea of checking, at the source, all the reports that have been coming to us from every part of the world would be utterly ridiculous, and readers with any commonsense will realize this. Nevertheless we do *try* to the extent of our so pitiful resources, to "follow up" and keep contact with such cases as we can, and the series of documents which I now give below about a Chilean soldier's extraordinary experience in 1977 illustrates one happening in which, at any rate, we can claim an unusual piece of success in "follow-up". G.C.]

I. THE STRANGE CASE OF CORPORAL VALDÉS. REPORT BY DANIEL GIRIBALDI.

[Translation from Spanish G.C.] from Argentinian newspaper CLARÍN
(Buenos Aires) of Friday May 20, 1977]
(See *The Arica Encounter*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR 23/5 (1978).

Einstein himself once stated that, if someone were to travel at the speed of light, he would arrive at his destination before he had started. Reality is lent to this sort of speculation when you hear of the recent case of the Chilean corporal who, after being abducted by a UFO, was returned fifteen minutes later to the spot where he had been. The supernatural part of this case is that during that short lapse of time his beard had grown as much as it would have done if he had not shaved for several days.

The affair, which has been reported to us by telegraph, took place in the early morning of April 25th in the Arica region, 2,130 kms. to the north of the Chilean capital Santiago. [It is in fact at the extreme northern tip of Chile's "ribbon-like" territory -G.C.] The man involved was Corporal Armando Valdés of the Chilean Army's Rancague Regiment, which is based in the area.

The Corporal was in command of a patrol engaged on a routine inspection. As he subsequently declared (his statements were gathered by the Santiago daily papers and given world-wide dissemination) he had observed a powerfully bright beam of light at a distance of about 500m from the patrol, so he went off to investigate. He then re-appeared among his men without their being aware of his presence, and what caught their attention instantly was the fact that he had suddenly grown a beard. Then, almost immediately after that, he fell to the ground,

unconscious, and when he recovered his senses he was unable to remember anything of what had happened to him during the past fifteen minutes that he had been absent.

Had he been kidnapped aboard the UFO?... According to later reports the corporal is not only not retracting his statements but says: "Even at the risk that you may think I'm crazy I want to submit myself for hypnotic treatment that might enable me to reconstruct what it was that I experienced during those fifteen minutes". And, furthermore, he called upon his fellow-soldiers of his patrol to testify on his behalf.

His superior officers and also the men under him all agree that Valdés had shaved quite correctly and completely that previous morning, as per the regulations in force, before setting out on the patrol as ordered." [Chile is not one of the "slapdash" South American Republics. It is very "military", and very smart! -G.C.]

Another important and inexplicable thing is the matter of the corporal's watch. As one of the senior officers of Valdés's regiment told the journalists, "his watch is of a type that has the days of the week marked on it. When the corporal fainted and the watch was removed from his left wrist, it was instantly noted that it had stopped at 4.30, the precise time when the phenomenon had appeared, and the calendar had gone forward five days in