"Daughter already met"

These last two occasion were the eleventh and twelfth contacts of Antônio Carlos with the beings, and the dossier on him now runs to 63 pages, in addition to many drawings and photographs. Listed in it are the various theories that have been put forward to explain these curious experiences of the almost illiterate night-watchman. He has already described, when given regressive hypnosis previously, (see Sr. Granchi's account) how he had met "green beings" and "brown beings". And how he was forced to have sexual relations with an "extraterrestrial" woman, who had given birth to a daughter (whom he had sub-

sequently met!) On the occasions of the other abductions of him, he had met (possibly "on the Moon") fair-skinned beings, more like humans, and also darkskinned beings and "hairy" beings.

He also said, during the previous hypnotic regression, that his daughter is dark-skinned, intelligent and "better looking than *they* are," with reddish-coloured hair, and that she has no desire to meet her terrestrial relatives.

In most of the abductions, Antônio Carlos was lifted up into the craft by means of a beam of light, the colour of which is variable. His contact with the aliens is effected by means of telepathy, he himself speaking and hearing without ever opening his mouth.

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Gordon Creighton

In the days when such writers and pioneers as Charles Fort and M. K. Jessup were with us, great attention was paid to such extraordinary phenomena as the massive falls of dead birds or frogs or periwinkles or other seacreatures (particularly in the latter case, if they were totally unmixed with other species).

In Charles Fort's day, it is true, the time had not yet quite come for speculating about the existence of what we now call "UFOs". in Jessup's day, in the 1960s, such speculation was widespread, and even respected aviation correspondents of leading newspapers would write articles that nobody would dare to write today.

For today, all our wisest brains assure us that the UFO is pure myth.

Such being the case, is the fashionable complaint, "hypothermia", indeed the right explanation for the following story? Who knows?

(1) FARM MYSTERY OF DEAD BIRDS

Sunday Express, London, March 16, 1986

By Brendan Mulholland

Hill farmer Mr. Robert Jones was puzzled when he found a couple of dozen dead starlings in his yard.

He had seen many dead birds in his time but nothing quite like this.

Mr. Jones continued on his early-morning inspec-

tion of his property.

There had been heavy rain overnight, and he was concerned for the fabric of outbuildings and the state of drainage ditches.

Then 63-year-old Mr. Jones came across more dead starlings further down his yard. This time there were not just dozens. There were hundreds.

Yet the dead birds seemed plump enough, almost

well-fed considering the weeks of hard frost.

Mr. Jones, who has farmed at Llanfihangel, near Caernarfon, North Wales, all his working life, walked on towards a quarter-acre coppice where the birds had been roosting.

And there, strewn across the hillside and piled in ditches, were more dead starlings ... about 3,000.

What had killed thousands of apparently healthy birds? Mr. Jones was sure it was not the weather. The cold spell was over and anyway starlings were hardy birds.

Could they have been poisoned? He could think of no possible source.

Theory

Said Mr. Jones: "I've never heard of anything like this happening. "I have a theory. They had been in the wood so long, I think it is just possible their droppings were activated by the sudden heavy rain.

"Perhaps that created a gas that poisoned them."

Mr. Peter Colston, an ornithologist with the Natural History Museum, was not inclined to go along with the droppings theory.

He admitted, though, that he had not come across

such a huge and sudden carnage.

A spokesman of the Welsh office of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said: "I think you can rule out the weather as the cause."

Local veterinarian Mr. Eifion Evans is, however,

not at all sure that the bad weather can be ruled out.

He said: "I think that, after the cold weather, the condition of the birds was weakened. Perhaps the best bet² is that they died of hypothermia."

1. My italics.

2. And an even better bet is that none of these gentlemen have ever read Charles Fort or M. K. Jessup! — G.C.

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But how's the following for an even better one! (Credit

and thanks to FSR reader E. M. Jakes of West Sussex): Sunday Express, London, March 9, 1986

(2) FINGER MYSTERY

Berlin: Police were mystified yesterday over the discovery of a human finger which fell from the sky with a thump onto a car roof in West Berlin. So far, no explanation has emerged.

TWO SOUTH AMERICAN LANDING REPORTS FROM SPANISH PRESS

(Credit and thanks to FSR reader Sr. Gerard y Holmes of Majorca)

1. From newspaper *Última Hora*, Majorca, of August 21, 1985

UFO LANDING IN CHILE

A UFO landed early in the morning of last Monday (August 19) on the top of a hill in the Chaca Valley in the Arica region of northern Chile, some 2,000 kms to the north of the capital Santiago, according to a report issued yesterday by Radio Capisima.

The radio station stated that a truck-driver named Manfredo Olguín, as well as other drivers of vehicles, observed "an intensely reddish-violet light descending vertically, just like a helicopter, on to the top of the hill, distant some 500 metres from the highway. The truck-driver described the UFO as "huge".

The report went on to say that the local villagers subsequently found an area some 20 metres wide with burnt shrubs and vegetation.

The Chaca Valley lies at some 50 kms. from Arica. This sighting comes very soon after the observation of a UFO which was over the capital, Santiago, on the afternoon of last Saturday, August 17. It was watched for four hours by personnel of the control towers and meteorological posts at the airports. It was also seen by the crew of an airliner of the Avianca line, and by three astronomers at the Observatory of the University of Chile on the Cerro Calán Peak.

The sighting was in broad daylight, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm local time, on Saturday (8.00pm to midnight, GMT) and caused a sensation in Santiago.

Radio and TV reporters quit commenting on the football games they were covering and, from their posts in the stadia, concentrated on reporting the

movements of the UFO.

It shone brilliantly, having the shape of a luminous sphere six times the size of a normal star. Excellent photos of it were secured both by graphic reporters and by astronomers.

2. From the Majorca newspaper Baleares, February 27, 1986

A SQUADRON OF UFOS LAND IN ARGENTINA

A fleet of UFOs were seen yesterday morning (February 26) by a number of residents of the Atalaya district to the south of Buenos Aires and also by troops of the tank unit of the Argentine Army stationed in the nearby town of Magdalena.

The UFOs, which were seen at 4.30am, local time, were in a formation of ten, and were flying at high speed and in perfect alignment.

The entire squadron was seen to land, and on the same area of country where, some weeks before, scorch and burn marks had been found on the ground, presumably left by other previous landings.

The report was given wide coverage in the evening newspapers and on the TV news, and follows upon a number of UFO sightings over Argentina in the recent past.

There are also reports of burn marks from another UFO which were found recently in a field in the Province of Córdoba, 800 kilometres to the north-west of Buenos Aires. Experts described the size of the UFO as very large.