

lit up his cockpit. According to Heathrow's air traffic control centre at West Drayton, the pilots of four other aircraft also reported the phenomenon.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman was quoted as saying: "Prince Charles' pilot did report seeing a bright flash. But we are satisfied there was no danger to the Prince's aircraft."

The paper went on to say that Prince Philip, Charles' father, is greatly interested in "our subject", and is a reader of *Flying Saucer Review*, thus giving further publicity to a report which appeared in various American publications years ago (particularly in *McCalls' Magazine* for June 22, 1962).

What the British Newspaper Says I Said

The British newspaper of March 2, 1986, carried the following comment on the Prince Charles report:—

Former diplomat Gordon Creighton, the editor of *Flying Saucer Review* magazine said:

"I've no idea what this object could have been, but it would be wrong to dismiss it. There are beings in space watching us very closely."

What I Actually Said to the British Newspaper

The representative of the newspaper, who inter-

viewed me at length by telephone, was extremely anxious to get me to say that (1) the red glow was a UFO, and (2) that the occupants of UFOs are deeply interested in the movements and the doings of members of our Royal Family. I replied that, since I had not been there in Prince Charles' plane, I had not the slightest idea what they might have seen, and that, so far as the Royal Family are concerned, any occupants of UFOs would probably already know everything they want to know about them, just as they probably already know all they want to know about the rest of us. As for the red glow, I said it might very well have been from a piece of American or Soviet Space-debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere and burning up, and I therefore suggested that the newspaper should contact Mr. James Oberg of NASA, at the Houston Space Centre, who is the recognized world-authority on these matters as well as on the non-existence of UFOs.

A Lesson

The episode is salutary, because once again it confirms that, in all probability, the less we have to do with the newspapers, and indeed with any of the media, the better so far as we are concerned, for the rendering of an accurate report is not their primary concern. — G.C.

SOME FURTHER NOTES ON ANTÔNIO ÁLVES FERREIRA

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WE held a meeting of CISNE in Rio de Janeiro on April 30, 1985, and invited the "contactee" Antônio Alves Ferreira to be our guest. We also invited Dr. José de Freitas Dutra. (As will be recalled, Dr. Dutra, who, incidentally, has now become *Attorney-General for Brazil — Procurador Geral da República* — used to be State Attorney in the town of São Luis, in the State of Maranhão, North-Eastern Brazil, where Antônio Alves Ferreira was born, and it was Dr. Dutra who had originally put me in touch with this case, as he had already known the youth and his family — poor but honourable people — for some years past.)

It is reported that Antônio Alves Ferreira has continued to treat many sick people, and cured many of them successfully. But his powers, as happens with so many psychics and mediums, are totally random and unpredictable, and not under his own control. (For

example, his own crippled condition has not been healed or improved at all, but this is often a marked feature with psychics.)

A "Disaster"

Antônio Alves Ferreira's appearance at our CISNE meeting proved to be a disaster. Like other paranormals, he gets annoyed when tired, and shows it. Our audience wanted him to speak, but he replied: "*I am forbidden to speak their language!*"

After this sad display at the CISNE meeting, Antônio stayed on for a few days in Rio at the home of Professor Mario of the Institute of Parapsychology, and, as usual, paranormal things began to occur there. There was a lot of the usual twisting of cutlery — even of a fork while Antônio was eating with it.

Psychic Phenomena

Sr. Laercio Pinheiro, a friend of mine, who has been delivering a course of lectures on Psychotronics at the Institute, was just entering the reception-hall there one day. Antônio was there — seated beside the Secretary's desk. The Secretary himself had just stepped out of the room.

Suddenly a tremendous bang was heard. Immediately behind Antônio there was a glass-fronted cupboard, which is kept locked, the key being always in Professor Mario's pocket.

Interestingly enough, this cupboard contained certain "relics" which the Professor was keeping as "souvenirs" of Uri Geller's visit to Rio de Janeiro, when Uri had been his guest, as well as certain other similar materials that had been affected abnormally by other psychics.

The "explosion" occurred precisely in this cupboard. Its door now stood open, and a kind of glass pot with a lid, which had contained ancient coins, was now scattered in smithereens on the floor.

New "Space-Friends"

A few days later I went along to the Institute to see Antônio again and have a chat with him. He told me that he now had some new "Space friends", and that their names were *Gensan*, *Maximone*, and *Etelgen* (all tall beings), and *Teiau*, who is small and very ugly.

Antônio also informed me that his other friends, "*Croris*" and company, "*come periodically, when the routes are open, in February*". There is of course no explanation as to what is meant by this strange remark.

Comment by Editor, FSR

For Senhora Granchi's full account of the Antônio Alves Ferreira case, see FSR Volume 31, No. 2.

It seems to occur very frequently that psychics who are healers are not personally benefitted by their strange powers. One obvious case which comes to mind is that of the great French mystic and healer, Sainte Thérèse de Lisieux, who it is claimed wrought many remarkable healings, but her own health was deplorable and her life short. (No doubt, like other

healers, she relieved the sick by "taking on" some of their illness.)

As for Antônio Alves Ferreira, my conclusion is that this is just another piece of "*Jinnery*" like all the rest, and that the idea that "Extraterrestrials" could be involved is nothing short of ludicrous.

We may find, in due course, that this explanation accounts for the entire "UFO Phenomenon".

As for Antônio's so-called "alien language", I now have, as already reported, a cassette received from Irene Granchi on which we can hear him "speaking" it. We also have a good supply of the so-called "script" and even a letter-for-letter substitution-key, showing that this famous "E.T." language has precisely the same number of letters as Portuguese!

The study of this sort of thing requires time — a commodity which is in short supply. But I have no doubt whatever that we shall find it is a typical psychic "language-spoof", reminiscent of the famous case of the Swiss medium "Hélène Smith" (Catherine Elise Müller, 1861-1929) whose "Martian language and writing" turned out to be good plain French decked out in a bogus script!

The affair of the exploding glass case and the Uri Geller connection is very interesting indeed. I have spoken with a number of the American doctors and scientists who tested Uri Geller, and know how amazed some of them were by what he did. He too showed powers which were quite unpredictable and could not be controlled, and we have heard interesting rumours of serious damage to delicate instruments in a London broadcasting studio.

When Uri Geller first visited London, some years ago, one of FSR's British Consultants went to his West End hotel one evening to interview him and have dinner with him in his room. But the Consultant's tape-recorder obstinately refused to work in Uri's presence, and various objects "took off and flew around the room".

There is also the fascinating account (said to be confirmed by Uri himself) of the attempt by a delectable lady — I believe Scandinavian — who tried to pin a *paternity order* on him owing to the sudden distortion, and consequent malfunction, of a contraceptive loop that she had been wearing when viewing Uri on television! G.C.

DELTA-WINGS AND "BOOMERANGS"

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MR. Joan Richardson's letter in FSR 31/3 plus the little item on pages 12 and 13 about DELTA-WINGS AND "BOOMERANGS" were both extremely interesting, and I am happy to be able to

supply the solution (which happens so very rarely in Ufology!).

The British firm of Armstrong Whitworth did indeed construct the prototype machine seen by Mrs. Richardson, and it was indeed flown and tested, as she says, from Boscombe Down, just a few miles from her home, near Basingstoke.

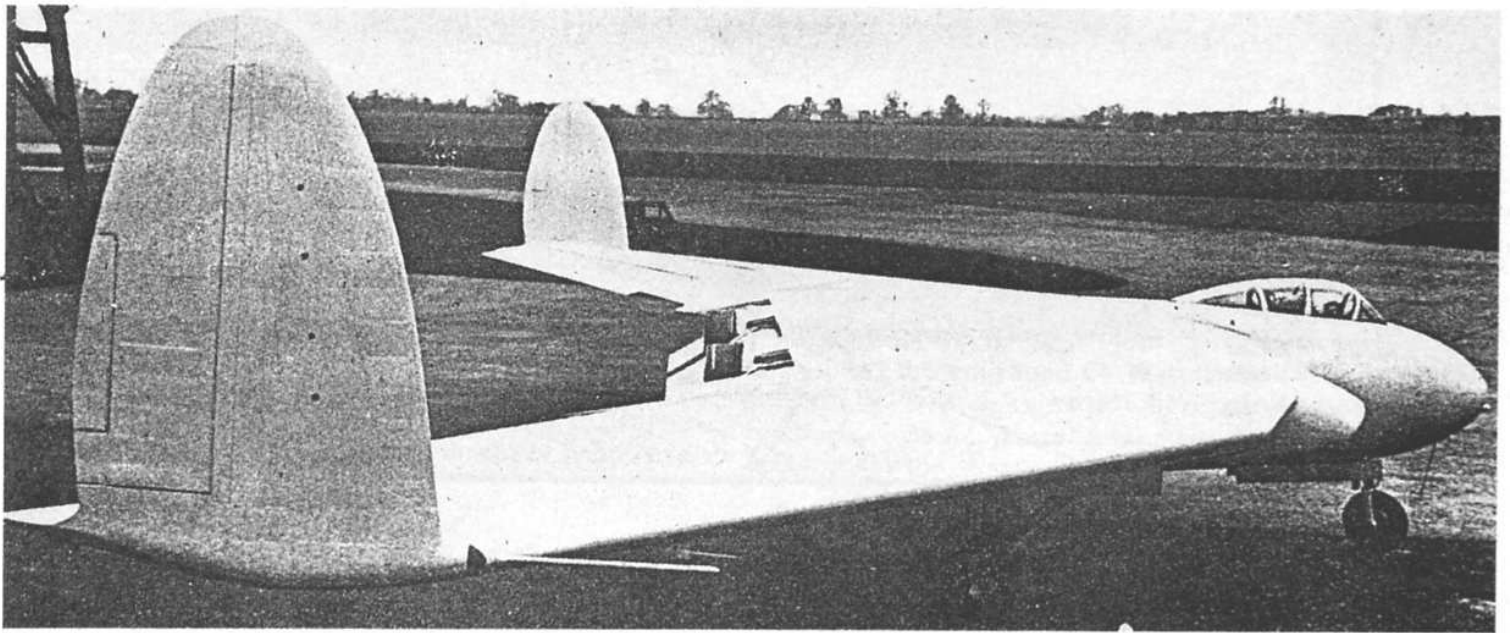
It would have been accompanied on its flights, exactly as she says, by a *Meteor* aircraft, since this was the machine normally used at the time for photographic purposes.

It was known as the *Armstrong Whitworth A.W.52 Experimental Tail-less Monoplane* (two Rolls-

Royce Nene gas-turbines), and for the benefit of the many who will be interested I enclose herewith a photostatic copy of the relevant entry from *Jane's All The World Aircraft* for 1948/1949. (not reproduced. G.C.)

So far as I know the idea of designing an airliner on the "flying wing" principle was thereafter abandoned.

In connection with UFO reports we often hear the charge made that ordinary members of the public are incapable of giving an accurate account of what they see. In fact these illustrations in *Jane's All The World Aircraft* show how very accurate Mrs. Richardson's description was!



The Armstrong Whitworth A.W.52

The A.W.52 is an experimental all-metal all-wing twin-jet aircraft which is intended for tail-less research purposes and is a larger and powered version of the A.W.52G glider. Two prototypes have been built to Specification E.9/44 and the first, fitted with two Rolls-Royce Nene engines, flew for the first time at Boscombe Down on November 13, 1947. The second prototype is being fitted with two Rolls-Royce Derwent engines. The accumulation of data obtained from the A.W.52G glider and the two powered aircraft of similar configuration will be used to determine the final shape and detailed design of a six-jet tail-less airliner which is under development by the Armstrong Whitworth company.

Type.—Experimental Twin-jet Tail-less monoplane.

Wings.—Cantilever all-metal monoplane. N.P.L. wing sections giving laminar flow to 0.55 of the chord. 655-3-218 at the centre-section root, 655-3-118 at the knuckle and 645-3-015 at the tip.

