

The Editor of L.D.L.N. adds that he has a further report from a man who saw a round, red, lumious object shoot across the sky towards Rebouillon at about 10 p.m. that same night (July 18-19).

#### Multiple sightings at Lille

*Lumières dans la Nuit* (November/December 1966) is the source of this account—

“From the southern suburbs of Lille, from 9.00 p.m. to 9.50 p.m. on August 24, two witnesses saw two ‘luminous crossed objects’ which were at first taken for an aircraft. They were in sight for three minutes, then vanished, reappearing a few moments later as a cloud cigar and now much nearer. It was perfectly stationary, and an estimate of its length as 100m. was given. It was very luminous, just like a neon sign, and indeed almost intolerable for the eyes. There were however dark areas on its surface.

“Suddenly a luminous beam appeared from each end of it, projected down towards the ground. Then the huge thing vanished into the night.

“Up to this point, there had been only one witness, a Mme. Jean Valcke, of 37 rue Jean-Jaurès, Lille, and by now she was scared. At 9.20 p.m. her husband came home. At first this young man (aged 25) refused to believe his wife’s story, but, going over to a window, he now saw not the object she had described, but no less than four large orange objects which were clearly visible in the sky, though further off than the thing she had seen.

“From 9.30 to 9.50 p.m. Monsieur and Mme. Valcke watched the four objects as they continually changed shape, luminosity, and speed of movement. Several times the objects appeared to vanish, only to re-appear. At one moment, M. Valcke saw a small luminous globe shoot out very fast from one of them, leaving as it did so a fine white trail.

“All four of the objects seemed to be surrounded by ‘clouds’. These clouds were brilliantly lit up by the craft, and it was an amazing sight, all of it of course proceeding in total silence. At 9.50 p.m. the objects vanished in a westward direction.”

#### Silent globe over Douai

Yet another report from *Lumières dans la Nuit*—

“At Douai, on August 30, 1966, at 6 p.m., three railway employees saw a silent globe, of the apparent

size of the full moon, but as bright as several big car headlights combined. It was self-luminous and it lit up, in a most spectacular way, the clouds which were being driven along before a S.W. wind. After performing various evolutions in the blue sky, the incredibly dazzling object began to move off, very slowly, against the wind. Then, very suddenly, after about one minute of this slow movement, it speeded up and vanished. The three railway workers swore it was no plane or meteor or anything they had ever seen. At 6.03 p.m., so they said, an aircraft crossed its course. The aircraft was flying from South to North and the pilot must, they thought, have seen the object. Many other witnesses in the housing area for railway workers (Cite des Cheminots) at Douai also saw it.”

#### Landing at Montsoreau

From the *Paris-Jour* of August 13, 1966, we learn that—

“At Montsoreau (Maine-et-Loire) a UFO landed and left tangible traces. It was at 10.30 p.m. (date not given), said M. Lacoste, who is a Saumur photographer by profession, when he saw a dazzlingly luminous ball rise up. It circled for some 40 seconds around the field of wheat and then suddenly landed. His wife who was with him was on the verge of a nervous collapse. They both ran to their car, and he put on the headlights, whereupon the luminous ball at once shot up from the field and vanished at a staggering speed.

“According to the owner of the field, a Monsieur Rouillier, his wheat was crushed over an area of ten square metres, and the machine left oil marks.”

—Credit : *Lumières dans la Nuit*\*

#### Burns from the sky

From *Nice-Martin* of October 15, 1966, a report from Ussel in the Department of Corrèze—

“On July 15, 1966, M. Joseph Longy, farmer in the village of Lachaud, district of Couffy, was cutting grass with a mowing-machine when he heard a ‘bang’, like the noise produced by an air force jet breaking through the sound barrier, but did not see any aircraft in the sky.

“While this noise was vanishing, a sticky dust fell over him and his machine, and he felt a burning sensation on hands and face.

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“He consulted a doctor who told him that he had second degree burns. On August 5, M. Longy was examined by a military board of investigation.

“Today, M. Longy is suffering from ulcers on his arms, hands and face; he has also fits of giddiness, sight troubles and becomes anaemic.”

—Credit : M. Jean Dufour of Nice.

#### SPAIN

##### Ghost or UFO Entity?

From Spanish newspaper *La Vanguardia Espanola*, Sunday, February 6, 1966 under the headline : MYSTERY IN THE CALLE ALTA AT MALAGA. WOMAN ENCOUNTERS, IN HER OWN PATIO, A “HAIRY MONSTER” THAT THREATENS HER, AND NEIGHBOUR HEARS FOOTSTEPS ON THE UPPER STOREY OF A RUINED HOUSE.

A large crowd gathered yesterday outside house No. 23 in the Calle Alta, in this provincial capital, to see what was happening in the garden, as the occupant of the house, Trinidad García Sánchez, aged 40, had come running out shouting for help because, so she said, she had seen in the garden, standing over a glazed earthenware tub, an extraordinary creature at least one metre in height, with long hair, fangs, and a big head, which had threatened her to prevent her from crying out. The woman states that the monster leapt on to the roof and disappeared into a neighbouring house that is empty as it is in danger of collapsing in ruins. Several neighbours and a couple of military policemen went into this last-mentioned house but found no animal there, nor anything out of the ordinary, although another neighbour had declared that he had heard a noise there and seen something moving.

Although the affair of the Calle Alta is beginning to be forgotten somewhat today, your reporter has made some fresh enquiries about the case. The lady who saw “the thing” still maintains that she saw it. Last night she was awake nearly all the night, she has been feverish, and can scarcely eat. She has still not recovered her composure and the shock has not yet left her.

In the adjacent house—No. 25—which is condemned as a ruin, José Santana is living, with his wife and three children. He is living there as caretaker of the grounds, since the house, being in ruins, has no tenants. It is to be demolished in two or three months’ time.

José Santana tells us, fully aware of what he is saying, that he is himself unable to give a description of the creature or monster or strange being that Dona Trinidad García Sánchez saw, but it can be said straight away that the features of the creature as described by the lady coincide entirely with what he glimpsed fleetingly when he went up on to the first storey of the house to take a look at the roofs over which the creature had made its rapid disappearance.

Nevertheless, the story presents certain details that are worth relating. For some time past, not a single cat nor a single rat have been seen in the ruined house—two animals that formerly abounded there. Why have they disappeared? What are they fleeing from? Who has frightened them away?

José Santana and his family live on the ground floor of the house and, for the past month, they have heard from time to time footsteps upstairs that are definitely not of a cat, for example, because they appear, from their sound, to be made by something much heavier, like a man or a boy. More than once, José Santana has gone up there at night with a lantern, to try to get to the bottom of the noises, but he has never managed to find anything.

Yesterday, just to give one example, he was downstairs with his wife, when they saw dust falling from the ceiling on to their dining-room table. There was somebody walking about upstairs. But when he went up there, he neither saw nor found anything.

Fear, perhaps, or suggestion? Yesterday's affair—yes. But the footsteps and noises he has been hearing for more than a month past, and the disappearance of cats and rats, these are things that cannot be explained away so easily.

We relate the story here just as it was told to us.

—(Credit to Senor Antonio Ribera).

## ANGOLA

### Sighting from air liner

We have received the following report from a press correspondent in Lisbon—

“Captain Henrique Maya, pilot of a Portuguese air liner flying over Angola, Portuguese West Africa, reported on December 7 that he had been escorted by two luminous orange coloured objects for twenty minutes. ‘They were ascending, descending and altering course as though piloted.’

“His message to the control tower at Luanda was answered by their assurance that no aircraft were known to be in his vicinity.

“The two UFOs disappeared just before the plane landed at Luanda.

“Interviewed later in Lisbon, Captain Maya said he would not describe his escort as two *objects* but rather as two *points of light* such as he had never seen in a long career as a pilot.”

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Hynek's 'Invisible College'

An interesting item appeared in the American correspondent's column of the *London Evening Standard* of February 8—

“Flying saucers are about to become respectable. After years of orthodox scientific scorn, NASA, the American space agency, may soon co-operate in a major investigation into the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

The movement inside NASA to place the rich resources of the agency behind such a study is partly heretical, wholly anonymous and aware that most established physicists would still rather endorse the practice of table-tapping than admit a serious interest in the existence of strange machines in the sky.

But an impressive nucleus of respected scientific talents is now prodding NASA into action. This group is led by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist, near Chicago, and the official consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs.

For almost two decades, Dr. Hynek was a leading member of the special scientific establishment, inclined to dismiss the UFO phenomenon as a product of a study and undisciplined public imagination.

Today he is so impressed with the enormous collection of testimony from reliable witnesses that he has begun to organise an international association of responsible scientists to assemble and analyse evidence on flying saucers from all over the world.

‘I've called this group the Invisible College,’ Dr. Hynek told me. ‘It's very much like the early days of the Royal Society in England, when it was not too savoury to admit any interest in science.’

Membership of the Invisible College is limited to those educated at least up to the degree of doctor of philosophy, and a number of prominent British astronomers and physicists, all too shy to reveal their names for publication, have been admitted.

Backed by this multilingual cluster of talent and openly supported by Dr. James McDonald of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Hynek wants action on a national scale now—rather than wait 15 months for the results of an investigation into UFOs now being conducted at the University of Colorado.

And the action that he most urgently wants is for NASA to use its superlative spacetrack network to monitor and document the entry of mysterious objects into the earth's atmosphere.

Up to now, everything that flashed on to the spacetrack screens has been classified top secret, unavailable even to serious scientists. But on occasions this secrecy has been breached.

In April, 1964, two indiscreet radar technicians at Cape Kennedy leaked the story of how they saw four UFOs in pursuit of an unmanned Gemini space capsule.

And in January 1961 it was reliably reported that the Cape's automatic tracking gear locked on to a mysterious object which was apparently following a Polaris missile over the South Atlantic. In June 1965 astronaut Ed White spotted and photographed an alien, egg-shaped intruder with protruding arms. It has never been identified.

Hynek is convinced that NASA is sitting on a number of similar sightings, and that if its screens could be made available to independent scientists, the findings might be sensational.

Now NASA seems to be moving Hynek's way. ‘Two years ago, most of us regarded UFOs as a branch of witchcraft, one of the foibles of modern man,’ a NASA scientist told me. ‘But so many reputable people have expressed interest in confidence to NASA that I would not be in the least surprised to see the space agency begin work on a UFO study contract within the next 12 months.’

### Michigan photographs

From *The Detroit News* of January 10, 1967, we learn how—

“Two young Harrison Township brothers claim to have observed and photographed a disc-shaped unidentified flying object which, they said, hovered for 10 minutes behind their home, one mile from Selfridge Air Force Base.

“The Air Force said it knows nothing of the sighting, although a helicopter was in the area about the same time yesterday.

“‘We've seen a lot of strange aircraft from the base in the 14