

Grattan-Guinness, who nodded agreement and added "Much closer correspondences even than those quoted by Mr. Cox."—EDITOR.]

#### Underwater bases

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in Mr. Gordon Creighton's article "Underwater UFO Base off Venezuela?" in FSR Vol.21, No.1.

The water depths in the Bonaire and Cariaco Basins off El Litoral Central vary to about 800 fathoms. The Continental Shelf in this region runs fairly close to the shore, so the deeper portions of the Basins lie comparatively close to land.

The pressure at a depth of 510 fathoms is the same as that at the surface of the planet Venus. If I were looking for an extraterrestrial underwater base in the area I would start by concentrating on areas where the depths are around 500 fathoms. Sincerely,

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August 16, 1975.

#### Poltergeists and UFOs

Dear Sir,—I refer to Carrington and Fodor's *The Poltergeist down the Centuries*, in particular the chronological index of outstanding "poltergeist" phenomena commencing with an incident in A.D. 355 (p.23).

It has been suggested that the "anti-gravity" involved in the violent movement of solid objects which occurs during poltergeist activity could be connected with the proximity of a UFO.

May I recommend the reading of this chapter to subscribers to *Flying Saucer Review*. I am sure they will find some interesting correlations with ufology.

Yours sincerely,

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#### Full citation:

Carrington, Hereward and Fodor, Nandor: "The story of the Poltergeist down the Centuries." London: Rider, 1953.

From Dr. Dave Saunders

Dear Sir,—The photograph taken by Stephen Pratt on March 28, 1966 (FSR, September 1966), bears a "remarkable resemblance" to that taken by Nigel Birch in February 1962 (first reported in FSR for September 1962). The resemblance was noted by FSR in September 1966; I am aware of no other similar-appearing pictures. Moreover, in each case, we are dealing with

the work of a single teen-age photographer, though their homes are only about 14 miles apart!

The Birch photo is now an acknowledged hoax (FSR, November 1972). Is there any reason to believe this acknowledgement does not apply equally to the Pratt photo?

Sincerely,

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#### Creed

Dear Sir,—In response to your creed in the last 1974 edition of FSR (Vol. 20, No.6), I agree completely with your conclusion. I have been studying Ufology for the past two years, and have done quite a bit of research in a Seminary Library which has proved to be very fruitful.

There's a book that's recently hit the news stands entitled *UFO's and Their Mission Impossible*, by Dr. Clifford Wilson (Author of *Crash Go The Chariots*). In his book he states that many people will be turned off it's religious significance (demonology and the Second Coming of Christ). But serious research will lead you in that direction.

He makes the statement that the answer to the UFO mystery is not a scientific but philosophical one, and the reason that scientists make no headway is because their fields are so demanding they don't have time for educating themselves in liberal arts (history, religion, philosophy).

I believe the answer to the possibilities in your creed are philosophical, in which everyone must answer for himself: Do good and evil exist only in the minds of men (due to fear and guilt etc.) or are they a real force in the universe?

I think the sad condition of our world is a legitimate hint.

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[*UFOs and Their Mission Impossible*, a Signet Book, is published by the New American Library, New York, at \$1.50

*Crash Go the Chariots* was published in 1972 by Lancer Books, Inc., New York—EDITOR].

#### Lansing's Clocklike Patterns

Dear Sir,—I continue to keep an open mind on this subject, among others; but while I certainly don't go along with Bowman's extremely rude letter on the subject (about which you have rightly protested) I have recently seen

on television an identical clocklike formation which I am sure was the result of an effect of light, and will put this on record for what it is worth.

The month was July this year, just before we went on holiday. The channel was ITV, the time about 8.30 p.m., and the film was some ghastly effort called 'Hit Woman' which I think was one\* of those quickies made cheaply in Italy with dubbed American dialogue.

In the first third of the film the Hit Woman has just bumped off a rich rancher and is making her getaway in a car across sparse desert-like terrain. At one point in this sequence the car shows in the lower right-hand half of the screen. As it approaches the camera and gets close up, a clocklike pattern which seemed to me identical with Lansing's appeared just slightly above the car's roof. I thought then (and still do) that it had been produced by the effect of brilliant sunlight striking up from the reflective roof of the car. The duration of the flash was a split second only.

I wonder if anyone else may have noticed it — though few people with an I.Q. of more than —45 are likely to have been watching the film.

ITV could readily give precise details as to date and time of showing (and the making of the film etc.) in case anyone thinks it worth looking into. They are repeating so much junk lately a re-run is possible.

Yours faithfully,

Barbara D.G. Steer,

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September 17, 1975

\* Title has been euphemised to 'Hit Lady'. Sorry.

#### UFOs and metal-benders: that noise

Dear Sir,—"Somewhere a bell is tolling in my head..." Reading your editorial *Signal Success* in FSR Vol.21, No.2 (1975), in which you write about the address given by Prof. J. Taylor, I take note of the link by a sound of special phenomena. And now I remember having read somewhere about a great noise accompanying the movements of heavy stones in ancient times, used in the erection of monuments such as Stonehenge and The Pyramids. Where did I read about that? In the Bible? I don't think so. As it could be a very important clue to overcoming gravity, can anyone put me wise?

At time of writing I have had time to read little else in FSR Vol.21, No.2, but as I mentioned in an earlier letter, both Professor Dr. W.H.C. Tenhaeff of Utrecht and I consider the book *Uri* by Dr. A. Puharich as sheer nonsense: too many convenient

dematerialisations of material proofs, such as tapes and motion pictures. But, to prove the book is nonsense is quite another matter! This week Uri performed on Television here with thousands of pieces of cutlery. He mended watches and electrical gadgets, etc. There was quite an air of excite-

ment throughout the whole of the country, but that could have been nothing to do with UFOs.

Yours truly,  
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[But the claims that have been put forward by Uri Geller and his mentors, are that he gets his powers from UFO entities — hence our interest. Furthermore it seems more than likely that there is an overlap between UFOs and other matters and events parapsychological — EDITOR]

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## England Caterham Landing?

We learn from the *Caterham Times* of September 19, 1975, of a report of a possible landing near this Surrey town,—“An unidentified Flying Object was seen by two Caterham people minutes before it was thought to have landed in a field near the town.

“Airports and police were informed of a ‘flying saucer’ that had been spotted by residents in Eldon Road, Caterham, at about 2 o’clock on Tuesday morning.

“Mr. Jack Hennequin an advertising manager, said the craft had bright red, green and white lights and was rotating rapidly.

“He could not believe his eyes and went to tell Caterham police who in turn launched a small search of their own. Simultaneously a warning went out to airports.

“But within two minutes of the craft appearing it had descended below tree level and was out of sight. No trace has been found since.

“Mr. Hennequin’s 19-year-old girlfriend said she was on her way home when she saw a fixed red light and many circling white lights in the sky.

“‘It was nothing like a plane or anything else I have ever seen in the sky. It was definitely round and descended vertically in a very short time. It was really unbelievable.

“‘The funny thing is I am normally so sceptical of things like that. If before Tuesday morning anyone told me they had seen a flying saucer I would just have laughed.’

“She felt scared and wanted to get home quickly, but Mr. Hennequin was fascinated. He wanted to get a picture to endorse the remarkable story.

“‘I was quite amazed. It was flying quite low, so low in fact that as I approached it went behind the trees as if it were landing.’

“The couple believe the craft could have been linked to the unidentified flying object that was sighted in Ireland a few days ago. They had read a newspaper report on Monday that citizens had spotted a flying saucer hovering above an Irish town.

“Both are certain it was from ‘outer space’. They said it was travelling much faster than any plane they had seen and its strange lights were rotating. ‘I only wish I had evidence to show people,’ said Mr. Hennequin.

“It is the first report of a flying saucer Caterham police have received for at least three years.

“It is similar to a recent sighting at Haslemere on the other side of Surrey.”

## England Bell-shaped UFO near Winnersh

A newspaperman’s wife was the witness of a UFO visitation which was reported to her husband’s colleague, Mark Prior, whose story was published in the *Reading Chronicle* of August 29, 1975,—“A Wokingham woman claims she has seen what may have been a visit from outer space by a flying saucer.

“The bell-shaped object was seen for about four or five minutes, hovering over the Winnersh area on Wed-

nesday night by Mrs. Jill Bodman.

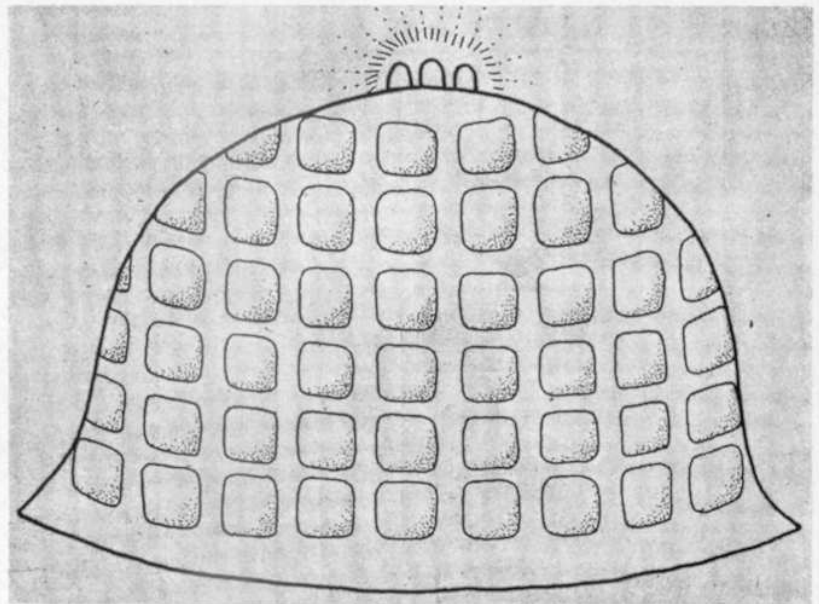
“She said she first saw it at Winnersh, moving slowly, just above rooftop height. Several times it disappeared behind trees and then went out of sight at Emmbrook Park.

“Mrs. Bodman, a 22-year-old secretary of Peach Street, Wokingham, described what she saw and our artist’s impression was made up from it.

“It was bell-shaped, with a rounded bottom and small indentations covering the object. Metallic grey in colour, it had flashing green and white lights on the top. There were no windows of any kind and no signs of life. She guessed there would have been room for about two people in it — if it were carrying human beings.

“She was in a car on the Wokingham Road at the time.

“Mrs. Bodman, explaining what happened, said: ‘It was about 10.30 p.m. and my husband and I were travelling towards Wokingham. When we got to Winnersh I noticed this thing in the sky and at first I thought



Our artist's impression of the U.F.O. seen between Reading and Wokingham by Mrs. Jill Bodman on Wednesday evening. She said that the square “panels” did not appear to be windows but indentations.

The *Reading Chronicle* artist’s impression of the UFO seen by Mrs. Jill Bodman on the night of August 27.