

that I had an ideal position from which to view it. (Compare similarity with the Maarup case where Police Officer Maarup saw the object move forward a little so that he, Maarup, could have a better look.) Later I realised that any 'individuals' who may have been inside the vehicle could have had an equally good chance to look at me.

"I have heard that the thing 'attacked' me. I myself did not have the impression it was an 'attack'. I stood there, sketching it, and I was not afraid but merely astonished at what I saw. I felt no pressure when I fell, and there was no air pressure, sound or odour when it ascended.

"The object was very beautiful. It was pleasing to

study its construction—in my opinion a perfect one.

"I wish I had the opportunity to see it again, and to see it land, but the chances of that are small, I suppose."

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"Water-happenings" in Indonesia

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I AM indebted to Mr. W. L. Tobing of Bandung, Indonesia, for this report of what looks like another underwater UFO "base". The account first appeared in the Indonesian-language journal *Intisari*, No. 78, of January 1970 (a well-known popular science monthly published in Djakarta), the author being Mr. S. Kamah.

Is it possible that Lake Poso in North Sulawesi¹ is a UFO base? The largest lake on the Island of North Sulawesi, it is about 800 square kilometres in area and is three times as deep as the Java Sea². The pleasant town of Tentana lies beside the lake.

Not long ago, accompanied by Mr. J. Gintu, Chief of the District, Mr. S. Walenta, Member of the Poso Council, Mr. Togobu, Head of the Art and Culture Service, and Mr. Pobonde, Chairman of the Adat, Mr. Kamah made an investigation of the lake and its surroundings, for it is the belief of the local populace that something very mysterious is going on in the lake.

According to the account given to Mr. Kamah by the four above-named local officials, there has been some mysterious creature or phenomenon in the lake for the past five years. Until now they still have no idea as to whether this is some gigantic unknown beast or a ghost. What does seem certain is that, five years ago, a certain fisherman was fishing on the lake at midnight when he observed a vividly bright light in the centre of the lake. At first the man thought it must be a *petromax* lamp used by some other fisherman. But then he observed that the light was moving from one bank of the lake to the other and back again, at times extremely rapidly. Then, at one moment, it came to a distance of only about 100 metres from him. This terrified him so much that he went off home at once.

When he first told the neighbours and villagers what he had seen, they all jeered and made fun of him. Until, about a week later, the light was also seen by other fishermen. Since then the light has been seen so often that it has come to be regarded as quite customary. Opinions among the populace vary greatly however as to what the explanation of the light could be,

The local District Chief, Mr. Gintu, said: "Until 1966 I did not believe this story that the people were telling about the light in the lake. I thought it was just their superstitious talk. But, one night, at 9.00 p.m., as I myself was going home by boat, the sailors pointed out to me this vivid light in the middle of the lake. So I saw it for myself, and I saw that it moved with extraordinary speed from one shore of the lake to the other. An hour later, it approached our boat and came to a distance of only 20 metres from us. I stood watching it very attentively. The water seemed to be bubbling. It seemed to be a body surrounded by light. Although I was able to observe it at leisure, I was never able to make out its precise shape."

On another occasion Mr. Gintu and his wife both saw it, quite close to them.

Mr. Togobu also said that at first he had not believed the reports about the light, and thought it must be the flash of meteors falling into Lake Poso. But at last he saw the light for himself, and then he was forced to conclude that there must be some mysterious entity or creature in the lake.

Councillor Walenta said that he too had seen it.

Mr. Pobonde said he had no idea what it could possibly be, but that in his opinion it was no ghost and no animal.

Mr. Kamah ascertained that in the course of these five years the behaviour of the mystery light has changed. For example, *whereas to begin with it was always seen in or on the lake itself, it has now begun to be seen flying around over the fields and hills around the lake and then plunging back into the lake. Moreover, there is now no longer only one light. Sometimes there are three of them.*

Giant "fish"

About a year ago a fisherman told Mr. Gintu that, while out on the lake one day, he had seen a gigantic fish in the water. The creature had two horns about 2

metres long. The colour of the body was black. The portion of the body visible above the water was about 3 metres wide. The creature immediately dived, creating a powerful wave. Some learned men who visited the area and heard about it thought that this might be a species of creature thousands of years old.

Mystery stone

Another local belief among the populace is that there are some creatures, called *Torandauwe* in their language, which dwell in the lake. In order to investigate this story, Mr. Kamah and his four companions visited a place called Tandjung Anker, about 3 kilometres from Tentane. At this spot there is a mysterious black stone known to the people as the *Watu Mpangsa Angga* or "Devil's Whetstone". It is of the width of a petrol drum and 2 metres long, and it has a hole which is full of water. The curious thing is that on this black stone there are eight marks where it has been used as a whetstone to sharpen instruments.

Mr. Gintu said that if one went there at about 6.00 a.m. one could see that somebody had just been using the whetstone, and according to local belief this had been going on for hundreds of years past. But, said Mr. Gintu, the odd thing was that up to five years ago there were only five of these whetstone grooves, whereas now there are eight.

Very frequently, it seems, government officials have actually kept watch on the stone in the early morning hours, but never has any "ghost" or other mysterious creature been seen by them at the stone. But careful scrutiny suggests that the whetstone marks are *human handiwork*.

On one occasion, however, a soldier, rather bolder than most folk, was keeping watch and saw a shadowy figure leaving the stone.

Mr. Togopu said, nevertheless, that there was no mystery about the stone, and that the lake and its surroundings had been well studied for years past. As

for the whetstone marks, he said that he agreed that such they were, but that they were prehistoric, having been there for hundreds or even thousands of years.

As regards the mystery light, Mr. Togopu agreed that there might well be some intelligent creature dwelling in the lake, but he said he was sure that any such creature had no connection with the marks on the stone. He said that he firmly rejected all superstition, but that nevertheless he was convinced that the lake contains something very mysterious for which so far no explanation has been found, and he felt that the matter called for thorough investigation.

NOTES

- ¹ The large island formerly known to Europeans as Celebes.
- ² While most of the Java Sea is quite shallow, certainly not more than a few hundred feet deep, there are trenches just off the whole coast of the Celebes that are thousands of feet deep.

NOTE by Gordon Creighton

This is indeed a special case, for it is one of the very few UFO happenings ever to have got into the columns of the *London Times*!

Under the headline SIGNALS "ANSWERED FROM SKY" the *Times* of August 15, 1967, carried the following:

"Flying saucer fever has gripped Brazil again after a lawyer reported that one hovered over his car for 40 minutes, flashing yellow and blue lights in reply to his headlight signals. Two other witnesses corroborated the story of Senhor Jonil Feydit Vieira, aged 28, published in the morning newspaper *Correio da Manhã* here.

"He said the unidentified flying object made several zig-zag passes over his car near the Rio de Janeiro State town of Francisco Frago.

"'After it followed my car for a while I began to get nervous, and flicked my headlights on and off. To my amazement, blue and yellow lights also flickered on and off, and then the object suddenly disappeared at a fantastic speed.'—REUTER."

Flying Saucer over Immingham

David Shaw

The sighting of an unusual aerial object over Lincolnshire's busy South Humberside port and factory complex at Immingham, near Grimsby, was reported in the *Immingham News* of November 27, 1970. At the suggestion of a reader of *FSR*, our contributor, a member of the editorial staff of the newspaper, sent us his story, and it appears below with a few additional details which we requested.

ON Monday, November 16, 1970, at about 4.30 p.m., just as the sun had gone down, two Immingham men witnessed the flight of a UFO—an Unidentified Flying Object—while working on a local industrial site works. Now they may consider reporting their find to an authority like the Defence Ministry who have been approached over sightings from all over the country.

The men are twenty-five-year-old Allan McGregor, of "Square One", Beechwood Avenue, Immingham, and

Malcolm Dunwell (18), of 20 Pilgrim Avenue, who were working at the Immingham Imperial Chemical Industries works on the docks. Allan McGregor is a mechanical fitter and Malcolm Dunwell was employed as a fitter's mate.

A series of sketch drawings have been made by Allan showing the stages of "flight" which the object took during the period of observation which lasted for some fifteen minutes.