

- (Frederick Muller Ltd., London, March 1955).
Leonard G. Cramp, MSIA, MBIS: *Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer* (Werner Laurie, London, 1954).
- 5 Published by Werner Laurie, London, of which firm, as stated, Waveney Girvan was the managing director at the time. Perhaps it is also important to take this opportunity to repeat that the British edition of *Flying Saucers have Landed* was the first anywhere. There had been no prior "American bestselling edition," as so many folk seem to think, for the American publishers had turned down Adamski's ms, and it was not until this had been wedded to Desmond Leslie's ms, and both had been tightened up and edited by Waveney Girvan that they appeared in print.
 - 6 For details of these early "personal glimpses" of the UFO phenomenon, see my article *Foo Fighters*, in FSR for March/April 1962, and Robert Chapman's *Unidentified Flying Objects* (Arthur Barker. London 1969, pp. 152-153).
 - 7 On p.10 of *Flying Saucers & Commonsense* (1955) Waveney Girvan stated that, early in 1953, he had received a letter from a man living at Weymouth, Dorset, to the effect that not only did flying saucers exist but that he had actually communicated with the pilot of one which had landed on the Downs behind that town. The pilot had told him that "they were visiting the earth because they had become alarmed by the state of affairs into which our politicians had allowed us to drift," a piece of perspicacity in which we can only concur, over twenty years later. Waveney Girvan continued: "When I read this letter, I pondered for some time and then, impulsively, tore it up and threw it into the waste-paper basket. I took the writer of the letter for a crank or a madman. About a month later the Adamski manuscript and photographs were on my desk, and I suddenly remembered the Weymouth letter — too late. If this book should chance to be read by that man in Weymouth — I have forgotten his name — will he please accept my apologies for my 'will-not-to-believe' and hasten to get in touch with me again?"
(So far as we know, he never did.—G.C.)
 - 8 Desmond Leslie & George Adamski: *Flying Saucers have Landed*, (pub. Neville Spearman, London, 1970). This new edition contains additional commentaries by Desmond Leslie. As I have indicated, I believe Adamski may yet be vindicated and come into his own, and that everyone interested in our subject might therefore do well to read this book carefully, particularly Leslie's *commentaries*. His present view of the Adamski story is very close to views that have been expressed in FSR, — especially as regards the possible nature and origin of Adamski's mysterious "Venusians."
 - 9 Leonard Cramp's orthographic test drawings have been widely reproduced. They can be seen in both his books, *Space, Gravity & The Flying Saucer* (Werner Laurie, 1954), and *Piece for a Jigsaw* (pub. Somerton, Isle of Wight, 1966), and also in Desmond Leslie's new edition of *Flying Saucers have Landed*. They were also dealt with in an article in FSR for September/October 1963, and again in FSR for July/August 1965 soon after the death of Adamski. (Incidentally, now that the fuel and energy crisis is upon us, I trust that many people with scientific training are looking carefully at the ideas of Leonard Cramp, as well as those of "Rho Sigma," the German author of *Research in Shackles*, which was dealt with recently in FSR, and the ideas of the Frenchman Leplantier and of our own colleague Professor R.H.B. Winder, all of whom have pondered long and deeply upon the problems of UFO propulsion.)
 - 10 I cannot get at my file copy of the translation, which lies buried under a vast pile of papers in a spare room. So far as I now recall, the original Italian press-clipping, with the reproduction of Madeira's alleged photograph, went with the top copy of my translation to Waveney Girvan, and we do not know what became of it. (After the death of Waveney Girvan in October 1964, extraordinarily little was salvaged from the FSR records in his home.)
 - 11 In *The Humanoids*, FSR Special Issue No. 1, October 1966; republished in an augmented edition by Neville Spearman Ltd., London W.C.1 in 1969. See pages 86-87.

PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE OF TYPE I CASES IN ARGENTINA — PART 5 (Concluded)

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Translated from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

This section concludes the sub-class A3 which appeared in *FSR Case Histories Supplement 17*. The remaining sub-classifications will be published in *Flying Saucer Review* as and when space permits.

14. (119). 1968, June 29; San Luiz del Palmer While driving along National Highway No. 5, Eduardo Sánchez Aguilar, Pablo Pastor Ortega and Damián Vega saw a circular flattened object which emitted a vivid orange light. As it passed at a close distance from their car, it shook the car violently and the gears went into reverse, the car moving backwards.

La Croñica, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968, and Creighton: *A New South American Wave* (case 15), in FSR, September/October 1968.

15. (124). 1968. July 2; Sierra Chica (Buenos Aires). 23.15 hrs.

A party of five people (including a sergeant from the local police force) observed a light zigzagging slowly across a field straight towards them, at a height of only a few metres. Terrified, they threw themselves to the ground. The UFO accelerated, shot up vertically, and vanished in the distance.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968, and Creighton: *The Remarkable Affair of Oscar Iriart*, case 19 in: *A New South American Wave*, FSR, September/October 1968.

16. (127). 1968, July 7; Cuesta de las Vacas (San Juan). Night.

Driving in his car, with six members of his family, business-

man Francisco Zamora suddenly encountered what he took to be a lighted railway coach, 30 metres long, which passed across the road in front of their car. But there was no railway line at that place, and the "train" gave the impression of travelling suspended in the air, at a height of about one metre from the ground. Their view of the thing was perfect as it was caught in the beams of their headlights. The object vanished into the darkness and they continued their journey.

Bulletin of AIDOVNI, Buenos Aires, No.15, September/October, 1968, pp. 46-47. Also see Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *A New Teleportation Near Córdoba*, in FSR, May/June 1973.

17. (132). 1968, July 16; Andacollo (Neuquén). 00.15 hrs.

An officer and four sub-officers of the National Gendarmerie observed a flattish object, some 2 metres in diameter, slowly flying close to the ground and emitting a pale-blue light.

During the period of five minutes for which they had

the UFO in sight, the engine of their jeep had a loss of power.

La Razon, Buenos Aires, July 18, 1968.

18. (133). 1968, July 18, Lavalle (Mendoza). 07.30 hrs. Four women teachers, Amelia Arasqueta, Zulema Arasqueta, Mary Granada de Bariglia, and Silvia Grozona were driving to Lavalle when they saw a strange, reddish-orange, oval object, moving along at a height of a very few metres from the ground. It was some 20 metres in diameter, was travelling very slowly, and produced no sound. Before it vanished they became aware of a smell like that of damp paper, which became stronger and stronger until they felt it difficult to breathe. One of the witnesses felt sleepy.

Espacio, Rosario, No. 3, 1970, p.4.

19. (147). 1968, September 12; Ceres (Santa Fe). Night. A strange flying object, oval-shaped and 0.25 m. in diameter, which emitted an intense reddish light, came down and almost touched the roofs of houses. It finally made off towards the west.

La Razón: Buenos Aires, September 13, 1968.

Readers' Reports

UFOs spotted over Thanet

Dear Sir,—Here is an account I took from my local newspaper, (the Thanet edition of the *East Kent Times*) dated July 29, 1973. It describes my sighting of July 26, 1973. The statement I gave to the press is true in every way, but although I am looked on as a freak at work, I don't mind.

"As the row over night-flying continues, UFOs were sighted over Thanet early yesterday morning, Mr. Michael Barker, 25, a night-shift electrical worker at a Westwood factory, spotted four bright elliptical objects in the sky shortly before 3.00 a.m.

"During a tea-break I was looking at the stars with two friends when we spotted the objects," he told an *East Kent Times* and *Mail* reporter yesterday. "I am interested in astronomy and was waiting to see the American Skylab satellite, which is visible to the naked eye. Suddenly we spotted the four shapes. They were all the same size, an orange colour, and were surrounded by a bright glow. There was no trail left and we heard no noise."

"He went on: 'They travelled north towards Cliftonville and were visible for 30 to 40 seconds.' Mr. Barker telephoned the secretary of the Thanet Amateur Astronomers, Peter Jordon, and was advised to report his sighting to the RAF.

"Yesterday an RAF spokesman at Manston said: 'We are unable to explain the objects, but as far as we know there were no aircraft over Thanet at that time of night.' He said Mr. Barker's

report had been notified to the Ministry of Defence. Added Mr. Barker: 'I shall definitely be out to look for these objects again tonight.'"

That ends the extract from the newspaper report.

A fortnight later the Ministry of Defence sent me a letter explaining what the objects may have been, such as sun shadow, cloud formations, reflections, something to do with space junk...but I know they were not any of these, and I have two witnesses who will support my statement. [The names of the witnesses are: Mr. D.J. Latter, and Mr. J. Oakes. Their addresses were also supplied.—ED.]

The four objects were flying in a straight line except for the second from the back which was a little to the left of the other three, as though it were pulling out to overtake the others, but we did not see them long enough to see this. They were visible for at least forty seconds, with no noise. There was an orange light all around them but not in the middle, so we were thus able to determine their shape. They headed out for the Channel and were gone.

R. M. W. Barker
80 College Road,
Margate, Kent.



The four UFOs seen over Thanet as depicted by Mr. Barker

An eye-witness's account

Dear Sir,—As an investigator for BUFORA and WATSUP, I am submitting a rather interesting report of a case I have been investigating recently. The individuals who underwent the experience are Mr. P. C. Watson and Mr. D. M. Almond, both of Portsmouth. They are actively interested in UFOs and regard the event in a scientific manner. The following is Mr. Almond's account:

"One Friday in September, 1971, whilst teaching my friend to drive a motor-cycle on Portsdown Hill, Portsmouth, Hampshire, between Nelson's Column and Fort Southwick, we had a very strange experience. After Peter had been driving around for about an hour, and darkness was drawing in, he came back to me to say he had found a good track to practice along. It was very narrow with bushes one side and trees and bushes on the other. It was decided that I would ride pillion in order to assess Peter's driving skills.

"We then entered the path and began following it towards the top of the hill, and on coming to one particular bend in the path, Peter, for no apparent reason, drove straight into

the thicket. I looked ahead to see why he had come off the path, and there about 15 feet away and 9-10 feet from ground level — I saw a pair of eyes. They were elliptical in shape, at least twice the normal size and about 6-8 inches apart.

"The battery operated lights on the motor cycle went out or were knocked out by the impact. Despite the fact that we were in total darkness, the eyes were still visible to both of us for a few seconds, and to me, they appeared to turn away to our left without making the slightest sound. It was at that moment we became very frightened of what we had seen. I quickly dragged the motor cycle out of the bushes, restarted it, and we made a hasty retreat from the area. After a considerable distance, I looked back towards the bushes and the area around it, but saw nothing. During the whole episode, there was no conversation between us.

"As soon as we arrived home, I asked Peter if he had seen anything. He replied that he had seen two eyes ahead of him, causing him to freeze and lose control of the machine. He told me he had seen the eyes about 5 seconds before me but did not see them go."

As the investigator of this case, I would state emphatically that in my estimation the two eye-witnesses (excuse the pun) are giving a true account of their experience. I formed this opinion as the result of a three-hour interview. Photographs of the area where the occurrence took place have been carefully studied and no logical explanation of the event can be found.

M. B. Handley,
9, Norman Road,
Southsea, Hants.

UFO Activity in Thailand

Dear Sir,—I have sent a clipping from the major daily newspaper of Bangkok, Thailand. The translation reads as follows:

"**GHOST FLYING SAUCER**—The object was confirmed by the two girls named Cristena Liewragwong and Lisaned who said that they saw the flying saucer (as shown in the picture) flying over the dormitory area in Soi (Lane) Aree, Sukhumvit Road, Klomg Toey District of Bangkok."

The date of this report was September 2, 1973.

I am unable to gather more details as I am currently assigned to an isolated signal relay site in N.E. Thailand near the amphur (district) town of Mukdaharn. But I have hearsay accounts from U.S. Air Force personnel in this region that several of the F-111's lost during combat in S.E. Asia have disappeared just as inex-



Two girls describe their sighting in a suburb of Bangkok.

plicably as the two which disappeared in the state of Nevada, USA, in 1972. Also, an F-4 Phantom jet fighter bomber vanished from radar screens simultaneously as visual contact was lost by the wingman. No debris was recovered and enemy fire was not suspected as the incident occurred over Thailand just a few miles from Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base. **Sgt. Terry W. Colvin,** Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.

Another Welsh report from the past

Dear Sir,—A reporter with the *Mid-Wales County Times, Express & Gazette*, I came across this interesting item, when searching through the newspaper's files of 75 years ago, in the *County Times*, of October 29, 1898. The item was headed **COMET OR METEOR?**

"A Welshpool correspondent writes:—

"Did anyone see the comet on Sunday night between 11 and 12 when it rose from behind the Long Mountain with great rapidity? A short luminous tail was perceptible. The nucleus appeared like a small moon, partially eclipsed. At the upper part of this were several tiny brilliant discs, red, blue, green and yellow, flashing like fireworks. Clouds hit it every now and then, but several times it could be perceived through them. I watched it for about an hour during which time it attained a great height and seemed to move in an oblique line. Thick dark clouds then concealed it, and watching seemed in vain.

"I shall be glad to learn if it has been observed in other places, and at what time.'"
Yours truly,
Barry Jones

1967 Sighting in Nebraska

Dear Sir,—My brother and I saw a flying saucer here in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1967. It was perfectly round, about 30 ft. in diameter, reddish in colour, and looked at first like the full Moon seen rising. It had no shine or twinkle such as a star has. It was just skimming along above the tree-tops, less than a quarter of a mile from us, and moving at about 30-50 m.p.h. (I was able to judge its distance from us, and its speed as it was just at the end of our lane. I have watched cars and trucks pass along there over the past 16 years).

It was not wobbling, as I have heard mentioned in some UFO reports, but going straight as an arrow, and it was emitting a very loud, rapidly pulsating noise.

Our dog was with us and he also saw it and went absolutely wild when it came into view.

As you probably know, many personal sightings go absolutely unreported, so I thought I would satisfy myself by sending this account to somebody intelligent enough to believe it.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Shuffs,
Beatrice,
Nebraska, U.S.A.

Brazil

UFO causes panic and traffic jam

From *A Luta Democrática* of April 6, 1972 comes the following report — "The sudden appearance of a flying saucer over the Estrada do Tinguá highway, at a spot near Paulo de Frontin, in the Brazilian State of Bahia, has caused a panic and stopped traffic for many hours. The UFO then flew about over the region, emitting lights of various colours and weird and unearthly sounds. The eyewitnesses totalled more than one hundred.

"Corinto Fontes, a taxicab driver, was travelling in his cab with his wife and with Sr. Joaquim Loureiro dos Santos and his wife, and following them was a bus containing 43 students of the Faculty of Law at Valença. When the cab-driver saw the saucer coming lower and lower towards them, he stopped and with his passengers fled in panic from the cab.

"The students in the bus meanwhile began shouting in terror. Other witnesses told the paper that the saucer was silvery and so dazzling bright that to look at it made one temporarily blind. The fantastic and terrifying noises emitted by it were said to be utterly indescribable.

"The UFO continued to fly around above the milling traffic-jam for a quarter of an hour, and then made off at high speed.

"The chief worry of most of the Law students afterwards was that they might be taken for madmen..."

Credit: Dr. Walter Buhler, Rio de Janeiro.

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