

near it, three of its crew members.

Their craft was about 12m long and 4m high, of tubular or airship shape, with no detectable windows, and with "rounded ends" and of a silvery colour.

The three occupants, in clothing also of silvery hue, were about 2m high. He gave no further details of their features etc.

He addressed them in English (presumably, no doubt because he thought them *Americans?*), and asked if they had problems. They at once replied *in German*, adding that they knew many of our languages.

**They confirmed that they were not from this world, but they have great underground and underwater bases here, and they explained that, in coming here (they did not say from where) they utilised the cosmic energy lines of the Universe, and travelled with them, as sailing ships would use the tides and winds. They also mentioned their ability to manipulate or transform matter.**

He talked with them for three hours, but they would not let him enter their craft. They then went back into it and took off vertically "and made off towards the Moon". (He does not seem to have said how he knew they were going to the Moon! -G.C.)

He mentioned one very interesting feature about their silvery clothing. He said it "*looked as though filled with liquid*".

#### **N.B. NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.**

I am greatly inclined to think that this is a genuine story, for almost all of its features seem to be identical with, or astonishingly similar to, the features of two cases reported by us in FSR years ago.

The first was the case of the American grain buyer Reinhold Schmidt, who encountered just such a craft and just such very friendly, human-like, tall people, near the Platt River in Nebraska, and when he reported the matter to officials in the nearest large town, he was promptly clapped into prison and given an unpleasant and extensive grilling for several days by Air Force Intelligence officers and/or CIA men.

The second case was that of a man named Bracciolo, who one day encountered precisely such a craft and such beings, very friendly, outside Florence in Italy.

These cases of Schmidt and Braccioli also both occurred in broad daylight but, so far as I can recall, in both these cases the percipient was permitted to enter and view their craft. G.C.■

## **MYSTERIOUS HUGE "ALIEN FROGMEN" IN CENTRAL ASIAN LAKES! © BY PAUL STONEHILL, Director and Founder of the Russian UFO Research Centre, California, and FSR Consultant. (P.O. Box 571951, TARZANA, CA 91357-1951)**

#### **NOTE ON PAUL STONEHILL.**

[In my article *UFOs in the Soviet Waters*, in FSR 44/1 (1999), I gave an account of the book *THE SOVIET FILES: PARANORMAL ENCOUNTERS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN* (ISBN 1-85833-858-1) by Paul Stonehill, the Ukrainian-born (Kiev) investigator who founded the Russian UFO Research Centre at Tarzana, California.

Born in 1966, and so today aged 34, Mr. Stonehill tells us that he first became filled with the desire to explore the UFO mystery when, just 8 years old (1972), he met a retired Soviet pilot who told the boy how, when flying over the Russian Arctic regions, he had once seen a disk-shaped craft that followed him and his crew so closely that finally they had opened fire on it. One year later (1973) Stonehill's parents left the USSR and took the boy to the U.S.A. and adopted their less "Russian-sounding" new surname.

In my article under reference (in FSR 44/1) I gave a summary of some of Stonehill's researches on the Soviet experience with UFOs under the seas.

NOTE: Paul Stonehill reports that he is now planning to write a book in collaboration with Philip Mantle. G.C.]

#### **NOTES ON PAUL STONEHILL'S ARTICLE.**

[On page 15 of FSR 44/1 (1999), at the close of Paul Stonehill's article on the *UFOs in the Soviet Waters*, we gave the following brief item about *another* Russian mystery - *not in the oceans, but in the lakes of Russian-controlled Central Asia!*:-

"A man named D. Povaliyayev was hang-gliding one day in the early 1990s above the town of Kavgolov in the Leningrad area. The region has many lakes, and in one

of these lakes he observed what seemed to be "*three gigantic fish*". He descended in order to get a closer view, and was able to observe "swimmers in silvery garb". He mentioned this episode in a book written by him - "*LETUCHI GOLLANDETS*" ("*THE FLYING DUTCHMAN*") - published in Russia in 1995.

In that particular area of Northern Russia there have been many UFO sightings."

#### **FURTHER AND FULLER REPORT.**

In continuation of this strange new phenomenon, "ALIEN LAKE FROGMEN", in Russian Ufology - certainly I myself had previously never heard of such a thing - I now give below a further and fuller report which Mr. Stonehill has just sent to us, and which describes weird great "alien frogmen" allegedly seen in, or reported from, several of the lakes in Soviet Central Asia, in the early 1980s, and only recently researched by him. G.C.]

#### **PAUL STONEHILL'S NEW ARTICLE.**

##### **RUSSIAN UNDERWATER ENCOUNTERS: WHAT LURKS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE LAKES?**

In the autumn of 1982, a Soviet Army officer, Mark Shteynberg, and a Lt. Col. Gennady Zverev, were conducting periodic training sessions of military reconnaissance divers ("frogmen") from the Turkestan and Central Asian Military Regions. The training exercises had been taking place in ISSYK KUL (Lat. 42°30N., Long. 77°30 E), a deep lake in the Transiliysk Ala Tau area, Kyrgyzia.

One day, totally unexpectedly, these officers received a visit by a very senior officer, Major-General V.

Demyanko, Commander of the military Diver Service of the Engineer Forces of the USSR Ministry of Defence.

He had come to inform them of an extraordinary event that had recently occurred during similar diving exercises by military frogmen in the huge Lake Baikal, (Lat. 51°00 N, Long. 108° E, some 1,500 miles to the north-east, in the far eastern Trans-Baikal area of Siberia, and also in other lakes (not named) in Western Siberia.

In those lakes, during their diving exercises, the men had encountered mysterious “underwater swimmers, very human-like, but huge in size (almost 3 m. in height!)”

These beings were clad in tight-fitting silvery suits, despite the icy cold temperatures of the lake waters. They encountered the “mystery swimmers” at a depth of 50m. The strangers had no scuba diving equipment (“aqualungs”), nor any other detectable equipment, apart from sphere-like helmets on their heads.

Alarmed at this situation, the local Military Commander at Lake Baikal decided to try to capture one of the entities, and sent an officer and a squad of seven divers with a net to do the job.

**When however, the seven Soviet frogmen attempted to net a “Visitor”, the entire group of seven divers were flung up out of the lake by a powerful force. When returning from such a depth, it was essential for the men to be decompressed, and this is a slow process that has to be strictly followed.**

**The seven men were severely ill as a result, with aeroembolism - Caisson disease, and a compression chamber was at once essential for every one of them.**

**In the Baikal Area the authorities had several such chambers, but only one was in working order, and it could contain only two men at a time.**

**The local commanding officer tried to put four of them into the chamber at once, and the result was that 3 of the divers, including their leader, died, and the other 4 were left as permanent invalids, - the terrible consequences of characteristic Soviet inefficiency and bungling.**

The Major-General was now rushing to Issyk Kul to warn the local military, lest any similar rash acts should occur. (Issyk Kul is a great deal shallower than Lake Baikal, but nevertheless the authorities evidently felt that such beings might be there. Or maybe they even *knew* this as a fact. Did the Major-General already know something? ).

A short time later, the Headquarters of the Soviet Military Region of Turkmenistan received an Order from the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Armed Forces. It gave a detailed account and analysis of the Baikal episode, and was supplemented by an information bulletin issued by the Headquarters of the Engineering Forces of the Soviet Ministry of Defence.

This bulletin listed numerous other deep-water lakes where there had been “*anomalous phenomena*”: sightings of underwater creatures similar to those seen in Lake Baikal; the descent or the surfacing of gigantic discs and spheres into or from the lakes; powerful luminescence emanating from the depths, etc., etc.

The purpose of these documents, in all cases *highly classified*, “for eyes only” of a very limited circle of senior military officers, was stated to be “*to obviate the occurrence of unnecessary encounters*”!■

## **A UFO CAUSED PANIC AT RIGA AIRPORT, LATVIA: CONFIRMATION OF THE EVENT (1961).**

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[We are grateful to Paul Stonehill for his permission to reprint this interesting case which he put out in October 2000. EDITOR]

*A few rumours about this incident had circulated in the USSR. I was aware of some, but until 1996 did not have the complete story. Here it is:-*

**I**n August of 1961, a test flight of the most modern Soviet fighter-interceptor jet was to take place. The top brass wanted to film everything, so as to demonstrate the might of the Soviet Air Force. A film crew, headed by Victor Dudinsh, was commissioned for that purpose.

They set up their equipment in the vicinity of the airplane, next to the take-off and landing strip, at Riga Airport, in Latvia. Over one hundred military officers had been waiting to see the air show. But nothing happened. The jet had worked perfectly the day before, but now the pilot could not start the engine. At the same time a sinister sound pierced through the air, and a strange object appeared in the sky.

It appeared from nowhere and everyone was able to see it at once. They started running in every direction. Fear gripped everyone, and panic ensued. Dudinsh, a real professional, fought this fear to film the occurrence. He aimed the camera at the object in the sky, pushed the start button, and ran to the shelter.

The object did not descend, but rather moved in a strange fashion. It would disappear, and then reappear, but slightly further from its original position. This went on for a few minutes, and then something else took place. An entity inside the UFO was seen moving about intensively. The object was illuminated by sun, blue sky in the background, i.e. the visibility was fine.

Its shape was that of a triangle, its colour violet. A few minutes later and the UFO suddenly dimmed. It remained in the sky, but became somewhat invisible. As its brightness disappeared, so did the fear. The military