

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

People' Republic of China

Basin-like object over Hupei and other reports

A report from Hong Kong, repeated in *The Sunday Standard*, Bombay, of September 23, 1979, quoted the *Kwong Ming* daily of (presumably) September 21 as follows:—

"A Peking newspaper has belatedly reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects over China, China's domestic news agency reports.

"The report, quoting yesterday's issue of *Kwong Ming* daily, said the first sighting was reported by a high school student over Hupei Province in Central China one evening in 1977.

"The report, seen in Hong Kong today, said the student reported the sighting to anthropologist Yuen Zhanxin who was working in the province.

"Mr. Yuen, according to the report, told the daily that the student and other witnesses described the object as a basin-size round object, beaming with yellow and white lights and moving slowly in a circular route. He said the witnesses said the object remained in view for about one minute.

"The report said sightings of UFO had also been reported 'collectively' by troops in Hopei province in north China and inner Mongolia.

"It did not mention the dates but described the object over Hopei as a 'moon-like ball surrounded by fog-like gases.'

"The report said the object 'spurting jets of gases rose high in the sky for a few seconds. It rose higher spurting jets of gases again and disappeared after a few seconds.' — AP."

[*Encouraging evidence that UFOs are also being reported in China — and corroboration, in a small way, of what a contact once conveyed to us, that the country was "running alive with them"* — EDITOR]

Credit: **Jal N. D. Tata** of Colaba, Bombay, India.

Spain

Madrid object

The following item is taken from the London national newspaper *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979:—

"Hundreds of people in Madrid yesterday watched an unidentified flying object hovering high for several hours. Two late night radio shows devoted

almost their entire programmes to the mystery object.

"The Spanish Air Force has begun an investigation into the phenomenon. Earlier this month an experienced airline captain made an emergency landing at Valencia after his Caravelle was followed by two UFOs."

(The story of the *Caravelle* appeared in the last issue of FSR.)

Credit: **John M. Lade** and others.

Poland

Three reports

The following brief reports are taken from an article entitled "Kronika UFO" which appeared in the Polish weekly *Fakty* 79 dated August 8, 1979. The article took the form of a summary of items which had appeared in the Polish press during the first six months of 1979, and we have extracted the items which relate to reports in Poland itself (the remaining cases itemised were from South American countries):—

"During the day, for a period of two minutes a red luminous trail which split up into two was observed in the area of Kwidzynia. With great speed one half of the trail flew upwards, whilst the other went sideways. There were three witnesses. (*Kurier Polski* dated January 6, 1979)."

"Between 7.30 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. a luminous object travelling from East to West appeared over Szczecin. The object suddenly changed direction southwards and disappeared. There was one witness. (*Kurier Szczecinski* dated January 28, 1979)."

"At about 7.15 p.m. a spherical object was observed between Dubieck and Sliwnica. It illuminated the surrounding area with a pulsating bright light. Another object was also observed flying from the direction of Bachórcza at a height of 25 metres, and it seemed to extinguish itself over the head of the witnesses. There were many witnesses of these events. (*Zycie Przemysla* dated February 18, 1979)."

[*Small items in all conscience, but indicative of the fact that reports are being made regularly in*

Poland. We are hoping to obtain more, in greater detail — EDITOR]

Credit: **H. Kubala** of Huddersfield who, with Mrs. Kubala kindly provided the translation.

France

Comment on the Cergy Pontoise CEIII

We hope to bring our readers further full details of the Cergy-Pontoise abduction story in the next issue of FSR (although we know that some French researchers are far from happy about the case — now that M. Fontaine has returned to the realms of ordinary mortals). The following comments appeared in the third editorial of the *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979, —

"Every UFO fanatic knows that flying saucers come in waves. A fortnight ago a reputed hard-nut Capt. Tejada, was forced to land his Caravelle jet in a hurry after being 'buzzed' by a saucer. Subsequently there have been 'sightings' in Glasgow, Kuwait and Sweden, some by others also of unimpeachable seriousness of mind. Three days ago a Frenchman, M. Franck Fontaine, disappeared into thin air — or so two of his friends aver. The three of them were minding their own business at 4 a.m., as is a Frenchman's wont, when a bright light descended from the heavens. In the ensuing melee the unfortunate M. Fontaine was somehow spirited away by the saucer. He has not been heard of since.

"Now our own inclination, taking into account the vastness of the universe, is somewhat in favour of the existence of some flying saucers. Sceptics may view this incident differently. One of them, our French television critic, points out that a programme on UFOs was televised the evening before M. Fontaine rose so dramatically into the stratosphere. It could be that he is — was, perhaps — an unduly impressionable man. The French, remember, are romantic as well as rational. Some are not prepared to let the matter rest. Reason must have its day. For our own part, we do not for a moment believe that we are having our legs pulled. We should be very surprised to learn that M. Fontaine is enjoying himself on the French Riviera. Much more likely, he is cruising on the limits of the known universe."