

"The strange night began for the Stroessingers at 3.30 a.m. when something disturbed their baby daughter, Iris.

"I went in to her," said Mrs. Stroessinger, "and when I was getting back into bed I saw the reflection of a very bright light in one of the bedroom windows, which was open and facing east. I went through to the lounge, and there it was . . . a brilliant bluish-white light just hovering in the sky. It was so bright it lit up the whole paddock on the hill next to the house.

"I immediately went in and woke my husband."

"Mr. Stroessinger gave the same description of the object—an eerie bluish-white light which seemed to float in the sky.

"The light was so bright it hurt my eyes. We could see the paddock just as if it had been daytime," he said.

"It was throwing out a wide beam of light something like the light from under a lampshade. It wasn't steady; it was shimmering all the time, and if you looked hard enough you could pick out a vague oval shape in the light. At first, it appeared to be just a bright shapeless light, but after a while I could just make out the cloudy oval appearance."

"Mr. Stroessinger watched the light for about five minutes, but his wife stayed and watched for half an hour. The light was still there when she went to bed about 4 a.m.

"After about 10 minutes I saw several stabs of light come out of the bottom of the main light," she said. "The whole thing then moved slowly across the sky, probably for a couple of miles. It seemed to be just floating sideways. But it stopped again, and four distinct reddish-coloured lights appeared in a rectangle on the white light. The four separate lights were still there when I went to bed."

(Credit to Mrs. S. Barraclough, Nairobi, Kenya).

### CANADA

#### UFOs over the Okanagan

From a Vancouver newspaper probably the *Sun*) of March 2, comes the following account of three sightings—

"Newspaper printer Alfred Quemby said Tuesday, he had seen an oval-shaped saucer with a dome on top circling over the Benvoulin district on Kelowna's south-east limits.

"Quemby said: 'When I got out of my car for a closer look, it disappeared at an almost unbelievable speed.'

"Clifford Cole, an employee of the CPR Lakes Service, said he was on watch at the CPR dock in Kelowna when he saw a large object hovering over Okanagan Lake. Suddenly, another smaller craft seemed to pop to the surface from beneath the lake. It seemed to remain on the surface and then returned to the mother ship which flew away," Cole said.

"Two teenagers, who refused to be identified, said they saw a saucer-shaped object, Saturday night. They said they also heard the craft make a noise like a transport truck until it gradually subsided to a low hum.

"The couple said a diamond-shaped smaller craft emerged from the big ship while they watched, circle the saucer and then went back inside."

(Credit: Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, Victoria, B.C.)

### PACIFIC OCEAN—near MARIANAS ISLANDS Giant cigar sighted

The following report came to the Editor in a personal communication—

"On January 13, 1966, Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, received a message from SS *Morgantown Victory*, Captain Petore, which was part of Task Force 34, a supply ship convoy *en route* to the war zone in South East Asia. The vessel reported, 'At 112200 Lat. 27N 154.8E (northeast of Marcus Island but well beyond any land) watch sighted 200 foot cigar-shaped silent unidentified object at 400 feet height, approximately one mile starboard beam then hovered starboard quarter and away. Visible three minutes . . . Searched for possible downed plane one hour. Phenomenon inexplicable . . .' Anderson AFB forwarded this message to Hamilton AFB, California, and air mailed Captain Petore's witness account. The message was unclassified.

"It should be noted that the area of the sighting is just north of the Marianas Islands, some of the deepest depths in the Pacific."

### SOUTH AFRICA UFO seen over Malvern

The *Natal Mercury* of March 15, carried the following account:

"An unidentified flying object, which looked 'just like a flying saucer,' was seen by a Malvern woman, Mrs. P. Farren, yesterday.

"'It circled around my house,' said Mrs. Farren, who lives in Thabor Avenue. 'I was attracted outside by a buzzing noise at about 11 a.m. Then I saw this thing like a flying

saucer, coming towards the house. It circled round and seemed to have a glass dome on top. It had two long thin tails, but no wings and no propeller. I have never seen anything so graceful or beautiful in my life.'

"The craft appeared from the direction of Pinetown and flew off towards the north after a few minutes.

"'I have seen all sorts of aircraft and helicopters,' Mrs. Farren added, 'but never anything like this.' Several people had seen the U.F.O, she said."

(Credit to Mr. Philipp J. Human).

### U.S.A.

#### Pupils see UFO

We are grateful to Mr. Welton P. Farrow for sending us the following two reports from the *Morning Sentinel*, Waterville, Main, dated December 11, 1965:

"It was about 9.30 a.m. Friday, December 10, Mrs. Marjorie Fernald's 5th grade class at Fairfield Junior High, when Paul Holway, 10, suddenly heard a sharp 'beeeep' that 'took my breath away and I looked out the window to see a small, black dot speeding toward the school (from the northwest).'

"Paul's exclamation of surprise brought about 15 of the pupils to the north side window where, for a matter of seconds, they saw the object glow—the light fade as the silvery object approached at high speed, hovered, then glided steeply out of sight behind nearby houses (headed eastwards).

"'It was about ten feet long and egg-shaped when nearest to the school,' Paul said later, 'silvery metal coloured and with an antenna on one end.'

"In mid-afternoon seven of the group were individually taken to a classroom where they described what they had seen, then each drew a sketch on the blackboard.

"None of the seven had the opportunity to tell the others what he had drawn, and the drawings had a startling basic resemblance.

"A couple of the pupils said the thing they saw was blurred about one end—and one said there appeared to be something swirling around beneath the object.

"All agreed there was a dark circle in the centre of the object that seemed to grow as it approached the school building—that the object seemed to be illuminated from within—glowing and fading—and 'it moved faster than anything I ever saw before.'"