

If we examine all the account in more detail, we are faced with some conflicting facts, ranging from rapid zigzags of the craft, to slow drifting movement. Mr. Seal, for instance, who initially sighted the object from a nearby factory, stated that the double bubble had four antennae with flashing lights of an orange colour and that also as it descended through the clouds, it appeared to lower a four-leg type of undercarriage from beneath the body. Mr. Seal also stated that the object gave off a heavy buzzing sound like a drone of bees, and that when the flame appeared from the side of the object, it gushed out like a jet and gave off black smoke. Mr. Seal, who had been an Army parachutist, was experienced in judging distances and heights. He gave the height as approximately 2,000ft. and a range of 2,000ft. from him. He was interviewed within 24 hours of the incident and was still in an alarmed condition.

On the other hand, we have the testimony of Mr. Brown who was another 200 yards away from the object than Mr. Seal—and remember that the weather was dull and misty at the time. Mr. Brown was standing at a bus stop when his attention was attracted skywards by a flame, which he described as gaseous. He could make out the shape of a double bubble object with some sort of antenna in the centre between the two balls, and it appeared to be silver grey in colour. As the flame gushed out, it was impossible to see the reflection on the side of the bubbles, and then he could see the black smoke. The flame then went out and the object moved off over Guildford. As it did so, pieces could be seen falling from it. (At this point a bus pulled up in front of Mr. Brown and obscured his view.) Mr. Brown spoke to a woman nearby. She thought it was a helicopter on fire. However, after boarding the bus and proceeding into Guildford, Mr. Brown anxiously peered out of the windows, as he was sure that the object was about to crash into the centre of the town; there was nothing to be seen. At this moment, back at the factory, Mr. Seal had shouted to three other men to come and see this strange object. As they ran to look, the double bubble seemed to be enveloped in a ball of fire and it disappeared into the clouds . . . What was it? I don't know, but something did appear that day, and according to the local met. office there were no met. balloons for miles. . . .

Interesting comparisons . . . Thirty employees at a Seattle factory saw a double deck balloon sailing majestically across the sky. It exploded over

the southern part of the city and pieces of the "ship" were seen falling down although none could be found (29.4.1950). *Space, Gravity and The Flying Saucer* by Leonard G. Cramp, p.95).

The UFO made the noise of bees in a hive . . . (Case 170 of Jacques Vallée's article in *The Humanoids*). —Omar Fowler, Chairman SIGAP, Tregarnon, Firacre Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot.

A matter of breeding?

Sir,—A.V.B.'s "humanoids" appear to be very similar to ourselves in that they are human in shape, have hair on their bodies, mammary glands, similar genitals (in the female at any rate), pentadactyl limbs, etc. They are mammals and apparently human. Those scientists who believe that an intelligent race with an advanced technology evolving on any planet would look more or less like us will not be surprised.

But these scientists *might* be surprised that "They", (A.V.B.'s humanoids) consider themselves *so* like us that they have attempted to mate with us. For this to be possible we would have to have the same number and types of chromosomes, the same type of blood groups, the same system of digestion, etc.

I am not a zoologist but I would like to hear the views of one on the possibility of an alien life-form being so similar to ourselves.

Perhaps the explanation is that they *are* human and that they originated on *this* planet. (Or we originated on their's—who can tell?)

However, the implication is clear: they look like us and they reproduce like us, so they probably breathe air with the same partial pressures of O₂ and CO₂ as we do, as well as sharing our sensitivity to radiation. I suggest that:

(a) The suits and helmets were radiation-proof clothing, necessary because there was some leakage of radiation from the UFO's power plant. This would account for the mild "radiation sickness" suffered by A.V.B. after his experience, and the woman would probably be able to remove her protective clothing for just the short time necessary without suffering any ill-effects.

(b) The green smoke had nothing to do with any alien atmosphere, but was a powerful germicide, possibly mixed with an aphrodisiac.

It does not necessarily follow that the "experiment" was successful, and I wonder if the "Barney Hill" case and others similar were to obtain specimens of ova and spermatozoa for examination to establish why the

gametes of the two races were incompatible.

Alternatively, perhaps they *were* successful and the Hills are to be father and mother to millions of hybrids as suggested in vol. 11, no. 3. (*Mail Bag*—EDITOR).

Lastly there is a point for the optimists: A.V.B. and the Hills were returned, unharmed. From "Their" point of view it was not necessary; if they had "disposed" of them when they had finished with them, no one would have believed that they had been kidnapped by a flying saucer even if there were witnesses; and they wouldn't have been able to tell the tale like they are doing.

Presumably, "They" have some form of regard not only for life but also for our feelings.

—(Mrs.) A. Jean Maclachlan, Laroch Park, Glencroe, Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

P.S. From my experience of trying to get library books on Flying Saucers, there would appear to be a shortage of them not only in the Dunoon library, but in libraries throughout Scotland. I think it would be a good idea for you to suggest that all readers, including those rich enough to buy books and those with private UFO libraries at their disposal, should regularly descend on their public library and order all the UFO books that are not in stock. After all, quite a lot of people have developed an interest in the subject after, quite by chance, taking a book out of the library. The more impressive the UFO section looks, the more new enthusiasts we will attract, and the less time I'll have to wait for the books I order.

A.J.M.

The Heflin Photograph

Sir,—The Heflin story, so far as it has yet been told—and shown—simply will not do. Here is yet another thoroughly unsatisfactory business connected with UFO photography.

First of all, who in his senses would hand over original photographs of anything to a stranger, in or out of uniform? Mr. Heflin knew perfectly well that he did not have the slightest obligation to hand over anything, and one wonders why he did not either tell the man to go to Hell, or call the police. He should not even have discussed the matter with a stranger.

Now about the photograph you published on our March-April cover. There are various questions that call for answers:

1. What sort of vehicle was the photograph taken from?