

As far as the remaining 12 sources are concerned (they are all in Spanish or French) I can only say that *to the best of my knowledge* no English versions of them exist. However, it would be rash to speak too categorically about this sort of thing. The English-speaking world is vast, and a translation of any Spanish or

French article on UFOs might well have been published somewhere in the USA or Canada or Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa without our having knowledge of the fact at FSR.

G.C.

FSR BOOKSHELF — 9

New UFO books reviewed by . . .

Janet & Colin Bord

WE don't often hear about UFO entity cases from "down under," but they do exist, as **Keith Basterfield** reveals in his recently published study, **An In-depth Review of Australasian UFO-related Entity Reports** (published 1980 by The Australian Centre for UFO Studies, and available, price Aust.\$12 which includes surface postage of \$3, from Keith Basterfield, GPO Box 497, Adelaide, South Australia 5001).

Sixty-seven cases, the earliest dating right back to 1868, are described in Section A (with sources given in Section C), and in Section B the author analyses and discusses them. When the dubious cases are eliminated, 27 "meaty" cases are left, and "Our analysis . . . informs us that the average case is likely to be a sighting of one entity, human-like in features, associated with a single object of discoid shape, during nocturnal hours with the single reporter being in a familiar environment." This is a thorough and readable study of a puzzling phenomenon, and in one of the six appendixes Keith Basterfield suggests that hypnopompic and hypnagogic imagery (night-time visions) provide a possible explanation. The book is well presented, consisting of 110 A4-size pages loosely bound, and the text is illustrated with drawings and diagrams.

In June 1977, **Fate** magazine sponsored an International UFO Congress in Chicago, U.S.A., to celebrate ufology's first thirty years. Gathered together was a host of 'stars', including the man who started it all, Kenneth Arnold, plus James A. Harder, Ted Phillips, Frank B. Salisbury, Stanton T. Friedman, David M. Jacobs, J. Allen Hynek, Ted Bloecher, Betty Hill, Alvin H. Lawson, Jim & Coral Lorenzen, David Stuppel, Jerome Clark, R. Leo Sprinkle, Berthold Eric Schwarz, J. Gordon Melton and Curtis Fuller. Now the Proceedings of the Congress have been published in paperback form as, logically enough, **Proceedings of the First International UFO Congress** (compiled and edited by Curtis G. Fuller, and published by Warner Books, New York, \$2.75). This thick, 440-page paperback is excellent value. Its contents range far and wide, and most of the contributions are intelligent, readable, and thought-provoking. Kenneth Arnold describes his 1947 sighting over Mount Rainier in detail, also his involvement in the strange Maury Island affair. There are articles on physical evidence for UFOs, on propulsion systems and the ETH, on debunkers, close encounters, abductees real and imaginary, contactees, men-in-black, and much else besides. There is even an index. This lively collection representing ufology in the late 1970s is recommended.

Beyond the Four Dimensions is subtitled "Reconciling Physics, Paraphysics and UFOs," which promises far more than the book delivers. Individuals equally at home in all three of these areas must be very rare, and author **Karl Brunstein** does not appear to be one of them. He is a physicist who has a slight knowledge of parapsychology and ufology, and although the book is aimed at the general reader, the crux of this argument, which takes up a very small part of the book, is likely to be comprehensible only to those with a similar educational background to himself. Too much of the book deals with the history of astronomical speculation from ancient Greece to Newton, the development of early man, the origin of life on earth, and the possibilities of life on other planets, all subjects peripherally connected to the book's stated subject, but all have been written about more interestingly elsewhere. For unfortunately Mr Brunstein's writing lacks clarity and precision, and requires dogged perseverance to elucidate. His title refers to a fifth dimension, a sort of parallel universe where the physical laws, which both UFOs and parapsychical events appear to break, are reconciled and it is this level to which we connect when UFO or parapsychical events are experienced. This again is not an original idea and if the author were better read in ufology he would have known that. (Published by Walker and Company, New York, price \$12.50; 222-page hardback with bibliography and index.)

Storm on the Sun by **Joseph Goodavage** (Sphere paperback, £1.35, 192 pages), subtitled "How the Sun affects life on Earth," is a carelessly compiled and poorly written ragbag of facts and ideas, some of which are related to the book's title, but many of which are not. In his chapter on UFOs the author promotes Persinger and Lafreniere's theory of UFOs being generated by piezoelectric forces (as outlined in their book *Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events*), the connection with the Sun being that of electro-magnetism. He also has chapters on Tesla, Velikovsky, the chicanery of academics, and much more padding unrelated to the theme of the book. In his introduction, Goodavage tells us that the now famous Turkish admiral Piri Re'is (which he spells 'Reiss') was a "Dutch seaman." Any writer on Forteen subjects who can get that wrong deserves to be read with great caution — or better still, not read at all.

Stuart Holroyd's books are usually mind-stirring, and **Alien Intelligence** (Abacus/Sphere Books paperback,

£2.50, 228 pages) is no exception. It covers a wide range of subjects, from dolphins to God, from apes to UFOs, from computers to spiritualism, and herein possibly lies its failing. Somehow, despite its readability, this book does not satisfy. Perhaps the author is trying too hard to link together too many mysteries and solve them at a stroke. However, despite our misgivings, this is a book worth reading for the interesting data it contains. The regular reader of UFO material will probably find the UFO information familiar, and Stuart Holroyd presents no new insights into the subject, but its placing beside subjects like out-of-the-body experiences might cause useful cross-fertilisation of ideas. The book is illustrated with some photographs (mostly not very relevant or necessary) and line drawings, and includes bibliography and index.

The next book is not, apparently, about ufology, but in fact its subject matter is exceedingly relevant. Since UFOs are perceived by the human mind — or consciousness, or brain, or whatever — and may even, indeed, in some way be an expression of or construct from the mind of the witness, a knowledge of how the mind and brain work is a basic requirement for the serious ufologist. This undoubtedly a complex field, as author **Gordon Rattray Taylor** does not hesitate to admit in his book **The Natural History of the Mind** (Paladin Books/Granada Publishing, £2.50, 370 page paperback). But Taylor has the enviable skill of making science not only comprehensible but interesting, and consequently this book is compelling reading. Especially relevant to ufology is the material on subliminal perception, alternative states of consciousness, imagery, and the nature of hallucinations.

Zetetic Scholar is “an independent scientific review of claims of anomalies and the paranormal,” published twice yearly in July and December. As well as articles and bibliographies on specific topics, *ZS* publishes “dialogues” — an article is followed by critical comments from experts in that field, the comments being answered in a later issue by the original author, and so on. Issue No. 7 of *ZS* (December 1980) contains a dialogue on UFO theories, the initial article being “Theories, Hypotheses, and Speculations on the Origins of UFOs” by J. Richard Greenwell (extracted from *The Encyclopedia of UFOs*). There follow critical comments of varying length from Abell, Clark, Cohen, Corliss, Derr, Fair, Farabone, Farish, Friedman, Hendry, Henry, Hynek, Keel, Maccabee, Michel, Mosley, Oberg, Rimmer, Schutz, Sheaffer, Sturrock and Swift, and the whole dialogue

UFO DIRECTORY!

NEW! Updated Directory of UFO Groups, organisations and publications. Includes UFO book suppliers and UFO news-clipping agencies. Order your copy now. Send £2.00 for UK orders (overseas \$5.00 int. money order, check or five-dollar bill) to:—

**UFO Network, 39 Birkbeck Road,
London NW7, England**

occupies 50 pages of the issue's 166 pages. Not unexpectedly, there is great divergence of opinion, with the ETH still finding supporters despite a recent general swing away from it. Most commentators rightly accept that misperception of natural phenomena can account for many “UFO” sightings, but most seem to agree that there is a residue of cases not easily explained. Beyond that, disagreement rules, and there seems little likelihood of a speedy resolution of the question ‘What are UFOs?’. (*ZS* costs \$12 p.a. in U.S.A. and Canada, \$18 elsewhere, and is obtained from Zetetic Scholar, Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, U.S.A.)

Books dealing with the likelihood of extra-terrestrial life have a place in this review because, of course, many people believe UFOs to be craft originating from outside our planet, and as a result the authors of such books usually mention the question of UFOs. They are rarely supporters of ufology, which may seem strange in view of the fact that UFOs may be the very evidence of extra-terrestrial life they claim to be looking for. Science-fiction writer **Chris Boyce's** attitude in **Extraterrestrial Encounter: A Startling Survey of Alien Intelligences and Mankind** (New English Library paperback, £1.35, 188 pages, illustrated with 12 drawings) is therefore not unexpected: he says that UFOs are worthy of investigation (p. 120), but his treatment of the subject is nevertheless dismissive (Chapter 9 is headed “Unbelievably Fatuous Observations”). If Chris Boyce really does expect contact with ETs “within the next fifty years” (p. 15), how can he (and others writing on the search for extraterrestrial life) afford to be so scathing of UFO sightings, particularly those cases where encounters with entities are reported? Agreed that there is no evidence that these aliens are extraterrestrials, but neither

PERSONAL COLUMN

£0.50 (US\$1.25) per line or part e.g. £2.00 (US\$5.00)
for 3 lines plus a part line.

“**MEETING THE THIRD MILLENNIUM**” is a journal for all those concerned with the problems of today and tomorrow. Vol. 1, No. 2 now obtainable from: Roma Browne, 2 Riverside, Forest Row, Sussex. Price 50p. Overseas 50p + 20p postage, surface mail. Cheques payable to: Joan Brinch. Please, no stamps.

WANTED: a copy of *Passport to Magonia*, by Jacques Vallée. Please state whether American or British edition (or paperback) and quote price. Roma Browne, 2 Riverside, Forest Row, Sussex.

WANTED: Paperback copies of *Passport to Magonia*, *The Edge of Reality*, *Operation Trojan Horse*, *Omens of Awareness* and *UFOs the Psychic Solution*. Cover prices offered. R. Dixon, 6 Henderson St., Darlington, Co. Durham.

INVESTIGATION... The second issue of this new irregular publication of UFOIN investigation techniques is now available. Contains three previously unpublished CE3 case histories, as well as methodology articles. Price 50p (USA \$1.25). Write to Martin Keatman, 31 Stuart Close, North Walton, Stone, Staffs ST15 0JU, to whom cheques should be made payable.

has it been proved that they are not. If Boyce *et al.* find the behaviour of UFO entities unbelievable and refuse to consider such reports, do they ignore everything strange? If so, they'll miss the arrival of extraterrestrials if they do come, as the visitors are unlikely to appear in a form and

manner acceptable to earthlings. In the light of Boyce's attitude towards UFOs, we can hardly take seriously his unrealistic discussion on other aspects of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences.

GHOSTS OR MACHINES?

Janet Bord

THE "psychic projection" theory of UFOs has not gained much support and this may be, I suspect, because many people do not understand the concept. Its acceptance also depends on a belief in the reality of psychic phenomena. Today's climate of denial means that psychic phenomena are widely scorned, despite strong evidence in their favour, and often it seems that closed-mindedness is masquerading as "a scientific attitude."

However, assuming that psychic phenomena can and do exist, then the "psychic projection" theory of UFOs, briefly stated, is that the "UFO" is non-physical, a projection from the brain/mind/unconscious/psyche of the witness, the mechanism as yet not being understood. It has been suggested by John Rimmer* that the UFO is not even externalised, but remains "an internal projection from the unconscious to the conscious mind." This idea is perhaps acceptable for some single-witness sightings, but less likely in cases of multiple-witness sightings, unless we fall back on the idea of telepathic transmission of the image from the main witness to the others.

Experiments in telepathy show that it is usually a general impression of the target that is received, rather than a detailed picture. But UFO witnesses usually present closely coinciding descriptions of the events described, and I have never come across a case where the testimony of one witness sounded as though it was a telepathic impression of another witness's experience. So I am inclined to feel that the internal projection theory is unlikely to account for multi-witness UFO sightings.

But if we can believe the evidence presented in a recently published book, there can be little doubt that projections, be they internal or external, are feasible. **The Story of Ruth by Morton Schatzman**** describes the extraordinary ability of Ruth to cause apparitions to materialise. Plagued by the ghost of her still-living father, she sought psychiatric help from Dr. Schatzman, who eventually realised that the apparition was conjured up by Ruth herself, and could also be dissipated by her. Once she realised that, she began to experiment with her ability and found she could materialise other people, like Dr. Schatzman — in the same room with the real Dr. Schatzman! Dr. Schatzman could not see his materialised double, and indeed most of the apparitions could be seen only by Ruth. There were exceptions to this, but the evidence does not indicate whether those people who saw the apparitions were seeing externalised images or were picking up Ruth's internal projections telepathically. All attempts to photograph the apparitions were unsuccessful.

I believe that this book has important implications for ufology. It demonstrates that it is possible for people to

bring about vivid materialisations, either involuntarily as Ruth was in the beginning, or voluntarily as when Ruth later learned to control her talent. It is therefore feasible that *some* "UFOs" could be materialisations. This theory could explain the great variety in the appearance of UFO entities — they appear as imagined by their creators. Also the same theory can be used to account for other unexpected sightings — for example, black dogs, some man-beast sightings, the Little People, ghosts — all could be materialisations from the unknown depths of that miracle of existence, the human being.

The psychic projection theory raises as many questions as it answers. How is it that so many people possess a hitherto unknown and extraordinary talent? Why is it suddenly triggered off? Why do the materialisations often take the form of spacecraft and alien beings? I will duck out of attempting answers to these complex questions. There is also another aspect to the "psychic projection" theory which I have not mentioned: that the projections may emanate from the so-called "Collective Unconscious" rather than from the individual witness. Since this brings in yet another "unknown," the Collective Unconscious, which I feel makes it a less likely solution to the UFO mystery, I will confine this article to the theory that the *witness* triggers the projection. At least there is some factual evidence to support this theory.

I will end by describing another clue to the apparitional nature of some UFO experiences: that they seem personal to one witness. How many accounts have you read of a huge UFO seen somewhere where logically it could be expected to attract great attention, but only being seen by *one* witness? And accounts of people being alerted to the presence of a UFO by a compulsion; or feeling that a UFO was watching them? Compare this with a report of a wolf-like animal ghost (looking "as real and solid as anything I have ever seen") recently sent to me, the witness stating that it was looking at her with an intensity, and that "there was a sense of communication." In such cases, be the subject animal or entity or spacecraft, I suggest that the witness is seeing a personally initiated psychic projection — and indeed, that such psychic projections can account for quite a number of sightings of UFOs and allied phenomena. But not all.

References

* *Zetetic Scholar*, No.7 (Dec. 1980) p.91.

** Published in U.S.A. by G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1980, and in U.K. by Gerald Duckworth & Co., 1980.