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THE RETURN OF THE VENUSIAN SPACESHIP X-12!

by Arthur H. Matthews.

(Most of our readers will recall that in Topside #29, we published a full account of the Landings of the Venusian Spaceship X-12 at Lac Beauport, Quebec, over the years 1941 - 1961, as graphically described by Arthur Matthews. If any of our new readers have not read this fascinating story, we are happy to report that reproduced copies of No. 29 are now available at 50¢ each (see page 5 for fuller details). In our last issue, we reported Mr. Matthews' strange experience when his attempts to communicate with his space friends aboard the X-12, via the Tesla Scope space communication device, were marred by a mysterious static interference believed to be the work of negative forces. Read now the subsequent startling developments to this incident, leading to the Return of the X-12!)

When, earlier this year, my beautiful Venusian space friend, Frances, announced over the Tesla Scope that she would give 12 Meditations to help the people of Earth to evolve spiritually and to my dismay, her words were obliterated by a strange static interference, I knew even then that my Venusian friends would make further attempts to communicate this message of importance. They did repeatedly, but each time Frances' words of wisdom were drowned by the crackling sound of static - until one night, when this disturbing noise broke off abruptly and was followed by an equally shattering silence. Then, as clear and pure as a silver bell, I heard Frances' voice speak with added power and strength. "Enough of this negativity!" she exclaimed, and there was a certain tone of righteous indignation in her voice. "In God's Holy Name, we claim the right to communicate a short message! Arthur, we have used the Transmuting Violet Flame to cleanse this instrument of impure thought, but my friend, you must urge the people of Earth to send out positive Light Rays towards the Tesla Scope if we are to continue to communicate with you. This is but a temporary concession we claim under special circumstances for, as you know, it is against our Cosmic Laws to interfere with the free will of Earth people. But it now becomes imperative that we receive more Light from your planet in order that the Tesla Scope may be used to transmit Knowledge and Spiritual Truths to the people of Earth. We call upon you all and especially the powerful Light Force of the Ruby Focus, to send out positive decrees that all negativity be dissolved from this instrument. Arthur, we shall call upon you personally to deliver our messages. Expect the X-12 on April 15 and, as always, keep our rendezvous secret until after we have met, because at this stage, we cannot risk a personal confrontation with Earth people who are not yet ready to receive us in a friendly manner. At all cost, we must avoid having to protect ourselves against those who might try to harm us, for we come in peace. Our Meteorological Predictor indicates that weather conditions on Planet Earth will be suitable for a landing on April

15, so be prepared for our arrival that day. In the meantime, God bless you, my friend and all those who will read your words."

I had listened with mounting excitement to Frances' words - it was thrilling indeed to learn that the great X-12 would visit me again after an absence of 8 years and I wondered deeply at the portent of the special messages that made such a personal visit necessary. In the few weeks that followed, I waited with growing impatience for the arrival of the X-12. As I had received no indication of the exact time that the spaceship would arrive, I had set up the Tesla Scope to receive warning of the approach of the X-12. During the period from April 10 to 15, I kept constantly alert for the alarm signal and must confess I had very little sleep. When April 14 arrived, with still no warning of the approach of the X-12, I decided to keep vigil day and night. Shortly after midnight, I went outside to check on weather conditions. It was a fine, dry night, but with low-hanging clouds - ideal for a concealed landing of the large spaceship. Back in the house, I waited it out. It was around 1.30 a.m., when the alarm signal on the Tesla Scope rang shrilly and although I was expecting it, I was startled almost out of my shoes! I ran to the door for I wanted to see the great ship land, but as I fumbled with the door latch, it got ahead of me. Noiselessly, like a silent cloud, the X-12 had-landed in the large hollow of my big meadow and as I ran towards it, there it stood in all its silver-grey glory and once again, I marvelled at its gigantic proportions. Then a door in the base of the spaceship slid open and framed against a background of light, stood the figures of my two Venusian friends, Frank and Frances, a wonderful welcoming smile on their faces. They were wearing their usual space attire - one-piece, silver-grey coveralls made of some loose, pliant material quite unknown to me, but fastened tightly at the wrists and ankles and with a wide flat belt around the solar plexus. As before, I was intrigued by the apparent absence of any buttons, zippers or fasteners to these flight suits although later, I was to find out that they were held in place by will power! Both were bare-headed, but even in the half-light I could see the gleam of their golden-blond hair, Frank's cut short and Frances' falling in soft waves to her shoulders. They made a handsome, well-built couple, Frank standing about 6 feet in height and his beautiful companion about 5'8". They came forward to meet me with a warm embrace as we exchanged mutual greetings. Then Frank said: "Come. Let us go into your house. We wish to talk to you."

Frank's first message to me was a purely personal one. There was a grave problem in my life regarding the health and well-being of a loved one, which had been causing me deep concern. To my great surprise, my space friends knew every detail of my problem and were quick in extending sympathetic understanding and helpful advice, which brought great comfort. He then discussed with me some special plans for building a new workshop further north, near Forestville, Quebec, in which I was to carry out further scientific work on the Tesla devices.

Then Frances stepped forward, a beautiful smile on her lovely face. "And now, Arthur," she said. "I will give you, without the interference experienced on the Tesla Scope, the first of my Meditations on the Good Life - a gift to the people of Earth, with love and prayer for you all in my heart." She paused, as we settled comfortably in my living room to listen to her words, then with a silvery ripple of soft laughter, she commenced: "My first message is of such simplicity that many of you will laugh, but this is exactly what I want you to do, for my words concern the great value of a smile in all human relationships. In short, I want to talk to you tonight about Pleasantness of Disposition. My friends, you must never under-rate the inestimable power for good in a pleasant manner towards people, circumstances and life in general. A charming smile, a pleasant word or two will instantly dispel the anger or hard feelings of those ill-disposed towards you, for a genuine smile is a positive radiation of Light in which the shadow of negativity cannot exist. We cannot emphasize strongly enough the vital

importance of a pleasant disposition, for it is the Golden Key to a happy, healthy life. Did you know that if you cultivate a pleasant disposition, if you smile and laugh a lot, your physical body cannot be assailed by many diseases caused purely by mental depression and unnatural anxiety? This is a great Cosmic Law, my friends, and if you desire the two greatest blessings of life, health and happiness, they can be yours for the simple act of being pleasant both to yourself and to others. It is even the secret to acquiring Peace on your Earth. Does not your Bible speak of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards men"? This, of course, is nothing new to you. You have been told about it many times, in many ways, by many people. Why is it then that the people of Earth cannot learn so simple a lesson with such happy results? As we look down upon you, we see so many of you going about your daily lives with grim expressions on your faces. Some of you will immediately say that life on Planet Earth is grim, but Dear Ones, can't you realize that you are only adding to its grimness by this negative attitude? If you want brighter conditions on Earth, all of you have it within your power to bring about this happier state of affairs by development of a cheerful outlook, a pleasant manner and a glowing smile. It is as simple as that! Surely you know that a smile is the most contagious thing on earth - give one, and it will be multiplied many times!

Some of you may ask - what exactly is Pleasantness? It is a precious jewel indeed, for Pleasantness is a many-faceted diamond, with many forms of expression. In essence, it is the simple act of extending goodwill to yourself and to others and particularly those who may hate you, for you see, it is also a form of self-protection because the Light you thus emanate cannot be penetrated by the forces of darkness. A pleasant personality entails an optimistic outlook on life, always looking for the Good and Beautiful which exists everywhere - as your Bible says: "Seek, and ye shall find." Pleasantness should be reflected in your every thought, word and deed. It will add an irresistible charm to your personality, bringing inner joy to yourself and happiness to others.

Since Pleasantness is such an attractive quality, why is it that Earth people in general, do not include it among the avowedly important elements of character-building? We watch, with great admiration, many of you teaching your children to be honest, truthful and unselfish, but isn't pleasantness the highest form of unselfishness? Of course it is, for it is a positive outpouring of goodwill which brings joy to others and immediately puts them at ease, and furthermore, it brings the reciprocal reward of returned pleasantness - in short, it makes everyone happy!

How then can the people of Earth, weighed down by fears and anxieties, develop this gracious art of Pleasantness? Well, to break the acquired habits of many years brought out by the incomplete understanding of the true meaning of life, is not, I realize, an easy task, so may I, with love in my heart, suggest a few easy steps to develop a pleasant personality and urge those of you who are parents or teachers to pass on this invaluable knowledge to your little children.

- (1) Practice the art of smiling continually, at work, at play and particularly in your contacts with others. Be generous with your smiles. They cost you nothing but a slight movement of your facial muscles, and you will be amazed at what you receive in return.
- (2) When you talk to others, smile at them and make pleasant remarks. Never miss an opportunity to pass on a genuine compliment. This is valuable therapeutic psychology, for it not only gives pleasure but encourages the recipient to live up to the compliment!
- (3) Supplement your pleasantness with little acts of thoughtfulness and kindness. This is indeed a wise investment, as while it should never be done with the thought of any return, under the unalterable Cosmic Law of Karma, it will nevertheless, ensure many happy returns to you!

- (4) If anyone criticizes you or makes an unkind remark, do not fall into the trap of replying in kind. Rather, say with a smile, something like this: "I know you really mean to be helpful in saying this, which is one of the things I have always admired about you." A completely disarming and charming reply! I realize that this is not easy when the accusation is unjust, but a little practice will demonstrate that it is an infallible method of transforming an enemy into a friend!
- (5) Adopt an optimistic attitude towards life, looking for the best in everyone and everything. Such positive thinking will surely produce positive results.
- (6) Accept the inevitable "setbacks" of life philosophically. Look for the hidden benefit in the event - there always is one, for Good comes out of everything. Above all, remember that whatever happens to you is God's Will, designed specifically for your spiritual progress. Accept the challenge cheerfully and do your best to meet it with your highest endeavours. Let me tell you the truth of the so-called setbacks of life. These events are the most valuable experience of your sojourn on Earth - golden opportunities to prove your true worth, so accept them gratefully in the sure knowledge that they represent an important step up the ladder of spiritual progress.

Let me assure you that to be pleasant is within the easy reach of everyone on Earth at any age and in all walks of life. To please, it is not necessary to have health, wealth, youth or beauty, to be highly educated, eloquent of speech or of influential background. Those who are pleasant do something far greater than all this - they demonstrate practically the great theorem of the Joy of Living.

Meditate upon these thoughts, which we send to the people of Earth with our Blessings of Love and Light. I am your faithful servant, Frances of Venus, and for now, I leave you - with a smile."

As Frances ended her inspiring talk with a beautiful smile, Frank stood up and said: "We must leave you now, Arthur, while it is still cloudy, but we will return again." As we walked towards the X-12, I spoke to Frank: "It is now 8 years since you were last here, Frank, and there are many questions I would like to ask you. Do you have time to answer one?" Frank smiled and nodded, adding: "We will remain a short while, but I must warn you that if the sky brightens, we shall have to take off immediately. But speak on." "With your greater knowledge, Frank" I asked. "Can you tell me something about this thing which on Earth we call "Gravity"? Can we ever hope to free ourselves from it?" Frank's deep blue eyes scanned mine searchingly. "An intriguing question," he replied. "But what exactly do you mean by "freedom from gravity"? Do you mean no gravity at all, or an easy means of lifting yourselves from Earth? We of Venus have that power by the use of applied Thought, but we do not remove or interfere with the natural force of gravity. Let me explain about gravity. It consists of two distinct parts - centrifugal force due to a planet's rotation, plus the force of natural attraction of the planet. If the attractive force of Planet Earth could be stopped or counteracted and the centrifugal force remained, all loose material on Earth, including air, water and most buildings would leave Earth forever and fly off into space. If the centrifugal force should also be stopped or counteracted and gravity made equivalent to zero, physical bodies would have no weight. The pressure that the upper strata of Earth's atmosphere exerts on the lower strata would cease to exist, the gaseous air would expand and leave the Earth, followed by the water which would vaporize. The moon, held in its orbit by the attraction of the Earth, would leave it and many other drastic changes would occur. If conditions changed so that the human body was no longer subject to gravity, the change would prove fatal, for your physiological and psychological processes would be so deranged, you would quickly die under the new conditions. Such conditions imply that the air, water and food which enter the body changed from a condition in which they had weight to one in which they did not.

Much more could be said, but it would all amount to the same thing. Gravity is one of God's natural laws. It is an exact law and therefore perfect, and if man could upset it, he could not exist. We cannot improve on God's Laws, but we can make use of them. I believe Thought to be the greatest power in existence and it is by this means that we can overcome the force of gravity. Earth man too, could learn to use this power by the practice of perfect faith - not blind faith, but by the irrefutable belief that it can be done. God be with you, my friend, and between us always, as we work together for Spiritual Progress and Peace on Planet Earth!"

With this, Frank and Frances stepped into the X-12 and the door closed behind them. Seconds later, the great spacecraft rose silently and was soon lost behind the clouds, leaving me with many questions in my mind, the foremost being, when would the X-12 return?

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THE X-12 SIGHTED IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA!

Arthur Matthews has a strange experience to relate which would seem to indicate another example of the mysterious manner in which our space friends sometimes work. In early August, he set off by car for a trip to Western Canada - destination, Edmonton, Alberta, an area he was not destined to reach, for near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, he met with an accident on the road. This occurred on a gravelly stretch of new construction when, without any warning and in spite of a 30-mile speed zone, a car shot by at very high speed, sending up a shower of stones which smashed his front window. Shaken, but not seriously injured, Arthur limped slowly to several service stations in an attempt to get the window replaced, but strangely enough (or was it all part of the plan?), not one would undertake the work, saying they were either too busy or had no new glass. So Arthur decided to patch the window with plastic and return home slowly.

It was on his way back that he heard a report of a large spaceship having landed in New Brunswick. He was told that it had been seen by hundreds of persons, including Army personnel, at Gagetown, about 35 miles east of Fredericton, N.B. Arthur did not hesitate, but headed his car towards this area. At Gagetown, the landing site was pointed out to him and he examined the area thoroughly, using his special UFO Detectors and, from what they registered, something had landed there although exactly what it was not possible to tell. So Arthur extended his investigation a step further by questioning the local residents who witnessed the large spacecraft land. In his own words: "I am quite convinced that the persons I consulted were not nuts or liars - they saw something, that's for sure - and do you know what? All their descriptions tallied perfectly with that of the X-12!" It is small wonder then that Arthur is convinced that his accident was not exactly accidental! From this unusual experience, we can only assume that our space friends were supplying confirmatory proof of their presence in Canadian air space, and saw to it that Arthur Matthews was made aware of it!

REPRODUCED COPIES OF TOPSIDE NO. 29 NOW AVAILABLE.

This issue, containing Arthur Matthews' fascinating and inspiring account of "The Landings of the Venusian Spaceship X-12 at Lac Beauport, Quebec" met with such a heavy demand from people all over the world that our supplies were soon exhausted and as, due to the pressures of other work, there was not sufficient time to re-cut stencils and run off further supplies, we found ourselves in the embarrassing position of not being able to meet a large number of requests for this issue.

We therefore wish to express sincere gratitude to the Senior Executive of the Ruby Focus of Magnificent Consummation, Inc., who came to our rescue by reproducing 1,000 copies of #29, with special thanks to the Revs. Garman and Evangeline Van Polen and Mr.

Sam Partridge who made an excellent job of reproducing this issue by the photo offset process and despatching them to us. As a result of this kind gesture, we were able to meet all earlier requests for #29, to distribute a large number of complimentary copies to UFO groups, meetings and conventions, and we still have in hand a good supply to meet any further requests. Copies may be obtained for 50¢, postage paid.

It is this type of helpful co-operation between UFO and New Age groups which is so much needed today, if we are to present a united front to the world, and we are extremely grateful to the good people of the Ruby Focus for setting such a shining example of the helping hand.

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INTERVENTION AND NON-INTERVENTION

by Ronald W.J. Anstee.

These two words, like many other phrases that are used by well-meaning but inexperienced students of the UFO phenomena, have been knocked from one end of the UFO world to the other, often being used by those who did not appear to understand what they were talking about. Too often, the most vital issues of this whole problem are very little understood because too much attention has been paid to the sightings and not enough to the really important things that matter:

- a) Where do they come from?
- b) Why are they here?
- c) What of the future and our relationship with other more intelligent members of the Universe?

Before we can even begin to discuss the two words at the heading of this article, several important things must be recognized without question:

- 1) We are NOT alone in the Universe.
- 2) We ARE responsible to greater forces outside our own backyard.
- 3) Whatever we do on this planet can possibly affect them.
- 4) What they do on their planet can possibly affect us.
- 5) Regardless of what we may think, we are (like it or not) bound by Laws of a Universal Nature that have existed for many billions of years before this Earth came into existence. I am not asking for anyone's opinion on this particular point. I am simply making a statement. Therefore, if we, on this planet, overstep the boundaries, we can expect to be pulled smartly into line. By we, I mean those various groups who work towards ends that do not benefit the whole human race but only a chosen few - not chosen by Cosmic Intelligence but by the few who believe that financial and religious power, as exemplified on this planet, are the only things that matter.

During the years 1945 up to the present, we have seen a continual and steady growth of vicious weeds known as Atomic and Hydrogen bombs, and power through the unnatural division of atoms. Where opposing particles are forcible and not of their own free will thrown together, they must react in a violent way. Man, in his so-called sciences, is mostly ignoring Nature because he does not really know that it exists. It has been said that our friends up top will not and cannot interfere. I now challenge that idea with a simple but self-explanatory example:

A family is sitting quietly at home in front of a fire. The father notices that his son likes to push a poker into the fire. Naturally, he advises his son that it is dangerous to do so, but his son, not realizing the truth, continues to play with the fire. Finally, the father realizes that his son will only learn when he burns his fingers, but he will make sure that his son will not burn down the house.

We on this planet have played with our atomic toys. We have been advised of the dangerous results we can receive. We have had our fingers burnt. Now the real danger exists that the house (this Earth and its Solar System) will be burned down with our matches. So other Higher Intelligences are watching, because we, the children of Earth, are starting to grow up but are heading towards the wrong road. We cannot be allowed to tread that road. There must be, and is, a limit beyond which any evil force can be permitted to proceed, because if it is allowed to do so, it can do drastic harm from which there is absolutely no recovery.

Personally, I cannot agree with those who say that no matter what, our friends up top would not interfere. There must be a point beyond which no evil force can be permitted to go. If we have learned anything from history, it is that if Peace on Earth is to continue, we cannot sit by and allow ourselves to be pushed into the mud.

Even though our Space Visitors are perhaps thousands or even millions of years ahead of us, they cannot display an intelligence beyond our own mental capability of understanding. If we continue on the road to destruction, they will be forced to intervene in our future, because our future also involves their own.

THREE QUEBEC RESIDENTS WITNESS UFO AT 6-FT. RANGE!

The September 4, 1969 issue of the "Ottawa Journal" carried an interesting report of a close-range sighting of a UFO as witnessed for half an hour from the parking lot of the Chez Charles Hotel, a mile south of Chapeau, Quebec, by Pauline Oulette, a waitress at the hotel, Bob McLaughlin and John Stott, a member of the hotel band. The sighting took place in the small hours of September 3rd. Said Miss Oulette: "I saw this thing not more than 6 feet away from me and it was real - there are just no 2 ways about that. It had red and white lights which flashed quite a bit and then it stopped flashing and stayed white." McLaughlin confirmed that the main light was bright red and flashed on and off at regular intervals. Miss Oulette went on to say: "I went to my room about 4.30 a.m. and saw it again from the windows. Ten minutes later, a small craft left the large one, came into the yard and went from one window to the other. I was so frightened that I could not move at first, but eventually recovered sufficiently to leave the bedroom." From his own vantage point, Stott stated that the smaller craft made a whirring noise, was green and silver in colour and had a 3-ft. long antenna protruding from its side. Miss Oulette was so terrified that she spent 2 hours alone in an upstairs corridor waiting for daylight. Mrs. Alcide Dubeau, the hotel proprietor's wife, said she was awakened by Miss Oulette before daylight. "I got up, but this light was so far away at the time that it looked like an unusually bright star." she said. UFOS reportedly were sighted

within 12 miles of Chapeau on May 21, June 5 and July 13.

An interesting feature of this report is that it was carried under the headline of "Terrified by UFO". Surely this points up the necessity for more public education on UFOs, backed by government statements. It is not sufficient for government authorities merely to say that UFOs represent no threat to national security. To prevent this unnecessary terror by UFO witnesses, the general public has the right to know that to date, no evidence of deliberate hostility by UFOs exists, but at the same time, because of the advanced technology used by these spacecraft, it should be pointed out that it is dangerous to approach a landed UFO too closely or to touch it. For the physical and mental welfare of its citizens, every country has a moral obligation to advise its people of these two vital factors about UFOs.

THE CONFIRMED MESSAGE FROM NIKOLA TESLA.

"We are greatly encouraged to observe more and more people of Earth are turning to Cosmic Philosophy in their search for spiritual truths, and we are especially grateful to those of your New Age groups and individual workers who, with their advance knowledge of the Truth, are promoting this Philosophy across your world. All of you who work with us in this manner are well-known to us by the small, auric violet-blue flame which emanates from the pineal area of the brain - this is your emblem of service to humanity and it will give you special protection in the dangerous days that lie ahead.

We extend our thanks to all of you who responded so readily with your radiations of Light and special decrees to dispel the destructive effects of the blue and red rays projected from a diabolical machine constructed by the forces of darkness. With our combined efforts, we are making much progress in dissolving these evil currents, but we call upon you to continue these decrees, especially towards the instrument of communication with our brother, Arthur Matthews, i.e., the Tesla Scope, for we have much important knowledge and spiritual guidance to impart to you during a forthcoming critical period of Earth's history. There are still many black areas of negativity on your planet and even at this moment, there are dastardly political plans afoot which may plunge your world into a cataclysmic war. We therefore urgently request your prayers and special decrees that nuclear war may be averted and Peace prevail on your planet. It is within your power to bring this about by continued emanations of Light which we can use to positive effect by safeguarding all of you on Earth and also those on other planets from what might well turn out to be a great solar tragedy.

As proof of this power you have, we quote the successful mission of the American astronauts to your satellite, the moon. Great harm was planned for this space venture by the forces of darkness, but we were able to draw upon your Light radiations to surround the spaceship and its courageous occupants with a protective force field. We must warn you that a further attempt will be made by negative forces on the next space mission and greater security scrutiny than ever should be exercised at the Earth level to prevent this. We ask for your special prayers and positive decrees for a further safe and successful space mission. We predict an unusual experience for your astronauts, a clue to the Mystery of Life in the Universe, and we pray that details will be released to the people of Earth. We shall play our part in the ethers and outer space, but we need your Light radiations to dissolve negativity emanating from your own planet. This is Cosmic Law.

We are concerned about our young brother on Earth, Edward Kennedy, who has become a victim of the forces of darkness, of political conniving, ill-conceived advice and misplaced confidence in one believed to be a trusted friend - in brief, there is an imposter in the Kennedy ranks whom we shall try to expose. The full truth has not yet been revealed

and Edward Kennedy is being held back by two factors, misplaced loyalty and a subtle form of political blackmail. We are working on him, trying to direct his attention to a weak link in the chains which at present bind him, but of course, we cannot interfere with his free will to make his own decisions. We therefore ask for your prayers that he will be guided to take the right steps to vindicate himself in the eyes of the world. We repeat that this man has great potential for good as a future President of the United States of America, one who would not only serve his country well but whose efforts would have a far reaching effect on the development of Humanitarianism across your world. The dark forces are well aware of this and are using every weapon in their power to try to destroy him. Our cloak of protection saved him in the last attempt, but if they should ever succeed in their evil purpose, the spiritual welfare of all mankind on Earth will suffer a serious setback, as there is no one yet to take his place although, as we have told you before, there is already born on your planet a male child, one of us, who will eventually play a vital role in bringing Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards Men. In Edward Kennedy we made available to you one who could more quickly lead humanity out of the shadows and towards the light, but, of course, it is up to the free will of the people of Earth as to whether they choose this spiritual short-cut or take the long, hard road toward the inevitable goal. Your sincere prayers may yet save the situation.

While we are greatly encouraged by the wonderful efforts to spread Truth and Knowledge being made by individual UFO and New Age groups on Earth, we would like to see greater unity and co-operation between these groups. Remember that you are pioneers of the coming Golden Age on Earth and that as such, you should set a glowing example of unified effort and goodfellowship between yourselves. To quote from the Bible which was the textbook by which I lived while on Earth: "Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven." We have great work to do, my friends, in which there is no place for petty jealousies, individual "empire building" or personal criticism of others. Many of you are approaching the same destination by different roads, and while others' pathways may differ from your own, each roadway serves its own individual purpose in reaching the same objective. Therefore, be tolerant of others' approach, extend goodwill towards them and offer the helping hand. We must all work together as a co-operative team if we are to bring about at an early date the Golden Age of Light on Planet Earth. Peace be with you. Tesla, the Dove."

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"FLYING SAUCERS OF THE LORD"

Topside takes pleasure in drawing to the attention of its readers an excellent little book entitled "Flying Saucers of the Lord" by David F. McConnell. The author is a retired professional engineer and former member of the Florida Bar, who has made an extensive study of the Bible and extracted from it references to celestial events which, with supporting evidence, may logically be interpreted as being flying saucers visiting our planet. Under each Bible text, he analyzes its contents through the eyes of an engineer and a lawyer and submits his conclusions to support his interpretation that the descriptions given by men of old, in the light of their times, fit perfectly to the pattern of being flying saucers. To quote from his introduction: "Most of the evidence presented has been taken from one of the best sellers in the book field. The facts are simply correlated from the standpoint of the engineer and the circumstantial evidence has been weighed from the standpoint of the law. The verdict reached is that the flying saucers in the Bible are vehicles of the Lord and His angels." This book makes fascinating reading, gives a new interpretation to certain Biblical events and makes an excellent reference book for writers, speakers and students of UFO phenomena. As such, it deserves a place in every UFO library. In order to reach as many people as possible, Mr. McConnell has priced this book at a modest \$1.00, postage paid. American or Canadian dollar bills accepted. Order your copy today from: Mr. David F. McConnell, P.O. Box 1913, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134, USA.

GENE DUPLANTIER

In this issue of Topside, we would like to pay special tribute to one of Canada's most dedicated and well-known UFO workers, Mr. Gene Duplantier, Editor of the first Canadian UFO quarterly "SAUCERS, SPACE AND SCIENCE" (which goes out to readers in various parts of the world and is recognized as Canada's most authentic historical record of UFO sightings over the years), UFO Lecturer, Writer, Television & Radio Interviewee, UFO Artist and an all-round solid worker for the UFO Cause. Perhaps Gene's greatest personal attribute on the UFO scene is the ever-willing publicity and friendly help he extends to all UFO groups and individuals. Certainly Topside is particularly grateful to Gene for taking time out of his busy schedule to refer to us the many enquiries concerning our group and the work of its founder, the late Wilbert B. Smith, and for personal recommendations of our magazine.

Gene's first introduction to Outer Space began at the tender age of four when he avidly devoured the comic strip in "Star Weekly" entitled "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century". This was the beginning of reading what was called Science Fiction and Gene borrowed every book he could lay his hands on. His only regret today is that, at that time, he did not have enough money to buy these books for a personal collection. This Science Fiction reading continued until around 1940 when this pulp era began to die out, apparently due to the writers losing their imaginative flair for other-world adventure and the rousing tales of the spaceways became somewhat earthbound and so reluctantly, he gave them up.

Then, in 1947, headlines proclaimed 9 shiny discs skipping over Mr. Rainier and Kenneth Arnold's description of them as "flying saucers" became a household word. Speculation as to whether they were spaceships ran rampant and instantly, Gene's imagination was rekindled. From then on, he followed the flying saucer reports with absorbed interest and when, in 1957, one of these alien craft allegedly landed not far from Toronto, he took part in the investigation and came away convinced that something strange had occurred.

In November, 1957, Gene felt that it was time that someone in Canada took it upon himself to inform the public and the world of the strange goings-on in the Canadian air space, and thus, "Saucers, Space and Science" was born. The first issues were published by the spirit duplicator process, but as circulation increased, it was done by mimeo and finally graduated to the photo offset process in which Gene was able to use his art training by illustrating reports with drawings, photographs and charts and to develop a magazine-style format under variously-titled columns all relating to the many aspects of the UFO scene.

Over the years, "S,S & S" has covered practically all the phenomena related to flying saucers, including angel hair, MIB, poltergeists, burned circles on the ground, little men tales and articles by well-known ufologists such as the late Wilbert B. Smith, and more recently, by George D. Fawcett, John A. Keel, Hans Lauritzen, Armand Laprade, Robert Dickhoff and many others with great knowledge of UFOs. All this goes into a comprehensive review of all the mysterious elements that make up the UFO story in Canada and across the world. Because of its scientific reporting of UFO sightings, "S,S & S" is the only Canadian UFO publication listed in the U.S. Library of Congress Bibliography on UFOs and Related Subjects recently published in Washington.

About 10 years ago, Gene had the pleasure of meeting the late Wilbert Smith when he was a guest of a UFO Club in Hamilton, Ontario. He relates that WBS talked solidly on the subject of UFOs for 5 hours while the group listened in absorbed fascination, even through the excellent roast beef dinner cooked to perfection by their gracious hostess! Among many subjects discussed, WBS gave a description of the Binding Meter he had constructed from guidance received from the space people and explained its working parts in detail.

He also described the monitoring discs seen by himself and members of our Club hovering outside his house and in the trees where leaves were scorched by their close approach. It might be of interest to add here that these monitors were later discovered by WBS to be remotely-controlled devices from spaceships which contained a highly sophisticated, miniaturized tape recorder and other equipment for recording various conditions on Earth.

In July, 1967, Brian Skinner, a disc jockey with Radio CHUM in Toronto, became very interested in the UFO phenomena and he approached Gene with his idea for a UFO-INFO program, inviting him to take part in it. Although these broadcasts were only a few minutes in length, they created a great deal of interest. Later, when this feature was well established, Gene and Brian wrote a one-hour UFO special program which included the taped voices of a number of well-known names in the UFO field. This program was successful enough that future UFO programs of this nature are now being considered. Apart from the Radio CHUM broadcasts, Gene has guested on Tom Cherington's HOTLINE TV Program, Gary Kirker's OPEN LINE radio program in St. Catharines, Ontario, a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour broadcast over Montreal Radio Station CKGM and he also appeared as a UFO guest on 2 successive TV shows arranged by Screen Gems PHOTO FINISH. Gene has also given lectures, with slide-show presentation, to a number of groups in the Toronto area. He also contributes articles and artwork to a number of UFO publications. Over the years, this versatile man has built up many sources of UFO information and lines of communication that make him one of the best-informed men on the Canadian UFO scene.

Like many of us, Gene has one pet peeve. He would like to see more co-operation and teamwork between UFO groups, particularly in Canada. Certainly he sets a good example himself, being the first to give publicity and recommends to other groups' publications and activities.

On the UFO Mystery itself, Gene has this to say: "The big question still is - who pilots these aluminum-coloured craft and where do they really come from? Perhaps an interview with a UFO pilot would shed some light on the subject and if we can ever arrange such a meeting, you'll read all about it in full in some future issue of S,S&S!

For those interested in obtaining more information on "Saucers, Space and Science" and special discounts on UFO books given to subscribers, please write to: Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada. A year's subscription is only \$2.00 for 4 jam-packed newsy issues. Topside highly recommends this interesting publication. The best of Luck to you, Gene, and keep up the good work!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS ON THE BRITISH UFO SCENE

by Carol Halford-Watkins.

While the primary purpose of my summer holiday in England was to visit my Mother, family and friends in the Old Country, it also provided a wonderful opportunity for some personal research into the British UFO situation today, to re-visit old UFO friends and to make new contacts among the ever-expanding number of people interested in Ufology in England. I must say that I was highly impressed by the widespread interest and enthusiasm among the UFO groups and individuals with whom I made contact and the increase in the number of UFO organizations and publications now active in England. It was also interesting to note that UFO meetings are now attracting the attention of more people in the intellectual and professional fields, including scientists, engineers, university professors and students and even clergymen. It would appear that the Church in England is now taking an active interest in UFOs, a number of Ministers giving sermons or lectures on flying saucers and their religious implications, and various Church youth groups are forming UFO Clubs. One of the things which impressed me most was the excellent press

coverage given to UFOs and related subjects in Britain which, generally speaking, contrasts sharply with the scant and often misleading reports given in some Canadian newspapers in which, all too often, UFO sightings, if reported at all, are treated with implied ridicule and phoney alibis are offered as explanation of the phenomena. The British press appears to have a more open-minded approach and after presenting the facts, leaves it to its readers to fathom out the explanation. Undoubtedly, the recent series of articles on flying saucers by Robert Chapman which appeared in the "Sunday Express" did much to spur added interest in UFOs, and the continued reports of sightings of "The Thing" at Warminster and in other parts of England, have kept the topic of UFOs one of lively interest. Increasing this interest, there has been a series of UFO lectures at Caxton Hall, London, sponsored by the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, International Chairman for Contact, a worldwide movement. Perhaps one of the most prominent of these was a talk given by Air Marshall Sir Victor Goddard, an admitted believer in the UFO phenomena. At a meeting well attended by the press and public alike, he delivered an interesting lecture covering many aspects of the UFO Mystery, including some of his own personal experiences. However, his remarks on the U.K. Government's UFO Policy, as administered by the Ministry of Defence, were not particularly encouraging, or even convincing. He stated that as "over all these years, no hostile act has been committed by these UFOs", there was really no Defence responsibility and therefore no government grants or staff had been made available for a serious investigation of UFOs. He also emphasized that no Defence "Silence Policy" exists. This, we find hard to believe and in view of the fact that prior to the meeting, Sir Victor had made statements to the press implying that he would reveal some "flying saucer secrets", which did not materialize at the meeting, one wonders whether the Air Marshall was, in fact, "silenced" himself! His talk included certain aspects of ESP and psychic research. Sir Victor was of the opinion that our present concept of the speed of light as being the ultimate, was an erroneous one and that forthcoming evidence might very well indicate that ESP and thought transference travelled faster than light - a theory with which we concur, as we have been told repeatedly by the space people that our concept of the speed of light is wrong and that thought is the most powerful force in existence. He then related a personal experience which he described as "aerial crystal gazing". This occurred 4 years before World War I when Sir Victor was piloting a biplane. Looking down, he was amazed to see the scene below suddenly alter and in its place he observed a small airstrip with a squadron of yellow trainer planes parked by some hangars. During World War I, this "vision of the future" became a reality.

While I was in England, hectic preparations were going on for the first National Space and UFO Convention of its kind in Great Britain, sponsored by Mr. Michael Parry and his Interplanetary Space Travel Research Group, which was to be held by kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, in the grounds of Woburn Abbey, on Sunday, August 17 (more of which later). Following this, as part of the Chiddingstone Cultural Festival, a Seminar on UFOs was to take place on August 28, with Mr. Tim Good delivering a talk on "UFOs and Non-Violence". As it turned out, Mr. Good was unable to keep this date and I received a long distance call from Chiddingstone asking if I would fill in for him, but as this date was after my departure from England, I was unable to do this. I did, however, address a couple of UFO meetings while in England, the first being sponsored by the Cosmic Research Group of Bournemouth, and the second was arranged by Mr. Antoni Szachowski, Global Co-ordinator for the U.N. Petition Project, and Mr. Nigel Stephenson, Director of the National UFO Research Organization, to be held at Caxton Hall, London, sponsored and presided by the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, the well-known author of "The Sky People" and other interesting space books.

The Bournemouth meeting was held on July 22 at the Theosophical Hall to which my sister and I were escorted by the Hon. Secretary of the Cosmic Research Group, Mr. Francis E. Hurley, a retired government officer and charming gentleman, who chaired the meeting very ably. On arrival at the hall, I was presented with a beautiful bouquet of "Olde-

World flowers from an English Garden" and given a warm welcome by the group members and visitors. They proved a most attentive and interested audience and after my talk, a lively question period followed. In summing up my address from the Chair, Mr. Hurley cited a number of confirmations of statements I had made, from his own extensive knowledge of the UFO subject, which proved most interesting. After the meeting, I met personally with a number of the group and we exchanged information on subjects of mutual interest. They were a refined, cultured group of people with whom it was a pleasure to talk, and all in all, it was a very pleasant meeting.

July the 29th, the date of the Caxton Hall meeting, was quite an eventful day as in between a downpour of good old English rain (incidentally, the only really wet day of my trip - how lucky can you get, and in England yet!) I was luncheon guest of my UFO colleague, Mr. Lionel Beer, Editor of "Spacelink" in a very interesting session, and that afternoon, accompanied by my good friend and 'guardian angel', Enid Clutterbuck, I made my first broadcast over BBC's Radio Free Europe to Poland, as arranged by Antoni Szachowski, who interviewed me on the subject of "Canadian Citizens of Polish Origin", after which we dashed through the rain for a cab to the Polish Combattants Association where we had tea and an interesting chat with the Chairman, then a puddle-splashing walk through the rain to the luxurious Polish Club, a cab home for a quick snack and freshen-up, then on to Caxton Hall and as this was to be my first experience of addressing a largish public UFO meeting, I must admit that I had quite a few butterflies in my stomach! However, on being introduced to the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, I found that the gracious manner of this distinguished-looking, impeccably-dressed gentleman, quickly put me at ease. He thoughtfully poured me a tumblerful of water which, during my 40-minute talk, I found most helpful - unaccustomed as I was to public speaking! My talk covered a wide range of UFO subjects, including the Canadian UFO scene, the past and present activities of the Ottawa New Sciences Club and the early work of its founder, the late Wilbert B. Smith, the North American reactions to the Condon Report, promotion of the United Nations Petition Project, space communication and the Philosophy of the Space Brothers. At its conclusion, the Chairman called for a 10-minute break - during which I braced myself for the questions to come! As it turned out, I was fortunate in having a very intelligent audience who posed some intriguing questions and a most interesting hour of discussion back and forth followed. One gentleman, who stated that he was a clergyman, appeared anxious to know what my religious background had been, and in my reply, I hope I was able to reassure this good man that my new Philosophy still included the best concepts of my Christian upbringing. Inevitably, at such a meeting, there was one oddball question, and as this raised quite a laugh, I think it worth relating. In a somewhat disgruntled tone, a man in a back row wanted to know, if the Space Brothers were so keen on our learning their Philosophy, why didn't they publish it in bound volumes and drop them down on us? The vision of hapless Earthlings being bombarded with heavy tomes of philosophy was too much for the well-developed sense of humour of our good friend, Antoni, and quick as a whip, he shot back: "I hope they make mine a paperback edition!" At the end of the question period, the Chairman thanked me for an interesting talk, and in return, I gave him my personal thanks for the smooth and competent manner in which he had conducted the meeting. To my surprise, at the close of the meeting, I was besieged with requests to give this talk to a number of UFO groups in England, but due to a full program, I was unable to do this. However, Capt. I. MacKay, Chairman and Librarian of BUFORA, took a tape recording of the meeting. To finish off a most eventful day, our host, the genial Antoni, took Enid and me out to dinner at the Polanski Restaurant where we toasted the apparent success of its events in a glass of good Polish Rowanberry Vodka!

To round off this account of the British UFO Scene, the following is a list of some of the UFO personalities with whom I had contact in England, with a brief description of their organizations, publications and work in the British UFO field.

ANTONI SZACHOWSKI - Founder-Chairman, Anglo-Polish UFO Research Group and Global Co-ordinator for the United Nations Petition Project.

Antoni Szachowski founded one of the oldest UFO Clubs in London, England, which has as its major project a world-wide Petition to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish within UNESCO a UFO Research Centre incorporating a Global UFO Observers Network, with a panel of international scientists for the study and assessment of UFO reports. This project is now in its first stage, i.e., establishment of National Co-ordinators in various countries of the world and the collection of as many signed questionnaire forms as possible to be used as a statistical basis in support of the UN Petition. The questionnaire forms have been translated into the 5 major languages and further translations are underway. Already 25 of the major countries are officially represented and efforts are continuing to bring in further countries. Regional Co-ordinators, to act under the direction of National Co-ordinators, are needed in most countries to speed up the collection of completed questionnaire forms. Therefore, as International Co-ordinator for North America, I would appreciate receiving the names and addresses of any of our readers or others who would be willing to act in this capacity and support a worthwhile cause, in Canada and the U.S.A. Readers living in other countries may write directly to: Mr. Antoni Szachowski, 75 Oakfield Road, Anerley, London, S.E.20, England. All that is required of Regional Co-ordinators is to distribute and collect as many completed forms as they can and send them on to their National Co-ordinators. In performing this small service, you will be playing a vital role in helping people all over the world to get at the truth of the UFOs, because the United Nations now seems our only hope of achieving this. To any of you who may have doubts about the success of this Petition, 3 factors should be borne in mind: (1) Sec.-Gen. U Thant has expressed the personal opinion that the UFO Problem is second only to the Vietnam War; (2) Mr. Szachowski has already received a letter from the U.N. indicating that such a Petition would receive serious consideration; and (3) the Voice of the people of the world cannot be easily ignored and if sufficient of us support this project, something will have to be done about the UFO Problem on a global basis. It is not sufficient to sit back and merely complain about the present lack of official information on UFOs. Now is the time to take some positive action and here is a golden opportunity to prove your true worth as a sincere supporter of the UFO cause. You have nothing to lose and a good chance to gain much and remember, whatever the results, your Karmic record will be greatly enhanced by the positive efforts you make.

It was a great pleasure to me to meet Antoni Szachowski personally. One is immediately struck by the complete dedication and ebullient enthusiasm for his UFO work, as expressed by this genial man who, with old-world courtesy and considerable charm, acted as the perfect host on that eventful day of July 29 - in fact, the only thing he could not arrange for our complete care and comfort was the inclement weather and he even apologized for that! Antoni is a tireless worker both for the UFO Cause and a continued fight to free Poland from communist domination. He carries on a voluminous correspondence with people all over the world and maintains a worldwide clippings service on UFOs and related subjects, copies of which he distributes free to known UFO workers. We are fortunate indeed to have a man of his calibre within the UFO ranks and I am sure that all of us wish Antoni continued success in all his endeavours.

NIGEL STEPHENSON - Director of the National UFO Research Organization.

Nigel is a highly intelligent young man who, with a logical approach to the UFO Mystery, is steadily making an impact on the British UFO scene. He admits that his organization, NUFORA, does not claim, as a body, to possess indisputable proof of the existence of UFOs, but studies and presents the evidence in an intelligent manner and hopes to command the respect of intelligent people throughout the world. He quotes as a recent convincing UFO report, one received on June 19 from an electronics engineer, Mr. Robin Peck of Docketing, Norfolk. Mr. Peck reported that as he was driving home, his headlights dimmed

and the complete electrical circuit cut out, stalling the engine. On getting out of his van, all the hairs on his body stood on end as though he was in a powerful electrostatic field. He then noticed a pale blue object in the sky, about 150' in diameter, shaped like an inverted mushroom, without stalk, and surrounded by a golden aura stretching to the ground. Looking at his luminous watch, he noticed that its luminosity was much greater than normal. After about a minute, the object suddenly moved off at fantastic speed. The really convincing thing is that since this encounter, the watch has lost all its luminosity and the luminous paint is now a brown colour. Mr. Peck also found that his watch has lost about 2 minutes every day since the sighting, whereas it gained about a minute a week before. His wife and many of the local residents who know him well, accept his story without question.

NUFORA subscribes to a press clippings bureau, which covers local newspapers - the best source of UFO reports. In this regard, this year proved particularly important. In one month alone - June - there were as many unexplained cases as in all the previous months put together, while the number of explainable reports remained within the limits of average. Nigel had previously assumed that nationwide publicity given to a spectacular sighting caused other people to report sightings that otherwise might not have been reported, but this was not the case in the June "flap" as there had been no national publicity prior to it. This would seem to provide not only evidence for the existence of genuine UFOs but indicates that a larger proportion of reports explained away in conventional terms, may, in fact, have been genuine UFOs. Nigel considers UFO reports in local papers to be particularly valuable, as usually they are reported by people with no previous interest in the subject. A graph of English UFO reports this year, of both explainable and unexplainable, would show what is, to his knowledge, an unprecedented occurrence of the unexplainables in the month of June, several times greater than the explainables. Alternative to this being an unusual "flap", it could indicate that UFOs have been making closer approaches to ground level, with the result that more detail could be seen or heard and thus they are less likely to be mistaken for conventional objects.

Asked for his opinion on the purpose of UFO visits to our planet and their origin, Nigel replied candidly: "What UFOs may be up to remains a mystery to me. Their visits, if true, are usually so brief and apparently random and purposeless. A recent suggestion put to me is that they are merely in the process of stirring up interest in themselves and may make themselves known to us eventually, or even intervene to prevent terrestrial destruction by nuclear war. This sounds reasonable. As to where they come from, well, if they are not angels, I think it is just possible that the poles of Venus are suitable for man life. Otherwise, what about the lesser-known minor planets, Hilda or Medusa? Of course, their ancestors may have come from habitable planets years ago and now have gigantic space stations in Outer Space, or on Mars. Certainly there seems to be no shortage of spacecraft of different designs, as most objects sighted seem to have some variations."

I found Nigel Stephenson a very personable young man, with an unquenchable curiosity to get to the bottom of the UFO Mystery and one who is prepared to study objectively every piece of evidence to achieve this end.

Any of our readers who may be interested in receiving NUFORA's bimonthly bulletins on British UFO reports, should write to: Mr. G.N.P. Stephenson, Director, National UFO Research Organisation, 12 Dorset Road, Cheam, Sutton, Surrey, England.

THE HON. BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH - UFO Author and International Chairman for CONTACT

Spiritual brainchild of the Hon. Brinsley and like minds, CONTACT is "a worldwide, non-profit-making, educational movement devoted to UFO research and the promotion of greater Awareness, working towards Universal Friendship and Truth." Shortly after its inauguration, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench, as Chairman of the International Committee, wrote this inspiring message: "A new worldwide movement has just been born, geared to the space age we are now entering. Young people are thrilled with the exploits of both the

American and Russian astronauts. An ever-increasing number of people wonder whether there is a two-way traffic. In short, this planet is being visited by inhabitants of other worlds. Dr. Harlow Shapley, the doyen of American astronomers, Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the Jodrell Bank radio telescope, Professor Fred Hoyle, Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University - these are some of the leading scientists who agree in their opinion that millions of planets in the Galaxy may be inhabited. We have only had our technology for about 200 years, but supposing that other planets in the Galaxy have had theirs for thousands, maybe millions of years, then anything could be possible. If you are interested in these ideas, then you should join CONTACT. You will enjoy the companionship of other minds equally enthused with the new space age. We live today on the threshold of great events; without any doubt at all, the coming years will be the most exciting period in the history of mankind."

The aims of CONTACT are threefold: (1) To investigate the UFO phenomena in all its manifestations. (2) To stimulate greater curiosity and so promote wider awareness in higher levels of consciousness. (3) To form a link with people everywhere who share these aspirations. The activities of CONTACT include: Members take part in skywatches, discussions on recent flying saucer sightings and landings, as well as the study of Astronomy, Magnetism and Spacecraft Propulsion. New Age subjects such as Telepathy, E.S.P., Metaphysics, Psychosynthesis and allied subjects are also encouraged to educate humanity to a greater awareness of themselves and to prepare for the coming meeting with space people. The ultimate objective of CONTACT is to form a worldwide united body of people who, educated in an awareness of Cosmic Truths, will invite highly evolved space people to visit them as their guests in open, friendly contact. To this end, a platform is being prepared by CONTACT to assist its members to prepare for this interplanetary meeting. CONTACT believes that in this way, it can aid mankind so that through the coming of the space people and our own efforts, we can eventually attain Peace on Earth, Harmony, Understanding and Tolerance among ourselves.

CONTACT (U.K.) has now become the largest UFO movement in Great Britain, with branches all over the country, including Junior Groups formed by schoolchildren. It has attracted the interest of scientists, engineers, philosophers, clergymen, etc., alike and is one of the most active movements in the country. Membership is open to all persons supporting the aims of CONTACT and who complete an application form. Members receive a membership card and the quarterly magazine "Awareness" containing the latest news, selected sighting reports, articles and all relevant information to participate fully in its common quest. Annual subscription in the U.K. is 10 shillings. For further details and application form, write to: Mr. Wm. Herschell, 325 The Greenway, Epsom, Surrey, England.

Having read a copy of "Awareness", I can assure you that it is worth joining this worldwide movement for the receipt of this fabulously interesting magazine alone, although of course, CONTACT's higher aims of UFO Unity are of even greater importance, but within the pages of "Awareness" you will find enlightening articles written by advanced minds on a wide range of subjects imparting invaluable scientific and spiritual knowledge. Undoubtedly, "Awareness", with its overtones of Cosmic Philosophy, will do much to prepare us all for a state of spiritual readiness in which we can make contact with our more highly evolved brothers in space.

It was a great pleasure to meet the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench personally. I found him to be not only a charming gentleman, but more important, a gentle man - however, with firm resolve. Half-brother to the Earl of Clancarty, he brings with him the best qualities of "noblesse oblige" but, at the same time, maintains the common touch. We are fortunate indeed to have a man of his intellectual and spiritual qualities promoting worldwide UFO Unity through CONTACT which, with our support, may well turn out to be one of the greatest blessings to mankind on Earth.

FRANCIS E. HURLEY - Hon. Secretary, Cosmic Research Group, Bournemouth.

Mr. Hurley, extremely knowledgeable and widely read on the subjects of UFOs, Psychic Research and Cosmic Philosophy, leads this small but very enthusiastic group in Bournemouth which approaches the UFO Phenomena from a metaphysical viewpoint. The group meets regularly and maintains a library of UFO books and periodicals for the benefit of its members and also loans out flying saucer tapes to those interested. During the summer months they conduct sky watches and by way of propaganda, its members give occasional talks at public UFO meetings. In the somewhat conservative atmosphere of Bournemouth, this takes a certain amount of moral courage for as Mr. Hurley wisely comments: "While the implications of the saucer visits are perhaps the most momentous happening of our time, the problem is to alert others to the truth, for nothing is so painful to human nature as the pain of a new idea." However, as evidenced by his sponsorship of my talk in Bournemouth, Mr. Hurley and his group are bravely continuing in their endeavours to promote knowledge of the UFOs and Cosmic Philosophy.

LIONEL BEER - Editor of "Spacelink" and Vice-Chairman, BUFORA Executive Committee.

As most of you probably know, about a couple of years ago, Lionel Beer took over publication of "Spacelink" from Mr. F.W. Smith who formerly published it on behalf of the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society and we take this opportunity of congratulating him on the publication of an excellent, professionally-produced magazine, well illustrated with photos and sketches and containing interesting articles on UFO news and views. We feel Lionel has done much to improve the original format of "Spacelink" and we wish him continued success with this publication.

While Lionel and I had corresponded, exchanged publications and information, this was my first opportunity of meeting him personally and I was delighted when he invited me to have lunch with him and a lady member of his staff, during which we had a most interesting discussion on the UFO scene in general. I found Lionel to be an intelligent young man, with a very practical, logical, almost clinical approach to the UFO Problem, and I got the impression that all reports and every bit of evidence were carefully scrutinized under the microscope of his analytical mind. A student of psychology, he is not easily fooled by human foibles or frailties. All of which makes him a very good reporter of the facts as he sees them and while he can be forthright and at times, blunt, there is nothing hypocritical about Lionel and you know exactly where you stand with him.

Lionel told me of his objective of getting "Spacelink" sold on a worldwide basis. He wants agents in all countries except Australia and U.S.A. Agents may either sell "Spacelink" themselves or collect subscriptions. Generous discounts are offered for Clubs and Societies - minimum order: 8 copies. He is particularly anxious to get an agent established in Canada, so if any of our Canadian readers are interested, please write to: Miss Christine Henning, SK Subscription Dept., 99 Mayday Gardens, London, S.E.3, England. "Spacelink" sells for a modest 50¢ in Canada and we are happy to support this excellent journal which is very good value for money.

RONALD CASWELL - Director, IGAP - Great Britain.

Ron and I are old UFO friends who have collaborated with each other over the years and it was good to meet him again. As most of you know, he was co-Editor with Major Hans Petersen, of the high-quality magazine "UFO Contact" which specialized in Open Letters to world leaders and VIPs. A militant idealist with the courage of his own convictions, Ron fought fearlessly through the pages of "UFO Contact" to expose the shams, hypocrisies and shortcomings of the Establishment in failing to recognize officially that the UFO phenomena is a serious scientific problem. In his Open Letters to men in high places, he was forthright, called a spade a spade and pulled no punches and undoubtedly he gave these people some serious food for thought. "UFO Contact", a glossy magazine, well-

illustrated with photographs, contained a wealth of interesting and thought-provoking articles which involved a great deal of scientific research into the many facets of Ufology, space science, life on other planets, etc., and promoted the Philosophy of George Adamski. It ran for 2 years and then, due to insufficient financial support, was forced to cease publication. This was a serious setback to the UFO world in general, as we not only lost a good magazine but a fighting champion for the UFO Cause at the top levels. The magazine had received excellent commendations from UFO notables and certainly its impact was strong enough for the Condon Report to devote a full page to "UFO Contact". Personally, I always find it rather sad to see a good UFO magazine fold up, and understandably, Ron, who had given every moment of his spare time, even working into the small hours, to produce this journal, felt a little bitter that most of the lack of financial support had come from the area least expected - the affluent U.S.A., seat of the George Adamski Foundation. This was hard to take and Ron spent some time soul-searching as to his true role in the UFO field. However, by the time of our meeting, his spirits had recovered and he was enthusiastically planning to write a book on his UFO experiences, probably under the title of his first brainchild "UFO Contact". He also told me of his plans to try to inject more unity and strength into the worldwide IGAP Organization and particularly, greater co-operation between its individual groups in accordance with GA's fundamental principle of fraternal love. Good show, Ron, we're glad to see you back in harness again, and the Best of Luck with these 2 projects!

MICHAEL PARRY - President, Interplanetary Space Travel Research Group (U.K.) and Editor of "Interplanetary News".

I met Mike Parry and one of his group in London and we spent several hours exchanging information of mutual interest, the prime topic being the forthcoming National Space and UFO Convention which Mike and his group were organizing. A disc jockey by profession, Mike is a personable young man, with lots of drive and enthusiasm and, given the right breaks, I felt he might go far in the UFO field. Certainly he has a very outgoing personality and over the past 2 years he gave freely of his time, energy and money in an effort to build up his group and its publication "Interplanetary News". Mike told me the long, hard story of the group's early struggles and setbacks. It was originally founded in 1957 by Mr. E. Harris, ably supported by his wife, and with a somewhat ambitious program covering a wide range of subjects, managed to attract a group of members ranging from the young to the senior citizen. It also published a mimeo-ed bulletin on which, over the years, attempts were made to improve its format with indifferent success, although it was perhaps the first UFO journal to attempt to reproduce pictures in colour. The group then extended its activities to launching model rockets designed by its members who also manufactured the fuel. There were successes and failures intermingled, but due to some bad publicity on the potential dangers of the project, the Club began to lose its members until only the original 5 members remained. There was a gradual building up, but again, bad luck dogged the group, and it was in 1968 that Mr. Harris showed Mike Parry a copy of "Interplanetary News" and told him the hard luck story of the group. Interested, Mike agreed to help improve the publication and build up the group again.

His first task was to create a better atmosphere around the Club and remove the old stigma it had gained in its early days. He quickly realized that in order to establish an income and obtain better publicity, the only way to achieve this was through the magazine. He therefore took over as Editor and his first issue was produced by the electronic stencil process and sold for 1/9 per copy. 1,000 copies were run off, from which introductory issues were sent to all other UFO groups. The Club then set about trying to sell the remainder at such places as the London Planetarium and even on street corners. They failed miserably. A big bill had accrued and they were no better off apart from gaining 2 members. However, one of them was a printer and he suggested that the cover might be improved by the photolitho offset process. The indomitable Mike therefore sought permission from M.G.M. to reproduce a picture from their movie "SOUL" on the cover. This was

done, the old covers removed and new ones attached, but still little luck with sales. At an emergency meeting, the decision was made to take another gamble and have the whole contents of the next issue run off by the photolitho method, in a desperate attempt to recuperate the loss on the first issue. This proved a vast improvement and the magazine began to sell on its own merits. By direct contact with Miss Susanne Stebbings, the group began to gain publicity and in gratitude they made her Hon. Publicity Officer. Then, once again, the magazine had teething problems and Mike had to pay a big bill out of his own pocket. Obviously not a man who gives up easily, Mike went all out on the third issue and had it printed professionally. This was a Do-or-Die effort, but it proved an instant success and at last the group began the uphill climb out of the mire. Then came the idea for the National Space and UFO Convention. This was originated by Mike, made fruitful by Susanne and practical by the members' enthusiasm. Again, it was a big gamble, but an all-important step to gain publicity, establish the Club on a firm footing and increase its membership to fulfil its objectives. Mike ended his story somewhat fatalistically with: "Only time will tell. The success or otherwise of the Convention will either be the making or breaking of our group."

I was rather moved at this story of one man's efforts to put a UFO Club and publication on its feet and wondered how many others would have striven so hard. At this deadline date of writing, I do not know the results of the Convention. I had hoped to have received a report from Mike and certainly hope this his silence is not an ominous one. If the Convention was not a success, the blame cannot be laid on Michael Parry's doorstep, but rather on those UFO groups and individuals in England who failed to support him. If the Convention was successful and I eventually receive a report from Mike, it will be published in our next issue, together with details of this group's interesting magazine "Interplanetary News".

JIMMY GODDARD - Member of the Editorial Board of "Awareness" (journal of CONTACT(UK) and Editor of "Link-Up".

My impressions of Jimmy Goddard are that he is a very sincere, dedicated worker for the UFO Cause, with a considerable flair for writing. An intellectual and idealist, he believes in communication with the space people and that they are here to help us over the birthpangs of the New Age of Cosmic Awareness. He considers his special mission in the UFO field is to endeavour to unify UFO groups and in view of the messages we have received from the space people, I think Jimmy is on the right track and wish him every success in his worthwhile efforts.

An active worker for the Editorial Board of CONTACT(U.K.), Jimmy had a very interesting story to tell on how certain problems within the Board led to an ESP experiment with unexpected results and finally to the publication of his newsletter, "Link-Up". It was Jimmy's idea that members of the Board and a few others made an attempt to contact the space people telepathically at an agreed time and date, to ask their advice on how to solve their problems. A week after the experiment, Jimmy received a letter from one of its participants stating that he had shown Jimmy's letter to his wife who, totally unconvinced of the reality of UFOs, said she thought the whole idea silly. Nevertheless, he carried out the experiment at the agreed time and left the house about 10 minutes later. He returned home 1½ hours later to find his wife had a strange story to tell. She related that just after the clock chimed 4 p.m., she had a vivid mental impression of a man about 4 ft. tall, dressed in a silver-coloured suit, who emanated a strong feeling of kindness. He spoke to her saying that the answer to the problem was that all Clubs should unite into one large organization. The whole experience lasted about half a minute. The man stressed that his wife had never read any UFO books and was totally unaware that other contactees had experienced this same feeling of kindness. At the next Board meeting, great interest was shown in this message, especially as it was received by a person with no interest in UFOs and it was decided to try to carry out this suggestion. At first, it

seemed an impossible task until one of the members suggested a newsletter to unify the groups, not into any one established group, but for the benefit of all, and thus "Link-Up" was born, with Jimmy Goddard as Editor. In the Editorial of its first issue, Jimmy wrote: "The purpose of this newsletter is to unify UFO groups. This has been tried in the past, often with partial success, but the barriers of different approaches to the subject have always made things difficult. In the case of this newsletter, however, they need not do so, for its whole object is to unify (i.e., cause an efficient flow of information and ideas from all groups to all groups) without causing any group to lose its independence or to influence its approach. To be fully effective, this first issue is being sent free to all groups, although we would be very interested to see a copy of your publication if you have one. Also, we would like to know about your group; opinions, ideas, activities and sighting information if any, to publish and so bring all groups into closer co-operation and knowledge of each other's activities. Please help to make this venture successful by contributing ideas and information from your group. In this way, we may build up a co-operation which may hasten the day when the nature of the craft in our skies and the crews that man them, may be known to us all."

"Link-Up" contains news and views of UFO groups, British sighting reports and interesting articles. Subscription rate: \$1.00 for 4 issues, at present quarterly but more frequent issues are planned as more material is received from various groups. We recommend that our readers support this publication, not only for its interesting news value, but as part of its wider purpose, as suggested by our space friends, the unification of UFO and New Age groups. Those groups with journals are invited to send exchange copies and use "Link-Up" to publicize their activities. It's an old saying, but very true - in Unity there is Strength. The very least we can do is to pray for Unity - better still, we can all take an active part in promoting it. Good Luck, Jimmy, with Project Unity!

AN EVENING WITH DR. PETER M. MILLMAN.

Earlier this year, our discussion group had a particularly interesting evening when Dorothy and Arthur Bray were hosts at their home, with Dr. P.M. Millman as special guest. Dr. Millman is Head, Upper Atmosphere Research Section, Radio & Electrical Engineering Division of Canada's National Research Council. In this capacity, he is responsible for official investigations of UFO phenomena on behalf of the Canadian Government.

Many aspects of UFOs were discussed and we all benefited by the evening together. The Condon Report was one of the prime topics and Dr. Millman said that while he had not yet had time to complete a study of the entire report, he could state that to date, he was not in complete agreement with all aspects of it.

In discussing the astronomical aspects, he noted the importance of the spectacular display of meteors which crossed North America in 1913. In view of the long duration of the sightings (over two minutes), he felt this was an outstanding example of how meteors could be classed as UFOs. He discussed at some length the many perceptual problems involved in sightings and acknowledged that even astronomers are subject to the same errors as other humans in this respect.

Concerning the possibility of extra-terrestrial intelligence, Dr. Millman stated that, in his opinion, there is a high possibility both of the existence of extra-terrestrial life of some form and of extra-terrestrial intelligence, but at present little or no evidence exists that ETI has visited Earth.

He does feel, he said, that studies of UFOs should not be discontinued as a result of the Condon Report, but in view of the need to exercise economy in expenditure of public funds, it is his opinion that scientific data available, if any, could be obtained as a by-product of meteoritic and atmospheric research and that any UFO "paydirt" should come

to light in the course of such research. He emphasized that no files should be discarded and stressed the importance of all data being available to the public.

The matter of Ottawa's famous "Chunk of Metal" was discussed and, upon being asked, Dr. Millman agreed to try to arrange, if possible, an analysis in a government laboratory. Samples of the metal have been given to him and our members will follow this matter up closely.

All in all, it was a very profitable discussion and we are indebted to Dr. Millman for setting aside a full evening of his very busy schedule to sit down and talk with a small group of laymen.

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REF. PART 8 OF "THE LIFE OF NIKOLA TESLA"

The Editor very much regrets that due to the unavoidable delay in publishing this issue caused by absence from Canada this summer, and the volume of its present contents, there is not sufficient time or space to include in it Part 8 of "The Life of Nikola Tesla". However, our readers are assured that a longer chapter of the Tesla story will appear in the next issue of Topside.

When it is explained that in order to produce a chapter of this story, it is necessary for the Editor to take down in shorthand at speed the words of Arthur Matthews on a tape recording and then to edit and condense all this material before transcribing it on to stencils, it will be realized that it is a long and time-consuming effort and rather than hold up this issue of Topside further, it was felt expedient to send it out without delay and publish a longer chapter in the next issue. We hope our readers will understand the situation, in these circumstances.

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SOME PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM THE PAST.

On Love: "If you love yourself, you love everybody else as you do yourself. As long as you love another person less than you love yourself, you will not really succeed in loving yourself, but if you love all alike, including yourself, you will love them as one person and that person is both God and Man. Thus, he is a great and righteous person who, loving himself, loves all others equally." - Meister Eckhart (1260 - 1329 A.D.)

On Life: "See in everything the working out of a great Cosmic Plan whereby everything rises from lower to higher and still higher. The Universe is governed by Law - the Law of Ultimate Justice. Realize that all works for Good, that everything is tending upward, that everything is justified and just, because the End is Absolute Good, and that every tiny working part of the great Cosmic Machinery is turning in the right direction to that end. Consequently, each of us is just where he should be at the present time - and our condition is exactly the very best to bring us to that Divine Consummation and End. Live one day at a time - doing the best you know how - and Be Kind, knowing that in the All-Good, you live and move and have your being and that outside of that All-Good you cannot stray, for there is no outside. Know that That which brought you here will be with you There - for Death is but a phase of Life - and above all, there is nothing to be afraid of - All is Well with God, with the Universe and with You." (Wm. Walker Atkinson).

On Personal Involvement: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." John Donne (1573-1631 A.D.)

On Truth: "Great is Truth and mighty above all things; it endureth and is always strong; it liveth and conquereth for evermore. The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt marvel." - From the 1st and 2nd Books of Esdras in the Apocrypha.