

few kilometres away, a young nurse was on her way by car to work when she came across a red glowing ball sitting in a paddock a few metres away from a road. Seemingly 5-10 metres in diameter, it rose into the air and was lost to sight.<sup>7</sup>

Some six days after this, on May 26 a physical trace case came to light in Orange, New South Wales, which was quickly investigated by UFOR (NSW). Around midnight a boy observed an orange sphere with "windows" in it, at low altitude, possibly resting on the ground, near a farm. His mother was called and also saw it before it moved over a hill and was lost to sight. Physical traces were found in the paddock where it had been observed. These consisted of four small cleared patches arranged in a trapezoid. The grasses and thistles within the area were not affected in any obvious way. Upon analysis it was found that if any ionizing radiation was involved the ground would have received less than 100 rad and then any heating involved in forming the cleared patches would have been below 250°C.<sup>8</sup>

May seemed to be a popular month because on the 30th at 10.30 p.m. a person out shooting near Opossum Bay, Tasmania, reported seeing a "silver ball, edged with a red tail," 10 metres off the ground about 400 metres away. It passed silently over the river Derwent and rose into the sky.<sup>9</sup>

Tasmania featured two reports during June, the first on the 23rd. A rectangular shape with a pink flashing light 3 metres long by 1 metre high seemed to float close to a woman who watched for a while before deciding to drive to a better position for observation. While she was doing this, however, the object departed soundlessly into the NorthWestern sky.<sup>10</sup>

At Casino two days later, two friends were returning home at 3 a.m. when they noticed flashing lights above

their car. The lights seemed to "pace" them, then disappeared into the distance. There was no visible "object", merely a group of 6 to 8 lights flashing yellow and pink/red.<sup>11</sup>

Just over a week later, on July 2, another Tasmanian car event occurred. A bright red light 3 metres off the road, and 200 metres behind a car was watched by the occupants. The car lost power for 15 to 20 seconds and then had to be clutch started. The light by then had disappeared. Some time later exactly the same thing happened to the car but this time there were no lights observed.<sup>12</sup>

A very large (200 metres long) pink coloured object looking not unlike a "jumbo jet," was reported to have touched down beneath some high power electricity lines near Birdwood, South Australia, on July 30, 1977, at 3.45 p.m. It was then said to have taken off vertically, though it made no noise whilst moving at what was stated to have been supersonic speed.<sup>13</sup>

At least twelve people were witness to our next encounter which occurred during daylight hours, near Meekatharra, West Australia. A disc-shaped object rose from behind a rocky outcrop which is only 50 metres

from the house. As it rose a sort of vapour rolled down the rocks. The disc with domes above and below, gave "birth" to a smaller red object which came out of its side, then shot out of sight at speed. The larger object then rose and disappeared from view.<sup>14</sup>

To round off the year's close encounter events — it seems to have gone "quiet" since then until the beginning of 1978 — we have a fairly interesting but in some ways nebulous type three event.

On October 17, at Mt. Magnet, which is near Meekatharra, two people were paced in their car by a light which stayed some 50 metres from them. They called in at a hotel and were informed that some employees of the hotel had also been pursued by something. Eight people then drove to the spot where the light had last been seen. They reported seeing three round pulsating red and green objects landed in paddocks some 3 km from the hotel. The objects took off and moved around, touching down several times before they left. There appeared to be "shapes" moving around these three objects. They were of human size, and weren't animals.<sup>15</sup>

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## ROUND-UP ITEM: N.Z. PILOT REJECTS OFFICIAL EXPLANATION

From a Reuters item in *The Scotsman* of January 26, 1979, we learn that: "The pilot of a plane from which unidentified flying objects were filmed last month today rejected the official verdict that his "close encounters" were just atmospheric phenomena.

"There is something going on and I think they are covering up." Captain Bill Startup said after reading the report on a New Zealand Air Force investigation of a series of UFO sightings. The air force said they did 'not share the view of those who believe we are visited from outer space or

covertly by the aircraft or machines of potentially unfriendly nations.'

"After interviewing observers of the UFOs, air force investigators had concluded they were lights from surface or planetary sources affected by refraction and distortion — 'natural but unusual atmospheric phenomena.'

"Captain Startup said: 'They have no more come up to an answer as to what it was than anybody else.' Many of the phenomena mentioned in the report were things pilots were already well aware of, he went on. 'A lot of specialists have tried to make the

circumstances of that night fit in with previously known facts.'

"The report said radar sightings from Wellington Airport which had appeared to back up some UFO reports were 'spurious returns,' radar parlance for false signals. Radar sets are known to be subject to spurious returns and it was significant that on the occasions the large light was being filmed by a television team neither Christchurch nor Wellington radars reported any related visual sightings on their screens.'

[It's a wonder we rely on radar at all! — ED]

# MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

## The behaviour of the New Zealand aircraft instruments during filming of the UFO — and other matters

Dear Sir, — Having just seen an amazing new film on TV of UFOs shot by an Australian camera crew, I was wondering if you could tell me more about this sighting and exactly what happened? It was certainly the best film I've ever seen. Even showing the aircraft controls going haywire!†

This subject has fascinated me for quite a few years now. Are you aware of the experiments done by the occultist Aleister Crowley back in 1919? He had a special "formula" for making contact with beings from other worlds, and had a great interest in Sirius (the Sun behind our Sun!) This type of contact has always interested me, i.e. the clairvoyant approach. Yet this new film shows that they can be very solid as well as perhaps of an almost transparent nature...

Yours truly  
Steve Waters  
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January 1, 1979.

† [This letter — or rather extract from a letter — is of particular interest because it was among a batch forwarded to me from West Malling after January 7, 1979, the day on which Tony Whetstone surprised everyone by talking, in a phone-in to Capital Radio, about the aircraft's "gyrating compass." However, the date of the postal franking stamp, 2 January, confirms Mr. Waters' dating of his letter. So at least one other person spotted the "wild" compass of his own volition. — EDITOR]

## Entities and ley lines

Dear Sir, I have read the Flying Saucer Review with some considerable interest together with numerous books on extra-terrestrial phenomena. Over the years I have collected newspaper cuttings which I have faithfully stuck in a book. The subject did not interest me for a while until one night on the

way to a barbecue on Dartmoor I witnessed two most peculiar creatures crossing the road. Goblins would really be the correct word for them. Having read so much about the subject I really did have a close encounter of the third kind without realizing the significance. Apart from this, at the place where I witnessed this sighting a ley line crosses the exact spot where they crossed the road. For your information a ley line is an alignment across miles of country of a great number of objects or sites of objects of prehistoric antiquity. See Alfred Watkins' *The Old Straight Track*. There seems to be a direct link between sightings and the ley line. Whatever the outcome of the great debate about UFOs will turn out to be, we are without doubt dealing with an intelligence or intelligences that are so far advanced as to consider us completely primitive in our way of life.

Yours faithfully,  
J.B. Aylen  
Small Corner Cottage, Starcross, Nr.  
Exeter, Devonshire  
December 4, 1978

[What a pity our reader did not describe the entities in greater detail. The proximity of ley lines and ancient monuments, burial tombs and other relics of antiquity has been discussed from time to time over the years in FSR. — EDITOR]

## Aveley oddities

Dear Sir, I hope you can make head and tail of these comments on the Aveley Abduction case.

Briefly, the abductee, John, said there were no colours in the space craft, and was told by an entity that their nerve optics are different to ours. Humans can't see colour there, but they can. Later in the account there are several references by John. Pen glowed purple; coloured squares on panel; sky layered in colours of red yellow blue and green.

Not a very convincing story. Elsewhere the "entity" and the examiner referred to each other as Ceres and Lyra. These being the largest asteroid, and a stellar constellation respectively. Why would beings from another world use our names of constellations etc?

They surely would have their own names for the heavenly bodies.

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November 29, 1978

## Aveley case used by News of the World

Dear Mr. Bowen, With regard to the enclosed *News of the World* article dated December 24, 1978, I cannot help notice the striking similarity between this and the *Flying Saucer Review* Article "The Aveley Abduction" printed in Volume 23, No. 6, and Volume 24, No. 1.

If it were not that the names of the contactees were different, I would swear this is the same story.

I am sending this to you in the hope that you can obtain more information for the purpose of reporting it in FSR.

Yours truly,  
D.S. Ladds  
38 Aberfoyle Street, Glasgow G31 3RS  
Scotland.  
December 24, 1978.

[for comment please see Editor's note which follows the next letter.]

## The News of the World Item

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed a clipping from the *News of the World*, dated December 24, 1978. All I ask is why is it that the *News of the World* seems to have taken the story of the Aveley Abduction (Vols. 23-6 and 24-1) and changed the names of the contactees? Could they have used the story to fill a gap in the newspaper, or is this a different but identical CE4K, which took place in the same area?

Yours faithfully,  
A. Bulcraig  
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December 27, 1978

[Messrs Ladds and Bulcraig — and other readers — are thanked for sending us the *News of the World* cuttings, and for their concern.

The first I knew of the publication of John Clare's article was when Andrew Collins advised me about it by telephone after Christmas. So

readers will be right in assuming I was not consulted in any way.

This is essentially the same story which appeared in Flying Saucer Review under the title "The Aveley Abduction" although there are omissions and a few additions. The contactee, John Day, had requested anonymity for himself and his wife Sue when FSR's article was being prepared, and it was Mr. Collins' suggestion that they should be hidden under the pseudonyms John and Elaine Avis. Strange, to say the least, that they should wish to remain anonymous

in the pages of FSR, which only publishes bona fide and objective reports of cases, yet later they allow their real names to be splashed around in the mass circulation, sensationalist Sunday newspaper. Still, that's their affair.

I gathered from Mr. Collins that the Aveley case was discussed by Barry King and himself with an intermediary who was associated with a member of the newspaper's editorial staff. I understand too that these people were shown the relative copies of FSR.

Yet, despite the months of research and investigation on behalf of FSR (e.g. the hypnosis sessions, which we arranged through Dr. B.E. Finch) and UFOIN, and the mountain of editorial work involved, the News of the World tends to treat the case, without any reference to the date or place of the incident, as something which its writer unearthed for himself.

All in all it looks as if this is another case of over-enthusiastic publicity seeking gone sadly awry. — EDITOR.]

## UFO FRIGHTENS A DOG

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A Close Encounter is not a very common event. Indeed it may well be that only certain types of individual can experience one. The case I am about to recite involves just one witness, who claims to have had two close encounters with associated effects.

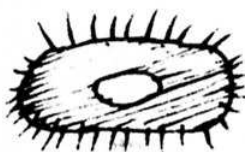
Richard Wade is a gardener-cum-handyman who now resides in Penrith, Cumbria, but for most of his life has lived in Southern Scotland. Both incidents took place in that country.

In August 1955 Richard was only 17, but was an NCO in the local air training cadets. This meant he had qualifications in the recognition of various forms of air transport such as aircraft, and also balloons. This particular day was hot and sunny and he was combine harvesting in a field near the town of Jedburgh in Roxburghshire. The surroundings were quiet and he was well away from roads or habitation. Richard, who had stopped for his lunch, was sitting on the wall of a dyke. He was looking up the grassy slopes of a rise thinking of nothing in particular. With him that day was his dog, who at the time in question (almost exactly mid-day) was sitting at his feet munching a sandwich that he had just given to her.

Suddenly the dog started to shake and whimper

and took off, tail between her legs, obviously very disturbed by something. Richard called to her but she took no heed and disappeared in the direction of home. A little concerned, but sure that she would be all right, Richard turned to see if he could find what was the cause of the dog's panic.

Atop the rise, at a height of about 2,000 feet above the ground was a large fluffy white cloud and coming out of this was a silvery cigar-like object. Richard stood transfixed for about ten minutes as it drifted out of the cloud very slowly (he estimates a



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