

ross his field of vision. An inquiry is to be held as to why the near miss happened. The Duke will be required to submit a report."

Tibet and China

"Ping-pong ball" in sky

The *Daily Telegraph*, London (August

6, 1981) carried the following report from its representative in Peking:-

"The *New China News Agency* said yesterday that eyewitness reports had been received from five places in Tibet on July 24 of a 'bright object the size of a ping-pong ball surrounded by a ring of blue-white light moving from east to west at about 90 miles a minute.'

"The *Chengdu Daily News* (Szechuan Province, West China) reported from Szechuan that there had been UFO sightings around the city of Chengdu and in some other areas the same night. These reports came almost four years to the day after similar reported sightings in Chengdu.

DINOSAURS . . . NOT HUMANOIDS?

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This highly speculative idea, Dr Finch tells us, was stimulated by a recent programme in the *Horizon* series on BBC-2 TV, in which some remarkable models of possible dinosaur evolution were projected.

THE name Dinosaur is derived from the Greek *deinos* (terrible) + *sauros* (lizard). These great reptiles lived in the Cretaceous period 130 million years ago, and reached an astonishing degree of specialisation. However, somewhere at the close of the Cretaceous period the dinosaurs died out, leaving no descendants. This extinction was sudden and complete.

Recent investigations have shown that reptiles are sensitive to both heat and cold, and avoid the sun in the warmest time of the year.

It has recently been suggested that a massive asteroid six miles wide smashed into Earth. The resultant dust cloud blacked out the sun's rays, killing off many plants, and the animals which depended on them, including dinosaurs, for there was no indication that they were on the point of extinction without extra-terrestrial intervention. The collision with an asteroid would be a million million times more devastating than the bomb that fell on Hiroshima, and there would have been vast clouds of debris blackening out the sun for five years or more. Chlorophyll-based plants would have died, and the Terrestrial temperature would have risen by eight degrees. Life would have disappeared except for smaller forms less susceptible to this greenhouse effect. These smaller animals evolved, and from them came various species including man.

Let us consider, however, a (hypothetical) similar state of affairs on another planet in our galaxy. In this model no asteroid collision occurred, and the dinosaurs that were *in situ* evolved to something like a human level of intelligence, and took on humanoid forms (as shown in fig. 1). A similar situation could have occurred on earth: man would not have appeared, dinosaurs being dominant in the absence of a cataclysmic collision. The dinosaurs would have

evolved, instead, and would have dominated all other species.

They had binocular vision, could open their mouths widely, and as they evolved would have become warm-blooded and begun to walk upright. The hand would have developed grasping reflexes, the first digit diverging from the other two, and the ring and little fingers becoming vestigial. The claws would have shortened and the teeth become smaller. The feet would have retained their webbing between the toes. The forelimbs would now have become short and feeble as they developed into arms, and the hind limbs would have become legs with three functional toes.

The most remarkable development, however, would be in the skull, which would enlarge to accommodate the growing brain and develop convolutions (as in man).

As these animals developed they would have become slender and graceful bipeds, their necks shortened, their heads larger, their orbits expanded and their tails receded.

Finally, at the time that man on this planet of ours was beginning to walk upright, the evolution of the "dinosaurians" in a neighbouring galaxy was complete. A highly intelligent and graceful creature was dominant, civilised and with a technology equal to its brain development. It would evolve finally in a form bearing remarkable similarities to descriptions of (UFO) aliens which are received from many sources. In other words, the so-called Humanoid, or alien, closely resembles the end product of the evolution of the dinosaur from the reptiles, the "terrible lizards" of the Cretaceous period . . . and an identical form would have been dominant on this Earth had the dinosaurs not suddenly died out.

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Figure 1: Hypothetical evolutionary tree of the Dinosaur.

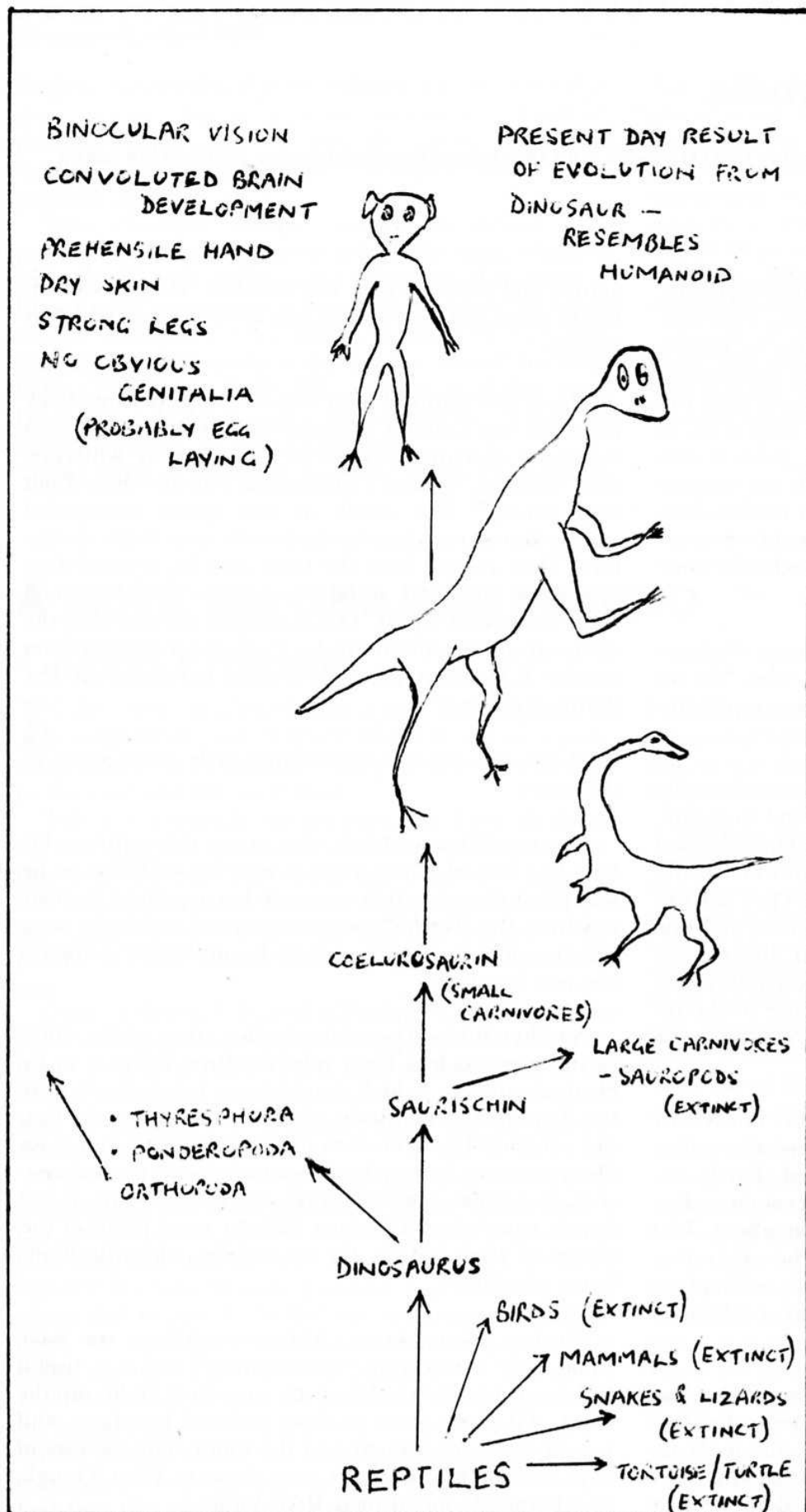
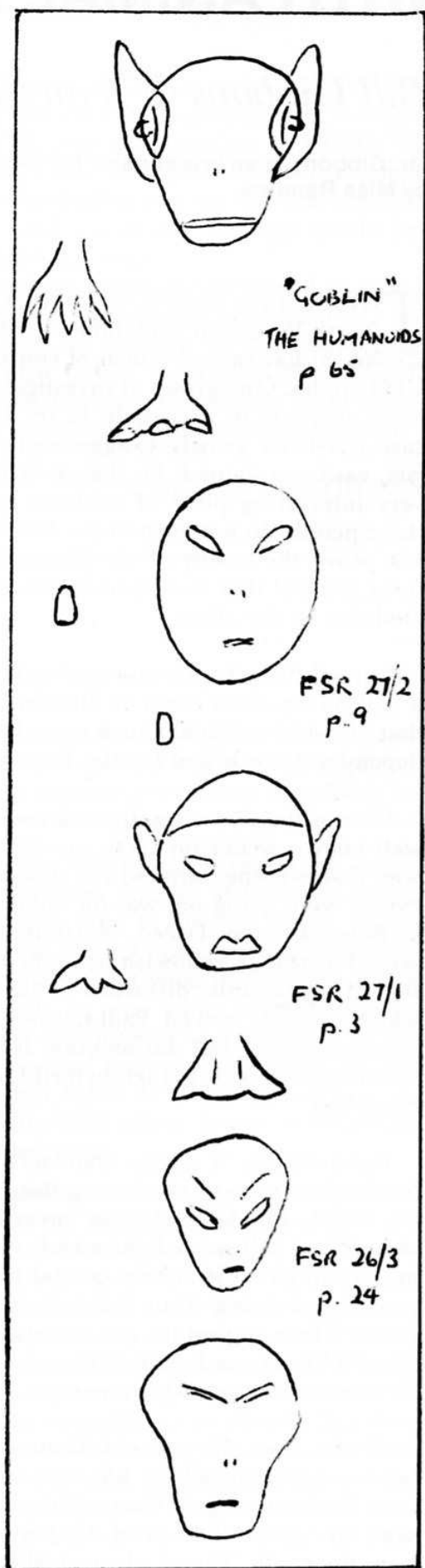


Figure 2: Alien characteristics reported by CE3 witnesses.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH ANIMAL EFFECTS

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THE multiple witness sighting at Llanerchymedd, North Wales, on September 1, 1978, (see FSR Vol. 25, No. 5) has caused a deal of controversy in British UFO circles. One group of investigators is conducting what amounts to a crusade to try to prove that the case has been grossly exaggerated and that it is, in fact, easily explained. Be that as it may, there is one very interesting piece of evidence which we suspect these people do not even know. Whilst in itself it does not prove the reality of the Llanerchymedd observations, we feel that in a roundabout way it lends some credence to the affair.

Animal disturbance cases are not common. Perhaps a half dozen or so occur in Britain each year. Yet on that one date two other such cases have been quite independently recorded for the British Isles.

One of these is virtually unknown. It concerns the well-known writer on earth mysteries, Paul Screeton, who that evening (around the time the Llanerchymedd events were going on) was on holiday with his family at Berwick upon Tweed, Northumbria. They all observed a strange yellowish oval phenomenon, and saw that it apparently disturbed a flock of sheep over which it slowly moved. Paul has not widely publicised his observation, but did mention it because of the interesting link with Llanerchymedd, where cattle were disturbed.

Furthermore, it seems that across the border in Scotland some very interesting things were also going on, which Bill Gibbons has investigated. Partly involved is a yellowish light which was seen meandering around the Stranraer coastal area at about 7.00 p.m. that evening (thus tying in with the other two cases). More important are events which took place about 14 hours earlier (at 4.30 a.m. in fact) at a farm in the same area, near Drummole.

At this time, 62-year-old Tommy Gibson, who has been a dairyman all his life, was collecting a herd of cows for returning to Currochtrie Farm. Suddenly he saw two grey/silver oval shapes approaching him from the south. They each seemed to be about 30 feet

across, and were moving low and fast. They passed silently overhead and moved out over the sea, which is nearby.

About two minutes after this the objects came back from the sea making a sound now which was like a threshing machine, a kind of humming or whirring. Says Tommy: "I wasn't frightened, but somehow I felt very lonely." The cattle at this point stampeded madly, far worse than he had ever seen them do before. They rushed into the byre and for several days refused to give any milk, a sure sign that they had been very badly upset. This is despite the fact that the cattle sit quite content all day long as jet aircraft from nearby RAF West Freugh scream overhead on low flying exercises!

There are several interesting little postscripts to this story.

Tommy Gibson claims that since the sighting his hair has turned white. Now it may be said that as he was 62 at the time, it is not exactly surprising his hair is white. But Tommy says it occurred suddenly, very shortly after the sighting, and he definitely connects the two incidents.

Another interesting thing is that, that night, 6000 racing pigeons had been released from Preston to fly en route to Ayr (which would have taken them near the Stranraer area) none of them turned up. In fact, not a feather has been seen of them since! Such a mass disappearance is very hard to attribute to normal reasons, but what other reasons can we attribute it to? Surely some alien biologist did not need 6000 of the things to study? If he did we wonder what the flight home was like!

Putting these three sightings together, we have some very interesting "coincidences" (what a useful little word that is). All three occurred right on the coast. All three were in very isolated locations, and two of the three occurred in the immediate vicinity of RAF bases (the Stranraer case close to West Freugh, and Llanerchymedd near RAF Valley).