

frequently ludicrous behaviour of the so-called 'occupants', all seem to militate against the idea of a planned surveillance of our planet by outsiders. I suggested that perhaps we should look at the metaterrestrial theory (the idea of "seepage" of images or objects from parallel universes) or even at the psychical aspects of the reports.

"From his observations in 'The UFO Conspiracy' (*Sunday Times* March 19, 1978) it transpires that he merely wanted to hear me say I had not read the pontifications of his mentor Philip Klass on the matter of the RAF/USAF Lakenheath events of August 1956.

"For the record, news of the Lakenheath affair was released from the secret list in January 1969, thanks to publication of a case history in the report of the U.S. Air Force-sponsored scientific study of UFOs under the late Dr. Edward U. Condon at Colorado University. Condon's team spoke of '...at least one genuine UFO' in the unsolved case. The *Flying Saucer Review* published, a year later, the detailed report of exhaustive enquiries by Professor James E. McDonald of Arizona University, an upper-atmosphere physicist and expert on radar. Dr McDonald gave this report as part of a paper at the A.A.A.S meeting at Boston, Mass., on 26 December, 1969.

"It was this report which I showed to the *Daily Express* and, not surprisingly, they presented a very shortened version of it."

"Yours truly,

Charles Bowen,

Editor, *Flying Saucer Review*."

An interesting outcome of the Ridpath article was

that a Mr. Wimbledon, a former RAF officer, wrote to *The Sunday Times* (April 9, 1978) stating that he was chief controller at the main radar station in Norfolk on the night of the Lakenheath incident, and was responsible for scrambling the *Venom* night fighters. He was puzzled that the story should have been "leaked" despite strict secrecy having been imposed (puzzled naturally enough, for nobody had bothered to mention the declassification or the Condon Report in their articles); he wondered also how the incident could have been thoroughly investigated by Klass when he, a main participant, had never been approached.

This does not surprise us for Mr. Wimbledon cannot be blamed for not knowing how professional debunkers work.

As a footnote there is the story of the interesting Stonehenge film which had been investigated by UFOIN, and which was to be featured in a programme by Granada TV in the North West of England. The witnesses, together with Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington, Dr Paul C.W. Davies and, it is understood, Ian Ridpath, were lined up to appear on the evening of April 21, 1978. On the morning of that Friday, however, there was quite a stir when Ridpath broadcast on radio for the "other side" — the rival BBC — about the film, complete with explanation. An article under his signature also appeared in the *Daily Express* (southern editions only) under the title "Great Balls of Fire" in which the ball lightning theory was expounded. Perhaps it is not surprising Mr. Ridpath did not appear in the Granada feature on April 21st which, as a hastily arranged follow-up, was networked on April 22nd.

THE VALIDITY OF INVESTIGATIONS UNDER HYPNOSIS

IT had been my intention to comment in this issue's Editorial leader on the vexed question of, for example, CEIV (abduction cases) and the investigation thereof with the aid of hypnotic regression of the contactee(s). Other matters, however, have been pressing enough to demand our space in this issue.

Suffice it to say that it has been shown by Dr. Alvin Lawson and others that a "witness" can fantasize subconsciously as easily as he can in his conscious mind, and this should be remembered when studying such cases.

Nevertheless we are prepared to listen to those who claim to have had close encounters of a fantastic nature, and who can recall details of their experience without experiencing any mental block. So the fact that the flow of a witness's account need to be released with the aid of questioning when he or she is regressed, should not militate against our con-

sidering that account to any degree other than that which we would accord a verbatim story.

We should always be prepared to ask ourselves: "what puts this story, frequently pointless and ludicrous, often alarming, into the mind of the contactee — and why? So much of it, particularly the "messages" or "philosophical lectures," seems jejune in concept, and consists of gibberish, gobbledegook or plain, unadorned "b/s." And it seems to issue with equal facility from the mouths of both those with "untrained" and those with "trained" minds.

The accounts may be true, or they may be false — in that they are part of some planned deception — but we will never know unless we record and study them. Which is one good reason why FSR pays more than passing attention to CEIII and CEIV humanoid reports.

CHARLES BOWEN

UFO LANDINGS IN ESTONIA

INTERESTING HUMANOID REPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

Juri Lina

LANDINGS of UFOs have been observed everywhere, and it is no different in Estonia. The following cases are quite similar to those in other countries.

Liiduvere, Viljandi

In April, 1977, Estonian ufologists were lucky to learn, quite by chance, about a case of UFO-landing where humanoids had also been seen.

It happened in Viljandi district, at the village of Liiduvere, which lies six kilometres from Suure-Jaani.

On a fine summer's day in 1950, a six-year-old girl (b. in 1944) who lived at Liiduvere noticed an airplane-like object near her home-farm in a clover field surrounded by a wood.

The witness remembers having had a sudden impulse to go there. At a distance of about 300-400 metres from the farm in the field, she saw a cigar-shaped "airplane," about six metres long. Its ends were silvery, while the central part was black — this was the exit. Neither wings nor wheels were seen.

Around the "plane," four small men were moving. They were a bit taller than the six-year-old girl. Their clothing was extraordinary. It was bright green. The faces were bare and red (redder than is normal in a man). They wore something like a hood, and their faces seemed oval as a result of being surrounded by these hoods. The witness says she does not remember their hands in detail. They had moved rather awkwardly. One of the men had raised his foot and knocked it on the vehicle. Their eyes were strange and immobile.

The girl had talked to the men, trying to explain something to them with the help of gestures. The men listened to her and answered. The witness does not remember the details of the conversation, but evidently it did not take place by means of

articulated words, but rather by telepathy — as the observer thinks now. In the middle of the conversation, the girl had been seized by a sudden fear (it may have been caused by the strange look in the humanoid's eyes) and she ran home. Looking back she saw the "plane" take off slowly and smoothly. She does not remember hearing any sound. The girl had told her story to her grandmother, and later to her mother, but neither of them believed her.

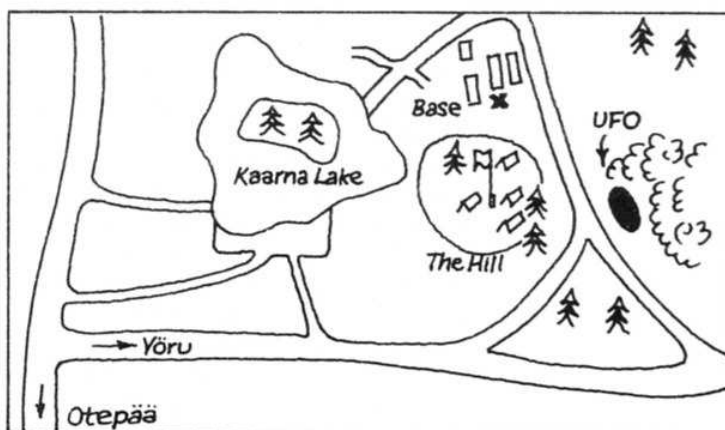
The next day she went to see if the same "plane" was in the field, but she was afraid to go near to the place. Fear was still with her and it took her a long time to overcome it.

In her mind the notion "plane" became associated with the cigar-shaped object that she had seen in the field. Later, other planes seemed very strange to her, when she saw them, as they had wings.

The observer was questioned by ufologist Tunne Kelam.

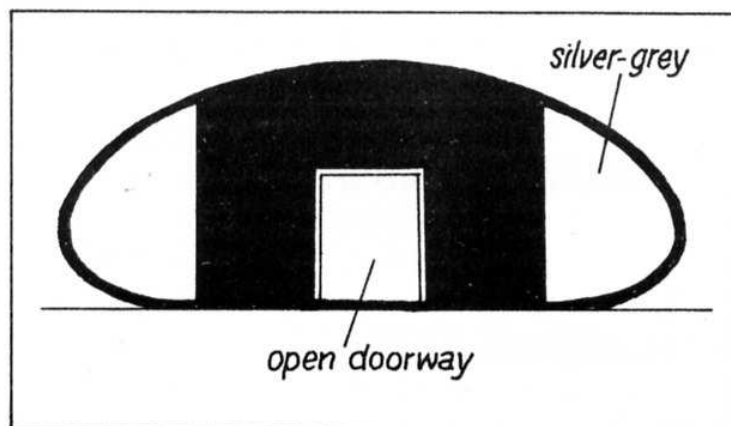
Lake Kaarna, Otepää

In the summer of 1968, three fourteen-year-old girls witnessed an extraordinary event in South Estonia. In those times the press often wrote about UFOs and visitors from outer space, and these girls were very eager to see something like that. Their



wish came true in a youth's summer camp, organized by the Tartu School of Physical Training at their sporting base "Veski". One of the witnesses, who wishes at all costs to remain anonymous, due to her social standing, retold the following which was recorded on tape on May 4, 1977:

"In the summer of 1968, I spent my holidays together with my friends at Lake Kaarna near Otepää. In the night of July 20, between twelve and one o'clock, something strange happened. We were sitting



Liiduvere object



The landing place near Otepää (ringed by author)

at a wooden table behind the house, our usual dining place. I remember that it was an unusually silent and beautiful moonlit night.

"Suddenly we noticed a bright star moving at a high speed in the sky. Soon it joined a cigar-shaped object that had suddenly appeared and in a short time it was gone out of sight. As it was already late, we decided to go to bed. It is interesting to add that we felt a strange threatening fear all the time. It was as if we had anticipated some curious event. This feeling paralysed us and we felt it even in the room. The large cigar in the air added to the fear.

"When I began to undress the room was suddenly filled with brightness. My girl-friend shouted: 'Look! What's that?' I turned towards the window and I saw a big bright object at a distance of about 50 metres.

"I thought it was like a bus. It was surrounded by reddish orange and yellow beams as of a searchlight. We were dazzled by the light but soon it went out, and only a dark glowing nebula remained in view. It began to radiate green-blue light. We could also see a blue-green stripe around the object, which seemed to diminish in size. It reminded us a bit of a disc. This bluish light was very mysterious; it illuminated the surrounding woods and filled us with fear.

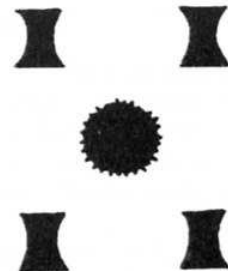
"The object was in our field of view for about five minutes. Then we heard a gentle buzz and it was gone. But we could not see it take off; it disappeared behind the bushes at the side of the country road.

"Now I felt an urgent need to go out, although I felt stiff when watching the object. When I reached the corner of the house, I saw a small human-shaped figure which looked like a woman. This figure was standing in the place where the object had been, and

it could well have been about 140-150 cm tall. It had what seemed like a shining silver ribbon across its breast.

"The creature vanished suddenly into the air. I could see it for a very short time only. Then I went back to my room.

"The next morning, after a restless night, we decided to learn more about the case. In the place where the object had been, the ground seemed burnt as if a load of lime had eaten into the grass. The burnt place was vaguely circular with a diameter of about two metres. It was strange that in the region of 30 metres up to the road, there were most peculiar prints in the soil, as if the object had jumped along the road.



Detail of the prints in the soil

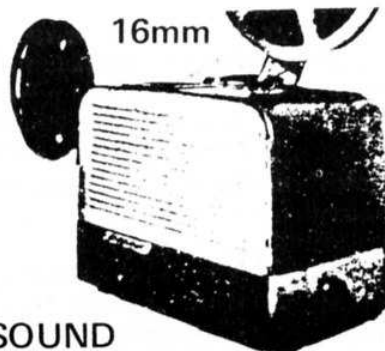
"In the morning we told our friends what had happened but they did not take us too seriously. We were advised not to think about it and not to 'raise any noise.'

"But the kitchen-maids said that they had been rowing on the lake at night and had heard a very loud noise at about twelve o'clock. We were rather surprised as we had not heard any noise, although we were on the hilltop and only 50 metres from the lake."

It is noteworthy that the witness was keeping a diary at that time, and due to that stroke of fortune the basic details of the observation have been preserved. The girls had also scribbled the details on a sheet of paper, put it into a bottle, and buried it in the soil exactly in the place of their observation.

The case was investigated by ufologist Juri Lina. When the place was inspected, it was ascertained that the object and the creature had been at a distance of at least 150 metres from the observers. The narrow path of traces was about 180 metres long, and not 30 as the witness had claimed.

It was found out that the coaches did not remember having heard any such story, but it was confirmed by the main witness's mother, by family acquaintances, and by a former worker at the camp (her companion's mother). They remember the girls' strange stories of the year 1968.



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