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A war of the worlds?

IN this issue we print the conclusions reached by Dr. Olavo Fontes following his discovery of an intensive orthotenic survey of Brazil in May, 1960. Dr. Fontes ventures a prophecy that the lines of activity as mapped by him indicate a military reconnaissance preparatory to a mass invasion of his country. What the nature or the purpose of the invasion will prove to be he is, of course, unable to forecast.

Other predictions of this nature have in the past been falsified by the passage of time and other intensive surveys conducted by the saucers in various parts of the world have not so far led to any dramatic sequel. When the bizarre visitations in France in 1954, which stimulated Aimé Michel's discovery of orthoteny and the writing of *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*, came to an end the visitors apparently lost interest in that country and moved their attentions elsewhere. First Papua and then, more recently, Russia seem to have been two notable areas of attraction. Unfortunately, Russia is not far enough advanced in our subject to have produced either a Michel or a Fontes, but it would not surprise us to learn that the pattern discovered in France and Brazil was also discernible over the Soviet Union. However, what happens inside Russia is always wrapped in secrecy and it would be better to base our conclusions—and our predictions if we are rash enough to venture them—upon the happenings in the western world, particularly where the independent test of orthoteny can be applied.

The first conclusion that we can draw is that the visitors have shown an intense curiosity towards conditions on this earth. Their form was either human or near-human. Occasionally, as in France when Marius Dewilde claimed that he had met two creatures from outer space, their appearance was so weird that the witness suffered from shock—this fact, incidentally, served as a corroboration of the reality of his experience. There have been well attested accounts, too, of the visitors displaying a geological interest in the country they were surveying: soil samples have been taken in France and America, and here may be the solution to the mystery of the unexplained holes in the ground which have been reported from many places during the last few years. Well attested, too, have been the accounts of cars being followed and engines stopped by some mysterious ray: occasionally even human beings (Marius Dewilde among them) have been paralysed by the same or a similar agency. While it is not claimed that these actions are necessarily hostile, it is evidence that the visitors are at least armed with some defensive

weapon. There has been no evidence, as far as we can recall, that there have been any deliberate attacks upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Dr. Fontes gives some sound reasons for claiming that the survey of Brazil is a military reconnaissance. By a coincidence, one of our readers has suggested that there is other evidence of a warlike purpose and he instances the formation flights, the uniform that is worn by many of the pilots and the explosions in the sky and the disintegration of space ships which have been witnessed on several occasions. All this would tend to support the theory that a war is being waged in space, a war that is either inter-planetary or even inter-galactic: and that we are the neutral and half-conscious spectators of an empyrean conflict being fought by races totally unknown to us.

If this theory is sound, then we must resemble the denizens of a jungle through which a major campaign is being waged. Many of us, living beyond the range of the fighting, are totally unaware of what is afoot, but a few of us caught on the fringes of battle have glimpses of weirdly dressed combatants engaged upon their mysterious struggle. We may hasten to tell our fellows of what we have seen, but when the excited chatter has died down and the battle has either been decided or has moved on, we are disbelieved and our testimony is finally forgotten. This is almost exactly what happens with our own testimony of flying saucers, their flights, their landings and their exploration of the jungle in which we live.

What then could be the purpose of the survey of Brazil and other countries? We can, perhaps, draw a parallel from the experience of the Second World War. Many neutral countries were invaded by one or other of the belligerent powers merely in an attempt to forestall a real or imagined out-

flanking movement by the enemy. As a precautionary measure, no doubt, many of these neutral countries were "surveyed" by both sides even before the outbreak of hostilities. Only in case of need did the survey culminate in actual invasion. If our theory holds, then here we have, at last, the explanation of why the saucer pilots are so keenly interested in observing our earth, its soil, and its military installations while remaining almost completely indifferent to our persons: it is only when we approach them that any action results and then it is usually evasive, though occasionally we have to be stopped in our tracks when we come too near. The jungle is of great importance, but the monkeys can be left to their chatter.

What we do not know at the present time is whether these orthotenic surveys are conducted on a national or an international scale. Michel and Fontes, in their respective countries, have naturally been unable to enlarge their maps so as to include neighbouring territories, though there is a hint in *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery* that perhaps England was being surveyed at the same time as France. On October 15, 1954, there was a report of a landing at Southend, which lies on one of Michel's straight lines extended from France. We may have to wait until our subject is taken more seriously, but it is important to discover whether our visitors are aware of our national boundaries and sovereignties. This might help us to learn whether the visitors are primarily interested in our planet or in its inhabitants.

The theory as we have stated it does not necessarily rule out all the other contact claims. A plurality of worlds can produce missionaries as well as warriors. Unfortunately, it would seem that the warriors have made the firmer footprints on our soil.

SCIENCE

Science is based on experiment and observation. It must know no fear, must have no dogmas, must create no "taboo" for itself. But contemporary science, by the mere fact of having cut itself sharply off from religion and "mysticism," i.e. having set up for itself a definite "taboo," has become an accidental and unreliable instrument of thought.

The constant feeling of this "taboo" compels it to shut its eyes to a whole series of inexplicable and unintelligible phenomena, deprives it of wholeness and unity, and as a result brings it about that "we have no science but have sciences."

A New Model of the Universe

by P. D. Ouspensky.