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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO OBSERVATIONS (p. 142 - 148)

Most of the sightings discussed in this issue were of a low strangeness and can easily be identified. The "fiery light" at Bad Neuenahr on 9 August 1997 was a toy balloon, as were the two lights seen over Wilhelmshafen on 24 July 1995. A sky tracker light effect engine caused a report at Bad Breisig on 2 November 1996, and a satellite was mistaken for a UFO at Rammingen on 3 May 1997. The "bright pulsating beam of light" observed over Weilerbach on 9 July 1997 occupied the place in the night sky where Jupiter was, and the group of small silvery objects that crossed the Vienna sky on 14 June 1997 could be identified as balloons from a fairground. A small out-of-focus spot on a photograph taken at Ferch on 23 April 1997 may have been an insect or a bird flying through the frame, as the witness noticed nothing unusual when he snapped the picture.

LIGHTS IN THE SKY (p. 148 - 151)

Additional UFO observations, again identified. The object similar to a "hot air balloon" as witnessed on 12 January 1997 over Leichlingen was certainly just a toy balloon, while the UFO that appeared several nights over Recklinghausen and was videotaped on 26 September 1996 was definitely identified as Venus.

A PHANTOM (p. 152 - 153)

In July 1997, a witness in Baden-Württemberg, Germany, reported seeing a phantom with a large hat and coat surrounded by fog. During investigation, he recounted several UFO experiences, and later it transpired that he had contacted several UFO organisations with different and always unsubstantiated stories. It was concluded that the witness suffered from a nervous disorder.

FLYING DISC OVER CHANTABURI/THAILAND (p. 153 - 154)

In mid January 1997, several witness observed a large flying disc in the Soi Dao Highland. The silvery object possessed many lights and nearly touched the mountains. The Thais seem not to care about such sightings, as they often observe similar objects in the sky.

ON THE TELLY IN RTL'S MYSTERY SERIES (p. 154 - 157)

Hans-Werner Peiniger, secretary of JUFOF, recounts his experiences with a German TV infotainment show. His conclusion is that the TV stations are less interested in providing information, they rather prefer sensational aspects.

BRIEF NOTES (p. 157 - 160)

Mysterious light phenomenon: A collection of scientific reports about strange, lightning-like phenomena above the cloud layer, as reported in Aviation Week & Space Technology, 18 October 1993

UFOs and the European Parliament: Anthony Wilson, MP for Wales, asked Neil Kinnock if the European Parliament were aware of unidentified objects of extraterrestrial origin. Neil Kinnock had to regret that the Transport Commission did not have access to information of that kind.

UFO stamp: San Marino has recently published a stamp showing people staring up to a UFO to commemorate the Fifth International Symposium on Ufology, held there in May 1997.

UFOs over Den Haag: 500 witnesses alarmed police - but the UFOs were caused by a sky tracker.