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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 66-71)

On 31 May 2006 a man took a photo at Himbergen-Almstorf on which he had noticed two strange objects – again, as in many similar cases, most probably two birds flying through the frame. On 10 June 2006, a woman took a picture of the sunset at Schrems, Austria, which later showed, within the disc of the sun, a saturn-shaped dark UFO – the „black sun“ phenomenon which results from overexposure with a digital camera. A man looking out of his window on 29 October 2005 at Fällanden, Switzerland, noticed a yellow light leaving a con trail which disappeared after 5 seconds. The witness thinks this cannot have been a shooting star, but it may well have been a bolide. On 21 January 2006, at Frankfurt, a witness noted several point sources of light moving in the night sky. The dynamics of these lights suggest that they were foil balloons.

HOW GOOD ARE IFO-IDENTIFICATIONS? (pp. 72-73)

GEP uses a classification for IFO-cases. V1 means that the stimulus has definitely been proved (f.e. with a star map, or a balloon that was found), V2 means the dynamics are so obvious that only one stimulus can explain the sighting (f.e. with sky-trackers), V3 means that there are several obvious explanations but no real strangeness (such as lights which may be balloons, planes, or helicopters). GEP's IFO-cases, from 2004 on (66 cases) are V1 in 21 % of identifications, V2 in 70 % of cases, only 9 % are V3. This are good rates, and it will be interesting to see figures in a few years.

ROSWELL NEWS, PART 23 (p. 74-76)

Walter Haut, the man who wrote the famous Roswell press release on the capture of a flying disc, died on 15 December 2005. George Walsh, manager of the radio station KSWs who first broadcast the saucer news, died on 5 December 2005. And Dr James Bond Johnson who took the famous pictures of the Roswell wreckage at Fort Worth, died on 25 March 2006. Finally, new information on laser weapon development reveals that it was mainly a Soviet invention and had nothing to do with alleged alien technology recovered from an alien craft, therefore proving Corso wrong, once more.

THE KNECHTSAND MYSTERY (pp. 77-81)

On 21. April 1959, several observers saw several large detonations at the Knechtsand banks off Cuxhaven, Germany. They were blamed on unauthorized NATO manoeuvres, hallucinations, or even UFOs. The author suggests that, as after WW II ammunition was dumped on the sand banks, the columns of dirty water observed by soldiers and civilian witnesses might have been due to spontaneous detonation of ammunition, a fact that was ignored by officials in order not to disturb the population.

BRIEF NOTES (p. 81)

UFO over Salzburg? – On 7 June 2006, bright red lights were seen over Salzburg, Austria. They were later found to have been rice paper balloons launched at a party.

Obituary: Hans-Ulrich Neumann – In June 2006, Hans-Ulrich Neumann, a leading UFO writer with DEGUGO organisation, died.

MISSING TIME ON A LAS VEGAS-FORT WORTH FLIGHT (pp. 82-91)

The article, translated from a HBCC contribution, details the claims of a woman who says that on 6 June 2001, on a flight from Las Vegas to Dallas, she and the passengers lost 45 minutes.

REVIEWS (pp. 60-64)

Larry Warren and Peter Robbins: Left at East Gate – The Roswell classic in a new edition, adding fresh material. Highly readable, yet highly contested.