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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 162-169)

On 18 August 2007, an unidentified flying object was observed between Hennef and Cologne. It shone red in varying intensity, hovered ones and moved in several directions. Most of the description indicates a fire balloon with an unusual flight path, the sighting is classed as NEAR IFO.

On 22 March 2007, a flying machine crossed a yard and reacted to hand signs of the witness at Rüsselsheim. First, a woman and her brother spotted a light moving in a pendular fashion, this vanished. Then, only 100 ft from the woman, it returned. The light was attached on the underside of a dark metallic sphere 10 ft in diameter, with many small openings. Then, a row of windows opened and it appeared to land. The woman indicated a place where landing was save, and it followed, but vanished suddenly. This close encounter is classed as PROBLEMATIC UFO, as no conventional explanation was found (the first part of the observation could have been of a searchlight reflected on the clouds, the second a misperceived helicopter, or even confabulation, yet there is no evidence for these assumptions).

On 3 June 2007, five orange objects were observed near Hahn Airport. They moved slowly and steadily. On 5 August 2007, six red-orange objects crossed the midnight sky at Troisdorf. Both description as well as the reported behavior in both cases indicates Thai fire lanterns.

THE CARET REPORT – PROOF FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL DRONES? (pp. 170-175)

Danny Ammon discusses the so-called CARET report, an alleged technical report outlining the state of the art of alien technology back engineering, which says that the objects which last year appeared as drones over the American west were retrieved as long ago as the 1980s. If this is a hoax, it is a well made one, and one for which nobody so far has claimed authorship.

SCIENCE OF THE UFOs, PART 2 (pp. 177-183)

Undertitled, Facts vs. Stereotypes, in this second part, Richard Hall lists several observations of unidentified flying objects he thinks cannot be accounted for conventionally, among them the Langenburg case of 1974, the Kuwait sightings of 1978, and several others.

HESEKIEL ET AL. – 10 YEARS OF CRÖFFELBACH (pp. 184-187)

Ferhat Talayhan reports on the 2007 UFO conference in Cröffelbach, which will be the last of its format. There were talks on the interpretation of the alleged spaceship of Hesekiel (showing how the description was a literary composition refering to earlier Bible symbols), on life in space, on the scientific Hessdalen conference of 2007, and on the work of Germany's alien attorney. As usual, experimental ufology was part of the procedure, this year, the participants sent up Thai sky lantern and were amazed by the playful and seemingly intelligent behavior of these balloons.

REVIEWS (pp. 157-160)

Stanton T. Friedman, Kathleen Marsden: Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience. A book containing many new facts about the most famous of all alien abductions, told in a lively style by Betty Hill's niece, but tainted somewhat by Friedman's dogmatic contribution.

Karl T. Pflock, Peter Brookesmith (ed.): Encounters at Indian Head. The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Abduction Revisited. Another book on the Hill abduction, with contributions by believers and skeptics, which presents many papers with fascinating material on the case.