

BOOK REVIEW

Another World Watches?

A review of another "flying saucer" book by Gerald Heard (Harper and Bros.). Dr. Liddel has stated cosmic ray research balloons caused many flying saucer reports.

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► THOSE WHO make an earnest endeavor to tell the truth often run into great difficulty. They are always confronted by bigoted scientists whose myopic vision allows them to see only a narrow portion of the universe, or even of the area in which they live. Mr. Heard in his new book, "IS ANOTHER WORLD WATCHING?" has made a great contribution to scientific literature in reporting the eye-witness accounts and the logical deductions that can be made from these eye-witness accounts by a shrewd series of incisive questions.

I cannot remember the first time the Martians invaded the earth. I recall a series of books by Edgar Rice Burroughs in which an earth creature was allowed to go to Mars and inspect life there, but this turns out to be wrong from Mr. Heard's book. Now the Martians are watching and inspecting things on the earth. H. G. Wells was wise enough to say this many years ago in the War of the Worlds, and in 1939 Orson Welles was able to make a radio presentation of the invasion of men of Mars. You will recall the hundreds of eye witness accounts of the Martians who landed, and their various activities on the New Jersey soil. Only people with lack of vision failed to see these invaders and, for some reason unknown, all of these invaders have been hidden away or otherwise disposed of. Was the Government afraid to let the public know that these men were real? Are they now in the concentration camps somewhere being carefully watched by psychologists? The only difficulty is that the eye-witness accounts of these invaders are somewhat at variance with the conclusions arrived at in Mr. Heard's book.

From various calculations it appears that the Martian creature is an insect of one or two inches in length, with many characteristics of the earth, creature known as a bee. These Martian creatures are extraordinarily wise and capable of handling extraordinarily great amounts of power. Furthermore, they have aids to vision which enable them to see farther and with much greater resolution than the earth creature, "man", can do with his poor equipment.

We further find from this book that our mathematics is all wrong, that there are in reality three kinds of probabilities: (1) Argument, (2) Action, and (3) Demonstration (page 54). The last is, of course, of considerable importance to the experimentalist, but even here we find that we did

not understand the true situation. The hide-bound, narrow-minded physicist had assumed that Einstein's law, the equivalence of Mass and Energy, enunciated in 1905, had been thoroughly understood down through the years; in particular, well demonstrated in 1932. This, however, turns out to be not so. "The demonstration that drove the matter home for all of us was the Atom Bomb. With that explosion the theory that matter is really not matter but a terrible form of locked-up energy was turned into terrible fact." (Page 55). This leads us to the new knowledge that we now have several forms of energy, one of which, at least, is terrible.

Circled Fort Knox?

The author has very kindly pointed out to us just why the "flying saucers" circled over Fort Knox. (Page 98). They were curious as to why the earth creatures had accumulated all this element "AU" (taken to mean the chemical symbol of Gold, which is generally written Au). They assumed that we would have no reason for accumulating it except that it "must be our real source of power"! (Page 98). They apparently discovered this material by its gravitational effect, as nearly as one can deduce. A crude calculation on my part shows that there must be somewhat less than thirty thousand tons of gold hidden deep in the vaults of Fort Knox. How unusual that these extremely intelligent beings have not inspected the Queen Mary, the Queen Elizabeth, and other masses three or four times this magnitude that gently float across the liquid surface of the earth!

Another new scientific phenomenon is announced in this book. Piezo-electricity has long been known to the physicist. However, even the largest crystals with which we have worked, in particular large quartz crystals, as cited in the book, have given us only a few thousand volts with a few milli-amperes peak current in a single flash, not a source of continuous power. However, we are quite stupid because Mr. Heard tells us that "the engine powered by these vibrated crystals can yield two thousand volts at 75 amperes." (Page 135).

Another difficulty with our crystals is that we have to put far more mechanical power into bending these crystals to get this electricity, than we would get if we turned a routine electric generator to obtain the generated electrical power.

At long last we find the secret of Mars! Not only is it inhabited, but it is controlled by two satellite vehicles of the type proposed by many people for control of the

earth. (Page 140 et seq.). The objects which we and the astronomers have thought of as moons running around Mars are not at all so. They are the satellite vehicles that circle the planet with great speed in order to see all the activities that occur on that planet.

It turns out, according to Mr. Heard, that these invaders have a widely varied series of vehicles in which to travel around in the upper atmosphere of the earth. These vehicles vary in size from approximately one foot in diameter to cigar-shaped objects of very considerable length. Some of the vehicles are even a thousand feet in diameter. What ecstasy American engineers could experience if they could but view the production line on which these vehicles are made and learn the secret of how these vehicles are propelled throughout the air! The reader of this book is given to understand that they probably travel on gravitational waves. The mere physicist has worried about the propagation of gravitational waves for some time without success, but this does not bother the shrewd, instinctive knowledge of the author of this important contribution to literature. These new type vehicles are apparently propelled on gravitational waves (see page 84) much as we propel our vehicles by electromagnetic waves. Of course, this reviewer knows only how to propel extraordinarily small particles even by electromagnetic waves. This is due to his own stupidity.

But the author realizes the very great danger in telling truth. He says "Giordano Bruno, a rash man believing that 'facts' could speak and should be spoken of, defied authority in its own lair, and to the shame of all concerned, to the lasting discredit of their judgment and their charity, was burnt alive." (Page 179). The reader isn't quite sure of the significance of this statement except that one must be extraordinarily careful when he tells the truth. No one knows this better than the reviewer.

As I previously noted, there will continue to be flying saucer stories—misinterpretations of truly observed phenomena (like the sailing lamp-shade in the photos by Trent)—apparent observations of unreal phenomena (the result of mirages). Just as many people truly believe in ghosts, so they will continue to believe in the metaphysical aberrations known as "flying saucers".

I cannot resist the following comment. It is stated on the flyleaf, "In connection with the release by the Office of Naval Research . . . it is interesting to note that this story was cleared by the Navy for security only—not as an endorsement of the facts." So far as I know, the Office of Naval Research has not issued a release on this matter. One of its employees granted an interview to a magazine correspondent.

The perpetration of such a book spreading solely fear psychology at this time, especially by such a reputable publisher, is, in my humble opinion, completely inept.

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