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IN "THE CRIMINAL JOURNAL" - THE UFOS ARE STILL FLYING

IN "THE CRIMINAL JOURNAL" NO. 16/17 1984 THE SENSATION JOURNALIST ARNE WISTH IS TRYING TO BREATH FRESH LIFE INTO THE FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION ROUND THE LIGHT PHENOMENA IN HESSDALEN. HIS BOOK DID CERTAINLY NOT TURN OUT TO BE THE BEST-SELLER HE HAD HOPED FOR .....

THE ARTICLE MAY STAND FOR STILL AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPICAL PSEUDO-SCIENTIFICAL SELECTIVIZING OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, TOGETHER WITH LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF BASIC SCIENTIFICAL PRINCIPLES. BUT THE ARTICLE IS ALSO AN EXAMPLE OF LACKING KNOWLEDGE OF NEWER UFO-MATERIAL FROM SERIOUS QUARTERS.

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In the article the freelance journalist and author of UFO-books deals with some of the hypothesises being raised about the Hessdal phenomena, and, on the basis of phenomena he himself is said to have seen, or stories he has heard, he throws them all effortlessly overboard. And here they all, professor Brahde as well as the Norwegian UFO-association, have to suffer.

TO NAME A HYPOTHESIS SCIENTIFICAL, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO AFTERCONTROL IT. THE IDEA ABOUT ALIEN SPACESHIPS IS NO SCIENTIFICAL HYPOTHESIS !

No, not exactly all. In the same way as in the more or less gloring UFO-magazines, also here o n e instance and o n e hypothesis is omitted.

And, of course, it is NIVFO and the results from Hessdalen meteorological station which is left out. This material seems obviously to fit very bad in the picture the sensational press and the uncritical UFO-magazines wish to create. The products we receive from the last-mentioned category, also shut out these data consistently from their columns. On the other hand most doubtful rumours about "landings" are given due space without a single critical remark. Constantly one has to wonder about what kind of individuals are spending money on picking up such a form of "information". It is said that "the world will be taken in", but one should think there was a limit .....

But back to "The Criminal Journal", where Arne Wisth writes - literally quoted:

"Then I think the later years´ scientifical theories are far more interesting. We may mention a couple of theories coming from acknowledged scientists. One theory is:

Our existence has for millions of years been known by a super civilization, which is studying us and other primitive civilizations with interest. These effectively prevent other civilizations from getting in touch with us or introduce themselves. They want us to develop ourselves as they have done during their journey through space.

The other is: More civilizations are

completely uninterested in us, and they make no attempt to hide their activities. What they are employed with is mostly outside our narrow attention. We can see their footprints on the sky, but we do not understand what they are saying.

Should not this be theories for thought ? In our opinion they are far more likely than the "terrestrials" we have been in touch with in Hessdalen" . (Quot. ended.)

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They who might think this is not correctly quoted, we refer to the source: "The Criminal Journal" no. 16/17-84.

Statements like this is actually worth no comments after all, but we want to take the opportunity referring to the article in NIVFO-Bulletin no. 3-and 4/5 1983, "RELIABILITY OF UFO-HYPOTHESISES". In addition to that one ought to remember that not even average UFO-fans of today would have given such a revealing statement.

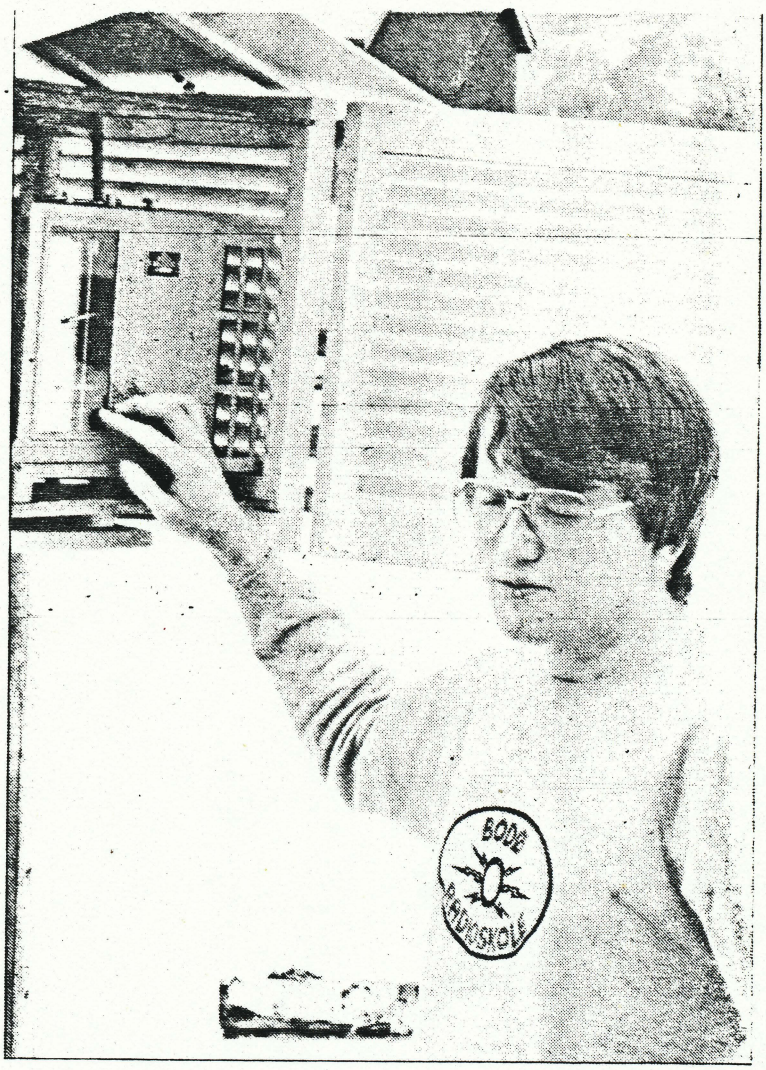
For the rest, the article is full of postulates and mistakes as to the matter, but it would not be worth while to reel off these things here. Only one example, however, may be mentioned. It is said that professor Brahde on one occasion mentioned that a spectrograph, an instrument developed for the northern lights research, ought to be used in Hessdalen. From the article we quote: "Still I have not heard about anybody trouble to do this."

Indeed, there is obviously a good deal the author do not know or do not wish to know. The fact is that NIVFO used an advanced instrument in that field at the measurements in Hessdalen in April 1984.

The author also asks the well-known question: "Why only Hessdalen." (In other places it is maintained that the phenomenon moved from Arendal to Hessdalen, a postulate not yet invented any "hypothesis" about.)

They who, for instance, have read the article in NIVFO-Bulletin, no. 3/83 - "HESSDALEN NOT UNIQUE" - are better informed.

Besides, well recognised researches have stated that similiar phenomena also appear in Trollheimen.



Meteorological observer Jan S. Krogh (NIVFO) at the Hessdalen meteorological station, April 1984.

The article concludes with a call to the readers:

"If you should, in spite of that, have a theory, please write to us."

Well, but how hostile had such a theory to be towards the science ... ?

CUTTING OFF THE BRAIN PROPER ....

CONTACT WITH "ET" WITH THE HELP OF A DOWSING ROD ....

Last summer one of our ackuaintances, on his way home from a holiday trip, took the opportunity to visit for the first time the localities in Hessdalen.

After having taken a trip through the valley in his car, he stopped on the Hessdal plateau on the way back. There he met a lorry driver and asked him whether he had observed strange things recently. "No", he said, "but ask the man over there", and he pointed at a rather shabby tent at the edge of the plateau. Setting his course for the tent, our informant did not expect any special experience in there, but in fact, he did. No UFOs appeared, but coming inside, a terrible heat from a huge primus struck him. On a miserable folding bed an older man was sitting, surrounded by an incredible mess of different things. The man was very like a patriarch with his white, untidy hair owerflowing his whole breast.

At the time the man had stayed there in his tent for two weeks and philosophized over the UFO-problem, and with good results, according to what he says. He was very talkative and easy to "start". After having opened his long monologue with a condemnation of all UFO-organizations and their plan of work, he distinctly intimated that he was the only one who knew the plain truth there in his tent, the gateway to other worlds .....

He asserted having had frequently contact with "them" with the help of an old and bone dry "dowsing rod". Obviously it was, however, no effective method of communication. To get the answers "yes" or "no", he, as a medium, had first to cut out the brain proper. By asking him, he was immediately willing to demonstrate his skill.

He sat down with his eyes closed, and asked "them" questions by speaking loudly. At the same time he was holding the bony dry twig firmly with his both hands. Curiously enough, the "dowsing rod" writhed willingly, exactly in such a way as only a dowsing rod is able to do. And apparently, the rod gave satisfactorily answers !



The man could tell that the visiting Hessdal-UFOs came from the constellation "the Bull", and now he therefore, through his dry rod, could get into conversation with the travellers from far away. (May be he concretely might find out about the reason why Hessdalen is that attractive to people from other solar systems ---- ?
The answer perhaps would be that they "recharged" - it is probably a long way between the service stations in space.)

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For the rest we hear that the population in Hessdalen and Ålen-area has planned to co-operate to establish an interest group. Since so many are said to have had observations, a hearty response is expected. To all households in the Hessdal area there will be distributed fly sheets about the start of the groups.

It then may be asked what is the primary purpose of the group. If it is to maintain the UFO-romance in the valley, and light a fire under uncri-

tical stories and assertions, it is regrettable. This would anyhow, in full measure, be seen to by visiting UFO-fans, not willing to give up their trips to the valley, scouting expectantly towards the sky.

On the other hand, if the group would involve itself in the urgent task to dissociate itself from visionary and fanatical elements, it would be praiseworthy. That would be for the benefit of both the inhabitants and the phenomena in the area.

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THE VG-UFO DISCLOSED !

THE MATTER CONCERNING THE NORDMØRE UFO IS DISCLOSED. THE PICTURE IS ANALYSED BY A COMPUTER. THE UFO IS A MODEL, HUNG IN A THREAD.

THE RESULT OF THE COMPUTER-ANALYSES, CARRIED OUT BY NIVFO AND SUFOI AT GSW IN USA, PROVED TO BE AS EXPECTED. THE ANALYSES DISCLOSE THE THREAD BY WHICH "THE SPACESHIP" IS HUNG.

THE UFO-MOVEMENT´S HANDLING OF THE MATTER ALSO PROVED TO BE AS EXPECTED. ABROAD, A MYTH IS ABOUT TO BE CREATED ABOUT THE VG-UFO.

IN NORWAY

When we now are speaking of the UFO-movement´s reaction to this story, it is, of course, with the intention of showing how these associations are reacting and informing. This most distinctly finds expression through concrete examples, and there are plenty of them.

In a Norwegian UFO-association magazine the matter was given extensive coverage with sized statements about its chocking facts:

* "Daylight photo of UFOs is presented on the front page of VG - without ridiculing !

* Officers at air defence staff on Huseby, Oslo, are surprised ---

* Neither they who are interpreting pictures at Rygge air base, nor technical experts at Norwegian Technological University have been able to disclose the picture as a forgery!

* It must be described as a sensation that this newspaper really presents an UFO-photo in this way .... Adding to this is the fact that the picture was taken in broad daylight and apparently showed a solid, metallic object, reflecting the sunlight. But at the top of all you could read that the UFO-picture surprised the Air Defence staff".

After that we have quotations from VG´s reporting, and so comes further ufological comments. One section refer to the various newspaper´s reaction to the VG-notice. One get to know that out of 160 newspapers in the country, only eight of them reported the incident. And only one of the newspapers is "positive", one "neutral", one "positive/neutral", while the rest is negative.

This disgraceful negativism is also properly commented in the UFO-magazine, in that the writer points to that most ridiculing newspapers have connection to the Labour Party (!) After this political valuation there comes a deep-drawn sigh: "They among us who are old in "the game" recognize an usual pattern about UFO-experiences concerning media-attention: 1. Sensation. 2. Ridiculing, and 3. Oblivion.

For the rest, the UFO-association sent a representative to Aure to interview Pål Kristian Vaag, but unfortunately the meeting did not agree with his leave from Setermoen drill ground in Troms. (As known, NIVFO sent two persons to Setermoen where they talked with Vaag for several hours. Similarly we let two photographers take a good deal of photos on the "scene". All this they might have spared themselves.)

The UFO-magazine also fabulizes about a "powerfield" round the UFO, as powerfields are something all decent UFOs ought to surround themselves with. It is also said that Vaag now regrets that he showed the picture to his friends. And the personell in the UFO-association understand him - he is not the first having felt in this way. But they are glad, for the case, that this incident was known ....

This last remark we readily agree to, but only supposing that also the end of the story will be known. Then the disclosure of the bluff is well worth the money.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The story about the Norwegian UFO-picture-sensation has, of course, long ago spread to the wide world, first of all to USA.

In the periodical The A.P.R.O. Bulletin, published by the UFO-organization APRO, (VOL. 32, no. 9, page 8) we find the following heading:

"NORWEGIAN UFO PHOTO SENT TO N A S A"

Here it is told that a photo of a "classical discus" was taken by Pål Kristian Vaag on the vest coast of Norway. This information came out in an article in the last issue of KODAKERY, the official organ for Eastman Kodac Company. The article contains advertising for "the UFO-camera", being used by Vaag. The distance to the object is estimated to between 450 and 750 feet, and the object must have been about 33-50 feet in diameter. Neither Norwegian newspapers nor the royal Norwegian air force could find anything indicating that the picture was falsified. Not even the strongest electronic microscope could find things like that.

Bill Sherwood, who sent the informations to APRO, says that "since the negative is sent to NASA, it is very unlikely we will get it." APRO asks if someone of their members in Scandinavia is able to provide them with further informations.

This prelude to a new UFO-myth of global character was fortunately picked up by SUFOI in Denmark, which immediately sent a copy to NIVFO with a request for trying to stop the rumour in the start. NIVFO sent at once a report to APRO about the actual facts, together with background material in English. Time will show whether this will be embezzled in such a way that the myth will be free to run its course in UFO-magazines and coloured books.

Beyond that the computer analyses are sent to VG, where they, from what we hear, are interested in bringing the disclosure.

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MORE ABOUT THE VG-UFO.

"I FOOLED THE WHOLE WORLD---"

"Yes, I must admit that I was a cheater", Pål Kristian Vaag says. And here he tells how he wangled the bluff:

A home-turned bookend fastened to a off-sawed water pipe on the roof of his woodshed. Such Pål Kristian Vaag arranged his world-wide UFO-bluff. He showed VG how he, an August morning, one and a half year ago, went about it when he took the famous UFO-picture.

A SIMPLE TASK.

He fastened the off-sawed water pipe to the roof of his woodshed at home. He then dropped the string, a fish-line, with the swinging bookend beyond the roof ridge, went down and took the picture with his new-bought camera at a price of 400 kroner.

"It was very simple. The whole thing took me five minutes one morning I went around and was bored", the greatest UFO-swindler in Norway says.

On February 19 the swindle was revealed An American research institute was able, by the help of a so-called digital technique, to disclose that the UFO was hanging in a string.

"I had no choice when they called me, and told about the result from the American research. I had to admit the bluff", Pål Kristian said.

VG was first to present the UFO-picture and started an extensive research of it. But things were first given a real push when NIVFO stepped in. The picture was sent by NIVFO to Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) in USA, where the string by which the object hung, was pointed out.

"This shows how easily fooled UFO-people are", Kolbjørn Stenødegård at NIVFO in Trondheim says. He tells that a special digital-technique was used where the picture was divided into 30000-40000 points when it was analysed. By far the greater number of forged UFO-pictures are disclosed by the new technique.

MANY WERE FOOLED.

In spite of that VG was very sceptical to the famous picture, there were not only special "UFO-saved" being cheated by Vaag´s bluff. Defence experts maintained after this investigation that it hardly might turn about a forgery. And UFO-magazines, newspapers and periodicals in great parts of the world, also have swallowed the story.

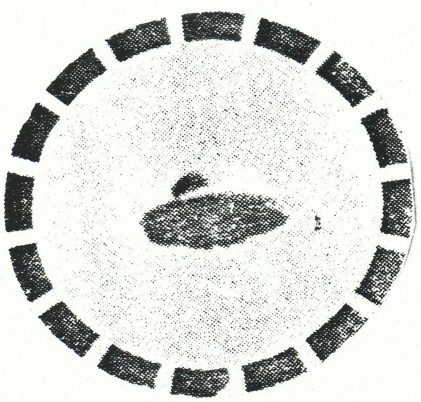
"I am surprised that so many were cheated", Pål Kristian Vaag says. He is not very glad having tricked so many people, but he hopes and believes that the incident may contribute to greater scepticism towards UFO-pictures being presented as genuine in newspapers and periodicals.

A PREACHER GAVE HIM THE IDEA.

The idea to the UFO-picture he got from a street-preacher during a trip to Copenhagen. The preacher showed him an arranged UFO-picture. Safely back home, he made his own UFO-picture.

"The bookend I once had got as a Christmas gift from my brother Geir Magne (17). He made it himself at home at the lathe in the outhouse", Pål Kristian tells. He found the fishline and the off-sawed water pipe in the outhouse.

To make the picture as much professional as possible, he saw to that the bookend was swinging to and fro while he was taking the picture.

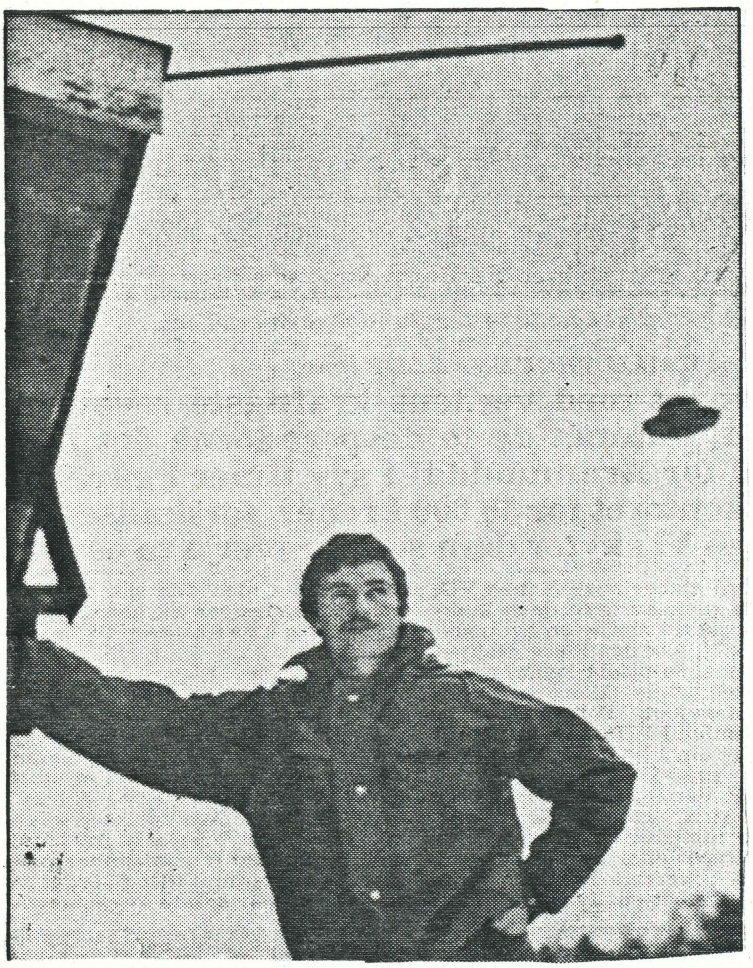


DEVELOPED LATER.

Not until having entered the military one and a half year later, the film with the UFO-picture was developed.

"In the barracks I talked about the picture together with my friends. To make them believe me, I had to display the picture. They became so impressed that I must make more copies of it. Most of my friends payed 10 kroner per copy, but a boy from Sandefjord gave me 500 kroner for one picture", Pål Kristian tells. It was welcome indeed, because he was broke that day.

The boy handed the picture over to VG, and the next half a year the photo went round the world. Picture-interpreters in the Norwegian air defence were amazed. And UFO-interested all over the world threw themselves greedy upon the photo.



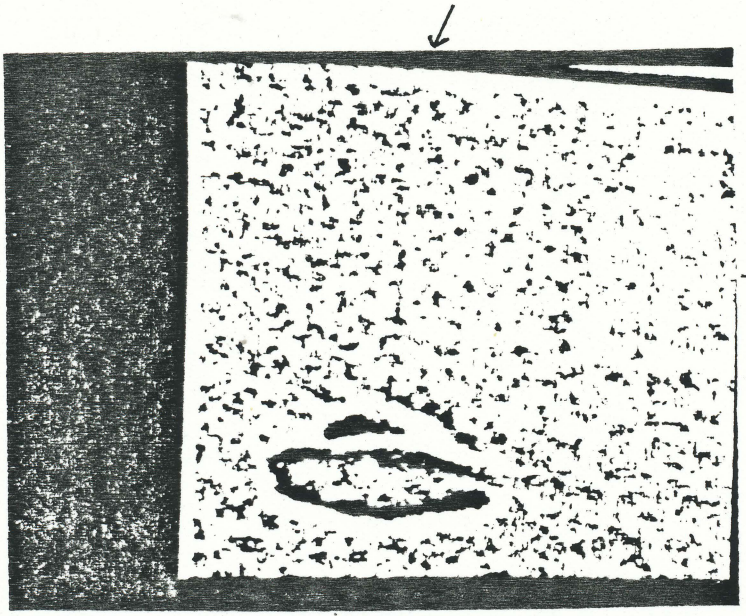
Such was the arrangement !

With regard to Vaag´s description of what he "observed", see NEWS LETTER no. 1/84, "UFO on Nord-Møre".

Next page: The computer pictures which distinctly show the thread.

The case was mentioned by NIVFO on the radio during the best time for sending.

THREE DISCLOSING PICTURES FROM THE ANALYSES



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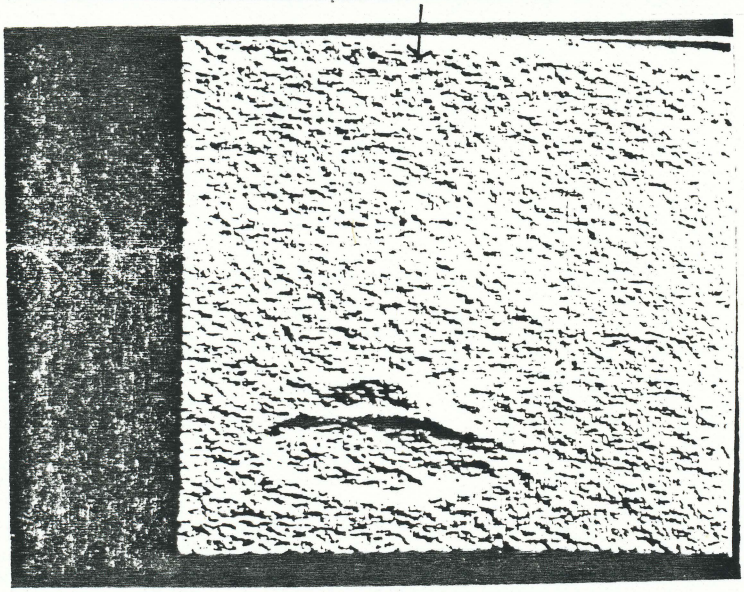

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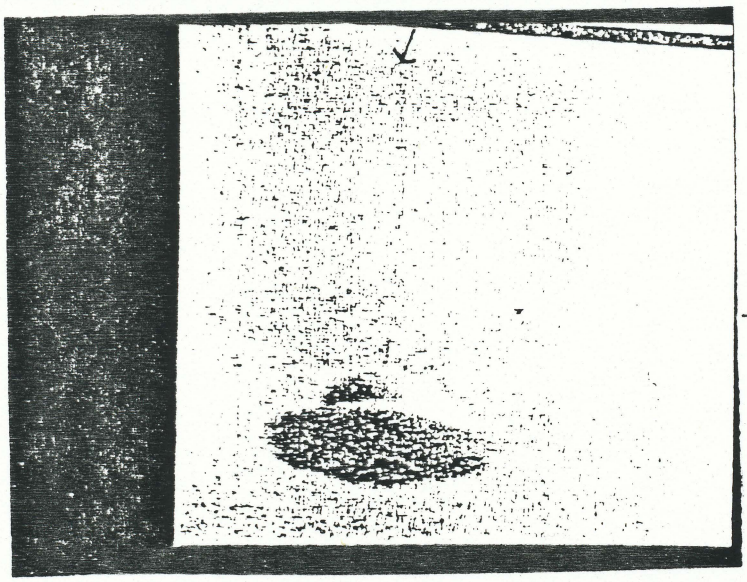

HI-RESULOTION

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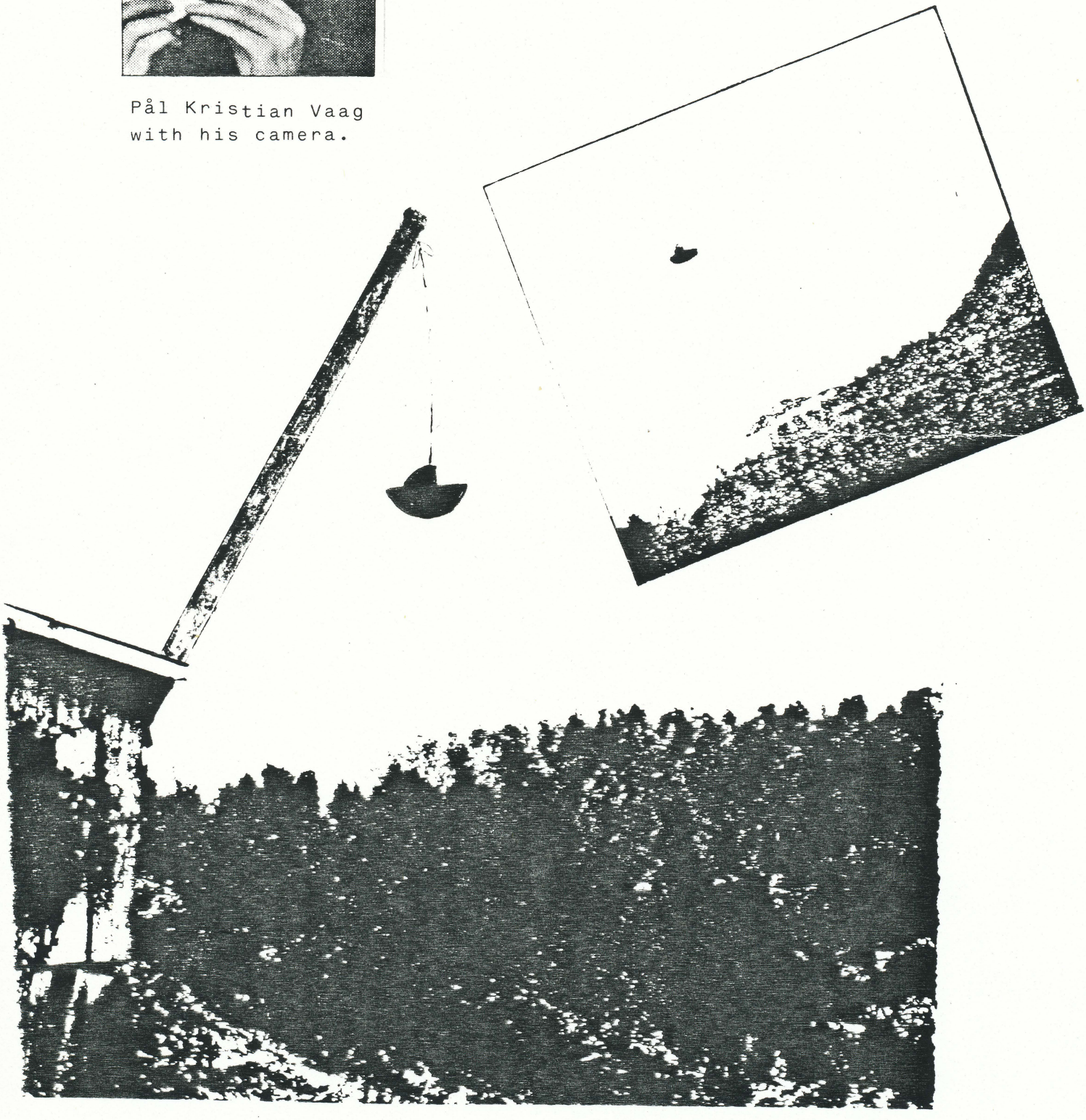
Pål Kristian Vaag
with his camera.



THE VAAG-PICTURE ALL OVER THE WORLD



Foto Kodak

Deutlich zu sehen: Ein unbekanntes Objekt am Himmel

Ein UFO oder nicht: NASA soll Amateurphoto nun beurteilen

War's ein UFO oder nicht – und wenn nicht, Was war es dann? Viele Rätsel gibt ein Photo auf, das erstmals im August 1984 durch die norwegische Presse geisterte. Es zeigte deutlich ein unbekanntes fliegendes Objekt.

Der seltene Schnappschuß war Pal Kristian Vaag gelungen, als er bei einem Spaziergang an der Westküste Norwegens zufällig seine Disc-Kamera bei sich hatte.

Das UFO, das silbrig glänzte und von Fachleuten auf einen Durchmesser von 15 Metern geschätzt wurde, soll sich langsam in einer Entfernung von zirka 200 Metern über den Himmel bewegt haben. „Plötzlich war es verschwunden", erzählte Pal Kristian.

Das Photo wurde von Experten der norwegischen Luftwaffe überprüft, es wurde jedoch keine Erklärung für die seltsame Erscheinung gefunden. Die Echtheit der Aufnahme wird allerdings nach eingehender fachmännischer Prüfung nicht bezweifelt.

Jetzt soll die amerikanische Raumfahrtbehörde, die NASA, versuchen, zu klären, was der junge Photograph vor die Linse bekam. Die Unterlagen sind bereits auf dem Weg in die USA.

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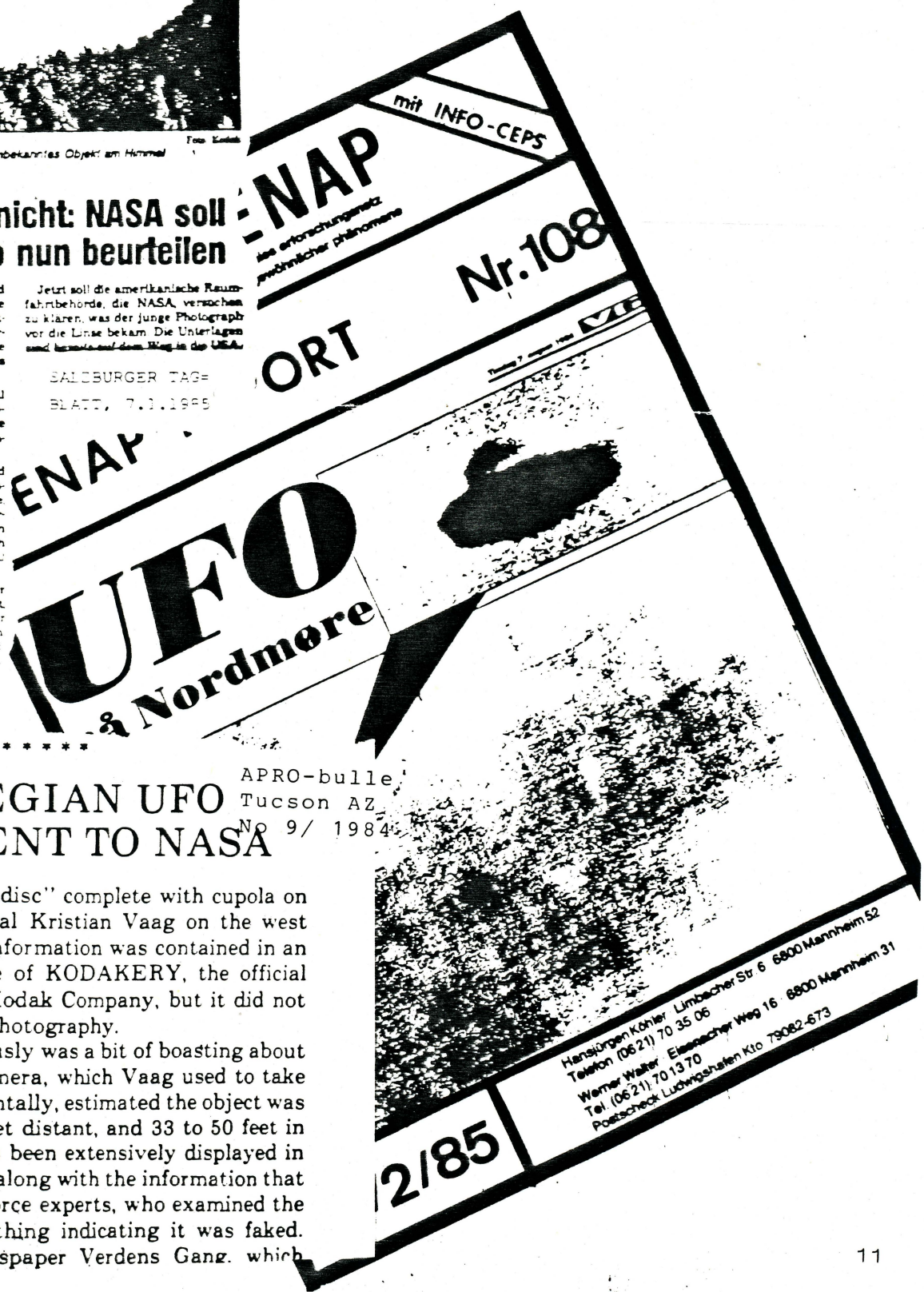

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NORWEGIAN UFO PHOTO SENT TO NASA

A photo of a "classic disc" complete with cupola on top, was snapped by Pal Kristian Vaag on the west coast of Norway. This information was contained in an article in a recent issue of KODAKERY, the official organ of the Eastman Kodak Company, but it did not mention the date of the photography.

The article very obviously was a bit of boasting about the Kodac disc 4000 camera, which Vaag used to take the picture. Vaag, incidentally, estimated the object was between 450 and 750 feet distant, and 33 to 50 feet in diameter. The photo has been extensively displayed in Norwegian newspapers, along with the information that Royal Norwegian Air Force experts, who examined the negative, could find nothing indicating it was faked. Further, the daily newspaper Verdens Gang, which

Here are some few of the innumerable press- and magazine-notices regarding the Vaag-picture. In other words, the photo-swindle has gone all over the world !

UFO OVER LIERNE

The observer, well known by NIVFO´s local representative, tells:

"I was at the outlet of Kvesjøen, a lake in Lierne, Nord-Trøndelag. I had just finished drawing some nets, and had come on shore.The time was about 07.15 in the morning on September 19 1984.

I bent down in the boat to take the nets. Then I heard a drone as from a jet plane over my head. The sound was not very strong, so I thought the plane must be far off. Then I looked straight up and got sight of an object on the sky and about 200 metres up in the air. At the same time I heard a sound as if the object made a violent air resistance.

The object came from the east and continued towards the west.

I could see it for a stretch of 4 kilometres along the lake, and it took the object about 20 seconds to cover this stretch.

It is quite true that the object was about 200 metres up in the air. When it neared a little height in the west, it moved much lower than the height.

For me it looked as if the object was remote controlled, because when it drew near a great island out in the lake, it swung in a fine curve beyond the island and continued westward the lake as far as I could see it.

I have drawn the object just as I saw it. The size I will compare with that of a very great wood grouse. Seen towards the sky, the colour was greyish-brown, but seemed to be black towards a wooded height.

The object came from the west across the lake Murusjøen, and continued westward across another lake, called Kvesjøen. On both sides of the lakes there are woodland. To me it seemed as if the object flew over built-up areas both in the east and in the west.

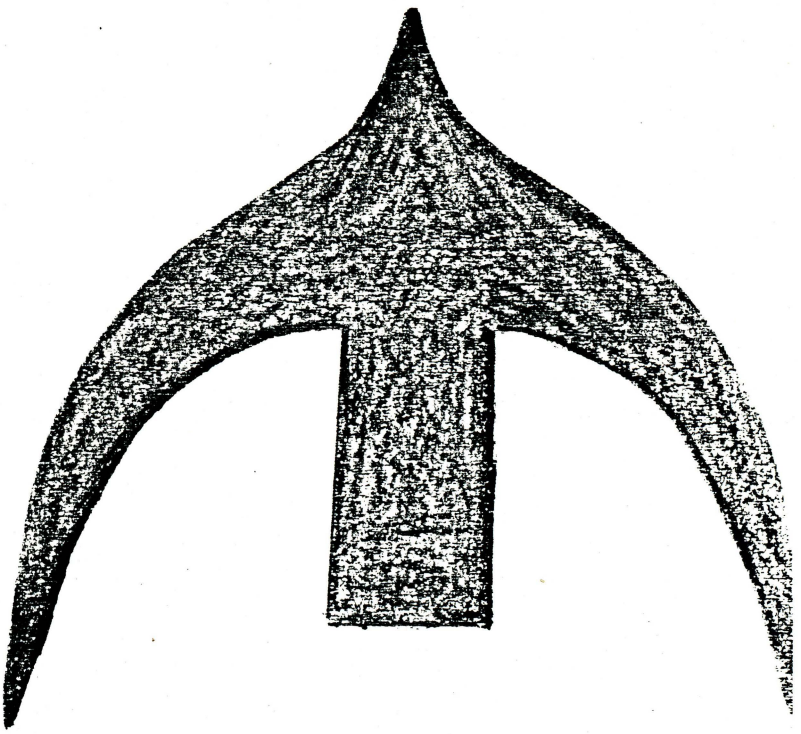
I was alone in the boat and on shore, but I could wish other people had seen this, and I also should wish to find an explanation for what I saw".

(Sign.)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

The observer is described as a solid and absolutely reliable person.

The observation virtually took place on the Norwegian/Swedish border, and the object, looking like a plane, came right from the west.



OBSERVER´s SKETCHING OF THE OBJECT.

A couple of weeks later:

THE "MYSTICAL AIRPLANE" IN LIERNE.

Before NIVFO-Bulletin was ready for printing,also this affair was explained. In this case there was, apparently, a bird in the picture, in other words, a DIVER in volplane. People on the spot have experienced this, and they say it may be quite a frightening affair when the diver, with immovable wings backwards along the body, and the neck stretched straight on, comes rushing through the air. It strikingly may remind of a kind of a rocket. The whizzling sound described by the observer also goes well with the description of the diver in a situation like that.

So the matter did not reach to enter the UFO-literature as inexplicable.

We have done with the diver, then. Or have we not? Some people are sceptical to the explanation !

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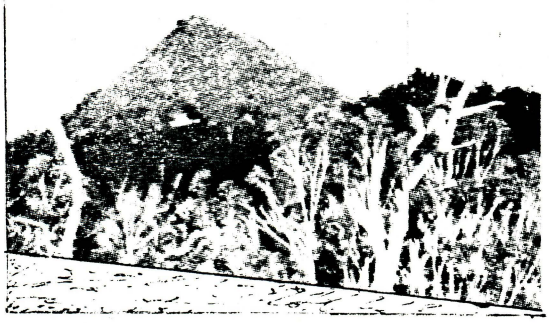
But when we, for once, are taken up with Lierne, what about the mystical lights, observed from different angles in Sandvika in the last half of February this year?

It turns upon one single light or object, at least twice as great as the biggest stars, visible on the sky now. The object is sometimes bright, shining. The colour is described as red/yellow. It is twinkling and moves very slow. Sometimes it stands immovable for a while, and so it moves again. In some cases the light fades away and so it increases again. One of the observers tells that the object once moved in jerks like a second hand. At one occasion it also was swinging slowly up and down for a while.

PYRAMIDES OF AUSTRALIA !



ONE OF THE LATEST PSEUDO-SCIENTIFICAL PUSH IS THE ASSERTION THAT THERE ARE FOUND PYRAMIDS IN AUSTRALIA. THIS GREAT DISCOVERY WILL CHANGE THE WORLD HISTORY, THE OFFBEAT SUPPORTERS THINK ..

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In "The Unknown", no. 6/83, there is an article of the known author Leif Kjær, with the heading: "The Forgotten Pyramids in the Australian Vilderness". Here he speaks generally about "a series of Australian pyramids and finds in connection with this" - all, things which nobody at any point of time has attributed the original inhabitants (aboriginals) of Australia, it is said in the article. And in no. 5/6-84 of the same magazine, the author appeared on the screne again with a new article:

"Inca brickwork and pyramid mysticism in Australia". Here it is told about some finds together with a certain pyramid on the Australian east coast, namely the so-called "golden" pyramid at Gympie, a good 100 kilometres north of Brisbane in the south-east of Queensland.

Kjær is writing that the ancient legends of the original Australians, dating back to "the dreaming period", tells about a great race which once lived in Australia. They constructed huge buildings, and two of these are said to be the so-called "golden" pyramids. Now people in- and outside Australia, spending fortunes and years of their lives to locate these, definitely had success, Kjær writes.

From one of NIVFO-bulletin´s readers, taking interest for things like that, and having visited Australia himself, we received some time ago some photos of such a pyramid. We were informed that he had seen the pyramid himself and taken the pictures of it. At first he had tried to take the matter up with a professor at the university in Oslo, but the professor did not like very much to discuss Australian pyramids ...

They talked about bringing the matter in NIB (NIVFO-bulletin), but we thought it was best to leave it until investgations were made, even if the offbeat supporters obviously were keen on getting the world history changed immediately. Certainly there was a picture of an Australian pyramid, so why then make a further investigation?

The case was by NIVFO placed before its sister-organization in Australia, AUSTRALIAN SCEPTICS, where dr. A.G. Wheeler will take care of the investigations. He had, of course, never heard about pyramids in that country, but since it turned upon a pseudo-scientifical assertion, being spread far and wide in offbeat literature, both we and our Australian colleagues meant it was a good reason to do something. Even if it may seem unnecessary, let it here be emphasized that no one at any time believed in the "discovery". Previously we had questioned about what the Australian authorities had to say concerning

these pyramids, but the offbeat supporters were never at a loss for an answer: The case was, of course, kept in the dark, or "hushed up" for fear of "the consequences".

Dr. Wheeler was from the first of an opinion that the mentioned "pyramids" probably turned about some well-known natural formations looking like pyramids. The roughly given positions in Kjær´s article also seemed to agree well with these geographical positions.

And then extensive investigations were started.

THE INVASTIGATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

These investigations involved among other things the belowed mentioned instituions, all giving unambiguously negative answers regarding the question about the possibility of pyramids in Australia. Malcolm Thomis at the university of Queensland, Department of History, writes that he at first wondered whether the communication was a kind of a joke.

And from the same university, departement and civil engineering, is informed that the whole staff has looked at the case, and they fully agree that the pictures are very much like the natural formations observed in certain places in Australia, but which not at all are built pyramids.

Concerning natural formations resembling pyramids, we have for these been given the exact positions from AUSTRALIAN DEPT, OF MAPPING AND SURVEYING. See table below.

At Queensland Institute of Technology we are informed that the "pyramid" on the picture probably is Mt Edwards right south of Aratula.

FORMATIONS	MAP	CO-ORDINATES
Pyramid Helidon	9342	156 324
Mt Philip "	9342	265 165
Spot Hgt.Bigendon	9346	187 395
Mt Hellen Esk	9343	418 765
Mt Mulgow "	9343	368 735
Bluff Mt. "	9343	149 912

(West of Toowoomba,many isolated peaks.

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SPECULATIONS.

In "The Unknown", Leif Kjær has more pages with speculations about the Inca brickwork and such things which generally belong to this trade. Among other things we hear about a church wall - "an uncredible solid wall around the Australian United Church" - which is told to be built of stone , brought from "the Gympie-pyramid". The informations are said to originate from the 29 years old amateur archeologist Marilyn N. Pye from Sidney. After a TV-report about the wall, the clergyman of the church, the Rev. Geddes, phoned the TV-company and denied exitedly that the wall has been built of stone from the "pyramid". The Reverend maintained that the stones were brought from a stone quarry in Rocks Creek, about 9 kilometres from there.

FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS.

Against the background of the names and the other data figuring in Leif Kjær´s article, there will now be made further investigations to throw light on what underlies the scribblings. In a letter of January 21, dr. Wheeler writes that they, as soon as the weather is getting colder, will go up to Gympie and have a closer look on the church wall, and have a talk with the Rev. Geddes, the City Council and so on.

Viewed in the light of the investigations made till now, it practically may be certain that the pyramids to the "past-investigators" are nothing at all but natural formations in the landscape. Some of these may look very like pyramids when they are viewed and photographed from a certain angle. Therefore it is to be supposed that the "past investigators" have seen to - choosing this angle when photographing. Such a selection of data is, to be sure, well-known within offbeat literature and the pseudosciences.



RAVINGS.

ANNA ELISBATH WESTERLUND "SAW" THE ENTRY OF THE PYRAMID .....

The previous mentioned Norwegian who had been in Australia taking pictures, could tell as follows:

He had shown the picture to the "clairvoyant" Anna Elisabeth Westerlund, and she then declared she could "see" the entry of the mystical pyramid.

But to serious, scientifical investigators there is constantly left to see evidences of "clairvoyance" as well as Australian pyramids.

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We want, through available channels, reveal the false assertions, and as soon there any result of our Australian colleagues´ visit in Gympie, more about this will be told in NIB.

UFOLOGICAL MANIPULATING OF INFORMATION

The following story may serve as an example how a great deal of the Ufo-movement is manipulating "information", so that it in the best possible way may agree with the desired impression. Since the manipulating often is so obvious and naive that any average observer has to notice it, they seem not to take neither themselves nor "the big matter" extremely seriously.

In the English Ufo-association magazine BUFORA-BULLETIN, Dec. 84-Jan. 85, under the column "Reader´s letter", Jan S. Krogh, NIVFO, in the Februar issue of the magazine, has shortly commented the following misleading information as to Hessdalen: "There is no firm evidence to link the reflections to cold and warm air inversions."

Krogh points out, however, that the lately published Hessdal report has proved this not to be true, and refers to the strong meteorological data, documented by the report.

Certainly, the letter was printed, but the editorial office seem not to be very fond of it: Right under Krogh´s letter there was quite a long comment to it from "Project Coordinator and Treasurer" for "Project Hessdalen" - also known as one of the supreme heads in the Norwegian Ufo movement.

There is said that NIVFO´s investigation in Hessdalen had for its object to send up some few balloons, check the temperature and measure the snow depth with broomsticks. That is all. (It is certainly not to be expected that Ufo-occultists are reading the Hessdal report or similiar literature, but one should, however, expect that also people of that kind took interest in what was going on outside the naivistic Ufo-propaganda.)

It is also said that the inhabitants in Hessdalen did not want anything to do with NIVFO. Than we can say that NIVFO was the first instance which the Hessdal people got in touch with about the phenomena, and that we never have met with anything but goodwill in the valley. Another thing is that in Hessdalen there are a tiny "hard core" of persons who can display "the best" observations, and who have tried to surpass each other as to such stories. Obviously, these want to maintain the romance in the valley, and therefore they have no objection to dreamers trying to contribute to this. On the other hand, the majority of the people in Hessdalen seem to reflect an objective stand in the matter.

We would not have spent time on a naive reader´s letter. If we did, we would have got plenty to do. What we wish to focus is that BUFORA-BULLETIN must have sent Krogh´s letter to its Norwegian colleagues before the magazine was printed, with the intention of getting a Norwegian contribution which might "neutralize" the informations about the meteorological measurements in Hessdalen.

The effect of this manupulating is nothing to care about. Serious readers do not trouble about it, and research results in the Hessdal report will be available in other places. But undeniably, it is interesting to see what methods are used in the ufological world to make the terrain agree with the map.

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