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ENCLOSURE TO NORWEGIAN NEWS LETTER NO. 2/85,

CONCERNING "I LIVE TOGETHER WITH A NICE GHOST",

Unfortunately, NIVFO´s comments to this article has dropped out, and so the story will be untimely and meaningless.

The point is:

It is not only "Irre" staying in the "ghost house" in the forest. The master of the house is no less a person than one of the "prominent ufologists" in Norway, Leif Havik. He is one of "the tops" in the Norwegian UFO-movement, and one of them who has been blessed with a particularly great luck, concerning the UFO sightings in Hessdalen. (See The Hessdalen Report, by Jan S. Krogh, NIVFO.)

And the journalist - Arne Wisth - can anyone guess who he is ?

Well, he is the same sensation journalist who has made notices about the Hessdalen lights, and who has, on the background of an incredible luck in seeing and photographing the lights, written a book about them.

But it is remarkable that neither Wisth nor Havik has photographed the ghost.... ?

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS -
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

"I LIVED TOGETHER WITH A NICE GHOST"

(An extract of Arne Wisth´s article in "Allers", no. 23/85.)

Wisth tells about a visit in an ochreous house near Rognes, Sør-Trøndelag, where Irene Lindstrøm, or "Irre" as she is called among friends, lives together with her fianceé, a dog, a cat, and a fifth inhabitant, a ghost. "It" is, practically, always here", she says, espacially here in the sitting-room. She tells that she one night, after having come home from Sweden, was lying in the sitting-room. She could, however, not sleep, because she had the feeling of being watched. "Was someone sitting in that corner!" But lying her head on the pillow again, she heard steps, a door being opened, another door being locked in the kitchen.

She thought it was her fianceé, sleeping on the first floor, but by calling him, she got no answer. She rose, looked around, but there was none whether in the kitchen or in the hall. She went to bed again, surprised. In the morning she asked her fianceé, but he denied having been up in the night.

The following night she slept in one of the bedrooms upstairs. Now and then she was waked up by a terrible noise from below, steps and slamming of doors. Could it be the cat?

One night the noise was terrible. Burglers? they thought, but nothing was found inside, and no footprints in the snow outside.

It was then "Irre"´s fiancée admitted that he, too, had met with "It", and here he tells how:



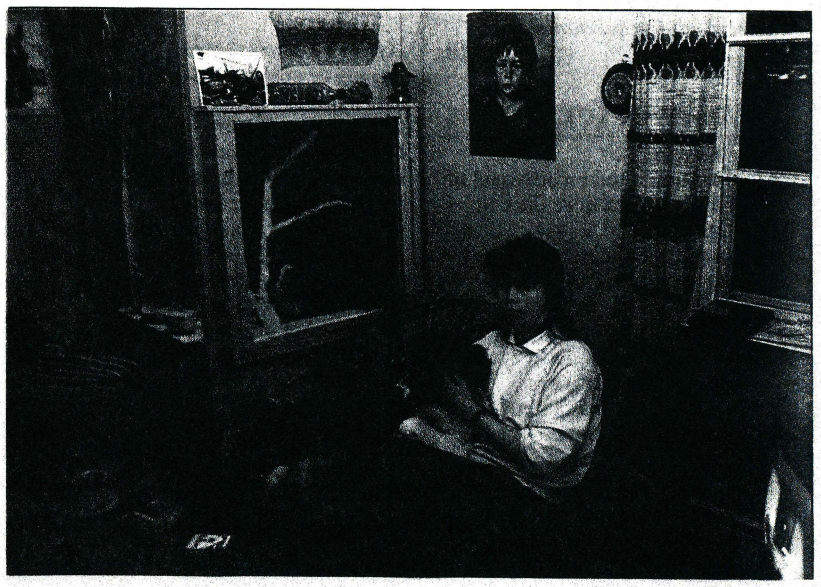
From the single window in the top floor several persons, independent of each other, have observed a "shape", leaning forward between the curtains before it dissolved itself.

One night, being alone in the sitting-room, a dark, indistinct frame appeared inthe kitchen door, sliding slowly right through the room and disappeared through one of the walls. Was it the nerves playing a trick on him?
A month later, exactly the same thing

happened. Then he, a bit uneasy, cried to the being: "What do you want? Get out!" But not even use of some text seemed to take effect on the being, taking its time before it silently disappeared through the wall.



Constantly "Irre"´s fiancée and and house guests had the feeling of being watched in the night. They also heard noises, and therefore they could not sleep. "Strangely enough", "Irre" says, "being upstairs, we hear "It" downstairs, and vice versa". Often the cat bristled up and spitted towards the kitchen door.



Once, a neighbouring cat also did the same, and at last, scared stiff, hided under a table, while the persons present felt something like an icy gust passing through the room. One day "Irre was busy cleaning windows, she heard a door in the hall banging against the wall. She locked it securely, but contueing her window cleaning, she heard the door bang again. Was someone there making fun of her? She locked the door again, but the third time it happened, she seemed to hear steps, and ran upstairs. There was none. Eight times she heard the banging. Then her fiancée came home, and she asked him to check whether the door leading to the loft storey was open. It was, and by locking it, nothing more happened that day.

One day some friends were on a visit to them. Then one of them, sitting in a sofa near the window, said: "You will have a visit. A dark-haired man is on his way". They waited for a while to hear noise from the porch, but there was none, and in the new snow outside, they could see no footprints.

Once, in broad daylight, several persons could distinctly see the conturs of a person, apparently leaning forward between the curtains which flapped round "Him". Suddenly "He" disappeared before their eyes.

One day a family from Oslo came on a visit. "Irre"´s fiancée went to meet them. Then the newcomers asked: "What has become of the man going behind you"? "What man?" "Irre"´s fiancée said, frightened. "The man in a coat, some steps behind yoy. We saw him distinctly", they said. Irre had not seen the man.
They did not know what to say to their guests not to frighten them to much.

Two of "Irre"´s friends came one day from Sweden for a short visit. Nor were they told about what used to happen. The guests sat relaxing in the sofa besides "Irre"s fiancée. "Don´t pull my clothes in that way", one of the guests said. "Irre" s fiancée drew apologetically away from him, murmering, "it was not me". Some minutes later the guest cried: "Are you trying to pull off my shirt?" and he went to sit in another chair. "Irre" now tried to sit in the place, left by the guest."It was impossible", she tells. "An invincible wall pressed against me every time I tried", she tells. Both the cat and the dog showed signs of fear and hid under

the table. The air seemed as condensed for several minutes before all suddenly was over.

"Irre"was asked whether unusual things had happened there earlier. She then told that the house was comparatively new, as it was built in 1948. The last to stay there was a married couple. The man died in the very corner from which so many think they have been watched. Besides, a man once died from heart beat while rescueing a cat, fastened in a tree outside.

The most curious is that "Irre" today feels it reassuring to have the ghost in the house. She is no longer afraid of the dark, she tells. The ghost act like a barometer. If harmony between "Irre" and her fiancée, "It", in a way, seems to have a good time. If they are wrangling, "It" mopes by keeping more quiet.

They are not sure, but they think the ghost is "a he", while many have seen a "man" standing in the outhouse door or passing by the window.

Arne Wisth tells he spent the night in the house, lying on the sofa where some pople felt themselves "watched". Though feeling tired, he could not sleep. But after some hours listening to the whistling from the trees and creaking in the house, he at last fell asleep.

"Irre" told in the morning that she had heard "It" was on a short visit in the night. "Then I am happy", she says, "because all things seems to be normal in the house".



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STRANGE THINGS IN THE KJØLSTAD MOUNTAIN.

"I have been in the mountain every day since I was a tiny boy, but I never have witnessed an experience like that in the Kjølstad mountain on Høylandet, one day at the end of August 1982", the reindeer owner, Rasmus Anti, tells to "Namdal Arbeiderblad. He admits being so afraid that he felt as was his hair standing on end.

It was on August 21, a hot and sunny, really a fine day for all being fond of walking in the mountains.

Rasmus Anti was in Besdalen in the Kjølstad mountain with his reindeer. It was time for a coffee break. He went to fetch some water. Then, on his way back, it occurred. Suddenly the silence in the mountain wilds was broken by a strong murmur.

"I first thought it was a jet plane", Rasmus tells. The sound seemed to be near to where he stood. He ran up on a rock to have a better view. The sight was that strange that he felt being cold as ice in the heat of summer.

A pillar of lucid smoke, a sort of a flame, sputtered four, five metres up from the ground. The noise was intense. Small birches, heather and moss were whirled up in the air. "The sound was like that of a lorry emptying a load of stone, but only much stronger", he tell. Then it was silent for a few seconds. Suddenly it started again. Then the smoke pillar had moved to a hill some 50 metres away. There it sputtered up pebbles, soil and sand. Then Anti was really afraid and ran away as fast as he could. He looked back, and admits that for a moment he felt as if his heart stopped. The strange pillar with both smoke, flame and noise followed him! He ran towards the resting place and passed it. Then the noise calmed a bit, and when he looked back, the noisy smoke pillar had begun to rise. Anti saw the plastic bag in which his coffee-pot was wrapped, following the pillar quite slowly towards the sky! Rasmus could see the column for about 15 minutes. Then he lost the the eye contact. And the plastic bag was also gone.

Later he has wondered what it might be.

but he has found no answer, Rasmus says.

The smoke pillar did not reach a height of 10 metres and a breadth of five metres. Are there anybody who can find a natural explanation on the phenomenon? Was it really a visit from another world?



Such "Namdal Arbeiderblad" has tried to illustrate the incident.

ODD AND UNSOLVED PHENOMENON IN NORDLI IN THE YEAR 1935.

What had happened in the Muru mountains that summer? Some men, among them Johan L. Holand and Harald Homo, discovered, independent of each other, this strange thing in the landscape: Some incomprehencible force had razed the vegetation, bushes, gras, everything on a straight line of several kilometres. The line which might be only some few metres broad, followed the curves of the landscape in the direction east-west as far as they could see. Both borders of the stripe was dead straight as lined with the help of a huge ruler.

Where one of the "lines" hit a tree, for instance a spruce in the middle of the trunk, exactly one half of the tree up to the top was completely withered and dead, while the other part was fresh and green as before.

The phenomenon could be watched for several years, but gradually all signs of the strange mystery vanished, exept perhaps one tree or another yet standing with dry branches bristling all over. Unfortunately, the phenomenon was not scientifically investigated.

Namdal Arbeiderblad
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"UFO" OVER HALDEN

"No one can give any explanation on the sky phenomenon being observed in north-westerly direction on the night sky over Halden". Åse Setterqvist in Hjortbergsveien called us this morning and told us that she for one hour had observed the phenomenon. She got in touch with our photographer, Arild Brunvand, who can certify what she saw, but unfortunately, the phenomenon could not be photographed. She cannot explain what she saw, nor can the Defence Command South Norway, Weather Office, or Arne Børcke in UFO-Report.

Such Halden Arbeiderblad, in the good old way, displays the case on

May 10 this year. The story is taken from the article, covering three columns:

It was at 3.00 in the night Åse Setterqvist was woked up by her mother, who had seen something strange on the sky in the direction of Halden Hospital. For one hour, during the observation, the object was getting smaller and smaller. It moved very slowly, and the whole time it emitted a yellowish light, which might remind of a twinkling star.

The light was extremely strong, and it seemed as if the light source stood vibrating. It decreased gradually, and in the course of one hour it was gone", Åse Setterqvist tells to Halden Arbeiderblad.

The newspaper suggests it might be an airplane, but as they, in spite of an open window, could hear no sound, the witness does not agree. By asking her about the height, she says:

"From my home it seemed as if the object was about 50-100 metres up in the night sky over the "Hospital Mountain", but it was impossible to be sure of the height.

"At the Defence Command in South Norway we could not make it out either", the newspaper writes. The officer in duty told that they there had not got any reports on any abnormal activity in the Norwegian air territory during the night. If such observations had been made, they immediately would have been informed, they said.

And now the UFO-speculations start. Arne Børcke, a private person collecting UFO-cuttings, shutted out immediately that this could be any "earthly object". It was no flight, no helicopter, and no balloon, because balloons have no independent light. So it obviously was a quick work to establish the presence of nonterrestrial objects above our cities.

WEATHER PHENOMENON ?

At the Weather Office the meteorologist, Jan E. Johnsen, had no explanation of the observation. "It is, however, thunderclouds over Østlandet", he says, "but making a constant observation for more than one hour, and the constant diminishing of the object, there is nothing to suggest that there are electrical discharges in the atmosphere".

The newspaper rounds off by asking for some more witnesses.

GOT THE REPORT SENT

NIVFO ØST provided getting the observers fill in a so-called report-form, together with after control at the military, but the most vital rsearches are unfortunately not made.

Until it might be possible to obtain more relevant data, it is not worth while making further commenting of the case. According to the report-form, the light made changes in course, height and speed. The light is described as "strong" (a subjective valuation).

Other informations in the form are obviously wrong, as for instance that the angle size on an outstretch-arm was 2,5-3 centimetres, that is many times the size of the full moon.

"We have made certain attempts to get hold of the journalist behind the newspaper article", the editor of NIVFO-Bulletin says,"but until now, we have not succeeded.

If possible, however, further informations will be given in the next issue of NIB".

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UFO-MANIPULATING

The following story may be a good example of how a great deal of the UFO-movement manipulates "information" so that it in the best possible way shall agree with the desired impressions. They seem not to take neither themselves nor the "big case" particularly serious, since the manipulating often is that obvious that any average reader has to notice it.

In the English UFO-magazine BUFORA-Bulletin (Dec.-84/Jan.-85), Jan S. Krogh, NIVFO, has shortly commented a misleading iformation in the same magazine for Feb.84 concerning Hessdalen. There the author of the article says: "There is no firm evidence to link the reflections to cold and warm air inversions".

Krogh points out in his comments that the newly published HESSDAL-REPORT has p r o v e d this not to be correct. He refers to the hefty meteorological data, documented in the report.

Certainly, the letter was printed, but the editors seem to have done it with a heavy heart: Right under Krogh´s letter there are quite a long comment to the letter from "Project Coordinator and Treasurer" for"Project Hessdalen" - also known as one of the supreme heads in the Norwegian UFO-movement. It is said in the comments that NIVFO´s investigations in Hessdalen aimed at sending up some few balloons, checking the temperature, and measuring the snow depth with a broomstick. In the eyes of the UFO-leader, this is, in other words, all coming of the running of a metorological main station in the course of a month.

It is, of course, not to be expected that ordinary UFO-occultists are reading the Hessdal-Report or similiar literature, but what if these took a bit interest too in what happens outside the naivistic UFO propaganda?

The raders of the bulletin also are informed that the inhabitants in Hessdalen wish "to have nothing to do with NIVFO".

To this is to say that NIVFO was the first instance the Hessdal people got in touch with about the phenomenon, and the NIVFO representatives never have met nothing but goodwill in the valley, (Contrary to some of the UFO-actors).

But another thing is that there in Hessdalen are a tiny "hard core" of people who are able to display "the best" observations, and who have tried to surpass each other, concerning such visions. These obviously wish to maintain the romance in the valley, and therefore they do not mind dreamer´s attempts to contribute to it. But the great majority of the people in Hessdalen seem, until now, to have reflected an objective stand in the matter. This also finds expression among the believers themselves when they irritated say:"And now people say it turns about plasma-phenomena !"

Besides, there should be a "thin" reason for criticizing the Hessdal-Report for giving actual metorological data from the area.But, as we see, these are unwanted data, and profanation of a sanctuary.

"We would not waste our time", NIVFO says, "on a naive "reader´s letter". Then we would have our hands full. What we wish to focus is that BUFORA-Bulletin must have sent Jan S. Krogh´s contribution to their Norwegian colleagues before the magazine was printed, in the obvious intention to get a Norwegian contribution to"neutralize" the informations about the meteorological measuring in Hessdalen. They might perhaps weaken the faith of some of the readers.

The effect of the manipulating is nothing to care about. Serious leaders will take it for what it is, and the research results in the Hessdal-Report will be available in other and more acknowledged fora. But undenially, it is interesting to see what methods being used in the ufological world to get the terrain agree with the map."

REACTIONS ABROAD.

Certainly, it means a good deal when a magazine, regarding itself seriously, thinks it possible to bluff the readers in the following way; To oppose the Hessdal-Report with a "reader´s letter", only able to disclose the intentions and persons behind it.

And it has then created a stir.

In CENAP-Report no. 110 (10.4.85), Gilbert Schmitz, CEPS/CENAP, has quite a long contribution (about 3 pages)where he, based on this episode, calls attention to manipulating of information generally, and in off-beat literature specially.

Schmitz has seen the reason to go into details concerning this concrete case. In fact, he is one of them who receives both "News Letter" and letters from the Norwegian UFO-movement,

and he sees no need for turning a blind eye to the case. Very aptly, Schmitz describes a "faith community" which, pleading "serious scientifical methods", tramples under foot natural science and humanistic science to justify own superstition.

In BUFORA-Bulletin the Norwegian UFOlogist asks: "What is really a natural phenomenon"? So he does not know what a natural phenomenon is, but yet he speculates about "non-natural phenomena". Schmitz points out how very little the person concerned knows about science (and about "Ufology").

In the contribution in BUFORA-Bulletin we, as usual, hear about the great interest shown by the Hessdal people in the UFO-people´s activity in the valley, and about all kindness falling to their lot. This not only is in conflict with the informations from Hessdalen, but also from the Norwegian UFO-movement´s members:

In a letter to Schmitz, one of them writes that the society had shared out ready-stamped envelopes with questionnaires to 3300 households in the Hessdal area. The response was deceptive. Out of 3300 envelopes being sent out, they got only 25-30 in return. And in the letter from the Norwegian society member it is in this connection said that: "..... showed that the local interest in the project and the phenomena in Hessdalen, was small".

But outwards then, there is deliberately given false information.

Schmitz points out and criticices strongly that an organization like BUFORA is engaged in censoring and manipulating of that kind opposite its readers, in order to influence people´s opinion.

But surely, this is not something new. Everybody studying UFO-literature through the years, and also another off-beat literature, will find that such manipulating of information and data is quite fundamental.

"Let us straight away include a fresh example from Sweden", NIVFO says in the article: There an UFO-society, very like the Norwegian one, announced that "Vetenskap och Folkbildning,V&F, (Science and People´s Education)"did not dare to take part in a debate about UFO". V&F got the invitation from the society to such an debate on a fixed date. V&F´s representative explained on the telephone that the date was not suitable. He then was met with a threat that the mass media most probably would be interested in why V&F did not appear. The V&F´s representative, for the rest holding a high profession in the public life, answered that if falling back on such infantible threats, there would be no debate.
The best concerning fanaticism is that it often is combined with such a naivity, that it most thoroughly has unmasked itself.

Now we have seen that there are ordinary people being interested in paying attention and become acquainted with such subjects which are not much recognized, but which marks the age in which we live. They should like to know whether there are serious literature dealing with such things, and whether the information is reliable.Histories like the above mentioned, ought to be suitable to throw light on the question.

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HYNEK IN NORWAY

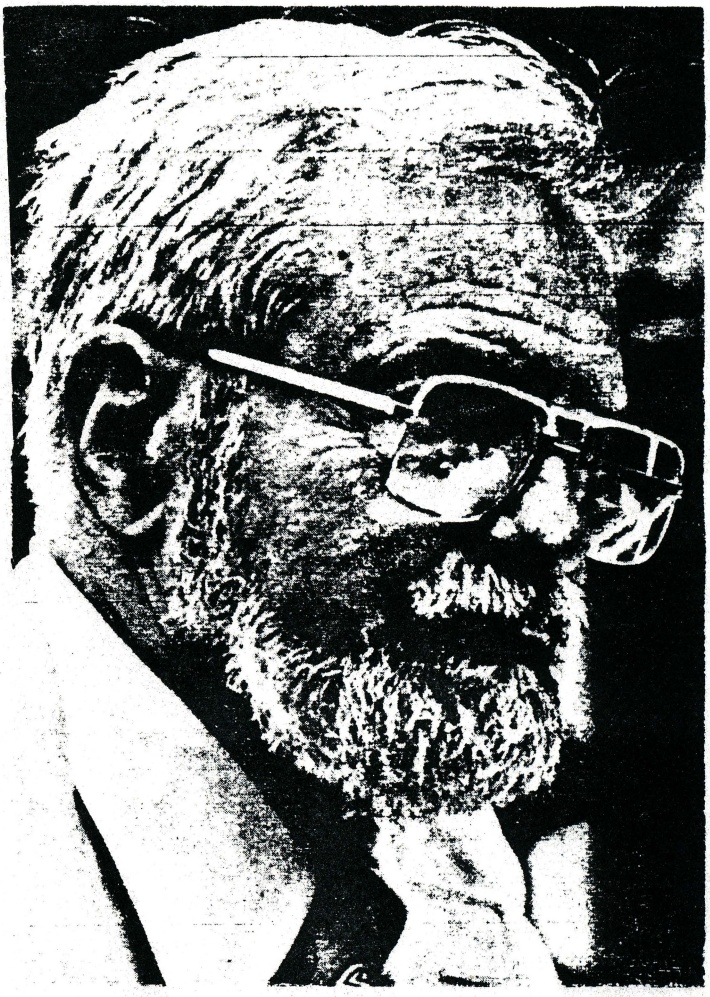
(Extract from the article in NIVFO-bulletin no. 3/85: Hynek in Norway and other places).

Hynek´s visit in Norway passed off without surprises. There were no representatives, nor radio and TV. It must have been some of a disappointment to the UFO-logists. Here he comes to the little Norway the, world´s first spokesman for the "greatest scientifical problem in our time", and the only one reacting is the local newspaper in Røros. So little understanding, so wrongly informed ..... (In "Arbeidet´s Rett, Røros, he was mistaken for another UFO-leader, James E. McDonald, concerning Hynek´s background in his civil life!)

Hynek came to Norway to study by personal inspection, the UFOs in Hessdalen. "I am very sceptical", he says. But what does´nt happen: He has went this long and expensive trip across the "pond", and was camping in Hessdalen - not together with Norwegian scientists, but UFO-entusiasts.

No UFO is to be seen anywhere, but suddenly one day it was cried out that an UFO apparently was making an overflight. But where is the guest from USA? Well, "he is sitting in his tent, eating" .....
And the UFOs obviously were of the opinion that this single performance would do. At any rate, nothing more was to be seen before Hynek had to leave Hessdalen and go back to the homelike UFO-problems.

And they are not easy to deal with. In spite of the convincing material



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK

streaming in since the year 1947 and till now, one still do not know more about it. And year in and year out, Hynes has repeated the same arguments (treated in this article) without particular results.