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Mr. K. Gosta Rehn
APRO's Swedish Representative

REHN RETIRES

A letter from K. Gosta Rehn in September of this year informed APRO that due to failing eyesight he must retire as APRO's Swedish representative. Mr. Rehn joined APRO in 1957 and furnished the organization with the best of the cases he came into contact with, and also wrote and published three books on the subject of UFOs. A hard-working and diligent researcher, Mr. Rehn approached the UFO subject from the point of view afforded by his long practice of the law. Gus (as he is known by his friends) lived in the United States for several years early in his career where he attended and graduated from Fordham University.

Gus has an excellent command of the English language, which made his contact with APRO Headquarters very convenient from the standpoint of the staff. Although he has named his successor, his retirement is difficult for us to accept. He will continue to receive the Bulletin which we can only hope that friends will find time to read to him, as he retains his very lively interest in the subject of UFOs. Gus passed his 92nd (ninety-second) birthday last spring, and we hope that he enjoys many more.

LANDED OBJECT IN NORWAY

At about 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 25, 1981, Mrs. Hjordis Hokstad, of Lanke, Hell/St Jordal, Norway, was sitting at the kitchen table drinking a cup of coffee and occasionally looking out the window up to the fields where she had, on occasion, spotted roe deer from time to time.

During one of her glances, she noticed something gleaming in the sun and for a moment thought it was a metal plate of some kind. It appeared to be behind some bushes about 250-300 meters (270-325 yards) away in the fields to the southwest of her.

MAN SIGHTED

At this point, Mrs. Hokstad caught sight of a "man" walking up the meadow, close to the object. He appeared to her to be quite small and dressed in a greyish-brown "boiler suit" which also seemed to cover his head—in the same way as the "hood of an anorak" (anorak is an Eskimo word for a heavy jacket with a hood, commonly worn by people in cold northern climates—the Editor). Her only view of the man was from behind, as he proceeded in a "rolling" walk up the meadow.

Mrs. Hokstad's attention was suddenly diverted to the object, for it began to move. It rose slowly straight up from the ground and when she glanced back to the "man" he was gone.

The object then began to move up in a slanting trajectory toward the northeast. She got her 12x50 binoculars and stepped outside to get a better look at it as it came steadily and silently toward her, over the house, steadily rising until it disappeared from sight in the northeastern sky. It should be noted here that there was a marked increase in acceleration after the object passed above the Hokstad house.

THE OBJECT

The following description of the object is what Mrs. Hokstad observed through the binoculars. The shape was of a cylinder with a "globe" on the top, the diameter of which was slightly larger than the apparent diameter of the cylinder. From the bottom of the cylinder, a metallic bar protruded, which appeared to be approximately as long as the main body (cylinder). There was also a red mark or "plate" on the top of the cylinder in the general shape of a heart and Mrs. Hok-

I shall want to check on these rumors, of course, but they do have a certain initial plausibility and I would not be greatly surprised if we could nail them down one way or the other. One recalls the extreme caution with which the medical community viewed the fragments of rock brought back from the moon by the American astronauts. Those were not put on public display until after thorough microscopic examination and severe fumigation. Any possible alien matter in a public water supply might well arouse even greater concern, and the sheer possibility might agitate the public consumers of the waters in question. Hence one might expect an investigation and that reasonable efforts would be made to conduct it as quietly as possible.

Again, let me repeat that these ideas are speculations based upon nothing stronger than local rumors in the town and at the facility, but their reasonable character is such that UFO investigators probably should look into the matter. It may help answer questions about what kinds of panic might be associated with UFO reports, and motivate official silence about studies which quite properly were made by health officials.

APRO SPONSORS EXHIBIT

On October 17 and 18, 1981, APRO set up and manned an exhibit of photos, books, models of UFOs and "aliens" (based on descriptions of witnesses) and a constantly running videotape of UFO photographs with running commentary. The exhibit was located at Park Mall, the largest shopping mall in Tucson.

The exhibit, originally conceived by Anne Bletchman, local member and wife of Board of Directors member Sherman Bletchman, was a huge success and was constantly attended by a stream of shoppers. On hand to sell books, pamphlets, Bulletins, Symposia proceedings and to answer questions in general, were Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bletchman, Mr. Bob Dean, Mr. Jim McCoy, Miss Vikki Davis, Miss Evelyn Thompson, Miss Patti Morris, Mr. Martin Bader, Mr. Robert Marsland and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lorenzen.

Additional exhibits are planned for other malls in Tucson and surrounding areas. Proceeds from the Park Mall exhibit go into the APRO general treasury to help in our on-going battle against inflation.

PLEASE!
Send Address Changes!



Miss Patti Morris, Mr. L.J. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, and Jim McCoy, member of APRO's Board of Directors, stand before one of the several signs which were a part of the Park Mall exhibit in Tucson on October 17th and 18th.

MOORE IN TUCSON LECTURE

On Saturday, October 24th, APRO Sponsored author William E. Moore ("The Roswell Incident") in a public lecture at the Marriott Inn Downtown. The lecture, which also featured a showing of the videotaped film "Flying Saucers are Real," ran from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. and was attended by approximately 125 people. It was a part of the planning and efforts of the Board of Directors and the local membership to supplement APRO's income which consists mainly of membership dues and sale of back issues of the Bulletin.

LANDING WITH PHYSICAL TRACES NEAR ROSEDALE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

*By Bill Chalker and Keith Basterfield
(Mr. Chalker is APRO's Representative and
Mr. Basterfield an APRO Field Investigator for
Australia)*

A spectacular UFO-related physical trace event occurred during the early hours of September 30th, 1980,



Shown above is a section of the Tucson Park Mall exhibit. Local members "manning" the exhibit on Saturday, October 17 were, seated left to right, Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, APRO's Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Bob Marsland, APRO's Deputy Director, and members Vikki Davis and Evelyn Thompson.

ASTRONOMICAL DATA

by Lee Emery

January 1982

Prominent Planets: Venus appears as a bright point at sunset about 20 degrees above the SW horizon. It sets about 1 hour after sunset in the WSW.

Jupiter rises about 2 AM in the ESE and at sunrise is located about 40 degrees above the southern horizon.

Saturn rises just before midnight in the east and at sunrise is located about 45 degrees above the SW horizon.

Mars rises about 11 PM in the east (dull reddish in color) and at sunrise is about 60 degrees above the SW horizon.

Brightest Stars: Capella can be seen about 40 degrees above the NE horizon at sunset. By 9 PM, it is almost directly overhead and it sets just before sunrise in the NNW.

Vega is located about 30 degrees above the NW horizon at sunset and sets about 7:30 in the NNW.

Sirius rises about 6 PM in the ESE and by 9 PM is located about 30 degrees above the SSE horizon. It maintains a low altitude until setting in the SW about 5:30 AM.

Arcturus (-.06 magnitude) rises in the east about midnight and by sunrise is about 80 degrees above the southern horizon.

Moon Phases: First quarter—Jan. 2
Full moon—Jan. 9
Last quarter—Jan. 17
New Moon—Jan. 25

NOTE: When observing the sky, one should be aware of the so-called "scintillation effect." Atmospheric turbulence causes some stars (esp. those near the horizon) to twinkle, often in brilliant shades of red and green.

LETTERS

(I feel that the membership at large would like to see the general tone of the response to our plea for help via the *Bulletin* last July—thus excerpts from some of the many letters we received. The Editor)

"... You certainly have done a tremendous job in the years you have given of yourselves"... Mrs. Ann M. Hutton.

"... You are valuable people—I want to help keep APRO viable. Wish I had thousands to send instead of only this"... Marian Van Osenbruggen.

"... Your cover article (back page) was an appropriate clarification of APRO's position, history and operation. I salute you! You have survived because of the very ability to breathe life into our organization and to maintain it in a healthy, respectable condition. I can begin to realize the burden, sacrifice and dedication it takes to maintain the organization; only those entities with your strength seem to survive in time"... Robert Engberg.

"... I know personally what it takes to put out a newsletter but I do hope you will not give up. The UFO scene would not be the same without APRO"... Charles Huffer.

"... Hope this will help! I have enjoyed the *Bulletin* for the past several years plus several of your books, so I'd hate to see you go under now!"... Andy Ehrlicher.

"... Here's hoping better days are ahead, for APRO is, by far, the best of all the UFO organizations!"... Mary Lea James.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO IN THE BULLETIN

By way of "celebrating" APRO's long tenure in UFO research, we offer the following synopsis of material contained in the March, 1958 issue of the *Bulletin*. APRO and the Lorenzens were then located in