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**EDITORIAL**

The recent non-dance arranged in honour of St. Valentine revealed once again the severe handicaps under which the organisers of such functions are placed. Having run an extremely successful dance four months ago they can be excused for having thought that a similar enterprise would be no less attractive to members. Their optimism was apparently unfounded, substantially less than half of those who attended the first dance were prepared to attend on the second occasion.

It would be all too easy to use this column for a vitriolic castigation of apathetic club members; an exercise from which the writer may gain immense satisfaction but few positive results. Better then that we make constructive suggestions and offer to act as a forum for your ideas, comments and criticisms.

To this end we would make two appeals to each and every reader of the Bush Telegraph. Firstly, please fill in and return the questionnaire which is included in this issue of the magazine, even if your answer to every question is NO. Secondly, if you want to have a say in running the Social Club, then NOW is your opportunity to stand for election to the 1969-70 Executive Council. The Council needs some new blood - it can only be yours.

And don't forget to attend the Social Club A.G.M. on Thursday 30th March. Watch the notice-boards for further details.

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# the FILM column

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 6.15 p.m. in the lecture room and will precede the film show. It is hoped that all enthusiasts will attend (whether coming to the film or not) with a view to electing the committee for the next season and also to put forward constructive suggestions.

### NEXT FILM SHOW

Our next Film Show, on Wednesday 12th March, features "The Ipcress File", starring Michael Caine as the reluctant secret agent Harry Palmer, and is the first and best of the films made from Len Deighton's books. In addition there will be "Antarctic Crossing" - a record of the first crossing of the Antarctic that was made by Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hilary in 1957/58. Both films will be in colour, and the film show will be preceded by the A.G.M.

### FILM MAGAZINES

Would you like to read "Films and Filming"? - and "Continental Film Review"? For only five shillings a year you can have these circulated to you every month, as well as "Sight and Sound", "Film", etc, etc. For further details contact Tom Ruben (212).

### FILM RECOMMENDATIONS

While you still have the opportunity don't miss "Charlie Bubbles" directed by and starring Albert Finney at the Essoldo, Chelsea.

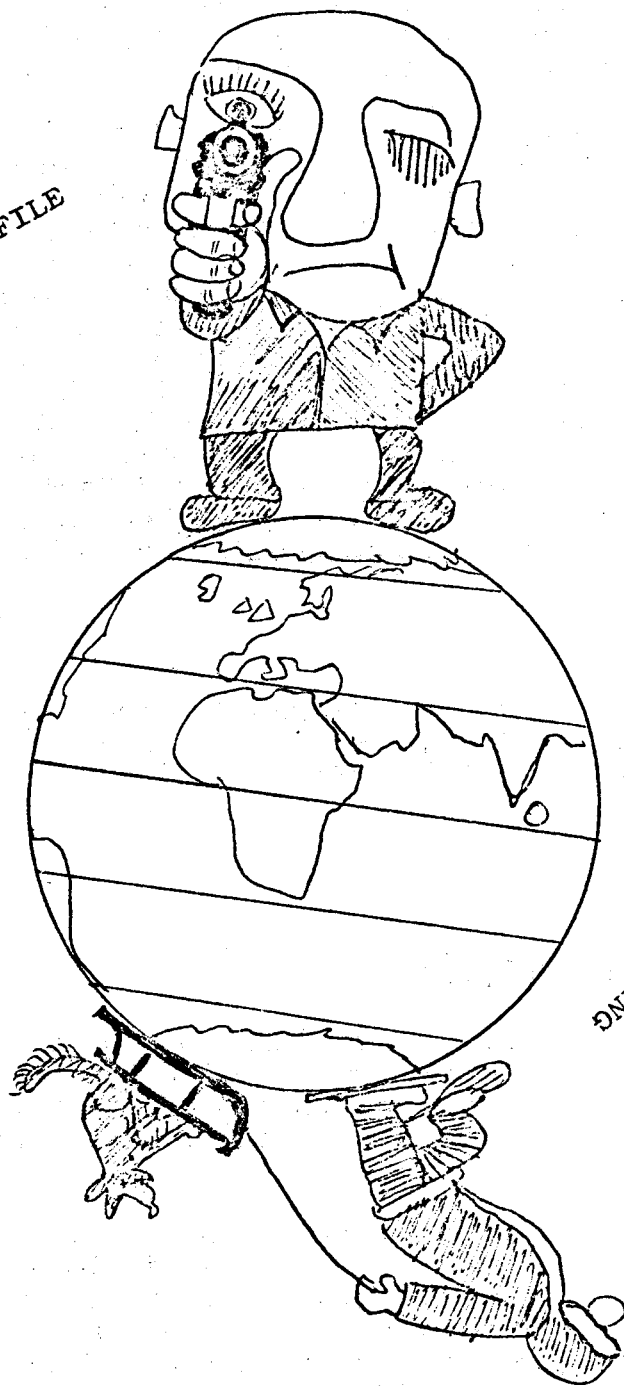
Also on one day only at the NFT Luis Brunuel's comedie noire "The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz" - Saturday March 29th 4.00, 6.15, 8.30 p.m. This film is also being shown at the Everyman, Hampstead, from 10th-16th March.

## NATIONAL FILM THEATRE PROGRAMME SUMMARY - MARCH

15	Sat.				<b>THEATRE CLOSED</b>		
16	Sun.						
17	Mon.	6.15	8.40		Laurel & Hardy Evening	PA	p. 22
18	Tues.	6.15	8.30		I Claudius - The Epic That Never Was		p. 16
19	Wed.	6.15	8.30		THE FUTURE - a contemplation with film (All seats bookable) JOHN PLAYER PRESENTATION		p. 31
20	Thurs.	6.15	8.30		The Jazz Singer		p. 22
21	Fri.	6.15	8.30		The Thirty-Nine Steps (1935)		p. 35
21	Fri.		11.00 p.m.		The Fallen Idol - LATE NIGHT		p. 22
22	Sat.	4.00	6.15	8.30	The Thief of Bagdad (1940)		p. 11
23	Sun.	3.00			JOHN PLAYER LECTURE - ABEL GANCE (Full Members free; Associates & Guests 5/- each)		p. 31
23	Sun.	6.00			Napoleon (Programme approx. 4½ hours, with interval) (All seats bookable: 10/- each)	PA	p. 13
24	Mon.	6.15	8.30		GEORGES MELIES - an entertainment of his creations		p. 31
25	Tues.	6.15			The Tiger of Eschnapur (May)	PA	p. 12
25	Tues.		8.30		The Tiger of Eschnapur (Lang)	EC	p. 12
26	Wed.	6.15	8.30		Freaks		p. 23
27	Thurs.	6.15			The Indian Tomb (May)	PA	p. 12
27	Thurs.		8.30		The Indian Tomb (Lang)	EC	p. 12
28	Fri.	6.15	8.30		The Secret Agent		p. 33
28	Fri.		11.00 p.m.		Bringing Up Baby - LATE NIGHT		p. 23
29	Sat.	4.00	6.15	8.30	The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz	EST	p. 23
30	Sun.	4.00	6.30	9.00	Viva L'Italia! (135 mins)	EC	p. 6

The A.G.M. will be held before the films at 6.15p.m. until  
6.45p.m. approximately.

THE IPCRESS FILE



ANTARCTIC CROSSING

BOTH FILMS IN COLOUR

WEDNESDAY, 12th. MARCH, in the LECTURE ROOM.

THE IPCRESS FILE and ANTARCTIC CROSSING

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(Owing to shortage of space, the History of the Film Section is being held over until next month's issue - Ed.)

# Badminton

The annual battle between our second team and Bec Metre took place on Wednesday 5th February. Our first and third pairs, Dave Goff and Denis Groombridge, Alan Hopkins and Graham Taylor respectively, scored four wins between them, but our ultra fit pair Vic Banks and 'Mac' McAllister were determined to get value for money. Ploughing through a couple of three setters they finally triumphed with two wins and BICC chalked up another victory over Bec Metre.

Our first team, only able to field two pairs on the 10th February, presented themselves at Government Buildings, Acton Vale, in preparation for battle against LTR. BICC having to concede three games before even playing were hoping for a miracle, especially as the area of play was more like an assault course than a badminton court. Both pairs, Mike and Suhas, Denis and Robin had comfortable wins against the LTR second and third pairs. Mike and Suhas then lost to the first pair after a close fight, 2 games to 1. With the score now standing at 4-all Denis and Robin had to face the first pair. Playing the same tactics against Denis and Robin as against Mike and Suhas, the LTR first pair soon built up a lead, but a change of tactics on our part completely reversed the situation. With Denis playing at the net and Robin taking the back of the court the LTR pair still continued to clear and drop the shuttle, playing completely into our hands. Denis and Robin scored a well deserved win.

## Results:-

BICC	1st	v	Oakton (League)	Won	6 - 3
BICC	2nd	v	Bec Metre	Won	6 - 3
BICC	1st	v	LTR (League)	Won	5 - 4

## American Tournament

"The mathematician", according to Professor Bernal speaking to the Royal Society some years ago, "prides himself on being totally useless ..... He finds the solution but is not interested in what the problem is: sooner or later someone will find the problem to which his solution is the answer."

Whether or not the mathematicians of C.R. & E.D. regard themselves in quite this way has yet to be disclosed, but even they may have difficulty in deciding the element of chance involved in assembling twelve assorted Badminton players in one place at one time on a cold Tuesday in January to play off the first pool of the American Handicap Tournament. But assemble they did, three chemists, three electronics experts, two metallurgists, two polymer technologists, Hon. Gen. Sec. and a mathematician. And as it would have been insulting to the charm and personality of the last named to have talked 'shop' the company was content to regard its mutual congregation as a happy coincidence and mathematical statistics as something for admiration only. Thus mentally satisfied the dozen participants separated out into six pairs and play was allowed to commence.

After a slow start, possibly due to a surfeit of egg and tomato sandwiches, the matches began to lose their early resemblance to a dainty vicarage tea-party and assume the complexion of a genuine battle. Indeed when Hon. Gen. Sec. was administered a scything blow to the mouth (which later required stitches) by his partner, Lewis Metallurgicus, one was tempted to reflect that the ancients did well in dedicating the third day of the week to the god of war. But even the ancients in their wisdom would have taken objection to the uncompromising battering handed out to the mathematician by S.K. Electronicus; a battering which every ounce of fleetness in the feet of P. Technologist the Elder was insufficient to prevent.

If your chronicler missed some of the evening's other incidents it was due solely to thirst, but rumour has it that S.K. Electronicus and his partner (described in another context as "the Unlucky Expert") swept the board to qualify for the final pool on March 11th. Hon. Gen. Sec. and Lewis Metallurgicus were the evening's fastest losers, P. Technologist the Younger did a couple of comic falls simply to ensure that he received a mention in the write-up, and Mr. G.C. Taylor and Miss. A.F.L. Mattock are pleased to announce that they have no intention of being next year's wooden spoonists.

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On the whole the handicapping on Wednesday produced some close games and a few unexpected results. Everybody wondered if Mike Squelch and Hilary Town would win as did Brian Keable and Suhas Kulkarni on Tuesday, but Alan Hopkins and Roger Jones soon put a stop to that beating then 21/17. Dave Goff and Len Woodend then beat Denis Groombridge and Tony Town 21/19. Denis and Tony then beat Mike and Hilary 21/17. On these results it would have seemed that the next game would be in favour of Dave and Len, but they were heavily beaten by Alan and Roger. Alan and Roger went on to win the section, Mike and Hilary were runners-up.

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Thursdays (30/1/69) competition was extremely close, the eventual winners Dennis Cooper and John Taylor winning two games and narrowly losing two. Two teams tied for the second place but although they won three matches each; failed to score sufficient aces in the fourth game to qualify for the final.

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The final play off of the American Tournament will be held on Tuesday 11th March 1969 between

B. Keable & S. Kulkarni	(-9)
A.C. Hopkins & R. Jones	(+1)
M.J. Squelch & Mrs. H. Town	(-11)
D. Cooper & J. Taylor	(-1)

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## Whist

The next Whist Drive will be held on Wednesday 26th March.

# ITMA

30th Jan. - Ernie, 17.0 secs  
13th Feb. - Ernie, 14.6 secs

All challengers please step forward quickly. There will soon be no ale left in the bar!

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## *Navigation Trial*

This year's Spring Navigation Trial will be held on Sunday 30th March, starting from Chalfont St. Giles. All you need is a car, a navigator and ordnance survey map No. 159 (The Chilterns). Only twelve entries can be accepted, so contact Jim Hamments (358) or Roger Davies (356) Now!

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## **"Thanks Mike"**

On behalf of all those present at the recent Beginners Badminton Coaching Course, we would like to thank Mike Squelch for his excellent instruction. On the whole the course was well attended by a hard core of novices who felt that their game could benefit from some coaching. It is true to say that the coaching did a great deal of good, though there is still a hard core of players who feel more than ever that their game .....

It is a measure of Mike's skill as a coach that one past member of the course reached the final the the American Handicap Tournament, though it might be argued that he only taught her how to keep out of his way!

There is a feeling among some of the old boys (and girls) that a more advanced course would be beneficial. Perhaps Mike would consider arranging such a course towards the end of the season, if he feels that his patience would stretch to such limits.

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# Table Tennis

## 1ST TEAM (DIV. 4)

Wednesday 29th February v Renault (Away) Drawn 5 - 5

The home match v Sandersons had to be postponed, and the first team now face 5 matches plus the individual championships in the next 7 weeks.

The team stand a good chance of at least second place in Division 4.

## 2ND TEAM (DIV. 7)

Thursday 6th February v Rockware II (Away) Won 6 - 4  
Thursday 20th February v Curry's II (Home) Won 10 - 0

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# Hockey

Yes folks, despite the recent absence of hockey reports in the last few B.T.'s the section continues to survive, and dare I say it, seems stronger than it has been for several seasons. Even founder-member Ron Arekion has once again come out of retirement to play for us.

The weather experienced in this country's so-called "mild climatical conditions" has resulted in a large proportion of our matches being cancelled in recent times. However, in the games that have been played, we have achieved some success, as the results show

B.I.C.C. v Masonian Won 1 - 0 (Clive Dalley scored)  
B.I.C.C. v Harrodian Lost 2 - 0

Once again I would like to appeal for players. Surely out of the recent arrivals at Wood Lane, there must be at least one person keen enough to play hockey on Saturday afternoons (weather permitting). Anyone interested, contact S.M. Castle (280).

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# Bridge

Two or three years ago, an interdepartmental bridge competition, for teams of four, was held at Wood Lane, but was discontinued due to lack of players. Rubber and Plastics Department, who are the present holders of the interdepartmental trophy, would like to continue this event, and invite the rest of Wood Lane to band together and challenge them to a match with the old interdepartmental trophy at stake.

Naturally the Rubber and Plastics Department fancy their chances, mainly because they have the majority of the available bridge players. If you wish to shatter R. & P.'s illusions, please contact Dr. J.A. Gobbetti the R. & P. bridge captain (333).



# The Page 8½ Column



A monthly miscellany.

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Permissive society note from a town in the north of England where a road sign in Love Lane has been changed recently. Originally saying "HALT" it now reads "GIVE WAY".

## THE PRICE OF NATIONALISM

At a recent auction of railway relics two ex Great Western Railway nameplates were among the lots offered. The first, "St. Patrick" raised £165. The second, "St. Andrew", £95!

(An Aberdonian was later arrested and taken to Bow Street magistrates court where he was charged with attempting to obtain Green Shield stamps with menaces).

## NO VIEWS ON GOOD LOOS

"The parish council at Thatcham, Berks, has decided to boycott a competition for a design for new public toilets in the village. Newbury rural council is offering a £50 prize for the best design. But the parish council has decided not to send two delegates to sit on the judging panel".

(EVENING NEWS - FEB. 3)

And frankly we don't blame them in this weather!

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

From Chemistry in Britain:-

"There will be no change in the value of gravity at Teddington ..."

The apples will still be falling safely there this autumn .....

## ALL QUIET ON THE Y-FRONT

The British Standards Institution has recommended that only natural rubber should be used for the elastic in men's underwear.

The advice comes in an 11-page report to manufacturers on how not to let their customers down. It is published in response to complaints from hundreds of wives that the elastic in their husbands' pants lost its spring after washing.

The virtues of natural rubber thread in this and many other respects have long been recognized in the women's corsetry and underwear trade - and it was the BSI women's advisory committee that compiled the report.

Males may be grateful they have such doughty warriors on their side in the battle to win equal rights for men.

from Rubber Developments (Vol. 21 No. 3)

## CUSTOMER RULES FOR HANDLING SERVICE ENGINEERS

1. Never send for service engineer until everyone has had time to form his own opinion as to how to fix the instrument.
2. Have a man from each shift (so none will know what the other fellow has done) work at the instrument and lose as many parts as possible.
3. After sending an urgent request for the service engineer to come immediately, put the gate keeper wise to that he can make it as tough as possible to get into the plant.
4. The minute the service engineer arrives ask him where he has been and what has kept him. Before he can answer ask him how soon the instrument will be working again.
5. Hide all instructions and blueprints connected with the job.
6. Always have at least 8 engineers present to ask technical questions which are in no way connected with the trouble.
7. Ask him how soon the instrument will be operating again.
8. Be sure to give him a helper who has never seen the instrument before and also be sure the helper has no tools.
9. The instrument should be as dirty as possible.
10. Tell the service engineer what excellent service other service engineers give their instruments (of course we realise their instruments almost never require any repairs).
11. Ask him how soon the instrument will be operating.
12. When he finally gets the instrument running, tell him what a swell job he has done although he should do the job twice as fast.
13. After the service engineer leaves, write or call his manager and tell him that the instrument is worse now than it was before. This will give him a chance to come again and you can go through the above rules once more.

(from Siemens (U.K.) Limited Newsletter)

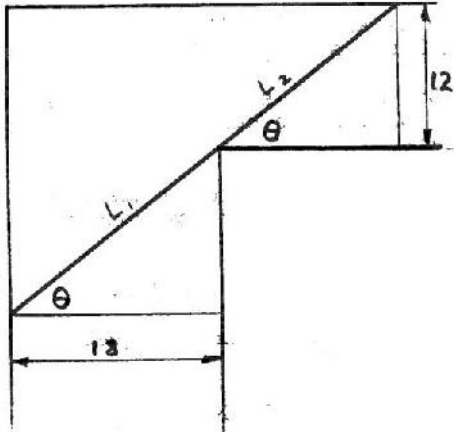
## Ladder Problem – solution

(See February B.T.)

There are two ways which suggest themselves in the solution of this problem:-

- (a) The length of the ladder may be stated as a sum of trigonometrical functions and the expression differentiated with respect to  $\theta$  (the angle of the ladder). The differential coefficient so produced is equated to zero and the equation thus solved.
- (b) The ladder may be assumed to revolve around an 'instantaneous centre' and the resulting figure solved algebraically.

(a)



Required Length  $L = L_1 + L_2$

$$\frac{12}{L_2} = \sin \theta \quad L_2 = 12 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\frac{18}{L_1} = \cos \theta \quad \therefore L_1 = 18 \sec \theta$$

$$\therefore L = 18 \sec \theta + 12 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 18 \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + 12 \cdot \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\therefore 18 \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = 12 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \tan^3 \theta$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{3}} = 0.873582$$

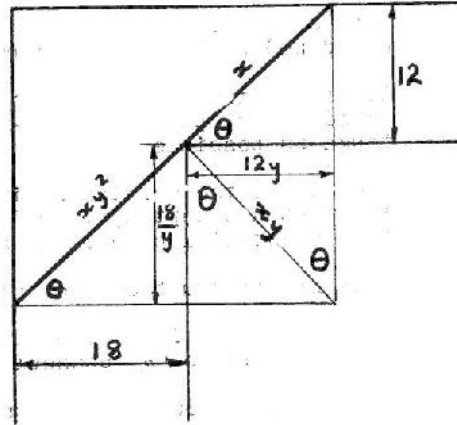
$$\therefore \theta = 41^\circ 8'$$

$$L = 18 \sec \theta + 12 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$= 23.90 + 18.24$$

$$= \underline{\underline{42.14 \text{ Feet}}}$$

(b)



$$\frac{x}{xy} = \tan \theta = \frac{xy}{xy^2} = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\therefore \frac{12}{12y} = \tan \theta = \frac{1}{y}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{18}{y} = \tan \theta$$

$$\therefore \text{Length } L = x + xy^2$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{12}{xy^2} = \frac{12}{x}$$

$$\therefore \frac{18x}{y} = 12xy^2$$

$$\therefore 18 = 12y^3$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}} = 1.1447$$

$$x = \sqrt{(12y)^2 + (12)^2} = \sqrt{144 \times 1.3104 + 144}$$

and

$$xy^2 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{18}{y}\right)^2 + (18)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{324}{1.3104} + 324}$$

$$\therefore L = x + xy^2 = \sqrt{332.6976} + \sqrt{571.26}$$

$$= 18.24 + 23.9$$

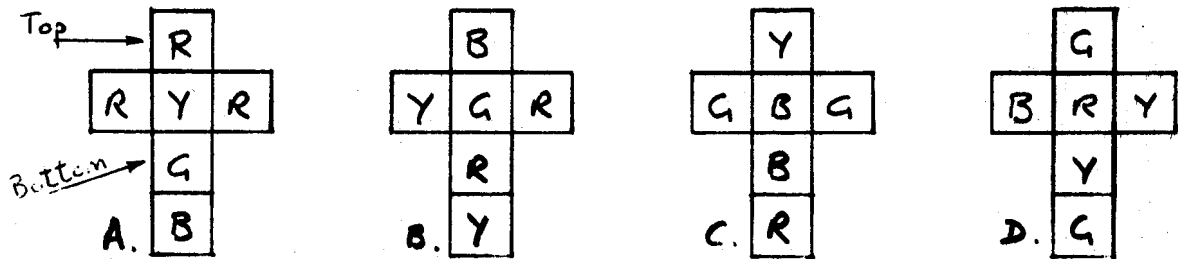
$$= \underline{\underline{42.14 \text{ Feet}}}$$

J.J. Easley

# Momentary Madness — Solution

(See February B.T.)

The original problem, when the relative positions of the cubes are not specifically designated, has a very large number of (equivalent) solutions. The reduced problem given last month has two equivalent solutions, one as shown below and the other in which each 'cross' is



turned upside down. If a red face is uppermost on cube A then the colours shown by the bottom faces of the cubes are

A green; B red; C blue; D yellow

The way I arrived at the solution is as follows. Someone may have chosen a more elegant method, as they say.

- (i) Assign scores of 1, 2, 3 and 4 to each respective colour. The problem is then to arrange the 'crosses' so that the horizontal scores of corresponding elements in the uprights are each 10.
- (ii) The upright corresponding to each cube will be derived from one of three permissible sets of numbers for that cube. Noting that the total score for four uprights must be 40, comparison of upright scores enables several combinations of uprights to be eliminated.
- (iii) Uprights must consist of exactly 4 each of 1, 2, 3 and 4. This eliminates all but five possible combinations.
- (iv) Possible combinations of numbers in uprights of A are compared with those in B (i.e. faces in adjacent cubes are compared. Six arrangements are possible between two uprights if one is assumed fixed). Eliminate combinations giving identical adjacent numbers. Repeat the operation with C and D.
- (v) Compare possible combinations of adjacent faces on uprights of A and B with those on C and D (noting that the CD combinations can be shifted up or down with respect to the AB combinations). Only one arrangement of uprights (excluding rotations) will be found to satisfy the requirements of the puzzle:-

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
R	B	Y	G
Y	G	B	R
G	R	B	Y
B	Y	R	G

The colours forming the arms of the crosses are found by inspection from the original diagram, although the corresponding faces on the cubes will be hidden and of no interest.

J.A.H. Counsell

# THE USAF: ACADEMY OF SCIENCE: CONDON COMMITTEE AND UFOS

On January 9th 1969, after clearance by the National Academy of Sciences, the Condon committee report on unidentified flying objects, was published.

The study, announced as a totally objective scientific investigation, sponsored by the Air Force, had a budget of \$500,000 and ended with a 1,465-page report. We have not had access to the document and can only quote from reports of it. It's main conclusions were that:-

"Further extensive study probably cannot be justified"

There is "no direct evidence whatever of a convincing nature for the claim that any UFO's represent spacecraft visiting earth from another civilization".

We feel it appropriate to comment briefly on some of the conclusions and the evidence used by the committee in coming to these conclusions.

For example, one of their findings is that nine out of ten sightings prove to be quite plausibly related to ordinary objects ..... or natural phenomena; thereby missing the whole point of UFO's that it is the 10 per cent which can't be explained which are interesting. In fact 10 per cent is the par level of sightings which are unexplained each year by the usual authorities. The report goes even further and says of a radar blip observed to overtake and pass a Braniff airliner as it descended toward Colorado Springs airport in May 1957 "this must remain as one of the most puzzling on record, and no conclusion is possible".

Another unsatisfactory aspect of the report is the way in which it ignored the offers of help from the specialist organizations both in the USA and here.

At the start of the enquiry BUFORA (British UFO Research Association) wrote to the committee offering its assistance in respect of the supply of sighting reports from this country. This offer was not taken up. Similarly, less than one half per cent of NICAP's (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) cases were investigated, none by Condon himself. And NICAP is one of the most fruitful sources of first rate UFO reports! It is the world's largest UFO fact finding organization, with over 300 scientific and technical advisors.

French investigators were also disturbed by the way the committee ignored the massive global evidence, including the great French wave (see last months B.T.) and enormous evidence from South America to base its findings on a narrow parochial list of U.S. cases.

An article in a BUFORA publication puts the point quite nicely by saying "BUFORA could, by carefully leaving out but 23 reports from its 1967 investigations present a report covering 202 cases for that year that purport to support the view that there is nothing in UFO reports at all". But that is to suggest that the committee were not being objective - and that's another story.

Some of the interpretations put forward by the Condon Committee to explain the case histories that they were considering have now been released in the American press. They make very interesting reading and in our view unconsciously damn the Committee's own findings.

For example, some UFO believers are certain that saucers come from a planet named Clarion that is always on the opposite side of the sun from the earth and therefore always hidden from terrestrial viewers. With calculations made by the U.S. Naval Observatory scientists, the Condon group was able to show that variations in the orbital path of Clarion would soon make it visible to the earth. Besides, Clarion's gravity would affect the motion of Venus. Since Clarion has not been seen, and the orbit of Venus shows no signs of mysterious perturbations, the scientists concluded that Clarion does not exist. How this scientific investigation contributed to the reports of UFO sightings is a little hard to understand.

Yet another case history examined by the committee concerned a fragment of metal that reportedly fell to earth in 1957 when a UFO exploded in the air above the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil. A sample was sent to a Washington laboratory for analysis. It had been an article of faith among many UFO believers that the material consisted of magnesium more pure than any ever made by man. The lab. tests said the report suggested an earthy origin. The fragment contained more impurities than commercially produced magnesium. Now this particular case history is of special interest to us, as it was (and is), the intention of these writers to give a very detailed account of this incident and its aftermath, in the next instalment (April, Bush Telegraph). Readers will then be able to judge from a more detailed account and draw their own conclusions.

Photographs of alleged UFO's received a great deal of attention. Travelling to Fort Belvoir, Va., where an Army private had photographed a ringlike UFO in 1957, investigators showed the picture to Army technicians. The technicians immediately identified the UFO as a vortex ring formed when diesel oil, gasoline and white phosphorous was exploded by TNT to simulate atomic-bomb explosions during demonstrations.

With the assistance of a photo analyst from the Raytheon Co., the Condon group found discrepancies in a pair of UFO photographs taken in 1966 by a barber in his front yard in Roseville, Ohio. Although the barber insisted that he had shot the pictures less than two minutes apart, the analyst surveyed the yard and determined from the position and length of shadows in the pictures they they could have only been taken more than an hour apart - and in the reverse order from that claimed by the barber.

Fair enough. This is a reasonable approach which raises valid doubts to credibility of the sources. But, what is surely more important, is the inability to find a reasonable explanation to some of the photographs.

Despite careful examination, the report admits, the Colorado team was unable to explain satisfactorily either the saucer photographs taken in 1950 by a McMinnville, Ore., farmer or those shot from a truck by a Californian traffic investigator in 1965. The scientists were particularly impressed by the analysis of the McMinnville pictures, "in which all factors investigated appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary object flew within sight of two witnesses." The report nonetheless does not rule out the possibility of a hoax. "The fact that the object appears beneath the same part of the overhead wire in both photos" the report argues "can be used as an argument favouring a suspended model." On the face of it, the committee appear to be clutching at straws in order to prove the photos fake.

The evidence, in the form of photographs and testimony, of a Californian traffic investigator and examined by the Condon Committee, is worth a more detailed discussion here. The photographs have been surrounded by controversy ever since they first appeared. They are reproduced here.

Rex Heflin had four years of active police duty and F.B.I. training which conditioned him into a "seeing is believing" attitude. Certainly flying-saucers were not on his mind at 11.30 a.m. August 3rd 1965 as he sat in his truck trying to get the two-way radio to work. Heflin worked for the Orange County Highways Department as a highway inspector. He was attempting to make radio contact with the Road Maintenance Superintendent when his radio suddenly went dead. Then Heflin caught a glimpse of an aerial object in the corner of his eye, however he says he thought it was a conventional aircraft, possibly from the nearby Marine air base. The object was moving slowly from his left towards the road in front of him. Only when the flying object stopped momentarily and hovered did Heflin look more closely. Then he saw a disc with a domed top. The sunlight, which was filtering through some haze reflected from its surface. No sound reached him from the object. Heflin grabbed his Model 101 Polaroid camera and photographed the disc through the windshield. The slowly moving object continued in an arc over the road and off to Heflin's right. Not moving from the driver's seat Heflin now snapped the second photo, through the truck's right window. At this point Heflin noticed a rotating beam of light coming from the centre of the object's underside. On a very light copy print this beam is faintly visible. He then snapped the third photograph through the same window.

Heflin reported that the object maintained a relatively level altitude of about 150 feet in relation to the flat terrain, however he noted that its motion resembled that of a gyroscope losing its stability. This same "wobbling effect" often has been reported in UFO sightings. As the object increased its speed and altitude it also seemed to gain stability. A smoke-like ring of vapour remained in the air after the object was gone. Heflin drove quickly to where the smoke ring still hung in the sky and jumping out of his truck, photographed it. He described the smoke as blue-black. It is very interesting to note at this point that this same photograph appears in the American magazine that recently commented on the findings of the Condon Committee but is used in connection with the 'case history' concerning the American Army private's experience at Fort Belvoir (mentioned above).!! Whether this is a confusion of the Condon Committee or the magazine remains to be seen. We shall look for the Condon report with very great interest.



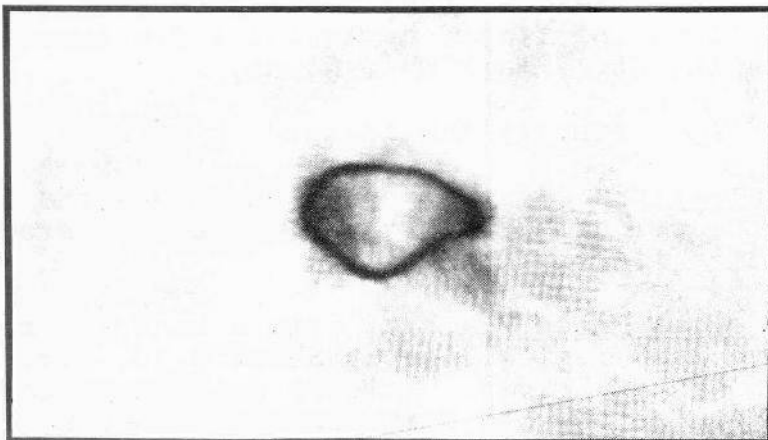
Photograph 1. Taken through windscreen. Heflin claims UFO was crossing highway from the left.

Photograph 2. Taken through right side-window. There was stated to be a beam of light under the disc. This is discernible on an under-developed print of this picture.



Photograph 3. Through the same side-window, just before object began to accelerate away towards the North.

Photograph 4. Taken four minutes after No. 3. from outside the truck, after Heflin, so he stated, had driven as near as possible to the smoke-like ring of vapour which remained where UFO was last seen.





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valentines  
wood lane

Reasons why we can't go to the Valentines Dance

I'm Married

I'm antisocial (I work at Wood Lane)

No baby-sitter (On second thoughts if we had one I'd send the  
wife)

I'll ring the date round the calendar

Other engagements

No-one to go with

I live too far away (but can get here for work or a rest?)

Playing rugby next day

Got to go away and won't be back in time

I won't go if so and so won't go

I'm busy

I don't drink

I don't dance

Nothing to wear

I'll tell the wife

Didn't tell wife (reason might cost a few bob for new  
clothes)

I've got woodworm in my wooden leg (pause for weak laughter  
haha haha haha)

Haven't any change

I'll let you know

Didn't know there was one on

## JUST A FEW QUESTIONS.....

The following ideas have been suggested for future social functions and I hope by asking a few questions to avoid another fiasco like the St. Valentine's Dance.

Firstly the ideas:

Longleat: A day trip by coach to see the lions at Longleat, sometime in the spring, probably during May. There are other things to see besides lions at Longleat.

Riverboat Dance: A boat with a band and some tasteful refreshments would leave Hammersmith Pier at about 7.30. p.m. one summer Friday or Saturday, heading down river. After a suitable interval the boat would turn about and cruise back to Hammersmith Pier to arrive at about 11.30 p.m. Dancing on the upper deck, bar down below.

Dinner & Dance: Probably at some other place than Wood Lane on a date near Christmas.

Shuttleworth Collection: A visit by coach to see the Shuttleworth collection of old aircraft at Old Warden Park near Bedford. The trip would take most of one day and would be timed to coincide with a flying display. However, these fragile aircraft are very weather-conscious and displays are subject to cancellation at any time. This would be a summer weekend outing, probably on a Sunday.

The Company is prepared to pay £1-5-0 towards the cost of either dance, or possibly the trip to Longleat, for every Wood Lane employee who takes part. There are two provisions; the interest shown among Wood Laners is general (i.e. more than say 80 attending), and guests shall not outnumber employees.

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Those are the ideas, here are the questions.

Please tick the answers you want to give and return the questionnaire either to the Editor or to me.

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| 1. Would you like to go to Longleat?   | Yes<br>No |
| 2. Would you join in a River Boat Dance?   | Yes<br>No |
| 3. Are you interested in coming to a Dinner-Dance<br>Held at Wood Lane?  | Yes<br>No |
| 4. Are you interested in coming to a Dinner-Dance<br>Held at another place, not Wood Lane?                                     | Yes<br>No |
| 5. Would you like to see the Shuttleworth<br>collection and a flying display?  | Yes<br>No |
| 6. Are you a member of the Social Club?<br>(Look at your pay advice note. Social Club<br>sub. is itemised if you are a member) | Yes<br>No |

here: Please would you write your name and name of your department

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Thank you,

Brian Tilbury  
Hon. Gen. Sec.