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P, CP,

DATE: 10 - 10 - 36 TIME: NIGHT 0415

ALTITUDE: (ft) 211.5 K

No. witnesses

WEATHER:

IFR

(A) Primary Witness: MARIO ROSSI (D. CP. Fet. Instr.

(B) Second Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ P, CP, \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Third Witness: \_\_\_\_\_\_ P, CP, \_\_\_\_\_

(D) Fourth Witness:

(E) Other Witnesses & circumstances:

(C) \_\_\_\_(D) \_\_

28.2 Submitted to whom?

28.1 If no why not?

28. 3 Details:

Misc. facts (cont.):

28. Was formal report filed on sighting? yes no

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ITALY'S FIRST UFO OF THE 20TH CENTURY

by Roberto Pinotti. One day in June, 1907, Dr. Antonio De Riu - just a child at that time - heard a sort of explosion above him for at least six seconds. When he looked up, he and a dozens of other witnesses saw in the starry sky a strange, luminous egg-shaped object hovering the village of Bosa (Nuoro), in Sardinia, at 10 p.m.

The UFO was about 30 m. long and 8 m. wide, and its colour was yellow-golden. It was visible for at least six seconds, and was soundless. Then it disappeared. Dr. De Riu's letter about thi sighting to Il Giornale dei Misteri of Florence in 1973 event. According to them, the object was seen not only on the evening in which Dr. De Riu saw it, butat least on two other different occasions, and with the same charachteristics. Of course this shows

it could not be a natural phenomenon. As far as we know, this is the first reported UFO sighting of the 20th century in Italy.

On the two other occasions the object was seen moving in the sky, hovering at about 300 m. The last time it produced a heat wave clearly felt by the witnesses, too.

1924 - A UFO IN THE NIGHT

The following report was part of the privat documentation of Prof. Ernesto Thayaht, a Swiss-born pioneer of Italian ufology in the Fifties.

"It is useless to talk about flying saucers if you haven't ever seen one', says the 84-year-old but still hale and hearty Osmondo Prampolini, whom we interviewed at this home at 16, via Carlo Pisacane, Brescia. 'To cut a long story short, I will tell you that in August, 1924, at 1.45 a.m. (i.e. just after midnight), I went into my office, the office of the Reggio Emilia Gas Company where I was at that time working as managing director, and I noticed an enormous disc, with a diameter equal to the apparent diameter of the moon. The disc was at the farend of the furnace-yard, and at the side of the road leading to the steam-boiler. And it had the same reddish colour that the moon has when it is seen rising through mist. The disc was slowly descending. It did not leave behind it the luminous tail that meteors have. I stood there amazed, unable to utter a sound. I wanted to call the firemen who were busy feeding the furnaces, but I couldn't. Meanwhile the disc, still moving slowly, vanished behind the boiler-house".

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1942: WWII UFOS

summer 1942

"I must exclude the possibility that the objects I saw on two different occasions in the <u>summer of 1942</u> might have been military planes" an esteemed citizen opublished by the Italian newspaper LA NAZIONE of 29 october, 1954. "In fact my first sighting is related to a big green fireball. It gremained motionless for along time in the air before speeding away. The second one might be described as a big 'flying cigar' crossing the sky rapidly but flying rather low'. So it seems UFOs were observed over Florence also during WWII".

1944: AN ITALIAN FOO-FIGHTER?

During the first days of July, 1944, also the Polish were fighting against the 1030 L retreating Wehrmacht troops with General Alexander's Allied Forces in the Italian country along the Adriatic coast, not far from the towns of Castelfidardo, Osimo and Loreto. Their target was the port of Ancona, still in Nazi hands. The principal witness of this event is not able to remember the exact date, but it was 10.30 in the morning, and the sky was quite clear and blue. Suddenly Antoni Szachnowsky, of the 2nd Polish Artillery Regiment, battle-field. A few second later, the Allied batteries began to fire against the unidentified aircraft. But at the same time also the Germans opened fire, and the mysterious object became the common target of British and Nazi batteries. Just a little later, both sides ceased to fire, wondering - as a consequence of the enemy's reaction - if the intruder was an enemy after all. Suddenly, after a few seconds, the object made a 45 degree turn and ascend, zooming away as a silvery point in the blue sky. Only at the end of November Allied planes intercepted the first "foo-fighters" over the Rhine. But Mr. Szachnowsky's report documents their presence over WWII battlefield several months before.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE IDROPLANE FORMATION INTERCEPTS UFO

During Fascism, the courage and efficiency of the Royal Italian Air Force pilots were often used after their successful raids and missions as cheap propaganda tools fo been heard of; when aeroplanes were still rudimentary, helicopters were in the experimental stage, and jet propulsion just a dream.

Captain Mario Rossi, who in 1936 was flight instructor at the Italian Military Air Base of Orbetello, makes this claim: "On the night of October 10, 1936, I was flying my Idro S.62 Bis, with three other machines, of the same type. When I was at 3,800 metres over Cape Talamone I noticed an unusual light ahead of my plane, which for a moment I mistook for the exhaust gas of another plane of my group. But I realised this was not the case when I saw that the speed of the object was greater than that of an S.62, and that the position of the 'flaming

exhaust' did not correspond to the exhaust in the type of motor installed in this aircraft.

I went on following the unknown light, which seemed to be on a higher level than my machine. I could not see its shape, because of the blinding light shining out from on both sides. In size it seemed to be about twice the diameter of a full moon. All at once I found myself caught in a very dense cloud, from which I emerged, after 12 minutes' instrument flying, to find I was over Portoferraio (Island of Elba). This sighting occurred over the rock islands of Formiche di grosseto at 4.15

a.m. The object was flying at nearly 440 m.p.h, and was going due north". The above report was part of the documentation of Prof. Ernesto Thayaht, and was reproduced also by Rivista Aeronautica, the official organ of the Italian Air Force.

## ANGELS' HAIR IN THE PAST

The nocturnal sun to which Pliny the Elder alludes in the second book of his Naturalis Historia (chap. 33) apperas as an UFO-IFO ante-litteram: "That is a light emanating from the sky at night during the consulate of S. Cecilio and G. Papirio and on many other occasions, such that the night be lit up as if it were day" explanation of mysterious rains, similar to those the great historian and naturalist tells us about in chapter 57: "Rain of milk and blood in the consulate of M. Acilio and G. Porcio and on many other occasions... rain of wool in the consulate of L. Paolo and C. Marcello, in the district of Conza, where Tito Annio Milone must have been killed the following year; after his death there was also a shower of baked bricks, referred to in the archives of that year". But the sponges of iron could certainly resemble those strange objects discovered in recent times after the UFOs had gome through the Europea and American skies (especially in Pennsylvania in June 1947 and in Liguria in April 1963) and the woolshower which fell on Sesto Fiorentino, Florence and Siena during a host of unknown flying objects in October 1954.

## HESSDALEN, ITALIAN OPTICAL MISSION

by Massimo Teodorani, Ph.D, astrophysicist, CNR-IRA Scientific Consultant (mteo@linene physicists and norwegian engineers was successfully carried into effect with a new mission to Norway, in order to further investigate a luminous phenomenon which is occurring recurrently in the valley of Hessdalen. The italian research-activity of this year was concentrated in the acquisition of optical data coming from conventional photography, video imaging and video-spectroscopy. Many photographs, videos and some spectra were obtained of the phenomenon. The results coming from the subsequent analysis show that: 1) the luminous phenomenon is a thermal plasma; 2) the light-balls are not single objects but are constituted of many small components which are casually vibrating around a common barycenter; 3) the light-balls are able to eject smaller light-balls; 4) the light-balls change shape all the time; 5) the luminosity increase of the light balls is due to the increase of the radiating area. This mission was able to finally visualize the real structure and nature of the light-phenomenon and its time-behaviour. The cause, and the physical mechanism with which radiation is emitted is currently unknown, and will be investigated in further missions. Some physical hypotheses are amply discussed.

More info in: http://www.itacomm.net/PH/

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