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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCER! EXP RT LECTURING IN NEW ZEALAND

1. Dr. George ADAMSKI, the California 'flying saucer expert' and author of the book Flying Saucers Have Landed and others, has been visiting New Zealand for the last two weeks. He has given well-attended public lectures in Auckland and Wellington as well as meeting with smaller groups of 'saucer' enthusiasts. In Wellington his lecture filled the 2200 seats in the Town Hall. He was not permitted to charge for admission as the meeting was held on a Sunday night, but a 'silver coin' collection was taken up and this would more than recoup his expenses.

2. Adamski's lecture appear to cover the usual mass of sighting reports, pseudo-scientific arguments in support of his theories and his previously well-publicized "contacts" with saucers and men from Venus. He is repeating his contention that men from other planets are living anonymously on the earth, and, according to the press, said in Auckland that there may be as many as 40,000,000 of these in total. He is also making references to security restrictions and saying that the US authorities know a lot more than they will tell.

3. The report of Adamski's lecture in Wellington in The Dominion was flanked by an article by Dr I. L. THOMSEN, Director of the Carter Observatory, vigorously refuting Adamski on a number of scientific points. However, the news report of the lecture called it "the best Sunday night's entertainment Wellington has seen for quite a time."

4. Interest in flying saucers in New Zealand seems to be roughly comparable to that in the United States. There is a small but active organization which enthusiasts have supported for some years. This organization publishes a small paper and receives and circulates stories of sightings. At the Adamski lecture in Wellington, approximately 40 members of the "Adamski Corresponding Society" wore blue ribbons and sat in reserved seats in the front row. Press reports suggest that Adamski probably is making no new converts to saucer credence in his current tour. His audiences have given forth with a certain amount of "incredulous murmuring" and are said to be totally unimpressed with his pictures of saucers.

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