

A Midwest Flap?

By Robert Smulling

Three separate UFO reports occurring within the last six weeks have come to my attention. Two were less than ten miles from Hamilton (Ill.) and the other less than 25 miles. I might add that September-October sightings predominate in this immediate area.

On the 4th of September, near Hamilton, Mrs. Otto Dennison stepped out of her farm home to see why the dog was barking. Almost immediately she saw an object in the southwest sky which she thought, on first glance, to be the moon. Quickly, however, she noticed it was moving toward a farmhouse less than one eighth of a mile west. There it stopped just above the trees and began making erratic movements which resembled a kite which had no tail, jerking and shifting in every direction. The light being emitted from this round configuration was basically yellow to yellow-orange.

Mrs. Dennison wondered what this thing was and what she should do about it. Her husband was asleep and the neighbors had no light, so she assumed they were not home. She went inside for a few minutes while pondering the situation. After a while she returned to her yard but did not see anything until she turned to the east. Now the light was bouncing above the farmhouse to the east, mentioned above. No lights were on at that home and she later learned they they were away at the time. She entered her home again for a period of time and when she again looked for the light, it could not be seen. It had been in the area at least a half hour.

About 3:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5th, near Kahoka, Mo., Robert Benjamin and Jackie Jones stopped their auto when they saw a "blue moon." Not only the color caught their attention, but on further observation, they could tell it was moving slowly. They got out of the car, sensing something very unusual. The night was clear and the sky dark except for stars and this pale blue circle which looked like "a piece of plain blue paper cut into a circle and placed in the sky." After two or three minutes a tail, or streak, of yellowish light streaked skyward from the blue ball. The ball faded away, but the streak remained for another three minutes or more until it also faded away.

Then on Wednesday, Oct. 14, Mrs. Raymond Todd, who was driving from Hamilton to Carthage, Ill., noticed a bright star in the east. After awhile this star seemed nearer the moon which was in the east southeast. Now watching more closely as she drove, she could clearly see the light was moving from left to right of the moon. Mrs. Todd pulled off on the shoulder and got out as she neared Carthage. The bright light was now passing overhead. Behind the bright light she could see two rectangular, dimly lit areas which looked like windows. And, following a short distance behind, but lower, were two more "windows." The back set changed position enough as she watched that it is thought they belonged to a separate unit. As the light traveled away to the west, it grew dimmer and soon disappeared. At least ten minutes elapsed from the initial sighting.

Mysterious Boom is Unexplained

Springfield, Ill. Newspaper: Oct. 9, 1970--A mysterious boom was heard and felt by residents of Springfield from the north to the south and east to west... about 9:40 a.m. today.

A check with area police, fire and aviation officials could reveal no cause for the explosion-type noise.

The Illinois State Register confirmed the noise was heard as far south as District 9 State Police Headquarters, located about three miles south of the city on U.S. 66, and as far north as Capital Airport.

Mrs. John Worth, of Springfield, who sent the clipping, wrote: "I was in the kitchen doing breakfast dishes when the noise occurred. It was as if suddenly some invisible vacuum had lifted the dishes about an eighth of an inch off the counter and shelves and then set them down again, and this was as the sound occurred and not afterwards. The whole house shook."

Credit: Walt Andrus

Clipping Service Grows

We frequently mention Rod Dyke's clipping service which continues to supply newspaper clipping reports of UFOs all over the world. His September issue consisted of 15 pages, legal size, crammed full of interesting reports of unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Dyke has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a translator, Douglas Wilson, of Detroit, Michigan, and now has translations of many foreign reports, a fine addition to his monthly mailing.

Most of our readers will remember that Rod used to edit and publish his own ufazine "The UFORC Journal" and that SKYLOOK was fortunate in "inheriting" his subscribers when he dropped publication to concentrate on the clipping service.

We do not hesitate in saying we feel his clips should be a "must" for every UFO study group who wants to keep up with ALL the current UFO reports. By "all" we mean a sampling of the best reports from all over the globe.

To learn more about this fine service and the subscription cost, write: UFO Research Committee, 3521 S. W. 104th, Seattle, Wa. 98146.

UFO's and Train Wrecks

Mrs. Verla Fonseca, of Eaton, Ohio, thinks there may be a connection between UFO sightings and trainwrecks and she (and we) would like to hear from others who may have noticed a correlation--or who may be convinced there is one. We don't recall this being brought up before (and we could be wrong). How about it, Readers?

Next month we will publish some of Mrs. Fonseca's reports--one is an October sighting. We hoped to get them in this issue, but space does not permit.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! If you have friends who are interested in UFOs and who do not subscribe to SKYLOOK (if you aren't sure, write and ask us if they are on our list), a year subscription would be an appreciated gift that would last the whole year! If you like, we'll announce your gift with a pretty Xmas card.

A Message From Your Director

The By-Laws and Operational Procedures of the MIDWEST UFO NETWORK are still being formulated. The Board of Directors will be composed of each of the State Directors and the Staff Members. Consultants will continue to operate in an advisory capacity to the Board.

Ronald M. Anderson, Director of the MUFON Communications Section, is arranging for the first test drill of the radio amateur communications net tentatively scheduled for the first week of November of the net frequency of 3.975 Mhz. in the 75 meter phone band. He will be corresponding directly with the State Directors and each State Amateur Radio Director.

Each State-Section Director as selected will organize a group of competent Field Investigators in his immediate area to conduct UFO sighting interviews and investigations. These Field Investigators become members of the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON). The State-Section Directors are expected to supply their State Directors and the Network Director with a complete list of their Field Investigators with the address, telephone number (home and business where applicable), and amateur radio or citizen band radio call letters.

Plans have been made to print membership cards, UFO reporting forms, a Field Investigators' manual etc. If we are to successfully accomplish our fundamental goal of resolving the UFO phenomena, I am sure that each one of us will want to not only share our UFO research and knowledge, but will want to also share in the minimal costs of making MUFON a non-profit self-supporting organization through annual membership dues. The Board of Directors will determine this amount prior to January 1971. Through prior consultation with the Board of Directors, subscription to SKYLOOK, "the voice of the MIDWEST UFO NETWORK," will be entirely independent of the dues structure of MUFON.

Many members have indicated their particular "speciality interest" in UFO research as recommended by Dr. J. Allen Hynek in his address to the Midwest UFO Conference in Peoria, Ill., June 13th. We want to be able to advise members with similar interests so they may work and share together the results of their combined efforts. A few of these "specialities" are UFO detecting devices, humanoid cases, burned circles and flying saucer nests, medical cases where injuries have occurred, photographs, documentation etc. Each member should advise his appropriate Director so that a cross-referenced list may be composed.

MUFON continues to show enthusiastic growth each month. New Consultants volunteering their services are Kenneth Salzwedel, Ph.D. (Psychology), 143 N. Park St., Whitewater, Wis. 53190. Telephone: AC 414 473-2877 and Aldon ("Al") W. Haglund, B. S. (Physics) 410 South 7th St., Hudson, Wis. 54016. Telephone: AC 715 386-5258.

We are very proud to announce that Oklahoma has joined MUFON and will be represented by a very capable gentleman as State Director, William L. ("Bill") Irby, 1404 East 6th St., Tulsa, Okla. 74170. Telephone: B: AC 918 587-6655. (Dwight W. Dauben, Ph.D. of Tulsa, is a Consultant to MUFON). It is an extreme pleasure to welcome one of the best known ufologists in the nation, Earl J. Neff, 11309 W. Pleasant Valley Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44130. Telephone: AC 216 843-9978, to MUFON as our State-Section Director for Northeast Ohio. Earl is best

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known for his lectures, UFO documentation, and untiring publicity in behalf of the UFO phenomena investigation. Ohio is one of the most active states in the nation with respect to the interest in the UFO study. / Editor's Note: We have just been advised by telephone that A. E. ("Mark") Candusso and Larry Moyers have accepted an invitation to serve as Co-State Directors for Ohio--more next month on this?

Greetings are extended to the following new State-Section Directors: Mrs. Lawrence A. Larson, 9320 Minnetonka Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55426, Telephone: AC 612 786-6449; Harry L. Kingery, 246 S. Walnut, Pittsfield, Ill., Telephone AC 217 235-1729 and Kenneth Salzwedel, covering southeastern Wisconsin. Missouri has added two fine young men as State-Section Directors--Lovern F. Ellis, 222 Par St., Webb City, Mo. 64570, Telephone: AC 417 673-1514 and Larry V. Yoder, 26 Kennedy Drive, Moberly, Mo., 65270, Telephone: AC 816 263-3936.

Signed: "Walt". Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director, MUFON

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BULLETIN (Just received): The first radio net will be held on Nov. 6th and 25th, 1970, at 2000 hours local time, and 0200 GMT, on 3.975 MHz - 5 KHZ in the 75 meter band. The net will last for 30 minutes and the net control station will be WA9PAM.

Signed: Ronald M. Anderson, Director MUFON Communication Section, WA9PAM. Rt. 5, Box 511, W. Lake Shore Dr., Chippewa Falls, Wiso. 54729.

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Midwest Conference Clips Still Coming

We're still receiving newspaper clippings on the Midwest UFO Conference held in Peoria, Ill. in June. Joseph M. Brill received a clipping from a newspaper in Yugoslavia, and Walt Andrus sent us a copy--we can't read it, but the newspaper is "Slobodna Dalmacida." Walt tells us the "Stars and Stripes" in Japan also reported the Conference.

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Psychology Professor Reports UFO to Champaign, Ill. Police

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA COURIER, Sept. 1, 1970: A mysterious light in the sky, that was, "clearly not an airplane" was reported to the Champaign police Monday night by Robert Peterson, 2002 S. Lynwood Dr.

Peterson, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois, gave this report of the unidentified flying object (UFO):

"My wife and youngster and I were riding bicycles Monday night. We were stopped at the corner of Mattis and Kirby avenues, facing south after walking our bikes across the intersection.

"We just happened to look off to the left, when we saw a very bright white light. It was easily the brightest light in the sky.

"As we watched, the light split into two lights, a red one and a white one.

"The red light floated slowly down until it disappeared, and the white light continued to hover for a short time. It was dimmed somewhat after the red light split away.

"Then the white light began moving away in a southwesterly direction, slowly enough that we could follow it easily. The whole thing lasted perhaps two or three minutes."

Peterson said he and his family watched the lights, but did not immediately tell anyone so he does not know if anyone else saw them.

After both lights had disappeared, he called the Champaign police, who referred him to James Wright, a U. of I. student, and authority on UFO sightings in the area.

"Mr. Wright asked to come out and together we will recreate the scene. He said that sometimes these things repeat themselves in the same area."

Wright could not be reached this morning to comment on the sighting, believed to be the first in the area in several months.

Although he acknowledges the UFO sighting was in the general area of the U. of I. Willard Airport, Peterson says what he saw was not an airplane. (Credit: L. E. Coleman, Decatur, Ill.)

Mattoon, Illinois, Woman Reports UFO

JOURNAL-GAZETTE, Mattoon, Ill., Sept. 9, 1970: Mrs. James Turner of 1100 Rudy reported sighting a low-flying, wingless, oval-shaped object flying about 50 feet above her television antenna about 11:15 p.m. Monday night.

According to Mrs. Turner, who, after seeing the object through the glass storm door, opened the door to get an unhindered view, said it was flying from south to southwest above her yard and appeared to be dodging something.

She said it seemed to be made of some type of unpainted metal, was not an airplane and had four small squares of light along its left side which looked like windows. She said that it was not flying fast and that it left no streaks of light or exhaust trail in its wake. (Credit: L. E. Coleman, Decatur, Ill.)

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Large Object Hovers over Grain Bins at Bushnell, Ill.

JOURNAL, Macomb, Ill., Sept. 5, 1970: UFOs, those unidentified flying objects, have been scoffed at by many over the years but two young Bushnell men, who previously may have had serious doubts, are now thoroughly convinced they are for real. They spotted one Thursday night over Bushnell.

Allen Robinson, 22, of 752 Dean St., reports he and Steve St. Clair, 20, also of Bushnell, sighted one hovering over the McDonough F-S grain bins in the southwest part of Bushnell about 9 p.m. Thursday while en route home from Macomb.

Robinson said the object which he estimated was about the size of an average automobile, was hovering over the bin site at approximately 300 feet. He said the object was giving off a blinding white light which made it impossible to describe the shape of the object.

The object was first sighted over Bushnell as they approached town from the west on Route 9. Robinson said the object was still hovering over the grain bins when they arrived in town and they drove toward the farm elevator property to investigate.

When they were about two blocks away, he stated, the object started to move away. Robinson said the light appeared to dim somewhat for a second or two, then turned bright again and headed in a westerly direction at a high rate of speed. He estimated the object was out of sight in about 30 seconds. (Credit: L. E. Coleman, Decatur, Ill.)

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UFO Seen North of Rolla, Mo.

KANSAS CITY TIMES, Oct. 6, 1970: A Shawnee man yesterday reported sighting a mysterious moon-shaped object about 4:30 this morning on U. S. 63 about 12 miles north of Rolla, Mo.

Garth Morris, 12114 West Seventy-first street, said he and his wife, Mrs. Louola Morris, and another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Willie, 3044 East Sixtieth street, saw the object as they were returning from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where they had taken his son, David Morris.

He said the object resembled a huge moon and had a phosphorescent glow about it. The object was first seen about 11 o'clock high, Morris said, east of U.S. 63.

"The object came to about 7 o'clock high," he said, "then turned sideways. The descent was very rapid, about 2,000 feet per minute. The bottom edge had a saw tooth-shape and seemed to be dripping some kind of liquid."

Morris said the area where the object was sighted was rural in nature and fairly deserted. He said the object was about three-quarters of a mile from where they stopped to watch it and it appeared to approach to within 50 feet of the ground.

Moments later, Morris said, the object took off at a very high rate of speed at a 70-degree angle, leaving in its wake a glow resembling a light or vapor trail.

"It was definitely not a weather balloon," Morris said, "and we wondered if the Army or any of the other services were conducting some kind of experiment in the area."

A check with officials at the Vichy airport just north of Rolla revealed there were no balloons or any type aloft at that time of morning.

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Yellow-Orange Object Seen at Warrensburg and KnobNoster, Mo.

Ted Phillips, of Sedalia, interviewed Mrs. Hubert Paul at her home at 323 Christopher, Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 14, and gives us her report of the object seen the morning of October 5. Mrs. Paul leaves for work at about 4:30 a.m. (CDT) and stepped out to get the newspaper at about 4:15. She checked the time at the clock by the door. She had just picked up the newspaper and was facing east when she noted a "yellow-orange object that looked quite like the full moon." It was about 15-20 degrees above the horizon, just above a 2-story house. There was a slight north to south motion, no vertical motion and no sound. As she watched, the object appeared to increase in size slightly. As it did so, it developed a vapor or haze on the southern third of the disc and was less bright at this point. "An object, like an antenna came out of it," she said. This extended beyond the vapor, or haze. The object showed a soft light or glow, Mrs. Paul said. She watched it for a minute or two before going indoors. When she left for work at 4:35, she noted the object had disappeared.

Mrs. Paul told Mr. Phillips that R. L. McCown, 600 Summit Rd., Knob Noster, a retired Air Force officer, also reported seeing the object at about the same time. At this writing, Mr. Phillips had been unable to contact Mr. McCown.

The object seen north of Rolla, Mo., (see report on another page of this issue) could be the same object, Mr. Phillips believes. He thinks the object could be the barium cloud released by a rocket launched from Wallops Island, Va., at 5:05 (EDT) the morning of October 5th. A newspaper clipping from "The Reading Eagle," Reading, Pa., described the cloud: "The cloud, released 560 miles high was visible along much of the Eastern seaboard. It first appeared green with a red tinge as it was reflected by the sun's rays. It later spread into an elongated pattern several hundred miles long. The rocket was launched at 5:05 a.m. with the cloud being released 9 minutes and 20 seconds later."

Mr. Phillips has written NASA for further information as to the appearance and motion of a barium cloud, and perhaps we shall have something more on this for the next issue of SKYLOOK. If we are told the cloud could not be seen over Missouri, then the objects described in these three Missouri reports would seem to be true UFOs.

Illinois Farmer Watches Red UFO with Beams of Bright Light

Mr. "John Smith", a 41-year old dairy farm employee at the Unnamed farm, at Walsh, Illinois, sighted a strange object about 4:15 a.m. the morning of Oct. 5th.

Mr. "Smith" had turned on the lights that illuminate the yard at the milking shed and glanced up to see a huge light that he at first thought was the moon--but there was no moon--and this object seemed to have a red, fuzzy, neon-looking light around its outer edge. There was a beam of light like a searchlight shooting up in the air at an angle from the center of the object and another beam of light from the base of the object to the ground. This was a moving beam, "Smith" said, and finally shown directly on him. It was a very bright light and there was no sound from the object which was so large that a hand held at arms length would barely cover it.

There is a pond and some trees about 200 yards east of the barn and he estimated the object to be up over the trees just a little bit higher than their 65 ft. high silo--which would put the object at about a 40 degree angle.

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Illinois Farmer Watches Object. . . (continued)

The cattle were not disturbed by this object, but the farmer was puzzled because two of the cows were on the other side of the electrified fence, and no fencing was down. The wires had to be lowered to get them back.

It is interesting to note that this object was seen within 100 yards of where a previous one was seen by the owner's wife and her four children about 3 years ago. It too was a close sighting--hovering ten feet over a garage 50 feet from the observer.

Credit: Art Epstein. (Real name of farmer and farm owner on file)

Editor's Note: Our readers will note this sighting was at the same time as the Missouri sightings--but this is an entirely different description and doesn't sound like a cloud. So the plot thickens--was this object seen in Missouri and Illinois (if it was the same object) a barium cloud or--something else?

Columbia Light Probably a Parachute Flare

The "light" seen by several observers in Columbia, Mo. August 18th (story in October SKYLOOK) is still tentatively identified as a parachute flare, according to Walt Andrus, who writes: "The object hanging below the light was the same length as the diameter of the light. This was a trail of smoke from the burning flare. Even the sound of the flare being fired was heard by Mrs. Thompson."

UFO Sighted in Dupo Area (Illinois)

"Cahokia Herald," Oct. 15, 1970: Russell Griffin, 16, of R. R. 1, Dupo, reported to the sheriff's office he sighted an unidentified flying object at 9 p.m. Sunday near his home. Russell said the object dropped to about 2,200 feet from the east and then zoomed into the sky. He said it was "long and glowed white with colored lights at each end."

Russell's report was transmitted to Scott Air Force Base authorities.

Mrs. Paulette Rodenberg of R. R. 2, Mascoutah, also reported having seen one of the objects Sunday for the second time in nine days. The first sighting occurred Oct. 4.

Credit: Art Epstein.

"Angel Hair" Falls in St. Louis County

Joe Gurney, of St. Louis, reports that on Friday, Oct. 16, while on the way home from work at McDonnell Douglas at 4:15 p.m., he began to see clumps or strands of "that white, fluffy spidery-web type stuff" often referred to as "angel hair" falling to the ground and clinging to telephone poles etc. It continued until about 5 p.m. and seemed to be centered north of the St. Louis Lambert Air Port and the Hazelwood area.

The white stuff was blowing from north to south with the biggest pieces 8-12 inches long, both in strands and clusters. Mr. Gurney managed to pick some of it up and it "shrank or dissolved" on his hands until it was about 4" long. By the time he could get it into a container it had dissolved "like cotton candy" to about one inch, and by the time he reached home to put the sample in the refrigerator, it was about a quarter of an inch in length and "looked like a piece of string."

Mr. Gurney wrote he intended sending the sample to a lab for analysis "if it lasts that long." The sky was clear at the time, with temperature of 60 degrees and a 10-15 mile wind blowing from north to south.

Missouri Network Members Receive Newsletter

John F. Schuessler, Missouri State Director of the Midwest UFO Network, has issued Newsletter No. 1 to Missouri members, and the second newsletter could be in the mail by the time you read this report. No set date is established as Mr. Schuessler explains, "This newsletter will be issued when time and news permits. It is intended to be informal, to bridge the communications gap, and to help the Missouri Section to become a working group."

We believe other State Directors will be interested in a project of this nature.

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Air Academy Tells Cadets Not to Discount UFOs

Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 10--Cadets at the Air Force Academy training ground for the nation's future aviation leaders, are being advised to keep an open mind on the subject of unidentified flying objects.

The suggestion is in a 500-page notebook that is restricted to "academy use only." The section on UFOs is a 14-page chapter written by Maj. Donald G. Carpenter.

Academy officials denied that the Air Force had been hiding the textbook from the public. They said that the book was in short supply because only 200 copies have been printed.

The chapter on UFOs says that such objects have been reported for almost 50,000 years and that "the entire phenomenon could be psychological but this is quite doubtful" because of some of the reliable witnesses who have spotted them.

"It could also be due to known and unknown phenomena. . . but this is also questionable," the book says.

"This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors or at least alien-controlled UFOs. However, the data are not well correlated and suggests at least three and maybe four groups of aliens, possibly at different stages of development.

"This, too, is difficult to accept: It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of planets in our solar system or a surprisingly strong interest in earth by members of other solar systems."

The textbook says, "The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind and not take an extreme position."

Source: St. Louis "Post-Dispatch", Oct. 11, 1970. Credit: Joe Gurney.

Editor's Comment: Mr. Gurney also calls our attention to the article in the Oct. 11th "National Enquirer" which credits UFO researcher Earl J. Neff, of Cleveland, with obtaining a copy of the book and releasing the story. Dr. Condon's negative report on UFOs didn't convince everyone--a fact that surprises practically no one.

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UFO CHRONOLOG, a bi-monthly ufozine, is edited and published by Joseph M. Erhardt, 43 Richland Drive, Newport News, Va., 23602. There are UFO reports from the Tidewater area and elsewhere, along with the index system used to report and analyze UFO's in the kept-up-to-date Chronology. Send 45¢ for a sample copy; \$1.25 for three issues; or \$2.50 for a year subscription (six issues).

Although the atomic absorption spectrophotometer is a highly sensitive instrument which will measure concentrations of most "trace" metals as low as parts per million or parts per billion, the flame photometer does a better job of analyzing for the alkali metals (lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium), boron, uranium, and the rare earth metals.

Dr. Utke explains that to use a flame photometer one sprays a solution of the sample into a gas/air flame and thus atomizes it. The atoms are raised to an "excited" state and when they "relax", they emit a characteristic light radiation, in proportion to their concentration, which can then be measured.

He points out that the methods mentioned will only give a qualitative and quantitative picture of the sample--in other words, what elements or compounds are present and how much. More sophisticated information can be gathered by the use of x-ray diffraction, nuclear magnetic resonance techniques, and mass spectroscopy.

We are told the x-ray diffraction analysis can be applied to most elements and compounds--the sample is bombarded with x-rays which are deflected by the atoms and molecules present, in a pattern which is characteristic of the sample's structure. The pattern is recorded on a photographic plate and then used for qualitative and quantitative analysis, and more important--the pattern can be used to tell something about the atomic structure of the sample. Only small amounts of sample are needed and the sample is not destroyed.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) is one of the more recent analytical tools available, Dr. Utke continues. It can be applied to most elements and compounds, requires only a small amount of sample and the sample is not destroyed.

The sample is placed in a small tube which is surrounded by a strong magnetic field. As the field strength is increased, the nuclei of the atoms are affected at certain "resonant" frequencies and a signal is induced which can be amplified and recorded as a pattern or spectrum which can then be used for qualitative and quantitative analysis, to learn something about the arrangement of the atoms in the sample, and to determine the percentage composition of any unusual isotope that may be present. (Isotopes are different kinds of atoms of an element that are alike in every way but their atomic weights. Every element is made up of two or more isotopes which are present in the element in certain fixed percentages). The less sophisticated analytical methods described previously will not distinguish between isotopes but will merely give you an overall analysis of each element present. NMR will actually distinguish between isotopes. The mass spectrometer will also.

In a mass spectrometer, the sample is bombarded with electrons, converting the atoms or molecules in the sample to charged atoms and molecules, called ions. Each ion has a particular ratio of mass to charge (m/c). The ions are separated according to their (m/c) ratios by using an electric or magnetic field or by time of flight in a field-free environment. The separated ions can then be detected electronically and the results recorded in the form of a spectrum. The intensity of the peaks in the spectrum is proportional to the abundance of the ion and thus to the original atom or molecule in the sample. Although this method is somewhat destructive of the sample, only a very small amount of sample is needed.

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Erie, Pennsylvania, isn't the best spot in the world for observing the sky. There is much more cloud cover than sunshine. This was the town my parents had chosen and where I was born and reared.

UFO's were a much talked-about thing, but only the screwballs ever saw such a thing--I thought at that time. Being interested in many things of science since early school days, the idea of a swept back wing on aircraft was a novel idea. I could easily imagine such a design going down nose first.

These random thoughts combine into just one thing--my first sighting of a UFO, and then they came in a pair.

A beautiful, bright sunny day combined with the desire to see one of the newfangled airplanes caused me to look closely at two high flying objects leaving vapor trails. Expecting to see a pair of jets, I was surprised to note the objects creating the white streaks in an otherwise azure sky were disc shaped.

Disappointed that it wasn't swept back wings, I almost ignored the discs. I had other things on my mind. Then I spotted two more streaks in the sky. They were the swept back winged planes I had wanted to see! It wasn't until I realized they seemed to be pursuing the two discs that my mind snapped to full attention. I was watching two jets pursue two flying saucers!

The two disc shaped objects made an abrupt right angle turn, their trail being very clearly defined. The two jets swung on the diagonal and rapidly closed on the two discs. I idly wondered if I might see a dogfight and watched intently. As the two jets approached the discs, there was a sudden increase in the speed of the circular shaped objects. The vapor trail became pinpointed, and the discs rapidly disappeared from my view.

Evidently they also disappeared from the view of the pilots of the jets, for there were vapor streaks all over the sky as they apparently searched for the round shaped objects. I have never heard of anyone witnessing this particular experience; unfortunately, I neglected to call my wife. She still isn't convinced UFO's are real.

The incident was a vivid memory for a long time but it faded a bit as time passed. We moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1959. It was soon after that that I saw my second UFO, this time with witnesses.

A desert dust storm had made our swimming pool less than delightful. I decided to vacuum the pool and my son and his friend decided it would be nice to help. It was a rather warm day, the pool was a welcome thing I had completed about half the job, the kids were splashing in the part that was done when I became aware of someone looking at me. It was the same sort of feeling you get in a theater when someone stares at the back of your head.

I looked around, the kids were preoccupied, no neighbors were in the yards next door, and for some reason I looked skyward. There, easy going as could be, was a brownish thing at a very low altitude.

I spoke to the two boys. "Hey, look at that. It looks as though a barrage balloon has drifted in from Luke Field." (Air Force flight training center.)

"Aw, that's the Goodyear blimp," said my son's friend.

"No," I pointed out, "this is brown, the blimp is silver. Besides it has Goodyear all over it and this doesn't have anything." I returned to cleaning the pool.

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Why I Believe In UFO's (continued)

Minutes passed and I again became aware of the same sensation. I looked up at the sky and the object was in the same position. That fact intrigued me and I examined it more carefully. There was no motor, no sound, and no windows. The sides were made up of sections, and repairs were evident as the sections were not evenly colored. Again I had the boys look up and they both said it was the Goodyear blimp, a familiar sight in Phoenix. As I watched, the craft began to move slowly. It passed directly overhead and continued for a short distance then began to swing north. Thick, short fins on the back gave every indication of barrage balloon shape.

As the craft began to turn, it began to wobble. I called to the kids to watch; it looked as though it might crash. They watched as it lumbered around the turn, then returned to their water games. It wasn't until it began to gain speed that I realized that I was not looking at some U.S. Air Force creation. In a matter of moments there was nothing but a small dot, and then that disappeared.

There was plenty of time to have gotten a camera. It was a brilliant clear day. The craft was very low. It wasn't until it was too late, that I realized the second UFO of my life had come and gone.

Until a personal experience creates questions that can't be shrugged off as being the imagination working overtime in a tired body, a UFO story can be accepted with casual interest. When it happens to you, then the stories of others take on a new meaning.

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The tiny planet Mercury is too near the sun to be seen during the month. Venus is located between the earth and the sun at inferior conjunction November 10, less than 25,000,000 miles from earth. The bright planet will be visible in the early morning sky by the month end. The red planet Mars may be seen rising before the sun in the southeastern sky--some two hours before the sun. Jupiter is not well placed for observation during the month; it is quite near the sun and rises very shortly before sunrise. The ringed planet Saturn may be seen throughout the night in the constellation Aries.

First quarter moon: Nov. 6; Full moon: Nov. 13; Last quarter: Nov. 20; New Moon: Nov. 28.

The Leonid meteor shower will take place on November 17. It is expected to peak at about 25 meteors per hour. The waning gibbous moon will limit the observation of this particular shower.

Other Celestial Objects for November Viewing . . . By Mark Herbstritt

The constellation Cassiopeia is near the meridian this month. The brightest stars in Cassiopeia form a letter W.

The objects listed should be discernible in a 6-inch telescope, and some can be seen without optical aid. The brightest star is Alpha Cassiopeia, magnitude 1.23. It has a 9th magnitude companion, discovered by William Herschel in 1781. The distance to Alpha is 150 light years. Gamma Cassiopeia is the central star in the W. It is a variable and is about 100 light years distant. Eta Cassiopeia is a double star of magnitudes 3 and 7 and colors of yellow and red. Mu Cassiopeia is a 5th magnitude yellow star and is 26 light years away.

A New Planetary System

A recent issue of the St. Louis "Post-Dispatch" contained an article about the formation of a new planetary system. A British astronomer, Zdenek Kopal, says he has found a planetary system forming around a large star, Epsilon Aurigae. This star is 20 times as big as the sun and is 5000 light years away. The unusual feature is the low temperature, about 500 degrees, of the ring of matter surrounding the star and extending about 2 billion miles out. (Credit, John Schuessler)

Look for Life Beyond Earth, Scientist Urges

A Soviet scientist called for international cooperation to solve one of man's persistent riddles--whether other civilizations exist in the universe beyond the earth, as quoted in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." Vitali Ginzburg, physicist member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said large and sensitive radio and optical telescopes needed for the experiment would cost billions of dollars to build--and too costly for one nation to bear.

"But I believe that to look for some signals of intelligent life is quite sensible," he said at an international astronomers' conference. "You would have to do it internationally although it would be a difficult political thing."

Ginzburg said there is little chance of life close to earth and suggested a possible distance in space of 100 light years. (Credit, John Schuessler.)

See October SKYLOOK for introduction and first list.

#	File #	Date	Location	Time	Description of Incident	Rating
<u>1952</u>						
11	238	2-11-52	Kansas City	1205	round, 10 min. 1 witness	D
12	239	4-7-52	St. Louis	1600	hovered 5 min.	D1
13	240	4-7-52	St. Louis	1350	rectangular, white sparks	D1
14	162	3-29-52	Butler	day	silver, cylinder, 1 witness	B
15	195	3-?-52	Kirksville	day	pilots, silver disc, 3 min.	B
16	2	?	Sedalia	1000	disc, close, dome, 3 min.	B
17	161	?	Sedalia	night	2 witnesses, disc, noise.	B
18	160	?	Lake Ozarks	night	5 objects hovered, ascended	B
<u>1953</u>						
19	242	4-16-53	East Prairie	-	Air Force report	D1
20	241	5-30-53	Florissant	-	" " "	D1
<u>1955</u>						
21	196	7-2-55	Jefferson City	night	4 witnesses, meteor-like	D
22	197	8-4-55	St. Louis	day	2 witnesses, disc, 15 min.	D1
23	211	?	Canton	day	3 objects, hovered minutes	B
24	227	?	Sedalia	night	3 witnesses, close range	D1
<u>1956</u>						
25	3	?	Keytesville	-	-	D1
26	212	?	Stover	-	66' circle, object asc.	D1
<u>1957</u>						
27	185	6-28-57	Winona	-	photograph taken	D1
28	168	11-5-57	Kansas City	-	-	D1
29	222	11-9-57	Lake City	-	EM effect, hovered, 1 wit.	B
<u>1958</u>						
30	170	3-20-58	Henrietta	-	-	D1
31	169	8-17-58	Kansas City	-	-	B
<u>1960</u>						
32	166	4-17-60	Richards-Gebaur	-	-	B
33	184	5-26-60	Kirkwood	day	disc, 30 sec., 1 wit.	B
34	167	7-19-60	St. Louis	-	-	B
35	164	11-23-60	St. Louis	-	-	D
<u>1961</u>						
36	183	?	Stover	1100	500 ft. away, egg-shaped	B
37	230	?	Weston	-	night landing, ascent, 20 min.	B
<u>1962</u>						
38	4	?	Lake Spring	-	-	D1
<u>1963</u>						
39	192	10-26-63	St. Louis	1845	pilots, 1 objects, 6,500 ft.	D1
<u>1964</u>						
40	5	Spring	Warrensburg	night	EM, 4 witnesses	A
41	231	-	Freeman	night	multi-colored lights	D1
<u>1965</u>						
42	6	?	Cave Spring	-	-	D1
43	194	?	Warsaw	night	landing, 2 witnesses	D1
44	7	?	Willard	-	-	D1
45	203	7-4-65	Crestwood	1930	10 wit., hovered, lights on object moved, hovered again	B
46	8	12-?-65	Springfield	-	-	D1

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Solon, Ia., April 9. - The airship was seen north of here about 8:30 last night. It seemed to take a westward course, and was visible for about forty-five minutes, then gradually disappeared to the west. It was viewed by a number of Solon's most prominent business men whose integrity cannot be doubted.

Belle Plaine, Ia., April 9. - The airship that had been mystifying western people has been observed in this county. One of the most reputable physicians of Vinton says that all the members of his family observed the mysterious aerial machine and distinctly heard it swishing through the air. The airship first appeared low down in the southwest about 9 o'clock and could plainly be observed to travel in a swaying manner like a bird flying against the wind, and darting to and fro, would rise up quickly and lower itself with a gently, easy motion and seemed under perfect control of the navigator. It was going in a north-easterly direction.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 9 - The airship was seen here last night.. It was first noticed about 9 o'clock, when it was seen in the northwest heavens at an angle of about 45 degrees. It was moving slowly, and by 10 o'clock had faded from view. At 10:30 o'clock a dispatch from Northwood, in the extreme northern part of the state, said the mysterious ship was due west of there. Here it looked like an immense star, swaying from side to side.

QUINCY MORNING WHIG, April 11, 1897

THE AIRSHIP OVER QUINCY

A Strange Aerial Visitor
Last Night

IT WAS SEEN BY MANY MEN

The Thing Circled Over the City Shortly
After 11 o'clock and Disappeared to the
South-What Wonderful Craft Looked Like

The airship which has been skylarking over Kansas and Iowa for the last week, and was over Chicago Friday night, paid a visit to Quincy last night, and was seen by quite a number of reliable persons. It came down from the north over the river, circled over the city for about fifteen minutes and then disappeared to the south.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when the strange aerial visitor was first seen, and as the night was perfectly clear, with a half moon high in the heavens, the opportunities for observation were all that could be desired outside of daylight. Hundreds of men who were on the streets at that hour saw it, or say they did, and the descriptions of it given by different persons who witnessed it from different points are remarkably similar.

The air ship was first seen by some men on the levee, and at that time it was over the river north of the city, and appeared to be a
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short distance north of the bridge. Their attention was first attracted by a bright white light, and they supposed it to be the searchlight on some steamer coming down the river, especially as there were red and green lights on either side of the white one, but it was so close to the Illinois shore, while the channel and the draw of the bridge are close to the Missouri side, that they watched it, wondering what a steam boat could be doing there. It was flying very low when first seen, but as they watched the light, which occasionally waved from side to side, the thing rose in the air and sailed over Riverview park, or thereabouts. It traveled in an easterly direction for a mile or so, then slowly circled to the south, and then headed to the west again. It swung around until the light from the headlight streamed to the north, and then it started in that direction as if intending to come back over the city along about Eighth street. It proceeded perhaps half a mile, when the thing appeared to change its mind, and stopped. The headlight, which seemed to be backed by powerful reflectors, was waved up and down several times, the smaller lights just back of it were whirled around in a circle several times the same way that a railroad switchman waves his lantern, and then turning suddenly about the thing started off to the south. Its speed must have been tremendous, for in a few minutes it was clear out of sight.

What it was, where it came from or where it went no one knows, but there appears to be no reason to doubt but that it was a veritable airship. Its motions were such that it was manifestly guided by human hands, and moreover it was at times so close to the earth that a tolerably fair view was had of it. At times it did not appear to be more than 400 or 500 feet above the ground, and in the bright moonlight was plainly silhouetted against the clear sky. Men who saw the thing describe it as a long, slender body shaped like a cigar, and made of some bright metal, perhaps aluminum, on which the moonlight glistened. On either side of the hull extending outwards and upwards were what appeared to be wings, and above the hull could be seen the misty outlines of some sort of superstructure, a clear view of which, however, was intercepted by the wings. In the front end of the thing was a headlight, and from the brightness and intensity of the stream of light thrown out it was apparently similar to the searchlights used on steamboats. About midway of the hull were small lights, a green light on the starboard or right hand side, and a red light on the port or left hand side, the same as on smokestacks of steamboats. Several of the men who saw the strange craft said they thought they heard voices coming from it, and from the way the lights were manipulated there were at least three men on it. The aerial navigators certainly had their craft under perfect control, for they sailed in all directions and at varying height.

Men who saw it agree as to the general appearance of the airship, but they differ as to the size of it. One witness said he thought it was about seventy feet long, another put it at twice that size, and still another said it was not more than 50 feet in length.

Whatever it is, Quincy people have seen it, and they want to know more about it. They will when the inventor gets tired of skylarking and decides to let the rest of the world in on his wonderful invention.

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Moving? Be sure to send SKYLOOK your change of address, so you won't miss a copy. Third class mail is not forwarded by the post office.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, member of the SKYLOOK staff, told of local UFO sightings in her talk at the UFO meet at Carlyle Lake (see July and September issues of SKYLOOK) July 18th, and her report follows. We know you will find it interesting.

I have been asked to relate local sightings and circumstances involved. I am happy to do so as there have been many in this area. However, since people are reluctant to reveal what they have seen for fear of ridicule, these sightings are not generally known. I am truly hopeful that soon this condition will change and people will feel more free to report their sightings. I am quite sure that there are many more that have not been reported as yet. People reporting these sightings are honest, sincere, and their integrity is beyond question. I find they are grateful to be able to talk to some one who does not laugh or ridicule them. They are puzzled, quite obviously, and would like to know some answers. As, of course, we, who are so vitally interested in the subject of UFOs would also like to know some concrete answers. Hopefully, true answers will be forthcoming in the near future.

I would like to say at this point, I have never observed a UFO. But --I have never in my life been an automobile accident and we know that they happen all the time. I just haven't been in the right place at the right time. So, one cannot say that they (UFOs) do not exist, simply because we have not seen one ourselves. And next best to seeing one yourself is talking to those who have. Once you have talked to an observer, you cannot help be impressed with their sincerity, obvious puzzlement and desire to know more. Just remember--if you laugh at someone who is telling you what they have seen--YOU may be the next one. And how would you feel if no one believed you?

The first sighting to come to my attention in and around Carlyle took place at Breese, Ill. Four high school students were returning home from a basketball game about 11:30 on the night of Dec. 29, 1967 as nearly as they can remember. It is hard to pinpoint an exact date unless one immediately jots it down for future reference (and incident in case you ever see a strange object in the sky, please do remember mark down the date as this is very important). This interview took place quite sometime later, and, as I said, it is rather hard to be exact under those conditions. The boys were approaching their rural residence when they observed a brilliant light hovering over the barn yard. They stopped the car and got out to better observe the object, but because of the brilliance could not make out details. However, they did detect a low, strange humming sound. The object was observed for approximately 10 minutes, then sped away. In a later talk with one of the young men, I asked if he was frightened and he said, "Yes, I was", and I went back and got into the car, and I could feel the intense heat from the object, even after I was inside the car." I talked to the parents of two of the young men and the father assured me that he was certain his sons had seen what they described and also stated, as I recall, that this "was not the first time that something of this type had been observed." He said they did not like to discuss it, as they had been ridiculed many times after this happened. I can understand their reluctance.

On another occasion a young pre-law student at Murray State Univer-

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Carlyle Sightings (continued)

sity, ready to enter his Junior year, recounted to me the events that took place when he was a Senior in high school. He recalled that he was traveling east on a fairly deserted county road, two miles north of Boulder, the spot where we are now, on a winter evening in 1967. His car windows were closed and he remembers that for some reason he glanced to his left and his attention was attracted to a lighted object approaching. He slowed his car speed and opened the window to better observe the object. When he realized that, quote "it was only half a field away, two telephone pole lengths high, and as large as a four room house with red, white and blue glowing lights." It was so strange that he said he got out of there fast. Feeling apprehensive, he wanted someone else to see also, so he sped up the car and drove quickly to the home of a friend, about a mile and half away from the point of observation. His friend was getting ready for bed and he said, "Hurry, don't put your shoes on, I want you to see this." His friend rushed out in time to see the object going off into the horizon.

The young man stated that he had never before been interested in unidentified flying objects and that he did not report the incident to local authorities or Air Force. He said that he did tell a few of his friends about it and they thought he was some kind of nut, so he didn't talk much about it after that. He recalls that he also heard of more sightings around that time.

Many of you, I am sure, are wondering how these sightings come to my attention. I have never yet been hesitant about expressing my interest in the UFO phenomena, therefore, people who know of my great interest in the subject, come and tell me; or have the persons involved get in touch with me, and they seem genuinely glad to have someone to talk to who does not laugh or ridicule them. Sometimes I wonder if I would be willing to confide my sightings if I had one to anyone other than my friends. And I can think of nothing more devastating than to have my friends not believe me in such an instance. However, I imagine I would not be hesitant, even at the cost of ridicule.

One report that involves me personally came from my son-in-law, who is a very down to earth person and not at all given to fantasy. He had always had very little to say whenever I was expressing views or telling about someone who had seen a UFO, and I always had the feeling that he thought I was a little far out. One time when I went to see them, my daughter said, "Duke, tell Mom what you saw." He hesitated, so she said "Mom, you should have been here," and then proceeded to tell me that he had rushed into the house one night and said, "Faye, either I am going crazy or else there are two of your mother's flying saucers out here!"

He made her go out with him and look; she did not want to, as she felt apprehensive for some reason. Two bright lights were hovering over the garage. Later they disappeared after he had watched them for some time. She said they went back into the house as they "made her nervous"-- needless to say, he has not been a skeptic since. This occurred in North Vernon, Indiana, where also I have had other reports, one from a candidate for sheriff who had happened to hear of my interest. It is understandable that he did not want his name connected with a reported sighting.

As you have no doubt noticed, I have neglected to give names in regards to these sightings so far, as I do not wish to cause embarrassment to persons involved. But now I come to one in which I am permitted by the consent of the person involved to give his name. It took me a

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little while to track down the person in question and to get his full story since he is overseas now, but through his family, I finally just recently received his full report. /// The full report of Marine Corporal Charles J. Brandmeyer, as given to Mrs. Holmes, appeared in the August issue of SKYLOOK, and we will not repeat it here. Mrs. Holmes had this to add, "I talked to the mother and she verified his story. She said that they had thought their son was joking when he rushed into their bedroom and told them, "There is a flying saucer out there." But when they realized he was quite obviously agitated, they went out and they too saw the object hanging in the sky. She said her son did not drink and she was sure he had correctly described what he saw." ///

Car pacing incidents are not rare by any means. Last year in St. Louis a young couple reported that their car had been chased and the object came down to within ten feet over their car. An elderly couple came into the Ladue police station a short time later and said that their car had also been chased by a UFO. Here we have two couples, reporting such an incident in the same evening, and to the same police station.

Another interesting and unusual, or so at least it would seem at first glance, sighting took place January 8, this year, southeast of Carlyle. A young lady, age 25, was returning home from work traveling west on a country road when she observed a round, lighted object appearing to be descending just over the trees of her parents' home where she also lives. She believed it to be a plane in trouble and on arriving home, she asked if they had heard the plane. No one had. They sat down to supper which was ready and after eating, sat down to listen to TV. Suddenly they were startled by a shrill whistle, which they first thought was coming from their TV set, and turned down the volume. The sound did not abate, and the father said, "There is someone out there," and "Who would be crazy enough to be out on a night like this?" Would like to point out that it was an extremely cold night with snow on the ground. The family lives in a rural area with no other houses close. The daughter got up to close the blinds and as she did, they all heard a "weird, most unearthly laugh," as it was described by both mother and daughter. The daughter said, "I thought it was someone laughing because we were frightened." This sound was heard by five people.

As I recall, Jan. 8 was reported to be the coldest night of the year, so considering this being in a rural area, it would tend to rule out pranksters. As the father said again just last Sunday in talking to me, "Who would be crazy enough to get out on a night like that?"

I had never heard before of laughter being involved in the UFO phenomena, but in mentioning it in a letter to one of our researchers, Lucius Farish, he immediately wrote back that he recalled reading of an account where an airplane pilot suddenly found himself on a collision course with a UFO which pulled up at the last possible moment; and as it passed over his plane, he heard weird, unearthly laughter emanating from his radio speaker, which was turned off.

Another of our researchers, David Schroth, sent me a photostatic copy of an account reported to have taken place in the central region of France and in which the physical traces were substantiated by the local French police. The details are lengthy, but laughter was also involved there.

* * * It is gatherings like this that break down ridicule and encourages people who have had a sighting to reveal what they have seen.

Moberly, Mo., Residents Watch Moving Objects

Following is the account of a recent UFO sighting my family and I made while driving west through Rothwell Park in Moberly, Sept. 29, 1970 about 7:10 P.M. My wife called my attention to a bright, white object in the sky heading west. Then it began to hover over the western horizon. Within a few minutes another object appeared from out of nowhere to the right of the first object. All at once the second object vanished, and then one appeared below the first object at some distance. It vanished also. The remaining one (the first one noted) started moving toward the southwest and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

The entire observation lasted about four or five minutes. The objects were as bright as a second magnitude star in the sky. No noise could be heard. My wife and son also saw an object above the first one, and it vanished from sight in a flash.

Credit: Larry Yoder, Moberly, Mo.

Godfrey, Ill. Man Watches Rotating Light

Duane Springman, of Godfrey, Ill., watched an object with two white lights, with a pale red light in the center that seemed to be rotating, Sunday evening, August 9th, 1970, about 11 o'clock. The object was at a very low altitude and soundless--much lower than planes approaching Lambert Field at St. Louis, Mo. The direction of flight was from east to southwest and the object disappeared over Grafton, Ill. (in direction of Lambert Field just across the Mississippi River). Scott AFB was called, but had no answer to explain the visitor.

Source: "Jacksonville Courier," Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 11, 1970.

Credit: Art Epstein, of St. Louis.

Who Goes There?

Editor's note: We like this, as it indicates some of our newspaper editors are thinking, instead of laughing, when objects in the sky is the subject. Lou Farish, sends us this from the "Northwest Arkansas Times", Fayetteville, Ark., Sept. 4, 1970, and we quote:

The matter-of-fact conclusion that several big, white-hot hunks of metal, which bombed down on Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas a few days ago were of Russian origin is in keeping with the basic precepts of Pentagonianism.

A 300-lb. fragment of the stuff which just missed a Beaver County (Okla.) mule as it plummeted to earth, has been inspected by the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo.

NORAD's supposition is in keeping with Cold War policy that bad things are theirs, good things ours. We imagine that if the same hunk of space scrap had impacted in Siberia, the prompt suspicion in Moscow would have been that the stuff had come from an American "spy" satellite.

Either way, we seem to be missing an extremely significant possibility. What if it isn't theirs? And it isn't ours either? What if it came from Way Out Yonder?

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Light and Noise over Arkansas Called Meteor or Space Junk

An unidentified flying object--"probably a meteor or a piece of space junk" was seen over northwest Arkansas about 10 o'clock Thursday night, Sept. 17, this year.

The "Springdale News," Springdale, Ark., reported many residents saw a bright light and heard a shock which sounded like a sonic boom. It was loud enough to rattle windows in Springdale, Berryville, Eureka Springs and several other Northwest Arkansas communities.

At one point, reports stated the object had fallen at Garfield and also at Gravette. But Gravette Marshal Claud Boucher said whatever it was, it was far to the east.

Carroll County Deputy Sheriff Leo Sellers said he had one of the best views of the phenomenon and believed it was going from southwest to northeast. It was very high when it passed over him, he reported.

Sellers was driving his car between Eureka Springs and Berryville about three miles outside of Eureka.

"It was like a flouresent light bulb," he said. "I looked up to my left, there was this thing coming in. It was red and it was large. It appeared to be like a ball and it was a long ways out. It was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed and as it came in, it had a trail of sparks like a comet.

"Then just before it disintegrated it got real white and real bright, and as it disintegrated you could see the pieces."

Sellers said it was high above the light cloud cover and he didn't believe that it hit anywhere in this area. He reported that a truck driver at Monett, Mo., had seen it and said it was north of him.

"If it hit, it was cold when it hit. It probably disintegrated into small pieces, or at least it appeared to," he said.

Boucher, at Gravette, said it was far to the east of him. "It was probably on the other side of Mississippi." He said it was like "one clap of thunder and a streak of lightning. It lit all the clouds a bright orange color."

The Eureka Springs Police Department reported the sighting at 10:03 followed by a loud noise like a sonic boom about a minute later.

At one point there was a report of a helicopter missing in the area. But this did not prove to be true, and as Sellers noted, "that thing sure wasn't any helicopter."

Credit: Lucius Farish.

Cloud from Rocket Lights Up the East

An artificial cloud caused by a rocket launched from Wallops Island, Va., lit up the Eastern sky early Monday, Oct. 5, 1970, and brought inquiries from Portland, Me., to Jacksonville, Fla., the Weather Bureau reported. A spokesman said the rocket, distributed a barium cloud at an altitude of 540 miles.

Credit, Lou Farish. Source: "Arkansas Gazette"

PERSONAL: Your editor frequently receives letters from kind readers who generously offer to send tapes of UFO reports. Since we do not own a tape recorder (the budget just doesn't stretch that far), we cannot take advantage of these offers. But we DO appreciate the thoughtfulness and good will shown. Thank you.

The NATIONAL ENQUIRER continues to feature UFO material with some regularity. As we have mentioned previously, it appears to be the only weekly tabloid which takes the subject seriously and keeps the facts straight. The Oct. 4th issue told of a large, brilliantly-lighted UFO seen by prominent citizens of a West Virginia town. The Oct 11th issue featured UFO researcher Earl Neff and his disclosure regarding an Air Force Academy textbook which contains some very interesting speculations concerning UFOs. Florida UFO researcher George D. Fawcett is spotlighted in the Nov. 1st issue. Fawcett cites a number of injuries which have been caused by UFOs and warns of the danger of close approach to hovering or landed objects.

Another weekly tabloid, the NATIONAL INSIDER, also featured UFOs in their Oct. 18 issue. However, their headlines, "U.S. Finally Admits It. . . Those Flying Saucers Are for Real," certainly were designed to give a false impression. Oh yes, the "saucers" are for real--those unmanned aeroshells used to test a parachute landing system for space probes to Mars--the same ones that got so much publicity a year or two ago because they were saucer-shaped. Willie Shakespeare had the right headline for this--"Much Ado About Northing."

The Nov. issue of FATE contains an interesting, if not too recent, UFO report. Author Jim Kane tells of a strange cloud and a silver disc which rained a mysterious substance on a peach tree in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1965. The owner of the tree was also splattered by the liquid from the cloud/UFO and suffered burns as a result. The peach tree died, was taken away by Air Force representatives and no more has been heard about the matter.

An excerpt from John Keel's UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE appears in article form in the Dec. issue of MALE magazine. Keel presents some of the many sightings which are (or were) reported in local papers around the country; sightings which one learns about only by subscribing to a newspaper clipping service, as they are never carried on the news service wires.

The publishers of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW announced in their July/ August issue that a new magazine, F.S.R. CASE HISTORIES SUPPLEMENT, will now alternate with the bi-monthly issues of F.S.R. The first issue is dated October 1970 and the subscription rates are \$3.40 per year. The address: F.S.R. CASE HISTORIES - 49a Kings Grove - Peckham - London SE15, England. Also, the yearly subscription rates for F.S.R. itself have been raised to \$5.00 per year, but it is still well worth the money.

We consider that Gray Barker has done a good deed by reprinting the late M. K. Jessup's long out of- print book, UFO AND THE BIBLE. Very attractively done in a large, soft cover format, the reprint sells for \$4.95. We know several researchers have tried to find copies of the original edition and have been unsuccessful, so this is a good opportunity to obtain a copy. Later writers on the "UFO and religion" topic have contributed considerably more material, but Jessup's work was the pioneer effort in its field. Now, if only Barker (or someone) would reprint two of Jessup's other books, THE CASE FOR THE UFO and "THE EXPANDING CASE FOR THE UFO. We still consider the former title to be the best UFO book we've ever read.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Argentina Farmers Watch UFO

Brian C. Cannon, of Winnipeg, Canada, writes that he has no local reports of interest, but sends this

one: "I did receive a rather interesting (if not new) report from Argentina that I do not believe has received publicity to date. The sighting occurred on Sept. 22, 1967 at 9:30 p.m. near the town of Rosario, Argentina. Two farm workers observed an extremely large, bright UFO hover for four hours over a field. The object was estimated at 250 feet in diameter and was less than four feet above the ground. Although it was quite dark outside, the intensity of the glow made the surrounding area appear to be in daylight. Four antenna-like protuberances were visible - two longer ones on each side of the sphere and two shorter ones near the center. The object left an area of burnt vegetation and a strong odor of sulphur which was quite evident even two days later.

"Throughout the sighting, a transistor radio ceased to function, although it did operate immediately after the UFO left the vicinity. The Argentine Navy investigated the case and local police later stated that they had no reason to doubt the validity of the account. The size and proximity of the object certainly seems to rule out any plausible explanation. Of course, South America, particularly Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela and Paraguay were inundated with UFO reports from June to December 1967."

UFO Seen Over Power Station in England

"Burton Observer & Chronicle," Burton, England: Policeman William Woodhouse could not believe his eyes on Monday night (Sept. 7, 1970) --- for he saw a brilliant pulsating light in the sky over Drakelow Power Station.

He was not the only one who saw the U.F.O. A group of people in Stapenhill also sighted the light over Drakelow.

Police Constable Woodhouse who was at Burton Turns contacted Burton Police headquarters and reported his sighting. He described it as "a brilliant pulsating light."

Mr. Tony Baxter, whose home is at 17 Cumberland Road, Stapenhill, and some friends also sighted the object. He telephoned the police and told them, "We have just seen something very unusual which can only be described as a UFO."

A theory that the U.F.O. might have been a light at the power station itself was discounted on Tuesday by station superintendent Mr. Dennis Wright. He said that floodlighting on the fuel stockpiles could not have been mistaken for a pulsating light. "That lighting is either on or off," he explained.

Mr. Wright added that the station had a staff-locating system which incorporated flashing coloured lights. "If someone in the station wanted to contact another member of the staff who is not answering the telephone, he can switch over to the light system. But I cannot imagine that anyone could see these lights from any distance. He would have to come right into the station."

Mr. Wright said that he could think of nothing in the operation of the power station which could account for the sightings made, or anything which fitted the description given.

A spokesman at Burton Police Station said on Tuesday that police had visited the power station and made investigations, but no one on the station had seen anything.

The "saucer" was reported to have gone off over Coton-in-the-Elms for there were no further reports of it being seen. (Credit: Lou Farish)

Reports from Other Countries (Continued)

"Evening News," London, England, Aug. 20, 1970: A spate of "flying saucers" have been seen over Luton.

The latest report of an unidentified flying object is from school boys Howard and Robin Sarkar, of Wesbourne Road, Luton, who study the stars through a telescope.

Fifteen-year-old Howard said: "We saw it without the telescope. It was a slow-moving bright light. We watched it for about 10 minutes and at one time it changed course."

On the other side of Luton, Printer Mr. Fred Large said he watched for five minutes as a silent object flew across the horizon. "It looked like a big triangle of white light. It was traveling very fast and it was definitely not an aircraft. In a way I was frightened--I have never really believed in flying saucers, but I know that this object was something out of the ordinary."

Mr. Large wrote down the exact time he saw the object and noted its course. But Luton Airport said the object had not been seen by any duty look-outs, nor had there been any unidentified radar contacts.

"I still don't know what it was that I saw--I only know that it was not an aircraft, and it was moving much too fast to be a balloon," said Mr. Large.

At Woodside, just outside Luton, two women reported that they also saw a big bright light "skimming through the sky."

Mrs. Betty Hunter and her daughter described it as "a blue-white light, like a television screen's light."

And at Eversholt, 10 miles north of Luton, 22 year old Mr. Barry Snoxhall said he saw a bright light, shaped like a rugby ball, hovering in the sky for several minutes. After a time it "shot away at great speed." (Credit: Lou Farish)

Fiery UFO Disintegrates in Transvaal . "Natal Witness," Johannesburg, South Africa, Sept. 18, 1970. An unidentified flying object was seen over the Transvaal last night. It moved from west to east, exploded and disintegrated about 6:30 p.m.

Scores of Johannesburg and Pretoria people who saw the UFO telephoned Sapa's office to say that a fiery object was moving across the Reef at great speed at a very low altitude. All said it glowed brightly and most described it as seemingly "white-hot to pink" and showing a long blue-red tail before it disappeared.

Sapa's correspondent at Louis Trichardt--about 400 kilometres north of Johannesburg--telephoned to report seeing an object and said it passed slightly to the north of the town over the Soutpansberg mountain range. She said a distinct hissing sound was heard.

All callers said the UFO was visible for about half a minute before disintegrating "in lumps."

* * * Mr. A. W. J. Schoeman, of Edenvale, only a few kilometres from Jan Smuts Airport, a man used to watching modern high-flying aircraft, said: "This was no aircraft burning. Coming from the north-west it was heading south-east on a regular path burning like magnesium before breaking in seven equal fragments--and fantastic as this may seem each piece appeared to be just as big as the original object. It was visible for between 30 and 40 seconds."

Mr. Schoeman added that he had been a member of a large party who saw the phenomenon and all agreed on the details.

(Credit: Lou Farish)

With Our UFO Study Groups

UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis

About sixty people attended the 7 P.M. meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Sunday, Oct. 4th. A panel discussion was held consisting of John Schuessler, Walt Andrus, Willard P. Armstrong, William Christian, John Preisack and Art Epstein. John Schuessler, Director of the group, talked about the importance of checking out sightings from as many sources as possible. Walt Andrus, Director of the Midwest UFO Network, spoke of the Network's growth and future. Willard Armstrong gave pointers on what to look for and how to report a UFO sighting. William Christian told of his personal sighting and had his own drawings in color to illustrate. John Preisack, of the McDonnell Planetarium, gave a demonstration showing how a satellite appears to reverse its orbital direction and told many interesting facts about comets and meteorites. Art Epstein spoke on the amount of literature now available for study.

We owe Bill Christian thanks for the professionally executed publicity posters that advertised the meeting. Reported by Art Epstein. Editor's Comment: We add our own thanks to Mr. Christian for the poster advertising SKYLOOK at the meeting. This, along with mention during the program and Rosetta Holmes offering to take subscriptions, resulted in a number of new subscriptions taken at that time--and others are coming in.

Tri-State UFO Study Group

Received too late for last month is the report of the September meeting of the Tri-State UFO Study Group, held at the Walt Andrus home in Quincy, Ill. Mr. Philane, our club's first president and now living in Iowa, was a guest, and we're happy that he is thinking of returning to Quincy and to our group. He gave an interesting account of a 1967 sighting in the Abbington-Galesburg area. Mention was made of a sighting at Columbia, Mo., in August of this year.

Mr. Andrus spoke on the growth of the Midwest UFO Network in which our group participates. Reported by Anita Lavery, Secretary.

Art Epstein on Radio Station KXOK

As a result of Joe Gurney's fine work in getting press releases re the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis to newspapers, radio and TV stations, Art Epstein, Community Relations Representative, was invited to speak on Radio Station KXOK in St. Louis, Saturday morning Sept. 19. He was interviewed by Mort Crowley who, during the interview, told of his own UFO sighting. This was in 1957 when Mr. Crowley, along with a long line of other GI's stood in a chow line at Lowry Air Force Base near Denver, Colo. They saw a very bright, blue-white light on a level flight path east to west, about 4:30 in the afternoon. There was no sound from the object.

John Schuessler on KPLR-TV

John F. Schuessler, Director of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, and State Director of the Midwest UFO Network, was one of three guests on the Bill Field's Show, a 90-minute interview program, Saturday night, Oct. 10, broadcast from KPLR-TV, Channel 11, St. Louis, Mo.

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Mr. Schuessler was given the first segment of the broadcast. The two other guests were Gene Methvin, author of "The Riot Makers" and Allen J. Dickson, candidate for Illinois State Treasurer. Mr. Schuessler received many telephone calls during his appearance, with genuine interest being shown in UFO's. Some asked about the Study Group with the view of membership, and some told of personal UFO sightings. As of the 16th, Mr. Schuessler had received 32 letters as a result of being on the program--and probably as many more by this writing.

Speaking for the Study Group, Mrs. Rosetta Holmes wishes to thank Bill Fields for the invitation extended to Mr. Schuessler. She adds that the Bill Fields program does a fine public service in bringing matters of current interest to the public and she feels it should be a "must" for viewers.

Illinois Newspapers Run Series of Articles on UFO's

Mrs. Rosetta Holmes, of Carlyle, Ill., and a member of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, is writing a series of articles relating to UFO's and individuals and groups investigating same, and they are being published in "The County Journal," of Mascoutah, Illinois, and other newspapers of the area.

As a result of these fine articles, she is almost being swamped with telephone calls, letters and callers --people who have seen unidentified flying objects and who, until now, have failed to report what they have seen--either for fear of ridicule or because they didn't know who would be interested.

With much of the news media giving coverage only to the "kook" aspect of reported sightings, we can all appreciate it is a "giant step forward" when ufology is treated with respect instead of laughter. Rosie is doing fine work and we congratulate her and the Illinois newspapers for promoting interest in a subject too long neglected.

We should mention here that one newspaper published a report of the Carlyle meeting in July, giving Ye Ed a by-line--and through some error gave us another by-line for one of Mrs. Holmes' articles. She told us to "forget" about making the correction, but we believe in not giving credit where credit is due.

As space permits, we hope to use some of her articles in future issues of SKYLOOK, as we know all of our readers will find them well worth reading.

TO OUR REPORTERS: Do remember that your copy for the "next" issue of SKYLOOK must reach us by the 20th of THIS month. After the morning mail of the 20th, we cut the stencils for the last page or two of the next edition of SKYLOOK and run off the mimeograph pages. Then we start assembling the magazine, stapling each one, folding over, stapling shut, adding the address label and stamp, so we can get it in the mail no later than the 27th. If your copy reaches us on the 21st, that is too late--it will have to be held over a month. Don't wait until the 20th to MAIL your report--it must reach us on the 20th. Earlier, if possible. Please.

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BEFORE

By Lucius Farish

No. 8 in a series of pre-1947 UFO sightings.

The following appears to have been printed originally in some religious magazine, but the exact source is unknown. The article was headed "A Phenomenon" and was written by Elder W. J. Bursell, of Rose Creek, Minnesota:

"In all the signs seen in the heavens, in these last days, that I have seen any account of, I have never seen the following in print. I think it worthy of notice, happening, as it did, on the night of the great disappointment in Father Miller's time, Oct. 22, 1844*, and is described by an eye-witness as follows:

"The evening was calm and beautiful; all nature seemed to rest after the labor of the day was past; the stars shone out clear and bright; not a leaf seemed to stir; it appeared as though God had spoken to all nature to hush and give audience to Him that was about to speak from the skies. At about ten o'clock there appeared in the northern hemisphere a strange cloud. It stood like a great arch, resting its pillars on the earth, while a magnificent circle towered into the heavens. The upper and lower sides of the cloud had a silver living that increased in brightness, and from this bright circle proceeded innumerable jets of flame. These pillars of fire, leaving their position in the north, commenced to move forward like a grand army and filled the whole hemisphere in every direction. They appeared to touch the earth, and move upon its surface with their base, while their heads reached far up into the heavens, and in connection with their movement there issued from them a strange sound, and while they moved back and forth, sometimes passing between me and others that viewed the sight, we could even feel the moving of the warm air as it brushed by us. Some of the people were terrified, believing that the day of judgment had come. We watched it all night until toward morning, when it arose up from the earth and finally disappeared.

"This was seen in Canada East, about thirty miles south of Montreal.

* The reference to the "great disappointment" refers, I believe, to a prophecy made by "Father Miller" concerning the end of the world. He was apparently the founder of the Millerite religious sect.

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Reader Comments

Mike Bohrer, Columbia, Mo. "You've got a great magazine going. I'm really glad you printed Jerry Johnson's letter in response to 'Hello, Down There.' It was great."

Francis H. Rittenhouse, Huntington, Ind. "I am not impressed by the hollow earth theory... however, considerable evidence seems to indicate a rather unorthodox phenomenon in the South Pole region. This large temperate green area there could be caused by shallow thermal activity. I think of Mt. Erebus volcano in that region."

Orestes Wilson, Reading, Pa. "Your #33 issue sure was good. I like to hear about Mr. UFO, good old Dr. Hynek. Will look for more comment by Dr. Hynek. Best to all in St. Louis."

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