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Seattle, Washington
(Times)

Burning Object In Sky Is Mystery

A brightly burning object was seen streaking across the sky of the Puget Sound area shortly after 6 a. m. today, but there was no immediate explanation what it was.

It was reported by residents of Seattle, Bellevue, Bainbridge Island, Federal Way and other communities. Most agreed that it was at fairly low altitude and appeared to have blazing pieces dropping from it.

John Engstrom, a United Press International newsman here, described it as a

"beautiful white-hot ball of fire with huge chunks breaking off the edges."

A motorist near Snoqualmie Pass said it looked like an airplane which had caught fire and exploded. The State Patrol made a brief search of the area west of the summit but found no trace of a crashed airplane. The Federal Aviation Administration reported no planes were missing or overdue.

A man out jogging near his Bellevue area home said it looked like a meteorite or a piece of debris from a satellite.

Dawson Creek P.R.B. News

British Columbia

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Many witness UFO

—Peace River Record Gazette

An unidentified flying object was sighted north of Hines Creek July 16 and was witnessed by a number of district residents.

Mrs. Steve Tachit, who lives on a farm 14 miles southwest of Hines Creek, said a neighbor phoned her and told her about an object moving from north to east in the sky.

She said she went into the yard and sighted an object which appeared to be large and white to the naked eye. The time was 8:40 p.m.

The object was "floating gently east" and moved so slowly that movement was difficult to discern.

The Tachit family later observed the object through binoculars and a rifle telescope. Mrs. Tachit said the object then appeared to be brown, with large, scallopy convolutions. There was no obvious mode of propulsion.

Mrs. Tachit was unable to estimate the distance from which she observed the object, but it was visible for miles around.

"It sort of had us puzzled," Mrs. Tachit said.

Sept. 4, 1969
Pendleton, Ore.
(E. Oregonian)

UFO reported

HERMISTON — City police reported a sighting of a large unidentified flying object about 4:30 a.m. today north of Hermiston. The police officers said the object appeared to be about a third the size of the moon and "was giving off a lot of light and appeared to be moving in the direction of Pendleton."

The officers said the object appeared to be at an elevation of 5,000 to 10,000 feet and a ball of light fell from the object as it moved through the sky during the five minutes it was visible.

Hermiston police were alerted by the sheriff's department at Goldendale, Wash., when the UFO was sighted in that area.

Aug 19, 1969
Roseburg, Ore.
(News-Review)

New UFO Sighting Reported Monday

Another UFO sighting was reported to the Sheriff's office Monday night.

Marvin Craft, 2681 Landers Lane, Roseburg, called the office about 11 p.m. and reported he and four other persons sighted the object with lights of red, green and white.

The sighting, they said, was over Mt. Nebo, and the object was moving toward Winston. They watched with binoculars.

Sept. 5, 1969
Yakima, Washington
(Republic)

Officers keep eyes on UFO

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Law enforcement officers in Oregon and Washington kept watch Thursday morning on what they called an unidentified flying object.

The object was first seen at 4 a.m. by John Magill, a Wasco County deputy sheriff who was driving from The Dalles, east of Portland, to Maupin. Magill said he saw an oblong, brilliant light about the size of a flashlight in the sky to the east. He said it moved northerly at low speed.

Law officers in Hermiston, Ore., and Goldendale, Wash., 30 miles north of The Dalles, also said they saw the object.

The object was visible for more than an hour before it disappeared, the officers said.

Aug 8, 1969
Vancouver, Wash.
(Columbian)

FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED

An unidentified flying object was seen Thursday night by Ronald A. Sill of Rt. 2, Box 122, Ridgefield, he told the sheriff's office.

Sill said he saw a ball of light land on a hill about three miles from his place, but a sheriff's deputy who investigated said he was unable to find anything. There were no other reported sightings.

Two-Way Space Visits

It is entirely possible that the earth may have been visited by astronauts from other planets. This opinion is not confined to U.F.O. buffs and science-fiction magazines; it was expressed recently by a very reputable space scientist who is also a medical doctor and worked for several years in a mental hospital.

Hermann Oberth, father of the V-2 rocket along with Wernher von Braun, and one of the experts in the U.S. space programme, for some years, said recently: "I am most satisfied by the hypothesis that we are dealing with flying machines. So far other plausible explanations have not been found. If we accept this as a working hypothesis we also have to assume that these flying machines are not built by human beings. We cannot produce machines that fly as the U.F.O.s do — for example, at speeds of more than 42,000 miles per hour measured by radar."

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This is enough backing, surely, to make us think seriously about the possibility of visits to the earth from space. If we can do it, in other words, what makes us think "they" can't?

Another U.F.O. report is received

Another report has been received of an Unidentified Flying Object seen in the sky over Merritt this week and it would be interesting to know if anyone else saw it and what it looked like to them.

Mrs. A. Patenaude of 1913 Parker Drive informed the Herald that she had seen a bright colored object in the sky at about 8 or 8:30 p.m. which took less than a couple of minutes to move across from horizon to horizon in an east to west direction, it was travelling so fast, she said.

Although it was travelling at a high rate of speed, she said she she could see it quite clearly and she described it as bright colored, large and round with a

colored vapour, like fire, coming out the back end, and she could see fins on the back end. She guessed it was driven by fuel of some type though it didn't make a sound "perhaps because it was too high for me to hear it."

She said she had run quickly to see if some of her neighbours were out in their yard so she could tell them but by the time she did, the object was going down into the western horizon and wasn't as clearly defined, though there was a car passing by on the street at the same time, Mrs. Patenaude said, and she was sure the occupants had seen the strange object too.

Mrs. Patenaude said this was the first time she had ever seen anything like this and was totally convinced it was a UFO. "It certainly wasn't a star as there wasn't a star in the sky at the time" she added emphatically.

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July 14, 1969

Couple Chased By UFO

Car Buzzed
On Road
To Petawawa

PETAWAWA (Staff) — Still obviously shaken by his experience, 47-year-old Edgar Paquette of Petawawa told reporters Sunday afternoon he had been chased by an unidentified flying object 12 hours earlier while driving on the Black Bay Road.

His description of a strange white light moving through the sky between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. was verified by at least 10 persons including three policemen.

OPP constables Jack McKay and Grant Chaplin arrived at Petawawa at 3.20 a.m. to investigate reports that a woman had been terrified by a bright light moving in the sky.

Const. McKay said it was not a star.

"This was really bright, mister," he said. "There wasn't another thing in the sky at the time and it was daylight before it disappeared."

He and Const. Chaplin kept the light in view for 38 minutes as it travelled southeast at a high altitude. Driving to Pembroke, from Petawawa, the policeman lost sight of the UFO when their line of vision was cut by trees.

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From Page One

At 3.30 a.m. Mr. Paquette, a civilian employee of National Defence Department, was driving to Petawawa from Black Bay when his attention was drawn to the light by a female companion from Pembroke.

She thought it was a falling star.

"It was no falling star and it was following us," Mr. Paquette said Sunday afternoon. "I always thought I had guts, but I was never so scared in my life."

He said the Petawawa River, paralleling the road, was "lit up like day."

Convinced that the light "was aimed right at us," he turned off the car headlights.

The oncoming light appeared to hesitate.

Opening a car door, Mr. Paquette realized he had made a mistake when the roof light automatically switched on.

That was when the UFO descended to within 60 feet of the ground.

"I got out and started signalling with my flashlight and this rig started to come for us."

'CAME AT US AGAIN'

He said it appeared to be eight feet in diameter and equipped with two "legs."

Terrified, he jumped into the car and drove to the nearest house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Chartrand.

"My friend got hysterical and ran away yelling 'Have you got a phone? My God, have you got a phone?'" he said.

"I finally got her in the car to drive her home after telling her that if we were going to get it we were going to get it."

At home, the light hovering above the house, he awakened his son, Sam, 17, and daughter Gloria Ann, 14.

The four of us droye as far as the gate and the light came down at us again," Mr. Paquette said.

"It didn't bother us after that but Gloria Ann had run back in the house, she was so scared."

Having telephoned police, Mr. Paquette and others watched the light from Highway 17 in Petawawa Village.

Among those who witnessed the light were Pte. Edward Cresswell, a military policeman from Base Petawawa, and Blaine Grace, James Pitt and

Larry Romain, all from the village.

The object did not show on radar screens at Canadian Forces Station, Foymount, 32 miles south of Petawawa.

"Lights of that sort reported before have never shown on radar," said public relations officer Capt. William Mantell.

"We received a verbal report from provincial police and forwarded it to North Bay."

The Foymount message was the only report of a UFO sighting received at RCAF Station North Bay, a station spokesman said.

Ridgetown Dominion, Ont.

Circ. 2,462

August 7, 1969

Unidentified flying object spotted by local family

The evening of Wednesday, July 30, was a very exciting one for John Papenborg and his family who live at 28 Marsh Street, Ridgetown. They sighted an "unidentified flying object".

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Papenborg was working in his back yard when his attention was suddenly attracted by a bright object in the sky directly south of town. The object was a considerable distance away and seemed to "hover" in one spot. Periodically it appeared to flutter or wobble. The upper area was a golden colour and a dome or blister on the bottom was black.

Unable to distinguish the identity of the craft Mr. Papenborg called to his wife and son Sidney who were in the house at the time. They each came out and had no difficulty in sighting the strange phenomenon.

Suddenly, the object of their attention turned partially on its

Kolowna Courier, B.C.

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Wonder there have been so many flying saucer (UFO) sightings in this area in the past few years. The August issue of a mass - circulation national magazine suggests the saucers are Canada's secret weapon, courtesy of the British, and located in B.C., somewhere in a 125,000-square-mile area, which stretches from the Peace River country to the U.S. border. Perhaps the writer would be wise to check such things as the Rutland "sighting hoax".

side and began to move away to the south-southeast at a speed greater than that of any conventional airplane or jet craft.

There were no lights, sounds or vapour trail emanating from the object. While on its side it appeared oval in shape and dark in colour with the black dome located in the center of the bottom.

The startled family watched the "craft" disappear in the southeast.

Mr. Papenborg said that the duration of the sighting was one to one and a half minutes and was clearly seen by the three of them.

Fireball Of 1912

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Sir: I wonder if there is any record of people seeing what and broke up into dull - red pieces.

Ottawa meteorological services called "a spectacular fireball" in August, September, or October 1912 in north-eastern and eastern New Brunswick? Several minutes later I heard a rumbling concussion. The meteorological services say it is probable a meteor fell in northern New Brunswick but they have no record of it.

At that time I was with a survey party camped at McGivney Junction. About 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. one evening, I saw what started as a "shooting star," turn suddenly into a big, brilliant ball nearly as large as a full moon. It had a long, ribbon-like tail behind it sailing silently in an arc across the sky, south to north.

When it got well to the north it suddenly dimmed down

A friend of mine who comes from New Brunswick said that members of his family have some recollection of something that exploded and shook up houses, and scared people thoroughly.

Do any of your readers recall this?

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SEVERAL SAY THEY SAW "CIGAR" IN SKY

Officials Can't Explain UFO

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There is no apparent explanation for an unidentified flying object seen by several Moose Jaw adults and a number of children Sunday evening.

Brent Gibson, 13, of 1185 Duffield Crescent, said today the object was seen in the northwest Sunday night at about 8:20.

"It appeared like a flat silver disc and it was going slowly to the northwest," the Grade 9 student said.

"You could see it change into a shiny ball as it got farther away." The ball was also silver except for some orange coloring, he said.

He ran into the house for a camera and when he returned, the object was gone. But there were two streaks of black smoke in the west forming a triangle.

Children from the neighborhood were watching the object and Brent said Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Karza of 1183 Duffield Crescent were watching the object

from their car on another street. The Karza family was not available for interview.

Mrs. Richard Gibson, the boy's mother, said she saw the object and described it as "cigar-shaped."

She said Brent went out for a walk with his brother and came running in and said there was a flying saucer. She didn't believe him until his sister went out and said she saw it too.

She described the object "as sort of cigar-shaped and it was up there for quite a while. It moved slowly and zigzagged and it wouldn't go too far at once."

A short while later a jet came from the east and headed west towards the spot where the object had been.

The object, which turned into a ball with orange coloring, disappeared by the time she could convince her husband to come out.

By that time two trails of

smoke had appeared in the sky — one moving from the southwest to the northeast and almost forming a triangle with one from the southwest and moving straight down, she said.

The object had been moving too slowly and stopping and moving to be an airplane, she said.

Department of transport air traffic control supervisor at Regina said the radar log showed no reports of UFOs or strange activity at the time Sunday night.

The weatherman at Canadian Forces Base said there was some meteorite activity Sunday night but not until much later than the sighting. He did not know of anything else.

Base Information Officer Maj. D. V. Tinson said there were no CFB aircraft flying last night at the time of the sighting nor were any sightings recorded at the base.

Aug 3, 1969

Roseburg, Oregon

(News-Review)

More UFO Sightings Reported In Area

In the third sighting of unidentified flying objects in the Roseburg area within a week, Teresa Smith, 17, said she saw more than 20 flashing red, white and blue lights over the Callahan Mountains and the city of Roseburg.

Teresa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, of Rt. 4, Box 660, said she stood outside for more than an hour watching the objects through her binoculars.

She said she called her mother and that the two of them saw "one moving real fast, with red lights." She said "two more appeared. The lowest one," said Teresa, "had a real bright red light."

She said she saw about eight of the objects over Roseburg. "There were a whole series of

them," she said, and added that often one of the objects would leave and another one would "move in."

Mrs. Smith later called and said her daughter has bad vision and there were actually only five flying objects. She said she knew of these, since she was standing with her daughter outside when the two of them saw the lights.

According to Mrs. Smith, the lights were only flying over the Callahans.

Douglas County sheriff's deputies, who responded to the call at about 10:30 p.m. Thursday night, said nothing was found in the area and nothing could be seen in the area at that time.

Other sightings were on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Another Round In The Flying Saucer Debate

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS by Robert Chapman (170 pages, Ryerson, \$5.95). Reviewed by Herman Bininda.

It all started on June 24, 1947 in the state of Washington. That was the day of the first recorded sighting of an UFO or Flying Saucer and it could well be that this otherwise very normal day could become very important for the human race.

Man, when the chips are down, usually looks for help from the outside and at a time like ours, religion is not the only consolation in times of stress. And so it is understandable that many people set their hopes on those flying objects, which quite likely originate from another world. If they exist and are not merely figments of someone's imagination, they must have been constructed by a much advanced race, which could, it is suggested, help us to overcome our problems on earth.

Governments so far flatly deny any connection between Unidentified Flying Objects and other stars, or them UFOs, as they are generally called, are fantasies, or wrong observations. For example, there

was the case of J. B. W. Brooks, a former Comet flight administration officer with BOAC, who claimed to have observed a UFO for more than twenty minutes. The Royal Air Force explained the sighting was due to a "floater" — a minute particle of dead cells in the eye of Mr. Brooks.

Robert Chapman, science correspondent for The Sunday Express in England, is himself a partisan of the Flying Saucers but this doesn't side-track him from following all reports about sightings in a truly professional manner. He collected all kinds of information, interviewed people who had seen the objects, then worked his way through all this material to eliminate obvious forgeries and hoaxes, and came out with a clear-cut piece of responsible journalism. Of course, he is biased, but he doesn't pound the reader with "Yes, Virginia, there are little green (or blue or red or any other colored) men." Instead, he leads the reader to do a little reasoning on his own. And which side of the two camps sounds more convincing: a respected honest man, a former Intelligence Officer and airline-officer, and many men considered sane enough to pilot airplanes with many

people on board or, on the other side, official which explains the sightings away with "floating particles" or daydreams?

But, to be fair, what would happen if the government would come out into the open and decide well we believe in UFOs and they are quite likely from outer space. To call the reaction of the people to such a statement by the authorities mass-hysteria and panic, would be the understatement of the year.

Mr. Chapman doesn't try to give a once-and-all explanation of this very complex affair. He selected material concerning the subject, and contrives his own experiences and opinions in a clean, professional, and not overly-emotional manner: a journalist. His personal opinions are there, but they are not disturbing. They are useful for rounding picture and take the edge off the highly-slanted official statements issued by many countries, including Russia.

The present book should be read by all people interested in UFOs, no matter if they are pro or con, because it shows a very objective approach to the unknown and unexplainable.

Our secret weapons are flying saucers it says right here

Argosy magazine has this provocative headline plastered across the cover of its August issue:

Flying Saucers Are Canada's Secret Weapon

According to a former "undercover agent" named Renato Vesco who is in the employ of the Italian government, Canada has flying saucer bases and factories in British Columbia.

They are "underground" and "hidden in the primeval forests," says the ex-spy who is listed in Argosy as a "specialist in aerospace . . . and currently attached to the Italian air ministry."

Fortunately, Canada's flying saucers "mean no harm, and Washington knows this." That's why American pilots are told to hold their fire when they spot one, claims Vesco.

Anyway, now we know the green face sticking out of a flying saucer isn't Martian. It's only an airsick Canadian.

At least that's Argosy's story.

No silver lining

It goes without saying that everyone from B.C. to Newfoundland was delighted to learn that something in this country is going up besides taxes.

However, every cloud doesn't have a silver lining.

If it's ever confirmed that Canada does have flying saucers, you can imagine some of the reactions you'll read about. . . .

OTTAWA (CP)—David Lewis of the NDP revealed today he would question Prime Minister Trudeau about working conditions in Canada's flying saucer industry.

"I've been told that non-union labor is involved in the manufacture of the saucers," Lewis charged.

"If that's the case, I will recommend an immediate boycott of all flying saucers by the labor movement."

"Management is obviously prepared to go to any heights to exploit the worker," he stated.

TORONTO (CP)—Radio station CFRB announced today it had placed an order for two flying saucers to be used during the rush hour to report on Ontario traffic conditions.

TORONTO (Staff)—Radio station CHFI plans to order three flying saucers, it was reported late this afternoon.

Hotbed of sin

QUEBEC CITY (UPI)—Premier Bertrand accused the federal government of locating its flying saucer factory 2,800 miles west of an ideal location.

"That plant should be on the outskirts of Montreal," he said. "This is just more proof of the anti-French feeling in this country."

VANCOUVER (Special)—Dr. Morton Shulman hinted in a speech here that Canada's flying saucer establishment is a hotbed of sin.

"My information is that flying saucer pilots are fooling around with nurses in the base hospital," Dr. Shulman revealed. "It's disgusting."

WINNIPEG (CP)—Psychiatrists report a drop in business across the country and blame it on the flying saucer industry.

"People who see flying saucers no longer rush to their psychiatrist as they once did," a spokesman for the profession complained. "Now they rush to the camera store for movie film."

TORONTO (Staff)—Canada will no longer have to worry about its flying saucer industry. E.P. Taylor announced today that he had sold it to a Los Angeles firm for \$578 million.

Speech To Question Existence Of UFOs

A prominent U.S. astronomer well known for his stand against Unidentified Flying Objects will argue his point of view at the Calgary Centennial Planetarium Thursday.

Dr. Donald H. Menzel of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, will elaborate on his opinion that UFOs are myths.

This viewpoint is in opposi-



DR. DONALD MENZEL
... speaks against UFOs

tion to the views of former speakers in the planetarium guest lecture series, such as Dr. R. L. Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, who spoke in favor of the existence of UFOs earlier in the year. Dr. F. B. Salisbury, of Utah State University, another speaker in the public lecture series, also argued for UFOs.

Dr. Menzel is a former director of Harvard College Observatory. At present he is research scientist on the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory staff, a swell being Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy and professor of Astrophysics at Harvard University.

The lecture at the planetarium begins at 8 p.m.

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What's So Odd About UFOs?

It is entirely possible that the earth may have been visited by astronauts from other planets. This opinion is not confined to U.F.O. buffs and science-fiction magazines; it was expressed recently by a very reputable space scientist who is also a medical doctor and worked for several years in a mental hospital.

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—(Kingston Whig-Standard)

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The Weeklies Report

Wingham Advance-Times

Time For The Truth--Talking with Ted Rowcliffe of Kincardine, a former staff member at The Advance-Times, we listened with interest to his account of a recent UFO sighting. People in the lakeshore area have reported seeing unidentified flying objects on numerous occasions for the past couple of years. The one to which Ted referred was seen a few weeks ago as a bright, stationary light in the northern sky. He lost no time getting to the home of a friend who has made his own six-inch telescope.

According to his description,

the view through this powerful telescope revealed a tubular object with brilliant orange lights around its outer framework. It hovered for a considerable time in one position and then flashed away in a wink.

Official answer to queries about this particular UFO was that the object was a weather balloon which made little sense since it was seen from such widely separated points as Kincardine and Collingwood. It would have been a monstrous weather balloon to be visible over such a wide area.

The question of unidentified flying objects remains one of the most puzzling in this age of vast scientific knowledge. How interesting it would be to hear the opinions of Messrs Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins on this subject.

With a successful mission to the moon just completed, the possibility of extra-terrestrial visitors does not seem quite so far-fetched as it did a few years ago. Nor do we have any real justification for our belief that earth is the only planet in this endless universe which can support the doubtful blessing of intelligent life.

No, we don't ask you to be-

lieve that the strange lights in the sky are necessarily little green men from another world. All we suggest is that any human being who does not keep an open and inquisitive mind about such matters hardly belongs in this age of great and

MANY 'EXPLANATIONS'

Light Streak Across Sky Stirs Speculation

BY DOUG SHUIT
Times Staff Writer

Nobody was sure what it was, but the streak of light Tuesday night was sighted as far east as Grand Junction, Colo.; north of San Francisco and in Los Angeles County, where speculation ranged from flaming aircraft to flying saucers.

However, an Aeronautics Administration spokesman said, "It was probably 'space garbage' or a meteorite."

Switchboards at police, fire and airport facilities began lighting up about 8:30 p.m., slightly more than an hour after the glowing exhaust trail of a Minuteman II missile had been sighted streaking across western skies.

Looked Like 'Jetliner'

One caller said he was sure the second sighting was a Boeing 707 jetliner afire. Another thought it was a propeller-driven transport plane with one engine on fire. Others thought it was a flying saucer.

Traffic jams were reported throughout Los Angeles County as motorists stopped cars, got out and peered skyward at the spectacular light show.

Two motorcycle officers said they were forced to stop at 65th St. and Broadway Ave., halted by motorists who were watching the display.

One said it looked like a "burning ball of phosphorus trailing red sparks." The other thought it was a DC3 afire.

At the Hollywood Bowl, "oohs and ahs" rippled through the audience as the fireball passed overhead.

Perhaps the best explanation of the phenomenon came from Hamilton Air Force Base in northern California.

They said the object was on the same course as a Soviet rocket section which radar had shown to be circling the earth in a decaying orbit.

The spacecraft had probably been used to launch an earlier satellite and had been followed by radar stations throughout the western United States, it was reported.

'Space Garbage'

It was explained that such sections of spacecraft become "space garbage" after they disengage from the main bodies of the craft.

Friction causes "space garbage" to burn up after it reenters the earth's atmosphere.

Air Force radar tracked the object down California's Central Valley to Southern California, where it veered east toward Arizona.

The object was sighted over Southern California as it traveled in a south-southeast direction.

A South Pasadena woman said it was "very white and bright with a tail of sorts." She said she watched it for about 5 seconds until it appeared to "quietly break apart, one large light followed by three of four smaller divisions"

News-Press
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Motorist reports a falling object

Officials at Auburn called off a search about three hours after a motorist had reported to a filing station operator there that he had seen what appeared to be an airplane going down somewhere between Auburn and Nebraska City and U.S. 73-75 and the Missouri river.

The motorist was not identified.

It was determined that no planes were reported missing by military or civil authorities.

A plane from Offutt Air Force Base was dispatched to the scene but no wreckage was found.

Nemaha County Deputy Sheriff Gerry Daffer said that another report was received about the same time regarding a falling object.

The deputy said the object could have been a meteorite.

NEW CASTLE, PENNA.

News (e) 23,326

AUG 27 1969

No flying saucer But, it certainly was wierd

It may or may not have been a flying saucer, but it was certainly weird.

About 1:30 a.m. today 19-year old Kathy Elias, of 1407 Delaware Ave., spotted something strange in the northeast corner of the sky and when she told her mother about it her mother accused her of being a "kook" — until she saw it for herself.

"It was like a bright star," Kathy described the object later this morning." She also said the thing moved in the sky.

Mrs. Elias explained that she was surprised to notice the object changing shapes. "At first it was like a diamond, then it

became elongated." Her husband James said its shape appeared to be a cone.

Once before Kathy sighted a strange object in the sky, but it was in a different part of the city. It was during the early part of summer and the object looked like a falling star at first. But after it fell awhile, it began climbing, she said.

Mrs. Elias doesn't believe she is "seeing things." A few of the boys in the neighborhood who sleep outside at night have noticed similar phenomenon. She said they have seen it quite often, sometimes as much as twice a week.

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CALL OF FIRE
Several Galt and district residents report seeing a bright ball of fire which appeared early this morning on the horizon in the Puslinch Lake area. Mrs. Arthur Comeau, 13 Harris St., reports her husband was nearly blinded by the bright object as he sighted it from the Kayson Plastics plant where he works in Preston, about 1:30 a.m.

UFO Sightings Not Explained

Dear Sir:

No matter what doubts one has regarding the authenticity of the periodical sightings of unidentified flying objects, it is pretty difficult to accept the prompt and unequivocal refutations of these sightings by certain scientists and authoritative bodies.

Scientists have not been able to explain every UFO they investigated, and any suggestion that UFO's are not visitors from outer space is nonsense. Man has demonstrated that he can board the moon. In the face of this feat how is it that we can shrug our shoulders when UFOs are mentioned?

A few hundred years ago those individuals who suggested the world was round were being listed as crackpots. When it comes to UFOs we seem to be getting a like reaction, with the so-called intelligentsia scoffing and scorning the sightings of mysterious objects in the sky.

Perhaps the whole thing is nothing but a chain of unusual tricks of nature. Maybe they are marsh vapors. Maybe they are all optical illusions. But, what if maybe they are things which have been sighted which are none of these things? If they are not flying saucers, what are they? Of more than 10,000 sightings reported 646 still remain unexplained.

However quick the scientists and the American Air Force are to come up with plausible explanations of the UFO sightings, there is still much that is not yet explained.

When the Russians orbited in space they scoffed that they had not seen God in the heavens. There are many people who talk with equal stupidity about things which to them are mysterious and unknown, things which escape human comprehension. The Russians couldn't see God because, like many of us, they looked with unseeing, unbelieving eyes. Maybe the same could be said of the intelligentsia when it comes to unidentified flying objects.

E. C. IRVINE

Aug 14, 1969
Myrtle Creek, Ore.
(Mail)

LETTERS To The Editor

DEPT. OF THE AIR FORCE
408TH COMBAT SUPPORT
SQUADRON (ADC)
KINGSLEY FIELD
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON
97601

To: Myrtle Creek Chamber of Commerce

All members of the Kingsley Field Memorial Volunteers Drill Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind hospitality you and the members of the community extended to us prior to, during and after the parade on 26 July 69. Your friendliness and helpfulness will be long remembered by the group.

It is always a relief and pleasure to know that we have friends away from home while on these trips. Your spirit and courtesy certainly had a good effect on the morale of the members of the group. We are proud that while in Myrtle Creek we are among the best of friends.

May we remain honored and friends forever.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE KINGSLEY MEMORIAL VOLUNTEERS
/S/ CECIL T. REEVES
CECIL T. REEVES, SSGT, USAF
Drill Team Leader

As concerns the UFO as seen by many people of Douglas county, Oregon near midnight of July 31, 1969:

At about 11:50 p.m., I opened an east window of my home located at 145 N E Broadway in Myrtle Creek and looked out. I immediately saw four brightly lighted vehicles moving in a northerly direction. I called my wife and two granddaughters and we watched the objects or vehicles through high-powered binoculars . . . they were moving rather slowly and not very high.

At first there were four of them flying in a loose formation but one of them suddenly speeded up and rapidly disappeared up and to the north and east. Another one made a high loop in the sky and turned south to immediately disappear. The remaining two proceeded on north and out of sight over the mountains.

I have often watched planes in flight in the same general locality, and near the same direction.

I would estimate that these vehicles were flying at about seven thousand feet, and that the one that made the loop went to a height of about twelve thousand feet and returned to not over two thousand feet from the ground. It then rapidly rose to ten or twelve thousand feet and disappeared to the south.

There were no other air borne vehicles in hearing or in sight and very few cars, if any, passing near my home at this time. My binoculars are 20x50 power and bring things in clear and close. It is my estimate that at least the two that proceeded on their way north very slowly were at least two hundred feet long and brightly lighted along their full length, not just running lights as our planes are lighted. And too, there was absolutely no sound of a motor, piston or jet. They were silent to us here at the distance they were away from us. I would estimate that distance at not over two miles.

I know that these vehicles were not the conventional type of aircraft, for any and all of our craft are very noisy and can be heard much farther than they can be seen with any sort of glasses. They were not jets flying ahead of their sound, for as I have stated they were flying rather slowly and long after they were gone here still was no sound of piston or jet.

I would give my oath on the truth of the above statement.

/S/ A. L. TOMISON

Telegraph-Journal
Saint John, N.B.
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Other views on the news:

Cover-up on UFO's?

(Canadian UFO Report)

When we started publication of Canadian UFO Report we hoped to avoid the accusation that the federal government was being deliberately secretive about whatever unexplainable evidence it had concerning UFO sightings. Around the world the charges of a cover-up campaign in various countries have been worked to death. Some writers apparently resort to this approach when they have nothing else to say.

We are now going to leave ourselves vulnerable to the same criticism but the truth must be said. There is some kind of agreement among authorities at Ottawa that the public will not be told all that is known there about unidentified flying objects. The handling of the Falcon Lake case which is being described in serial form for our readers by Brian Cannon of Winnipeg leaves no doubt on this score.

In February it looked as if at last the secrecy surrounding this case was about to be lifted. After repeated tries Barry Mather, NDP MP for Surrey, obtained the Government's promise in the House of Commons that it would table its reports on the incident — in other words, make them available to any members interested.

Spokesman for the government was Yves Forest, parliamentary secretary to the president of the Privy Council, who said, "We would be ready to table a complete file immediately." But there was this curious qualification:

"It is a complete file from which a

few pages have simply been removed. They are interdepartmental reports or others originating from officials who may have expressed opinions which in no way affect the nature of the file and the publication of which would not be in the public interests."

And there went the ball game. The file that was finally handed to Mr. Mather after still more talking is virtually meaningless. It consists mostly of a reprint of a booklet by the witness, Steve Michalak, newspaper reports, and pictures of the sighting area. The only finding mentioned is that the soil in the area showed a radiation count. This, however, is attributed to a radium source.

Although articles worn by Michalak at the time were examined in the RCMP crime laboratory at Ottawa, there is no mention of results. There is reference to odd pieces of metal found by Michalak at the site a year later, but here again the information trails off despite this comment by an investigator: "Should this be a hoax, someone is going to considerable effort to perpetrate same."

Obviously the few pages of the report that were "simply" removed contained the meat of the matter. Obviously, too, they raised questions the authorities could not answer — or why the secrecy?

In our opinion the continuing silence is evidence itself that the incident was no hoax and that Michalak did have an encounter explainable in no terms with which we are familiar.

Astronomer Doubts Visits From Space

There is "absolutely no scientific evidence" to support the belief that beings from other planets are visiting the earth, a prominent U.S. astronomer said here Thursday.

Dr. Donald Menzel was in Calgary to deliver a lecture on UFOs at the Calgary Centennial Planetarium at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Menzel, a professor of astronomy at Harvard University and a research scientist on the staff of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, said most of the things written about Unidentified Flying Objects were "junk".

In his capacity as an unofficial consultant to the U.S. Air Force, he has seen many of the classic unsolved cases of UFO sightings which lead some to believe that men from outer space are visiting our planet.

"I have solved the vast majority of these cases to my satisfaction and that of the air force," he said, while a shortage of vital data — such as the eyesight of observers — has prevented the solution of a few cases.

"Many reported sightings are simply the result of eye defects," he said, while natural phenomena like whirlwinds, hoaxes, or simply mistaken opinions account for the rest.

"Many believers rule out stars, planets, meteors, satellites, and airplanes as the reality behind UFOs because of a 'falling leaf motion,'" he said. "But this is exactly the

kind of thing your eye can superimpose on stationary objects or things moving in a straight line."

A phenomenon known as autokinesis results in apparent vibration or irregular motion — Dr. Menzel said it could be demonstrated by having a group of people sit in a dark room looking at a stationary flashlight shining through a pinhole in a piece of aluminum foil.

After a few minutes, one of the group will say that it is moving, and the rest are very likely to agree.

Dr. Menzel said many sightings are stimulated by the news media. Reports of UFOs have declined greatly since newspapers stopped carrying reports of sightings in view of the recently-published findings of the Condon report, a \$500,000 study denying the extra-terrestrial origins of UFOs, he said.

LIFE IS LIKELY

While conceding that there may very well be life, and even life more intelligent than man, on distant planets, he said there was no connection between this possibility and the reports of unidentified flying objects.

The reports simply do not contain any scientific evidence to support the belief that intelligent beings from outer space are visiting earth, he said.

Dr. Menzel said that in this age of airplanes and space exploration, visitors from other planets were the "mod" thing to believe in.

Medicine Hat News, Alta.
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Stories On Flying Objects Draw Comment From USA

By Lloyd Howarth

The Courier enjoys speculation . . . it also seems to turn up and excite interest in the most far off and unusual places.

Reported sightings of UFO's in The Courier between November 1968 and February 1969 came to the attention of the gentleman in Illinois, USA, who is engaged in the research and investigation of UFO's.

He wrote to Courier photographer Gary Webster, asking for copies of The Courier carrying the reports. Gary, ever zealous in the performance of his duties, witnessed the last and most unusual phenomena.

The copies will be duly sent to our friend in Illinois. It would be interesting if he, in return, would communicate with us on any knowledge he may have of other reported sightings in this area.

Local UFO adherents may like us to briefly recap on the stories we have published over this period.

On November 6, 1968, several residents saw what they thought were Unidentified Flying Objects. Jack Ross of the

Quinsam Hotel, taxi-driver Frank Mest, Rev. Frank Baldock, Mrs. Joan Whitmore and the Radfords, all of Campbell River, observed objects glowing brightly in the sky. Ed Selby, a member of the Aerial Research Phenomena organization investigated, but said he was satisfied that the objects observed were not UFO's. However, he added, there had been a sighting over Quadra the previous evening, but he had not had an opportunity to investigate.

Just one week later a wierd story came to light, told to The Courier by Mrs. Carol Lutes of Gold River. Mrs. Lutes, who has now moved to Vancouver, was returning to her home in Gold River after visiting her parents in Campbell River. She was accompanied, in her car, by her two children and two dogs. It was late at night . . . just after 11 p.m. and the night was dark, wild and stormy, and that famous liquid sunshine was coming down in buckets.

Mrs. Lutes' car and radio went out of control just past Forbes Landing and she perceived a blinding light to her

left, the intensity of which hurt her eyes. She managed to get her car going on the road and after she had driven about half a mile her car and radio began behaving normally again. The general consensus of opinion was what Mrs. Lutes had come into contact with, was none other than a landed UFO.

Our third story came on February 26 when Gary enters the picture. He received a phone call at 8:30 p.m. on the night of February 20. The Wilson family of Thanet Road, Campbell River had been observing strange objects in the sky since 5:50 p.m. Other witnesses were a husband and wife, Jimmy Ogilvy, and later three RCMP constables and Gary himself. Two objects were seen to move in a controlled fashion for nearly five hours. Young Jimmy Ogilvy, 13 a keen astronomer, took co-ordinates for several hours and a pattern emerged of what appeared to be two flying saucers who were changing their positions at regular intervals.

The USA made a statement some short while ago saying that after prolonged investigation there was no evidence to sup-

port the existence of UFO's. However, a list compiled by Brian Cannon of Winnipeg, director of the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization shows that in Europe and the Americas, without counting the Asian countries, there are more than 100 organizations and periodicals devoted to the serious and single purpose of studying unidentified objects.

The Canadian UFO Report for January/February 1969 states that there is evidence that geological and/or geographical conditions of Canada are especially favorable to UFO operation.

Is it, they say, because of our proximity to the North Pole where there is minimum interference from the Van Allen radiation belt? Is it because of the country's enormous mineral content or is it because the Canadian terrain has some feature that invites UFO inspection? It is suggested that our polar relationship is of definite significance. Although reports from Russia are scanty, they do suggest that over that country too, there is more than average activity by these objects from outer space.

Facts and figures from the report say that a recent public opinion poll from Calgary, Alberta revealed that at least two-thirds of 2,235 people attending the Calgary School Fair believe that UFO's may be extra-terrestrial space craft, and that no less than five million Americans in the USA claim they have seen UFO's.

Despite public awareness and mounting evidence, secrecy and ridicule prevail. The government, says the report, seems to avoid the subject with the well

worn statement that UFO's "do not present a threat to national security". A statement that misleads people into thinking the government is not interested in the numerous sightings that are investigated each year. Hardly likely when you consider the reaction of Canadian Defense Minister Leo Cadieux when questioned about the alleged landing of a UFO at Falcon Lake, Manitoba, May 20, 1967. Said Mr. Cadieux, "It is not the intent of the department of national defense to make public the report of the alleged sighting."

However, the Canadian government was interested enough in the Falcon Lake sighting to send investigators from the Dept. of Health and Welfare, the National Research Council and the Defense Department to scour the land where the strange object landed. One wonders why, if the information was negative, they bother to suppress the results of the investigation.

Man's landing on the moon makes the probability of the existence of UFO's more likely than ever, surely.

Campbell River Courier, B.C.

Circ. 3,918

August 6, 1969

Acadia Professor Called About Recent UFO Sightings In Ottawa

By TED HALE
NEW GLASGOW — "I wouldn't discredit the theory concerning objects from outer space being seen, but I think we should be more concerned with earth-bound objects being launched into space," said Professor Rupert MacNeil of Acadia University.

The educationalist made this statement to The Evening News during a telephone conversation when he was asked to comment on a recent sighting of a UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) near Petawawa, Ontario, and reported in the Monday, July 14, edition of the Ottawa Journal.

The Journal account of the sighting quoted 47-year-old Edgar Paquette as saying he and a female companion sighted the bright object which appeared to be equipped with two legs, while driving on the highway parallel with the Petawawa River. The object was said by Paquette to have followed his car and when he turned off the car lights it had hesitated, only to begin its approach again when the dome light of the car went on and when he waved a flashlight at the object.

The driver of the car said the bright object came within 60 feet of the ground at times.

Reports from the CF Station at Foymount said the object didn't show on the radar screens. Captain William Mantell, public relations officer at the base, said lights of this sort reported before never have shown on radar.

Prof. MacNeil did admit that as a member of the National Research Council Meteorite Committee he had received two similar reports within several months between Truro and Amherst.

When asked to comment further concerning his theory of earth-bound objects and their source Prof. MacNeil added, "In this day and age of scientific development there are many things possible. We know there are many objects being manufactured and tested and the general public, not being made aware of their existence, could be alarmed by the sight of such objects."

Describing the purpose of the Meteorite Committee he said it was primarily interested in tabulating the sighting and action of meteorites, but added, "We are keenly interested in any object that is reported in the atmosphere and welcome people reporting such objects, when and where they were sighted."

Aug. 1, 1969
Roseburg, Ore.
(News-Review)

25 Persons Report Sighting Of UFOs

By LEROY INMAN
News-Review Staff Writer

Unidentified flying objects were reported sighted in the Melrose, Lookingglass, Tenmile, Roseburg and Winston areas by more than 25 persons who made calls to the sheriff's office in the early morning hours today.

Sightings also were reported by three investigating sheriff's deputies, a pilot from Roseburg Skyways and several citizens band radio operators residing in the areas.

Numerous objects emitting bright red and green or blue lights were reported seen over a period of more than two hours, but no one reported being close enough for identification and the objects remain a mystery today.

Bright Objects

One of the investigating deputies, Gary M. Leis, reported he received a call at 12:24 a.m. that several bright flying objects had been spotted in the above areas by several citizen band radio operators. He was dispatched to the Melrose substation to investigate.

The deputy said he made contact with Gary Sand of Rt. 3, Box 1355, Roseburg, and was advised one of these objects was

now landing on the Calahan side of Reston Ridge, some 20 miles northwest of Roseburg.

The deputy then proceeded to Calahan Road. He said he also observed a bright white and orange light about three feet in diameter making a very slow landing on the side of Reston Ridge. This object also was observed by Deputy Bill Burdic and by Vern Thomas, a C.B. radio operator of 547 NE Jackson St., Roseburg.

"This object remained at this location for about 20 minutes, then started moving west at a slow rate of speed. During this time several calls came in that several more objects were moving in the direction of Lookingglass," the officer related in his report.

Many Objects Seen

The officer and Deputy Burdic then proceeded to the Lookingglass store and observed several more objects (white with flashing red and green lights) just over the top of Reston Ridge heading east. These objects were observed by approximately 10 persons in the area. During this time another object was spotted near the Winston area and reported to Winston police.

Several objects were reported over the Tenmile area. Deputy Jim Slotter reported he observed several of these while in the process of checking the Reston Ridge area.

Twenty to 25 calls came into the sheriff's office during this time from residents in the areas. At 3 a.m. several objects were still being reported flying around several miles south of Roseburg.

A call also was received from a pilot at Roseburg Skyways that while making a landing at Roseburg he had observed a very fast moving object but could not keep up with it. He stated it was red and green and very bright.

Flying Saucers

J-1490
Now that Earth Man has completed a successful landing on the planet Moon, and it has been televised and the news media have spread it all over the world — where does that put flying saucers?

We now know that interplanetary flight can be achieved. There is no denying that. Can we successfully keep on denying "flying saucers?"

For over thirty years, flying-saucer news has made headlines. Articles have been written in numerous periodicals of personal experiences of many in contact with flying saucers—yet denial is prevalent.

If Earth Man can go to the

Moon — who says that others of other intellectual degrees cannot come to the earth from other planets?

Now that man's mind has been opened to greater horizons such as has just been achieved by the great minds who have engineered this moon flight, cannot we begin to accept flying saucers? Maybe this will help "lift the lid" from tight flying saucer security measures.

I'm sure the flying saucer people are laughing the last laugh, and so are the people who have seen them!

E. E. HENNING.

Lethbridge.

Lethbridge Herald, Alta.
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July 26, 1969

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Berea Residents Report Sightings

Several residents of the Berea area reported seeing a mysterious ball of fire passing overhead Friday between 11 p.m. and midnight.

Mrs. T. W. Burden of 122 Cherrylane Drive, Berea, was awakened by a noise "like a gun" to see "a great, big, huge ball of fire" lighting up the sky.

Mrs. Burden called to her husband, who awoke in time to see the sky still lit. Their 13-year-old daughter, Patricia, awoke, meanwhile. She watched as the ball gradually grew smaller and disappeared.

The entire experience lasted several minutes, Mrs. Burden said. Both she and her daughter were frightened by the phenomenon.

Mrs. Sarah Sammons, who lives near the Burdens at 406 Claxton Drive, reported seeing the fiery object from her bedroom window at approximately 11:30 p.m. and thinking "this is the end."

The Sammons family ran outside the house to watch the object disappear. Both women said the ball of fire appeared to be coming toward their

houses. Several persons called the newspaper to report seeing the object. One person reported it to Bill Folsom, who was on duty at the U. S. Weather Bureau at the time. Folsom said he was unable to tell the caller what she had seen. Visibility was reduced so that he could not see more than six miles from the bureau, he said. Folsom said if he had seen the object he probably would not have been able to identify it for the caller.

A check with the Federal Aviation Administration and the sheriff's office revealed the sightings had not been reported to those offices.

Watford Guido-Advocate
Ontario
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August 7, 1969

MOST RESIDENTS MISS METEOR

The majority of Watford and area residents were fast asleep early Tuesday morning when a meteor lit up the sky and entire countryside.

The meteor flashed across the sky to the south shortly after 1:30 a.m. and persons making their way along district roads were given a sudden thrill and awesome feeling when the unscheduled event turned night into day.

JULY -30-69

Police Log Includes Flying Saucer Reports

City police checked out reports that ranged from flying saucers to decapitated motorists during a busy week just completed.

The flying saucer apparently was an airplane from Scott Air Force Base that for some reason was towing an electric sign. No details on that one.

State troopers were dispatched to several intersections along I-70 but failed to find a person decapitated as reported.

Kenneth Hill apprehended a Mr. Kuhn, Missouri license on his car, allegedly digging up asparagus and raspberry bushes at the former Fred Holland property and reported him to police.

Arnold Simpson of Collinsville reported that the battery from his car and other articles valued at about \$90 was stolen while the car was parked at the fairgrounds; Harold Sturgeon of Donnellson reported clothing and tools stolen from his car, also parked at the fairgrounds; Tom Poss reported the theft of tools and a flashlight from his car; Lester Hofmeister, owner of the rides at the fair, reported signed valued at \$52 stolen; Craig Theims reported the theft of hub caps from his car, and the Oak Hills subdivision sign was broken according to Leonard Keeven, owner of the sign and property.

James Arter of Breese was issued a bench warrant in the alleged rape of a Highland girl and was taken to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

A pickup truck owned by Francis Zeller was damaged

when someone apparently broke the windshield with a hammer, and police were called out to the Bali Acres area to check out a prowler, and also to keep people from going through private yards in order to get onto the hillside at the fairgrounds to watch arena events.

Frederickton Gleaner, N.B.
Circ. 16,484
July 17, 1969

UFO Sighted In Barker's Point

The unidentified flying object are back in the Frederickton area.

Mrs. Nora Estey, her daughter Carol, Mrs. John Smith, and Murray Bubar, claim to have seen a dark, round air vehicle over the Pine Grove Trailer Court in Barker's Point.

They said the object, which gave off a blue light, then white light, and finally a red light, flew over the trailer "quite fast" going in an upward direction. It turned around once again flew over the trailer rather slowly, said Mrs. Estey and gave off a "humming noise."

Calgary, Alberta, Alta.

Circ. 35,502

July 29, 1969

UFOs false claims expert

Unidentified flying objects are a myth, really nothing more than a natural terrestrial or atmospheric phenomena according to a U.S. scientist due to speak here Thursday.

Dr. Donald Menzel, of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory will follow up the Calgary Centennial Planetarium study of UFO's by refuting any scientific basis for supernatural flying devices at a public lecture there.

Pasco, Wash.
Tri-City Herald
(Cir. D. 20,807 - S. 21,052)

AUG 19 1969

Allen's P.C.B. Est. 1888

UFO Seen In Richland

Well, it was cigar-shaped — maybe 40 feet long — and flying right there in Richland.

That was an unidentified flying object a resident reported he'd seen Sunday and Monday nights over the intersection of Thayer Drive and Symon's Street.

The caller told police the UFO had two bright orange lights with other green and orange lights covering it. He said it was flying from the southeast at 40 miles an hour "about tree level."

Then when it approached the intersection, it went straight up in the air and out of sight. He told police he'd seen the same thing Sunday night, but didn't report until he'd seen it again about 9 p.m. yesterday.

Aug 9, 1969
Chico, Calif.
(Enterprise)

UFO Sighting Reported In Sky West of City

Dorothy Wilson of 1130 Ivy St. reported to city police Friday night she saw an unidentified flying object.

Police said the woman reported at 11:40 p.m. that she saw a bright object, whose color changed from red to green to bright white, flying low on the horizon in the western sky.

Brantford Expositor, Ont.

Circ. 25,716

August 25, 1969

3 Report Sighting UFO Near Simcoe

SIMCOE—An unidentified flying object — described as a brilliant oval-shaped light — was seen by at least three Simcoe residents this morning.

The light was seen in the eastern sky around 7 a.m. It moved swiftly south near the horizon and disappeared in five to 10 minutes.

"I never saw a color like it," said George Hofgraff of 36 Sydenham Street. "It was bright yellow and shaped like an egg."

He said the light appeared to be about 16 inches long, seven or eight inches thick and quite brilliant.

Mr. Hofgraff saw the light, shining above the trees of the Norfolk Golf and Country Club, when he went to pick up a morning paper.

He watched it for several minutes but when he returned to his home for a camera and binoculars, the light flashed away to the south and was gone.

Bob Stewart of Victoria Street, who operates a Culver Street shop, saw the light at the same time.

He said there was no possibility that it was the sunrise. The light moved to the south, he said, not far above the tree tops.

Kitchener Waterloo Record

Ontario

Circ. 50,479

July 14, 1969

Flashing Light Explains UFO

By Record Staff Writer

GUELPH — Guelph provincial police feel that an unidentified flying object reported to their office early Sunday by a Guelph area man may have been a revolving warning light from an Ontario Hydro truck.

The caller told police that he spotted a stationary object with a flashing light in the Erin-Hillsburgh area around 2 a.m. Sunday. Officers noted that a hydro repair truck had been in the vicinity repairing a pole that had been struck in an accident around midnight west of Hillsburgh.

Aug 21, 1969

Pine City, Minn.
(Pioneer)

Police chief spots 'flying yardlight'

What was that object flying around Pine City early Tuesday morning? Many persons would like to know the answer.

About 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Aug. 19, Pine City Police Chief Norman Briesemeister noticed what he said looked like "A flying yardlight" in the sky southwest of Pine City. He said that earlier in the morning, about 12:30 to 12:45, he had noticed to the southwest of Pine City what looked like extremely bright white lighting flashes.

After spotting the bright "flying yardlight" at 4 a.m., he drove the police car south on Interstate 35, to Highway 70, hoping to get a better look at it. By the time he reached Highway 70, he could not see it. Driving back north on I-35, he looked to the east and saw what he thought might be a fire at the Blinn or Baker

farm. He drove into town and then south on highway 61 to the farms but saw nothing.

Turning back north, he looked toward Rock Lake where it was very bright "as if there was a fire at the golf course." He drove out to the golf course and as he arrived there, he saw nothing except a "lot of dust, as if many cars had just left however only a very slight breeze was blowing," he stated. No light or any other unusual thing could be seen there so he returned to town. The last time he spotted the "light" it was about 5:20 a.m., flying northwest from Pine City.

Other police personnel in Cambridge, Mica and Milaca also reported seeing the bright object during the night and a truck driver near Brainerd stated that he was forced to stop his truck as the light was so bright he couldn't see the road.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Gazette

AUG 7 - 1969

UFO Reported Over Upper Union St. Area

The UFO's are back again. After quite awhile since the last report, several Schenectadians last night observed an "unidentified flying object" over the Upper Union Street area.

Spotted about 8:45 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Radlauer, 950 Park Ave., the object was described as being a large mass of white light, "weaving back and forth slightly."

After a time, the single mass separated into three smaller "discs" and then returned to the larger form.

Mrs. Radlauer, who noted that other motorists stopped to view the "happening," reported, the object flew away from sight, returned into view and then "just disappeared."

Galt Evening Reporter, Ont.

Circ. 13,467

August 6, 1969

UFO IS SIGHTED

Were There Visitors Here From Some Other Planet?

Was it a flying saucer? Was it a comet? Or, was it a fireball?

The mystery hasn't been solved yet. But, the reports continue to come in on a strange phenomena seen shortly after one o'clock yesterday morning in the Galt sky.

If it were a flying saucer, the travellers from outer space didn't make it. If it were either a comet or a fireball we can thank the Earth's atmosphere for coming to the rescue.

In any case the hurtling object, as bright as a flash from a camera, exploded when it approximated the size of the moon and burst into showers of red, yellow and green

beams. Then it fell behind the horizon.

The time and the descriptions tally in all cases. Reports have also come in from other centres of southern Ontario.

Two Gallonians who gave vivid descriptions of what happened say they've never seen anything quite like it.

Mrs. Frances Champion, 2 Close Ave., sat glued to her window. "It was fantastic I tell you. . . I could scarcely believe my eyes."

Mrs. Champion's description was much like that provided by Mrs. Arthur Comeau, 13 Harris St., who said her husband saw the thing while working late at Kayson Plastics in Preston.

Aug 7, 1969
Roseau, Minn.
(Times Region)

Northwest Angle Has UFO Alert

Three separate sightings of an unidentified flying object (UFO) have been reported from the Northwest Angle, it was learned this week. All sightings were at the same location and made by Mrs. Lockwood Jaynes and an elderly lady companion. Mrs. Jaynes lives on Bear River.

Mrs. Jaynes and her guest were awakened around 3:00 a.m. one morning early last week by a noise which she described as sounding like washing machine motors. They saw a large brilliant object hovering over the river not far from the cabin. It was so bright, they told others, that they could hardly look at it.

It appeared to follow the channel in the river and hovered near the cabin for some time before it moved off down the river and then took off upward with a loud sound. Mrs. Jaynes described it as large, saucer shape and very bright.

The object returned two other mornings at about the same hour, it was reported. Mrs. Jaynes said they watched it for at least a half-hour the first time it appeared.

Object Sighted In Sky

Brownsville police reported that several persons came into the local police station at 1:45 a. m. today and said they saw a bright shining object shooting through the sky. The object then spread, changed into a large ball of fire and disappeared.

Aug. 8, 1969
Albany, Ore.
(Greater Ore.)

More Residents See UFO Ships

Residents of Southern Oregon last Friday reported seeing a mysterious UFO which some said had bright red and green lights, while others described it as having orange and white lights.

Nearly 30 people made the sightings during a two-hour period in the vicinity of Roseburg, Winston, Melrose, Ten Mile and Looking Glass.

Three Douglas County sheriff's deputies investigating the reports said they saw the unidentified flying objects.

Deputy Bill Durdie said he saw an object some 3-feet in diameter which made a slow landing, stayed about 20 minutes, then moved west at a slow rate of speed.

A pilot for Roseburg Skyways reported seeing an object as he was landing his plane. He attempted to keep up with the UFO but it moved too fast for him.

Other parts of the country have also reported UFO's recently, and one farmer's large acreage of green beans shows a perfect circle of bare ground where two people witnessed a saucer-shaped craft make a night landing. The farmer was skeptical at first but sure enough, where beans had been growing the day before was a circle of bare earth, with no sign of fire or anything similar.

As the commentator put it, wouldn't it be odd if scientists on some far-off sphere were examining an Earth sample and concluded it was made of green beans?

Aug 22, 1969
Hamilton, Ont.
CANADA
(Spectator)

Giant bat, a plane, or what...?

"It looked like a giant bat, but as it came over top it was a horseshoe-shaped — round at the front and tapering round at the back."

That's what Bruce McAvella of Cope Street in the city's east end saw in the sky last night at 11:05, when he went out to shut the back gate.

"WHEN it was coming at me it looked like a giant upside-down soup bowl with a peak on top," he said. "At first I thought it was a big plane that had cut its engines, but it made no sound and there were no lights," he said.

"It came to within 200 to 300 feet of the house and then accelerated with great speed and took off toward the lake."

Mr. McAvella called his wife when he saw the object and they both watched it take off.

"IT WAS a weird sensation" said Mrs. McAvella. "I laugh when I read these things in the paper, because I don't believe in them."

Officials at Mount Hope Airport believe the McAvella's unidentified flying object was a plane coming in. "We had just quit flying about that time and we had four or five planes coming down," a spokesman said.

Telegraph (e)
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BROWNVILLE, PA.
AUG 7, 1969

Saucers plausible

SIR, — Men on earth land a flying bedstead (Eagle) on the moon, and send a flying windmill (Mariner) round Mars. Yet people on earth just don't believe in flying saucers! Aerodynamically... a flying saucer is at least as plausible as either a bedstead or a windmill.

BILL SYKES

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Seen?

Last week, on Tuesday night to be exact, four Ottawa men reported sighting a UFO streaking southward at speeds they estimated to be at least 15 times faster than any known type of plane.

At about the same time, two Metcalfe families were in Vernon and they too reported seeing the strange bright object in that area. Mr. and Mrs. Dave James and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Locke along with their families were seeking housing accommodations and glancing skyward they were startled by what they described as a 'very unusual flying object'.

Uplands control tower, however, reported no curious activities on their radar screen at that time.

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STOP is moving along, with the help of UFO's

By MARGARET HADDRICK

Scarboro school board's STOP program is going places — and fast.

Although students were only notified in the last week of term about the Scarboro Total Opportunity Program which would operate in three schools from July 7 to August 15, attendances have been very pleasing.

Doug James, director, told the MIRROR he was delighted at the turn-outs at West Hill, Sir John A. Macdonald and R.H. King Collegiate Institutes last week.

There was an average of 200 teen-agers a day and this number was sure to go up, he said.

There are no structured sessions. Teens are free to drop in and out of whatever's going on at the three centres, be it poetry-reading, photography, conversational French, crafts or music or anything else.

The STOP organizers called on local residents, teachers and university students to offer their services in specific areas of interest.

Henry McKay, 40 Beacham, was one of the first to volunteer himself for a couple of meetings.

His pet subject is unidentified flying objects and Thursday and Tuesday he had crowds of students dropping in to ask questions, look at his photographs, and then drop out again.

At West Hill, Thursday, discussion went on for three hours and sub-director of STOP, Reg Nighswander, had to "blow a whistle" eventually and send the students home.

Mr. McKay belongs to CAPRO (Canadian

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) and NICAP (National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena).

He joined five years ago after sighting a "mysterious light source" in the sky. "It was travelling at a peculiar speed and in an unusual movement. I called my son and daughter out to look at it and they confirmed seeing this object too," he said.

Mr. McKay often interviews people and inspects places where sightings occurred. Then he compiles reports for CAPRO, NICAP and the University of Toronto research department.

Once he interviewed a Quebec farmer about a craft allegedly seen, and he measured burns on the ground in a peculiar ring shape.

He asked the students to recall any experiences they'd had and talk about their theories.

"A lot of people are reluctant to discuss the question of UFO's until they're sure you're serious. Then they often come out with exciting and valuable information," he said.

At Macdonald Collegiate, Thursday, School Trustee Brian Wallace, Ward 9, led a bear-pit session on civic government.

After a brief address, he threw open the floor for questioning. He holds the view the bad points of local government outweigh the good ones, and he welcomed comments from the teens.

Mr. Wallace is in favour of lowering the voting age and wants to see teen-agers taking a bigger part in civic matters.

Gordon Ashberry, 21 Bluefin, addressed a group at West Hill, Monday, on verbal communication.

He has written articles for radio and television and believes part of the so-called generation gap is no more than a verbal communication gap and he discussed how teens can get their ideas across more effectively.

At R.H. King Collegiate the same evening, East York sociologist Elizabeth Weir encouraged group discussion on "the teenager in modern society."

Gary Crighton, head of West Hill's music department, will be offering his music room facilities for another evening. Students can hold instrument practise or have a music appreciation session.

Mr. James said another plan for future meetings is to get clergy of different faiths together for a panel discussion on the place of the church today and its relationship with young people.

Contemporary history, arts and crafts, speech and theatre arts, politics and business and television production are also listed as likely topics.

"It is amazing, the amount of interest being shown in STOP, and we are sure it will grow," said Mr. James. "It's very heartening to see the enthusiastic response of adults in the community, sacrificing their time and energy to come out to the schools."

STOP operates Monday to Saturday from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Further information can be obtained at the three schools involved.

UFO spotter says it's tit for tat

If earthlings can go snooping around the moon, there's no reason why extra-terrestrial creatures can't come snooping around the earth.

At least that's part of the rationale presented by John Lovagi of 203 Bertona St. in explaining how the mystery objects he saw in the Ottawa sky Tuesday night could easily have been intelligent-

ly piloted by non-mondial beings.

Mr. Lovagi, his brother-in-law, Brian Thompson, and two other men were sitting in the backyard listening to the Ottawa-Regina football game on the radio.

At about the time Ottawa's Darwin Gonnerman streaked 20 yards eastward down Lansdowne's field to score a touchdown Mr. Lov-

agi noticed an object streaking southward through the clear night sky.

"It wasn't flashing," he said, "but flicked off every now and then."

Faster than plane

He estimates the speed of the object at 15 times faster than any airplane he has ever seen.

Minutes later he spotted a second one moving at the

same speed following the first. His sighting is supported by the three men with him at the time.

"We get so excited about it we missed the last part of the ball game, and I still don't know the final score."

The Uplands control tower reported no curious activity on their radar screen at the time.

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Eagle (e) JUL 29 1969
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Glowing Object Seen in Sky, City Police Told

A resident of DuBois Street reported to City Police at 9:06 p.m. yesterday that he had seen a strange object, which was round and glowed around the outer edges, in the sky.

A man, who identified himself as an irate taxpayer, informed police at 12:40 a.m. yesterday that a woman in his area receives male callers at all hours of the night, creating a disturbance. Police checked the area several times, but found all peaceful.

A McClain Avenue woman reported to police at 3:15 p.m. yesterday that her fence had been broken, and she believed children in the area had done it.

A man told police at 5:32 p.m. yesterday, that a door was open at Center Avenue School. Officers found about five younger children in front of the door, which swung shut and locked, as they were investigating.

Police were told at 5:50 p.m. yesterday that two sloppily dressed boys had been drinking beer near a service station, and then had called two girls, asking them if they wanted a drink. The caller said all four of them then started walking up the street.

Mrs. Anne Diak, 535 Chicora Road, told police that her license plate, number F65 215 was missing.

Odds and Ends

By the end of last week Journal-Gazette staff members were still talking to persons interested in the UFO sighting here early July 14. Friday afternoon we talked with Fred Beckman of the University of Chicago, a research assistant to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the scientific consultant to the United States Air Force. Beckman was particularly interested in the story because he is a native of Mattoon. Then we got a letter from Mrs. Norma E. Short of Stover, Mo., who is editor and publisher of a UFO magazine called "Skylook," a publication which "reports UFO

sightings made by responsible citizens." The magazine, she assured us as she asked for copy of our story, includes "no little green men or contactee tales and that sort of thing." Now we're wondering what a "contactee tale" is. . . . Remarkable Remark: "I do not understand why it is that when protests are made against international injustices and against the breaches between the industrialized and the less developed countries, these protests are always focused on the United States, as if other countries did not exist." — President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia.

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Dear Senator Jackson:

This is in reply to your recent letter in behalf of Mr. Rod Dyke concerning the University of Colorado report on unidentified flying objects.

The Panel began its review immediately after the Report became available on November 15, 1968, by an initial reading of the Report by each member of the Panel during a two-week period. The Panel convened on December 2 for a discussion of members' initial assessments, for consideration of the Panel's charge (scope, methodology, and findings in the Report), and for delineation of further steps in its review. The latter included the study of other documents presenting views and findings of technically trained persons (e.g., the documents cited above), further examination of the Report's summary and findings, and further directed study of specialized chapters of the Report by appropriate members of the Panel. Extensive discussion, both by correspondence and by telephone, occurred during this period. The Panel met again on January 6, 1969, to conclude its deliberations and to prepare its findings, which are presented below.

I. SCOPE

The study by the University of Colorado commenced in October 1966 and continued for about two years. Case studies of 59 reports of UFOs are presented in detail, with 68 plates; of these, ten reports predated the project, but were so well documented that they were included. A chapter is devoted to UFOs in history, one to UFO study programs in foreign countries, and one to UFOs reported in the 20 years preceding the study. Ten chapters are devoted to perceptual problems, processes of perception and reporting, psychological aspects of UFO reports, optics, radar, sonic boom, atmospheric electricity and plasma interpretations, balloons, instrumentation for UFO searches, and statistical analyses. (Twenty-four appendixes add detailed technical background to the study. Volume 4 concludes with an index of 27 pages.)

In our opinion the scope of the study was adequate to its purpose: a scientific study of UFO phenomena.

II. METHODOLOGY

As a rule, field trips were made to investigate UFO reports only if they were less than a year old. The Report states that nearly all UFO sightings are of short duration, seldom lasting an hour and usually for a few minutes. Thus most investigations consisted of interviews with persons who made reports. Three teams, usually consisting of two persons each (a physical scientist and a psychologist), were employed in field investigations where telephonic communication with UFO-sighting individuals gave hope of gaining added information. The aim was to get a team to the site as quickly as possible after a reported sighting. (It was found that nearly all cases could be classified in such categories as pranks, hoaxes, naive interpretations, and various types of misinterpretations. A few events, which did not fit these categories, are left unexplained.)

Materials and conditions amenable to laboratory approaches were investigated -- e.g., alleged UFO parts by chemical analysis, automobile ignition failure by simulation studies, and UFO photography by photogrammetric analyses. (Of 35 photographic cases investigated, nine are said to give evidence of probable fabrication, seven are classified as natural or man-made phenomena, twelve provided insufficient data for analysis, and seven were considered to be possible fabrications; none proved to be "real objects with high strangeness.")

Technically trained personnel were utilized by the University. The University group included a sub-group on field investigations of UFO reports; their narration and interpretations of cases are reasonable and adequate. Leading groups were engaged under contract for specialized work -- e.g., Stanford Research Institute on radar anomalies and a subsidiary of the Raytheon Corporation for photogrammetric analyses. Divergent views of those few scientists who have looked into UFOs were taken into account. The history of the subject was also surveyed, including the experiences in some other nations. Finally, extensive use was made of many specialists in various public and private laboratories.

The Report makes clear that with the best means at our disposal positive correlation of all UFO reports with identifiable, known phenomena is not possible. No study, past, current or future, can provide the basis for stating categorically that a familiar phenomenon will necessarily be linkable to every sighting. The Report is free of dogmatism on this matter. It is also clear, as one goes through the descriptions of UFO sightings, whether in the Report or in other literature, that while some incidents have no positive identification with familiar phenomena, they also have no positive identification with extraterrestrial visitors or artifacts.

We think the methodology and approach were well chosen, in accordance with accepted standards of scientific investigation.

III. FINDINGS

The study concludes (a) that about 90 percent of all UFO reports prove to be quite plausibly related to ordinary phenomena, (b) that little if anything has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge, and (c) that further extensive study of UFO sightings is not justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby. At the same time it is emphasized in the Report that (c) is an opinion based on evidence now available.

The Report's findings and evaluations -- essentially eight in number, presented in its first section -- are concerned with official secrecy on UFOs, UFOs as a possible defense hazard, the

future governmental handling of UFO-sighting reports, and five of them relate to the question of what if any further investigations of UFOs appear warranted in the light of the study. We paraphrase and summarize these findings and evaluations below, appending our comments.

1. On secrecy. Is the subject "shrouded in official secrecy?" The study found no basis for this contention.

We accept this finding of the study.

2. On defense. (a) Is there evidence that UFO sightings may represent a defense hazard? No such evidence came to light in the study. This, however, was not an objective of the study and was properly construed as a Department of Defense matter. (b) The Report states: "The history of the past 21 years has repeatedly led Air Force officers to the conclusion that none of the things seen, or thought to have been seen, which pass by the name of UFO reports, constituted any hazard or threat to national security."

We concur with the position described in (a). As to (b), we found no evidence in the Report or other literature to contradict the quoted statement.

3. On future UFO sightings. "The question remains as to what, if anything, the federal government should do about the UFO reports it receives from the general public?" The Report found no basis for activity related to such sighting reports "in the expectation that they are going to contribute to the advance of science," but the Department of Defense should handle these in its normal surveillance operations without need for such special units as Project Blue Book.

We concur in this recommendation.

- 4-8. On further investigations. (4) Should the federal government "set up a major new agency, as some have suggested, for the scientific study of UFOs?" The study found no basis for a recommendation of this kind. (5) Would further extensive study of UFO sightings contribute to science? "Our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge." The Report then notes that specific research topics may warrant consideration: (6) "there are important areas of atmospheric optics, including radio wave propagation, and of atomospheric electricity in which present knowledge is quite incomplete. These topics came to our attention in connection with the interpretation of some UFO reports, but they are also of fundamental scientific interest, and they are relevant to practical problems related to the improvement of safety