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Cr: John Schuessler

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UFO Studies Scrapped by U.S. Air Force

By ALTON BLAKESLEE
AP Science Editor

BOSTON (AP) — After 22 years the U.S. Air Force has given up its investigation of UFOs—unidentified flying objects—but a scientific debate continues.

UFOs were the topic of a symposium today at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Scientists of the 21st century will look back on UFOs as the greatest nonsense of the 20th century" said Dr. Donald H. Menzel Harvard University astronomer.

DMR J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer countered:

"We in the 20th century may be as far away from a solution of the UFO problem as 19th-century physicists were from an interpretation of the Aurora Borealis (northern lights)."

Both men have served as consultants during air force investigations of UFO reports. Dr. Hynek served almost from the inception of the project.

The air force saying it found UFOs no threat to national security closed its study last week.

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Walla Walla, Wash.
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Local UFO Shows Just A Day Late

The U.S. Air Force may have made a mistake in closing its Project Blue Book Wednesday.

Almost simultaneously with the Air Force's announced shutdown of the "unidentified flying object" project a Walla Walla resident has reported sighting a UFO in the night sky.

Margarite Wilson, 234 W. Cherry, reported seeing a small "bright white object" moving erratically late Wednesday night in the north.

"It was very small and much brighter than the stars. It was a long shape with a bright spot in the center," she said.

"It was standing still when I first saw it. Then it started moving slowly and suddenly began streaking across the sky," she said.

The object first moved south, then west for a short period, and then streaked south again, Mrs. Wilson said.

"I was so astonished I didn't know what to think. I called out a neighbor and he was astonished too when he saw it," she said.

The object apparently disappeared while Mrs. Wilson went in the house to call another neighbor.

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End of the U.F.O. Hunt

The flying saucer buffs will be discouraged, but practically everybody else will applaud the Air Force decision to close down Project Blue Book and its fruitless hunt for what are called, in bureaucratic jargon, unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.). It is, in fact, surprising that the Air Force waited almost a year after the Condon Report punctured the U.F.O. bubble before taking this action. Some 21 years of work and hundreds of thousands of dollars of expenditure by the Air Force on this topic have produced gains neither for national security nor for science.

No doubt the true believers will continue the quest, convinced more than ever that some bureaucratic conspiracy is seeking to hush up the news that the earth is under extraterrestrial reconnaissance or has been visited by beings from elsewhere in the universe. This is the Age of Aquarius: astrologers are prospering and a stand selling computerized horoscopes does a thriving business in Grand Central Station. The landing of two manned expeditions on the moon in the past six months only strengthens the faithful in their conviction that space ships from other worlds are visiting this planet.

But the prosaic fact is that despite a great expenditure of time, effort and money, no really convincing evidence has been found to support such beliefs. There are better uses for the taxpayer's dollars than support of Project Blue Book.

TORONTO DAILY STAR, Wed., Dec. 17, 1969

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One study, conducted by the University of Colorado, cost \$539,000. Another, by the National Academy of Sciences, cost \$15,000.

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Fireball Seen In Midwest

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — A fireball, apparently a large meteorite, flashed across the sky last night, visible in three Midwestern States. Sightings were reported around St. Joseph, Mo., at Topeka, Kan., and at Tulsa and Vinita, Okla.

The Missouri Highway Patrol sent troopers toward Maryville, Mo., to check a report that a meteor had hit the ground.

'Bright object', stale tuna on moon trip

By BRUCE GARVEY
Star staff writer

HOUSTON — The Apollo 12 astronauts coasted through the silent void of space today, trailed by a mysterious bright object—"a big white thing like a piece of pie"—that nobody can identify.

The astronauts reported the bright, tumbling object late on Saturday night, and it was still rolling along today 2,600 nautical miles behind the moonship.

At 8:36 a.m. today, the moon won the gravitational tug-of-war and the Apollo 12 astronauts for the first time were in the grasp of lunar gravity. They passed through this invisible barrier when they were 211,322 miles from earth and 38,933 miles from the moon.

In a telecast from the spaceship early today, mission commander Charles "Pete" Conrad, by way of introducing the look of their new world, showed the contrast between the three sides of the spacecraft. Through one, he said, you can see the earth, through another the moon. Through the third, the sun.

And since they were all so far away, Conrad added, there was little sense of movement. "It seems," he said, "we're in suspended animation out here."

Because of the early hour, television networks taped the show for later broadcast.

Neither the astronauts nor

the space experts here can explain the spaceship's tumbling neighbor. It's generally believed to be a stray piece of space junk jettisoned by an earlier flight.

Whatever it is, the Yankee Clipper's fellow traveler and a can of left-over tuna fish that might have gone bad, broke the routine of a lazy Sunday in space.

After their hair-raising ride up through the Florida storm clouds on Friday, and before the critical manoeuvres that will take them into lunar orbit tonight, the astronauts spent yesterday relaxing and preparing for tests that lie ahead.

At 10:47 tonight, Conrad will slow down the moonship and drop it into orbit

around the moon. If all goes according to plan, they'll circle the moon twice before again firing a braking burst of the rocket to drop them into a lower orbit ready for moon landing.

At 7:01 p.m. tomorrow, Conrad and Alan Bean will move into the moon-landing vehicle and prepare for man's return to the moon.

While mother-ship pilot Gordon circles the moon, Conrad and Bean are scheduled to touch down in the Ocean of Storms at 1:53 a.m. Wednesday to plant the U.S. flag on the lunar surface for the second time.

The astronauts' night owl schedule was arranged because Apollo 12 must touch down on the moon just after

the sun rises over the landing site on the southeastern "shore" of the arid Ocean of Storms. The long shadows of dawn will best show the hazardous boulders and craters littering the area.

A query from Conrad over whether or not the astronauts should finish off a can of tuna fish spread that they had opened the night before, sent the space agency's space medics into a tizzy.

They finally decided it probably wasn't bad but ordered the astronauts to throw it out and open a new one anyway.

Bean's wife, Sue, agreed with the decision, reported ground communicator Don L. Lind.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

UFOs Keep on Flying

After 21 years of treating the UFO (flying saucer) like an insane aunt who should be locked in the attic, the Air Force has committed the phenomena to any segment of society not afraid of the stigma of ridicule. The AF has given up, and well it should, for never during this period did they give the subject the scientific scrutiny it so well deserves. Like their monumental failure, the B-70 bomber, the UFO has passed into the annals of history. However, unlike the B-70 they are still flying, and continue to boggle the minds of scientists who are not tainted with provincialism.

Clyde Tombaugh, the only living astronomer to discover a planet (Pluto) publicly stated that on two occasions he witnessed UFOs. The head of RAF Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain, Air Marshal Lord Dowding made this statement to Reuters, "Of course flying saucers are real, and they are interplanetary." Add to this that saucers have been tracked on radar and satellite tracking devices, shot at by fighter pilots and scared hell out of policemen all over the country and one can build a strong case for their existence.

Although the Air Force does not deny they exist—UFOs do not constitute a threat to the security of the nation is their way of pussy-footing around the issue—they have never done anything to advance the case for the UFO. And why should they when the Flyboys in the Pentagon are responsible for air corridors over our nation, explaining the cost overrun of the C5A Galaxy transport was embarrassing enough.

FEW OF THE PUBLIC are aware that right now some of the country's most gifted scientists are burning the midnight oil digging through thousands of reports, interviewing witnesses, examining minute fragments of evidence and slowly piecing together probably the most perplexing puzzle of our time—are we, or are we not being visited by beings from outer space? The answer may take a long time coming, but unlike the Air Force it won't be biased, because after all they have nothing to hide.

BILL PRYCE,
Enumclaw

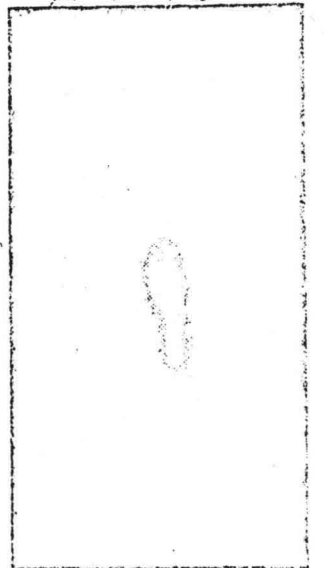
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UFO — When Richard Scott of 14 Viola Cres., Stratford, saw an unidentified flying object over his home Saturday about 11:30 p.m. and took a picture. He described the object as a reddish glow moving slowly in an easterly direction. He and about 15 guests watched the object for about 20 seconds before it disappeared into the clouds.

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(more info below)



Lucky shot

Richard Scott, 14 Viola Court, holds the camera he used to take a picture of an object seen in the sky over Stratford last week. A reproduction of the pictured object is shown at the upper right. No one is sure what it is, but whether it is a UFO or a satellite or "a what have you," Ricky was lucky to be able to catch it on film.

Scientists Ask AF Records On UFOs Be Preserved

BY WALTER SULLIVAN
The New York Times

BOSTON — A plea for preservation from destruction of secret Air Force records on unidentified flying objects, compiled over the past 22 years, was made here yesterday by astronomers, physicists and social scientists taking part in a symposium on the subject.

The appeal was spelled out on their behalf by Dr. Thornton Page, chief organizer of the meeting and director of the Van Vleck Observatory at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. Page is currently working as a visiting scientist at the Manned Spacecraft Center near Houston, Tex.

He reported that, according to Air Force sources, the unclassified files com-

plied by the Air Force's Project Blue Book are to be transferred to archives at Maxwell Air Force Base near Montgomery, Ala. Project Blue Book, with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, has been responsible for investigating UFO reports.

On Dec. 17, Dr. Robert C. Seamans Jr. announced that it was being terminated. It could no longer be justified, he said, "either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

According to Page the Air Force has revealed no plans for preservation of secret files of Project Blue Book. These, he said, contain reports by Air Force personnel that have not been adequately explained, as well as episodes involving secret military projects.

He and other participants in the meeting expressed fear that these records are to be burned. It was proposed that they could be helpful in understanding future sightings and the physical — or psychological — phenomena responsible for them.

The two-day symposium on UFO's, which ended here this evening, was held as part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science after two years of emotionally charged debate. It had originally been scheduled for last year's annual meeting, but was postponed because of the furor.

Leading those in opposition was Dr. Edward U. Condon, professor of physics at the University of Colorado, who conducted the two-year-old UFO study completed for the Air Force in October of last year. He had concluded that UFO's were of no scientific interest and hence were not a fitting subject for discussion by the AAAS.

Christian Science Monitor — Dec. 19, 1969

Air Force dropping UFO project; will still answer queries

By the Associated Press

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Doubts About UFO's

A standing reward of \$10,000 has been offered by a fellow in the East, plus an additional \$1,000 from me as his agent, for adequate and legitimate proof of extraterrestrial, "Flying-Saucers", UFO's evidence in reality.

This offer is open to everyone, including Bill Pryce of Enumclaw, (the Post-Intelligencer Dec. 25.)

Better investigate the "Gegenschein," the Solar Winds, the mutated atom complexity, the ionic-magnetic materials, the Van Allen Radiation Belts or other involved natural Universal phenomena before going off the deep end with this stupid "Flying-Saucer" assumption.

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AIR FORCE CLOSES STUDY OF U.F.O.'S

Secretary Says Investigation Can No Longer Be Justified

By RICHARD D. LYONS
Special to The New York Times

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The Air Force said reports of "unknowns" had fallen from a high of 1,501 in 1952 to 146 this year. Mr. Nixon said sightings occurred almost weekly. He cited the report of a group of Richmond, Va. policemen who said they saw an object maneuvering over the city at 5:45 A.M. on Dec. 5.

Mr. Nixon conceded that the Air Force had spent a "nice piece of change" on Project Blue Book, but he contended that the money had been mis-spent. U.F.O. investigations he said, now could be shifted to a higher level with "the right people."

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DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY

Air Force Closes Books on UFOs

Verdict: No Little Green Men

By FRANK VAN RIPER

Washington, Dec. 17 (NEWS Bureau)—The Air Force has gone out of the flying saucer investigation business.

Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans Jr. announced today the cancellation of the 21-year-old Project Bluebook, that has conducted thousands of inquiries into reports of unidentified flying objects.

In a memorandum to the Air Force command, Seamans noted that "the continuation of Project Bluebook cannot be justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science."

Pointing to two studies of the Bluebook program, conducted by the University of Colorado and the National Academy of Sciences, Seamans said that there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings characterized as "unidentified" represented technical developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge.

Gives Up on Extraterrestrial Beings

In short, the memorandum implied that theories about extraterrestrial beings with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men were groundless, often the product of "hoaxes, hallucinations, unreliable reports, psychological causes, etc."

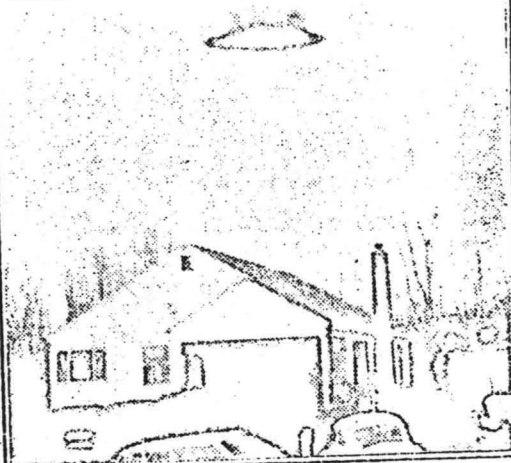
The Air Force said that the cost of individual probes of UFO reports could not be estimated because they were carried out by military personnel.

It said that over the last 21 years, 12,618 saucer sightings had been investigated, with no evidence found of any danger to national security. Many of the sightings were attributed to astronomical activity such as meteors, high-flying aircraft, weather balloons and the like.

Nevertheless, for lack of sufficient evidence, 701 of the reported objects are still listed as unidentified.

Air Force records, which will now be retired

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A Zanesville, Ohio, barber photographed this UFO in 1967.

to the service's archives at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, show that reported sightings have tapered off sharply since the bumper year of 1952 when 1,502 UFO reports were made to Bluebook.

There was only 375 sightings last year and only 146 for 1969, up until yesterday.

Still, Dr. James McDonald, of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, said today that "the UFO question cries for vigorous scientific study."

Shutting down Bluebook, he said "is only the final move in a long series of actions to write off the UFO problem."

U.S. halts UFO probes

THE EDMONTON JOURNAL, Thursday, Dec. 18, 1969

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'Cries for Study'

Joseph Bryan of Richmond, the retired Air Force colonel who is acting president of NICAP, said he was "delighted" with WDr. Seamans' decision.

Dr. James McDonald of the University of Arizona meteorologist, complained that the Air Force was "writing off the U.F.O. problem, which cries for vigorous scientific study."

But Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado, the physicist who headed the committee that turned in the 1,485-page report last January, said recently that his investigation "was a bunch of damned nonsense" and that he was "sorry I ever got involved in such foolishness."

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Around the World

Air Force Is Closing Book on Flying Saucers

By BOB HORTON

Associated Press Writer

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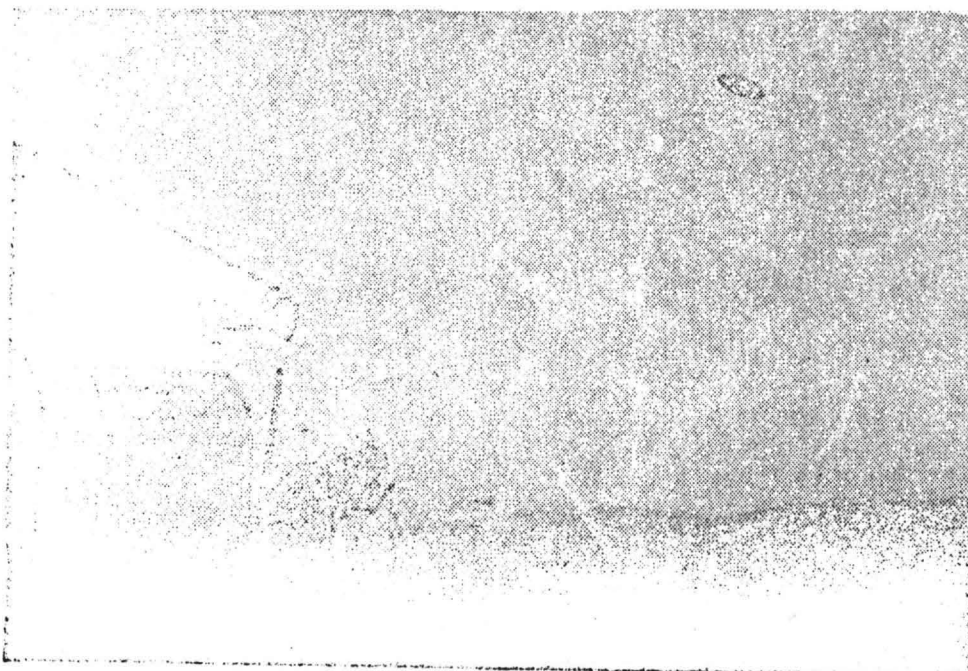
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object, but are not quite yet satisfied. Anyway, Air Force has abandoned its office of Unidentified Flying Objects. Study has been underway now for 21 years.

PSU Man Played Part In Abolition Of U.S. Probe Into Flying Saucers

See Story on Page One Also
The Air Force decision Wednesday to abolish its Project Blue Book for investigation of UFO's, followed the recommendation of a report prepared under direction of Robert James Low, now assistant to the president of Portland State University.

ed by the University of Colorado after an 18-month study of unidentified flying objects, recommended that the Air Force abolish its Project Blue Book, the agency which had been investigating UFO reports for 21 years.

"The action of Robert C. Seamans, secretary of the Air Force, in closing down project

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Portland, Oregon
Oregonian

Blue Book justifies the 18 months and \$500,000 we spent on the study," Low told The Oregonian.

"This will save the taxpayers money which was being wasted," he said.

No Justification Seen

Low said he fully agreed with the findings of the report, signed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, distinguished physicist. The Condon report asserted there was no justification for further study of UFO sightings, either from considerations of national defense or advancement of scientific knowledge.

"We were faced with a problem in making this study," Low said. "You can't

by scientific methods prove something doesn't exist. We had to assume UFO's do exist and then evaluate the evidence for such visitations by intelligent beings from outer space.

"Our staff sifted through more than 11,000 reports old and new, including reported sightings, photographs, radar reports, and reports of car engines stalled by emissions from flying saucers.

"The result was complete and total lack of evidence of any such extra-terrestrial visitations," he said.

Not all the reports could be explained, Low said, but "the unexplained phenomena do not convey evidence indicating any pattern of extra-terrestrial visitations."

2 Incidents Unexplained

Ironically, two of the few officially unexplained incidents were reported in or near Oregon.

The photo supposedly taken by farmer Paul Trent of McMinnville, May 11, 1950, showing what looks like a flying saucer, has been explained, but not to Low's satisfaction, he said.

The object is in a position in the photograph however, indicating it could have been suspended from a nearby structure, Low commented.

The other phenomenon, officially explained, but not to Low's satisfaction, is the original sighting of "flying saucers," near Mt. St. Helens by Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, salesman on June 24, 1947.

It was this report which set off a flying saucer craze that swept around the world like a shock wave.

Low was assistant dean of the graduate school at the University of Colorado, working in the field of astronomy and atmospheric physics, when drafted by Dr. Condon to be project coordinator on the Air Force contract.

Incredible Saucers

After 21 years of fruitless effort, the Air Force has officially called off its investigation of flying saucers and the timing couldn't have been more justified. With men now walking on the moon, fantastic reality has finally caught up with flights of fantasy about travelers in space.

The Air Force declared that since 1948 it has probed more than 7000 reports of saucer sightings without finding evidence of danger to national security or any firm proof that the alleged whatnots even exist. Thus its program "no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

In a way we are sorry to see this door close. Mysterious things that some people see in the skies, like things that go bump in the night,

December 21, 1969
Los Angeles, Calif.
Herald Examiner

have been a source of fascinating speculation for man's imagination since time immemorial.

There still are, and no doubt there will continue to be sightings of saucers and sky-borne whatnots in the future. But not too many people are going to get worked up about the possibility of their being real anymore.

When astronaut Neil Armstrong put his foot on the moon, the world realized the event was the most incredible news story in 2000 years. It simultaneously realized, if only subconsciously, that the story that could top it would be a landing on earth by strangers from outer space.

So the improbability is now seen in perspective. And if it ever happens, the flying saucer and its crew are going to have to land with television coverage to be believed.

LOW-FLYING UFO PUZZLES SAN DIEGO SKY WATCHERS

The low flying bright-white fireball in the western sky reported by San Diegans last night could have been a flaming meteor or possibly space junk burning up as it entered earth's atmosphere.

Residents reporting the phenomenon at 9:40 p.m. described it in various ways: a bright object that sputtered like a candle and disappeared, a white flame, and a fiery glow.

San Diego State College astronomer Dr. Rudolph Lippert said it could have been a meteor, suggesting it could also have been a Vandenberg Air Force base missile exploding on a test run. But the base reported no launchings last night.

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Evening Tribune

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Prairie Du Chien, Wisc.
Courier

Area, Iowans See Strange Lights

The Monona and Elkader areas are continuing to have a series of sightings of unidentified flying objects. The strange lights were witnessed again this past week by Dr. Donald Hurlbut and his wife.

They sighted the strange lights while looking at the Christmas decorations from the air. They attempted to follow with their small plane and had it speed away after a cross country pursuit. The light was from some type of guided craft and the object didn't display the required flashing lights and clearance lights.

The sighting lasted about 10 minutes. There weren't any reports of this strange light being seen from the ground. On other occasions the lights have been seen by people on the ground. There haven't been any confirmed sightings in other parts of the area. Elkader, Monona and Guttenberg seem to be on this flight pattern of strangeness.

Three Policemen See Lights Here

UFO Sighting Report Can't Be Reported

By Ray Lovenbury

If the Richmond area ever is invaded from outer space, it'll be in for a bad time, because apparently there's no one to report such a disaster to.

This possibly unsettling finding results from UFO sightings early yesterday by three Richmond policemen and a reporter's subsequent efforts to relay their reports to some national defense authority.

Traffic Patrolman W. W. Tanner was at Boulevard and Grove Avenue. W. E. Shannon was at Forest Hill Avenue and Westover Hills Boulevard. D. C. Swank was at Belvidere and Grace Streets.

ABOUT 5:45 A.M., all saw unfamiliar lights in the sky. One light moved slowly across the sky. Another moved twice as fast as the first, the officers reported to headquarters.

"It wasn't any star," said

Tanner, who said the first object moved "very, very slowly from southeast to northwest. It looked like a star, but it moved and stopped. It wasn't red, it wasn't blue — just white."

While Tanner was talking to a reporter on the phone, Shannon broke in excitedly to report: "It's now going south. It's really moving."

The Federal Aviation Administration at Byrd Field said it could pick up nothing on its radar. But, the FAA said, its apparatus was geared to pick up low-flying objects, rather than the high-flying UFOs.

THE FAA suggested that the reports — or inquiries for information — be referred to telephone number 649-3611. That turned out to be the number of the Federal Building in downtown Richmond.

An operator at the Federal Building was a bit taken aback, when asked about UFO reporting procedures.

She referred the call to military intelligence.

"It wouldn't be us," said military intelligence. "The only office I can see listed here is the Air Force Office."

A call went back to the FAA, asking which office to contact. "The number on the board is our reference," the FAA answered.

So the Air Force was called.

"No, it's not our office you want," the Air Force said. "We are strictly in the recruiting business and have nothing to do with that. You might try the Washington Air Defense Sector at Byrd Field. The number is 737-0148."

WASHINGTON Air Defense Sector couldn't help, but suggested that a Lt. Jones in the information office at Ft. Lee might be the party to talk with.

Lt. Jones said he wasn't the man and referred the caller to Langley Air Force Base.

A call to Langley and a request to speak to the UFO investigating officer met with a "Stand by, sir." Then the call was put into a phone which registered a busy signal.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. operator obligingly redialed the call, and the base operator, after some hesitation, connected the caller with what appeared to be the 4500th Air Base Group Command Post.

"Is it a new report," the caller was asked.

"Heck, I don't know. Maybe someone reported these before," was the answer.

The caller was then referred to a Capt. Mitchell, chief of the office of information.

FOR TWO hours, a caller got nothing but a busy signal when he dialed the number given.

In the meantime, the FAA

Force's office of special investigation in the Federal Building was empowered to take such reports.

A call asking if they had heard anything about the sightings brought the reply, "Only what I read in the newspapers."

A spokesman from the office said his unit was not directly concerned with the sightings. Later, he called to say that the senior director at Ft. Lee Air Force station was the man to contact.

Early last night, efforts to reach Capt. Mitchell's office were fruitful.

"Capt. Mitchell has gone and I'm just about to leave," the caller was told.

called to report that the Air Force "Is this where one would normally get information about UFOs?"

The answer was: "I haven't been asked that before. If something came up, we'd probably have some information on it."

Cr. Mark Herbstritt

After 21 years of effort and the expenditure of several million dollars the U.S. Air Force has closed the books (or the cupboard, as the case may be) on its investigation of flying saucers.

In a memorandum disclosing the action Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans Jr. said continuing study "no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science."

Dr. Edward U. Condon, the eminent physicist who headed a special investigation committee for the Air Force was more succinct. The whole study, said Dr. Condon, "was a bunch of damned nonsense."

IN MORE than two decades of work the Air Force evaluated 12,618 reports of

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Shooting Down The Flying Saucers

unidentified flying objects. It identified all but 701 of them. Most turned out to be such things as clouds, electrified gases, weather balloons, re-entering spacecraft, aircraft beacons, searchlights bounced off clouds and the like.

In no case was any evidence ever found that the unidentified objects represented extraterrestrial vehicles or advanced technology guided by human intelligence. The National Academy of Sciences, in its own report, concluded that "the least likely explanation of UFOs is the hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitations by intelligent beings."

NONE OF THIS has or will persuade those who are convinced that they have seen tangible if inexplicable UFOs, least of all

those who have been invited aboard and flown in them — and then written profitable books and articles about their experiences. Like the Bridey Murphy craze of some years ago (does anyone remember her?), the UFO thing is an invitation to believe for those who want to believe.

And, who knows, maybe the true believers have a case. The Air Force, after all, is hardly infallible. It can't even guess within a couple of billion dollars what one of its planes is going to cost. Maybe, despite the skepticism of the scientists and other investigators, UFOs sent from other planets do exist and have visited earth.

And maybe babies do grow in cabbage patches.

—The Los Angeles Times

U.S. Moonbase Seen As Next Important Space Venture

DEC 10 1969

By MARGE DAVENPORT
Journal Science Writer

The United States will establish a moonbase as the next meaningful venture in space, predicts a Nobel scientist who spoke to Oregon scientists teachers.

Dr. Willard F. Libby, director of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California, says such a base can establish a chemical factory to develop propellants for further space probes, and can manufacture new metals because of the absence of air and gravity which have fantastic properties. He envisions huge diamonds and metals of superior quality not deteriorated by oxygen. A moon base also would be logistically helpful for further exploration of the solar system, says Dr. Libby.

SPEAKING to more than 330 Oregon Science teachers attending the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation's 14th Education Conference at Lewis and Clark College, Dr. Libby was one of 15 of the country's leading scientists who gave the Oregon teachers a firsthand view of "what's happening" on the

forefronts of science.

Dr. Libby received the Nobel prize in 1960 for his work on the age dating of materials or the "atomic timeclock."

Another speaker, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Evanston, Illinois, said astronomy has changed from a "dead science" to one of the most exciting sciences and it has changed man's way of looking at himself.

Astronomers are no longer "fuddy-duddies" looking through telescopes, but now include the electrical engineer interested in sounds from outer space, the computer expert, the optics expert, or anyone who wants to apply his field of knowledge to cosmic problems.

Dr. Hynek, recognized as one of the country's outspoken scientists, talked during an interview about UFOs (unidentified flying objects) and said he thinks the many unexplained reports deserve further investigation.

"It is important to continue the scientific studies of UFOs," Dr. Hynek pointed



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK

out. "It is the duty of scientists to document, observe and examine all data, not shove it under the carpet."

HE ADDED that scientific interest in UFOs has increased so much during the past year that a two-day session will be held on the sub-

ject at the American Academy of Science meeting in Boston December 26 and 27.

"A year ago, this would not have been a respectable topic for discussion at this high caliber meeting," he declared.

Dr. Hynek does not believe that there is any question that there is "life in the universe" and when asked if he thought humans might ever have any communication with these life forms, the scientist declared that "it might happen tomorrow. UFOs may be probes from some cosmic NASA," then he added — "Please be sure you emphasize that I said 'may be.'"

Dr. Hynek warned that today's students may misinterpret the space age, and he said that with exploration of the moon a new unit of time travel which he calls "One Apollo" was coined.

"The nearest star is 100 million Apollos away, just to put things in proper perspective and our chances of getting there with our present day knowledge is ridiculous."

He added that the speed of light is a frustrating limitation, although it can go 7.5

times around the earth in one second.

IT SPITE of present limitations, however, Dr. Hynek is optimistic about future astounding discoveries.

"That's the exciting part about science. You look for one thing, and you never know when you are going to discover something even more important," he noted.

He cited the discovery of

pulsars, the "hottest finding" of recent times by a team that was looking for something entirely different.

The two-day science session was sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell, Eugene Water & Electric Board, First National Bank of Oregon, Omark Industries, Pacific Power & Light Co., Tektronix, Inc., and United States National Bank of Oregon.

Fireball Lights Midwest

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — A fireball, apparently a large meteorite, flashed across the sky last night, visible in three Midwestern states. Sightings were reported around St. Joseph, Mo., at Topeka, Kan., and at Tulsa and Wichita, Okla.

The Missouri Highway Patrol sent troopers toward Maryville, Mo., to check a report that a meteor had hit the ground.

The reports came about 8:20 p.m. as the object flashed from north to south.

The Springfield, Mo., weather bureau called it a large meteorite.

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Elkader pilot views UFO from air near Monona Sunday night

A private pilot from Elkader and a passenger spotted an unidentified flying object from the air and watched it for about 10 minutes near Monona about 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Donald Hurlbut, local physician, and his wife, LuAnn, were flying near Monona Sunday when they decided to take a look at the Christmas lights from the air.

While viewing the Christmas lights Mrs. Hurlbut noticed a white, pulsating light near the north edge of the Monona city limits. Dr. Hurlbut, flying the craft at an altitude of about 3,000 feet, banked and lowered the plane to take a closer look.

Viewing the object from the left side of the plane both the pilot and the passenger got a good look at the light which was at first thought to be another plane or helicopter. As they approached it they noticed clearly that the object had no running lights or flashing beacon such as are positioned on private, commercial or military aircraft. It was then ruled out that the pulsating light below was an aircraft.

Dr. Hurlbut continued his pursuit of the object which headed over farm fields, highways and timbered areas at an estimated altitude of 300 feet above ground level. He was then flying his craft at an altitude of 1500 feet making a ground speed of 110 to 120 miles an hour, but could not close in on the object which was estimated to be traveling about 150 m.p.h. (ground speed). He could get no closer than about half a mile.

From the distance the object was seen it looked like a quarter-inch diameter light held at arm's length. The light was pure white and very intense and clear, pulsating at a rate of about one time per second.

The pilot said it looked as though the object was attempting to land at one time but was apparently aware of the plane's presence. He said it was definitely under intelligent control as it would speed up, nearly stop and change course at various intervals. At times it appeared to be playing games with the aircraft as Dr. Hurlbut tried continuously to close in on it.

The sighting lasted for about 10 minutes before the pilot turned the plane and headed back to the Elkader airport. The incident was reported to Mr. and Mrs. Don Meyer at the airport and a call was made to Register reporters, Bob Griffith and Ed Olson.

Minutes later Dr. Hurlbut, Meyer and Griffith, boarded the same plane and returned to the area of the sighting. The original object was not seen a second time but another odd light was seen in the area between Monona and Waukon. Several other planes were in the area and each time one of the planes neared the light it disappeared for a time.

Later during an interview with The Register reporters Dr. Hurlbut said the first pulsating object could have been as large as a bushel basket in size and might possibly have been a dome or portion of a much larger object.

Other unidentified objects have been reported in that general area in recent weeks.

UFO Interest

The Air Force has not ended speculation about unidentified flying objects by officially closing its books on the matter. This action, after an investigation that spanned most of the time since the first sighting was reported in 1947, may be followed by more rather than less interest in the subject.

It is not a fair assumption, either, that only crackpots and mystics will continue to show interest now that the Air Force has said further study "no longer can be justified either on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." Despite the scornful remarks of Dr. Edward U. Condon after completing his work as head of a special UFO investigating committee, there are reputable scientists who think the matter should not be dropped.

Our attitude parallels that of one of these scientists, Dr. James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona specialist in atmospheric physics. His view is that the Air Force probe was not scientifically adequate.

Dec. 8, 1969

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Herald and News

Railroad Men Spot UFO

Three Southern Pacific Company railroad men saw an unidentified flying object early last Friday night near Kirk about 40 miles north of Klamath Falls.

"I'll tell you, it gives you the creeps," Noel Cailloutte, the conductor on a train with 106 cars moving southwest toward Klamath Falls.

"John Burgoyne, the engineer, apparently saw it first. He called my attention to it," Cailloutte stated.

"It was a bright light heading north. It had a long, narrow beam. It was moving diagonally across the tracks," the conductor reported.

Cailloutte was unable to estimate the length of the light. He did say, though, that it was "at least

5,000 feet high."

The light "crossed the tracks in front of us. I've never seen anything as bright as that. It looked like a laser beam," Cailloutte stated.

According to Cailloutte, he watched the light for at least two minutes.

While looking at the light, Cailloutte said, he also saw the lights of an airplane traveling toward Klamath Falls. Then, "all at once, all of the lights went out," the conductor remarked.

Eugene Narramore, the flagman on the crew, was the third person to see the lights.

The United States Air Force in Klamath Falls, when contacted this morning, was unable to verify the reported occurrence.

Dec. 9, 1969

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Herald and News

UFO Sighting Said To Be Rocket Shot

That bright light which shown in the Kirk-Fuego area about 40 miles north of Klamath Falls Friday night apparently was not an Unidentified Flying Object nor a flying saucer manned by men from Mars.

It has been attributed to a routine missile firing at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Dan Cillis, 2423 Hope St., supported Noel Cailloutte, Southern Pacific Co. conductor, and John Burgoyne, SP

engineer, in their description of the light.

Cillis said he was driving west toward Crater Lake from Klamath Marsh when he spotted the intriguing light about 6:45 p.m. Friday.

"It looked like the moon coming up, then a search light. It left a big green streak, and then looked like it had burned a hole in the sky," Cillis reported.

He said he later was informed that the bright light resulted from a missile firing.

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November 27, 1969

Ladysmith Man Sights Second UFO This Fall

Four observers from the Ladysmith area agree on reporting a sighting of an unidentified flying object which they say moved far too fast to be a plane. Sighting was reported about 9 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Graham Toole, 24, and his friend, Albert Birkeland, 22, both of the Sea Breeze Auto Court were out for a drive when they saw an object about 45 degrees elevation from their position at the junction of Bayview Road and the Island Highway, as they looked toward the waterfront.

"It looked like it was real close—I'd say within a quarter of a mile. These lights, there were three with white on top and red on the bottom, were bright but not as bright as looking into a light bulb."

"All of a sudden, whatever it was—look off and it went in a circle. I'd say it was a good three to four mile radius and it covered the distance, starting toward the north and coming back again, in about three or four seconds."

The other two who sighted what was apparently the same

object were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knight of Knight's Furniture store, Ladysmith.

Mrs. Knight happened to go to the door and look out when she spotted an object in the sky and called her husband.

"It was over Thetis Island when we saw it," Mr. Knight said today. "We didn't see it for long and it headed off towards the north."

Mr. Knight agreed with Toole and Birkeland that the object moved about a mile a second. This was the second time Mr. Knight had sighted an unidentified flying object. Last September driving back from Nanaimo where he had been visiting his mother, he noticed an object in the sky when he was in front of McGavin's bakery warehouse in South Wellington. He stopped his car, got out and observed it.

It was about a mile up and he could see cabin lights clearly. It was hovering about 600 or 700 yards ahead of his car and he was able to observe the object for about 10 minutes before it took off in the direction of the mainland. I had a much better view of the object then than I did last night," he added.

Seen Around Town

The News personnel chasing an U.F.O. Tuesday last, Nov. 4. Walking home at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday we spotted what we thought to be a conventional aircraft identified by its flashing red port-side navigation light, flying at an estimated altitude of 500 feet about over the golf course and elevators when viewed from 51st Ave and 48 St. Little attention was paid to it, until it was realized that it wasn't on any particular course, and not moving very fast, more as though it were hovering as a helicopter, but silently. We stopped then to observe more closely, and it was then apparent that the light was not flashing, and was not red, it was pulsing at irregular intervals and it was more orange than red, and there were no other navigation lights visible. It remained for a few minutes and then moved parallel to the tracks in a westerly direction. By this time we had got our car and cameras from our residence and started after it. The U.F.O. moved off more rapidly to the south-west. We headed out to Cadogan on the south road with the red light in view, and getting

dimmer, and finally lost the UFO over what we think would be about the Links Ranch, from our last sighting a few miles East of Cadogan. We went south of Cadogan but never saw the light again. We would be interested to receive any other information on this sighting. The night was very dark, with a high altitude haze through which the heavenly bodies shone dimly in contrast to the low, fairly large orange-red pulsating light that we were attempting to identify.

THE PROVOST NEWS, PROVOST, ALBERTA

CANADA

Wednesday, November 12, 1969.

'Strange Red Lights in Sky'

LADYSMITH -- Strange objects in the air, complete with lights ... white on top and red on the bottom, were reported on the weekend by residents here. Graham Toole, 24, and his

friend Albert Birkeland, 22, both of the Sea Breeze auto court were out for a drive about 9 or 9:30 p.m.

"We weren't too interested what time it was until it happened and I guess we didn't really take too much accurate notice afterward," said Mr. Toole during an interview.

All at once, according to his recollection, he and Mr. Birkeland saw an object in the air, about 45 degrees elevation from their position at the junction of Bayview Road and the Island Highway, as they looked toward the waterfront.

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"It looked like it was real close -- I'd say within a quarter of a mile. These lights, there were three with white on top and red on the bottom, were bright but not as bright as looking into a light bulb.

The proprietor of Knight's furniture store, Ray Knight, his wife and his 16-year-old son were out for a drive at about the same time.

"It was over Thetis Island

when we saw it. We didn't see it too long and it was too far away from us to hope for any identification, but it was going too fast to be a plane," Mr. Knight said.

"It was much too quick--it covered about 20 miles in that many seconds," he said.

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Buckeye, Arizona
Valley News

Flying "Saucer" Spotted Near Liberty

It may not have been a flying saucer that Cliff Patterson of Buckeye and several other people spotted in the sky over Liberty last Friday night, but it certainly was a flying something or other.

Patterson was driving home from Avondale on Hwy. 80 early that evening when he saw this bright light in the sky north of Liberty. At first it looked as if a spotlight was being directed down from the black sky toward earth, but gradually a glow spread out in a "football" like shape near the top of the beam.

Colored lights of red, yellow and blue seemed to appear from beneath the shape. The shape seemed to keep moving away as Patterson's pickup approached, but it stayed close to earth for a time before the main beam of light went out. Then the other colors disappeared and only the blue light remained as the object appeared to head off to the west.

A patrol car and several other vehicles had stopped along the highway to observe the lights. Mrs. Ken Jones also reported seeing the sensation as she passed through the area.

Of course Cliff is getting a lot of kidding about the flying traffic light he saw, and the glowing football, but he does have one point in his favor. The light was last seen heading out toward Tonopah and many sightings and landings have been reported out there.

Maybe those round buildings out that way attracted more callers from outer space. Maybe Mrs. Smith, the earth-bound friend of inter-planetary visitors, had guests Friday night.

Then again, maybe the lights were just reflections of a California sunset. More testimony is needed. As the Gringo says, "If Old Duke will lie about how he wins all of his golf matches, he will lie about other things too."

THE EDMONTON JOURNAL, Friday, December 12, 1969

UFO at Vermilion

Latest point to report a UFO (for Unidentified Flying Object) is Vermilion, 120 miles east of Edmonton on Highway 16.

D. W. Bell of Vermilion Agricultural and Vocational College, saw a "something" in the sky a couple of weeks back (Nov. 27). It was a bright, white ball with a prominent blue flame-like tail. This UFO seemed to be skimming along just above tree-top level and was travelling southeast-northwest.

Mr. Bell says the "thing" was seen from his living room window, which has a west exposure, at 7:53 p.m. (Aside to president Bill Hayduk, Edmonton UFO Society: Any comment, Bill?)

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Victoria Times, B.C.

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Halo in Orbit?

Not Likely!

DUNCAN--An unidentified object described as "greyish, saucer-shaped, with a transparent centre" hovered for about three minutes Tuesday over Alexander elementary school, witnesses said today.

Mrs. Edith Bieling, a teachers' aide, said she and two other aides, a teacher and the school secretary watched the aerial phenomenon from inside the school for a few minutes before rushing outside for a better look.

It was sighted at 9:50 a.m. "We got a good look at it," said Mrs. Bieling, a resident of the area for 19 years.

"It was practically the same color of the clouds which were quite low.

CIRCULAR PLANE?

"But it was definitely not a cloud or any other type of weather disturbance."

She said the object was not an aircraft.

"Have you ever seen a circular aircraft?"

The object was reported to have seemed bigger when observed outside the classroom. It made no noise and appeared to move sideways "but did not wobble" until it suddenly took off upward at great speed and disappeared into the clouds.

All witnesses confirmed the description and said it was the first UFO sighting for them all. Several UFOs have been reported at night over Kuper Island and Ladysmith during past weeks.

This was the first daylight sighting.

Principal of Alexander, Thomas Good, joked that the teaching staff was probably observing "the principal's halo going into orbit."

Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Melita

Further information is being sought by the Melita detachment of the R.C.M.P. Police concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object recently.

While on routine patrol six miles north of Melita on highway 83, Const. G. R. Gratton spotted the object in the north-east slightly north of Napinka.

It first appeared as a reddish colored tower light, but then enlarged, in size as it moved closer to his position on the highway and headed west. The UFO then stopped, headed east and faded into the overcast.

The R.C.M.P. estimate that the object was moving at altitude of approximately 1,000 feet since the cloud cover was at about 1,500 feet at the time of the sighting.

Const. Gratton said the object took on the glowing color of a red hot cast iron ball as it became larger in size. At the nearest point to him, he described the size as about twice that of a full moon.

The object reflected light from the bottom half and was yellowish in color around the edge and a glowing red toward the centre. He estimated the time elapsed from when it was first sighted to when it disappeared as about four minutes.

Anyone who may have sighted the UFO as well is asked to contact the Melita R.C.M.P., as this information is relayed to Ottawa for investigation. From Melita New Era.

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CANADA

CHRISTCHURCH

Star

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1969

NEW ZEALAND

As part of our ever increasing coverage, these clippings are being included. Also see front cover of last months issue for more information on this case.

Flying Saucer Mystery in N.Z. Takes a New Turn

P.A.

A FLYING SAUCER mystery at Ngatea took a new turn to-day when a Tauranga horticulturist said high frequency short-wave radiation caused the death of manuka trees in a circle discovered by a Ngatea farmer. Mr B. G. O'Neil, on his property last Thursday week.

The horticulturist, Mr J. A. B. Stuart-Menzies, has examined pieces of foliage taken from the circle.

On Mr O'Neil's property, in a stand of manuka, is a rough equilateral triangle, devoid of vegetation, where imprints have been made in the ground about nine feet apart.

The imprints all have smaller "toes"—two smaller indentations about four or five feet from the larger holes. Surrounding the area of no vegetation is a rough circle, 60 feet in diameter, of dead manuka.

Outside the area of dead manuka the vegetation has suffered no apparent damage.

Foliage was collected from the area by the president of the Tauranga Science Space Research Group (Mr H.

TAURANGA, To-day.

Cooke) who went to Ngatea to "plot" the details of the incident.

He brought examples of both living and dead foliage back to Tauranga.

At the request of Mr Stuart-Menzies he ran a Geiger counter over the dead manuka. There were signs of increased radiation which grew stronger in the thicker parts of the timber.

In Mr Cooke's opinion, the markings were caused by a heavy object making a soft landing.

"I am perfectly satisfied that the marks were caused by a physical object and everything fits in with overseas reports of landings by extraterrestrial spacecraft," he said.

Mr Cooke's theory was backed by another member of the Tauranga Science Space Research Group. He is Mr P. Seantlebury, who also visited the scene of the incident.

The Christchurch Star,
New Zealand, Sept. 13, 1969

Not a Hoax

He made detailed sketches of the area and said he was perfectly satisfied it was not a hoax.

"There is too much detail for it to be a hoax," said Mr Cooke.

"Anybody who would try to create a deception would not have gone to such lengths as making mathematical calculations which would have been necessary to 'pull' the deception through.

Impression

"When I visited the scene on Tuesday the ground had been trampled quite considerably but it was still possible to gain an overall impression of what had happened. The craft had come in to land vertically and had taken off at a 45deg angle. This would account for the way the manuka was 'burnt'.

"Another point of interest in this case is a report by a young man in Paeroa about a month ago.

"He reported seeing an object which he defined as a pulsating light, travelling in a direct line to where the circle was discovered," Mr Cooke said.

Auckland Star
Oct. 8, 1969
New Zealand
Former saw
"UFO"

HAMILTON, Today (P.A.).—A farmer in Mangakaraia, about eight miles from Ngatea where a circle of blackened manuka was found last month, today reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the area 14 months ago.

Mr Stuart-Menzies said he saw a bright light with smaller lights on either side flying eastwards and descending over Ngatea on August 19, 1968.

Mr Chambers believed it could have been the object which left the Ngatea circle, and said it might not have been discovered for a year.

The Christchurch Star, Oct.
New Zealand

Blackened Mate Plants Found in Mystery Circle

P.A.
SAMPLES of blackened water plants from a mysterious circle found near Te Kuiti were sent to-day to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for analysis.

HAMILTON, To-day.

Frogs Missing

Four tame ducks which had lived there for ten months disappeared the day the circle appeared, and the lake's large frog population is also missing, he said.

Mr Blackmore has had a continuous headache since he discovered the circle and inhaled a peculiar smell in the area on Wednesday of last week.

The circle is about half a mile from the Te Kuiti-Pahurangi road and two miles from the nearest house.

"I don't know what it is but I'd very much like to know," he said.

"The pool is the only drinking water I've got up there for the cows and they still won't go near it."

"And I've still got this vile headache and nothing will get rid of it," he said.

Mr Blackmore noted that the circle just appeared overnight.

"It wasn't there on Tuesday. But on Wednesday I found it when the cows turned and ran from the pond and the ducks and frogs had gone."

We have just completed our arrangement with an English UFO investigation group for an exchange of services. We will now add this English service to our present service. I said we would include English and Australian services when we had reached 30 clipping service subscribers. We have now over 30 subscribers. We are now working on the Australian service. These clippings are a little old, it takes time to get them. Our English service also includes Scotland, Ireland, etc.

DROGHEDA [INDEPENDENT] NORTH DUBLIN ROUND-UP
IRELAND

STRANGE OBJECT IN SKY

OCT 17 1969

AN unidentified flying object was seen over Skerries on Saturday night. Many people are convinced that it was neither an aircraft nor a space vehicle. One man, a keen amateur astronomer, believes that it was merely a patch of cloud.

Mr. Luke Kinsella of North Strand said he was walking along the beach at about 7.30 when he saw a cigar-shaped object behind some clouds. He watched it for half an hour as it moved north to south. "It gave off a glow like an oxy-acetylene flame," he said. He said that two other men at the harbour, employees of Cementation Ltd., also watched it for some time.

There appears to be some confusion as to whether the mysterious object actually moved or not.

Mrs. Maura Keane of South Strand, maintains it did not, although several people she spoke to said it did. She herself made the sighting for several minutes on her way to Mass. when she saw "an oblong-shaped object" hovering above the Church.

"But it was a most peculiar object. It was glowing white and was completely stationary when I saw it. It was still there when I went into Church. It had a glow like a nimbus around it," she said.

"WISP-LIKE"

Nineteen-year-old student, Mr. David Lally, who is a member of the Irish Astronomical Society also watched it from his bedroom window, through binoculars.

"It was a white diffuse cloud-like object facing dead north. I saw no movement during the fifteen minutes I was looking at it. It looked wisp-like and did not appear to be solid," he said.

Mr. Lally added: "I don't believe in U.F.O.'s and I think it was just a patch of cloud lit up. It was too large to be a satellite and certainly was not a plane, since there was no sound or lights."

'White hot' flying object narrowly misses pensioner

Yorkshire Post Reporter

2nd Oct. 1969

SECONDS after a pensioner, 71, had moved away from his kitchen window a "white hot" round piece of metal one foot long and one inch in diameter smashed into the side of his house and shattered the window.

Experts at RAF Leconfield, East Yorkshire, were still trying last night to solve the puzzle of the unidentified flying object which could have killed.

A spokesman said: "All we know is that it wasn't from one of our helicopters because they were all grounded at the time. It has obviously come from some type of flying object, but we have just no idea what."

At his home in Lamorna Avenue, Hull, last night, Mr. Thomas Brough, a retired docker, told a reporter: "I had just returned to the living room from the kitchen when there was an almighty bang."

"I rushed through the kitchen and saw that the bricks on the side of the window had been chipped and the window shattered. At first I had no idea what had caused it."

IN FLOWER-BED

Mr. Brough walked down his garden and found the object which had a sleeve at one end in a flower-bed about

eight yards away from the window.

He added: "I tried to pick it up but it was white hot. I called the police and although they were here within a quarter of an hour they had to use a handkerchief to take it away because it was still hot."

Mr. Brough said that shortly before the metal rod crashed into his house he had heard an aircraft droning overhead. But it was too high for him to see it.

Scientists check blast mystery

POLICE and scientists searched yesterday among the rubble of a cottage outbuilding at High Battleburn near Driffield.

They were looking for clues to a terrific explosion which blasted in the windows of one home and terrified the occupants of other nearby houses

IMPARTIAL REPORTER
NORTHERN (N.I.) IRELAND

OCT 16 1969

I HAVE spoken to many people in Enniskillen, who like myself, saw the strange object in the sky over Cornagrade on Saturday night. I first saw it about 7.45; it looked like the moon, only with a kind of mist surrounding it. When I looked again just after 8 o'clock it had grown oval-shaped, and had disappeared about 8.15. The Director of Armagh Observatory, Dr. Eric Lindsay, said that it may be a barium cloud ejected by the Russian spacecraft although he could only guess as to its identity.

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TWO SEE UFOs OF MANY COLOURS

TWO unidentified flying objects were spotted just after dark in Bromley Cross at the week-end.

A 21-years-old Kearsley paint sprayer caught site of the objects over Shady Lane as he was on his way with his girl friend to visit friends.

"They were directly overhead when we first saw them," said Mr Michael Harrison, of Waverley Avenue.

"As soon as we started looking they began to move away at very high speed as if they knew we were watching."

DISAPPEARED

The two objects at first appeared as a silvery glow but as the couple watched they changed colours from red to green to blue, said Michael. He hammered on his friend's front door so that there could be more witnesses.

"My friends just caught sight of one of them."

"I suppose there is always an explanation for these things but I'm pretty sure they were UFOs."

OCT 7 - 1969

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DID ANYONE ELSE SEE SKY MYSTERY OBJECT?

WHAT a Brixham woman wants to know is: Did anybody else see a mystery flying object last week?

The woman — who was closely concerned with the Royal Air Force during the last war and has flown herself many times — is well aware of what a normal aircraft looks, and sounds, like. But she thinks she saw something quite different.

She wishes to remain anonymous until others admit to the sighting, because she is reluctant to take the inevitable leg-pulling that would ensue.

At 10.10 on Thursday night she was standing on Windmill Hill, Brixham, looking up at the stars; it was a very clear night and she was picking out the star groups.

Burning red

Then she saw what she thought was a fire burning red on the coast near Sidmouth.

"I had been there about two to three minutes and was just turning round to go in when I saw this tiny red light. At first I thought it was stationary."

"Then it got larger and larger. Then it appeared to be not one light but three pulsating red lights. Over Berry Head there was suddenly a blinding white light

lasting about three seconds."

"It seemed it was not higher than 2-3,000ft. It was lowish and the nearest estimation of speed would be about 250 m.p.h."

Fuselage

"The thing" flew over Brixham Harbour, the blinding light flashed again—and then she saw what seemed to be the object itself quite clearly.

"It looked just like an aircraft fuselage without any wings. Then I heard an engine and thought 'well it's just an aircraft after all'. But the engine was not like any jet or piston engine. It was a slow thudding sound as if it was on low power."

The object went away towards Dartmouth.

"If I hadn't seen it I would have thought I was crackers" she said.

Stoke Gabriel

Two things puzzle her: why there were no red, green and white aircraft navigation lights, and why a work colleague, of her own volition without knowing of the sighting, should describe a similar object going over Stoke Gabriel the same night.

"I thought it was some-

body doing a bit of night flying and lost his way. But this does not account for the pulsating light."

"It certainly wasn't a planet," she said.

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Golden Balls in the Sky

TWO READERS saw the unidentified flying object in the sky over Farnham referred to by Mrs. Alice Young in last week's "Herald." "I saw a large golden object pass very low across West Street to Downing Street," writes Mrs. Wendy Raymond, of 3b Kiln Courtyard, The Borough. "It was not travelling very fast and seemed low enough to be hidden by the buildings as it passed through the air. It was about the size of a football and I thought it was more oval than round, brilliant in colour."

Fifteen-year-old Mandy Cole, of Hundred House, Wrecclesham, adds that she saw not one golden ball, but several. "I happened to be outside at about 7.30 p.m. I looked up and saw about five or six bright, round objects appearing in the sky. They were in a ragged line, fairly close together. After about five minutes they started to disappear, one by one. They were silent, and seemed to be hanging over Farnham. Surely they must have been seen by plenty of people?"

MOFFAT NEWS
UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT
OCT 7 1969

ANGLO-CELT

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DOOBALLY NEWS

Strange Object—At about 8 p.m. on Saturday a strange luminous object was observed fairly high up in the North-Eastern sky, although bright stars were plainly visible in the vicinity "its" outline appeared fuzzy and apparently covered with a heavy mist or fog and seemed to be motionless or stationary, giving off a dull glare, something like a new moon in a heavy and hazy sky. Some old observers claimed it resembled Halley's Comet of 1910-11 but not as distinct, others put it down as one of the Russian Moon Satellites.

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Up trees

SCIENTISTS are studying mystery circles in scrub and grass on farms near Auckland, New Zealand, to test claims they were made by flying saucers.

Thousands of people have visited the 42-foot circle of dead tea-tree scrub, found a month ago on a farm 70 miles from Auckland.

The trees in the circle are bleached and dead with three "V" shaped grooves of disturbed soil pointing to the centre.

At first Government scientists said they were too busy to investigate the circle, but then a horticulturist consultant, John Stuart-Menzies said tests on the tea-tree with geiger counter found them radio active.

UNDER STUDY

Scientists from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research have now received samples of dead wood from the trees and have begun a study.

Stuart-Menzies said every ounce of moisture in the trees had been vaporized instantaneously and the wood was bone-dry and brittle.

"Some kind of high frequency radiation had cooked the material from inside out. The energy has reduced pitch to black carbon without the outside showing signs of burning."

"I know of no earthly source of energy such as a meteorite or lightning which could have done this. Some outside object seems to have landed on the spot and in taking off, emitted energy which cooked the plants," he said.

IRISH PRESS

(DUBLIN)

28 OCT 1969

4,777 junk objects in space

SPACE

Since the Soviet Union inaugurated the space age 12 years ago with the launch of Sputnik 1, man has dumped 4,777 objects in space, the Space Defence Centre said yesterday in Colorado Springs.

Of the 1,745 objects remaining — debris such as spent boosters and other leftovers, including some from the Apollo 11 Moon shot — 1,327 are from the U.S., 335 from the Soviet Union, and 33 from France, Britain, Canada and the European Scientific Research Organisation.

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ABERDEEN

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27 OCT 1969

UFO seen by Drumoak man

A Drumoak man, Mr Fred Munro, Upper Park, last night saw what he believes was a satellite as he stood outside his house.

Mr Munro told "The Press and Journal": "It was a fine clear sky at Drumoak and I saw what appeared to be two stars. Then one appeared to be moving away from the other."

"It looked like a star and had the same brightness, and was moving on a straight course to the south-west." He said he watched it for about three minutes, and then it disappeared into some wispy cloud.

Just like a little moon

KELLS and Conner people are puzzled by the bright lights seen in the northern sky on Saturday night.

Like a miniature moon it glowed with a cold clear light and eventually assumed the appearance of a cloud of luminous gas shaped like a rugby ball. It finally drifted away towards the north-west.

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THE THING IN THE SKY

A MAN "dancing" in the shape of a square, said Mr Patrick Gordon, who lives at 6 Lake-avenue, Clacton, and it was hardly moving.

He stopped the car and joined the stargazers. There, hovering above him was a Thing.

There were four lights in the shape of a square, said Mr Gordon, who lives at 6 Lake-avenue, Clacton, and it was hardly moving.

The Thing was also seen by several fishermen on Clacton Pier who reported a similar shape, moving very slowly against the direction of the wind.

When a flying 'jellyfish' dropped in for coffee

THOSE persistent UFO's are around again — this time cunningly disguised as "translucent jellyfish."

Former sailor Mr. Alastair Mackenzie, resident director of the Suncliff Hotel, on the East Overcliff-drive, Bournemouth, spotted the latest UFO as it loomed up out of the mist yesterday evening.

As he sat drinking coffee with his wife, daughter Sarah (12) and son Ian (18), he saw what he thought was a piece of paper fluttering outside.

"FLABBERGASTED"

When they went out on to the verandah they saw what appeared to be a jellyfish, about five inches across, and glowing slightly.

"We were rather flabbergasted," said Mr. Mackenzie today.

After about 15 seconds the object moved off, and gathered speed as it moved out to sea. "It was at about 25 or 30 feet," said Mr. Mackenzie.

"We are quite convinced it was something rather strange—it was certainly something we have never seen before."

FRONT PAGE
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MYSTERY U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

Hundreds of sightings of a mysterious unidentified flying object were made on Saturday night by observers on the west coast of Scotland. The object — which was described as cigar-shaped and fluorescent was first sighted on the Borders, shortly before 8 p.m., but, it was later reported over Campbeltown, Tarbert, Oban, Coll, Mull, Fort William, Kinlochberrie and other westerly points.

One local observer was 16-year-old Michael McGeachy, of 20 Crosshill Avenue, Campbeltown. He told a 'Courier' re-

porter that he had sighted an oval-shaped object in the west. "It had a greenish tinge to it. I watched it for 10 minutes. It moved in the direction of the town and moved slightly back. It left a kind of haze behind it. It just seemed to get smaller and disappear. Where it was there were no clouds — all around, only stars".

The Meteorological Office at Prestwick Airport said that it could have been caused by a "noctiluence" in the cloud — a reflection of the sun's rays from a cloud very high in the atmosphere to a cloud below.

Campbeltown police confirmed that they had received reports of sightings. The Machrihanish Met. Office's own observer, however, saw nothing unusual in the sky on Saturday night.

CAMPBELTOWN COURIER.

73 OCT 1969

AN unidentified flying object sighted by many people in Scotland on Saturday night was also seen by Mr. E. Webb of 11, Park Avenue, Carnforth, who was travelling home from Ination in a car driven by his daughter, Mrs. Betty Parkinson, of Lancaster. Her 14-year-old daughter Janet was with them. The car was brought to a stop on the Nether Kellet—station road, and the three made an observation of the mystery in the sky for a full 15 minutes. Clear shaped. It was heading in a north-north-westerly direction.

Lancaster Guardian
17.10.1969
Cigar-shaped
mystery
of the sky
OCT 17 1969

Phenomenon Observed—On Saturday night at about 7.45 p.m. a mysterious ball of light resembling the moon was observed in the North-Western sky by local people. Fog was dense at the time and it was difficult to get a clear view of the phenomenon. It remained in the sky for close on a half-hour. 17-10-69

ANGLO-CELTIC

Many saw mystery flying object in South Devon sky

OCT 10 1969

MISS LILIAN EYRE, of 61 Windmill-hill Brixham, was not the only person to see a mystery flying object in the sky over Torbay last Thursday evening.

When the Herald Express reported Miss Eyre's sighting above Brixham harbour, she wished to remain anonymous, for fear of the inevitable leg-pulling.

Now, however so many people have come forward to back up her description of what she saw, that she does not mind revealing her identity.

Since the story appeared, several people have confirmed that there certainly was something very unusual in the sky that night.

Red lights

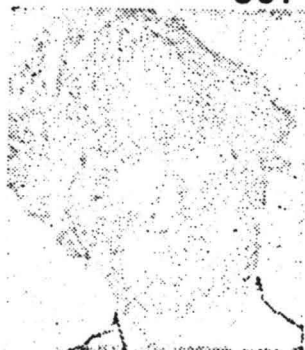
Mrs. J. Kimberley, of 26 Ranscombe - road, Brixham was with her husband in Brixham Yacht Club, when she saw three red lights in the sky, which seemed to be travelling towards Brixham from the direction of Torquay.

As it approached, a white flashing light resembling a landing-light came on.

Mrs. Kimberley, who used to be a stewardess and has some knowledge of aircraft, remarked to her husband that it was a little unusual.

In car

"We thought it might have been a helicopter," she said. "But I don't really



Miss Eyre

think so. I don't really believe in U.F.O.'s, but it was very odd." The object disappeared from view.

Mrs. P. Giret, of Little Shambles, Coles-lane, Kingskerswell, is the assistant housekeeper at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay. She was sitting in her husband's car at Oddicombe beach, Torquay, at about 9.45 p.m. on Thursday.

"We had gone out to give the dog a run," she said, "and as I was waiting in the car I saw one red light in the sky. Then it became much brighter.

"It appeared to be above Sidmouth, and after remaining stationary for a while, it moved a short distance, and stopped again.

"My husband thought it might be a helicopter, but for some reason I wasn't convinced. It was still there when we left about 10



Mrs. Giret

minutes later."

When Mrs. Giret, however, told her colleagues at the hotel about it the next day, they laughed.

Mr. T. Blackmore, of 24, Church-road, Townstal, Dartmouth, was at home when the mysterious object came over from the Brixham direction. He heard a slow thudding sound, and saw the "intense bright lights".

He viewed it through his binoculars, but could not make out its shape or size. It was flying fairly low.

Mr. Blackmore served in the R.A.F. for five years, but was mystified on this occasion. "There is probably a very simple explanation," he said.

Another witness was Mr. H. G. Shepherd, of 5, Pafford-avenue, Watcombe, Torquay. Mr. Shepherd was driving

down Fleet-street into the Strand, Torquay, when he saw a cluster of red lights appearing to pass over the Riviera Hotel.

"It was extremely low for an aircraft and I could not see any navigational lights," he said.

From the time he first sighted the object at 8.15 on Thursday evening he saw it on and off for almost half-an-hour. He drove up Torwood-street and down into Wells-wood, losing sight of it in the Kents Cavern area.

Then Mr. Shepherd, a "26-year-old laboratory technician with Centrax in Newton Abbot, traced it again above Ilsham Marine-drive.

He was so excited by the object that he telephoned his friend, Mr. R. Smith, from a kiosk.

Binoculars

Mr. Smith rushed over from Bampfylde-road and brought with him a small pair of binoculars through which they could see "three or four closely clustered lights and then two flashing red lights slightly higher."

Mr. Shepherd estimates the height at 500ft. and says it was moving slowly. He lost sight of it as it moved out into Lyme Bay.

When he arrived home he heard his father, Mr. H. H. Shepherd, recount a similar story. He had also seen it from their house in Watcombe.

15 OCT 1969

'STATIONARY UFO ABOVE THE CITY'

A "SATELLITE" stationary in the sky above Leicester which is clearly visible to the naked eye — that is what Gas Board worker George Helyar claims he sees every night above his home.

Mr. Helyar (53), 18, Romway Road, Leicester, claims to have seen a flying object above the city every clear night for the past three months.

And, he says, his neighbour has also seen it quite recently. The object is said to be silvery with several antennae projecting from it. Mr. Helyar

estimates its height at around 70 to 90 miles.

"It may seem to be a long way up for me to see the antennae," said Mr. Helyar, "but I have heard that this is not impossible."

He added: "This is different from other reports of unidentified flying objects because in this case the satellite or whatever it is is stationary for most of the time, and is there every night."

"I wonder how many other people in Leicester have also seen it. It is directly above the city and quite unmistakable."

24 OCT 1969

WAS 'UFO' SEEN AT TINTINHULL?

A mysterious object was seen at Tintinhull, on a clear dark night, last week.

Mr. Ivor Copley and his wife Margaret were watching television at their home, 26, Montacute Road, Tintinhull, when Mrs. Copley drew her husband's attention to an intense red light which seemed to hang in the sky in the direction of Martock and Langport.

Mr. Copley then went outside to get a better view of the object. He was joined by a neighbour, who suggested that the light belonged to a helicopter, but they dismissed this idea as the light did not flicker and they could hear no sound at all of an engine.

Mr. Copley described the object as being spherical in shape, and from a distance of about 200 yards it seemed to be about a foot in diameter. He said that the light seemed to be encased by dark bars, 'like prison bars.' These bars revolved round the light, which was of an intensity which Mr. Copley had never seen before.

Mr. Copley and his neighbour watched it for about 25 minutes, until it finally disappeared at 9.20 p.m. over the houses.

Mr. Copley said that the object was travelling slowly—about 20-25 m.p.h.—and he thought it had come from the direction of Sherborne or Sturminster Newton.

OCT 3 - 1969

He wants to hear about your U.F.O.

As the editor of the South Herts Unidentified Flying Objects Investigation Group Journal, I would like through the courtesy of your columns to ask if any readers ever see any unidentified flying objects, i.e. flying saucers, or any kind of aerial phenomena.

If they have, or perchance may see them in the future, I and my fellow group members would be glad to hear from them and to learn of their experiences.

Our object is to investigate all reported sightings of anything unusual in the sky, and try to find out, if and how many of them can be attributed to natural or logical causes, or if conversely, there are genuine cases that defy rational explanation and which must be classified as unidentified or unknowns.

DIAGNOSIS

Would interested readers kindly contact me direct, and their reports or alleged sightings will be carefully examined and diagnosed by experienced UFO researchers.

This is a worldwide phenomena, and tape recordings and written reports from people who allege they have sighted these things continue to mount in volume and are already enormous. It is felt, however, there may be people who have seen something out of the ordinary, but feel embarrassed or afraid to say something about it lest they be misunderstood. If this letter reaches the eyes of such, I hope they will be good enough to let me know.

FRED O. GARDNER.
28, Southsea Avenue,
Watford.

OCT 3 - 1969

Wigtownshire Free Press

Stranraer 15-10-69

UFO sighted

A CIGAR-SHAPED object was sighted in the sky on Saturday evening between 7.45 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. by many people in the South-West and West of Scotland. The object, yellow coloured and darker in the centre, remained stationary about 15 degrees above the horizon. It was clearly seen from Portpatrick Coastguard Station and all along the coast.

Mr. Thomas Heron, 20 Princes Street, Stranraer, states that he observed the phenomenon for 17 minutes. Mr. Heron was out walking his dog, Whiskey, at Agnew Crescent when he saw a very bright object in the sky, above Kirkcubbin. The object, he said, seemed to expand until it was oval-shaped before it began to fade. Many other people in Agnew Crescent and in other parts of the town, at the time also witnessed the sighting.

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By Daily Mail Reporter
EXPERTS were yesterday trying to solve the mystery of an unidentified flying object seen over Scotland, but a conclusion is not yet reached.

The object, described as being 'cigar-shaped', was seen by a number of witnesses in the Stranraer area, and was reported to be 'very bright' and 'oval-shaped' before it faded.

Mr. Thomas Heron, 20 Princes Street, Stranraer, states that he observed the phenomenon for 17 minutes. Mr. Heron was out walking his dog, Whiskey, at Agnew Crescent when he saw a very bright object in the sky, above Kirkcubbin. The object, he said, seemed to expand until it was oval-shaped before it began to fade. Many other people in Agnew Crescent and in other parts of the town, at the time also witnessed the sighting.

Culprit

One explained: 'This is when the sun, far below the horizon during winter nights, lights up a dust cloud in the stratosphere.'

To the casual observer it looks just like they expect a flying saucer to look.

The met. man continued: 'Weather balloons are another favourite culprit. Two UFOs seen over Scotland two months ago was one of these.'

Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
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24 OCT 1963

Another U.F.O. spotted

FATHER of seven, Mr Bernard Smith, of 6 Millbank Avenue, Ashton, told the Reporter this week of seeing a "strange light in the sky."

Mr Smith said he was sitting at home at 10 p.m. on Wednesday when his oldest son Paul (13) rushed in to tell him of a mysterious movement in the stars.

"I went outside and along with my next door neighbour and a few lads in the avenue saw a bright light, which looked like the glow of a star, moving among the stars," said Mr Smith.

"It was visible for about ten minutes. It moved along then stopped dead, moved along again and then faded. It was very bright, then it slowly dimmed and then came bright again."

Mr Smith said he had read of people seeing strange objects in the sky, but never thought he would have the experience.

WHAT WAS THAT IN THE SKY LAST NIGHT?

Sunday Express Reporter POLICE AND coastguards throughout Scotland were alerted last night after reports of an unidentified flying object.

Hundreds of telephone calls were received from eye-witnesses. And there were many calls to the Scottish Sunday Express offices in Glasgow with sightings ranging from the Borders to Oban, Port William and the Western Isles.

In all cases the description was similar... a bright fluorescent cigar-shaped object with a long tail.

First reports were received from the South West of Scotland shortly before 8 p.m. but later it was reported over Oban, Mull, Oban, Port William and Kilmochervie. Then sightings were

reported to the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh from Haddington and East Saltoun.

As watchers puzzled — is it the Russian satellite? — the Meteorological Office at Prestwick Airport said that it could be caused by "noctilucence" in the cloud — a reflection of the sun's rays from a cloud very high in the sky to a cloud below.

5,000ft. up

At Portpatrick, duty coast-guard Eric Ridout said: "I watched the U.F.O. in a perfectly clear sky. Its height was between three and five thousand feet."

At Oban, lighthouseman John Turnbull said: "It appeared oblong-shaped."

Mr. George McRae, a crofter on the remote west coast of Mull, also sighted the object.

"SUNDAY EXPRESS" - 12-10-1969

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LIGHT IN THE SKY

Many people in Westford town and elsewhere throughout the county have reported seeing a bright glow or light in the northern sky between 7.30 and 7.50 on Saturday night.

The glow, or light, which was three times the size of, say, the planet Venus, as viewed by the naked eye, lasted for a couple of minutes.

Dr. Eric Lindsay, director of the Armagh Observatory, who also saw the glow, stated that his guess was that it was a burning cloud ejected by the Soviet space craft, Soyuz, on its way into orbit.

Flying Saucers Seen Over Phila:

JULY 10-49

Those fabulous "Flying Saucers," mysterious heavenly bodies, reappeared over various sections of the city and suburbs last night moving in practically every direction.

Excited residents called The Inquirer office and the Electrical Bureau at City Hall to report the presence of the strange objects and to inquire as to what they might be.

REPORTED OVER W. PHILA.

Some informants said the small, illuminated plates or discs moved in a circular direction toward the Trenchon area. Others said they circled over sections of West Philadelphia.

All agreed that they disappeared as mysteriously as they came by "just vanishing into the clouds." The "saucers" were present for an off-and-on period from 9:30 to 11 P. M., according to the callers.

The reports recalled the excitement of the summer of 1947 when similar objects were viewed by thousands of persons in virtually all sections of the Western Hemisphere. As suddenly as the reports started they ceased.

WATCHED BY COUPLE

Two of last night's viewers were a Tacony couple who watched in astonishment from the back porch of their home at 7017 Tulip st.

George G. Wunsch and his wife, Caroline, said they saw nine of the unexplainable things. They appeared at even intervals about a minute apart, starting shortly after 10:30.

According to the couple, the objects had a dull illumination

while beneath the evening's white cloud layer. At first, the couple thought it was a spotlight shining the clouds, but they saw a beam that would indicate the light came from the earth.

APPEAR ABOUT MINUTE

Wunsch said each disc appeared about a minute. They moved "considerable faster" than an airliner but still were clearly visible to the naked eye.

Barry McGuigan, a theatrical photographer, and his wife, of 4101 Spruce st., saw a similar object earlier in the evening. They, too, thought at first that it was a searchlight. But, no beam was there.

Both said that the platter circled about their West Philadelphia neighborhood for some time. At intervals, they reported, it seemed to stop for about eight seconds.

MYSTERY UNSOLVED

The 1947 episode never was really solved. Some guessed that the discs were new military weapons from a foreign power, possibly Russia. Others offered the suggestion that they were from another planet. Still others said the reports were caused by a concoction of one-third make believe, one-third mass hypnosis and the remainder just plain tomfoolery.

But, whatever it was it has much of the world talking about it.

GAZERS PLAN CONVENTION

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 9, 1949.—Have you seen a flying saucer?

If so, you are invited to a convention.

The Young Men's Business Club announced yesterday it is planning a convention for persons all over the Nation who have seen the discs. It'll give them a chance to compare notes.

Scientists, science writers and Government investigators also are to be invited.

Discs were reported here twice this week.

I would again like to thank Mr. James Wardle for the clippings reproduced here. They are from his vast collection of UFO newsreports. I know they are of extreme interest to UFO researchers. I hope to make it a regular part of the service if space permits. I would like to hear your comments.

Flying Saucer Lair Found Paper Unknown

The source of the flying saucer reports.

The officer explained that the air force uses the term "prototype" to denote the first model from which an airplane develops. The Sun then went on to quote him as saying:

"I, personally, think the inventor went to some other part of the country and that he—or some one else—developed new planes along these lines and is sending them up."

An aircraft mechanic who worked with Caldwell on the strange craft back in 1936 and 1937 declared Caldwell was 10 years ahead of his times in developing the planes.

Caldwell made a splash with them back in 1939 and 1940.

had a device on top which resembled two saucers, 16 feet in diameter, covered with airplane cloth.

The fuselage, less than 16 feet in length, had no wings and was powered by a nine-cylinder radial engine.

The other craft, the air force said, resembled a large wooden tub 14 feet in diameter, made of plywood, and had an engine and cockpit inside.

It had four blades extending around the top and also four blades around the bottom, with the blades rotating in opposite directions.

The Baltimore Sun meanwhile quoted an unidentified air force officer as expressing belief that greatly improved models of the two planes are flying now and are

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19, 1949.—The air force said Friday night that "there is a good chance" that the wreckage of two battered aircraft found in a Maryland barn "are prototypes" of the flying saucers.

Maryland state police located the two old machines in a barn near Glen Burnie, Md., about 11 miles south of Baltimore.

Jonathan E. Caldwell, inventor of the craft, disappeared about 1941.

The air force said Bolling field here was advised that "some flying discs had been located in Maryland," and that army special agents made an investigation.

The first plane, the air force said, looked like a helicopter and

Paper Unknown

Flying Saucers

Reported Seen

in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, July 9, 1949.—Intermittent appearances of "flying saucers" described as dully lighted plates or discs were reported over the Philadelphia area late tonight.

Residents said the "saucers" at first looked like a searchlight against the clouds, but that no beam was visible. One couple reported seeing nine of the discs, which they said appeared at intervals and traveled "considerably faster" than an airplane.

The phenomenon "vanishes" into the clouds, witnesses said, after appearing for brief periods between 9:30 and 11 p.m.

July 24, 1949 Pilot Describes Weird Flying Objects

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Boise, July 24, 1949.—Seven V-shaped objects which appeared about the size of fighter planes were reported flying within 1,500 or 2,000 feet of a civilian aircraft over the Mountain Home desert today.

The pilot told the Idaho Statesman, Boise, that so far as he could determine the objects were not United States planes.

He notified the civil aeronautics administration radio station of his experience and the 100th fighter squadron of the 48th national guard reported it to McCord field, Wash.

The Statesman quoted the pilot as saying he was "frightened and shaken by the experience."

He said the objects, in tight formation, but not the type of formation used by military aircraft, were flying "at a tremendous rate of speed."

The pilot, the Statesman said, has wide experience in aviation. He trained pilots during the war and operates an airport in the Boise valley.

He made his information available only on the promise that his name would not be used, the paper said.

The pilot described the objects as being in the shape of a V, with a solid, circular body under the nose of the V. There was no evidence of any means

of propulsion, he said—no propeller and no smoke trails indicating jet or rocket power.

There were no markings of any kind. The color, he said, was a shade he "couldn't describe and hadn't seen before."

He told the Statesman that there was not a moving thing on them. He said he had the objects under observation for two minutes, adding "It was two minutes of excitement."

The pilot said he was about ten miles west of Mountain Home, flying toward Boise at about 10,000 feet on the right side of the highway. He said the objects were flying at about 2,000 or 3,000 feet.

He described the formation as in two lines of three each with the seventh object either in the center, between the two lines or above them.

"It left me with a funny, ghostly feeling," he told the paper.

It was two years ago on July 4 that Capt. E. J. Smith, his co-pilot and stewardess reported a formation of objects over Emmett.

Shortly thereafter, the nation was deluged with stories of weird flying objects. Reports came from seasoned pilots as well as from the man in the street. MOSCOW, 10746-70