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Amino acids found in meteor suggest extraterrestrial life

Cr: Lou Farish

Times Post News Service
(Los Angeles Times)

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Strong new evidence of chemical evolution suggesting the possible existence of life elsewhere in the universe is seen in the first positive identification of non-earthly amino acids in a meteorite that fell in Australia.

Scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research center here made the identification which they said may provide a new time sequence for the origin of life on earth.

Amino acids, one of the principal constituents of living cells, were found in abundance in a meteorite which fell near Murchison, Victoria, Australia, on Sept. 28, 1969, according to Dr. Cyril A. Ponnamperna, who headed the Ames team.

The find, he said, is probably the first conclusive proof of extraterrestrial chemical evolution, the chemical processes which precede the origin of life.

The theory of chemical evolution, it was explained, states that various types of energy discharges caused the basic elements of the primordial universe to evolve into increasingly complex chemical molecules.

After hundreds of millions of years of chemical evolution, ver, complex molecules appeared which could reproduce themselves and thus could be considered the first forms of

life, according to the theory.

But while the amino acids are the basic constituents of living cells, those found in the Murchison meteorite do not appear to be of biological origin, the Ames scientists pointed out.

Nevertheless, the discovery of nonbiological amino acids in the meteorite, confirmed by a battery of laboratory tests, shows, according to Dr. Ponnamperna:

—That the building blocks of life, such as amino acids, can form by chemical means in nature.

—That these complex molecules can form away from earth in other parts of the Solar System and presumably elsewhere in the universe.

—That the discovery appears to set a time sequence.

This sequence was related to the scientific belief that the planets of the Solar System, including the earth, formed 4.5 billion years ago from an interstellar gas cloud.

The Murchison meteorite also is believed to be 4.5 billion years old, like virtually all other meteorites — a Class II carbonaceous chondrite of a type that apparently originates in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

The Ames discovery, reported in the current edition of *Nature*, a British scientific journal, strongly suggests that the amino acids and other complex organic molecules (various hydrocarbons) found in the meteorite have been present from the time of earth's formation.

November 27, 1970
Arkansas Gazette

Bright Light Flashes Across Oklahoma Sky

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—A bright light, possibly from a meteor, flashed over Central Oklahoma and a wide section of the nation early Thursday.

Oklahoma City radio station KOMA said it had received reports about the light from North Dakota to Mexico and from Nevada to Tennessee.

Witnesses said the light was visible over the Oklahoma City about 1 a.m. Cr: L. Farish

Nov. 4, 1970
Winona, Minn.
(NEWS)

UFO (?) is sighted by police

Winona police activity Tuesday evening included the observation and investigation of what authorities termed an unidentified flying object, Chief of Police James W. McCabe said this morning.

Two officers in a patrol car in the vicinity of Kiddieland at the east end of Lake Winona reported at 9:35 p.m. that they and four civilians in the area saw what they termed a "string of lights" suddenly dive out of the sky and into the lake.

Police at first thought it may have been a light plane crashing into the lake, but later ruled that out.

They never determined what it was they saw, McCabe said, but the rain and fog present at the time were thought capable of producing an illusion or reflection.

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Report Sighting of Unknown Object

An unidentified falling object was seen over Pana by 3 local men around 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, the News-Palladium learned.

Bob Vanus jr., of 304 North Locust said he, Ivan Crutcher of Tower Hill and Marvin Trosper of Pana had just finished painting a car in the garage behind his home and had walked outside when they saw it.

A white, burning-like light was slowly drifting down out of the sky. The men thought they could see a shape over the top of it. It fell out of their sight in the vicinity of either the Mallory plant or Tanner Iron & Metal Yard. They did not attempt to find it.

Sightings of unknown objects falling from the sky have also been reported in Taylorville in recent weeks.

ORLANDO EVENING STAR

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Monday, Nov. 23, 1970

Another UFO?

LONDON (UPI)—The ministry of defense is investigating a report that an unidentified flying object looking like a fried egg — white with a yellow center — flew over East London this weekend.

November 23, 1970
Spokane, Wash.
(Chronicle)

Weather Balloon?

Object Sighted in Sky

An unidentified "flying object" reported seen in the Mica Peak area early yesterday may have been a weather balloon, Deputy Sheriff Charles A. Delgado said.

The deputy told the sheriff's radio section he observed the "UFO" after the

sheriff's office had received calls on the object.

Deputy Delgado said what he saw was like a weather balloon with a light reflecting on it.

The control tower at Spokane International Airport also confirmed sighting the light in the sky.

Dec. 1, 1970
Winston-Salem NC.
(Journal)

Flying Object Reported Seen

Cr: G. Fawcett

Residents of Forsyth County and Kernersville reported seeing a flying object last night.

Several people called the Journal and reported seeing a green light which appeared in the sky south of the city about 6 p.m.

A spokesman at the weather bureau at Friendship said a rocket had been fired about 5:50 p.m. yesterday from Cape Kennedy, Fla. It could have been the second stage of the rocket, he said.

November 12, 1970
Phoenix, Arizona
(American)

Flying Saucers Back In News

Albert Formiller of Phoenix frequently goes to Mexico to fish. Both he and his wife like the black sea bass which can be caught at Cholla Bay.

This last week he was down there but he didn't catch any fish. However he has a story to tell, and according to Formiller, it is not a fish story.

Following an afternoon of surf fishing last Thursday he walked back down to the beach just to look around. At about 9 o'clock he noticed a light in the sky which seemed to be coming towards him.

He said that it was one of the unidentified flying objects that everyone has heard about. It was round and saucershaped. It was also quiet. There was no wind blowing and the sea was quiet with no surf noise.

The UFO appeared to stop and hover about 200 to 300 feet above the water. Then it turned on a searchlight from the bottom of the vehicle and illuminated a spot on the water which Formiller said appeared to be about 1/2 mile across. The light extended almost to the shore. Formiller was standing about five feet from the water's edge.

The searchlight was located within a tube and as the light was raised or lowered the illumination was changed from a sharp spot to a wide flood light on the surface of the water.

At first he thought that it was a helicopter searching for something, but there was

no sound. After a few minutes a cloud was formed around the vehicle which did not appear to be caused by exhaust gases because there was no blowing of the cloud.

After about five minutes of this particular behavior, the searchlight was turned off and a similar light was turned on from the top of the vehicle illuminating the upper part of the cloud.

The vehicle then started moving in a westerly direction and was visible for about 20 minutes. Other lights were visible on the ship which gave the cloud a green cast.

Friday morning Formiller asked some other fisherman if they had seen the strange light in the sky the night before. One man, who is a security guard at one of the industrial plants in the Phoenix area, said that he was just coming into the bay after having been out in the gulf all afternoon, and he saw the light in the air. He also said that he saw it move to the west with the greenish cloud around it. However he was in another part of the bay and could not see the searchlight shining on the water.

Formiller, who lives at 3132 N. 40th Street, said that he would "swear on a stack of Bibles, against any government official who says that there are no UFO's, that he saw what he saw."

Bill Finch, ESP Columnist, is investigating the Cholla Bay incident.

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Blue Streaks In ET Skies Was U.S. Weather Satellite

No doubt about it, there was something very strange in the sky above Knoxville from about 6:10 to 6:40 p.m. Friday!

Calls coming to The Knoxville Journal during that time described the object variously as "blue-green with strange lights streaking down to the earth," "about half a mile long and like a giant cloud with tails streaming down," "shaped like a big

crow ... a giant grasshopper," "shaped like a big red letter M and with two blinkers going,"

"first two blue streaks with red ends ... white things that looked like jets were flying in and out leaving trail streaks."

What was it? The Control Tower at McGhee Tyson Airport had an answer. Weather missile. Some were sent up from Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida and one could have reached here at about that time. "Because of the sun's angle, the clear air and certain atmospheric conditions, the missile spotted here gave off strange emanations to viewers below," was the report.

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Chicago, Ill.
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UFOs Reported Here

Chicago and suburban police department switchboards were flooded early yesterday with reports of unidentified flying objects sighted on the southeast horizon over Northlake and nearby areas. The rash of reports was similar to many of those in the New York area earlier this week, and officials said the same thing caused the two occurrences. It seems that the planet Venus is especially bright in the sky this week, and combined with atmospheric conditions, the planet produces pulsating lights in the sky.

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Evanston UFO Class Takes New Approach

A class of 15 north shore men and women are attending a first session, 87th Congress. This says in part:

"Since intelligent life may be discovered at any time via radio telescope research presently under way and since consequences of such a discovery are unpredictable, two research areas are recommended."

"Continue studies to determine emotional and intellectual understanding and attitudes regarding the possibility and consequences of discovering intelligent extraterrestrial life."

2 Studies Are Urged
"Initiate historical and empirical studies of behavior of peoples and their leaders and confronted with dramatic and unfamiliar events or social pressures. Such studies might help provide programs for meeting and adjusting to implications of such a discovery."

Laub and Larsen are suggesting that if such a discovery comes within the next two decades it will be by way of the radio telescope rather than in "face to face meetings with it." They have both moved somewhat "away from belief that extraterrestrial vehicles have been seen on earth," they indicated yesterday.

The course already has had three sessions—and there are five more to go.

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Breese, Ill.

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UFO sighted

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Beckemeyer Monday night by a group of teenagers and one adult.

Mrs. George Jannett reported to the Journal that the group included Gerald Skiver, Ruth Burkhardt, Gayle Wiebler, and Nancy Butler, who were among those who saw the strange object low in the sky to the south of the Beckemeyer Public School, following the basketball game there that night.

It was described as triangular shaped with orange and white lights and a second object appeared to emerge from it. The objects were observed by the group for about ten minutes. They report that it definitely was not a plane or a star, and moved in an erratic manner.

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Cahokia, Ill.

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UFO Sighted In Dupu Area

Russell Griffin, 16, of R.R. 1, Dupu, reported to the sheriff's office he sighted an unidentified flying object at 9 p.m. Sunday near his home.

Russell said the object dropped to about 2,200 feet from the east and then zoomed into the sky. He said it was "long and glowed white with colored lights at each end."

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

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

October 15, 1970
Durango, Colo.
(Herald)

UFOs reported near

DURANGO — A U.S. Army spokesman said this morning that an unidentified flying object seen Tuesday by more than a dozen people in the Cortez, Dove Creek area was not a Pershing missile.

The mystery of the bright, glowing object flying near Ute mountain about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday seemed to be solved when it was discovered that a Pershing missile was fired from Black Mesa, Utah at the same time. "But the missile was destroyed within seconds after it left the launch pad" the Army spokesman said. "Most of it fell to the ground right there, although one section landed near Aneth, Utah."

The hovering object, described as the shape of a belly bean or a banana, was seen by a Dove Creek farmer and his wife, two young people

out riding a motorcycle, the family of one of the young people, the Mildred Whyte family of Towaooc and a couple on the Lakeview road northeast of Cortez.

The closest sighting of the object was made by Diane Bard, 18 and Dale Kell, 17, who were motorcycle riding on an unpaved road about five miles south of Cortez.

"We were riding north" Miss Bard said, "when all at once we heard a whoosh-sound off to the left, and a craft the shape of a jelly bean rose straight into the air. It had three lights in a row close to the top. One was small and white, another was small and orange, and the third was very big and bright. All around us it was as bright as day."

Terrified, Miss Bard and Kell drove along the road with

the bright object following them. They approached a house and the lights on the UFO went out. The couple went to the Kell's home, told the family about the occurrence and returned to the spot at about 9:30 p.m. With six people in the Kell car watching, the two young people again rode the motorcycle down the road and again the object rose out of the sagebrush and followed them.

A Dove Creek farmer and his wife also reported seeing a bright flying object at 8:30. At about the same time, Mrs. Mildred Whyte was driving with her family toward Towaooc. All five people in the Whyte automobile saw the UFO. The couple on the Lakeview road also reported seeing a bright object flying near Ute mountain.

Miss Bard said the object made a sound "like a dull thunder." It was, she said 20 to 30 feet long and remained relatively near the ground, although at one time it hovered immediately overhead.

A scientist who participated in the controversial Candon study on Unidentified Flying Objects, said the case was intriguing. However, he stated that distant objects which frighten an observer at night often look close. He suggested

that the people who saw the UFO remembered that it was a moonlight night and that they returned to where they saw the object when the moon is approximately the same position.

Officials in Cortez and Dove Creek said today that no investigation of the phenomena is planned.

Miss Bard and Kell returned Wednesday night to the area where they had seen the flying object, but saw nothing unusual.

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UFO Group of Greater St. Louis Asks for Reports

The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, which is responsible for investigations of unidentified flying objects in the Greater St. Louis area, has asked that persons sighting such objects convey the information to the organization.

The calls can be made to John F. Schuessler, local and Missouri director of the Midwest UFO Network, 272-6719, or Arthur J. Epstein, community relations representative, 631-5246.

The group also is inviting people of St. Clair and adjoining counties to become members. Additional information can be obtained by addressing letters to: Norma E. Short, Box 129, Stover, Mo., 65078.

The organization is composed of many men and women prominent in the academic, professional and aerospace community. The study group is responsible for UFO investigations in St. Louis and the surrounding area and operates as an independent member of the 15 state Midwest UFO Network.

"We are very much interested in receiving UFO sighting reports from the public and welcome inquiries on the subject phenomenon," Epstein said. "Our group has furnished information and speakers on UFOs to radio, television and other news media as well as to various service clubs and churches."

The official publication of Midwest UFO Network, "Skyhook," is published monthly. Subscription information should be addressed to Miss Short.

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Get set, Georgia; here 'it' comes!

BY GARLAND REEVES
News staff writer

In the sky, the object floated along silent and serene in its chill, rarefied world. But in Birmingham and over much of Alabama — wary glances were cast at the evening sky Thursday where the strange, shining thing sailed along.

AMONG MANY calls to The Birmingham News was one from an obviously tipsy gentleman who announced that after seeing the bright, silvery object he was giving up the bottle.

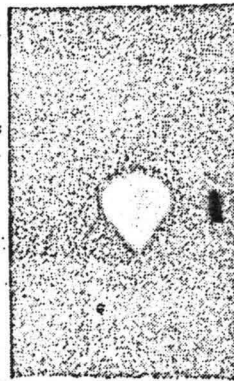
A switchboard operator explained to him that the object was in fact man-made — a weather balloon floating about 100,000 feet above the city, catching the dying rays of the sun above the twilight which darkened most of the state.

"Well, then, things aren't so bad after all," the man said.

WHILE THE balloon sailed over the city, switchboards at newspapers and police stations from Birmingham to Huntsville were busy with callers who wanted to know what it was.

"They were scared," said an operator.

Dr. G. A. Gunter of the University of Alabama at Huntsville said the balloon, 325 feet in diameter and big



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enough to cover a city block, was part of a cosmic ray experiment. He said it was a prototype of a satellite to be launched by NASA.

It was launched Wednesday in New Mexico and was expected to stay aloft only 12 hours. It wasn't supposed to come anywhere near Alabama.

WHEN ITS JOB was over, a command from the control center was supposed to set off a cannon shredding the balloon's skin and allowing the 27 million cubic feet of helium to escape. The 8,000-pound payload was to have dropped by parachute somewhere near Memphis.

But the mechanism didn't

work and the balloon remained aloft.

It sailed across Alabama, visible for hundreds of miles in the state, and when last seen was heading for Georgia at 50 miles an hour.

The Weather Bureau issued this statement: "The bright object that appears to be a large balloon hovering northwest of Birmingham is a large balloon hovering northwest of Birmingham."

Nov. 23, 1970
Spokane, Wash.
(Spokesman Review)

UFO Seen Flying Over Mica Peak

A visit from outer space?

A "spear shaped" unidentified flying object was observed moving back and forth over Mica Peak, southeast of Spokane, at 6:10 a.m. Sunday, the Sheriff's Department reported.

After receiving two calls reporting the object, the Sheriff's Department alerted patrolling units north and east of Spokane, both of which confirmed seeing the object before it "disappeared" shortly after. The control tower at Spokane International Airport also reported observing the UFO, sheriff deputies said.

The Sheriff's Department said it reported the incident to Fairchild Air Force Base but was told the Air Force had disregarded its UFO program and was "not interested."

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Are UFO's Flying Again?

Five people watched it and five people were scared, including City Marshal Bill Partin. The other four, being teenage girls, we won't name. Only two of the girls were interviewed but gave the same accounts of the strange incident as Partin.

According to the story the girls were in the vicinity of the high school last Thursday nite working on a float for the Homecoming parade when they saw a globular light about 12 inches in diameter in the sky. They said they could tell it was an object of some sort and that it was moving toward them, coming close enough that they were getting scared.

Apparently nearing the hysteria stage the four girls got into the car and raced toward town, followed closely by the lighted object.

The City Marshal said when he stopped their car, the girls were screaming and crying and pointed toward the light. He said they watched the light as it moved closer, hovered a good two minutes; then rose and moved slowly in a southwesterly direction. Partin said he judged it came within 300 to 400 feet of them before moving on. All three said there was no sound of a motor, discounting the theory of an aircraft.

Whether the light was caused by some peculiar phenom of atmospheric conditions is a possibility but the story relates in much similarity to accounts of sightings of such objects during the past few years.

Oct. 24, 1970
Anniston, Ala.
(Star)

Anniston man reports 26 UFO near Pell City

A local resident reports sighting an unidentified flying object between Pell City and Leeds Thursday afternoon.

Wesley J. Ponder of Acker Electric Company said he was on I-20 traveling west to Birmingham with his wife and 14-year-old daughter just before sundown when his wife spotted the first of two cylindrical objects.

The first object was traveling from the east, Ponder said, and was moving at about the height and speed of a low-flying airplane.

PONDER said the object was cylindrical with flat ends, whitish and didn't glow. It was white, not metallic, he said. It had a definite shape, and gave the unmistakable impression of solidity, he said.

The second object, identical to the first except that it appeared to have a long trail such as an airplane would

give off, appeared from the west, Ponder said.

It changed course slightly to meet the first one, and the two met head-on, Ponder said. "My wife said, 'It looks like they're going to make battle doesn't it,'" said Ponder. "And I answered, 'It certainly does.'"

BUT WHEN the two met head-on, the one coming from the west disappeared. "Just that sudden, too," Ponder said. "The other didn't change appearance, speed, elevation or anything..." It continued on in a westerly direction until it disappeared in the distance over Birmingham, Ponder said. "I had plenty of time to observe this thing because I watched it for 10 minutes."

Assuming that the object was at the height of a low-flying airplane (2,000 to 4,000 feet, Ponder estimates) he believes it was about half the

size of a private single-engine aircraft.

HE never has seen an unidentified flying object before. "I'd never compare it to a flying saucer he said. The way people describe them, they change directions suddenly. This didn't change direction or anything."

Jim Ray of Anniston's FAA office, said he has received no reports of unidentified flying objects lately, although he has received many in the past.

He said if the objects described showed up on radar they probably would not have been noticed, because air traffic is heavy between Pell City and Leeds, and radar operators, if they had noticed the objects on their screens, probably would have considered them low-flying aircraft not under their control and just flying through the area.

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Observatory Says UFO Was Venus

NEW YORK (AP) — The planet Venus appeared as an intense, bright light in the eastern sky just before dawn Tuesday and provoked reports of an unidentified flying object.

Motorists telephoned reports to police and even policemen in radio patrol cars were fooled. One policeman radioed, "Yes. It's a bright object all right. About 150 feet away."

Venus, which at times comes as close as 24.6 million miles to earth, was identified as the source of light after police checked with the Washington National Observatory, which attributed the planet's intensity to atmospheric conditions.

Even Clay Sees 'Flying Objects'

NEW YORK (UPI) A number of New Yorkers including boxer Cassius Clay reported seeing unidentified flying objects at dawn Tuesday but astronomers said the sightings probably were of Venus.

"Venus is extremely brilliant at this time," said Dr. Franklin Brantley chairman of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History. "And invariably, when people see it, they think they see it move, jump around and carry on in all sorts of erratic behavior. It's probably due to atmospheric distortion."

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Mysterious Red Glow Probably A Balloon Hoax

Members of the X-1 adult education astronomy class at Lyman Hall High School Tuesday evening turned their attention from the constellations to a mysterious red light glowing in the northern sky.

The UFO, spotted by the class headed by planetarium director Luther Ross at 8:12 p.m., was later identified as a flare attached to a balloon sent off by youths at Pragman Park, one of several cited by local residents in recent weeks.

Mystery Object Is Sighted in R.I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (AP) — Charles H. Smiley, professor emeritus at Brown University, Saturday said a mysterious object sighted in Providence skies Saturday morning could have been space shot debris.

The astronomer said the direction of travel of the sighting and the length of time it was over the metropolitan area made it unlikely that the object was a natural phenomenon, such as a meteorite.

The bright, white light, reportedly moving from west to east started early risers. Officials at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station, at Westerly and Otis Air Force Bases in Massachusetts and the National Weather Service at Green Airport at Warwick, R. I., were unable to explain the phenomenon.

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Atlantan Has Theory on UFOs

By RICHARD B. MATTHEWS

A science instructor at Clark College has developed a new theory of magnetism which he says can explain how unidentified flying objects (UFOs) could actually be spacecraft from another solar system.

Eugene H. Burt, assistant director of the Cooperative General Science Project at the Atlanta school, has published a book, "UFOs and Diamagnetism," on his theory in which he suggests that advanced alien civilizations could be using a form of magnetism to power interstellar craft.

Burt, a native of Memphis and a graduate of North Texas State University, said he neither believes nor disbelieves in the existence of UFOs, but said he has developed a "working hypothesis" which could explain the sightings by people around the world.

"I believe enough in my fellow man that when whole communities report seeing objects, I must accept their observations as evidence," Burt said in an interview at his office.

BURT, WHO WAS A representative of a scientific company before coming to Clark College, a unit of the Atlanta University Center, turned to the tiniest areas of the universe—atomic particles—to find his theory of how travel over trillions of miles of space could be possible.

The 43-year-old educator has developed a hypothesis that involves an inversion of magnetic fields surrounding a flow of current when the current is positive. This inversion, he feels, results in the existence of a repulsive force which has nothing to do with ordinary magnetic attraction and repulsion, and does not exhibit "north" and "south" poles.

Using this repulsive force, Burt said, spacecraft could power themselves away from planetary masses, perhaps "bounce" off the conventional magnetic fields of other bodies, and reach sufficient speeds to travel near the speed of light.

"A lot of this sounds far out," Burt said, "but 50 years ago or less a lot of our speculations about nuclear energy sounded pretty far out."

BURT ADMITTED HE HAS not been able to get much support for his theory, since most physicists believe his new "inverted" field is the same as the already-known "reversed" field, which does not exhibit any properties like the repulsive force he suggests.

"I still see the possibility of a difference," Burt insists.

His theory of a repulsive force also explains why most people who have sighted UFOs report the objects were silent. The force, he said, acts on all particles, including the atoms in air molecules; when they are pushed away from the craft, a vacuum is formed, and any sounds the craft might be making cannot travel through the vacuum.

Burt said his theory of the repulsive magnetic force could also explain the strange properties of the tails of comets, which always project away from the sun, even if that means in front of the comet's path of travel.

"THE PRESENT THEORIES explain this as a result of solar pressure," he said, "but solar pressure is very weak. But if you go along with the theory that a diamagnetic force is created by the solar winds (which he said are flows of positive currents), you could explain it."

Burt said he hopes the publication of his book will convince someone with the equipment and ability to test his theory. "The simplest way of testing it would be to use a linear accelerator to create a positive current, then determine whether the positive current creates the diamagnetic field," he said.

Because the electrical current which is common is negative, and science is only capable at present of creating small amounts of positive current, Burt cannot readily test his hypothesis.

"My main reason for publishing is to have the theory tested," he said. "If it proves false, then I can just forget about it. But until it is proved false, I can't get it off my mind."

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Possible source of life found in meteorite

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have discovered the building blocks of life in a meteorite that crashed into Earth near Murchison, Australia, on Sept. 28, 1969.

Amino acids were discovered by space agency researchers working at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

"The find is probably the first conclusive proof of extraterrestrial chemical evolution, the chemical processes which preceded the origin of life," said Dr.

Cyril Ponnamperna, head of the research team.

The discovery could provide a new time sequence for the origin of life both on Earth and in the Universe.

The amino acids found—16 in all—did not appear to be of biological origin, indicating they evolved chemically.

Chemical evolution theory holds that various types of energy could create ever more complex types of molecules, building to extremely intricate forms that could reproduce themselves.

The amino acids in the Murchison meteorite are believed to have been formed 4.5 billion years ago, when the Earth was still just part of a gaseous interstellar cloud.

Those Mysterious Objects Just Lazy Old Balloons

The mystery of the unidentified flying objects sighted Friday over Salt Lake City burst Saturday like the balloons the UFOs turned out to be.

Several persons reported seeing the UFOs Friday between 4 and 5 p.m. floating over the valley from southwest to northeast and disappearing behind the Capitol.

But Carol Anderson, an employee at Caldwell, Richards and Sorensen, Inc., a surveying firm, said he and his fellow employees did something about the UFOs: from a vantage point outside their office at 118-1st Ave., they trained their transits—telescopic surveying instruments—on the sky over the Capitol.

On close examination, said Mr. Anderson, the UFOs turned out to be clusters of balloons, about 25-40 to a bunch, all different colors.

"Looked like a bunch of Christmas trees floating around up there," he said.

UFO Seen In Skies Over City

There was something strange but beautiful in the skies over New Bern early this morning and it set off a rash of rumors and telephone calls to police, FAA offices and newspaper and radio stations.

What the pale blue or white ball-like UFO was remains a mystery, but some observers said it was a weather balloon. Others declared it was the Russian moonship while a third group maintained it was the planet Venus.

The object, seen by dozens of persons in the area, appeared in the southeastern skies and seemed to hover in the early morning sunlight. No vapor trails or movement could be detected from the ground.

FAA spokesmen said they had seen the object but it was not, as far as they knew, a weather balloon. The Associated Press told the Sun-Journal that the object apparently did not come from the NASA facility at Wallops Island, Va.

One report said that officials at Seymour Johnson AFB declared the mysterious lighting was nothing more than "Venus inverted." This, they explained, caused the planet to become magnified and appear larger and more easily seen by the naked eye.

Jimmy Smith, physics instructor at New Bern High school, told the Sun-Journal that he did not see the object but he explained given by the FAA was probably correct. He declared that if the sightings were not of a weather balloon there are still many other logical explanations.

Although the airport in New Bern is now using a "ceilometer" to detect cloud formations, officials said that the "UFO" sighting was not in any way connected with the new equipment.

At least one person who claimed to have seen the object stated it was probably caused by black magic associated with Friday 13th. This theory was quickly denied by a number of "experts."

At press time today rumors were still circulating about the sighting and efforts to identify the UFO were underway.

The observations were made in clear weather and no clouds were in sight to hinder the view of persons watching the object as it hung majestically in the blue sky.

The Salt Lake Tribune, Sunday, October 25, 1970

FOREIGN

Our thanks to Mr. James Auburn of the Meteor Research Society for his many foreign clippings loaned to UFORC for our service. We hope to expand our foreign coverage to areas not covered in depth as of yet. These include South America and Canada. Our thanks also to Mr. Douglas Wilson for his excellent translation work!

Before I forget, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our subscribers!

KETTERING
LEADER

13 NOV 1970

UNITED KINGDOM

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was spotted in Kettering on Monday by four people who say it was like a flying threepenny bit.

The object, which was larger than an aeroplane, travelled slowly over the town in the direction of Barton Seagrave, and was seen by four workers at the Mobbs Miller factory in Carrington Street.

Mrs Norma Bartholomew, of 61 Fuller Street, said: "All four of us definitely saw it. People will say we are mad but it was there we are certain."

The object was first seen by Mr Bob Hackett, of 127 Reservoir Road, Kettering, who pointed it out to Mrs Bartholomew and colleagues, Susan Urban and Maureen Luck.

"It was like a flying threepenny bit, silver in colour, and not going very fast. We could see it for a couple of minutes at about 5.15 in the afternoon," said Mrs Bartholomew.

"Four of us saw it in full view and it moved across the sky in a sort of fluttering movement."

"I've never seen one before but I really did see this one," she added.

Mr Geoffrey Perry, head of Kettering Grammar School satellite tracking group, said that the object could possibly have been a weather balloon.

"At that time of day it would be impossible to see a satellite so it may possibly have been a balloon," he said.

THE GUARDIAN

23 NOV 1970

EXPRESS & STAR
(WOLVERHAMPTON)

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16 OCT 1970

Hackney's UFO

The Ministry of Defence is investigating the reported sighting of a "pulsating" unidentified flying object at the weekend over Hackney, East London. It was seen by Mr and Mrs Douglas Lockhart, of Downs Park Road.

Beached UFO 'from advanced civilisation'

Fragments of metal found 13 years ago were made from a process only now being investigated, two amateur astronomers will disclose in a book, due out next year, for UFO investigators and researchers.

The metal showered down to earth in 1957 after an unidentified flying object exploded over a beach in Brazil.

Scientists immediately discovered that the metal was found to contain magnesium of unusually high purity, but it was not until last year that a research organisation started other investigations.

They found the metal to have been made from a process which results in superior strength and is known as "directionally solidified casting."

EXPLODED

However, this process was not even being studied, let alone being put into practice

in 1957 when the UFO exploded and showered the metal on to the Brazilian beach.

The disclosure will be made in a book to be published by Stafford accounts worker Anthony Pace and fellow astronomer Roger Stanway, two Staffordshire men whose first book "Flying Saucer Report" was a big hit.

Mr. Pace said today: "The discovery of this metal and the process by which it was made could be interpreted as meaning it was produced by a more advanced civilisation than ours."

The book, which is being delayed because of a welcome flood of offers of articles from all over the world, should be out next year.

It will put arguments for and against the existence of so-called flying saucers, with articles by experts, believers and non-believers, together with hints on taking photographs and evaluating information.

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BOURNEMOUTH
EVENING ECHO
- 3 OCT 1970

Another UFO?

WHAT I am about to relate may sound rather far-fetched and I have no means of making you believe it. My friend Carol and I were coming home from a cycle ride at half past seven on Tuesday evening. We were in Calvin Road, Winton. We were just about to enter her house when we heard a strange droning noise. We looked up instantly and saw, coming from Wimborne Road direction, a silver globe which was spinning around at a fantastic rate and glowing orange around the edges. It was moving fast and as it grew nearer the strange unearthly noise grew louder then it disappeared behind some trees. When it reappeared it spun over a roof top and out of sight.

We chased after it, but it was moving so fast that we lost it.

I would be interested to know if any other person has reported anything like this.

JANE CARTER
/ 52 Calvin Road,
Winton,
Bournemouth.

NEWSCLIP/APCUT

IRISH PRESS

Daily (Circ. 102,578)

- 4 NOV 1970

There they go again

A 36-year-old Norwegian claims he was struck to the ground by the invisible rays of a flying saucer while driving along a desolate road in southern Norway.

Reidar Salvesen of Kristiansand, said he was blinded by a "fiery disc" which hovered just above the ground in front of his car.

Salvesen said he had time to write a description of the object before being hurled to the ground as the saucer soared away and disappeared in a flash of light.

2 NOV 1970

Man who saw a UFO

THE UNIDENTIFIED Flying Object of Mullinahone is in the news again. This time the facts behind the sighting last March have been cleared up by the man who saw the object, Mr. John Shelley.

"The object landed and did not just hover around as reported by the U.F.O. Register in a morning newspaper today, and it was much bigger than the description given," he has told the Evening Herald.

The sighting made by Mr. Shelley, an auctioneer and agricultural advisor, of Linaun Cottage, Cress, Carrick-on-Suir, as he drove with his wife through a lonely stretch of country has been reported to Washington.

Mr. Shelley said that the object was between 40 and 60 feet in diameter and 15 feet high. It was shaped like "half an orange with the flat part towards the ground."

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley stopped within 100 yards of the object and saw it come to a standstill. "I am sure it was landed. There was a poor but strangely dazzling orange and crimson light coming from the top of it," said Mr. Shelley.

Mr. Shelley added that he was going to make a closer investigation, but his wife became very frightened, and as they drove away the object was still there. At first there was a mist under the object, but it later disappeared. There was no sound.

"I went back the following day to see the spot where it landed. I told a few local men, and they laughed, and I never went near the field again," added Mr. Shelley.

NEWSCLIP/APCUT

WESTERN
MORNING NEWS
- 9 NOV 1970

U.F.O. over Somerset

A mysterious flying object was seen on four separate occasions by Mr. T. J. Aldridge, of Head Street, Tintinhull, as he was driving between Crewkerne and his home on Saturday night. Mr. Aldridge, who reported it to Yeovil police, said it was a large circular object, amber coloured, and glowing.

A COLOUR SLIDE taken by an Irthlingborough woman, inadvertently showing an unidentified flying object over Gatwick Airport, has been sent to the magazine "Flying Saucer Review" in London.

Amateur astronomer Mr. Howard Pratt — whose wife Mary took the picture — hopes the print may help to prove to others that UFO's do exist.

In the past couple of years Mr. Pratt, of 33 Noble Avenue, who regularly scans the night skies with a telescope, has seen about 30 UFOs.

"Sometimes they are bright white lights, or red lights... Once I saw a green one. Sometimes the white lights turn red. They aren't satellites—I know those. They're not aeroplanes and not balloons. I can't explain what they are—but I've seen them," he told "The News."

Books

Mr. Pratt records all local "sightings" (he has newspaper cuttings referring to UFOs seen over Wellingborough and Irthlingborough) and has read scores of books on the subject. He owns a special electronic gadget that reacts to abnormal local changes in the earth's magnetic field (associated with this sort of phenomena).

On several occasions Mr. Pratt has attempted to photograph night-flying UFOs through his telescope, without success.

We didn't know I had photographed a UFO at Gatwick until the slides were developed. We didn't see it. I was photographing the aircraft in which our niece was flying back to Australia," Mrs. Pratt explained.

Our reporter examined an enlarged print copied from Mrs. Pratt's snapshot. Two strange looking circular blobs attached to a line of white (like the beam of a headlight or a vapour trail) were clearly visible in the clouds. The object did not look at all like an aircraft, and did not appear to have been caused during the slide's processing and development.

UFOs were sighted over Northampton on several occasions this week.

NEWSCLIP/APCUT

DAILY MIRROR

Daily (Circ. 5,186,857)

23 NOV 1970

FLYING SAUCER IS BACK

By GEORGE FALLOWS

THOSE flying saucers are back again. Three sightings were reported yesterday — along with a thing that went bump in the night.

Defence Ministry experts are investigating one saucer report, from writer Douglas Lockhart and his wife, who live in Hackney.

The couple say they saw a "pulsating" flying object over Hackney on Saturday night. It was yellow, black and red.

Student Phillip Morris

claims he saw a similar object over Hyde Park an hour earlier. It was changing from white to red.

Taxi driver Stanley Simmonds and his wife spotted something in the sky from their home at Clapton, yesterday morning. It was silver.

The thing that went bump in the night was just a piece of stone which two schoolboys say came out of the sky at Walthamstow.

Nickie notes his UFO

YOUNG NICKIE Moorecroft opened his school newsbook and wrote the most exciting story of his nine years. And his pals at Kingsford School, Colchester, were comparing notes.

For Nickie, above with sister Julie and pet dog, was describing the flying saucer he said he saw whizzing round in the sky high above the Shrub End estate as he played in the twilight.

"I was on a swing on the Army estate," Nickie told an Evening Gazette re-

porter, "when I saw this thing all lit up high in the sky. It was a golden colour with beams of light coming from it and it seemed to be coming towards me. I jumped off the swing and threw myself into a sand-pit."

Nickie, who is used to watching helicopters overhead, is certain that the UFO he saw was nothing like that. He says he saw it for about a minute before it disappeared. And his ten-year-old sister Julie, who left their home at 33

Gloucester Avenue, just before 7 pm for Guides saw it too.

"Nickie was certainly scared when he got home," said his mother. "He got impatient with us for not being able to understand what he meant, but I'm convinced he saw something." So is Nickie's father, a roadworks subcontractor.

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22 OCT 1970

Mystery object seen in sky

TWO Blackburn women claim to have seen an unidentified flying object over Whalley Old Road at about 8.30 this morning.

Mrs Marion Holden and Mrs Linda Shears, both of Florence Street, said the object was cigar-shaped with a beam of light in the middle that flashed on and off.

The object, which was travelling at just below cloud level, went towards Rishton and appeared to be landing.

Blackburn police said they had received no other reports of anybody sighting this object.

Debris

A spokesman for the Air Traffic Control at Broughton said: "We received a similar report at about the same time yesterday morning, but we have heard nothing today."

"I do not know what it was, but I would guess it could be some debris returning from outer space. At irregular intervals this space debris, of which there is a great deal, does come back."

"As the debris enters the earth's atmosphere it starts to burn up."

IRELAND Extract from
Belfast News Letter
- 4 NOV 1970

U.F.O. sighting

A 35-year-old Norwegian claims he was struck to the ground by the invisible rays of a flying saucer while driving along a desolate road in Southern Norway. Reldar Salvesen, of Kristiansand, said he was blinded by a "fiery disc" which hovered just above the ground in front of his car.

DAILY EXPRESS

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U.F.O. riddle

Police were yesterday investigating reports of an unidentified flying object—giving off a red and white flashing light—over Drakenow power station in Derbyshire.

19 NOV 1970

Just what did young Robert see?

SINCE getting home from hospital the other day, eight-year-old Robert Lewis has not stopped talking about the mystery flying object he spotted through a ward window.

Just before breakfast on Friday morning, Robert, who was in the Ear, Nose and Throat Ward, saw an odd looking yellow light in the sky.

So he got out of bed and went to the south-facing window for a better view — and saw what he believes was an Unidentified Flying Object in the dawn sky over the south of Northampton.

"I saw first of all a flashing light," said Robert, of 102 Norton Road, Northampton. "It looked as if it was spinning. It came from the left (east), and then went down, then up, then down, then up again. It zig-zagged for a while, then turned and went away (to the south). It got smaller and smaller, and then vanished."

The sky at the time was still dark, he said, and it must have been just before dawn. He watched the object for several minutes before it vanished from sight, and he could hear no sound from it. Another boy in the same ward, said Robert, also saw the object, which finally disappeared just as day was breaking.

"It looked like a star," said Robert. "Just a little round light that stayed the same yellow colour. I don't think it was a plane," he added decisively, "it was too big to be a light on an aeroplane."

Robert is a pupil at Beehive Junior School. His father, Mr. B. D. Lewis, says he is sure that his son saw something unusual, "whatever it was."

"He told me all about it when I went to the hospital to collect him, and he has been talking about it ever since."

MYSTERY LIGHT IN SKY OVER

DRAKELOW

P.C. among those who saw "U.F.O."

Policeman William Woodhouse could not believe his eyes last night—for he saw a brilliant pulsating light in the sky over Drake-low Power Station.

He was not the only one who saw the U.F.O. (unidentified flying object). A group of people in Stapenhill also sighted the light over Drake-low.

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

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

A theory that the U.F.O. might have been a light at the power station itself was discounted this morning by station superintendent Mr. Dennis Wright.

He said that floodlighting on the fuel stockpiles could not have been mistaken for a pulsating light. "That lighting is either on or off," he explained.

FLASHING LIGHTS

Mr. Wright added that the station had a staff-locating system which incorporated flashing coloured lights.

"If someone in the station wants to contact another member of the staff who is not answering the telephone, he can switch over to the light system."

"But I cannot imagine that anyone could see these lights from any distance. He would have to come right into the station."

Mr. Wright said that he could think of nothing in the operation

of the power station which could account for the sightings made, or anything which fitted the description given.

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

The "saucer" was reported to have gone off over Colon-in-the-Elms, but there were no further reports of it being seen.

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- 2 NOV 1970

That UFO of Mullinahone

By BRIAN O'NEILL

An unidentified flying object almost landed at Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary, last March, says the Ufo Register, published by Data Research Contact, according to the register, which keeps an eye on this country as well as Britain, this was the closest approach recorded in these islands in the first half of 1970. The Ufo was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Shelley as they were walking near the local creamery at evening time. It swung down in a great half circle and made no sound. At first it seemed orange coloured, but the colour deepened to red as it descended. Near the ground it looked

like a disc, about six feet in diameter, and as it appeared to come down beyond the creamery a cushion of vapour floated below it. Alarmed, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley did not attempt to trace the object, but their account and has been investigated by the Ufo experts. At first it was thought that this might have been an actual landing—in which case it would have been the only one in these islands described in any detail—but this idea was dropped. It is now suggested that the vapour observed may indicate that the object was hovering over the ground.

Ireland figures in the Ufo Register with another report from Beahaba, Co. Clare, of five lights flying in formation across the sky on successive nights. As the light passed overhead, it is stated, electric lights in houses were dimmed. Altogether, the register lists 55 Ufo sightings of interest, together with many others classified as having obvious explanations and others being due to hallucinations or bores. The big balloon released by American students over Co. Wicklow, for instance, led to many Ufo reports, and military airfields in Britain are a constant source of unusual sightings.

'I saw sky disc' claim

Yorkshire Post

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AUSTRALIA

31 OCT 1970 (ANZ)

Strange Lights Seen At Compton

AN unidentified object was seen by eight people at Compton on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week.

Mr. F. Klintberg said yesterday that with seven other people he had watched the object, which was so bright, that it lit up the fence posts some distance away, between 8 and 9 p.m. The light was almost continuous for about half an hour on the first night. Red rays appeared above it.

The light appeared to be in a paddock on Mr. A. C. Illman's property and was about half a mile from them and practically on the ground.

On Tuesday night the light was on the ground. Mr. Klintberg said they had a look at the area where the light had been, but could not see anything unusual.

RED FLASHES On Monday night they saw a reflected light across the sky with red flashes above it.

The lights lasted for nearly two hours one night.

Another person said that when they tried to dial a neighbour's telephone number the light went out each time they dialled the last digit.

Mr. Klintberg's property is on the south side of the Millicent Road, north of Compton.

A similar unexplained phenomena was observed in the same area in February last year by Mr. Bruce Millowick and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Baker.

Mount Gambier Watch (S.A. COUNTRY NEWSPAPER)

THE NORTHERN DAILY LEADER
Tamworth, N.S.W.

10 NOV 1970

Lightning, not spacemen

GUNNEDAH, Monday. — A physicist who examined mysterious markings on Mr. Willoughby Erratt's property near Boggabri yesterday said that at this stage he thought the holes were caused by lightning.

The physicist came up from Sydney on Saturday and spent three hours inspecting the site and taking soil and enrichment samples.

He rang the Soil Conservation Department office in Gunnedah yesterday and said that, after discussing the matter with fellow physicists who had wide experience with high voltage phenomena, he had come to his conclusion regarding lightning as opposed to a space craft.

He added, however, it was possibly the most interesting example he had seen.

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ENGLAND

11 NOV 1970

Flying saucer

ON THURSDAY evening I was returning to Swindon from Devizes with a friend when we stopped to admire the view from the hill above Wroughton.

As we sat looking at the lights of Swindon I noticed another light seemingly hanging in the sky over to our left. It was a large yellow glowing light.

Suddenly it moved with tremendous speed over Princess Margaret Hospital. It hung there for about a minute and then, again at tremendous speed, it came towards us. It made no sound as it passed overhead and disappeared to the south.

Although I have read with interest much about flying saucers, I have never really believed in them. Since Thursday night, however, I have tried to think of a more logical explanation but without success. Perhaps one of your readers could help me.

CAROLE NEW (Mrs)

Swindon

Australia Cont....

U.F.O. sighted

Another unidentified flying object was sighted by three people on a property near Tallimba on Sunday night.

The object was sighted at about 8.30 p.m. on the Crowley property, "Willandry."

Mrs. Lorraine Crowley was in the backyard of her home when she noticed a strange light on a hill nearly a quarter of a mile from the house.

At first, Mrs. Crowley thought it was the light from Mr. Bob Pollock's caravan as he had leased part of the property and shearing was to start the next day.

About 10 to 15 minutes later she noticed the light was still in the same position and called her husband, Mr. Ron Crowley, to take a look.

CHANGED COLOUR
While they were both looking at the light it suddenly took off in a southerly direction.

As it rose the light turned red and yellow, travelled across the hill, southerly, and then rose in a south-westerly direction.

The object was travelling fairly fast and appeared to turn red as it faded away.

Altogether, it was seen by the Crowleys for 10 to 15 minutes.

When the light began to move, Mr. and Mrs. Crowley called Mrs. Crowley snr. to see it, and the three watched it fade away.

(N.S.W. COUNTRY NEWSPAPER)

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'U.F.O. pad' found by farmhand

SYDNEY, Thurs.: A mysterious object has visited the Boggabri property of Mr. W. Erratt.

Residents who made a personal inspection said the area where the "thing" landed was about six feet in diameter and indented to a depth of about six inches.

The area had a deep hole in the centre and seven more on the edge of the circle.

THE BORDER MORNING MAIL
Albury, N.S.W.

- 6 NOV 1970

The only land disturbed was where the object landed.

One said the centre hole was the size of a small plate, about 18 in. across. The sides were smooth as glass.

The other seven holes appeared to have been made by the legs of an object.

One of the strangest things was that around the holes was a powdery substance.

The depression was first noticed by a farmhand cutting grass.

Officers from the Soil Conservation Authority of office at Gunnedah have visited the site and taken samples of the earth surrounding the holes.

This has been sent to Sydney for analysis.

A spokesman said it was not known when the result of the test would be revealed.

U.F.O. mystery deepens; soil specialist stumped

A senior officer of the Soil Conservation Office admitted yesterday the cause of the land disturbance on Mr. W. Erratt's property near Boggabri "does appear to be a phenomena."

He had been sceptical of the theory that a mysterious object had caused the land to subside, but late yesterday afternoon changed his mind when he had a report of the soil analysis from Sydney which revealed that the elements in the sample had not been positively identified.

An officer of the Unidentified Flying Objects Investigating Centre inspected the hole yesterday and said it was similar to other holes in southern New South Wales and Victoria where UFO's had allegedly landed.

The soil conservationist said

that what was unusual about the hole was that the formation was rather symmetrical.

The white powdery substance could be a dehydrated salt encrustation on the soil but it could equally be a burn mark from the blast-off of a space ship.

The area was not in a district as he had originally speculated, where there existed soil pockets which trapped air and could subside with rain.

A translocation of clay particles in wet weather could cause land to sink, but not in this case, he said.

The incident is not yet being investigated by the Government.

Mr. Erratt has sent a sample to the superintendent of Siding Springs observatory near Coonabarabran (Mr. P. Sydes) who has forwarded it to a soil scientist.

THE NORTHERN DAILY LEADER,
Tamworth, N.S.W.

- 7 NOV 1970

Mystery "dish" in paddock

Residents of Boggabri and Gunnedah districts have inspected a depression with unusual markings on the property of Mr. Willoughby Erratt of "Bungalow", Boggabri.

What is described as a "dish" of semi-circular proportions some nine inches to a foot deep in the middle of a ploughed paddock is described by those who have inspected it as "mystifying."

Amongst Boggabri and Gunnedah men who have been intrigued by the "dish" was that in the centre of the depression in what is otherwise cultivated land lying fallow are Messrs. Ned O'Dwyer, Brian Urquhart and Kevin McPhee.

Mr. McPhee, a local soil conservationist agreed yesterday that

while he was naturally sceptical about suggestions that the depression had been made by the landing and taking off of some type of unusual aerial machine, there were a number of factors which had obvious explanation.

One aspect of this was that in the centre of the "dish" there was a hole of about five inches in diameter penetrating at approximately a 70 degree angle to a depth of one to two feet.

At various points from this centre hole

in a semi-circular pattern were similar holes some two or three inches in diameter also penetrating to a depth of some 12 inches or more at a 65 degree angle.

In each case the holes were almost perfectly rounded at their entry point and within the area of impacted black soil in each instance, there was a fine white chalky type of powder.

Both Mr. Urquhart, who has supplied us with a pencil drawn design of the "dish" and Mr. McPhee, said that while

ed up around the edges of the circular "dish," the earth within the "dish" itself was heavily impacted and contained similar traces of the white powdery substance.

Both agreed that the diameter of this "dish" was 10 to 12 feet and clearly defined because of its impacted nature in relation to the rest of the ploughed paddock.

"While I am sceptical about suggestion such as 'flying saucers' and the like my observation is that if this is

someone in, whoever did it went to a great deal of trouble," Mr. McPhee told us yesterday.

He added that from his experience the unusual depression and accompanying holes could not have been caused by any type of agricultural or earth-moving machinery carrying out normal work in the area.

Those who have made the observations have sent the impacted earth containing the white chalky substance to authorities for an opinion on its content.

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Navy coming — UFO at St Helens

A ST HELENS man who saw an unidentified flying object late last month will be interviewed by a Navy Department official.

Mr M. G. Beven said he was told by police on Monday night "that someone from the Navy Department was going to come up and interview me."

He said he was not sure when the interview would take place.

On October 28, Mr and Mrs Beven and their neighbours in Bowen St, St Helens, Mr and Mrs J. Riley, watched a cigar-shaped object moving across the sky.

"It was about 6.06 pm when I first saw it and I watched it for about eight minutes," Mr Beven said.

The object was travelling towards the north-east when he first saw it and then it turned around and moved from Eddystone Pt south

along the coast towards St Marys.

"It was at a tremendous height — about 60,000ft."

When he looked at the object through a pair of cheap field glasses he said he could make out the colours of red, white, and blue.

"It had small fins and could have been a rocket, but it was travelling too slow."

The object moved slower than a jet, made no noise, but left a long white vapour trail.

Mr Stan Glatty, of Binalong Bay, also saw the UFO and made a report to police.

"Mr Glatty said he saw the object come up out of the sea," Mr Beven said.

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ANOTHER U.F.O. IN SOUTHERN SKIES

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects were over the Lower South-East again late on Saturday night.

Mr. M. P. Bryan, of Eastview Avenue, Mount Gambier, saw one south of the city about 11.30 p.m.

He called to his wife and together they watched it for "about five minutes".

Said Mr. Bryan, "At first I thought it was a bright sky rocket. It appeared stationary, but as I watched I could see it was falling. The red glow was still clearly visible after the object had fallen below the roof level of a house."

Mr. Bryan said it was impossible to tell how far away the object was.

BRIGHT PINK

It was a very bright pink in the centre but turned redder away from its centre.

"It wasn't an aircraft, it was too bright for that," Mr. Bryan claimed.

Strange lights were reported by a number of people at Compton during last week. Objects were so bright that they lit up fence posts some distance away it was claimed.

Navy told UFO came from sea

HOBBART. — The Navy Department is interested in a report from the east coast of Tasmania that an unidentified flying object was seen to come up out of the sea about a fortnight ago.

Mr. Stan Glatty, of Binalong Bay, made the report to the police and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Beven, of the holiday resort of St. Helens, said they had watched a cigar-shaped object moving across the sky for eight minutes.

They said it was at "a tremendous height" and when examined through field glasses appeared to be painted red, white and blue.

"It had small fins and could have been a rocket but it was travelling too slow," Mr. Beven said.

A neighbour, Mr. D. L. Reilly said it moved much slower than the jets that went over and it took a long while to disappear.

"The strange part about it was it made absolutely no noise. As it moved wide streams of vapour poured from the back.

"It was similar to jet vapour trails only it was much wider and came in bursts," Mr. Reilly said.

Details have been obtained by the Navy Department.

UPPER "SUN-HERALD"

Sydney, N.S.W.

3 NOV 1970

TAMWORTH, Saturday. — A mysterious saucer-like hole — scorched in the earth — has been discovered in a remote paddock, about seven miles east of Daggabri.

Many local residents fear the large hole has been made by a flying saucer.

They claim the hole is similar to others in south NSW and parts of Victoria where UFOs have allegedly landed.

Already, officers from the Unidentified Flying Objects Centre and Agricultural Department officials have visited the Daggabri site.

All say they are mystified about the indentation.

The hole was discovered in a paddock on Mr Wiloughby Erratt's property earlier this week.

The hole is 6ft in diameter and about 6 inches deep with a large hole in the centre.

Rocket burn-off

One nearby resident said the centre hole was the size of a small plate, but it was about 18 inches deep.

There are seven more smaller holes around the edge of the main indentation.

Residents claim the seven other holes looked as though they could have been made by the legs of a flying saucer.

One of the strangest things was a fine white powdery substance at the base of the hole.

They believe this could be a burn mark from a rocket blast.

A senior officer of the Soil Conservation Office said the land disturbance was "a very strange phenomenon."

But he was sceptical of the flying saucer theory. He claimed that the white powdery substance could be a dehydrated salt encrustment.

Mr Erratt said yesterday he was mystified.

"I think the hole was made by a meteor," he said. "But these days you can never be sure about anything."

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Further sightings of mysterious sky object

Further sightings of a mysterious glowing object, in the sky over Masterton, have been reported to the Times-Age.

First report came from Mr and Mrs H. E. Spackman, 6 Roberts Road, Masterton, who, with their 15-year-old daughter, watched the object for 15 minutes, on last Wednesday night.

Mr D. T. Rowland, West Bush Rd, Masterton, said this morning that he and four other people in his car also saw a glowing object in the sky about 9.35 that night.

"We all commented on it at the time, but after reading the report in the paper did not bother to do anything more about it," he said.

"Then we saw it again on Monday night in the sky almost directly over the freezing works at Waingawa while driving home from Masterton."

"HAD GOOD LOOK"

"This time we got out of the car and had a good look. The object appeared to be quite still or moving very slowly."

"While we continued to drive home it must have moved on a parallel course because when we saw it again it was over the hills to the west."

"I called my young son out of the house and he could

see it, too, although by this stage the glow was fainter," said Mr Rowland.

The Spackmans reported the object they saw to have spokes radiating from a round centre, but Mr Rowland did not see these.

He described the object as being round, about three times the size of the largest star in the sky, and the light coming from it as being more of a yellow glow than the blue-white colour of a star. He did not think it was a satellite.

Mr Rowland rang the Times-Age this morning to try and contact the Spackmans to confirm that other people had seen the object.

"I had heard that people were discrediting their sighting so I thought I would ring and tell them that we saw it too," he said.

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Strange Light

A strange light low in the southern sky over the Hunters Hills which faded and shone over a period of several minutes was sighted by a Pleasant Point resident last night.

"I saw it shortly after 10 p.m. and had it in view for about 10 minutes. Then it gradually faded and disappeared and after one or two minutes it came back glowing red and then reached full brilliance of a white light before fading again."

The resident said it was about the size of a street light and it appeared in the sky about half way between the Big Dipper and the Southern Cross. "The sky around it was clear at the time and it was far too low to be mistaken for the planet Venus."

UFO reported

A large bright unidentified flying object, making a loud humming noise, was seen heading out to sea from Ocean Beach early on Sunday morning.

Mrs R. Stuart, a Whangarei resident who was staying at Ocean Beach for the weekend, described the UFO as being a large bright light, making a humming noise, not unlike a powerful generator.

About 2.30 a.m. she was wakened by the noise which sounded as though it was directly above the house.

She looked out the window to see the bright light moving slowly down towards the beach.

Her husband, Mr L. Stuart, woke with the noise but by the time he reached the window, the object had disappeared out to sea.

U.F.O's

Sir,—I read, with amazement and amusement, the letter by L. H. Taylor as printed in "The Mail," and feel that someone should inform him or her that science fiction is just that! Fiction. I am sure that if L. H. Taylor was to cease reading science fiction during the boss's time, the feeling of being spied on would completely disappear.

M. A. THOMPSON
Richmond, October 16.

Sir,—I wonder if anyone else sighted the two U.F.O.s that were over Tasman Bay on October 4? We were fishing at Sandy Bay at 1 a.m. and we watched them for nearly 20 minutes, until they moved towards the hills at French Pass. They hovered and moved up and down, and their coloured lights were quite distinct. They would be as big as a bean in the sky, so they could not have been brilliant stars. We lined them up with our rods, and were able to see the way they hovered and sped away. There seemed to be a big one and a smaller one which did most of the moving, but then the little one could have been further away from us. There was a path of light, like the path of the moon, from them both on the water, but there was no moon, and as they got further away from us, so the light got shorter till there was none at all. One went towards Egmont, and the other went towards the Rai. They made no sound at all. Were there planes in the area at that time? I hardly think so; we would have heard them. They could not have been anything else, like a copter, for we heard no engines, and the night was calm.

WATCHERS
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SOUTH AFRICA

Couple, awakened in the night, see three UFOs over Salisbury

Herald Reporter

FACTORY manager Mr. Clive Esson woke unaccountably with a start in the small hours of Saturday morning, peeped through the curtains of his bedroom window and saw three unidentified flying objects.

"I could not believe my eyes for a moment," said Mr. Esson of Bryden Road, Mount Pleasant Park, near Salisbury, yesterday.

"Then I pulled the curtains apart, and there was no doubt about it, I checked on the

time and called my wife, Diana."

Mr Esson said he and his wife watched the UFOs for about a minute as they travelled from north to north-east.

"One of the objects was in front of the other two, and radiated a huge light. It was as if it was shining a giant torch for the other two UFOs to follow."

"The three craft moved forward together in a swirling vapour trail."

"I have seen a UFO once

before in the Zambezi Valley when it appeared as a red crackling ball. It was nothing like this latest sighting."

Mrs. Esson said it was the first time she has seen UFOs.

"They were nothing like comets, nor aircraft," she said. "There was no sound, and they appeared very close to the house."

"It was quite a sinister experience. I've seen nothing like these things before. There was no flashing, and the objects appeared in a white light."

Mr. and Mrs. Esson reported the sighting to the police.

A few minutes earlier on Saturday morning Mr. Colin Joosten of 78th Avenue, Mabelreign, saw what looked like a comet in the sky. He telephoned The Rhodesia Herald seeking an identification.

Could the object have been a UFO?

"Not a chance," said Mr. Joosten. "I am pretty certain it was a comet, but it was travelling quite fast."

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Herald Correspondent

SALISBURY. — For the past three nights Rhodesians have been seeing things. Unidentified flying objects, ranging from flashing balls to giant torches, have been sighted over Salisbury by a number of residents.

The first to report an U.F.O. was a Salisbury factory manager, Mr Clive Esson, and his wife Diana, who watched three flying objects for about a minute from their bedroom window.

He said one of the craft appeared to be shining a giant torch for the other two craft to follow. They moved from north to north-east in a swirling vapour trail.

Hovered

Mrs Esson described the craft as "a blinder". She said they made no sound though they were fairly close to the house.

Three more unidentified flying objects were reported by 17-year-old Mike Swift, who watched them for an hour through binoculars as they hovered round Salisbury.

He described one as a yellow ball with a red ring underneath. The other two were also a dull yellow with a red glow in the centre.

A Borrowdale resident, Mrs J. Zaverdinov, watched a similar object for about five minutes. She described it as a moving red star.

UFOs AGAIN REPORTED OVER THE CITY

Herald Reporter

THREE flashing objects which hovered around Salisbury were again seen last night. At least three people telephoned The Rhodesia Herald to report the sightings.

Mike Swift (17), of Mitchell Road, Greendale, was waking up from a sleep shortly after 7 p.m. when he saw the objects. He took binoculars and watched them for an hour as they circled the city.

"The main one, which was between two others, was like a flashing ball. It was a dull yellow in colour, with a red ring round the bottom. It moved from side to side," he said.

Mike, who said the objects disappeared in the direction of Banket, added: "The other two were also a dull yellow and had a red glow in the centre."

Mrs. J. Zaverdinov, of Edinburg Road, Borrowdale, was looking out of the window of her television room when she saw a red object shortly after 8 p.m.

"When I first saw this thing,

I thought it was a star. It was red in colour and hovered to the left. It was at tree-top level when I saw it, but it dropped down," she said.

Mrs. Zaverdinov, who saw the object for about five minutes, said it appeared to be travelling west.

Three unidentified flying objects were first reported by factory manager, Mr. Clive Esson and his wife, Diana, who saw them travelling from north to north-east above their home in Bryden Road, Mount Pleasant, in the early hours of Saturday morning.

A COMET

Meanwhile several people told The Rhodesia Herald yesterday that they had seen flying objects on Saturday.

Mr. Colin Joosten, of 78th Avenue, Mabelreign, said that he was certain what he saw was a comet.

Mrs. Nancy Hammond, of Borrowdale Brook Road,

Helensvale, said the object she saw was a meteor which streaked across the sky at 2.50 a.m.

"It really was enormous and quite a wonderful sight. It had a very wide tail and was bright orange. It broke into three as it went down," she said.

Mr. Raymond Stitt, of Dover Road, Chisipite, also thought it was a meteor. "There were several lights and it was a very beautiful sight," he said.

HEARD NOISE

Other people said they had heard an "unearthly noise" at 11 p.m. on Sunday and they wondered if it was a UFO.

Mrs. Jacqueline van den Bergh, of Dunkirk Drive, Alexandra Park, heard the noise when she was reading a book in bed.

"It was a whistling noise and sounded just like metal crashing on metal. It lasted for about three seconds," she said.

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THE DAILY DISPATCH

A flying saucer flew over us, claim women

PRETORIA — Two Pretoria women in the city's plush suburb of Waterkloof Ridge claimed a flying saucer flew over them at a height of less than 40ft.

The women, Mrs. R. Katze, and Mrs. G. Groenewald, were in Mrs. Katze's garden when their unidentified flying object was overhead for a split second before disappearing in a westerly direction.

The UFO was also reportedly seen by Mrs. Katze's African gardener.

The Waterkloof Air Force station flying control said it was unlikely that the object was one of the station's aircraft.

In an interview Mrs. Katze said she did not see the object but that Mrs. Groenewald did.

"It was the quietest noise and most eerie sensation I have ever had. I heard nothing coming — I just heard it going away."

"The sky was relatively clear and the only clouds in it were

U.F.O. SEEN IN VAAL TRIANGLE

WHAT was described by Johannesburg astronomers as "a satellite burning up as it re-entered the earth's atmosphere," was sighted last week over the Rand and in the Vaal triangle by a number of excited people, who jammed the switchboards of many newspapers, including the "News".

The sight was enthusiastically described by many callers, some of whom thought it was a large meteorite, while others thought that an airliner was about to crash upon their heads.

One Vereeniging woman said: "I didn't know what to do. I was outside on my verandah, and all of a sudden the sky was filled with this brightly coloured object, which could only

assume was an airliner falling to bits. I thought, 'The terrorists have really gone too far this time.'"

Some aesthetes described it as "the most beautiful sight I have ever seen". Others said that it was like a miraculous vision, a "once-in-a-lifetime chance to witness true beauty". Nobody, so far, has come up with a photograph of the satellite in this area.

Colours of the U.F.O. (unidentified flying object) were described as being gold, pink, white, purple, green, red yellow, and conglomerations of all these.

All viewers said that the object was visible for about half a minute.

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FLYING OBJECTS OVER BET BRIDGE CAUSE A STIR

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have caused a stir throughout the world at one time or another. Television documentaries and serials have been based on true stories of sightings and just over 10 years ago The Umtali Post carried a series on the same subject.

The author of that series, Mr. David E. Douglas, has written the Umtali Post about the recent reports of UFOs over Bet Bridge.

Mr. Douglas recently received a letter from a Mr. Frank Townley of Bet Bridge and he passed on the following details of the report saying that reports of the UFOs tended to skip over the seriousness of the sightings.

Mr. Douglas says the Townleys are taking their sightings as seriously as you or I, would if we saw a murder in Main Street.

"Sightings took place at 625 pm on September 17 at a point a point approximately 12 miles from Birchborough Bridge.

"We (my wife and I) were sitting outside on the parapet in front of our house, which gives an almost uninterrupted view over an arc covering about 120 degrees of the horizon. My wife was the first to view the object, as I had my back turned. Unfortunately she was at first unable to believe her eyes and did not speak for some time, so, when I turned round, the thing which was heading South South-East, had already covered more than half its visible path (about 70 degrees) and soon vanished behind a kopje which stands about 300 feet and is some 400 yards from the house.

"A few seconds later it reappeared on the further side but as it was now heading away at an angle the shape was indistinct; the more so as it was brilliantly illuminated by a white light resembling a magnesium flare. Behind the main body were two red objects which appeared to be in tow, as they maintained a uniform gap until they were lost to the sight over the horizon.

"These objects were small and looked very much like the navigation lights of an aircraft, but were one behind the other at some distance the main body. They were dull, but this could have been due to a dense smoke haze over the horizon.

"When the thing had disappeared and we were able to discuss the event calmly and correlate our separate impressions, the following facts became clear:

- That the THING passed at a distance of not more than 5 and probably less than two miles. Of this we are certain as there is a second and much higher kopje behind the one facing the house and the object was at no time obscured when passing this;

- There was no sign of a fiery tail or other evidence of disintegration;

- There was no noise. Nor was there any form of interference on our portable radio, which we turned off within a few seconds after seeing the object;

- The course followed was completely straight and level

- The altitude could not have been more than 2-300 feet, as it disappeared and reappeared, cutting the contour the near kopje at less than two-thirds of its height;

- The entire body was brightly illuminated and torpedo-shaped. My wife who had the better view said that there were two parallel fins at the tail much like those that used to adorn the rear ends of the larger and more ostentatious cars;

- The speed and size appeared to be much the same as that of the low-flying jets we have often seen travelling a similar course down here. As regards speed, it should be possible to get a fair estimate if anyone knows the correct when it -- or what is alleged to be the same object -- passed Fort Victoria.

"Finally: The strange fiery chariot was also seen by our game warden, Mr. Hinstam, passing over the Sabi, where he was camped. His view, he said, was only momentary as it was restricted by reed beds which seems to indicate that the UFO was flying close to the ground. He also heard no sound from the passing machine."

U.F.O.'s

Sir,—For the benefit of those who may be wondering, I would like to make a few corrections in my letter about the U.F.O. After "round holes or" should be, not "lines," but "lenses." As for "the atoms of the air world," there is no word "world." And, of course, ionized has no "r" in it. Also, after a further study of the enlargement, I have decided that the "holes" or "lenses" are just above the rim, not under it.

E. J. TAYLOR.

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Goose flesh from a flying saucer

Pretoria Bureau
AN extraordinary emotional upheaval was experienced by a Pretoria housewife who claims to have been in the presence of a flying saucer yesterday. "I know this is going to sound ridiculous and I myself have never believed in people who claim to have seen such phenomena," said Mrs. Lyndal Katzke when she reported the sighting.
She said she was talking to a neighbour in the garden of her home in Rigel Street, Waterkloof Ridge, at about 1.15 yesterday afternoon when they suddenly both heard a noise which they had never experienced before.
"It is very difficult to describe the noise," she explained. "The closest I can come to it

is the sound a thousand large birds would make swooping low across the sky. It was a kind of swishing, swooping sound, something I have never heard before.
"At the same time I experienced a strange emotional feeling. I felt a cold thrill as if I had seen a ghost and I got goose-flesh on my arms."
Unfortunately, she and the

as it was too low and travelling too fast. "There was no sound of its arrival. Suddenly it was there and from the sound we felt it was only about 40ft above the ground. We did not hear it arrive, but we heard the sound receding. It was all over in about three seconds."
Nobody else in the area has reported seeing the UFO.

U.F.O.

Sir,—I read in the newspaper of Mr. Ellis Dudgeon's discovery of the unidentified flying object, but I have failed to find any follow-up. Are the authorities white-washing the evidence that we may be under surveillance from outer space? Please, don't think I am a crack-pot, but I have read a fair bit of science fiction and I have often had the feeling of being spied on. If I were an intelligent character from outer space and had the opportunity to study the history of the planet Earth, I myself would hesitate to make contact, wouldn't you?

L. H. TAYLOR

Nelson, October 8.

Dear Subscribers:

You will note that we have given considerable space in the last few issues to the UFO flap in Denmark, especially the case involving the policeman and the possible UFO photograph he took (Maarup case). As we do not want to waste valuable space on rehearsed opinions in regards to this case, we are publishing this report.

This excellent report was recently received from Mr. Erling Jensen, chairman of the newly re-organized group known as Scandinavian UFO Information (SUFOI), Denmark. We thank Mr. Jensen for sending it on to UFORC.



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Dear Sir,

THE SUFOI NEWSLETTER this time wants to present to you a much discussed observation, which has been mentioned thoroughly in most Scandinavian newspapers.

The UFO near Haderslev

The observation of police officer Evald Hansen Maarup has been gradually known by most people through the reports in the newspapers. Still we give a detailed report, as the accounts in the papers in several cases have been inaccurate. The same thing has to be said about the TV-news' treatment of the case.

The observation occurred on August 13 at 10.50 p.m. At the time Maarup was travelling in a police car at his way home to his house at Knud. The event occurred while he was driving between Kobdrup and Fjeldstrup, and was on his way downhill to a small hollow a few hundred metres from a T-junction, where the Haderslev-Fjeldstrup road is crossing the road to Kapdrup. The site of the observation is 8-10 km to the North of Haderslev.

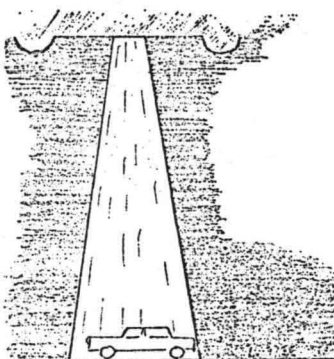
Maarup says: „I was driving alone in my patrol car on Thursday at approximately 10.50 p.m. Suddenly the car was surrounded by a bright bluish-white light, and at the same time the car engine stopped. The lights of the car also disappeared, even the light of the ignition. I drove aside the road and stopped. The bright neonlike light outside was so dazzling, that I could see nothing. With my arm hiding my eyes - to protect them against the light - I succeeded in groping my way to the radio. When I got the microphone and tried to call the station, it appeared, that the radio was just as „dead“ as any of the electric installations in the car.“

The observer continues: „The temperature inside the car was increasing and it became pleasantly hot. How hot I cannot tell, but it could be compared to the heat you feel, when you drive against the sun on a summer day“, Maarup tells.

„After a while the light was rising, it was a conical light with a diameter in the bottom of 4-5 metres. When I was bending forwards and looking up, I could see, that the light cone ended at the bottom of a big grey thing. Not a sound was heard from the thing.“ (See sketches).

„After a few seconds the light was „drawn“ into the thing. It is difficult to explain how; the light was not extinguished, but the bottom of the light was ri-

sing, so that it became dark under the cone. (See sketch). It took about 5 minutes for the light to be drawn up. I stepped out of the car and saw, how the last remnant of the light cone disappeared into the bottom of the thing in a hole with a diameter of quite a metre.“



Second phase.

„When the light had disappeared into the thing, this started moving. In a few seconds it vanished vertically in the air. It accelerated strongly - still without a sound. When the object moved away, all lights in the electric system of the car returned. I tried to start and it started quite normally, just as I again was able to get in touch with the station. I reported to the station, what I had experienced.“

The police officer goes on with his report: „Before I stepped out of the car, I had taken three pictures with the fastened camera of the patrol car. Now I took three more photographs of the highway, which was lit-up by my headlights. Honestly speaking, I have no idea at what time of the observation I took the first three photographs.“ Maarup says, „but instinctively I must have pulled the release of the camera, - presumably during the last part of the observation.“

The camera is a Japanese product, FUJAXA. It is capable of taking about one picture per second and has automatic delivery of the film, so that the film is moving one picture ahead, as soon as the photo has been taken. Also it has automatic diaphragm. The pictures was taken with a Neopan 35 film.

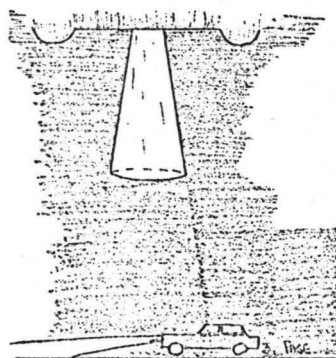
„Having talked to the station I once more stepped out of the car to see, if there were residues or trails of thing in the area around the car, but I found nothing. While I was collecting myself a little, I laid my hand on the front mud-guard and could feel, that it was still hot. Besides I will note, that the car is an almost brand-new Ford Zodiac (6-cylinder engine) and that it is in a good technical shape. It has had no technical problems either before or after the observation.“

„After a while an oncoming car passed, but I had no intention of stopping it, because there was no more to be seen.“

„If I should describe the thing“, Maarup says, „I can only say, that it was circular and about 10 metres in diameter seen from my position obliquely from below.“

It had a luminous hole in the bottom, from where the cone of light came out. This hole was quite one metre in diameter, consequently about 1/10 of the total diameter of the thing. The object had two extensions or domes at the underside. These were about 1 1/2 metres in diameter. When I saw the thing through the windscreen, I will estimate it was so near as 20 metres away from me.“

When Maarup came home, his wife thought he looked pale, and he told her about the event. The observer had no intention of publishing the report. The next day, when he had the film developed and saw, that something appeared on it, he delivered the film to the Air Force at the air base at Skrydstrup. From here the report leaked out to the press.



Third phase.