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Seen a UFO Lately? Sightings Fall Sharply From Sky-High Figure

But Dwindling Groups Maintain
The Faith in Flying Saucers,
And Some Scientists Agree

By ELLIOT CARLSON

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

On clear, starry nights John Acuff has a hard time holding back a wistful glance at the sky.

"Sometimes, when I'm sitting on my patio, I look up on the remote chance I might see one," he says. For thoughtful, soft-spoken Mr. Acuff is keeping an open mind. He believes flying saucers may be for real and, indeed, that they may well be up there right now.

Mr. Acuff, a 38-year-old executive for a Bethesda, Md., medical management firm, is one of a dwindling band of saucer enthusiasts who still keep the faith. It isn't easy. Since 1968 there has been a sharp drop-off in saucer sighting reports, accompanied by growing public apathy on the whole subject. These have been discouraging developments for Mr. Acuff and a tenacious group of amateur researchers he heads, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

NICAP maintains that UFOs are genuine, if mysterious, objects, and that no one has yet succeeded in explaining them away. Some time back, NICAP had lots of company. In 1966 alone, the Air Force was deluged with 1,112 reports of strange saucer-like objects that, at various times, would hover motionless, change colors, interfere with nearby electrical systems and then dart away at tremendous speeds. A few saucer buffs contended the objects were space ships. Some even suggested they were peopled by angelic creatures here to solve all our problems.

A Mysterious Disappearance

Then, mysteriously, the vehicles went away, a disappearance that followed the release in 1968 of an Air Force-financed study directed by Edward U. Condon, a University of Colorado astrophysicist. After spending two years examining hundreds of reports, the researchers concluded... massive 1,465-page report that most sightings could be explained in terms of natural phenomena, such as weather inversions, balloons, bright stars, satellite parts, hoaxes and optical illusions.

The Condon report urged against further study of the elusive objects, and a year later the Air Force folded its controversial Project Blue Book, formed in 1948 to evaluate saucer reports. "We only had one unidentified object for all of 1969," recalls an Air Force spokesman. "And that turned out to be somebody seeing a 747 for the first time."

Where have all the saucers gone? The phenomenon, and its disappearance, can be traced to deep-rooted factors in the human personality, avers Carl Sagan, director of Cornell University's Laboratory for Planetary Studies.

Ex-UFO believers have gone into astrology, astroprojection, Scientology and other off-beat cults because "the human desire to believe in something mystical is very strong," says Ernest R. Hilgard, a Stanford University psychologist. "The saucer phenomenon simply wore itself out. People just weren't able to keep up their excitement in these things indefinitely."

Just a Matter of Time

But hard-core enthusiasts insist it's just a matter of time before the saucers make a dramatic return. A few believe reports could pick up as early as August, when Mars will be closer to the earth than at any time since 1956. Some others think the UFO comeback is a bit farther off. "They'll manifest themselves at least by next year" or so, predicts Gabriel Green, president of the hard-pressed Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America Inc., whose membership has plunged nearly 60% to about 2,600 since 1968.

The saucers have been holding back because their inhabitants, visitors from Mars, Venus and other star systems, fear "they'd either be worshipped as gods or feared" as conquerors, explains Mr. Green. But with U.S. problems proving intractable, "it's obvious only they" will be able to come up with solutions. Mr. Green expects the extraterrestrial creatures to make initial contact with U.S. astronauts on a future moon trip.

Then again, the buffs expect UFOs to be around for a long time, one outgrowth of a theory that asserts the existence of another universe located very close to earth's. "Only it's invisible because it's on another space-time continuum," explains Ivan Sanderson, director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. "However, beings from this other universe sometimes choose to appear here physically, which they can do by manipulating various time warps."

NICAP derides all this as bunk, but nevertheless refuses to accept the validity of the Condon report's conclusions. To prove that UFOs are real, the group plans to transfer data from some 10,000 saucer sightings onto punch cards and run them through computers. Hopefully, the storage and retrieval system will

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yield "telltale subtleties or relationships that could give some clues" as to the real nature of UFOs. G. Stuart Nixon, NICAP's secretary-treasurer, tells a visitor to the group's modestly appointed five-room suite in downtown Washington.

Meantime, the once-bustling NICAP, now down to only one full-time staffer from 10 four years ago, tries to investigate as best it can the 500 UFO reports it still averages annually from its volunteer field teams around the country. Despite financial troubles, NICAP still manages to publish for its shrinking membership (down to 6,000 from 14,000 in 1966) a monthly newsletter, UFO Investigator, which, among other things, gives advice on what to do should one actually encounter a flying saucer. ("... It would, at very least, be imprudent to try to touch the object because there would be no way of knowing whether any risk was involved in doing so.")

Though they are less frequent now, peculiar sightings are by no means a thing of the past for the men of NICAP. A few weeks ago, a Pittsburgh couple reported spotting above some trees an unusual object shaped like two inverted pie plates, coupled by a ring of windows emitting a red glow. NICAP is checking

the report while honoring the couple's request for anonymity.

"Right now, our biggest problem is overcoming the negative social climate created by the Condon report," says Mr. Nixon. "People are afraid to talk about the objects they've seen and the press is ignoring the subject." What's more, he frets, the public has been distracted away from the UFO puzzle by a whole new set of concerns, such as the Vietnam war, the economy and the environment.

Unconvinced Scientists

NICAP isn't alone in doubting the Condon report. Even some scientists remain unconvinced by it. "A careful reading of the report turns up a 30% ratio of unexplained cases," says J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department, which is now acting as an unofficial collection agency for UFO reports. Mr. Hynek's quest recently took him on a puzzling visit to an Iowa soybean patch.

"I still don't know what the hell this thing is all about," he says, describing what he found there: a 40-foot circle where plants had been scorched. "It looked almost as though a big heater had been held six feet above the ground," he says. Mr. Hynek frets that there is no official agency where people can report such strange happenings.

Also unpersuaded by the report, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, a society of aerospace scientists and engineers, last year urged renewed scientific investigation of UFOs. "Taking all evidence which has come to our attention into account," the institute stated, "we find it difficult to ignore the small residue of well-documented but unexplained

cases which form the hard core of the UFO controversy. They... are characterized by both a high degree of credibility and a high abnormality."

"Good Riddance!"

A few authorities simply believe more time is needed to explain the nature of flying saucers. "For centuries scientists refused to believe in meteorites," says Robert Hall, a sociologist at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He notes that in 1794 the French Academy of Science went on record as denying that meteorites originated from outside the atmosphere. "Meteorites didn't fit established belief, so scientists denied their existence," he says, adding that the same could be true of UFOs.

Yet most experts seem relieved the phenomenon appears over. "Good riddance!" snorts Donald H. Menzel, a Harvard University astrophysicist who has held for years that there are hundreds of natural explanations for UFOs, ranging from high-flying spider webs to reflections from ice crystals. "The whole thing was a great waste of time."

Says an Air Force spokesman: "There just never was any evidence these things were from outer space, or represented technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge."

No one denies that people today are still seeing weird things in the sky they can't explain. "Once the alert person seeing something funny would have turned in a UFO report," says Ronald Bracewell, a Stanford electrical engineer. "But people have gotten more sophisticated. Now they attribute such a sighting to some natural cause, which it no doubt was."

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Dr. McDonald, 'Expert' On UFOs, Found Dead

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Dr. James E. McDonald, well known for his controversial stands on unidentified flying objects and the supersonic transport plane, is dead at age 51.

Dr. McDonald, a University of Arizona physics professor, was found dead in the desert north of here. Pima County sheriff's deputies said he was the victim of an apparent suicide.

McDonald was an outspoken critic of an Air Force report that claimed almost all reports of UFOs could be explained as natural phenomena or government projects. He maintained that some could be from other inhabited worlds.

He reported six months ago that the Supersonic Transport

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plane indirectly may cause cancer. He explained that chemical reactions to exhausts from a year.

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A mysterious flying object seen in the sky north of Palca by many people early on Saturday evening has yet to be identified. It appeared as a long streak of flame in the sky and was watched for about five minutes by many residents of the town until it disappeared into cloud at 6 p.m.

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'Flying Saucer Hysteria' Over, Scientist Says

C.R. - LOU FARISH

The scientist who two years ago told the country not to worry about the alleged threat of spaceships from alien planets now is convinced that most Americans share his belief that they do not exist.

Edward P. Condon, a noted physicist who directed an Air Force-supported study of unidentified flying objects from 1967 to 1968, said here yesterday that there was evidence that the "hysteria over the flying saucer" was over.

"If you go into your neighborhood book store, you'll hardly find any books on flying saucers anymore, not half as many as you will find on the equally silly subject of astrology," said Condon, now a professor of physics at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Although the \$480,000 study "did not disclose any hard evidence of UFO's," Condon said, it did provide "an extraordinary introduction to the errors and eccentricities of what people thought they saw."

"Hundreds of people said they saw little men looking out of spaceship windows when all they saw was a Russian satellite entering the atmosphere."

Condon, who formerly taught at Washington University, emphasized that the investigation disclosed that most waited one to two days before reporting the existence of UFO's.

The physicist told an audience of about 100 at the University of Missouri in St. Louis that the investigation became a study in mass psychology.

"All an investigator could do was to interview people on what they thought they saw," Condon said. "And we all know the poor psychological reliability of depending on what people thought they saw."

He said that the proliferation

of UFO stories began about 22 years ago. "They were mainly fanned by a popular, exaggerated press," which he blamed for the continuation of the phenomenon through the mid-1960s.

In an interview, he traced a pattern of UFO sightings in the Harrisburg, Pa., area to one of the local newspapers that consistently emphasized stories of their alleged existence. "It had one kook reporter who wrote them and one kook editor who printed them."

'Remote Possibility'

Despite his study, however, Condon leaves some room for doubting the conclusions of the 143-page report.

"I think that there very well may be a possibility UFOs exist, but only if you are talking about the most outside likelihood or remote possibility."

He said that the study could not completely disprove the alleged presence of UFOs just

because it did not compile any hard evidence of their existence. There were too many reports of UFOs to deny their existence, he continued.

The professor believes, however, that most Americans now accept the conclusions of the

report and, thus, do not worry about UFOs.

One physics student was not sure, however. "People today are more worried about the war," he said. "Once the war's over, they'll start seeing UFOs again."

knowledge of the source of the UFO reports.

It has been my estimate over the past 20 years that for every UFO report made there were at least ten that went unreported. Evidence for this comes from the Gallup Poll, the many UFO reports I subsequently learned of that were not reported to the Air Force, and from my own queries. There has always been a great reluctance to report in the face of almost certain ridicule. It would seem that the more trained and sophisticated the observer, the less prone he is to report unless he could be assured of anonymity as well as respect for his report.

Accordingly, in order that material of potential scientific value not be lost, and in order that persons, particularly those with scientific training and experience, can submit a UFO report without fear of ridicule and publicity, my colleagues and I, all associated with universities, hereby offer to act as a receipt center for UFO reports that otherwise would almost certainly be lost to science. I will be personally responsible that the data so submitted will be treated seriously and that no embarrassment to the sender will result. Names, for instance, will be immediately dissociated from the report and not used without specific written permission of the originator.

It may be of interest to note, in passing, that over the years I have been the recipient of UFO reports from many highly trained technical people and scientists. It is a gross but popular misconception that UFO reports spring from "ding-a-lings." A study of the record shows that such persons are almost entirely absent. The address to which UFO reports may be sent is: J. Allen Hynek, Chairman, Department of Astronomy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

J. Allen Hynek
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

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New UFO center

More than a year has passed since the Air Force formally closed its Project Blue Book, which acted as a national center for the receipt of reports of certain types of strange phenomena more commonly known as UFO's.

As consultant to that project for many years I am aware that neither the closing of Blue Book nor the Condon Report has laid the UFO problem to rest, and a number of my scientific colleagues and I have become concerned lest data of potential scientific value be lost for want of a reporting center. As evidence that the subject is still very much alive under the covers, I can cite not only my own personal mail which continues to contain UFO reports from reputable persons but also news-clipping services. The latter show an almost complete absence of UFO reports from urban dailies but a continued spate of UFO reports from small-town newspapers, where the editor is either less sophisticated, or less prone to be influenced by officialdom, or where he may have

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Mystery at Windschitl Farm



A strange phenomenon occurred at the Arnold Windschitl farm, northwest of Stewart last Thursday evening, which has the family puzzled. Arnold (center above) points to a spot in their cornfield where green corn was burned in a 10-ft. circle while sons, Paul, left and Leo, right look on. Arnold said he was awakened by a strange wind, the quacking of ducks and the interruption in electric power about 12:30 A.M. Could it be that those little green men from Mars are visiting our area?

Fear Of Ridicule Curtails UFO

By STAN OPTHELIE
Register Staff Writer

SANTA ANA — Unidentified flying objects are spotted daily throughout the United States, but most sightings go unreported, said a speaker at Saturday's UFO symposium at Saddleback High School.

"People who see strange objects in the sky are usually afraid to tell anybody what they've seen," said Ray Sanders, a special consultant for the Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO).

"They're afraid they'll be called nuts if they tell anyone they've seen a flying saucer."

"But if other people will admit they saw something strange, well, then the reports come flooding in."

Sanders, who doubles as a Costa Mesa aeronautical engineer, added that loss of data because of the fear factor was hampering research into the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

The sparse information on the aerodynamic capabilities of the so-called flying saucers is particularly perplexing to Sanders.

Existing reports indicate UFO's probably can't fly.

Flying saucers appear to be aerodynamically unsound.

"They can't act the way

they do with propulsion systems as we know them," Sanders said.

He explained that the blazing speeds and tight maneuvering capabilities that the starships have demonstrated in many sightings indicates that some sort of dual propulsion system must exist.

"Some sort of gyroscopic principle must be involved in the way they can hover," he said. "But we'll have to catalog more technical information before we can figure out basic flight characteristics."

Paul Smith, an APRO field investigator, said that preliminary steps are being taken to computerize information on UFOs so researchers can scan instantly vast quantities of technical data.

The cost of the computer project will top \$150,000, said L.J. Lorenzen, director of APRO. He said the tax-exempt organization will soon launch a two-year program to finance the project.

Before the information on unconventional aerial objects is coded and classified, APRO will conduct a series of symposiums to explain new research on the possible existence of cosmic travelers.

The termination of the Air Force sponsored Blue Book project created a void in seri-

ous study of the UFO question, Lorenzen said.

Independent students no longer have a central clearing house now that the Air Force study has been abandoned, he said.

The computer tie-up will link nationwide research into a single, massive study.

Until it is instituted, the symposiums will allow UFO buffs a chance to hear of new findings, discuss UFO information, and swap sighting stories.

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STUART NIXON

UFO's Topic For Radio Club Here

"Unidentified Flying Objects" is the subject of the Friday, May 21, meeting of the Presque Isle Amateur Radio Club at McDowell High School Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Stuart Nixon, executive director, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Washington, D.C., will present a program on "UFO's: The Phenomenon and the Problem," including the showing of many authenticated UFO slide photos.

Nixon emphasizes the fact that UFO's continue to exist, both as a phenomenon and a problem. Reports continue to be made and, he feels, the need remains for active, serious research.

Nixon explains, "UFO's are unfinished business. Despite official pronouncements to the contrary, the mystery of unidentified flying objects remains a serious scientific problem, crying for examination by qualified researchers. NICAP believes that the nature and origin of UFO's have not been adequately explained, and satisfactory answers to these questions will not come until the public and the scientific community recognizes the legitimacy of this most fascinating of unexplained phenomena."

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True Believers

By Dickson Terry
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

WHERE HAVE ALL the flying saucers gone?

The answer is that they haven't gone anywhere, provided they were actually here. It's just that you don't hear much about them any more.

A few years ago, flying saucers were a subject before the public almost constantly, in newspapers, magazines, on the air and by word of mouth.

This went on for nearly 22 years, starting in 1947, the year people started seeing things in the sky and running to the telephone to call their neighbors and the newspapers.

More than 5,000,000 persons, according to a Gallup Poll, said they saw what they thought was a flying saucer or, to be more technical, an unidentified flying object. And 12,000 persons sent reports to Project Blue Book, the agency set up by the U.S. Air Force to investigate the phenomenon.

AND THEN IT SEEMED to end, just as suddenly as it had begun, in 1969. The end came with the Condon Report.

Project Blue Book was a low-priority operation with one officer, a sergeant and a secretary. In 1966 there were rumblings of discontent with the project, not only from the public and people who were reporting UFOs, but from Capitol Hill.

As a result, the Air Force assigned Dr. Edward U. Condon, a noted physicist, to make a full-fledged study of the whole thing. He assembled a committee of scientists and, after spending two years and \$500,000, the committee made its report.

They offered the rather sweeping opinion that flying saucers were a sort of postwar hysteria. Some people were mistaking things for UFOs, others were just imagining things. They decided that if there were flying saucers, they were not from another planet, and even if they were from another planet, they were no threat to our planet.

For a time there was much discussion about the Condon Report, pro and con, but generally speaking the public and the media accepted it. The True Believers rejected it.

AMONG THE TRUE BELIEVERS was Dr. J. Allen Hynek. An astronomer and an Air Force scientific consultant, Dr. Hynek was in charge of the Air Force's Project Blue Book to receive and investigate the reports that were pouring in from all over the country. For most of about 20 years Hynek did what he knew was expected of him, to provide simple explanations of what, even to him, sometimes seemed the unexplainable. He reached, as he himself realized, the heights of absurdity when he attributed a sighting by many people as being nothing but swamp gas.

He himself had come to believe that, while many sightings could be explained away as weather balloons, stars, airplanes, ball lightning and so forth, there was a residue of cases that he felt were so well documented and had been ob-

Dr. Hynek left the Air Force project and is now head of the department of astronomy and director of the Lindheimer Research Center at Northwestern University. He continues to argue the case for "true scientific curiosity."

WONDERING, AS MANY may, what happened to flying saucers, we went to the Public Library. We discovered that for many years, especially in the late 1960s, unidentified flying objects had been a steady source of subject material. In 1967, for example, there were 41 articles, pro and con, in recognized magazines on the subject.

But then, after the Condon Report, in 1969, nothing on flying saucers per se. There have been two articles in scientific journals, lengthy, detailed analytical studies of the kinds of people who see flying saucers, their background, their education and their adjustment to the world around them.

Have flying saucers quit flying? Do people no longer see them, or even look for them?

Dr. Hynek came to St. Louis recently to address a dinner meeting of the highly respectable Aero Club, at the Naval Reserve Training Center. The club is composed of flyers, flying enthusiasts, and people working in aeronautical industries. They have open minds and are interested in anything that flies, regardless of where it comes from.

We had a talk with Dr. Hynek, a short, soft-spoken man who talks about flying saucers with the air of a person who would have preferred never to have opened this particular can of worms. But he has investigated a lot of reports and there it is. In his 20 years with Project Blue Book, there were too many cases that couldn't be attributed to swamp gas.

The most important thing we learned from Dr. Hynek is that flying saucers are still flying — just as many and just as often as ever. The reason you don't hear about them is that since the Condon Report, the case for flying saucers is closed so far as the Pentagon is concerned. Today there is no official government agency to which people can report what they see.

But what has happened is that today there is a large network of True Believers, from coast to coast, in big cities and little towns, carrying on the work. They are well-organized and busy listening, investigating and tabulating UFO sightings. Records are kept, and members are regularly in communication with each other.

"The Condon Report," Hynek said, "seemed to close the whole thing. But if you read the report in its totality, something few people do with 937 pages of very heavy reading, you discover that they leave a residue of more than 15 per cent of the cases that can't be explained."

Although he has listened to hundreds of UFO reports and investigated dozens, Hynek himself has never seen a UFO. "It is the contention of Dr. Condon, and evidently of the Air Force, that such unusual experiences exist only in the mind of the beholder," Hynek said. "It becomes more difficult to defend this viewpoint when several people say they witnessed the same thing."

"For instance," he continued, "to ac-



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK argues the case for "true scientific curiosity."

scarcely a scientific approach. Especially when the phenomenon was said to produce various types of electrical interference, such as dimming car lights and killing engines.

"When, under such circumstances, solid citizens with responsible positions such as teachers, airline pilots, police officers and so forth are told they merely misidentified the planet Venus or a hot-air balloon, they feel they have received cavalier treatment by official investigators."

On a person's delusions, Hynek pointed out, do not scare horses, cattle and dogs, nor do they stop cars, radios and television sets.

Today's reports, Hynek said, are better than ever. The reason is that many well-educated, responsible people will now report things to a private group that they wouldn't have reported to an agency. Fear of ridicule has kept thousands of reports under wraps, Hynek believes. People who saw things years ago but wouldn't tell are now reporting what they saw.

That people are still curious about UFOs may be indicated by the fact that Hynek has more requests for speaking engagements than he can possibly fill. Twice he appealed to Washington, he said, to set up a new investigative agency with an open mind and an urge for truth, but with no luck. "So now," he said, "it's up to the amateurs."

What the amateurs can hope to accomplish is hard to say — perhaps cumulative evidence whose existence can neither be ignored nor dismissed.

One such amateur group, the only one in St. Louis, is the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis Inc. It has 30 members, all of whom are "interested in resolving the mysteries surrounding the UFO phenomenon by combining their mutual talents, research and investigative efforts."

They are a serious group and no kooks need apply. They look into an applicant's background, educational and otherwise.

"Whenever we get one of those types with an odd look in his eye who starts telling us how a saucer landed in his back yard and took him to Mars and Venus, we just tell him the membership is full," a member explained.

This group, in turn, is affiliated with the Midwest UFO Network, which covers 15 states. In that area there are dozens of similar groups. MUFON is connected with similar regional networks throughout the country, and all are in communication with two national organizations.

These are APRO, Aerial Phenomenon Research organization, with 8000 members and headquarters in Tucson, Ariz., and NICAP, National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomenon, with headquarters in Washington. Even the Condon Report describes them as "comparatively sober associations of UFO buffs."

Nobody knows just how many persons are involved in this vast network of saucer watchers. They are also tied together by an amateur radio network, and by an international clipping service that provides news clippings about sightings all over the world. It is a monthly service, and for February 1971 it reported 61 sightings.

Director of the local group is John Schuessler, an aerospace engineer at McDonnell Douglas Corp. He is a scholarly man, 38 years old, and, lives in O'Fallon, Mo.

"Why am I interested in UFOs?" he says. "I'm in the space program. All around you hear about things that are doing things that we are trying very hard to do. Ask questions and you get no answers. I wanted to find out all I could about UFO reports and what they might be. If they are extraterrestrial, where do they come from and why and how? If there is a technology behind them, I wanted to know what it is. We're struggling with the space program and if there's an easier way to travel in space I want to find it."

We talked to Schuessler at a meeting of the group at his split-level home on a recent Sunday afternoon. Ten members were present, nine of them men. Three had seen UFOs.

IF 5,000,000 AMERICANS said that they had seen a UFO, or what they took to be one, the percentage of people who have seen something seems to be higher among the general public than it is among UFO advocates.

Then why their advocacy? Because, they say, there are, among the thousands of cases reported and investigated and discarded, too many that have been seen by reliable observers and never explained away, either by the Air Force's Project Blue Book or by the Condon Report.

Schuessler has seen one. It was in 1948, he related, when he was 15 years old. He and his parents were driving from Springfield, Ill., to Decatur and the time was sunset.

"I was gazing out the window of the back seat when a huge ball appeared," he recalled. "It was radiating all kinds of flame. It was a mile or two back of us, and it was as big as a barn. I yelled at my parents, and my father slowed down. The thing caught up with us and passed us at low altitude, a mile or so away. Then it turned abruptly and went due south and, in a moment disappeared. It was astounding."

WHEN HE AND HIS parents arrived in Decatur they mentioned it to other people and discovered that hundreds of people had seen it in the Decatur area. But they didn't call the newspaper, nor did they report it to any agency.

Like just about everybody, Schuessler said, they were afraid of public ridicule. After all, that was 1948. Of the 5,000,000 UFOs seen, according to the Gallup Poll, only 12,000 were reported to Project Bluebook in almost 20 years.

Nobody with any standing in his community wants to be labeled a nut, members of the group say, and even now people who are coming forth with reports of things they saw years ago don't want their names mentioned.

WHEN DR. HYNEK makes a talk these days, he usually winds it up by asking anyone in the audience who has seen what he thought was a flying object and never reported it to raise his hand. At the Aero Club meeting six persons raised their hands. They were asked to meet with him later and tell their experiences, which they did.

"They wouldn't have told me as a representative of the Air Force," he told me later, "but they will tell me as a person. Nor would they tell you as a newspaperman." Which was why I was excluded.

"Since there is no longer any official agency," Schuessler pointed out, "people have no one to report sightings to except organizations like ours. In this connection there seems to have been quite a change of attitude, particularly among teachers."

"DURING THE LAST six months we have given lectures and led panel discussions at several high schools, colleges, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, Boy Scout groups, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the McDonnell Planetarium — groups that five years ago wouldn't have considered such a thing."

Do flying saucers come from other planets? Are they peopled by strange little humanoids, some green, as some observers have claimed?

These questions are still open, but they will be among other things discussed at the Second Annual Midwest UFO Conference, to be held at Holiday Inn-North here June 12. The theme, aimed quite obviously at Dr. Condon and his report, will be "Unidentified Flying Objects — Defiance to Science."

So, even if you don't hear much about them these days, flying saucers, or at least the belief in flying saucers, is far from dead.

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Ghost light?

What ghost light?

But, soft! what light through yonder window breaks?

---William Shakespeare in Romeo and Juliet

It is not, as Romeo deduced, Juliet and the sun in the east. Exactly what it is, in fact, nobody is sure, but reports of sighting a mysterious light on Herrick Road near Chippewa Road, east of Clare and northeast of Loomis, have excited a variety of theories.

Whatever it is, the mysterious light has attracted swarms of spectators to the lonely spot, caused a traffic jam that has resulted in State Police patrolling of the area, and gained large amounts of space in the metropolitan papers, who have sent teams of reporters and photographers to Clare to investigate the phenomenon.

State Police at Mt. Pleasant report they have seen nothing. Sentinel Editor Dave Rood spent two evenings along the road, and saw nothing. Clare Police Chief Elry Tice has seen nothing, but he's talked to "responsible people" who have seen it. He's also getting phone calls every day inquiring about the mystery.

The sighters say it comes at various times during the night ---from 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. It usually is described as coming over a hill

attracted by cars with lights on. Some speculators have said the moving light reaches a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Mysterious glows in the sky and unidentified objects have been reported in various parts of Michigan for the last 20 years.

The last major "sighting" occurred near Hillsdale in May, 1966. An Air Force investigating team dismissed the sightings as glows from swamp gas.

The "light in the sky" here has also revived the story of 15 years ago or so about the "deer man" reported by several Harrison youths, described as "a man with horns and hooves like a deer," that ran alongside their car at 40 or 50 miles per hour.

The excitement seems to be subsiding. Monday night there was only one car parked in the sighting area, with several others moving slowly up and down the road. At the height of the excitement as high as 30 parked cars were reported.

Monday night you could hear the sound of the spring peepers in the nearby swamp, and watch the full moon rise to the east---but no mysterious light appeared to cast its reflections on the numberless empty beer cans that line the lonely

Pets' friend denies UFO light is his

By JOSEPH E. WOLFF
News Staff Writer

CLARE, Mich. — "Saucer watchers" swear that the ghost light which appears almost nightly east of here has an eerie spell over the property of 73-year-old Floyd Soper.

Soper lives with only a menagerie and an assortment of junk and farm antiques for company.

The retired plumber's property, which he fondly calls "The Boondocks," has been off limits to those who have kept a nightly vigil for a glimpse of the mysterious light, not because he doesn't want them around, but because they are afraid.

MOST RESIDENTS here consider him a recluse and an eccentric and rumors now are connecting him with the weird light.

Tales of strange happenings on his property are beginning to spread and are easy to believe until you stop and chat with him.

"There hasn't been any flying saucers around here," he said yesterday as he chuckled about all the attention he has been getting lately.

"But the cars are as thick as hair on a cat's back since last Friday."

State Police ticketed several cars parked on the road near his property Monday and it was rumored that he called the law to drive the spectators away.

But he has no telephone. "The State Police stopped here and asked if the kids were bothering me," Soper said. "I told them heck no."

"I have more trouble with hunters in the fall. So far, they have shot four of my donkeys, two goats, several geese and shot the jaw off one my cats."

"I wondered what all the cars were doing around here, this being a dead-end road and all, but I didn't know about the lights until the police told me."

"I've been watching, too, but haven't seen anything. Last night, I sat out until midnight then said to heck with it and went to bed."

ANOTHER RUMOR is that he uses a coffin for a table for his meals. Some people even believe he sleeps in it.

"That's silly," Soper said. "Sure, I bought my coffin several years ago. It is propped up against the refrigerator in the kitchen."

"I'm gettin' old and I figure I might as well have everything prepared. But use it as a table — never."

Soper's front yard is piled high with old farm implements and assorted junk.

He has hung up dozens of

spin "when the wind is more than four miles an hour."

His animals range from a pair of snow white mourning doves to dogs, cats, chickens, peacocks, geese, several goats and seven donkeys.

With the exception of the fowl, all the animals have bells around their necks. The tinkling can be heard for some distance on a quiet night.

But the watchers claim that, when the light is seen, the milk cartons stop, the windmills stand still, the whirligigs freeze and the bells stop clanging.

SOPER laughed heartily when he was told of that rumor.

"The bells stop when the animals go to sleep and nothing in the yard will turn unless there is a four-mile breeze," he said.

The ghost light has created more excitement for Soper than he has seen in three years. He said:

"In 1968, a reporter from Bay City wrote a story about my place and, for several weekends after that, there were hundreds of people stopping here."

"I even sold them some of my stuff and two of my young donkeys."

Soper has lived with only his animals for more than 10 years.

His wife died many years ago when he was still a plumber in Bay City. He gets occasional visits from his five grown children.

SPECTATORS from communities surrounding the area continued to pour into the backwoods roads last night, hoping to spot whatever other watchers claim to have seen.

Clare High School Principal Don Spencer says rumors about the light have been racing through his school for several days.

Monday night, he and another teacher drove to the area and parked with other cars until State Police told them to move along.

"I didn't see anything and I don't know of any other adult who has either," he said. "It is probably just a sign of spring, as far as the young people are concerned."

State Police Sgt. Daniel E. Kostorzewa, commander of the Mt. Pleasant post, thinks he may have the answer.

"Our officers arrested a young man sitting in his car with the lights on several days ago," he said. "In the back seat was an uncased and loaded rifle."

"Protecting himself against a UFO would certainly be a new excuse in court," the sergeant said.

"We think he may have been shining deer. His gun



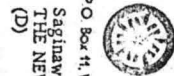
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'Ghost Light' Intrigues, Police Believe Sightings

CLARE — A "ghost light" that hovers and swoops with dazzling speed has been reported near this Central Michigan community for several nights, but a state trooper says he thinks it's a figment of romantic imaginations.

"I don't know if it is a flying saucer, but it isn't just our imagination," said Richard Reid, 18, of Clare. "The only way I can describe it is a ghost light that appears and disappears."

The sightings say it comes at various times from 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. but always in the same rural area, six miles southeast of Clare, a community of 2,400 citizens.

"The light first appears coming over a hill near the expressway, then swoops down toward the first car that has its lights on," said Richard's mother, Mrs. Barbara Reid, who said she saw the light Saturday night. "We watched it come and when we started driv-

ing down the road, it followed us."

But State Police Trooper Charles Ludwick, who has been patrolling the traffic jammed road where the sightings have been reported, said "I haven't seen anything out there except people."

Trooper Ludwick says as far as he knows, it's just a story. "The kids say it hovers four to six feet off the ground, travels at high rates of speed, and chases cars. But I haven't talked to anyone that has seen it."

The trooper has his own personal theory about how the reports of sightings got started.

"That's quite a lovers' lane. I have the feeling some kids got run out of there with a spot-light," Ludwick said.

Reports of sightings, he said, are becoming more and more exaggerated. "The first last night I heard the light is night, everyone was saying the light goes 60 miles an hour, then as a prank dreamed up by high school students. But every night since then, more and

more people have claimed they have "seen the light."

Mysterious glows in the sky traveling at 125 miles per hour. When the sightings first were reported several days ago, the townsfolk dismissed and unidentified objects have been reported in various parts of Michigan for the last 22 years.

The last major sighting occurred near Hillsdale in May 1966. Air Force investigators team dismissed the glows as "swamp gas."

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Mystery Light Haunts The Swamps Near Clare

BY TOM DeLISLE
Free Press Staff Writer

And the cars, to be sure have been plentiful. When local teen-agers started spreading stories about the mysterious lights they saw in the darkness on E. Herrick and N. Chippewa roads, the locals were slow to believe them.

BUT MORE sightings of the multi-colored speeding lights — some by parents — were talked of in town. And for the past week the seldom-used dirt roads have been as busy in the nighttime as the Ford Freeway on Monday morning.

"I don't know what it is," said the chief. "It's too desolate out there to set up a light. And we've had some people that I trust and believe who claim they saw these things."

To prove his point he dashed out to get Sue Smith, a cook at a Clare restaurant. The chief returned with the 18-year old blond.

She related this story: "We were standing by our parked car at Chippewa and Herrick one night last week. There were five of us. It was about 2 a.m. on Saturday. "Then this light just started coming down the road at us

(on Herrick). It would dim and then get brighter. It floated from the ditch to the road. It looked like it was about the size of a basketball.

"I was scared to death. There were about 10 people out there altogether and everybody just froze. Somebody said to put the car lights on because they scare it away. It started to turn and the white light got red. It was like a white light in front and a red one in back.

"The white light went out and then the red one went back down the road and disappeared. It had been about five feet in the air and kind of wobbed as it came toward us."

Miss Smith's story is one of many. Mrs. Barbara Reid, a mother of two boys, called her sighting "the most weird experience I ever had.

"The light came over a hill then swooped down towards the first car that had its lights on. We watched it come within a short distance of our car then it disappeared. When we started driving down the road it followed us," she said.

Other people have reported green flashes of light on the back roads and multi-colored balls of light, some that beep and boop and, according to one lady who has reported several sightings, "just have to be controlled by some kind of saucer up in the sky."

LOCAL SKEPTICS claim the spotters are suffering gas pains.

"I say it's swamp fog," said Larry Compton, manager of the local Gulf gas station. "I know it is, I saw it once be-

CLARE—There is a mysterious something-or-other hanging around the desolate swamps east of this mid-Michigan city.

The thing, dubbed "it" by area residents, has been held to be one of the following by the true believers:

- A mysterious night light that chases cars.
- A flying saucer that can go from 0 to 120 m.p.h. in six seconds, goes "beep-beep" and handles well in the turns.

- A ghost.
- The return of the "deer man."

Not everyone sees the aerial phenomenon—spotted for over two weeks here—in such adventuresome terms. Skeptics and the science-minded tend to view the mysterious glowing object as:

- Good old-fashioned glowing swamp gas, the universal antidote for such "foolishness."

tween Bay City and Saginaw. It was the same thing, like a light going by or something. A man stopped in here and said that down in Atlanta, Ga., seeing lights like that is a common occurrence."

The scientific explanation for swamp fog, or marsh gas, was put forward in Hillsdale five years ago after similar sightings of aerial lights.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an Air Force investigator, said then that rotten vegetation produces swamp gas that is trapped by winter conditions. When the thaw comes, the gas is released.

He said the brightness is a form "of chemical luminescence." The floating, radiant gas pockets sometimes pop, he said, making a loud noise.

Needless to say, Hynek's explanation was disputed then and still is today. Even Hynek has since questioned the actual nature of such phenomenon.

OLDTIMERS, however, are quick to agree with the swamp gas explanation.

The most bizarre figure in the recent hubbub is 73-year-old Floyd Soper, an eccentric widower who lives alone on an odd farm on Chippewa, a dead-end road.

"It's a swamp light, a bog light. I've seen it in my day," he said. "I've been fooled too many nights by those things. I've seen stumps I thought were on fire, then stuck my hand inside them and they were cold. They just get rotten and give off gas."

Because his farm is ringed by 200 strung-up milk cartons

- The work of prankish motorcyclists.

- The reflection of a high intensity light by mirrors.

- The doings of a harmless, 73-year-old hermit who keeps his coffin next to the refrigerator.

The 2,500 residents of Clare, a pleasant, quiet city that bills itself as the gateway to the north, have not taken sides in the dispute. Some are just plain confused by the whole thing.

Police chief Elroy C. Tice is among those baffled. He knows there are no such things as flying saucers, but what are those things some of those good folks have spotted out near the swamps?

"Yup," Tice laughed as he surveyed a map of the area of the sightings and tossed out his favorite joke "we have low lights and soft music up here."

The chief hasn't seen the lights, but it's not that he hasn't tried. "I've been out there but I haven't seen anything but cars," he said.



SHERIFF Tice: "I've been out there, but I haven't seen anything but cars."

and 365 kinds of bells—"one for each day"—the teen-agers have come to think of Soper as a weirdo who may be causing the lights.

"They're nuts in the head, them kids," Soper said from beneath his 10-gallon hat. "How can you cause lights when you're sitting in your house?"

Soper keeps a wrapped coffin—"I bought it in 1910"—next to his refrigerator and watches television through a horse collar mirror strategically placed on top of his stove. Still, he is a warm, harmless man who lovingly cares for a variety of animals including dogs, goats, cats, peacocks, pigs and donkeys.

But some residents are unduly wary of him.

"He might be the answer," one woman said. "But be careful if you go in there to talk to him."

Would he shoot an intruder?

"Oh, probably not in the daytime," she said.

THE RUMORS about Soper are mostly fantasy. But the furor about the light has caused similar wild ideas. One of the oddest is the resurrection of talk about the "deer man."

In the mid-50's, some youths in nearby Harrison reported seeing "a man with horns and hooves like a deer" running around a lovers lane at speeds up to 50 m.p.h.

The deer man, if he's still around, had best be careful if he starts tearing around Chippewa and Herrick in his outfit. One of the bad aspects of the current scare is the number of guns allegedly being taken out at night "to shoot that thing down."

"A lot of guys got guns," said one youth. "We're gonna get that thing."

Whatever "that thing" is, it's had a marked effect on Clare. Chief Tice has a circular on his office wall marked "UFO," explaining that further sightings should be reported to a group calling itself the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization.

THE KIDS and their parents continue to jam Herrick and Chippewa at night, some drinking beer and blocking traffic while others huddle in pickup trucks awaiting the next "it."

Even some of the disbelievers have been affected. "I don't know what it is," said one farmer. "I doubt if it's anything at all. But whatever it is I hope they catch it."



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Ignore UFO

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Despite rumored sightings of a large, bright object in Boone County skies last night, the UFO was not spotted by Lebanon law enforcement officials.

Citizens also appeared to have missed the passing of the unidentified object, as no telephone calls were received by police.

One Indianapolis radio station even reported that the object, possibly a meteorite, dropped and exploded in Boone County, but this caused no alarm and apparently the report was unfounded, as no craters in the earth or other findings have been confirmed.

The large, bright object attracted attention throughout Indiana and Illinois last Thursday night. State Police at Indianapolis said they had received a number of reports, and one officer said it looked like a helicopter with a light burning. Another thought it might be a meteorite.

In Illinois, State Police were called by a motorist who thought that an airplane had fallen, and Chicago police dispatched boats to check a report of a fireball in Lake Michigan.

A spokesman of the control tower in O'Hare International Airport said he had reports of sightings from the Chicago area, Southern Illinois, and portions of Indiana.

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Flying Object Sighted Nightly

Phantom Light Causing Furor at Clare

By ROY L. DODGE
Times Special Writer

CLARE — "I don't know if it's a 'flying saucer' but it isn't just our imagination," Richard Reid, 18, of Clare said. "The only way I can describe it is that it is a 'ghost light' that appears then disappears."

Reid and his brother Bob are two of more than 20 Clare area youths who have been watching and chasing the phantom light at high speeds for the past three weeks in a desolate, swampy, lover's lane area about two miles east of Clare near the US-10 Expressway.

Although several young people first saw the mysterious light hovering over trees in a wooded area near Herrick Road on the Clare-Isabella County line three weeks ago and have been watching it every night since, it was not reported until last weekend after many persons, including parents of several youths, had visited the site and saw the object, too.

"It is the most weird experience I ever had!" Mrs. Barbara Reid, mother of two of the boys said. "The light first appears coming over a hill near the expressway then swoops down towards the first car that has its lights on. We watched it come within a short distance of our car then it disappeared. When we started driving down the road it followed us."

"When the autos increase their speed the object increases its speed accordingly," Mrs. Reid said. One boy said he followed the light for half a mile and reached a speed of 100 miles an hour before it disappeared from sight.

Unbelieving parents accompany their sons each night to see the phenomenon and all tell the same story in varying degrees. One night two boys said they parked at opposite ends of a one-mile stretch of the dirt road and waited until the light appeared ahead of them on the roadway and both drove towards it at the same time with their lights on.

"As the two autos approached each other one boy said the light showed directly in his face, nearly blinding him, while the oncoming driver said he could see the beam of light on the road but it disappeared before the cars met.

Francis H. Bauder of Flint, who owns a weekend cabin at the corner of N. Chippewa and Herrick Roads, said he wondered what all the cars were doing in the area and went out in the yard several times to investigate. "Shortly before midnight Friday I went outdoors and took a pair of binoculars with me," Bauder said. "While I was watching seven or eight cars driving up and down the road I saw what I thought to be a meteorite flash across the sky, but it only lasted a few seconds."

The mysterious object near Clare is the first reported phenomenon in this area since 1956 or 1957 when several Harrison youths reported seeing a "deer man" in a lover's lane area north of Harrison. They described him as "A man with horns and hooves like a deer" that ran along side their auto at speeds of 40 or 50 miles per hour.

The phantom light is causing a greater furor than the so called "deer man," who was seen by only a few people. The object was first seen on the lonely, deadend, lover's lane road that has been dubbed "Fairlyland" by area youths. "We call it 'Fairlyland' because so many strange things have happened here," one youth said.

Robert J. Conyers, 74, lives alone, about midway between Herrick Road and the expressway in a small house with only his dog for company. The yard is filled with windmills, whirlygigs, discarded farm tools and machinery. Several small out-

buildings dot an adjacent field and contains seven burros, each wearing a bell; several goats, and a nearby pond is the home of a flock of white geese.

The "old man," as he is called by the youths who frequent the area, raises flowers for a hobby and the flower beds are encircled with empty milk cartons that twirl in the slightest breeze to ward off blackbirds and blue jays.

"You can drive by anytime at night and hear the donkey bells jingling and see the milk cartons twirling," one boy said. "As soon as the 'light' appears the donkeys freeze and their bells stop clinking and the milk cartons stand perfectly still, even though the wind is blowing."

Several auto drove to the area Sunday night and parked with their lights out watching for the strange object to appear again.

Officers of the Mt. Pleasant State Police Post said they had received several calls in the last few days from residents of the Coleman area reporting a flying object, and had also received complaints that cars were blocking the road with their lights turned off at night.

Four boys on the scene Sunday night said while the state police on patrol in the area were talking to them, the object appeared again and the patrol car followed it until it disappeared from sight. Mt. Pleasant state police, when contacted by telephone, said they believe it is just a story made up by a bunch of kids and they are "just imagining things."

However, Mrs. Reid said there is an unidentified object and that she and other parents have seen it on several occasions and it appears every night in the same area.

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Those UFOs Back Again

Union and Middlesex County residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object Friday night, first along the Garden State Parkway and later "directly over Wood Avenue" in Roselle.

Roselle Police Sgt. William Dixon received 12 calls about the UFO. He also said callers told of a state trooper watching the object over the parkway, but state police had no such report. Woodbridge police reported one call.

"It was like one of these space stations on television," said Mrs. Anthony Limaldi of 5 Independence Drive.

Mrs. Eileen Trainer of Elizabeth said she saw "what looked like an airplane, but brightly lit and sort of hovering" over Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park. Both sightings were at about 8 o'clock.

Drew Hanusosky, 15, of 810 Amsterdam Ave., Roselle, said he spotted a mysterious object at 7:45 and again at 9 o'clock "directly over Wood Avenue" near Amsterdam Avenue.

"It looked like a gigantic plane wing with lights and revolved slowly," the boy said. "It reminded me of the Times Square sign with the news flashes."

His aunt, Mrs. Jeanette Ruchak of 800 Amsterdam Ave., also said she saw it.

"I'm not saying it was a flying saucer," she said. "But it looked pretty strange to me."

At 2 a.m. today, a Roselle woman called The Daily Journal to report a "bobbing, active bright light" moving over her house. She requested anonymity.

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Spencer Report Of UFO Sighting Finds Support

SPENCER — A Scituate mechanical engineer whose avocation is studying unidentified flying objects (UFO) has put stock in a report of a sighting Saturday by Warren L. McCarthy of 1 Bell St.

McCarthy reported seeing an object from 4 to 4:30 a.m. Saturday while fishing at the Buxtonville flood control project in Oxford.

Other witnesses to the 30-minute sighting were his two sons, Michael, 16 and Mark, 15, and their companion Ray Beaudry, 16, of Oxford.

McCarthy is employed in the maintenance department at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

McCarthy said the object he saw was about 10 feet in diameter, black on the bottom, and had a square white light in front. The three youths confirmed the description.

Stephen F. Putnam of Scituate, who said he has been studying UFOs in his spare time since 1950, talked with McCarthy Sunday. He said he believes McCarthy saw a UFO.

Putnam said he designs, builds and installs machinery for laundries as a mechanical engineer for Veritas Co. Inc. of Medway.

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That Was Blimp, Not UFO, Girl Says

That unidentified flying object, seen by scores of Union and Middlesex County residents Friday night, has been tentatively identified with the help of an 11-year-old Elizabeth girl.

The object, according to Mary Bitow of 254 Fulton St. was a blimp bearing a lighted sign advertising a radio station.

Mary said she saw the blimp at about 7:45 p.m. over the Garden State Parkway in Union as she was returning from her piano lesson. An employee of WINS in New York confirmed that the blimp was over the area at the time the "UFO" was sighted.

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Saucer Also Reported By East Brookfield Man

SPENCER — A report by the object he saw was about Warren L. McCarthy of 1 Bell St. that he saw a flying saucer black on the bottom, and with a square white light in front. The Saturday morning has brought him a report of another sighting and a visit by a self-appointed U.F.O. researcher from Scituate.

McCarthy had reported seeing the object between 4 and 4:30 a.m. Saturday while fishing at Buxtonville flood control project in Oxford.

Other witnesses to the 30-minute sighting were his two sons, Michael, 16, and Mark, 15, and their companion Ray Beaudry, 16, of Oxford.

On Sunday, McCarthy, who is employed in the maintenance department at Worcester Foundation, said he received a telephone call from a Ted Fiske of East Brookfield. McCarthy said Fiske said he saw an extremely bright oval-shaped light over Howe Pond about 5:25 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, McCarthy said

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'Marquee' In The Sky

Several persons in Union and Middlesex counties reported to police Friday night they observed a strange object in the sky.

Police sources said the descriptions appear to fit a helicopter which occasionally flies over the area with a lighted blinking sign advertising an automobile sales firm.

Calls were received by police in Woodbridge, Edison and Metuchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bratter of 15 Candlewood Court, Colonia, and their son, Robert, 17, called The Daily Journal to report they saw an object with lights that resembled a "movie marquee" about 10:25 p.m. while traveling on Bronhall Road, Rahway.

They said they got out of their car to watch the lights as did the occupants of two other cars.

Numerous calls were received April 17 from persons who observed a blimp with a lighted sign advertising a New York City radio station.

May Exist, But...

Still Can't Explain UFOs

By JUDY PFLEGER

In September, 1963, a large circular object with a glowing disc in the center was seen traveling over the Sunnyvale area at 4 a.m.

As the object gained momentum, witnesses reported that the object, which had previously looked like a penny on its side, then flipped parallel to the ground, giving the appearance of a saucer-shaped object. The object reportedly headed over the area toward the Santa Cruz mountains.

Forty residents reported seeing the object. Three of them were policemen.

Twelve minutes earlier, the same object was reported over Lodi by several witnesses.

Fact or fiction?

A discussion on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) was presented Friday night at De Anza College by Ted Chenoweth of the Bay Area subcommittee of National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

RESEARCH LACKING

"Research in the area of UFOs is virtually zero," Chenoweth commented, "but a corner has been turned and the right step has been taken." He was referring to the objectives of the NICAP, which is trying to find verified evidence that UFOs exist.

In the first part of Chenoweth's talk, he discussed the reliability of persons reporting UFO sightings. He stated that the subcommittee must investigate the reliability of the witness and then test the credibility of his report. If there are inconsistencies in a witness' report, it is discarded.

Chenoweth gave examples of UFO sightings which have been reported by pilots, policemen and other reliable witnesses. He also showed slides that witnesses have taken showing strange objects that cannot be identified.

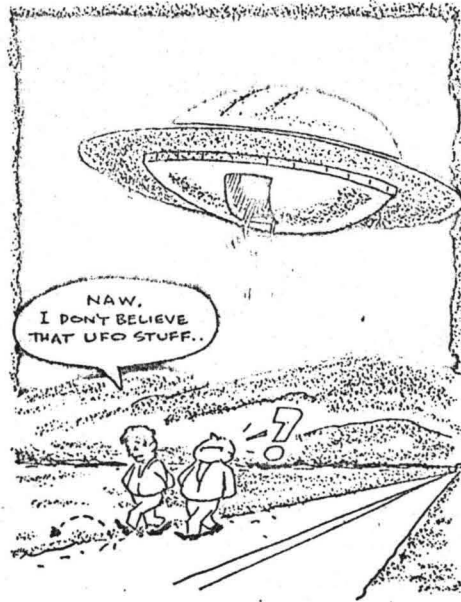
Several of his slides were examples of fabricated photographs, which looked authentic but were proved otherwise by experts. One slide showing a saucer-like glowing object was identified by experts as a certain overhead light, often used in restaurants.

UFOS CHARACTERISTICS

Several characteristics of UFOs are studied by the committee. The geometric shape is usually the most obvious trait of a UFO that is reported. Chenoweth showed a slide of the nine basic shapes of UFOs that witnesses have reported.

Other important characteristics are color (usually metallic), motion (does it flip, wobble, travel fast, stop suddenly?), sound (does it hum, whir, or is it silent?) and electromagnetic effects.

One policeman reported a saucer-like object hovering 5,000



feet above his car, casting an illuminous light over the car. The man stated that his radio would not work until the object finally took off suddenly and disappeared.

SOME MYSTERIOUS CASES

Chenoweth stated that many of the reports are hoaxes and mental aberrations, while other "objects" turn out to be satellites or other identified objects. "Other times, though," he went on, "there are cases that we can't find an explanation for, except that the object(s) could be extraterrestrial vehicles under intelligent control."

According to Chenoweth, the NICAP organization has a working hypothesis that UFOs do exist, but as of yet, they have not captured one to prove their theory. "All we have is evidence," Chenoweth said, "that leads us to believe that UFOs are a physical reality of an unexplained nature."

Chenoweth, a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve and a private pilot, is a graduate geologist specializing in research administration for computer applications. He currently lectures at the University of California, Berkeley.

WHY AGENCY NEEDED

NICAP, a joint sponsor of the program, is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and is a private, nonprofit corporation devoted to research of UFOs and related phenomena. It was founded in 1956 to act as an interface between science and the UFO problem, out of need, said Chenoweth, for a civilian agency that would assemble relevant evidence and make it available to the scientific community.

Chenoweth describes the basic work of the NICAP as the reviewing, cataloguing, and follow-up, as feasible, all reports of UFO sightings. Photographs, artifacts and other alleged material evidence of UFOs are examined by specialists and given careful analysis.

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The void caused by the closure of the Air Force's "Blue Book" project could be filled by a computerized clearing house for serious students of the unidentified flying object question, a weekend UFO symposium in Santa Ana was told.

L. J. Lorenzen, director of the Tucson, Ariz.-based Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO) told a group of 150 persons here Saturday that preliminary steps to bring about the computer program would begin soon.

He said the project would cost \$150,000 and he predicted a two-year program by his group to raise the necessary funds.

Lorenzen said researchers across the

country no longer had a central agency for UFO sightings and information but that his proposed computer center would link nationwide research into a single massive study.

Ray Sanders, a Costa Mesa aeronautic engineer and a special consultant for APRO, told the group that flying saucers appeared to be aeronautically unsound.

"Their observed maneuvering is impossible with propulsion systems as we know them," he said.

Sanders said that information from many sightings indicated some sort of fuel propulsion system apparently based on gyroscopic action.

"But we can't figure out the basic flight characteristics until we have more technical information," he added.

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Mike Culbert... UFO Problem Just Won't Go Away

DESPITE LAST YEAR'S government-sponsored vanishing act, that old UFO problem just won't go away.

Industrial Research Magazine, a 90,000-circulation publication going mostly to engineers, recently reported that in an opinion poll answered by 2,700 respondents, a full 54 per cent said they believe unidentified flying objects exist and 80 per cent claimed the federal Condon Report on UFOs was not definitive.

(The Condon Report was the 1,500-page summary released at the end of a two-year federally funded investigation conducted at the University of Colorado, ostensibly to probe many of the 646 "unsolved" cases of UFOs referred to the probers by the U.S. Air Force.

(The report, while not actually denying the considerable UFO circumstantial evidence, nonetheless pooch-pooched UFOs as a subject not meriting further scientific study. But a key Condon Committee investigator dissented from the report, and the committee's practices, and authored his own report—UFOs? Yes!)

A full eight per cent of the respondents to the Industrial Research Magazine poll claimed they had seen UFOs. A surprising 32 per cent felt UFOs originate in outer space—against 27 per cent believing they are natural phenomena, five per cent believing they are U.S. aircraft, 0.6 per cent believing they are Communist secret vehicles, and 35.4 per cent who were "undecided."

Some 23 per cent answered "probably not" to the question "Do you believe that UFOs exist?" and only eight per cent hazarded "definitely not."

An overwhelming 76 per cent answered "no" on the question "Do you believe that the government has revealed all its information concerning UFOs?" But 51 per cent agreed that the government should not support further research to document UFOs one way or another.

In the meantime, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), now the nation's major responsible UFO-monitoring group, admits that UFO-sighting nationwide has been in a spring lull, although January and February were "good" months for sightings.

"We feel that this period may be the 'lull before the storm' if the predicted fall 1971 and winter 1972 flap materializes," APRO editorializes.

APRO, whose consultant board consists of 31 scientists in 28 disciplines, has in part worked on the theory—shared by many "ufologists"—that credible UFO sightings tend to come in statistically and geographically traceable waves.

The UFO research groups are depending increasingly on local media and local representatives since the "official line" fully shared by Opiniopolis (several score blocks in New York City where the major news media and news syndicates are concentrated) is to downplay UFO reports.

Such major groupings of sightings ("flaps") were noticeable in 1947-1949, 1952, 1954 and 1966. A major one—that in 1952—involving multiple sightings over Washington, D.C., apparently stimulated direct CIA involvement in the UFO mystery. Earlier investigative efforts by the U.S. Air Force (Project Sign, Project Grudge, Project Blue Book) had been accompanied by official statements alternately denying or simply downplaying a gathering mass of circumstantial UFO evidence.

Those of us watching the intriguing governmental-response mechanism concerning UFOs over the years have also noted parallel switches in mid-field by the Soviet Union, whose capacity to think things away and rewrite history is far greater and more effective than Washington's.

Both the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A. decided in December, 1969, and January, 1970, in their umpteenth attitude shift, to de-materialize the UFO problem. Only time will tell how long this unthink approach will prosper.

By W.G. B...

THE UFOs ARE BACK — Ronald Tistoresi said he was driving, accompanied by his girl friend, from Yuba City to Colusa, where he lives, Friday night (the 30th) when, about 11:30 he spotted a blue light — so bright it illuminated all the world in his range of vision.

He was on Highway 20, about six miles east of Meridian. The light was descending and showering sparks back of him. It looked to be 50 to 100 yards away. Ron said he felt very cold, began shivering and had a "strange impulse" to stop the car, but his girl friend had the opposite impulse. She yelled "Don't stop." So they kept going. About 10 seconds after the

lighting the light blinked out.

All this, says the Marysville Appeal-Democrat, Ron told to a man especially interested. He is Lt. Robert Young of Beale AFB, who (as a private citizen) is a field investigator for the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, based in Tucson, Ariz.

NEXT DAY Lt. Young made an on-the-spot investigation, found no burned areas. He said it could have been a flare, except that the light was blue instead of white.

There are high voltage power lines in the area, but PGE said there were no power surges logged and gas from relief valves not burned. PGE did

say there was an auto accident in Colusa about 11:30 that night, and wires on a power pole were crossed as a result of the collision, but PGE said it was unlikely that could have created the effect described.

For every serious student of Unidentified Flying Objects, there's always at least one joker, notes the writer of the above, Warren Thornton. The joker in this case left the following note on his desk: "The UFO observed near Meridian has been identified as a floating toilet that had been put into orbit after being launched from Bullards Bar. Clearly observed on the bow were the words 'YCS (for Yuba County Ship) Charley Deap'."

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EXTRAORDINARY REALITY IN AERIAL PHENOMENA

Researchers into aerial phenomena consider that something most tangible and real, but very extraordinary, exists in the unidentified flying object phenomena.

Mr Harold H. Fulton, of Palmerston North, foreign adviser to the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena, Washington, says in a letter to the Editor that he, personally, has felt for some considerable time that the year 1971 could produce the greatest yet manifestation of appearances in our skies and/or earthly environment of intelligently directed-ingenious constructions of extra terrestrial nature.

Mr Fulton said he noted with intense interest the observational details of unidentified phenomena reported in our issues for April 22, 27 and 29.

"I would like to confirm that the descriptions, behaviour, sounds and animal reactions reported match perfectly some of the well established facets consistent with unidentified flying object appearances over the last 25 years in particular.

"Long term investigators in the field researching this phenomenon, of which I am one, have learned that major appearances or 'flurries' have manifested during the approaching and passing alignment period of the planets earth and Mars - on the same side of the sun. This is known, astronomically speaking as an 'opposition'.

"The closest approaches of earth and Mars occur at 15 or 17-year intervals. These are known as 'most favourable' oppositions - most favourable for astronomical study. During a notable number of such favourable or near approaches, major appearances of UFOs have been widely reported.

"The first such occasion I recall as being the year 1909, when there were global reports, including many from Australia and New Zealand citizens. During a particularly close approach of the two planets in 1924 Marconi, with elaborate experimental radio

equipment, claimed receiving intense and mysterious radio signals from the direction of the planet Mars.

"A number of prominent major appearances of UFOs from 1947 through 1956 occurred during such close approaches of the two planets in space. Oppositions between the two planets occur every 26 months. The last most favourable opposition occurred in 1956. Some 15 years later, this year on August 10, another very favourable opposition occurs.

"The astronomical world is currently 'tooling up' for a further intense study - their interest magnified by the rather startling findings of the Mariner space probes. Startling to the astronomers in the sense that Mars' surface was found to be pitted with craters like our moon.

"The biggest mystery surrounding the Red Planet is the true nature of its two tiny moons. Some very odd features are - the moons revolve around the planet in opposite directions, are very close to the planet's surface.

More recently ascertained to be of elongated shape and having the lowest light reflecting qualities of any of the bodies in our solar system. Some prominent Russian astronomers believe these moons of Mars to be hollow artificial constructions.

"The possible connection here between UFOs and the Red Planet is not 'little men from Mars', but as to whether a superior civilisation or civilisations in the Universe are using our neighbouring planet as a convenient stepping stone through our solar system, just as earthman is using the moon as our first stepping stone out into solar space.

"That something most tangible and real, but very extraordinary exists in the UFO phenomena - after extracting the chaff, I and my fellow researchers are very certain. I have felt for some considerable time, that 1971 could produce the greatest yet manifestation of appearances in our skies and/or earthly environment of intelligently directed - ingenious constructions of extra terrestrial nature.

"Your correspondent who mixes beer with UFOs better

have a good supply near; he may need it."

Mr Fulton, a student of the phenomena for 25 years, commenced study in 1947, was president of the Civilian Saucer Investigation (NZ) for its duration 1952-59, and is currently representative of an

overseas research organisation which involves undertaking speaking engagements.

He retired from the RNZAF after 24 years' service in March, 1965, and is now employed as a representative for a national technical industry.

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'GENUINE' U.F.O. SIGHTING

A report of an unidentified flying object seen over Taupo this week is regarded as genuine by an Auckland airline pilot.

The object was seen eight miles east of Taupo on Wednesday night by two men on the Napier-Taupo highway.

Last night Captain B. L.

pilot who has been actively interested in U.F.O.s for seven years, said this description tallied with similar reports he had on file.

The object was described as being the shape of a coolie hat with a green light on top and revolving orange lights along the full length of

U.F.O. seen over Patea

AUCKLAND. - A mysterious flying object seen in the sky north of Patea by many people early on Saturday evening has yet to be identified.

It appeared as a long streak of flame in the sky and was watched for about five minutes by many residents of the town until it disappeared into cloud at 6 pm. NZDA

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Fact or fallacy?

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED IN THE TAUPO DISTRICT

Unidentified Flying Objects, more commonly known, or thought of, as Flying Saucers, make the news from time to time. And whether or not we, individually, believe in them, some of the sightings give rise to thoughts of reality.

At the least they make one think. And such is the case after reports of two separate sightings by sober, industrious Taupo citizens last weekend.

On April 15, Roger Morel, of Kaimanawa Street, and Robin Duncan Hay, of Terence Street, left their back two miles from the Napier-Taupo highway and five miles from Taupo, at about 9 p.m. to return home from their forestry duties.

They had noticed earlier that their pig dog seemed agitated, even terrified.

They left it behind and travelled to the main road, where Mr Morel stopped to check the tail light of the car. He looked back towards the caravan, parked on the highest point thereabouts, and called on Mr Hay to witness an amazing sight.

Hovering above their camp site, almost directly south, was an object shaped like an inverted ice cream cone or Mexican hat.

The sharp end of the cone was uppermost and marked by dullish green lights. The base, about the length of a Friendship airliner across, was flickering with orange and yellow lights as if it were revolving.

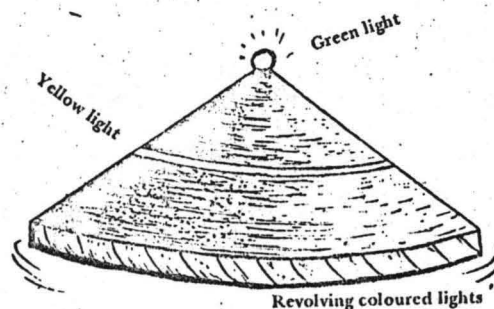
A band of yellow lights showed up half way to the top and the body itself was a hazy green with a metallic sheen.

The weather was calm and clear, the sky was broken — and there was no noise.

No protuberances were noted, due to the darkness and distance. The object was in the sky at an angle of about 10 o'clock.

There was no fog or mist, or low cloud, or other aircraft in the sky. They watched for about 10 minutes with the car's motor switched off, and then drove on to Taupo.

A sketch of what they saw. . . .



The object followed slowly keeping about the same distance as when first viewed. They lost sight of it after passing through the cutting west of the De Brett Thermal Hotel.

Both men are adamant that what they saw was real, and they will accept no alternative.

Bright Star

The second sighting was on April 18 by Mr J. C. Hall, a market gardener who, with his wife, was watching television at their home on the corner of Centennial Drive and Rotokawa Street.

Mr Hall's attention was taken by a bright star seen through a glass door looking directly north from the drawing room.

It appeared to get larger and, after calling his wife, Mr

Hall focussed his binoculars on the object, which was about the size of a full moon.

The magnification showed clearly the shape and size. It was about 10 miles away and at approximately 10 o'clock in the sky.

It was stationary, but the bottom seemed to be revolving. A brilliant orange light from one area lighted up the object with a greenish tinge.

There was no noise. No protuberances were seen, again because of darkness and distance; but orange, green and red lights were visible, none more prominently than orange.

Mr and Mrs Hall watched intermittently for an hour and the object remained in position. It was gone by morning.

Mr Hall advised the Taupo police of his sighting. No aircraft or other airborne bodies were reported, and he said the object was too real to be imaginary.

Landed

Mr E. Barling, investigator for Auckland University on UFOs, interviewed Messrs Morel, Hay and Hall and examined the country where the first sighting was made in 1971.

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U.F.O. May Have Been Star

An unidentified flying object over Stewart Island, which gave off brilliant colours, was seen by two residents for half an hour on Sunday night.

Mrs Denise Worrall and her mother watched the object from 10.30 and it was still in the sky when Mrs Worrall went to bed about 11 o'clock.

"It moved in a north-easterly direction in a circle, the turn being larger each time," she said. "It appeared larger than the star Achenar and was moving extremely slowly, taking five or six minutes to complete a narrow circle."

"As it moved it gave off different colours, including bright reds, greens and yellows — rather like light reflected from a diamond ring," she added.

As the object moved away from them, the light was rather faint, but as it came closer, it appeared to give off a brilliant light.

Mr G. Hall-Jones of the Invercargill Astronomical Society, when asked his opinion, suggested it was Jupiter.

the object had landed unseen near the camp.

Nothing of note was seen, such as the strange rings reputedly made by UFOs near Ngathea, but anyone with any information could advise Mr Barling or the police.

Mr Barling said UFOs had been sighted over the Taupo district in the past, but not for several months.

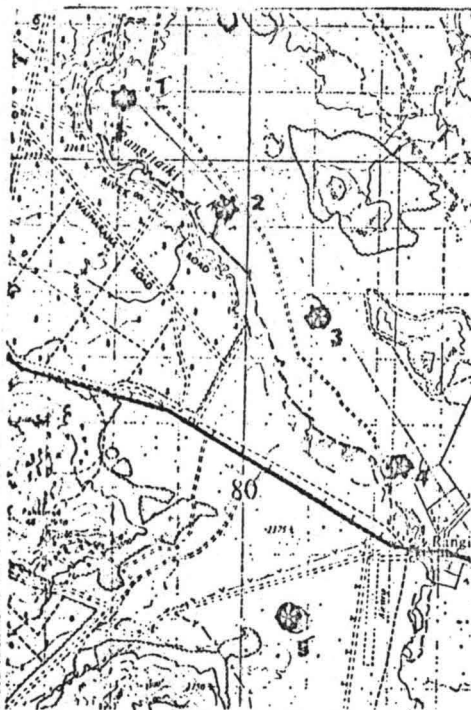
He said they seemed to be inoffensive but on some unknown mission. They have been linked with volcanic activity in various parts of the world, viz. Mt Ngauruhoe at present.

"It may be coincidence that Taupo was visited at the same time as the UFOs by Mr Bruce Cathie, author of the controversial book Harmonik 3", said Mr Barling.

All animals showed great fear in the vicinity of UFOs, a factor confirmed by Mr Cathie.

(Mr Cathie spoke to Taupo Rotarians last Thursday. His subject — UFOs).

There it is. Two sightings last weekend. Maybe there's something in the theory that earth isn't the only populated planet.



OUR MAP pinpoints the five Ngatea-like circles near Rangitikei, in Taupo County.

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UFO's spotted by Basingstoke ENGLAND man

IT may not have been the Martians coming to land but UFOs were spotted over Basingstoke, Mr. Alan Andrews of Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke was in his garden watching the sky when, at 10.05 pm he saw bright lights.

"There were about six or eight bright lights in formation," said Mr. Andrews. "I couldn't count how many because they went across the sky so fast. They looked as high as the stars but they were brighter and more yellow."

"They were not like an ordinary satellite. I've seen those before and they go fairly slow. These lights were not as fast as shooting stars though. I haven't seen anything like this before. The whole thing was over in seconds."

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...Those eerie rings again!

FIVE MORE Ngatea-like circles have been discovered — this time in the Taupo area.

They were found by a helicopter pilot, Mr R. D. Nairn, and last week Truth flew to an area about 17 miles south-west of Taupo to investigate.

At the same time, reports have come in from the same area of several sightings of unidentified flying objects.

They were seen over the Napier-Taupo highway, Acaela Bay, Wairakei Valley and Taupo itself.

Dozens of people saw the phenomena.

Now interested parties are asking whether there is a connection between the UFOs and the puzzling circles.

It seems strange if there isn't.

Auckland pilot Captain Bruce Cathie is a man particularly interested in UFOs.

He also has visited the area east of the Rangitikei River, and on the edge of the Kaimanawa Forest and near the Taupo-Napier highway.

He landed on one of the circles in a helicopter and collected specimens of the weird plant growth there.

It is now being analysed.

Truth's chartered helicopter, piloted by Mr Nairn, flew over the area and took aerial photographs of the circles.

Four of them were in a straight line and just over a mile apart.

The fifth was about a mile to the west but lined up with the last of the other four.

Truth's helicopter also landed briefly on one of the circles.

They range from between 200 and 300 feet in diameter and each covers up to 6000 square feet.

A fungus-like growth, only about three or four inches high, covers the circles like a carpet.

There is no other vegetation.

Captain Cathie told Truth: "There is no direct evidence that the circles are made by UFOs, but they certainly are not man-made."

"But they are in a pattern and spread evenly apart, which suggests that they are artificially made. Otherwise, they would be spread out in a haphazard fashion."

He said that another strange factor was that whatever retarded other growth did not affect the fungus-like plant.

It was possible that radiation or some chemical substance had penetrated into the areas covered by the circles, he felt.

A spokesman for the

12,600-acre Lilburn estate, on which the circles were found, told Truth he knew nothing about the mysterious patches.

The estate carried about 10,000 sheep and between 600 and 700 cattle, but none of it was on the area where the circles were discovered.

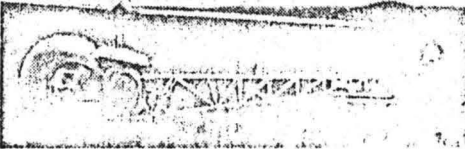
They certainly had not

been made by anybody connected with the estate, he said.

So the mystery deepens.

Now it's up to the New Zealand authorities to make an investigation of these puzzling circles.

Then they must let the public know what it's all about.



ON THE SPOT . . . Truth's chartered helicopter stands on one of the circles discovered by Mr R. D. Nairn, of Taupo.

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LIGHT ON UFOs

Sir,—Regarding recent UFO sightings, I would hesitate to claim them as such. A year or two ago while travelling to the Hutt Valley by train I witnessed a most unusual sight. The time was prior to 7am and the morning was dark and partly cloudy with no sign of the rising sun. Just after leaving Wellington I saw a brilliant pencil of white light moving upwards into the sky from a bank of clouds over the Hutt Valley as if a rocket had been recently launched. As the train approached the valley, however, the beam of light appeared to become horizontal and its beginning was seen to have diverged and was visible as two adjacent pencils of light, although nearer its source they converged and were visible to the eye as one ray. In the gradually increasing light of day the dark shape of a conventional aircraft became visible at the end of the trail.

I have since seen a long thin white line moving silently across the sky in the light of dawn. Sunlight on aircraft exhaust gas streams at a height, especially near sunrise and sunset accompanied by suitable meteorological conditions, could perhaps explain at least some UFO sightings.

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EXCLUSIVE!



DOZENS of UFO sightings in and around Taupo ... calls pouring into the local exchange have become impossible to handle, and the local radio station has asked people not to report sightings by phone.

"People watching the multi-coloured objects from their front lawns have been calling excitedly to their neighbours to come out and look," one woman told Truth. "The whole town is buzzing about it."

What has not yet been reported is the finding of five more Ngatea-like circles in the Taupo area at the same time as the UFO sightings.

Truth has exclusive pictures of the mystery circles, discovered about 17 miles south-west of Taupo.

Three of the circles are pictured here. For more pictures and the story of the Taupo mystery, turn to page 2.

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UFO's SEEN

Mr and Mrs E. H. Marfurt, of Mere Road, whose sightings of UFOs were detailed a few weeks ago, are still viewing the objects. Each night recently between 7-11 p.m. they have seen a green-red flashing light in the north-eastern sky moving in a northerly direction.

On Saturday night they viewed a similar, though brighter, light over the lake moving towards the west. In the early morning between 5 and 6.30 they have seen a light in a southerly direction low in the sky.

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ANOTHER BID TO SEE UFO FAILS

Three men who spent an hour early yesterday looking for "a flying kite with lights on" went home disappointed.

They couldn't find it. Thirty-two-year-old Charlie Haffenden and Bob Thompson, 45, were hunting for rabbits in the Rakaia River bed, near Leoston, last week when they claimed they saw an object that looked like "a flying kite with lights on."

So the two men, and a friend with a telescopic lens camera, returned to the same site early yesterday determined to photograph the UFO.

But it didn't turn up. However, as a result of a story in the "Christchurch Star" on Saturday reporting the sighting, the two men have been asked to make a fully documented report on what they saw.

The request came on Saturday from a man "who knows something about this kind of thing," Mr Haffenden added.

He and Mr Thompson will probably meet the man tonight to discuss the sighting.

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U.F.O.'s Seen At Whangamata

Unidentified flying objects were seen in the Whangamata district on Tuesday night.

Mr L. C. Bell who lives on the Whangamata side of Whirilon was the first to see these objects and he phoned his friends Mr and Mrs I. Adams of Whangamata, who went outside and saw two U.F.O.'s one in the direction of Martyn Road and the second in a northerly direction.

Both objects which were observed for some time at approximately 9 p.m. showed a green and red colour. After watching the objects they took out a pair of binoculars to make sure their eyesight was not at fault.

Later in the evening they observed three U.F.O.'s, stationed practically all round the compass still showing the same green and red

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Two strange lights seen by young pilot

A 16-year-old student pilot claimed he saw two strange lights over Christchurch one night last week.

The youth, who did not want to be named, said that at 7.05pm he saw a slightly-elliptical-shaped object, many times brighter than a star, moving in a north to south direction in a straight line about 30 deg above the western horizon.

The object stopped in its path, changed from white to a dull red, then to a brighter red and finally to orange, whereupon it faded out he said. The object was in view for eight or nine seconds.

About an hour later both the boy and his younger sister saw a round white light moving in a curved trajectory from east to west before disappearing behind a row of trees.

This second object was in sight for about 15 seconds.

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U.F.O. OR 'PLANE'?

A Manuka man has provided a possible clue to what appeared to be an unidentified flying object seen by Paten residents on Saturday night.

Mr. B. Jensen, Manuka, said he and several others at the golf links saw something in the sky about 6 p.m. -- the approximate time of the sighting at Paten.

"I think it was probably an overseas aircraft. They fly over this way quite regularly, leaving a vapour trail. Although it was quite dark the 'plane was high enough for the sunlight to catch the vapour trail," Mr. Jensen said.

This explanation fits in with a description of the object from Paten.

Mr. B. K. Chamberlain, Paten High School science master, said it looked like a rocket 'plane emitting a trail of flame six to eight times its own length. The object disappeared into a cloud north of Mt. Egmont after maintaining a consistent height.

Mr. Chamberlain used an

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UFO MAN SHOWS US HIS 'I SPY' PASS

By NEIL ANDERSON

UFO investigator Captain Bruce Cathie DOES have a Government document approving his activities.

He also has a letter of support carrying the signature of an Auckland MP.

I have seen the letters and both seem genuine.

The Government document comes from the office of a top political figure, but I cannot reveal his name.

Captain Cathie, an NAC pilot who said on television this week he had Government approval to investigate unidentified flying objects and related phenomena, asked me not to name the man.

"I don't want to involve this man," he said. "I'm prepared to show the letters to anyone who wants to see them, but I won't let them be published."

"HOT SEAT"

"As soon as I name him I'm right in the hot seat. The people I'm fighting are pretty powerful."

On the "Gallery" television programme Captain Cathie said he had evidence of land-based activity related to UFO sightings.

This activity involved scientists and was controlled from outside the country by groups keen to develop anti-gravity power.

Captain Cathie told me the evidence comprised the location of electronic transmitting and receiving gear at "somewhere between 35 and 41" points in New Zealand. He said he had confirmed

ing their locations by calculations on a grid map anti-gravity system which he claims encircles the earth.

Captain Cathie said he had been careful not to name anyone because he was sure many of those working in the group "do not know

what they are handling and I want to protect them as far as I can, though it will all have to come out in the end."

"Anyway, I have enough evidence without naming people. I've kept the Govern-

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ment informed of every move I've made.

"They are fully aware of what's going on, but in their position they cannot do anything. It's different for me - I'm an individual."

"That's why the Government is happy for me to continue my investigations."

Captain Cathie said he had agreed to appear on television only because a refusal might have brought him ridicule.

Last year he told me the great Peruvian earthquake was linked with French nuclear tests in the Pacific, and that a major New Zealand earthquake could occur area.

UFO sighted

Taupo. - Another unidentified flying object has been sighted near Taupo.

The object, which was reported to have been seen by a number of people, hung motionless over the bore field at Wairakei near the geothermal power station.

Sightings were made between 7 p.m. and midnight on Saturday night and the object was said to resemble closely one seen on the Napier-Taupo highway

Rash of UFO sightings around Taupo

OC Taupo
There was a rash of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in Taupo last week. Almost every evening the Taupo telephone exchange switchboard has been flooded with calls about the sightings.

Most reports describe the object as a bright body, low in the sky, with flashing red and green lights circling it.

The sightings follow an address to the Taupo Rotarians last month by Captain Bruce Cathie, a firm believer in UFO's and author of the book "Harmonic 33."

But DSIR technical officer Mr D. Dickenson, Wairakei, says the object is probably a bright star.

Over the past few nights, the atmosphere in the Taupo area has had a high moisture content, and this in turn can set up the simple process of light refraction, he says.

This has the effect of not only splitting the light source into various colours, but can, at times, magnify and change the apparent shape of the object.

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Explanation of U.F.O.'s?

Reported sightings of U.F.O.s in the area recently could, in part, be explained by the closeness of Antares, a star to be seen in the vicinity of Jupiter at present, in the north east, said Mr J. Watt, of Whangamata.

Mr Watt who has made rather a study of astronomy said that Antares had a definite red and green scintillation when viewed through binoculars and this could easily be mistaken for the 'navigation lights' of a U.F.O.

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READERS

SIGHTINGS SUMMARY

Sir,

Sightings of UFOs at Taupo to date show points of similarity to those elsewhere in the world. This serves to confirm a genuine visit of unknown aerial objects as opposed to a product of the imagination and mass hysteria.

We have three distinct and separate cases of utmost fear and excitement shown by both horses and dogs at some unknown and unseen terror. Animals have special senses of feeling or, in these cases, hear some sound of danger or warning not detected by humans, as in case of a silent whistle used in breaking in dogs, which I used myself many years ago.

We have cases of humming noises or, as at Wairakei Village, a noise heard by many as of an engaged automatic phone. This was loud enough and directional enough to pin-point it to a UFO hovering over a Trig Station half a mile away.

My investigations of the Ngatea-like circles at Lilburn Station on the Napier-Taupo Road tend to confirm the belief that they are years old, and cannot with certainty link them with UFO landings. For our purpose they are not connected with the recent flights. A suspected circle behind the Opepe Reserve in rough, rugged country is in this same category.

Mr E. R. Marfurt, of Mere Road, an ex-military aerial observer, has already provided a plan of suspected UFO's movements in the sky. His latest sighting was on the night of May 10-11, when at 4 a.m. he plotted an object almost directly south of his own position. By 5.20 a.m. it had altered course in a parallel line to the east, then took an almost right angle still easterly and away from his observation post. At 6 a.m. clouds obscured further view.

Mr Taxi Kapua watched three objects in direct line parallel and over Lake Taupo, about west of his position. They changed position, the centre one showing definite movement. This was the pattern as described by many observers. All observed coloured lights but no definite body or outline was visible, owing to the brilliant red, blues, greens and yellow surrounding it.

My own observations were fruitful. South-west of my position and over Lake Taupo I noted one large very brilliant colour object with a smaller one in the vicinity,

the larger and appeared to connect with it at the bottom. It then broke away again and moved out to the right when it made another attempt and eventually the whole thing looked like a sack of spuds. The time was about 10.30 p.m. and my wife shared views of it. We left this sight to view other parts of the sky. On returning it had disappeared completely.

The many people who state that the objects they were watching suddenly disappeared like a light being switched off, were stating a well-known fact of world sightings. Here again it has been repeatedly pointed out that UFO sightings have coincided with earthquakes and volcanic activity. This is very true of recent Taupo activity where Ruapehu, Ketetahi thermal springs on the side of Tongariro, White Island activity and now, after hundreds of years, a belch of thermal gases and funerole powder from Mt Egmont, long thought to be dead.

It is to be hoped that Taupo people continue the good work and watch the skies. Everyone hopes to find a flying saucer in their backyards - or do they?

E. Barling,
UFO Investigator for
Auckland University.

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Taupo Can Expect Visits From UFOs Predicts Pilot

Taupo can expect visits by a number of unidentified flying objects over the next few weeks according to Auckland NAC Pilot B. L. Cathie.

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"I am not surprised to hear of sightings in the Taupo area," he told the Times from Auckland. "In fact I expect there will be many more."

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"We are sure they are not from outer space," one of the party said. "We feel they are man made, but would like to know what's going on as we have all been very sceptical about such sightings in the past."

The group preferred to remain anonymous because of public reaction to the reports.

Mr Cathie said some UFO sightings were nothing but hoaxes but many were genuine.

"The public is becoming more and more aware of the existence of UFO's but there are many people who still laugh at them," he said.

Mr Cathie does not believe all UFO's are from outer space.

"A good deal of information points to the fact that many come from outer space but at the same time, many scientists know more about these things than they are willing to let on," he said. "My aim is to get them to tell us what they are doing."

Mr Cathie is particularly interested in the Taupo area.

While he was in the town two weeks ago to address the Taupo Rotary Club on UFO's he flew over areas near the Napier-Taupo highway where five circular markings had been reported in the scrub.

"They were clearly visible in the low scrub and the five were in a straight line. The area inside the circles seemed to contain a type of fungus growth while the scrub around it was unaffected," he said.

"I may go back to have another look at the area if something interesting happens."

"The people of Taupo are in no danger from the UFO's-- they've probably got more worries with the sceptical people on the ground."

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Says U.F.O. Sighting Genuine

A report of an unidentified flying object seen over Taupo this week is regarded as genuine by an Auckland airline pilot.

The object was seen eight miles east of Taupo on Wednesday night by two men on the Napier-Taupo highway.

Last night Captain B. L. Cathie, an Auckland airline pilot who has been actively interested in U.F.O.s for seven years, said this description tallied with similar reports he had on file.

The object was described as being the shape of a coolie hat with a green light on top and revolving orange lights along the full length of the base. — N.Z.P.A.

Mosgiel sighting latest of number of reports of U.F.O.s

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It was to the east of her house and moved slowly across the sky and disappeared quite suddenly after the woman had turned away to say something to her husband.

Later the observatory received another report of apparently the same object from a couple who were motoring just north of the city.

These sightings could not be explained in terms of normal astronomical phenomena, Mr Doig said.

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"I hadn't seen them before but my daughter says they've been in the sky since before Easter. Several of the people in town have seen lights as well," he said.

However, Mr Thickpenny said the lights do not appear in the same place each night.

"There was one very bright one I could see from the bedroom window on Sunday night, but it wasn't there last night."

Mr Thickpenny watched the lights through binoculars and reports that he saw seven in the sky. One over Pirongia and another near Te Aroha had stronger lights than the others, he said.

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Pilot will send samples to U.S.

Samples of a mossy growth taken from five 100ft-wide circles in scrub near Taupo will be sent to New York for analysis by Auckland's investigator of unidentified flying objects, Captain Bruce Cathie.

Captain Cathie said he understood the circles, similar to one found on a Ngatea farm in 1969, were first seen about two years ago.

When the circle at Ngatea was inspected by the DSIR it was found to have been caused by saprophytic fungus living in manuka.

Captain Cathie said he first examined the circles near Taupo recently.

"I don't think the circles came from natural causes," said Captain Cathie. "They are in too geometric a pattern to have been caused by something like a fungus."

What had caused them? "I wouldn't like to speculate on it. But I'm sure it was not something natural."

Captain Cathie said he would send the moss, which was growing about 3in to 4in deep inside the circles, to New York to be analysed because unless he knew what was doing the analysis he could not believe it.

A Taupo helicopter pilot, Mr R. D. Nairn, who first drew Captain Cathie's attention to the circles, said today he would not like to guess the cause of the circles.

Flat moss
"There's flat moss on the ground in the circles," he said. "They're quite old and I don't really think there's anything significant in them."

There is no plan for the DSIR to investigate the circles.

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UFO'S THE FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION IS AT STAKE!

By Peter Gullilla

THE ARTICLE . . . it didn't check out.

Stranger than fact dept: Farmer Amos — who was he?

JUST a hoax story—and a poor one at that!

It's part of an article in the American magazine Saga called "UFOs, the future of civilisation is at stake."

The story says that on February 2, 1968, Auckland police found 39-year-old Amos Miller dead on his farm.

He had apparently been killed by some force which had emanated from a flying saucer.

The article also said the incident had been hushed up by the New Zealand authorities.

The story appeared in the July issue of Saga last year. Truth has checked it out—and has found it has no basis in fact whatsoever!

Just a silly hoax!

This is what the widely-read article says:

On February 2, 1968, a New Zealand sheep rancher was found dead in a remote corner of his grazing land; 39-year-old Amos Miller was apparently the victim of a deadly force which emanated from a flying saucer.

Auckland police found Miller's body following an hysterical phone call from his 17-year-old son, Bill.

"Held"

The boy was held for questioning as a material witness. The boy stuck to his story despite an intense grilling and recounted this description of his father's death:

"We were out in the fields repairing some fences in the morning. Dad and I were working away when all of a sudden we heard a sort of high-pitched sound like you hear on a short-wave radio sometimes.

"We looked around and didn't see anything at first. But then, just to the right of us, where there is a wooded area, this 'thing' suddenly hovered into sight.

"I didn't know what to do, but my dad said, 'Come on, Bill, we got to get a look at this thing'.

"Then he began running towards the ship.

"I tried to call him to come back, but he wasn't afraid of anything.

"The spaceship was partly hidden by the trees, and when dad got halfway to it, just where there's a little brook, he stopped.

"Brilliant"

"I noticed there was a brilliant light shining on him. It was the same light that surrounded the ship. Even though the sun was shining, you could see it. It was so bright.

"And then dad slumped to the ground. I was so scared I couldn't move from the spot."

The article continues:

The autopsy team in the Miller case concluded that the cause of death was unknown.

The Miller family was told by authorities to keep quiet and say nothing to reporters.

End of Saga story.

Check

But Truth checked it out with Auckland's coroner, Mr. A. D. Copeland.

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U.F.O. Sighted North Of Patea

N.Z. Press Association

NEW PLYMOUTH.— A mysterious flying object seen in the sky north of Patea by numerous people early on Saturday evening has yet to be identified.

The object appeared as a long streak of flame in the sky to the north-west of Patea. It was watched for some five minutes by many residents in the town, from the time it was first noticed at 5.55 p.m. until it disappeared at about 6 p.m., apparently on the New Plymouth side of Mt Egmont.

A science master at the Patea High School (Mr B. K. Chamberlain) said his attention was first brought to the object by his neighbours. To the naked eye it appeared as a long streak of flame.

Mr Chamberlain used an astro-

nomical telescope with a refractor of about 1½ inches to follow the U.F.O. Through the telescope he could see it quite clearly.

The object looked like a rocket plane emitting a trail of flame six to eight times its own length. After maintaining its height consistently the object disappeared into cloud on the New Plymouth side of Mt Egmont.

The exhaust flame looked far bigger than anything a conventional rocket would produce, Mr Chamberlain said.

"It was so conspicuous that a lot of people must have seen it," he said.

BALLISTIC MISSILE?

Mr Chamberlain put forward a theory that the object could possibly have been an intercontinental ballistic missile. If this was so it could have originated from a submarine.

The object was definitely not a meteor as these always travel at a faster speed, and never follow a flat trajectory, he said.

The U.F.O. was moving at approximately the same speed as a normal satellite, although because it must have been much closer would have been travelling slower.

Through the size of the object in relation to the telescope lens, Mr Chamberlain was able to make an estimate of the object's size.

If it had been 20 miles away it would have been 100ft in length, he said.

In silhouette the object appeared to be "cigar-shaped" with an obvious tail, he said.

The director of the Tikorangi Observatory, Mr D. Whelan, carried out a periodic search for the object most of Saturday night.

Although nothing was sighted on Saturday night, Mr Whelan said he had tracked an "eccentric" light in the sky to the south-west, several weeks ago. The lights moved faster than an aeroplane but its speed varied and direction altered.

The New Plymouth police had no reported sightings of any mysterious flying objects.

He said he had never heard of the incident. Auckland records were searched, but nothing came to light about any such event happening on February 2, 1968.

Auckland police were also mystified.

Inquiries were made in Waiuku. Nothing turned up.

Truth then searched the births, deaths and marriage records in Wellington and went back well before 1968. There was no record of the death of a Mr Amos Miller, farmer, aged 39.

So much for the Saga story—it was merely the figment of somebody's imagination.

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Mystery Lights

Vivid green and red lights were seen over the Cecil Peak area for about five minutes yesterday morning, two Queenstown residents reported.

The lights were visible about 4 a.m. and remained motionless before vanishing.

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Mystery lights only stars?

Staff Reporter

TAUPO. — Taupo Post Office exchange has been inundated by evening calls this week from people seeking an explanation to supposed unidentified flying objects in the Taupo area.

For the past few days, the town has been agog with talk of the strange phenomenon in the night sky.

Countless people claim to have seen what is generally described as a bright body, low in the sky, with flashing red and green lights circling it.

Similar reports of a

potential U.F.O. have come from Ngaruawahia. Mr D. Dickinson, a technical officer at the D.S.I.R. Wairakei, thinks people may have been looking at a bright star.

Basically, the light source is purely and simply from known stars and planets, he says.

And the flashing lights? Over the past few nights, the atmosphere in the Taupo area has had a high moisture content, and this in turn can set up the simple process of light refraction, he says.

This has the effect of not only splitting the light source into various colours, but can, at times, magnify and change the apparent shape of the object.

In some cases, air moisture absorbs some colours and renders just one or two visible.

At this time of the year, such a phenomenon can be expected, in Mr Dickinson's opinion.

The many sightings of potential U.F.O.s in the Taupo district have been reported since Mr Bruce Cathie, Auckland N.A.C. pilot and author of the controversial book, "Harmonic 3," addressed Taupo Rotarians at the beginning of the month.

Sightings have come from the Napier-Taupo highway, Wairakei, Acacia Bay, Mount Tauhara, and the town of Taupo. People from all sections of the community have reported them.

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New U.F.O. sightings at Taupo

TAUPO. — Unidentified flying objects appear to have held a convention at Taupo at the weekend — there were several reports of sightings.

One group, four of them Taupo residents, say they saw one about 8.14 p.m. on Sunday between Huka Mill and Acacia Bay. It appeared as a reddish glow at first, but closer scrutiny with high powered binoculars showed the object to have a green light on top, a flashing red light like those on police vehicles, and a row of yellow lights.

A little while later the party went to the De Brett baths, from where they said they saw five objects. Looking east towards Napier, two were south of Mount Tauhara, one over Opepe, one over the centre of the Lake and the fifth in the same area as the one they had sighted earlier in the evening.

One of the members of the party said he would have taken them for ordinary aircraft had they not been stationary.

OVER WAIRAKEI

On Saturday night two men working at the New Zealand Electricity Department installations at Wairakei reported seeing an object over the Wairakei bore valley. One of the men saw it again on Sunday night. There have been other reports from other residents of Taupo claiming to have seen objects last night.

Two men working on the Napier-Taupo Road reported seeing an object near Opepe on April 14. Their report was regarded as genuine by an Auckland airline pilot, Captain B. L. Cathie, who has been interested in the phenomenon for seven years.

A Taupo resident living near Centennial Park also reported seeing an object over the Broadlands area on April 18.

—Own correspondent.

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Sightings At Ngaruawahia

NZPA. HAMILTON. April 27. Red, green, and gold motionless lights have been seen in the sky over Ngaruawahia in the last two nights.

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'Fire Flame' Seen Above Mosgiel

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More UFO's Reported

A rash of unidentified flying objects has been seen throughout New Zealand in the past week from areas as far apart as Mosgiel, Patea and Taupo.

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These sightings followed two earlier ones in Taupo.

On April 15, Mr H. Morel and Mr H. D. Hay saw a cone-shaped object, marked by dullish green light with flickering orange and yellow lights on its base. It was hovering over their camp-site about five miles from Taupo on the Napier highway.

On April 18, Mr J. Hall, a market gardener, and his wife, Mrs Hall, saw a similar object from their home in Rotokawa Street. They watched it for over an hour.—NZPA.

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Unidentified Object Seen

The first local sighting of an unidentified flying object for some time was reported this morning by Mr Alan Ludlow, of Balclutha.

On Saturday at about 1.10 am, he said, while lying on his bed, he saw what he described as "a white, long, bullet-shaped object travelling from north to east and going very fast high above the railway station." He said it was in view for from five to ten seconds, but by the time he had called out to members of the family the object had disappeared.

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Mysterious Flying Object

Still Unidentified

A MYSTERIOUS object seen last Saturday evening by several people at Titahi Bay and Paekakariki and many residents at Patea, near New Plymouth, has still not been identified.

The director of the Carver Observatory (Mr W J J Fisher) said no reports of the object had reached the observatory.

On the information available he could not say definitely what it was.

"My own feeling is that it was some kind of high-flying aircraft," he said. At that height with no noise audible from the engines, aircraft were very deceiving.

It was not a meteor because of the long length of time it had been watched. "A meteor streaks along in a few seconds."

However, Mr Fisher said he would study the information of witnesses.

appeared to turn and go in a northerly direction.

"It was a perfectly clear evening with no cloud. There were no other objects in the sky."

Mrs A L Petrovic, who saw what could have been the Patea object, described it as a "long white streak, very bright and frightening."

In a letter to the Editor she said she watched it for 10 minutes some time between 5 and 5.30pm while driving at Paekakariki on Saturday. It was also seen by two other people, one of them her son, who were travelling in a car behind her.

On Horizon

"It was away on the horizon, and seemed to be the same length all the time it travelled. I have been so frightened by it that I have locked all the windows," she said.

An object which appeared as a long streak of flame in the sky to the north-west of Patea was watched for five minutes by many residents at 5.55pm on Saturday.

A science master at the Patea High School (Mr B K Chamberlain) used an astronomical telescope to follow the object. It looked like a rocket plane emitting a trail of flame six to eight times its own length.

Watched

Mr T L Watt, of Titahi Bay, said he saw a silver-coloured object from his sitting-room window about 5.30 — 25 minutes before a similar object was seen over Patea. He watched it travel over the length of Mana Island for about five minutes until it disappeared in the northern sky.

He was drawing his sitting-room curtains when he glanced out and saw it. At first the long narrow object was fairly small and travelling slowly. It became bigger and wider as it got near Mana Island, then ap-

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MEN SEEK PHOTO OF 'OBJECT'

Two men who claimed they saw an object "like a flying saucer with lights on" during a rabbit shooting expedition last week are to attempt to photograph it in the early hours of tomorrow morning.

Thirty-two-year-old Charlie Haffenden, and Bob Thompson, 43, were hunting for rabbits in the Rakai River-bed, near Lesion, last Friday when they made the sighting. "We weren't seeing things, either," Mr Haffenden, a factory worker, said. "We stood there and watched it for about two hours."

"All we could see at first was a glowing light in the bush ahead of us. It looked just like someone was standing in the bush, having a smoke."

"And when we got nearer, the thing—whatever it was—lifted just above the bush, and changed colour from red to white."

"It looked just like a kite with lights on. The lights weren't flashing. They would be bright one moment, and then the next."

"It climbed reasonably high and was zig-zagging all the time. We first saw it about four o'clock, and watched it until just after six o'clock when it went higher and higher, and then through the clouds."

Coloured lights

seen over Ngaruawahia

HAMILTON. — Red green and gold motionless lights have been seen in the sky over Ngaruawahia in the last two nights.

Mr L. G. Thickpenny, of Whatawhata Road, Ngaruawahia, reports that he and his family watched several groups of the coloured lights which appeared to circle a motionless "star".

"I hadn't seen them before, but my daughter says they've been in the sky since before Easter. Several of the people in town have seen lights as well," he said.

However, Mr Thickpenny said the lights don't appear in the same place each night.

"There was one bright one I could see from the bedroom window on Sunday night, but it wasn't there last night."

Mr Thickpenny watched the lights through binoculars and reports that he saw seven in the sky. One over Pirongia and another near Te Aroha had stronger lights than the others, he said.

—NZPA.

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More U.F.O.s will "visit"

Taupo

HAMILTON. — Taupo can expect visits by a number of unidentified flying objects during the next few weeks, according to an Auckland N.A.C. pilot, Mr B. L. Cathie.

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COLOURED LIGHTS

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Mr Cathie said those

colours were common on the objects.

Later, the same people, along with several others, went for a swim in the De Brett baths at Taupo. The sky was "littered" with at least five U.F.O.s, they said.

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about these things than they are willing to let on," he said. "My aim is to get them to tell us what they are doing."

CIRCULAR MARKINGS

Mr Cathie is particularly interested in the Taupo area. While he was in the town two weeks ago to address the Taupo Rotary Club on U.F.O.s, he flew over areas near to the Napier-Taupo highway where five circular markings had been reported in the scrub.

"They were clearly vis-

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whata road, Ngaruawahia reports that he and his family watched several groups of the coloured lights which appeared to circle a motionless "star" on Sunday and Monday nights.

A mysterious flying object similar to the one sighted north of Patea on Saturday night has been seen by a Mosgiel woman.

Mrs K. L. Round, of 53 Stirling crescent, said she saw an object like "a flame of fire" above her television aerial between 11.30 and midnight last Thursday night.

It moved slowly towards Murri street.

She estimated the object to be two or three yards long and about two inches wide and bar shaped. Surrounding it were "a dozen or more small objects."

Mrs Round thought no more of the object until she read about the sighting north of Patea. "It seems to have been the same one," she said.

She examined the object through small telescope but could not see any more significant detail.

The chairman of the Beverly Beg Observatory in Dunedin, Mr A. J. Doig, said the object sighted by Mr Round did not appear to be any normal astronomical phenomenon such as a meteor which would only last a second or less and was strictly in the U.F.O. category.

He said the observatory had had one or two reports of U.F.O.s in the last two or three weeks. A Pine Hill woman reported a slow moving golden object the size of a full moon almost but not quite circular in shape.

It was east of the house and moved slowly across the sky and disappeared quite suddenly after the woman had turned away to say something to her husband. Later the observatory received another report of apparently the same object from a couple who were motoring just north of the city. These sightings could not be explained in terms of normal astronomical phenomena, Mr Doig said.

... and they have

TAUPO.—Many Taupo residents have taken to sky gazing — but for unidentified flying objects, not stars.

Last night another series of U.F.O.s were reported by several residents. In Kaka Street neighbours were out near their gates from 7 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. calling excitedly to one another and pointing out the various positions of different U.F.O.s.

Last night's U.F.O.s were seen toward Tauhara, three over Acacia

Bay, two toward Tihori and one over Tauhara.

One resident said the objects would stay stationary for a while and then move down until they disappeared below the horizon.

"They are visible to the naked eye but it is hard to make out their actual shape even with binoculars," he said.

Last night was the third successive night that a number of people in Taupo have reported seeing U.F.O.s.

—Own correspondent.

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UFO report checks, says pilot

TAUPO. — A report of an unidentified flying object over Taupo this week was similar to other reports he had received in the past, airline pilot, Captain B. L. Cathie, said at Taupo last night.

Captain Cathie, at present holidaying in Taupo with his family, has spent the last seven years actively working on U.F.O.'s although his first interest began in 1952. On Wednesday night two Taupo men reported seeing a strange craft east of Taupo on the Napier-Taupo highway.

GREEN LIGHT

They described it as being a saucer-shaped craft, like a coolie hat. It had a green light on top with revolving orange lights along the full length of the base.

The men, who prefer to remain anonymous, had left their camp at the Fletchers Development Block and were travelling along the five-mile road to the intersection with the Napier-Taupo Highway.

They saw a glow from the hillside, where their camp is situated.

"It was a saucer-shaped craft about 100 feet above the camp," one said. "It looked about 20 feet long."

The craft was heading towards Taupo and when last seen it disappeared behind some hills in a direct line with the De Brett Hotel.

"From its description it sounds very similar to reports I have on file," Captain Cathie said. "It interests me that one should have been in the Taupo area — I have also had other reports from here."

EXISTENCE

Captain Cathie says he firmly believes in the existence of U.F.O.'s and in a talk to Taupo Rotarians on Thursday night presented many reasons for his belief.

Over the last 16 years he has personally seen about eight or nine craft and believes they can be seen in particular areas.

"I have evidence that scientists are fully aware of these craft and how they operate," he said.

Captain Cathie has also recorded sightings from other airline crews which averaged about one a month.

"These sightings are far more common than people think," he said.

Captain Cathie has undertaken an investigation of U.F.O.'s but says he keeps away from organisations also interested in them as he prefers to work alone. —Own correspondent.

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UFO Reports

Sir,—Re your item about a flying object seen in the sky north-west of Paten. I would like to report seeing the same type of object from here just after 6.30 a.m. on April 8. It was in the eastern sky when I first saw it and I watched till it disappeared behind clouds in the south.

I mentioned it to several people but no one had seen it. There was nothing on the radio news or in the paper. I wonder if anyone in Palmerston North saw it.

(Mrs) Z. STEVENS, Feilding.

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MANY SEE UFO

For the second night in succession unidentified flying objects were sighted in the Taupo area last night.

On Sunday night, between 7 p.m. and midnight, many people at Wairakei reported sighting an object with flashing lights hovering above the bore field.

It was similar in description to the ones in an article in last Thursday's Taupo Times.

Last night in Taupo township many people reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the south-western sky. From about 11 p.m. it was particularly noticeable, with red and green lights flashing.

Six men at the fire station, were adamant that the object, which they all viewed through binoculars, was a flying saucer.

According to one observer several other objects had been sighted in various parts of the sky.

A Press report from Ngaruawahia said that a similar object was sighted by several residents in that town last night.

The object was described as red and green lights circling a star. Similar lights had been seen in the direction of Mt. Te Aroha from Ngaruawahia the previous night.

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U.F.O. Visits

Sir,

Mr D. C. Reidy's powerful article in the Taupo Times on the connection between UFOs and potent liquor is interesting, and he appears to be well acquainted with his subject.

However, it transpires that my extensive and prolonged inquiries into alleged sightings of UFOs have been amongst a most intelligent and sober class of Taupo residents, making it unnecessary to venture into the haunts of alcoholics and drug addicts for information. I appreciate Mr Reidy's warning and will bear it in mind.

I note that astronomers and scientists add their quota of opinions, that UFOs are illusions and confusion with stars. They make no comment on sightings on or near the ground, strange sounds of possible power units in these suspected UFOs or the fear behaviour of horses and dogs before sightings take place - all these have happened round Taupo within the past two weeks.

It is time these experts, who cannot agree amongst themselves, as witness any case in Court, when they appear on opposite sides of a case in dispute, came up with something more convincing and conclusive.

The excuse that misinterpretation of the stars is the answer to UFOs - is a stock answer with moss on it. My own experience with UFOs is that they exist.

What we want to know is what they are here for since they appear to be friendly. After all we have on newspapers, TV and radio information that humans landed on the moon.

E. Barling,
UFO Investigator for
Auckland University.

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Radars beaten by mystery object

WHAT aircraft in New Zealand can climb 63,274 feet at the rate of up to 7000 feet a minute? None, according to experts.

So what object was tracked by Christchurch meteorological radar at that phenomenal height

last November? It remains a mystery. But the meteorological radar officer who tracked

it on November 18 is quite definite he had it on his screen for several minutes before it disappeared.

In a report of the incident obtained by Truth, the officer says: "On that date Christchurch meteorological radar was engaged in tracking a constant level balloon released from Hokitika. When it was at the height of 30,137 feet and about 70 miles from Christchurch the radar acquired a new and stronger target.

"I picked up the slide rule and saw we were getting quite unusual heights so we maintained the tracking until the target speed became so great that the radar would not hold in lock. Tracking was then abandoned.

"I later put the readings through a desk computer.

Capacity

"Briefly, what we had on the radar was something with the capacity to climb 63,274 feet with a rate of climb of up to 7000 feet per minute at 60,000 feet and maintain an average ground speed of 80 to 100 knots.

He was later assured by experts that it could not have been a Skyhawk or any other RNZAF aircraft.

The officer said: "There is absolutely no possibility that the target echo was a radar phenomenon. In any case there was far too much pattern in the readings for it to be anything like that.

"One interesting point was that at the moment of acquiring the target it appeared as though it had seen the constant level balloon and had turned off its predominantly north-west heading to examine it."

What was that mystery object tracked by radar high above Canterbury?

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Light plane may be U.F.O. answer

A "mysterious" object flying over Mosgiel last night may have been a light Otago Aero Club aircraft on a night flying exercise.

However, a man who sighted it directly over Mosgiel at 11.32 p.m., Mr I. Dickson, of Concord, said a sudden reversing movement made by the object could not be made by a conventional aeroplane.

Mr R. N. Burns, chief instructor of the club, said he was flying in the plane at the time and saw nothing unusual.

Mr Dickson said he saw the "object" directly over Mosgiel at 11.32 p.m. It travelled north-west about 2½ miles, at times obscured by clouds or hills.

Then it suddenly reversed before disappearing. The object was about twice the diameter of a distant star and was surrounded by a red flashing glow.

This description would fit the light aircraft on a training exercise until 11.40 last night, Mr Burns said. The plane had a white tail light and a rotating red beacon above the tail fin.

This is the second sighting of an "unidentified flying object" over Mosgiel in the last few days. The other sighting was made last Thursday night by a Mosgiel

woman who saw an object like a "flame of fire" above a television aerial.

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borough resident watched an unidentified flying object for about an hour from 11.30 p.m. last night. He said that it appeared from the east and gradually circled round eventually disappearing in the direction whence it came. Although apparently flying very high it appeared to be huge completely saucer-shaped. There was a blinding light in front round the sides lights appeared to be "shooting out."

His UFO is no joke

By Ross Gates

"BLUEY" Archer's mates laughed at him when he told them a flying saucer may have landed in a paddock near his home.

But he has evidence that even the most sceptical person will find hard to dispute.

About 150 yds from his house there is an area of grass and blackberry bushes that has been completely flattened.

The area is about 25yds in diameter and the shape of a three-leaf clover.

"Giant force"

The grass surrounding the flattened area stands about 15in high.

It seems as if a giant force — like the down-draft of a helicopter — had pushed the grass and bushes over, but did not damage them in any way.

Mr Clifford Archer said he was awakened at 2 am on Tuesday morning by a loud humming noise.

"It sounded like one of those big power generators."

When he looked out the window of his house, he could see nothing, so he went back to bed.

Late Wednesday afternoon he noticed the flattened area of land near his house.

Mr Archer lives at Lynchford, a deserted mining town, about two miles south of Queens-town.

He lives in one of the two houses at Lynchford — the other house is deserted.

Mr Archer is employed as a labourer at Queenstown.

Puzzled

Those who have seen the area of land are puzzled, and can offer no explanation for the "ironed" grass and bushes.

No machinery has been working in the area, there are no animals in the area, and the nearest helicopter is about 100 miles away, at Strathgordon.

There have not been any strong winds reported in the area recently, and few people are ever seen near Lynchford.

Mr Archer's mates may laugh, but what did flatten the grass and bushes at Lynchford, and what was the strange sound Mr Archer heard?



© The dotted line marks the perimeter of the flattened area of grass which Mr Archer (top) found near his home at Lynchford after the mystery visitor.



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West Coast U.F.O.

Another area of flattened grass has appeared at Lynchford, near Queens-town, a few yards from a similar occurrence which startled West Coast-ers last week.

Bright lights in the sky have also been reported.

Some observers say the lights are the planets Saturn and Jupiter.

They also point out that the recent heavy rains, amounting to 10 inches during May, have caused the water table under the area to rise prematurely, rotting the base of vegetation.

Others are talking of 'flying saucers'.

Just why space travellers should choose to land in a blackberry patch when there are golf links and a well-stocked club house close handy has not been explained.

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Saw strange object in the sky

While walking along Readman Street in the direction of Ventersdorp late on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. M. H. Koekemoer and her daughter of 107 Van Riebeeck Street, spotted a strange object streaking through the sky. At first I thought it was a cloud but my daughter said that she had never seen a cloud move so fast. I looked again and then I saw that the object had a long luminous tail," said Mrs. Koekemoer. The object moved in an East-westerly direction. Rugby players also saw the object while waiting to start training.

A spokesman of the Hartbeeshoek Satellite Tracking Station said yesterday that although they had received no reports, the unidentified flying object (ufo) could have been a rocket re-entering the earth's orbit.

It could also have been space debris — discarded rocket equipment or satellites which had served their purpose.

He said that a third possibility was that it was a large meteor.

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STILL FLYING

Flying saucers are in the news again. This time in the magazine of the French Gendarmerie Nationale, a force which polices the French countryside and towns and villages of less than ten thousand inhabitants. The gendarmes are adjured in an article there to keep a sharp eye open for evidence of landings of flying saucers or other objects from outer space. Should such happenings occur they must take careful notes and if possible photographs; infra-red photographs would be of particular value to record any radio-activity. Any debris left behind should be carefully collected and other local anomalies recorded. The general opinion appears to be in Paris that this is some form of joke. Certainly no such instructions have as yet been issued from the Préfecture or the Sûreté for the guidance of Paris agents, sergents de ville or other miscellaneous cops. However, the article in the maga-

zine is presented absolutely deadpan.

It remains to be seen whether it will precipitate a rash of reports from credulous country cops. Certainly the flying saucer dies hard. The U.S. Air Force some years back conducted an elaborate investigation of thousands of reports of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) and came to the firm conclusion that none of them, save possibly the occasional meteor, was conceivably extra-terrestrial in origin. Explanations of illusionary sightings ranged from spots on the observer's retina to "ball" lightning. However, the eccentric fringe remains remarkably unimpressed. There are still people who hope or dread to see and talk to little men from Mars or Venus, improbable as the climatic conditions recorded by space exploration on either, let alone other planets, make their existence likely to be. It is no doubt one of the more amiable types of lunacy.

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U.F.O. claims reported

Workington Coastguard station was flooded with telephone calls on Monday night from people who claimed to have spotted an Unidentified Flying Object. It was described as a bright flash in the sky — followed by a red glow.

The R.A.F. Station at Preston was contacted. They said there were no aircraft in that area and explained the phenomenon as "space debris."

In Cockermonth, a number of people out walking, spotted a completely different U.F.O. This was described as two round shiny objects spinning in the evening sky on Saturday night.

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U.F.O. REMAINS MYSTERY

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NEW PLYMOUTH

A mysterious flying object seen in the sky north of Patea by numerous people early on Saturday evening has yet to be identified.

The object appeared as a long streak of flame in the sky to the north-west of Patea. It was watched for some five minutes by many residents in the town, from the time it was first noticed at 5.55 p.m. until it disappeared at about 6 o'clock, apparently on the New Plymouth side of Mt Egmont.

A science master at the Patea High School, Mr B. K.

Chamberlain said his attention was first brought to the object by his neighbours. To the naked eye it appeared as a long streak of flame.

Mr Chamberlain used an astronomical telescope with a refractor of about 11 inches to follow the U.F.O. Through the telescope he could see it quite clearly.

The object looked like a rocket plane emitting a trail of flame six to eight times its own length. After maintaining its height consistently the object disappeared into cloud on the New Plymouth side of Mt Egmont. The exhaust flame looked far bigger than anything a conventional rocket would produce, Mr Chamberlain said.

"It was so conspicuous that a lot of people must have seen it," he said.

Mr Chamberlain put forward a theory that the object could possibly have been an intercontinental ballistic missile. If this was so it could have originated from a submarine.

The object was definitely not a meteorite as these always travel at a faster speed, and never follow a flat trajectory, he said.

The unidentified flying object was moving at about the same speed as a normal satellite, although because it must have been much closer would have been travelling slower.

Through the size of the object in relation to the tele-

scope lens Mr Chamberlain was able to make an estimate of the object's size.

If it had been 20 miles away it would have been 100 ft in length, he said.

In silhouette the object appeared to be "cigar-shaped" with an obvious tail, he said.

The director of the Tikorangi observatory, Mr D. Whelan, carried out a periodic search for the object most of Saturday night.

Although nothing was sighted on Saturday night, Mr Whelan said he had tracked an "eccentric" light in the sky to the south-west, several weeks ago. The lights moved faster than an aeroplane but its speeds varied and direction altered.

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Buzzed by U.F.O.s

PERTH. — A Perth motorist and his wife claim they were buzzed by two unidentified flying objects yesterday.

Geoff Richards, aged 28 and his wife Toni, 26, of the Perth suburb of Woodlands, said the attack came on the south-western highway 100 miles south of Perth.

Mr Richards said he noticed a light in the rear vision mirror as he and his wife were travelling on a deserted stretch of road.

"Suddenly the light came racing up to the car," he said. It appeared to be going about 500 miles an hour.

"The light stayed behind, about 20 yards away, for a few seconds, then shot back from on to the horizon behind us."

"It began to glow red, like a fire, then it turned white again and came at us for a second time," he said.

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"This happened four times, then I looked in front and there was another light there."

"The one in front came at us three times and each time pulled up just short and darted back, sometimes disappearing."

"I'm a speedway driver and I've never been as frightened as that, not even before a race."

Mr Richards said the attacks lasted about 10 minutes. —NZPA

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Puzzle of light in the sky

An unidentified flying object is puzzling Mr and Mrs A. H. Woolley, of Thompson Drive, Wanneroo.

Mr Woolley said he woke at 3 a.m. yesterday, went to the bedroom window and saw a big, red-dish-yellow light about three miles to the east. The light was pulsating, but stationary. It then travelled rapidly northwards, stopped again and zig-zagged away into the clouds. He was convinced that it was not a plane. His wife also saw it.

A spokesman for the Bickley Observatory said that no similar sightings had been reported. Low cloud might have caused some unusual light effects.

A Perth Airport official said he did not know of any plane flying low in the area at the time.

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Falling yellow object startles early workers

Police at Rockingham, Medina and Cockburn were alerted today after two reports of a bright yellow object falling into Cockburn Sound.

The first report came from a man on his way to work in Queen Victoria-st., Fremantle.

He said that he saw a bright yellow object falling slowly into the sound. He thought it might have been an aircraft.

The second report—about the same time—came from two Fremantle Port Authority painters.

They also said they saw a bright yellow object falling into the sound.

Signalmen in the FPA signal station at Fremantle reported nothing unusual in the sound.

There were several fishing boats in the area this morning and they also reported nothing unusual.

The Department of Civil Aviation said it had accounted for all its aircraft.

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Two report UFO over city

Two people have reported seeing a UFO fly low at high speed across Canberra this week.

The Canberra Unidentified Flying Objects Research Society has asked anyone else who saw the object late on Wednesday afternoon to report sightings.

UFORS president Mr John Drake said today the description of the UFO did not tally with any known aircraft or atmospheric phenomenon, and was an unusual one for the ACT.

"It was very cloudy when the sighting was made yesterday afternoon, and the object couldn't have been a plane", he said.

"And it was quite definitely flying underneath the cloud."

"The people who reported the sighting to us are not members of the society and they want to keep their names out of it."

"But they are curious as to whether anyone else saw it."

Tracking stations had not detected the UFO on their equipment, Mr Drake said.

"This is not necessarily unusual — they have actually had things jump ahead of the sweep of the radar", he said.

Mr Drake said he could not give a full description of the UFO at this stage without prejudicing possible further reports of sightings.

He urged everyone who saw it to telephone Mrs V. Klein on 486238, or himself on 511337.

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UFO SIGHTINGS NEAR BALLARAT

A bright orange-red object which travelled from south to north, leaving a tail behind it, was claimed to have been seen by several people in the Ballarat district early yesterday morning.

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He said that "it really lit up the area" around the Learmonth road, along which he was travelling at the time. An object similarly described

ed was seen by Mr Eddy Hanrahan, of Bungaree, at the same time.

Mr Hanrahan said that what he saw was a round ball of fire about 18 inches in diameter with a tail of flame.

He said that at a rough estimate it was 500 feet from the ground and perhaps only a mile away.

"The way it was going across the sky was like a plane — not losing any height, but it was travelling too fast and there was no noise," Mr Hanrahan said.

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ENGLAND IS NOT the best country to see them, but the best place in England to see them is Warminster, in Wiltshire. That is the considered opinion of an expert — Capt. Ivar Mackay, chairman of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA).

According to Capt. Mackay the past two years have been spare times in the "flying saucer" field, ever since the Devonshire farmer's sightings of "fiery wheels" which caught the imagination of the national Press. But Capt. Mackay is convinced — if only as a matter of intuition — that the time is once again propitious to the phenomena.

"Interest is definitely picking up once again," he told the POST just after delivering a lecture — on "The Paranormal Aspects of Unidentified Flying Objects" — to the Fifty-Nine Society of Kensington.

Capt. Mackay believes that ultimately the validity of the saucers (a word he doesn't like) will be scientifically established.

"The scientists are among those who are currently the most interested in UFOs," he said, concluding cynically, "and no doubt when their existence becomes accepted they will get all the credit."

Capt. Mackay has nothing

about him to suggest the "lunatic fringe", and indeed he believes that this element of society has a tendency to gravitate towards Ufology (the accepted term) and bring what is really a discipline, embraced by educated men who pride themselves on the ability to keep "an open

into this looking and hoping for little green men we do our best to discourage," he said. "We are none of us fanatics — if anything you need an even more balanced mind than the normal. Many of my friends treat my interest in this as a joke. (But they all want me to "tell them about

have it that certain achievements accredited to the infancy of Historic Man, are unexplainable unless one thinks in terms of a highly sophisticated being whose origins can only have been beyond our spheres. Such would be the makers of the Sphinx of Egypt.

do with matter suddenly appearing in our Universe before dematerialising through a "black hole" in space, back into its own "parallel" universe.

Already some astronomers explain the "collapsing star" of the Crab Nebula — credited with radiating 100 times more energy than the sun despite a diameter that is only six miles across — in this way, predicting that it will disappear entirely through the "black hole", without ceasing to exist.

One believer in the "second universe" is Prof. Yuval Ne'eman of Tel Aviv University. Capt. Mackay accepts his posit of this second universe as a possible explanation of the UFO phenomenon.

And he can quote many other authorities, some of them quite famous, whose "open mindedness" should shake the ordinary man from his unquestioning scepticism.

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But even if one day it were established beyond doubt that UFOs never existed, Capt. Mackay will not be disappointed. "I am not a fanatic," he stressed, "and I hope that people who scoff at the idea can say the same."



'They'll be back soon...'

● CAPT. MACKAY (K6)

mind," into public ridicule. Ever since the last War when he served in India, Capt. Mackay has been in the antique business, and presently has a shop at Kensington Church Walk, behind the Town Hall.

He explained that BUFORA's first job in every case of a reported sighting is to find an alternative explanation: a cloud formation, an aircraft or whatever.

"The odd ones who come

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Capt. Mackay has been interested in UFOs ever since they began claiming public attention, just after the Second World War.

Not that they didn't exist before then — some who accept the phenomenon would

The latest theory on UFOs, which Capt. Mackay explained to the Fifty-nine Society, is that they may be visitors, not just from other planets, but from a "parallel universe" whose existence, say some scientists, accords perfectly with Einstein's famous Laws of Relativity.

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What proof of UFOs?

Sir. — Captain B. L. Cathie, in Gallery April 19, spoke about his proof (what proof?) of the existence of unidentified flying objects in New Zealand, mathematical formulae for computing the probability of UFO sightings, secret scientific research into or with UFOs, etc.

It was rather amusing. Take his formulae... we hear of his predictions ex post facto (he mustn't have much faith in them)! Then again, he won't name New Zealand scientists. And, he doesn't want to be too specific!

To return to seriousness! As an astronomer I do not deny the possible existence of extra-terrestrial life or their vehicles of conveyance. But Captain Cathie's argument carried connotations of being scientifically rationalised with physical proof, etc.

I contend his (alleged) experiments and research are no more scientific than the present 30-miles-per-hour speed limit. I cannot

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