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UFOs Visit County

by Bill Fodiak

It was reported that three Unidentified Flying Objects flew over east Greensburg at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. Witnesses described them as being bright in color and emitting orange sparks. They also claimed

that, after 15 minutes, one of the objects split apart. Then the UFO's ascended vertically into the sky and disappeared.

Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group in Greensburg, informed The New

Edition that similar reports came to him from Derry, Youngwood, Carbon, Blairsville and Youngstown. Several witnesses said they saw three red objects near the Latrobe Steel plant. The police barracks at Kiski Valley received calls that a bright circular object dropped debris toward the ground.

orange "pill capsule" shaped object was 20 feet off the ground near Hempfield High School around 9:30 p.m. It silently moved east over Greensburg with the speed of a light aircraft while sparks fell from it. A somewhat similar account came from the Pleasant Unity area at 9:20 p.m. that same night.

Many other flying objects have been reported throughout Central Westmoreland County. Some of them can be explained in natural terms such as the taillights of aircrafts and the bright, shining planet of Venus in the western sky. But most of the objects still remain unidentified.

Those who have seen a UFO or who will in the future are asked to call 834-8668 or 834-0724 at any time of day or night. You may also write to the UFO Study Group at 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg, Pa. 15601. All names will be withheld upon request and kept confidential.

UFO Reported in Pasadena

There were scattered reports to police departments from Valley residents that an unidentified flying object was hovering "over Pasadena toward the mountains" Friday night.

Police speculated it may have been a weather balloon, but it reportedly had flashing lights which went out once for about five minutes, then came back on.

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Covina, Calif.
Tribune SGV

April 18, 1972
Fairbury, Nebraska
Journal-News

UFO Sightings

I am intrigued with the thought of men and vehicles from outer space. Reading an article by an ex-Army intelligence officer who says UFOs exist—I've seen them—gives one food for thought.

Col. Wolfe said he is impressed by the fact that people of completely different backgrounds and mentalities, who could not possibly have had any connection with one another, have furnished almost identical evidence regarding UFO sightings.

There have been individuals in Belgium, South America, Japan, Spain and of course, America who have seen an UFO after it landed and its occupants descend from it and their description of the occupants all match. They said beings in humanoid form, three to four feet tall, came out.

Col. Wolfe, who has a master of law degree and a doctor of law degree, has served as liaison officer to Great Britain's Scotland Yard and the French Suret, says it is entirely possible we will learn more about the mystery of UFOs in the near future.

"One of these days one of these flying objects is going to have mechanical trouble or run out of whatever propellant it is

they use, and we will be able to capture and examine it. There's a possibility one of them will be shot down, sooner or later.

"Another possibility is that some day these beings will decide they want to make themselves known."

As for me, 'I've been hoping I'd see one for years. A young woman in Thayer county told me she had a very unusual experience one night coming home from work. She felt sure it was an UFO but told no one except me because she knew she would be ridiculed by the public.

In the dark, in the car she was driving on a lonely road. This object came down momentarily near. The engine of the car stopped, a brilliant light almost blinded her, then the "thing" flew off, her motor started again and she proceeded home, shaken.

If there are such things, can you imagine being abducted, carried off into space by such creatures? Can you imagine if you were lucky enough to return and said you had been on another planet, what the public would say?

On second thought maybe I won't go out in the dark alone.

Did you read about the guy

In a field near West Point, investigators found a metallic substance which is almost identical to that found from UFO's around the world. It presently is being analyzed by the Study Group.

Reports of UFO's have been coming in since March 31, when three persons near Jeannette observed an orange, spherical object. They described it as being 15 feet in diameter and discharging sparks.

On April 2 at 9:30 p.m., witnesses observed an orange object in Southwest Greensburg which hovered in the air for 10 minutes. It was said to have gotten brighter, slowly wobble and then disappear, at great speed, behind some trees towards the northeast.

Another report stated that on April 16, a bright,

May 6, 1972
Grants Pass, Ore.
Daily Courier

Green Light Over City

Two persons reported a green light in the sky over Grants Pass about 10:45 Friday night. The event was described to state police by Jeff Schulze of Vancouver, Wash., as a "large green light in the sky that exploded in a large flash."

Mrs. Ron Dunsing, 2800 Elk Lane, told Sheriff's deputies her son had also seen the large flash in the sky.



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County residents report seeing UFO

Twelve residents in an area from Bear Lake south to Brethren reported to Sheriff's officers they saw an unidentified flying object between 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 a.m. yesterday.

Sheriff's officers were dispatched to the area but refused comment today on whether they saw the object which was reported to be bright white with prongs and a red light in the center.

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Descriptions Differ On Flying Object

Look up in the sky! It's a bird! No! It's a plane! No! Then what the heck would you call it?

Two local residents called it an unidentified flying object Friday night as both claimed they saw the "thing" at about 7 p.m.

Since Waterbury is not on the plane plan for skyjacks to points south, Luan Mane, of Wheeler Street, figured it wasn't your average run-of-the-mill 707. He says he saw the UFO flying southwest to northeast at about 3,000 feet about a mile-and-a-half from his home.

He says it was at least the size of a 707 and was triangular in shape as seen from the side. It was flying too slow and too low for an ordinary aircraft of the size, and it was silent, he said. It remained visible from two to three minutes.

The object, according to Mane, had a light on the top and bottom edges of its triangular shape, as seen from the side, and a red blinker light in the middle of the triangle.

At about the same time, William Smith, of 71 Wheeler St., was seeing the same thing, but had a slightly different description.

He said the object was bigger than a 747, triangular shaped with a white light at each point. He described the light on the bottom as bluish. He also said the object made no noise and flew very slowly for an object that size. He said it flew toward Bucks Hill, from Waterville.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said that there was nothing unusual in the sky Friday night, and that they had received no calls about a UFO.

A federal Aviation Administration spokesman at Bradley Field said they received a call from the airport at Westfield, Mass., but were not able to help. They said they had checked area airports and none had reported the mysterious flying object.

Sal Verderame, of the William E. Begg Building, Porter Street, also claims seeing apparently the same object about three hours later. Verderame said he and his wife saw the object from their sixth floor window.

His description matches that given by the Wheeler Street sighter. Verderame said the object stayed in sight for about two minutes "without making any sound at all."

A fourth sighting of a mysterious flying object which hovered over Waterbury early last

evening was reported this morning by Mrs. Frank Fazzano.

Mrs. Fazzano said her family spotted the object while riding down Hill Street and followed it down North Main Street and North Elm Street, to the corner of East Main Street. There the object, described as triangular and looking like a clam shell, hovered over the buildings. It was described as large as a 707 airplane, with three lights, two white, "as bright as car headlights" and a red light in the center. Her son added the "red light was blinking."

She said the lights were so bright she is positive it could not have been an airplane.

April 19, 1972
Marshfield, Wisc.
News Herald

UFO Check Is Made by Area Man

A mysterious metal sphere which was found earlier this month on a Huntington, New Zealand, farm was presented for inspection to Air Force Capt. Douglas W. Boucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Boucher, route 2, Spencer, who is stationed at a U. S. Air Force tracking station at Mt. John, New Zealand.

The sphere, about 15 inches in diameter, was thought by Boucher to be a part of a space craft, and probably part of a space craft's pressure tank.

Persons in New Zealand had reported seeing a bright object in the sky before the sphere had been found and Capt. Boucher said the object, assuming it was from a space craft, would have been traveling 17,000 miles an hour when it hit the earth's atmosphere and 200 miles an hour when it struck the New Zealand soil.

Boucher also thought it possible the object could have been part of Cosmos 482, the Russian satellite which disintegrated around April 2,

April 27, 1972
Brockton, Mass.
Enterprise & Times

UFO Expert Thrills BSC Group

BRIDGEWATER — Characterizing Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO'S) as "a valid intellectual mystery," James Mosely, recognized as America's most knowledgeable authority on the subject, not only kept his audience at Bridgewater State College interested through an hour's lecture in the Student Union Lecture Hall but was followed to the Green Room after the lecture by a large share of that audience and held in conversation for almost another hour as well.

The first mention of UFO's, he said, is in the Bible if you wish to read the first chapter of Ezekiel, major prophet of the sixth century B.C.

He went on to enumerate the many instances of proven experiences from as early as 1857 in this country and on up to the present. He showed a film taken by a West Virginian farmer in 1966 which he said was unmistakably genuine.

It showed a craft which looked much like a beach hat with a rounded, turn-down brim, open underneath from which a rope seemed to hang. "Still pictures would be easy to fake," he admitted, "but films would be far more difficult and next to impossible."

"The 'little men' haven't been green, he said, but stories confirming their existence have come from places all around the world.

There is a great deal of evidence that flying saucers

term invented by a newspaper writer in 1947 after hearing the description of one from a pilot over Mt. Rainier) have been seen by hundreds of people — in some cases by radar, planes and viewers on the ground simultaneously.

There has never been, however, enough research done to determine what they are, where they come from and what their interest or mission on Earth might be.

Since they have been and are being seen frequently from many sections of the world — sometimes daily — it is not probable, he feels, that they are from another solar system.

His conclusion is that they co-exist here with us and may even be from another dimension, another type of reality that humans have never probed.

It is his hope that funding for a genuinely scientific research project can sometime be found that will help to clear up the mystery. There are a couple of dozen researchers at present, he said, but all of them amateurs.

This was the last of this series of lectures sponsored by the Bridgewater State College Student Union.

The series that began in November 1971 and ended this Tuesday brought to the campus such distinguished persons as Julian Bond, Dick Gregory, Alexander Gabriel, Ralph Nader and James Mosley.

A similar series is being prepared for the year beginning in the Fall of 1972.

One of the most exciting things happening around Arvin recently occurred at 3:55 AM Tuesday, when Officer Elmer Hobbs, patrolling on Sycamore Rd. near Derby, spied a 'Flying Saucer'. The 'saucer' was round in shape, bright yellow in color, and traveled across the eastern sky for five minutes before disappearing in the east.

Hobbs contacted Control 5, the county's communication and reported the unusual phenomenon. He was told that the UFO was also observed in Mojave and at Edwards Air Force Base.

No explanation could apparently be given for the unusual sight.

May 10, 1972
Ashland, Oregon
Daily Tidings

Another strange light in the sky was spotted near Ashland about 9:30 Tuesday night, police said.

A resident of Old Pacific Highway told police she saw a "bright light, with forks of light" coming off it, in the northwest sky.

Strange lights were also spotted last Friday night by several Ashland persons.

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Arvin, Calif.
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Arvin Officer
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sees UFO

but he did not know the type of metal composing the sphere.

Boucher planned to calculate the path the object passed over with the use of a computer before making a positive identification of the object.

Boucher, a 1961 graduate of Marshfield Senior High School and 1966 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, received his commission in the Air Force in 1966 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Numerous UFO's sighted in the Central Westmoreland area

Numerous sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have been reported since March and consistently for the last week throughout Central Westmoreland county, according to Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group in Greensburg.

This past Saturday night, dozens of witnesses reported that at approximately 8:15 p.m. a formation of three bright objects moved slowly east over Greensburg. One of the objects split in two, while another of the objects ascended vertically into the sky and disappeared. Another of the objects remained visible for 15 minutes while emitting different colored lights.

Throughout the evening, sightings were reported from areas as Derry, Youngwood, Carbon, Blairsville and Youngstown. Several witnesses called in to report that three red objects were hovering over the Latrobe steel plant. The state police barracks at Kiski Valley called the UFO group to inform them that they had reports of a bright, circular object that was dropping debris toward the ground.

Field investigators with the UFO group responded to sightings in different areas as the reports were being dispatched by radio. Field investigators did recover a quantity of material from the West Point area where a caller reported that a large amount of metallic material had covered his field. The material is similar to other residue emitted from UFOs around the world.

On March 31, three witnesses near

Jeannette observed an orange, spherical object that appeared to be about 15 feet in diameter drop flaming debris toward the ground. After a few minutes the object just disappeared in front of their eyes.

During the evening of April 16, numerous witnesses reported that a bright orange object rose up off the ground and continued to move over the city of Greensburg for about six minutes. About 20 minutes later, witnesses near Pleasant Unity reported that a bright, circular object had projected down a light beam on a house trailer, lighting up the area. During the last week, frequent reports of bright, orange objects have been reported from around the Jeannette and Greensburg areas.

There also have been some close-up sightings of an object about 20 feet in diameter with a fin tail on top and a flat bottom. The object had three rectangular windows that emitted a bright light.

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March 23, 72
Roy, Utah
Sun-Chronicle

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THIS PHOTO of an unidentified flying object was taken March 8, 1972. It is one out of a series of seven, taken as the object passed

leisurely over Salt Lake City from northwest to southeast. by Roy H. Lauritzen

UFO's remain mystery

With the successful launching of Pioneer 10 on its extended space odyssey toward the giant, cloud-covered planet Jupiter, the long-standing UFO mystery here on our own planet was, at least temporarily forgotten. However, the enig-

matic UFO's apparently unimpressed by our efforts, have not forgotten the planet Earth.

On March 5, photographs were taken on two separate occasions of UFO's as they posed leisurely over Salt Lake City. Again on the 8th,

one re-visited the area and posed long enough to have its photo taken, drifting silently over the downtown area.

These mysterious visitors have been with us since the beginning of our recorded history, the Condon Report not-

withstanding, and it seems paradoxical that such sightings should be suppressed in our enlightened age. Even the faith of the Bible is based upon intervention, by beings alien to this planet, into the affairs of mankind.

April 12, 1972
Berkeley, Calif.
Gazette

Mike Culbert... UFOs 'Believable,' Physicist Shows

WHEN NUCLEAR physicist Stanton Friedman appears before a UC-Zellerbach audience at 8 o'clock tonight to lecture on the reality of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) he will be bringing years of responsible research to the fore.

He is one of a growing number of responsible scientists who believe the UFO constitutes perhaps the most important — and challenging — scientific mystery of our era.

Friedman is among the group of "believers" who, based on photographic data and interviewee and circumstantial evidence, contends not only that UFOs are "real" but that they are extraterrestrial vehicles, most of them in the "earth excursion module" class and many of them looking like devices Earthians currently are shooting heavenwards.

Dr. James McDonald, the late atmospheric physicist from the University of Arizona, was probably the most outspoken of the scientists who suggested the extraterrestrial hypothesis on the basis of the best information possible.

He and Friedman were among the 12 savants who appeared before a Congressional symposium on UFOs in 1968, more than a year before the federally funded Condon Committee attempted to sweep the subject under the rug through its strangely worded official report, the highlight of a strangely conducted 2-year look into a fraction of UFO cases.

It should be borne in mind that the number three man on the Condon Committee team, Dr. David Saunders, dissented from the Condon findings and wrote his own key account of the investigation (in "UFOs? Yes!") which reached the conclusion that the extraterrestrial hypothesis regarding unidentified flying objects was the most tenable one now.

Both Saunders and Look Magazine had earlier revealed, through exposure of a Condon Committee intracommittee memorandum, the body's intention to

appear objective and scientific while clearly attempting to "disprove" the better part of 21 years of accumulated UFO evidence.

Friedman recalls that in 1966 a Gallup Poll indicated that 5 million adult Americans believed they had seen UFOs.

A larger, more detailed and much less publicized poll taken by the University of Colorado study (the Condon Committee) in 1968 concluded that 3.75 million adult Americans believed they had seen UFOs, Friedman notes.

The Redondo Beach physicist who has 14 years in spacecraft systems work behind him believes the most interesting opinion sampling of all was that conducted by Industrial Research Magazine last winter.

Noting that IR is virtually a learned journal circulated to 90,000 people involved in research and development across the country, 27 per cent of whom have PhDs, another 26 per cent have masters degrees and an additional 44 per cent bachelors degrees, and also noting that 2,700 answered the IR questionnaire, these were the results:

Twenty per cent said they believe UFOs exist, 34 per cent said they "probably" exist — that is, 54 per cent believed outright or "probably" that UFOs exist.

An impressive 36 per cent answered "yes" to the question "Do you know anyone who claims to have seen a UFO?"

Equally impressive were the 8 per cent — 216 — who answered "yes" to the question "Have you ever observed a UFO yourself?" and the additional 14 per cent who answered "perhaps."

A whopping 76 per cent answered "no" to the question "Do you believe that the government has revealed all its information concerning UFOs?" and 80 per cent answered "no" to "In your opinion, were the conclusions of the Condon Report on UFOs definitive?"

The eighth question was: "If you consider the possibility of UFO existence, where do you think they originate?"

The answer — undecided (35.4 per cent), outer space (32 per cent), natural phenomena (27 per cent), U.S.A. (5 per cent), Communist nations (0.6 per cent.)

These answers hardly came from a fringe area of kooks and quacks. They constitute a demonstrable degree of concern on the part of a substantial and growing number of scientific minds concerning existing data on UFOs.

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Fremont Village East

Those Flying THINGS

By LORNA MILLER

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from the direction of Mission Peak. She doesn't think the time lapse was even as long as ten minutes between the two "things" she saw. She also says the flight pattern appeared to be level.

Les Dingee, Tahama & Plumas, called to say that he saw the same "things" Beth Miller saw the night of March 17, between 10 and 10:30. He also saw two "things", which he took to be multi-stage rockets, traveling towards Mission Park.

Les noticed the first "rocket" when he went outside to see what his dog was barking at. This "rocket" was in flight ... heading towards Mission Park. He noticed the second "rocket" some ten to fifteen minutes later. This one looked like it was coming over the horizon from the vicinity of the Leslie Salt Evaporators, and headed towards Mission Park. Les said that the flaming debris would be the dropping off of each stage of the rocket as it burned itself out.

He pointed out that amateur rocketry is against the law, so it is unlikely that someone will come forth and confirm the rocket theory.

Beth was relieved and thrilled that someone else has seen something too, even though the "somethings" seemed to be traveling in a different direction than one of the "things" she saw. As you may recall, the first "thing" Beth saw from Walters Jr. High School grounds, was the burning debris falling towards the ground. She thought it was a fizzled Roman Candle. She still maintains that the second "thing" she saw was coming

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Fremont, Calif.
News-Register

Meandering



by
**Jerry
Bledsoe**

Dr. Parker Makes A Case For The UFO Phenomenon

First, you should know this. Dr. Franklin Parker is no kook. He is a quiet-spoken, scholarly man in his 50s, a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, whose specialty is the history of Central America (about which he has written two books).

It is also important to know that Dr. Parker is not a reader of science fiction. Nor is he one of these UFO nuts that pops up occasionally. The fact is that he had never given much thought at all to unidentified flying objects until just recently. And that might not have happened except that ...

Dr. Parker also teaches a course in the history of the world since 1945, and since textbooks on his recent history were scant, he set about some time ago to write his own. He wrote it in sections covering five-year periods, and when he came to the period for 1955-'60, the predominant event was man's first thrust into space. And the books that he researched about this happened to be on the same shelf in the library as books about UFOs, and ...

Thinking that he should, perhaps, add a paragraph to his book about the UFO phenomenon, Dr. Parker read several books about the matter, most of them sensational. He also read the final report of a scientific study of UFOs which was done for the Air Force by the University of Colorado. That report, known as the Condon Report, concluded that the UFO sightings were not worthy of further scientific pursuit. After all, 94 per cent of all UFO sightings prove explainable on examination as something other than visitors from space.

6 Per Cent Unexplained

Still, there is that six per cent of reliable and unexplainable sightings and one book that Dr. Parker came across dealt with those. It was called "Challenge to Science — The UFO Enigma," and in it was a graph of these sightings covering a number of years. The interesting thing about this graph to Dr. Parker was that it had a rhythm to it. For example, there were only eight such sightings reported in the world in 1947, twenty in '48, six in '49, 20 in '50, five in '51, 29 in '52, but in 1954 the line on the graph zoomed out of sight. There were 288 such sightings in September and October of that year alone.

This stayed on Dr. Parker's mind when he went home from work that day, and even after he had gone to bed, he continued to mull over it. He did not think that these unexplainable sightings should be taken too lightly. And since we are hurling objects and men into space with regularity, he did not see why there might not be somebody else out there somewhere, perhaps far more developed than we are, who might be doing the same

thing.

He knew that science had shown quite conclusively that intelligent life does not exist within our own solar system except on earth. So if somebody was watching us, they would have to come from another solar system, and the logical place to look for them would be the next nearest solar system.

As a young man, Dr. Parker had read a lot of astronomy and he knew that the nearest star to our sun is Alpha Centauri, which is actually three suns, the predominant one, Alpha Centauri A, being very similar to our sun. He knew, too, that Alpha Centauri was 4.3 light years away, and he reasoned that the star could have one or several planets similar to earth which could bear intelligent life. And as he lay there thinking, the idea began to come together. It was a simple thing, really. A matter of mathematics. And it would explain that rash of unexplainable UFO sightings in 1954.

Scientific People Wary

Dr. Parker's explanation is this: "When earth-men exploded their first nuclear bombs, on July 16, August 6, and August 9, 1945, their 'noise' attracted the attention of intelligent beings on a planet of Alpha Centauri A. Those beings' sky monitors, far more sensitive than ours, picked up the unintended 'messages' 4.3 years later, in October-November 1949 When beings in the vicinity of Alpha Centauri knew something was happening on this planet (they being already aware of the existence of life on earth), they readied a reconnaissance equipage of some kind. That equipage, leaving Alpha Centauri's system sometime in late 1949 or early 1950, and traveling near the speed of light, then reached the earth four-and-a-fraction years later, in September-October, 1954.

"Why did the Alpha Centauri beings not deign to make contact with earth-men? One can think of a number of possible reasons. Perhaps we of the earth are not yet arrived at the standards deemed necessary by them for inclusion in space society, not eligible to become members of what may be a very extensive club. More likely, the earth-probes carried out by Alpha Centauri beings were unmanned missions, designed only to take an extensive look at what we have without disturbing our mode of living. We may in fact be interesting to them as we are, either to help them understand their own past, or to help them comprehend a form of being whose very essentials of life may be radically different from theirs.

"Whatever 'their' intentions, ours should be to determine whether 'they' are there."

That is why Dr. Parker set his idea onto paper. He thinks his idea deserves investigation by the scientific community.

Getting somebody to take it seriously is another matter, though, and he knows that, too. A great many people, especially scientific people, are quite wary about anything to do with UFOs. But getting somebody to read his idea and take it seriously is his goal, nevertheless.

He has presented it in a letter to the director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, but so far he has received no reply. Since that time, he has elaborated on his idea (five single-spaced pages).

"I don't think it's a wild-eyed thing," he says. "I really don't. If it turns out to have some validity, I think it will be quite sensational news."

Flying Saucer Expert Says Most Sightings Are Not Reported

ROCKLIN — Stanton Friedman, a Southern California flying saucer expert, has never seen an unidentified flying object (UFO).

But there were 56 persons in an audience of 800 last night at Sierra College who indicated they had. Only three of those sightings were reported to the Air Force, lending credence to Friedman's thesis that "a curtain of laughter," or fear of ridicule, prevents most such sightings from being reported.

Friedman, who directs the UFO Research Institute in Lawndale, defined UFOs as aerial phenomena "seen by competent observers which can't be

identified by competent investigators," and believes about 30 per cent of all sightings involve bonafide flying saucers.

The bearded former nuclear physicist charged the Air Force, the press and the scientific community with whitewashing the earthly visits by UFOs. Research studies typically contain solid data about UFO sightings but end with conclusions that UFOs do not exist, he lamented.

Fifteen-year-old Air Force regulations have reduced the number of UFO reports by preventing radar stations from disclosing information on

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Sacramento, Calif.
Bee

anything unidentifiable, Friedman said.

Instead of focusing on UFOs the government "is spending a billion dollars to see if there are microbes on Mars," he said.

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Mysterious sighting at Pedder

By Barrie Balfe

IS there something up there watching over the fortunes — or misfortunes — of Lake Pedder?

A New Town High School teacher and 30 of his pupils are not convinced that this is as crazy as it might sound.

In fact, after watching a mysterious unidentified flying object over Lake Pedder on two occasions at the weekend, they don't quite know what to think.

Social science teacher Jim Lardy, who was in charge of the party, said yesterday:

"There just doesn't seem to be a logical explanation.

"It doesn't fit into any known category — planes, satellites, weather balloons, flares, or even a helicopter."

Sighted

Mr Lardy said he and the boys first sighted the object about 8 pm on Friday, looking west over Coronation Peak.

It rose slowly over the peak, hovered for about 35 minutes, then moved out of sight.

But during the second

appearance, at 11.5 pm on Saturday, the object put on a more spectacular display.

"It was in much the same position, but smaller, and it changed colours — red, green, and yellow," Mr Lardy said.

"It stayed stationary for about the same time, then moved behind the peak again.

Colours

"Based on the height of the mountains, I'd say it had an altitude of about 5,000ft.

"The moon was in the north, and it was clear on both occasions, which would seem to rule out reflected light.

"Anyway, how does that explain the changing colours?"

Paul Weeden (14), a third-year student at the school, summed up the feeling of his mates:

"I just don't know what it was — and neither does anybody else."

Mr K. B. Bennetto, investigating officer for the UFO Society, said yesterday there had been five or six similar reports in about the past month — all roughly in the same sector of the State.

The cases did not have a logical explanation.

NEW ZEALAND

THAMES STAR

THAMES, N.Z., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1972

New Zealand UFO's And All That

While it doubtless could be considered a far-cry from the possibility of "aliens" in red overalls disembarking from UFO's in the Thames district to the successful launching of the Apollo 16 mission, these two matters have at least one small point in common.

Until some irrefutably tangible proof comes to light, it is anyone's guess whether or not UFO's actually exist, but at about U.S.\$450 million a launch, the only remaining problem about the Apollo projects is the difficulty in mentally accepting that man is learning to travel to and from the moon almost at will.

Intangible and realistic; yet both these subjects seek the answer to a question. As far as UFO's are concerned, do they really exist? Do visitors from distant planets millions of miles away and thousands of years ahead of us in scientific achievement, really visit earth?

On the other hand, will mankind's journeying to the moon help to explain how the earth, and perhaps the rest of the universe, came into being?

The firm belief that some unexplained forms of extra-terrestrial travel really do exist would appear to be gaining ground in many countries. In New Zealand the number of reports of "sightings" is growing rapidly, and these reports have been underlined by four from the Wanganui district during the weekend.

Intensive checking in this country has resulted in only about a quarter of these reports having some reasonable down-to-earth explanation.

Sceptics and unbelievers might well ask for some factual and indisputably unassailable proof. Until that day comes the whole subject will undoubtedly be ridiculed or flatly denied. Surely, if any non-earthly beings in any shape or form have scientifically advanced so far as to be able to travel light-year distances in safety, then it would not be too much to assume that they could equally well find some more practical means of communication than mental telepathy.

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Mystery of those UFO's

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects were the subject of a recent meeting of Sevenoaks Young Conservatives.

Mr. Peter Wain of the British UFO Research Association explained that the organisation was formed to encourage discussion, and promote unbiased scientific investigation and to co-ordinate this with sightings from all over the world.

He said that of the average 350 annual sightings 93 per cent could be proved to be of man-made or natural origins. There was, however, seven per cent which could not be explained.

ENGLAND

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'Saucer landings' reported

PARIS, March 21, (Reuters): Flying saucers were reported landing or zooming across the sky in three separate areas of France during the last 24 hours.

A fireman in Normandy said he saw a saucer land in a field and a local farmer said his car had a total electric power failure when the object took off again. Both men said the saucer was lit and made no noise.

Reports of unidentified objects in flight were also received from central and southwest France.

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Five more local U.F.O. sightings

FIVE new unidentified flying object sightings in the Wilmslow area have come to light, following the recent "Advertiser" story about Mr Phil Levesley's interest in U.F.O.s in the town.

Twenty-one-years-old Mr John Pevitt, of "Midland Road, Bramhall, told the "Advertiser" that, while travelling between Bramhall and Alderley Edge on February 8, he had seen a "strange light" in the sky which hovered in front of his car. He claimed that the object stayed dead ahead all the way.

Mr Levesley, who lives in Disley, has received two letters from totally independent sources, reporting one sighting last December and three more last January.

Details were given to him by

two residents from St. John's Road and Acacia Avenue, Wilmslow.

SPINNING DISC

A large hovering spinning disc was seen from St. John's Road, Lindow, on December 6 last year at 8.30 a.m. On two successive days in early January this year the same person saw moving lights, low down and coming from the north in the dark hours of the morning—nearly six years after P.C. Collin

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FIVE MORE U.F.O. SIGHTINGS

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Perks saw his famous "flying saucer" from the car park behind Flinnigans store in the centre of Wilmslow.

The Acacia Avenue residents saw what looked like a large upright lamp bulb, brilliantly lit at the top and bottom, passing low over houses behind the avenue.

Last Thursday, Mr Levesley was invited to speak to members of the newly-formed Bollin Valley Round Table at their meeting in the Royal Oak Hotel, Alderley Edge.

He told them that somehow, somewhere, there seemed to be a connection between U.F.O.s, ancient alignments and the Wizard of Alderley Edge legends.

Mr Levesley said that, by extending on to a recently acquired map of the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge area, lines drawn "blind" along ancient alignments, he had plotted on six-inch ordnance survey maps an area stretching 15 miles to the east of Prestbury.

He discovered that not only did a substantial number of them converge on Wilmslow, but others led to the site of the ancient settlement on Alderley Edge.

Using these maps he demonstrated how one line, for example, came from the henge, or circle, known as the "Bull Ring" at Dove Holes near Buxton.

Another, which passed close to the Beacon mound, also went through an area of Disley where ancient ground markings have been discovered. It continued through the peak of Lantern Pike near Hayfield—itsself once the site of a beacon—and through another prominent feature, Mill Hill, which lies between Hayfield and Glossop.

Mr Levesley went on to describe how he started his investigations some four years ago, puzzling over a collection of aerial photographs of Disley, which apparently showed pictures of gods, serpents and mystical symbols, spread over a wide area in the ground.

In seeking to understand their significance he had extended his studies of ancient alignments to cover the whole of the Peak District and adjacent East Cheshire.

Gradually he had come to suspect there was a relationship between these lines and local legends about giants throwing stones to distant points or other "magical" events, such as the appearance of fiery dragons and serpents and the appearance in the sky of unknown fiery objects.

Summing up Mr Levesley admitted that he was still "very much in the dark" about the whole subject of U.F.O.s and alignments. All he was able to do was to collect facts and point out possible related features.

AUSTRALIA

"NEWS"

Adelaide, S.A.

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Flying saucer proves bother

Flying saucers are not a favorite topic of conversation with Tooligie Hill farmer, Mr. Rob Habner, and his wife.

Since two young flying saucer investigators set up a tent on his property on Eyre Peninsula on Wednesday and began studying a strange doughnut-shaped mark in the ground, the Habners have had a steady stream of telephone calls from as far away as Sydney.

The mark is the size of a large tractor tyre.

Since Christmas when Mr. Habner first spotted it, more than 100 people have been to see the "flying saucer landing spot."

"All we want is a logical explanation of the mark—we don't want a lot of publicity about this," Mr. Habner said today.

Mr. Habner, 30, pondered over the mark for two days before he contacted Port Lincoln police.

Samples

A member of the UFO Research and Investigation Club has taken soil tests and is going to the farm this weekend, Mr. Habner said.

But two members of the Australian Flying Saucer Society — Trevor Mackereith, 20, and Ken Ianson, 18, from Walkerie — have already set up camp near the mark.

Mr. Ianson said: "We have taken soil samples and done a magnetic field test at the landing spot."

No magnetic field was found and the soil will be tested when the two investigators return to Adelaide.

March 22, 1972

Gore, N.Z.

The Matanra Ensign

NEW ZEALAND

Another U.F.O. Sighting
Further confirmation of the sighting of a U.F.O. near Gore last Friday evening was made today. Mrs J. Lee, of Hyde Street, said she saw a "flatish bright blue" object in the sky at about 7.30 p.m. last Friday, as she was travelling in the car with her husband. "I caught sight of it out of the back seat window, but thinking it was my imagination I didn't ask my husband to stop," Mrs Lee said. However, after reading about the sighting by other Gore residents, in last Saturday's Ensign, Mrs Lee said it must have been the same object.

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AUSTRALIA

TEAM TO CHECK 'SAUCER LANDING'

A research team is investigating reports that a "flying saucer" landed on a farming property 90 miles north of Port Lincoln.

The two-man team, Mr. Ken Ianson and Mr. Trevor Mackereith, made an all-night dash from Adelaide to the site.

The investigation is centred on a mystery circular marking on the ground.

Flying Saucer Research Society public relations officer, Mr. Collin Norris, today described the markings as "about the size and shape of a large tractor tyre."

Mr. Norris said the team would carry out a variety of tests on the soil, check variations of the magnetic field, and take measurements, photographs, and sketches.

He appealed to people in the district—where unexplained sightings had recently been made—to give all co-operation possible in the investigation.

The team is expected to return to Adelaide later this week with soil and vegetation samples which would be put to further scientific test.

Mysterious lights seen in sky

A sighting of a narrow column of lights, which culminated in a series of 10 or 12 booms overhead, in the township of Clyde in Central Otago early on Monday morning, had a Dunedin man with a strong military background doubting his sanity. But he made a precise written report of the happening immediately afterwards.

He was Mr R. J. Abbott, Otago University Union manager, who retired from a military career to take his present position, and was Otago Area Commander when he retired from the army.

Mr Abbott said today that the finding of the mysterious spherical object on an Ashburton farm had been a great relief, reassuring him in regard to his sanity.

His experience, starting at 1 a.m. on Monday in Clyde, has aroused strong interest in the Physics Department at the university. He has prepared a precise report, with split-second timing, of his experience for the department.

At 1 a.m. he glanced out of a window at the sky which was bright, clear and moonlit, except for one low bank of cloud lying across the mountains to the north-west, and saw a narrow column, no more than one degree in width, of glowing points of light moving up rapidly from the horizon.

The leading points all had trails of rich gold (like "golden rain" fireworks, but silver like comet trails) and the later ones all flared into

trails in rather uneven procession.

He counted 22 or 23, probably the latter, in a narrow column, no more than a degree wide, and of a total length, inclusive of trails, of approximately 45 degrees.

The point of appearance was approximately south-west of the observation point in the grounds of the Dunstan



MR ABBOTT

Hospital Medical Superintendent's house, and the column rose over the Old Man Range.

Its course was almost vertical to a zenith slightly west of where he was, and thence straight on towards the north-east.

All told, as far as Mr Abbott could estimate, the time of viewing was 55 seconds from appearance over the horizon to fading north-east of the zenith.

He stood outside for some time, "taking stock of thoughts and impressions, and then after as near as I am able to judge, an interval of at least a full minute after the disappearance of this phenomenon, I was further surprised to hear a number of very distinct 'booms'" Mr Abbott said.

"There must have been about 10 or 12 of these and they covered a space of four to five seconds and came in quite ragged succession."

Mr Abbott said they sounded rather like distant artillery fire or bombing, but lacked the heavy reverberations which usually accompany that type of explosion.

Mr Abbott said that after the first sighting through the window a few seconds of incredulous indecision followed, before he ran outside.

"This is the crucial timing as I was able to check the time taken to run outside. This, in day-light was 10 seconds. I am assuming that at night it could have taken all of 12 seconds, and the period of indecision seemed like six to eight seconds, but could easily have been a little more.

"By the time I emerged from the house, the leading elements were very close to 45 degrees above the horizon. I then counted them and while I did so, several which at this stage were only points of light (whitish from memory), flared out into the now familiar "golden rain pattern."

By the time they disappeared they would have covered an area of approximately 135 degrees.

NEW ZEALAND

April 7, 1972
Timaru, N.Z.

Timaru, N.Z. Herald

'UFO' Sighting Near Waimate

A number of people who were up in the Waitaki Valley at one o'clock last Monday morning have reported seeing a sky phenomena which may have been the disintegration of Cosmos 428, a Russian satellite.

Some authorities believe that a metal ball found on an Ashburton farm on Monday was part of the satellite.

Mr G. W. Munro, of 20 Augustine Street, Waimate, said yesterday that at exactly 1 a.m. on Monday while staying at Kurow, he saw a number of bright lights travelling across the sky.

"They came from the south-west over the Kurow Hill and seemed to get duller as they went across the moon heading north-east.

"I have never seen anything like it. They were travelling one behind the other," he said.

Mr Munro added that there were definitely four of the lights but possibly also a fifth which was duller. The four vividly distinguishable were all much bigger and brighter than stars, giving off a yellowish glow in the beautifully clear sky.

Several fishermen near Otamatata at the same time have also reported seeing a strange occurrence in the sky.

April 15, 1972
Hamilton, N.Z.
Waikato Times

TITANIUM BALLS PUZZLE EXPERT

Why were there no indentations left when the South Island's mystery titanium alloy balls landed?

That is the first question New Zealand's Unidentified Flying Objects expert, Captain Bruce Cathie, wants answered.

He told The Times from Auckland today that the balls, had they come from a spacecraft, would have been buried or left holes in the ground several feet deep.

"And why were there no scratches on the one found in the riverbed?" he asked.

Captain Cathie could not say where he thought the balls came from until he had further information.

"They could have been dropped from a small aircraft, but where would anyone get the titanium alloy from?"

The scarceness of titanium alloy would discount ideas of a prank, he said.

"But the DSIR should release its analysis of the balls. They have said it's a titanium alloy, but titanium and what?"

The marking on one ball — N135 — seemed to indicate it was handmade.

"But the question still remains — why was there no indentation? A body falling from an aircraft lands at 192 miles per hour. A mathematician could probably work out how fast one of these balls would be travelling (its "terminal velocity") when it hit the ground."

Captain Cathie is also interested in two patches of dead and dying grass found recently near Tokoroa.

The patches, one 34ft and the other 17ft in diameter, are perfectly circular, with the grass inside being faded and dying.

But he cannot form any opinions or give any comments until he has further information on them.

"They could be natural," he said.

"I have plotted the first one and its position is consistent with UFO activity."

Captain Cathie said a fiery object reported last night near Otorohanga could be a comet or meteorite, but this would not be known for sure until someone went into the area and looked for pieces.

April 13, 1972
Auckland, N.Z.
New Zealand Herald

Soil Samples May Aid 'UFO' Inquiry

Press Assn Hamilton

Another mysterious circular patch of dying grass has been found in the Tokoroa district.

It is the second such patch to be found in a matter of weeks, and has led to suggestions that unidentified flying objects—UFOs—have visited Tokoroa.

Mr M. Jansen made the discovery two miles south of Tokoroa. The first patch was two miles north of Tokoroa and found by Mr B. Baldwin.

The second patch is about half the size of the first. It is 17 yards in diameter and the grass inside has faded to a yellow, dying colour.

It can be seen clearly from Mr Jansen's house.

Scientists from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research will take soil samples away for analysis in an attempt to solve the mystery.

April 7, 1972
Napier, N.Z.
Daily Telegraph

Puzzled by U.F.O.

A shooting star, a meteorite or part of the Russian spacecraft Cosmos 482, which disintegrated in space recently?

It could have been any of these three, but a Napier woman who saw the object streaming through the sky on Monday night with a red fire behind it isn't prepared to guess.

She saw the object from her car at the Napier-Taupo turnoff past Bay View about 8.30 p.m. on Monday.

She said it appeared too big and more colourful than a shooting star, yet it burnt out like a shooting star, so it would hardly have been a meteorite. Similarly, it wouldn't appear to have been part of the spacecraft at it would not have burnt out.

Confused? Maybe there was even some possibility of her son's suggestion being correct—an unidentified flying object meeting its doom en route to earth.

March 18, 1972
Auckland, N.Z.
8' O'Clock

April 11, 1972
Christchurch, N.Z.
Christchurch Star

Tests unlikely to reveal space balls' country of origin

It is unlikely that tests on the two metal balls found in Mid-Canterbury last week will reveal their country of origin.

This is the opinion of the head of the metallurgy section of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research's chemistry division, Mr D. J. O'Brien.

Although the expensive titanium alloy from which the balls were manufactured suggested that they were in some way connected with a space project, it was unlikely that the DSIR would ever be able to determine the country responsible. The alloy could be manufactured in any one of a number of countries, he said. The second ball arrived at the DSIR's Gracefield laboratories today.

CUT IN HALF

Mr O'Brien said both would probably have to be cut in half for tests on the structure and heat effect on the metal to be carried out. "There probably won't be much left of either of the balls

by the time we have completed our tests," he said.

These tests would take at least a week. On completion of the DSIR's investigation, the balls would be returned to the Police Department on whose behalf the tests were being conducted.

"If the police do not want them and no one else claims them we will retain them," Mr O'Brien said.

NO NOTIFICATION

The first secretary of the Soviet embassy in Wellington (Mr E. A. Pozanyakov) said today he would not be notifying the Russian authorities of the objects' discovery until they had been positively identified as coming from the Russian Cosmos 482.

The president of the Canterbury Astronomical Society (Mr C. H. Rowe) said the Cosmos series was known to have both scientific and military purposes.

"If these two objects are components from a Russian military satellite, of the spy-in-the-sky variety, the chances of them supplying information about it are pretty remote."

THEORY

The popular theory is that the two balls are pressure tanks from a spacecraft, possibly Cosmos 482.

Mr Rowe was unable to state how many tanks Cosmos 482 carried as the number varied from one vehicle to another.

He said other components from the same craft might have also fallen to earth, but the likelihood of them landing in New Zealand was remote because of the narrowness of the country.

April 19, 1972
Greymouth, N.Z.
Greymouth Evening Star

U.F.O. "Really Weird"

"It sent a chill up my back. It was really weird."

This was how a Runanga woman today described her reaction after spotting a strange flying object in the sky about 11 o'clock on Sunday night.

"It was like a big street lamp hovering in the sky," she said.

Two hunters in the Paparoa region were also reported to have seen a strange light in the sky on Sunday night.

NEW ZEALAND

March 18, 1972
Gore, N.Z.
Matanra Ensign

U.F.O.?

What was described to the Ensign as a possible U.F.O. was seen flying over the Hokonui at about 7.30 o'clock last evening. The object was seen by a Gore man and his wife, both of them are adamant that it was not a falling star or an aeroplane. It had a flat trajectory and was brightly coloured. Both are interested whether or not any other residents of the Gore district saw the object in question.

NEW ZEALAND

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Did something go bump in the night?

HUNDREDS of motorists are digging out maps this weekend to find the way to Mrs K. M. Baldwin's farm near Willsdown in the Waikato.

Uninvited, they're pouring along the Old Cambridge Rd, a couple of miles past the Willsdown Mill on the way to Tokoroa. They drive through the rolling farm country until they reach a patch where an Unidentified Flying Object may or may not have landed the other day.

They share the amazement of Mrs Baldwin's son, Len, who was the first to spot the peculiar ring on the ground.

He won't come right out in the open and admit that he believes the earth was scorched by an object from outer space.

"I'm thinking along those lines," says Len. "But I don't like to say it."

He was on foot, collecting mushrooms early in the morning, when he saw the

Down
on
the
farm,
Len
swots
up
UFOs

shape, which is about 50ft across.

Although there had been a week of heavy rain, the inner part of the circle was completely bare, without a sign of the grass which had been growing there a few days previously.

Around it was a double ring of scorched grass.

"It wasn't an ordinary burn," said Len. "It looked like radiation."

There is no sign of grass grubs in the area and the farm had not been top-dressed by air for many months.

Len's mother came out and had a look at the circle.

"It's a mystery," she said. "I couldn't believe my eyes."

There is no chance that the marks could have been made by the cattle and sheep on the property.

"It's got us wondering," said Len.

He has decided to study all the available books, to spend his evenings reading. Then he will decide for himself whether a case can be made out for the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Meanwhile, he's listening hard to the uninvited science buffs who have turned the family farm into a tourist resort.

UFO SIGHTINGS OR IMAGINATION?

Dr Carl Sagan, astronomy professor at Cornell University, said if there were other technical civilisations among the hundreds of billions of stars in the universe, "any random one of them is likely to be vastly ahead of us."

"This is a possibility I take very seriously," said the late Dr James E. McDonald, then senior physicist with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona. "If there were even a chance of surveillance, we would explore it."

Dr J. Allen Hynek, director of Northwestern University's Dearborn Observatory, said, "My scientific hunch is that there is scientific pay dirt in the unidentified flying object phenomenon."

The scientists testified at a symposium on UFO sponsored by the House Committee on Space and Astronautics.

McDonald said there were many UFO sightings reported up and down the Eastern Seaboard around the time of the north-east power blackout in late 1965. "Since the cause of the power pulse which precipitated the blackout never has been identified," McDonald said, "there is a puzzling and slightly disturbing coincidence here."

He said he had spent the last two years studying

UFO under a grant from the U.S. Office of Naval Research, spending several months in Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania tracking down sightings.

He said there were a series of "impressive sightings" last fall in Staffordshire, England, from "nonsense people who weren't simply having hallucinations."

dullish green lights. The lower section appeared to be revolving with flickering orange and yellow lights, and was about the length of a Friendship aircraft.

A band of yellow lights showed up halfway to the top and the body itself was a hazy green with a metallic sheen. No protuberances could be seen although the weather was calm and clear,

At Te Kuiti, at 7.35 p.m. on September 3, 1971, a UFO sceptic witnessed a bright orange object of the apparent size of a one cent piece, surrounded by a brilliant halo, pass close to and beneath the moon. It was moving quite slowly and its brilliance obscured both the moon and the planet Mars.

As it passed both, it suddenly accelerated and changed colour to a blinding white becoming stationary at about 2 o'clock south-west. The sky was cloudy, but it shone through brightly, then rose vertically and disappeared. The sceptic has changed his mind.

On Saturday September 4 a dairy farmer Mr Shields, of Otorohanga, and his sharemilker, Mr J. Singh, discovered a mysterious hole which appeared overnight on the farm.

The hole was in a muddy area inaccessible to tractors or drilling apparatus.

Police called to investigate could give no further information. A team investigating UFO's took measurements and samples.

Their report said that the hole had not been seen by Mr Shields on the Friday night, September 3. No footprints appeared within three feet of the hole and there was no crawler or tractor marks present. The farm dogs had not barked during the night nor did the owner hear anything, although the homestead was only 100-120 feet away.

The hole itself was unusual; it measured nine inches in diameter, was fifteen feet deep and had very smooth sides, all the way down.

None of the soil appeared around or near the hole—it had completely and cleanly been removed. The hole diameter had now shrunk to 8in. The moisture content of the ground in the area showed a figure of about 45 per cent.

The conclusion of the investigating team was that mud formed by heating soil to about 600 degrees centigrade was left as a residue at the bottom of the hole. Slight darkening of the sides of the hole was probably due to a similar, but less extreme effect. Also this effect seemed to have been fairly strongly localised (Enhanced by good insulating properties of the soil).

From the description of the hole, a cylinder of 400-500 pounds had been removed (conservative estimate) possibly using a fast rotating device which did not compress the soil at all.

Was it caused by a UFO taking a sample, or "Martian Worm"?

This article was prepared by Mr Harvey Cooke, president of the Tauranga Unidentified Flying Object study group, as an introduction to the first New Zealand UFO convention which is to be held in Tauranga on April 22.

The convention will be held in the Tauranga Town Hall and a distinguished group of speakers has been invited.

Mr Cooke said that more than 100 tickets for the convention had already been taken out and many more inquiries had been received.

Speakers who had already accepted the invitations included two members of the Auckland University UFO research group and an Opatiki engineer, who had made a study of UFOs extending back to his own experiences in World War II.

Some recent sightings made in New Zealand are summarised here by Mr Cooke.

On July 8, 1970, a resident of Wesley, just south of Dargaville, was watching an object, in the direction of Mahuta Beach, which is south-west of the viewer. The time was 6.55 p.m. It first appeared to be a bright red light, changing to blue and then to brilliant white. The lights appeared to revolve as they changed. The object stayed in the same position, estimated to be 500 feet in the air, for three or four minutes, and shot vertically into the sky to a height of about 1000ft. It then took off at a 45-degree angle with three flashes of brilliant white lights, the object quickly rose to about 5000 feet before disappearing.

It was April 15, 1971 at about 9 p.m. when Roger Morel and Robin Hay forestry workers of Taupo moved out from their caravan which was situated two miles from the Napier-Taupo road about five miles from Taupo.

They left their pig dog behind as it appeared agitated and upset. At the main road, Morel had a look at his tail light before proceeding on the main road and as he did so he looked back then called his friend Hay to watch an amazing sight.

Almost directly south and very nearly over their camp site, was an object shaped like an inverted ice cream cone or Mexican hat, just hovering. The pointed end of the cone was facing upwards and was marked by

and there was no noise. The UFO was at an angle of about 45 degrees.

The two men watched for about 10 minutes with the car's engine off and then drove on. The object slowly kept the same distance behind them as they drove towards Taupo until it was lost from sight near DeBretts Hotel.

Explanation common says SM

The explanation that they forgot to pay was common to all shoplifters, Mr G. J. Donne, SM, said in the Tauranga Court this week.

He was commenting on submissions by Mr R. E. H. Paterson who said that his client had placed items in a bag while shopping and had only realised when approached by a shop assistant outside the store that she had not paid for them.

The woman had pleaded guilty to stealing groceries worth \$2.54 from the Bay of Plenty Trading Association Ltd in Te Puke on March 11.

Mr Donne convicted the woman but after hearing submissions on her medical condition said he wanted more information about her and granted interim suppression of name.

She was remanded at liberty until April 11 and Mr Donne called for a probation officer's report.

UFO seen over George Tn

An unidentified flying object was sighted over George Town last night.

Nine residents said they saw a bright orange round object pass over the town about 7.15 p.m. and then disappear out to the sea.

Mr D. Cossins said the object appeared again at about 9.30 p.m. and was visible for about 30 minutes.

Const. T. W. Banfield of George Town said last night the object was visible for about 15 minutes at the first sighting.

"It travelled in a north-westerly direction over the town and then disappeared over Hebe Reef," he said.

"The object was spinning and tumbling and it was a bright orange colour."

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AUSTRALIA Launceston, Tas.

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Thames Star

NEW ZEALAND

THAMES DISTRICT 'A' UFO CENTRE'

CLAIM THAT ALIENS HAVE BEEN SEEN LEAVING RECONNAISSANCE SAUCER

The Thames area could be a disembarkation point for aliens from outer space, according to an article in one of yesterday's Sunday newspapers.

This claim is attributed to Contact New Zealand, an 80-21-year-old Geoff Quirk, Auckland operations organiser of member branch of 3000-strong Contact International.

The organisation's aims are to sight, track and record unidentified flying objects throughout the world and make contact with their crews.

Mr Quirk says aliens have been seen disembarking from reconnaissance saucers in the Thames area. On landing on the earth they took human form and worked among the local populace to learn more of human psychology.

They assumed human form and were dressed in red over-all-type flying suits.

Mr Quirk says that radar sightings of saucers are made every 24 hours, pilots spot about one a week and people see them from the ground about once a month.

The newspaper says that because of this activity, Mr Quirk called a public meeting

at his home last week to explain Contact's work and objectives. More than 40 crowded into his lounge room.

Mr Quirk said not only young people were interested in UFOs. Many old people who had been seeing them for years were becoming active members. One of the organisations retired members was setting up a night watch in the Waitakeries.

Sixty-foot diameter saucers were often seen near Auckland accompanied by their 100-foot cigar-shaped mother-ship, he said. Elsewhere in the country the saucers were seen singly.

Mr Quirk said alien crews had told members that there were five members aboard—three to operate the ship and two on stand-by. The saucers were used for reconnaissance, they said.

These crews said that some of them came from the planet Saturn and used Delmos, the smaller of Mars' two moons as a staging post on their Earthward journey.

Contact New Zealand members, says Mr Quirk, speak with visiting aliens through mental telepathy.

April 11, 1972
Christchurch, N.Z.
The Press

NEW ZEALAND

'Space balls' also found in Australia

The discovery of two metal balls close to each other near Ashburton last week recalls a similar occurrence in the Australian outback in 1963.

A reporter of "The Press" who at the time was reporting for the Australian Broadcasting Commission at Broken Hill recalls the discovery of two balls closely resembling those found at Ashburton.

They were found on a sheep station near Tibourra about 150 miles north

of Broken Hill. The runholder brought them to Broken Hill, where they were examined by metallurgists at one of the mines.

The Broken Hill police then arranged for them to be flown to Adelaide for further examination.

But the pilot of an Airlines of South Australia passenger aircraft refused to permit them on board, fearing they might explode.

The balls were then taken to Adelaide by road and delivered to the National Weapons Research Establishment. Scientists concluded that the balls, both of which were undamaged, had fallen from a space vehicle.

However, neither the space authorities of the United States or the Soviet Union would admit any knowledge of them.

April 4, 1972
New Plymouth, N.Z.
The Daily News

UFO

As a member of the section of the New Plymouth Astronomical Society set up to study UFOs I would like to say this study is greatly hampered by crackpots who seek cheap publicity by making up stories, and other people like Mr Izett, who have never seen one and so feel left out and endeavour to ridicule serious study.

I have seen two of these objects and cannot think of any other way of solving the mystery about them except by study and comparing the sightings with similar ones in other parts of the world, which is the idea behind conventions where only sane sightings by reliable observers would be discussed.

Many sightings have perfectly logical explanations, but there is a certain percentage by very reliable observers that have not and what qualification has Mr Izett to set himself up as a sort of authority and tell people they could not have seen what they did because he, Mr Izett, has no logical explanation?

F. M. STEPHENSON,
New Plymouth.

NEW ZEALAND

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April 18, 1972
Christchurch, N.Z.
The Press

U.F.O. sighted?

A Sumner resident says he may have seen an unidentified flying object on Sunday evening. Mr R. N. Craw, an amateur astronomer, says that he saw two swan-shaped lights cover half the sky north-east to south-west, converging and parting on their course in a period of about five seconds. The lights were half-way across the sky when they disappeared.

NEW ZEALAND

'UFO' WAS LIKE LOCOMOTIVE IN THE SKY...

A slow-moving flying object which one man claimed made a noise as loud as a diesel locomotive, awoke a number of people in the Tauranga area just after midnight last night.

Reports of people hearing the "UFO" have come from Te Puke, Mount Maunganui, Tauranga and Katikati.

The only reported sighting, however, has come from Mr J. C. D. Trinder, a weigh-bridge operator of Links Avenue, Mount Maunganui, and his wife.

"Until last night I didn't believe in UFOs," he said this morning. "But we cannot think of anything else it could have been."

The couple were awakened at 12.10 a.m. by a noise "which sounded as though someone had

sneaked up and put a diesel locomotive outside the window and then suddenly started it up."

"We both rushed to the window and saw an object with a big red light underneath it. It appeared to be spinning and we could not work out any definite shape. It was beneath the cloud."

Mr Trinder said it was about two or three blocks away from them, somewhere near Maunganui Road, and moving fairly slowly toward Maunga-tapu.

"We watched it for about five minutes and at one stage the light went out and for about 30 to 40 seconds we could hear a bleeping noise," he said. "We could still hear the UFO about 25 minutes after it woke us up."

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Bay of Plenty Times

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ENGLAND

29 MAR 1972

U.F.O.s

SIR.—I wish to invite, through your paper, people in Ireland who have had any experience with regard to unidentified flying objects (i.e., U.F.O.s) to write to me and relate their experiences. I would be obliged if the persons concerned would include in their stories the following relevant facts:

No. 1: The time of the sighting, day or night. Also the date.
No. 2: The cloud conditions of the sky at the time. Visibility in the sky, and any other weather conditions which were prevailing at the time.

No. 3: In what direction was the object travelling.

No. 4: What way did the object move, e.g., steady horizontal movements, jerky movements, movements indicating an unstable wobble, etc.

No. 5: A full description of the object.

No. 6: Had the individuals involved in the sightings any prior knowledge of U.F.O.s.

No. 7: How soon after the sighting did the individual report it, and to whom.

No. 8: How many persons were involved in the sightings.
I wish to state that anyone who writes to me will be doing so in confidence, and his or her stories will not be published in any form.

Because of my deep interest in the U.F.O. phenomena, I do hope that the readers will be kind enough to relate to me their stories. This is a survey I am conducting on the U.F.O. phenomena.

Thanking you kindly, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

MR. F. OMAN

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Dublin 1.

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SKY FIREBALLS MAY BE HOT AIR BALLOONS

THE recent spate of UFOs sighted in the borough, which have baffled space experts, could be nothing more than "hot air" balloons.

This theory was put forward on Monday by 76-year-old Mr Sidney Gaskin of 99 Greenleaf Road, who claimed an unidentified object landed in his garden just before Easter.

Said Mr Gaskin "I saw this ball of fire coming down and wondered what it was.

When it burnt itself out, leaving only a piece of wire, I knew somebody was just playing around."

The object, he said, was only a paper ball powered by a small tin of burning methylated spirits.

"I've made hundreds of these in the past" he added. "From a great height I suppose they could resemble fireballs, particularly if their outer coating is transparent."

Some months ago three local people phoned the Guardian saying they had seen a small fireball hovering over Waltham Forest Town Hall.

"I'm not saying I've come up with the answer to the UFO mystery" went on Mr Gaskin, "but I do think these things I've mentioned cannot be ruled out."

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Search for UFO fails

AN ALL-DAY search by people living on stations near Croydon in the Gulf country of north-west Queensland, yesterday failed to find any trace of an unidentified flying object (UFO) reported to have crashed in the area.

A spokesman for the RAAF UFO investigation centre in Townsville said yesterday investigations were being treated as a search for a meteorite. Witnesses described the object as "a bright silver ball, the shape of a telegraph pole."

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Saucer hunt in outback

TWO members of the Flying Saucer Research Society dashed 330 miles to the tiny township of Tooligie in South Australia yesterday to examine what they believe may be the site of a "saucer" landing.

They will examine soil, check for variations in the earth's magnetic field, make measurements and take photographs of a mysterious circular marking in a gully near the town.

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CANADA

UFO Reported At Maple Ridge

Mrs. Gordon Graham of Maple Ridge reported sighting an unidentified flying object last night at approximately 11 o'clock. The object, she said, was red, about two feet long, and had the appearance of a neon light, flashing off and on from time to time.

She sighted the object, she said, and thought she was seeing things, so she got her husband out of bed. Both watched the object for over half an hour. While they watched it, Mrs. Graham said, it appeared to get closer to the earth. At the first, she said, she thought it looked something like a cross.

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Mystery of UFO's over Waltham Forest

THE MYSTERY surrounding the regularly recurring reports of unidentified flying objects observed in the skies over a London borough—some observers recently claimed that a cigar-like object was seen to land in Chingford—is being investigated by the British UFO Research Association.

An appeal from association observer Kenneth Phillips, who is leading the investigation into the rash of Waltham Forest UFO reports, has produced a flood of information offers from people living in the borough.

"This is much, much better than we expected," said Mr Phillips, who is just starting the task of interviewing all the UFO spotters.

All-night vigil

"For years things have been slow in this type of research," he said.

"Now they seem to be shaping up—and particularly over Waltham Forest."

One of Mr Phillips's plans is to organise an all-night skywatch from Pole Hill, Chingford—the highest point in Waltham Forest.

UFO spotters from all over London will be invited to join in a night of sky-watching.

When Mr Phillips has gathered all the available information from Waltham Forest, contacts it will be fed into a computer, which Mr Phillips and his association colleagues believe may help to solve the UFO mystery.

"MERCURY"

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Hobart, Tas.

Sighting of UFO

over Brighton

A WHITE "craft with an orange red light on top" — seen over the Brighton area last night — has been logged as a UFO.

The sighting was made soon after 5 pm by Mr R. L. James, of Howrah.

Mr James said the craft appeared to be about the size of a jet which moved slowly in a nor'westerly direction.

It had an orange-red light on top, which burnt continuously.

The UFO Centre's sighting officer (Mr K. Bennetto) checked immediately with DCA officials, but they could offer no explanation.

No aircraft were in the vicinity and the light seen did not correspond with any of the usual navigation lights used by aircraft.

Mr Bennetto said a number of sightings were made by civilians and naval personnel one night last week of an object which approached Hobart from the west.

It was clearly seen about 8 pm, and was watched until it flew out of sight.

No official explanation could be found.

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Otago Daily Times

NEW ZEALAND

Mysterious Lights Sighted Over Many Parts Of Otago

Flying objects, described as comets or falling stars, were observed by Dunedin residents early on Monday morning, and heighten current speculation over the origins of the spherical object found on an Ashburton farm.

Mr R. Bagley of Dunedin, who was in the Arrowtown area on a shooting trip with friends, sighted several bright objects overhead about 12.45 a.m. on Monday.

"We had just been chasing a hare and noticed lights moving across the sky," Mr Bagley said. "We got out of the car and saw what looked like a group of comets with long tails. I counted about eight tails behind the objects, which were an orange-red colour."

A similar sighting was made by a Mosgiel man, Mr W. McAlister at 12.55 a.m. on Monday.

"I was at the top of the Fairfield straight," he said, "when I saw several objects in a rough arrowhead formation above me. They were travelling from south to north. Noise on the road made it impossible for me to hear anything."

CLYDE SIGHTING

Mr R. J. Abbott, Otago University Union manager, sighted what appeared to be a column of light over Clyde at 1 a.m. on Monday. After the lights had disappeared several "booms" were heard, which lasted about 5sec.

Professor R. L. Dowden of Otago University's Physics Department said yesterday

that there had been no confirmation as yet from Mount John tracking station that the sightings were linked with the find near Ashburton on Monday.

A Dunedin woman, Mrs O. Cleland, and eight other people also saw the objects in the sky.

They were staying at a holiday home in Wanaka, and at 1 a.m. on Easter Monday saw the orange lights described by Mr Abbott.

Meanwhile, in Wellington, a spokesman for the Russian Embassy has said that the Embassy had not received from its head office any official identification of the metal ball found on an Ashburton farm.

He explained that the embassy had no staff with the special expertise to identify it.

At the moment, the future of the metal ball is as big a mystery as its past, however.

Sergeant J. R. Wheeler, of the Ashburton police, said he did not know what would be done with the object. In the meantime it was being treated as "found property."

"If it belongs to a particular country they could naturally have first call on

it, but if it is not claimed, I suppose it will revert to the farmer who found it," he said.

And the farmer himself, Mr J. G. Lindores, has admitted that he would be delighted to receive the object back if it was not claimed.

"At this stage, it is not my property and we will just have to bide our time, but I would like to get it back. It sounds as though it is quite a unique phenomenon and will be of value because of its being so unusual," he said.

NOT RADIOACTIVE

Field tests on the object have revealed that it is not radioactive.

Mr H. J. Yeabsley, acting director of the National Radiation Laboratory in Christchurch, said last evening that a member of the laboratory staff, Mr J. F. McCahon, examined the ball with field instruments yesterday.

The examination showed no indication of radioactivity. The object was now on its way to the DSIR chemistry division laboratory at Gracefield in Wellington, Mr Yeabsley added. There, it would be tested for chemical toxicity.

Ball mystery no prank says expert

NEW ZEALAND'S expert on unidentified flying objects, Captain Bruce Cathie, rules out suggestions that the South Island's mystery alloy balls are a huge prank.

He said in Auckland today he could not say where the balls came from till he had more information, but the scarceness of titanium alloy from which the three balls were made, ruled out the possibility of a prank.

"They could have been dropped from a small aircraft, but where would anyone get the titanium alloy from?" he said.

The third mystery ball was found on a Hakataramea Valley farm this week amid denials of ownership from the Russian Legation in Wellington.

And Mr Cathie said he was also interested in two patches of dead and dying grass found recently near Tokoroa. The patches — one 34ft and the other 17ft in diameter — are perfectly circular with the grass inside now faded and dying.

But he cannot form any opinions or give any comments till he is further informed on them.

"They could be natural," he said.

"I have plotted the first one and its position is consistent with UFO activity."

Captain Cathie said a fiery object reported last night near Otorohanga could be a meteorite, but this would not be known for sure till someone goes into the area and looks for pieces.

The latest find was made by John, the 18-year-old son of Mr M. Janssen, who owns a farm about two miles south of Tokoroa. The first was found on a farm belonging to Mr B. Baldwin, about two miles north of the timber town.

The Janssen patch is about 17yd in diameter and can be seen from the Janssen's home. Mrs Janssen said the grass in the patch had been "growing darker and darker every day."



THE THIRD mystery ball, found in the Hakataramea Valley, South Canterbury, on Thursday.

Mrs Janssen said the family didn't have any thoughts on the chance that a UFO made the patch, but were "curious" about its origin.

Scientists from the DSIR are expected at the farm sometime next week to take soil samples for analysis.

NEW ZEALAND

April 15, 1972
Auckland, N.Z.
8 O'Clock

Author claims there is more fact than fiction to phenomena of UFO's

VAL D'OR - Several hundred persons gathered at the Le Carrefour school auditorium last night, Tuesday, to hear high-school teacher and author Jean Fergusson speak on "UFO's, fact or fiction?"

Mr. Fergusson's talk coincided with the publication date of his book on the same topic entitled: "Tout sur les soucoupes volantes."

In a short interview last week, Mr. Fergusson explained the book's theme and the subject of last night's talk. "In my book, I have tried first of all to give a brief summary of incidents throughout history related to UFO phenomena and then to give accounts of UFO sightings in northwestern Quebec and elsewhere in the province over the past few years."

"The most shocking aspect of the UFO situation is that the public has not been allowed to know the truth and that sincere, trustworthy individuals have been discredited whenever they have tried to communicate their personal experiences with this phenomena."

"The times are changing, however, and the veil of secrecy that has clouded this area of research will soon be lifted. Already, scientists from around the world are exerting pressures on their country's government and the United Nations to have the facts released to the public."

Mr. Fergusson, who teaches French at Le Carrefour, has been compiling data on UFO sightings in this region for the past three years. He is a member of several international research organizations on the subject.

"One of the most recent

cases in this region involves two Val d'Or miners who sighted an unidentified flying object during a hunting trip near Lake Claire a few miles east of Val d'Or," reported Mr. Fergusson.

"As they were driving back to town in the middle of the night, the hunters noticed that a large bright object was flying above their car. At this point, the men panicked and jumped out of the vehicle. According to their testimony, the lights of the car went out as the object hovered above the vehicle."

"The two men suffered from minor burns to the hands and the paint on the car top was blistered," added the young author.

Another recent case, according to Mr. Fergusson, involves a housewife of Macamic who watched a UFO coming toward her house in the middle of the night. The woman reported that the object changed from pale to bright red as it collided with a Hydro line near the house.

Mr. Fergusson investigated the case and reported that a Hydro line had in fact been damaged that night. It was repaired the next day, but Hydro officials were at a loss to explain how the line had been damaged.

The high-school teacher also stated that Armed Forces personnel in the air service are forbidden to talk about unidentified flying objects they may have seen during their work.

"Many UFO's have been spotted over this region by Canadian Forces flying personnel over the past few years," reported Mr. Fergusson, "but none of these events have been publicized."

UFO TALKS

Staff Reporter

Tauranga

A woman reported sighting an unidentified flying object (UFO) over Tauranga on Friday night, but that was the only indication that extra-terrestrial visitors might be interested in a convention of people interested in them.

About 600 people attended the first national convention on UFOs in Tauranga on Saturday. They were mostly "Ufologists," but there were a few with open minds and some declared sceptics.

They sat in the Tauranga Town Hall and listened attentively to the seven speakers as a model flying saucer winked redly on the stage.

Theories about UFOs were propounded and attacked while a man who claims to have been in a space ship wandered around distributing leaflets during meal breaks.

Not all the speakers believed in UFOs.

Harmonic Theory

Mr B. C. Musker, a sixth year engineering student representing the Auckland University UFO research group, set out to disprove Captain B. L. Cathie's harmonic theories.

Captain Cathie is a National Airways Corporation pilot who wrote a book called "Harmonic 33" which broke new ground with its theory that a power grid over the earth is related to UFO activity.

However, Mr Musker conceded: "The weight of evidence about UFOs leads me to suspect that there are some phenomena we are unable to satisfactorily explain, but I am not certain whether they are physical craft or psychic experiences."

Mr B. Dickeson, representing the Timaru UFO research group said he did not believe in UFOs but was interested in observing them.

He advanced the theory that UFO sightings reflected the state of society and claimed there was a definite link between sightings and television programmes.

An analysis of 200 sightings showed that whereas there had been sighting peaks on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays before television, the peaks were now on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Third Reported

Because of a definite social trend to censor people who reported UFOs in New Zealand, only one in three sightings was reported, Mr Dickeson estimated.

The man who claimed to have been in a spaceship, Mr I. Boyes, aged 26, a Canadian now living in Auckland, is promoting a group known as Integral Structures Systems Utopia.

The group claims to have been formed by the Inter-galactic Administration and to be in contact with people from other worlds. It also claims to have been given the details of how to build a flying saucer.

The group has plans to bring a space fleet from Taurus by 1979 to stop mankind from

Smile, Smile Smile . . .

How many people have wondered what they would do if confronted by an alien being?

Sound advice was given by Mr B. Dickeson, of Timaru, during the UFO convention.

He said: "If an alien is examining you, smile and above all, be natural. Take samples if you can."

destroying itself, to help form a world government under the biocratic system and abolish the monetary system.

Taken Aboard

Mr Boyes later told a Herald reporter that he was telepathically attracted to a space craft 100 miles from his home in Welland, Canada, in 1961. He hitchhiked the distance and was later taken on board it.

Mr Boyes said the craft was circular and about 100 feet in diameter and was manned by three crewmen who came from the coniferous age of earth. They had time-travelled to the present.

They were bronze-skinned and had white hair and spoke a highly accented English. They told him that he had been picked to help form the group.

Mr P. Austin, of Auckland, editor of the UFO magazine Contact, said biblical angels had been envoys and messengers.

Star Spaceship

The star of Bethlehem, said Mr Austin, had been a spacecraft.

Why then, someone from the audience wanted to know, had it not given the Three Wise Men a lift?

"You might also ask," said Mr Austin, "why a spaceman does not materialise beside me here on the stage, tell you all about it, and then dematerialise."

"The answer is, for the same reason that the Three Wise men were not given a lift — it would have been too easy."

The discussion went on late into Saturday night and continued informally yesterday morning. There was no doubt about the interest of the people there.

But a Tauranga engineer, who listened carefully to the theories went away convinced that very few of them were technically sound.

WAS BIG BROTHER LISTENING?

April 12, 1972
Invercargill, N.Z.
Southland Times

Strange Lights in Sky

The strange lights which were seen in the skies above Central Otago during the early morning of Easter Monday by five Invercargill lads camping at Arrowtown were verified by a similar sighting by a Queenstown woman, Mrs Donna Scheib.

This sighting, with almost a function in Queenstown identical evidence, adds substance to the theory that the lights could have been the breaking up of parts from the Russian satellite, Cosmos 482. Two metal balls, found on Ashburton farms, are thought to be from the satellite.

Mrs Scheib said she was with about eight other people when she saw nine balls of light cross the skies above Queenstown. The time was about 12.30 a.m. on Easter Monday, the same time as the sighting by the boys at Arrowtown.

During the four minutes the people watched the lights two or three of the balls faded from the group, Mrs Scheib said.

"It was like pieces of a disintegrating meteor in beautiful formation, crossing the sky," she said. "Two or three of the lights faded and died."

"There were two or three very strong lights leading the formation," she said. Mrs Scheib was leaving

NEW ZEALAND

SOURCE: Naestved Tidende, Naestved, Denmark: 5 October 1971.
SIGHTING: vic. Tornemark, Denmark, 9:10 PM, 19 September 1971.
/Flying Saucer Seen over Tornemark/ (abridged translation)

An unusual celestial phenomenon, apparently lacking a probable explanation, was seen over Tornemark by a local farm family.

The family, which wishes to remain anonymous, was traveling on a road a little way south of Tornemark at 9:10 PM on Sunday, 19 September. Suddenly they noticed a very large round object a fair distance off in a southerly direction. It was quite low down. Its position was given as "a little lower than, and to the left of, the planet Mars in the sky." No sound was heard from it, but perhaps the distance was too great for a sound to have been heard?

The object pulsed in color-- between red and yellow; simultaneously, it issued a whitish beam of light, described as a kind of searchlight. The light was directed alternately right and left and finally upwards, and then the whole shining object suddenly "went out like a light." It was estimated that the observation lasted about 10 minutes.

SOURCE: Amts Avisen, Randers (?), Denmark: 5 July 1971.

REFERENCE: Photograph taken: Grenaa harbor, Grenaa, Denmark, approx. 1:30 PM, 23 June 1971.

/Was It a Flying Saucer?/:/Unusual Celestial Phenomenon over Grenaa Shown in Photograph/

A celestial phenomenon which was accidentally captured on film by one of the newspaper's press photographers, Kurt Leth Jakobsen, of Grenaa, on assignment at Grenaa harbor, is now being studied with great interest by so-called UFO experts.

Leth Jakobsen was busily occupied with his photography at Grenaa harbor on Thursday, 23 June, and noticed nothing until he developed his film and saw a mysterious object appearing in the sky over Kattegat with an unusual sharply-outlined fog-trail ('slør-hale') behind it.

Enlarged pictures of the phenomenon were thoroughly studied by SUFOI's Copenhagen report center, the leader of which, section chief Erling Jensen, who is experienced in all sorts of aeronautical matters, describes the snapshot as one of the best he has seen.

It has already been established for some time that the film was not defective, and that the camera was not smudged up (i.e., the lens --DGW) or otherwise contributory to the development of false images. In the whole world, there are only a few known photos of so-called "flying saucers" which can be safely said to represent phenomena which cannot be immediately explained away. This one seems to involve something quite unusual.

Air Command at Vedbaek states, on inquiry, that there were no aircraft missions of any sort over the area at the indicated time. Moreover, the exhaust from a jet plane is always "wooly" ('ulden'; perhaps = 'vague' --DGW), and quite different from the sharp-edged fog-tail in the picture.

The film will now be forwarded to the American organization APROX (sic; presum. APRO, Tucson, Ariz. ---DGW) for further examination.

Incidentally, the report group in this country (i.e., Denmark --DGW) is very much interested in whether anyone saw the phenomenon standing out in the sky on 23 June at about 1:30 PM. It will be of value if it is possible to add observations to the record furnished by the photograph. The 'Avis' office in Grenaa would like information.

(Photo caption:) On the left is the photo from Grenaa harbor, which the 'Avis' ran on the front page on 24 June. The mysterious object is in the circled area, and in the picture on the right this area is enlarged, and both the mysterious object and the odd fog-tail are distinctly visible.