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Redding visited by UFO?

A "mushrooming thing" invaded Redding's sky about 7:30 p.m. Friday, flooding the Shasta County sheriff's switchboard with calls from deputies and citizens alike reporting "we've just seen a flying saucer."

The sheriff's dispatcher took it all in stride, though she did ask to remain anonymous so she wouldn't have to suffer through "all those UFO jokes tomorrow."

"UFO's are seen over Redding every year at this time," she explained. "We have our own theory that they're weather balloons, but the Weather Bureau will never tell us a thing."

"Several officers saw it last night. They described it the same as in years past."

A vivid description of the UFO came

from Mrs. Beverly Allen who lives in Smith's Subdivision, Churn Creek Bottom.

"It looked like a helicopter with a searchlight, only the light was going backwards, to the direction of travel and had a conical shape. It was 500 to 1,000 feet high and made no sound at all," Mrs. Allen said. She said she sighted the thing at 7:30 p.m. while driving a carload of youngsters to a PTA Halloween carnival at Pacheco School.

"We got out of the car near Greenfield and Smith's Road and looked at it. The sky was perfectly clear. Suddenly the light exploded. There was no sound, just a luminous cloud."

"There was a second, smaller explosion in front of the first cloud. The

second one made a cloud shaped like two bowls face to face. The second cloud floated northward parallel to the ground."

Mrs. Allen drove to Greenfield and Smith's Road, saw a sheriff's car parked with a uniformed deputy and a man in civilian clothes standing outside looking at the UFO.

"He was amazed," she recalled of the deputy.

"The cloud dissipated, but we could still see it at the school. The whole experience lasted seven minutes," she estimated.

"This was the first time I've seen a UFO. The kids were really excited. My son, who's 11, read about UFOs and said this one looked like a picture of one he'd seen in a book."

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Charleston, Illinois

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Men Report

UFO Near Greenup

GREENUP - Is it animal, vegetable or mineral; bird, plane or Superman? Three Greenup men and one's wife and daughter haven't bothered to put a name on it, they just said it was a UFO.

William McMorris and George Tincer were deer hunting Southwest of Greenup at sundown they said, when they spotted a very bright star that looked like it was moving. As the pair returned to town the light appeared to be following them, they said.

While killing a little time over a bottle of pop, they decided to call a friend with a telescope for a better view of their UFO.

Enter Ted Latta. Latta and his family also reported viewing the UFO and described its shape as like a diamond, oval on top and coming to a point on bottom. The tip and both sides were a lot shinier than the rest, according to the group.

When Mrs. R. Rennie went out to get the morning newspaper on Thursday, October 5, she was left standing with her mouth open.

What she believes was a UFO came to rest on a small mountain behind her house. Before she could run to tell her husband it quickly disappeared in a streak of orange and blue flames.

Mrs. Rennie, 2779 Winster Road told the NEWS REVIEW she first noticed a bright star in the eastern sky. Then an orange colored oval shaped ball rose from the ground to tree top level. First it moved jerkily, but fairly fast, toward the north until it was over the small mountain. Then it hovered momentarily before

quickly coming to rest on the mountain top.

After three or four minutes, it rose again, to about 15 feet, and disappeared. It left a trail of jet streams about three feet long, she said.

There was no noise at any time; and the object appeared to be about 16 to 18 feet in circumference.

Later she went to look at the spot where the alleged UFO landed, along with Pat McInnes, who has been interested in, and written articles about UFO's for the past 10 years. She said it looked as though some of the moss had been rubbed off the rock.

Mr. McInnes told the NEWS REVIEW he has sent soil samples to Ottawa to be analyzed, and he is expecting a reply this week.

On the same day, Mrs. Florence Toms who lives on Winster Road too, saw what looked like two bright stars "and something much bigger, bright as a diamond" but it didn't move. This was about 5:30 a.m. and she looked at the object for about two minutes.

Saw Flying Object Land CANADA

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SKIES AT NIGHT bright in Texas.

Fiery orange objects streaked across the clear night sky yesterday, startling skywatchers in a 250-mile radius of Fort Worth, Tex. the Department of Public Safety said it could have been a meteorite shower. Residents of Lubbock, Plainview, Killeen, Bryan and Forth Worth reported seeing bright falling objects and puffs of smoke. Nothing was spotted on Air Force radar screens.

W.R. Matt Williams

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Baltimore, Md.
Evening Sun

CR: Don Ratsch

Braun Discounts Flying Saucers

Rio de Janeiro (Special)—Wernher von Braun, the rocketry expert, was in Rio giving his views on what is and is not out in space. Of flying saucers, Dr. Von Braun said, "Such things do not exist. I gather the whole business is hallucination." On the other hand, he said "Life is so wonderful. It's utterly unlikely that the one who created life gave it only to this puny planet called earth."

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Redding, Calif.
Record Searchlight

UFO seen in county unidentified

Nobody seems to have identified the unidentified flying object sighted southwest of Redding at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27.

"We don't have a thing on it," said an officer at the Shasta County Sheriff's Office, where several reports of "a flying saucer" were received.

It might have been the sun shining on the high trail of a missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc.

A missile was launched from the base at 7:30 p.m., said a person answering the telephone for the information officer at the base.

But she said she didn't know if the missile was launched on Thursday or Friday. "And there's nobody here that can tell me," she said.

It couldn't have been a research balloon launched from Chico.

There was a balloon sent aloft at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning, but it landed at 12:30 p.m. in Utah, said a spokesman for the Detachment 3 Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories at the Chico Municipal Airport.

He said he hadn't heard of any UFO sightings in the Redding area at that time.

A weatherman at the U.S. Weather Bureau at Red Bluff said no weather balloon had been launched at that time to his knowledge.

"It could have been anything," he said, adding the missile-launch explanation — if there was a missile launched Friday night — is a plausible one.

"At that time of evening, on a launch like that, the earth is in darkness but the sun shines on the trails at 2,000 to 3,000 feet," he said.

He said missile trails have been sighted in dark skies from as far away from Vandenberg as Nevada.

And the spokesman at the air base said the same thing.

"We get a lot of reports of weird sightings when missiles are launched at sunup and sundown," she said.

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Reports UFOs

Mrs. Joan Winfrey of Shallowford Road, Lewisville, reported sighting what appeared to be an unidentified flying object last night.

Mrs. Winfrey said she was driving home near Phillips Bridge Road at about 7:45 p.m. when she, her mother, and her two sons spotted two long objects giving off a bluish glow rising and falling in the air.

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ENGLAND

UFO defender drops in

J. Allen Hynek, the American astronomer who has espoused the UFO cause, was in London last week for the publication of his book *The UFO Experience* (see Review, 26 October, p 230). In his book Hynek severely criticises the report called *The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* produced by a committee chaired by Dr Edward U. Condon. The committee studies material from US Air Force Project Blue Book files.

Hynek calls the Condon report "unscientific" and charges that it was designed not to investigate but to discredit UFOs. In his own book, Professor Hynek concludes that UFOs exist and present a problem to science—virtually the opposite conclusion to that reached by the Condon committee.

"Hynek's book is his version of what the Condon report should have been," says astronomer Bruce Murray in a review in *Science*. Murray, normally one of the most outspoken and hard-hitting of astronomers, adds: "Hynek's defence of UFOs as a valid, if speculative, scientific topic is more credible than Condon's attempt to mock them out of existence."

These criticisms have stung Condon into a scathing reply for the first time. In a letter dated 2 September and addressed to the editor of *Science*, Condon begins: "Misrepresentations contained in the new book by J. Allen Hynek, and in the review of it by Bruce Murray, in criticism of the study of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) conducted at the University of Colorado, may mislead



Hynek

some people."

Condon claims that his study was not intended to close the door on further UFO studies, and he quotes a passage from his report's summary which suggests that anyone with new ideas for attacking the UFO problem should be supported.

In his book, Hynek condemned this "insincere statement" in Condon's summary as "throwing a scrap of political meat to the critic dogs". But in his letter, Condon says this is bitterness because two UFO proposals of Hynek's have been refused funds.

Condon says that it is "false" to pretend that he is trying to keep others from pursuing studies of UFOs. Yet he concludes: "If asked, I will caution against such studies as being a waste of time and money, unless the proposal contains meritorious new ideas going beyond what has so far passed for UFO study".

The Condon letter has not so far appeared in *Science*, but Hynek thinks that Condon should be allowed his say — because, as he adds with a chuckle: "I would then reply that, while I cannot agree with Dr Condon, I must be grateful to him for helping to reopen the issue".

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What Was It?

What was it?

Victor Devereaux of Badin reported sighting an unidentified flying object Sunday about 10:30 a.m.

The object, which he estimated to be 3,000 to 4,000 feet up and moving at around 300 miles an hour, made no sound. He estimated it to be around 120 feet long and as large around as a house.

He said that he observed it very clearly in the cloudless sky, that it was silver colored, was shaped something like a dumbbell, much like a railroad tank car with enlarged ends which tapered to a cone-like point.

Mr. Devereaux said that he was facing west as he observed it move from the northeast toward the southwest, and that he watched it until it was out of sight. He said he could detect no sound from it, and that it had no gondola beneath, nor any apparent windows.

He also said he looked carefully trying to detect any wings or tail surfaces, but saw none.

"I saw something," he said to the *News and Press* reporter, "but I don't know what it was."

He said he was aware that a dirigible was in the Charlotte area Sunday afternoon, but that this object was not shaped at all like a dirigible.

MADISONVILLE, KY.
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OCT 2, 1972

It's Only Weather Balloon

A high-flying research experiment by the Navy Sunday resulted in several reports of flying saucers over Western Kentucky, including Madisonville and Hopkins County.

The flying-saucer reports were among queries from areas in five states about the flying object which the National Weather Service's St. Louis office later said was a huge research balloon launched earlier in the day near Cape Girardeau, Mo.

THE WEATHER SERVICE said the balloon was soaring at about 100,000 feet above ground, but was especially evident because the sun was below the horizon Sunday, while the balloon remained high enough to reflect the sun's rays.

The Weather Service said it received queries from Southeastern Missouri, Southwestern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Western Tennessee, and the Southwestern tip of Indiana.

Oct 19, 1972
Durant, Mississippi
Plaindealer

UFO Sighted In Skys Over Holmes County

During the past two weeks persons in Holmes County have spotted a bright shining object moving across the morning sky.

The first such incident was reported during the first week of the month when several persons in Lexington reported seeing an object glowing like a star passing overhead at an undetermined altitude.

As they watched, the object appeared to separate into two parts and move towards the ground. The object was apparently a long way off according to the eye witnesses.

One of the viewers said that one of the two objects seemed to descend slower than the other.

The second known sighting came on the morning, October 13 between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Johnson of Pickens, J.B. Russell of Ebenezer, Homer Farrell of Durant, Mrs. Nadine Malone of Lexington, and George Brunt of Kosciusko all reported seeing the object on this date.

Johnson, Russell, Brunt and Farrell were communicating with each other and discussed

the sighting before contacting this writer around 7:15 a.m.

They had watched the object since approximately 6:25 when Mrs. Johnson saw what she said appeared to be shaped like a man-of-war fish. At this time the unidentified object was at its nearest point to the Pickens area.

Mrs. Malone said that she saw the object at this approximate time and she described it as being like a bright glowing star.

This writer spotted the object in the sky southeast of the county. It appeared like a shiny balloon with the morning sun reflecting off of it but it was too distant to even guess at its size.

After contacting Dick Barrett of Lexington it was learned that this was probably one of the scientific research balloons that were being launched

from Palestine Texas.

A call to the National Center for Atmosphere Research in Palestine confirmed this report.

The spokesman of NCAR said that this was indeed one of their balloons and was able to give the location of it at the time.

He said that these balloons are tracked constantly after launching.

The spokesman said that the balloon carries a package of scientific instruments and at the time it is "cut lose" the package floats to earth by parachute and the balloon then begins to tear apart.

He said that an airplane is in the area of the balloon at this time and that it recovers the package.

The instruments descent by parachute takes approximately 40 minutes according to the NCAR spokesman.

This would make the altitude of the balloon at least 12,000 feet at the time of separation.

The first balloon landed near Philadelphia, Mississippi, and the second one was headed for the same area at the time the NCAR spokesman gave its location.

Oct 19, 1972
Broadus, Montana
Powder River Co. Examiner

Ring side seat to view fire ball

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gotfredson had a ring side seat when a brilliant fire ball appeared in the southern skies Monday night.

Mrs. Gotfredson sighted the fire ball as she was watching television and went to the window to watch it. She called her husband who also watched it until it faded out as though it burned out. Mrs. Gotfredson said the display lasted for about 10 seconds between 9:50 and 10:00 p.m. and resembled the fire ball which comes from a Roman candle. It moved slowly downward until it finally disappeared, she said.

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Calls UFO Question Among Most Baffling Mysteries

The question of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) is "one of the most baffling mysteries of the 20th century" and warrants serious research, an official of a non-profit UFO research organization said in Cedar Rapids Monday night.

G. Stuart Nixon of Washington, D.C., executive director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, addressed a ladies night meeting of the Cedar Rapids Board of Realtors at the Long Branch.

"There are strange, puzzling pieces of evidence and there are hard core cases which have held up under investigation," Nixon told the more than 200 Realtors and their guests.

He traced some investigations made by MICAP, including those which the organization believes to be hoaxes. The research group is "reserving judgment" on some. Others have "held up," Nixon said.

Contact Cases

Nixon discounted reports of "contact cases" where witnesses claim to have met and even shaken hands with interplanetary visitors.

"We don't even bother with such reports anymore," Nixon told the Realtors. "In those we

checked out, credibility was utterly absent.

"NICAP is searching for usable data," Nixon said. "We're not out to prove that the earth is being invaded by little green men, nor are we trying to prove that everyone is going crazy."

He urged persons who sight inexplicable objects to report them and he decried the skepticism, sometimes bordering on abuse, which some persons have faced when they made reports.

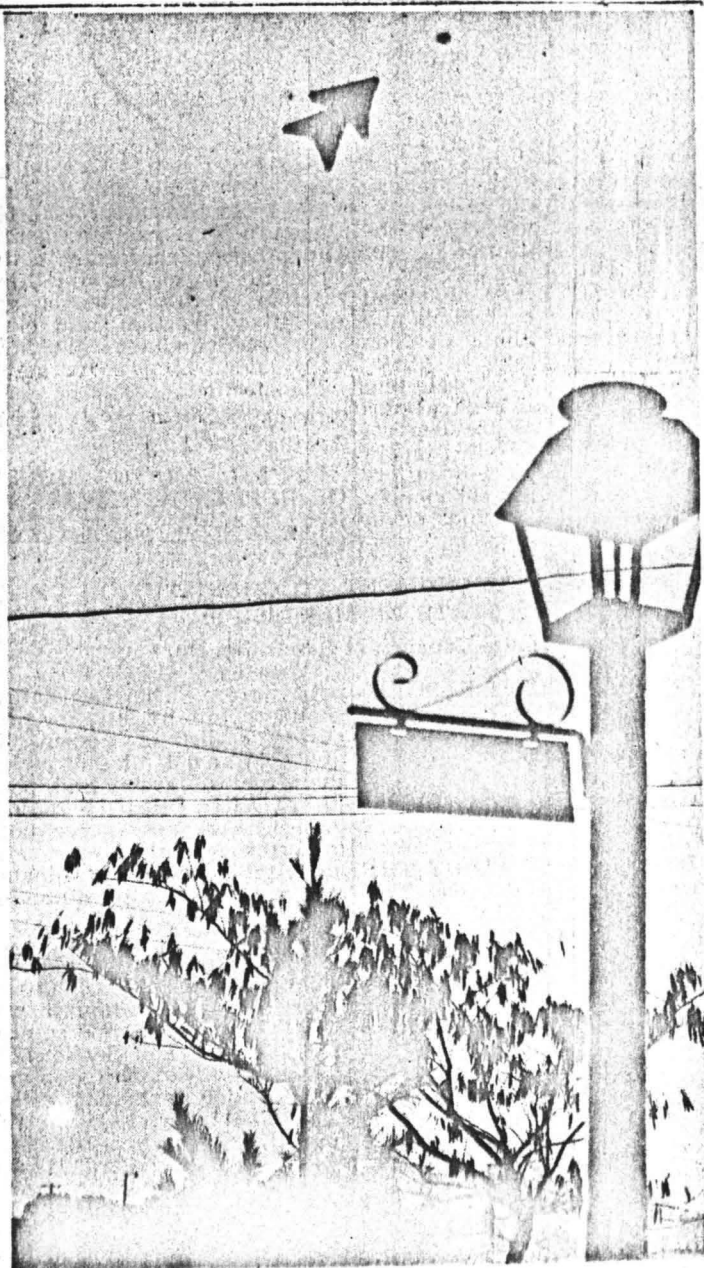
Through Research

"But only through research are we going to come up with any answers," Nixon said.

The NICAP official said the general public falls into three general categories in regard to their attitude toward NFO and, he said, "I guess I'm a three-legged animal with a little bit of all three."

On one hand there is the skeptic who argues "there is nothing to this whole ridiculous business." On the other hand there are the "true, true believers who are totally convinced there are manifestations of either the supernatural or the invasion by Mars space ships."

In between, he said, are the moderates who confess, "I don't know what to believe."



OBJECT IN THE SKY

The scientific weather balloon appeared as a shiny small object in the sky overhead to our necked eye. It looks like a dark object at the top of the picture above. Arrow points to balloon. Notice the sun is just rising above the horizon in the lower left of the picture.

There was a mild furor over what appeared to be an unidentified foreign object in the skies over Lamar about 7:00 p.m., Tuesday. The "UFO", scintillating in the waning rays of the sun, appeared in the southeast heavens, moving in a westerly direction. It was believed to be floating at an altitude of 65,000 feet.

However most of those who made an examination, like Ralph Williams with his telescopes, or others, examining through binoculars, soon were convinced that it was one of the weather balloons, that are commonly sent up by weather stations, for weather observations.

This particular balloon was released from the U.S. weather tracking station at Monett, Tuesday afternoon. First reports indicated it had been sent aloft at Cape Girardeau, but this was an error.

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Fritz Kron 'Watch Out For Invaders'

BREMEN, Germany (UPI)—A 41-year-old mechanic was so afraid of invaders from outer space he assembled a private arsenal of rifles, pistols and grenades and held target practice in his apartment at nights, police said Wednesday.

"Men from outer space are standing outside. They want to get all of us," the man said when police came for him late Tuesday night, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said police confiscated 30 loaded pistols, nine rifles, several grenades and large quantities of ammunition in the man's apartment.

Along the Greybull River

Burlington —

Greybull, Wyo.
Std. Tribune
Sept 21, 1972

one of 13

by Mrs. Cecil Dean

Last Wednesday night we saw a streak of light just above the horizon that extended in a curve from about where Cody is clear around to about Worland. That is, as it appeared to us. We were coming home from the glaucoma clinic at Worland and as it was dark we couldn't tell whether the part of the sky under the streak of light was a cloud or not. We couldn't see any stars there and there were frequent flashes of light so we assumed that there was a big storm moving in, or at least that is what my husband thought. I thought that the streak of light was a comet fading and not the silver edge of a thundercloud. When we got home I stood out in the yard for awhile watching the pulsating colored lights that filled the northern sky. It looked like giant fireworks.

Naturally, my ears perked up when I heard on the next day's news cast that a couple from Burlington had been followed by a (UFO) that appeared to them as a ball of light. It had happened at very nearly the same time we had seen our lights. It turned out that the couple were from Burlington, Colo., and not in Wyoming at all. I didn't even know whereabouts in Colorado the town was located or that there even was such a town so I dug up some information about Burlington, USA.

As for the comet, or whatever it was, there was still a strong display of Northern Lights on Thursday night but they had faded somewhat and I haven't seen any mention being made in the newspapers.

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UFO in State Prison

CR: Matt Williams

WALLA WALLA—(UPI)—State penitentiary correctional officers were discussing action yesterday after a projectile narrowly missed an officer Friday.

The officers believed the projectile was a bullet, but associate superintendent Robert Freeman said no one in the area, not even an officer conducting routine searching, reported hearing a gunshot.

Officer Johnson, 34, said the object "just barely missed me" as he was standing in a guard tower.

Prison officials said the object had not yet been identified but guards said unofficial tests they had conducted indicated the object was a bullet.

B. J. Rhay, penitentiary superintendent, was less sure of just what the object was. "I suspect some kind of a slingshot or compressed air," he said.

Sept 18, 1972
Columbus, Ohio
Citizen-Journal

'Big as courthouse'

CR: Gene Duplantier

Mysterious balloon lands in Ohio field

SARDINIA, O. (UPI)—A mysterious balloon "big as the county courthouse" floated from the sky and landed in a farm field near this rural Southwestern Ohio community of 799 persons Saturday.

Persons came from miles and cut hunks from the deflated balloon as souvenirs. Authorities were baffled as to what it was and where it came from.

"A FARMER who saw it coming down and said he thought it was a cloud," said Brown County Sheriff Bill Utter. "The thing is as big as the county courthouse."

Utter said the balloon was made of plastic and nylon and probably weighed several tons.

"IT'S OUT of air and flattened out in the field, but it's still shoulder high," Utter said. "I've never seen anything like it."

Deputies found a section of balloon that said "15 million cubic feet" and the State Highway Patrol discovered a patch reading, "Winvan Research Corp., Minneapolis, Minn."

A TELETYPE was sent to Minneapolis but by late Saturday local authorities had no reply.

"Some people think it might have been a weather balloon, but we have no way of knowing," said patrol dispatcher Joe Brookbank. "One of our men said there was a little bit of ice on it, and it was real cold like it had been at a real high altitude."

UTTER SAID there might have been written material on the balloon describing it, but none was found.

"I think everybody around Sardinia was out there cutting hunks out of it," Utter said. "Maybe somebody got a piece that said what it was. Maybe there's something on the underside of it, but we can't get the darned thing turned over."

AUTHORITIES contacted Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, but officials there said they knew nothing about the balloon.

Utter said the balloon landed in the field one mile north of here about 6 p.m. EDT.

"If it had gone another mile, it could have wiped out half of Sardinia," Utter said. "We don't know what it is, but I guess we're lucky it landed where it did."

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Meteorologists See 'Twinkling' UFOs Over Upper Bucks

By Florence Schaffhausen
Intelligencer Staff Writer

Upper Bucks today has a new report of UFO sightings. Two Upper Bucks County meteorologists Monday night report sighting two brilliant, silent, fast-moving objects in the sky.

The first report came from George McCloskey, a meteorologist in Philadelphia Health Department's Air Management Service, and a reserve officer at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. He lives near Myers Dam on

Dark Hollow Road, Tinicum Township.

The report was confirmed by Lt. Cmdr. Virgil Sala, a meteorologist at the air station at Willow Grove, who made his sightings from his home in Ferndale.

McCloskey reported the incident this morning.

"I went out of the house last night at 9:30," he began. "I looked toward the northwest and saw a bright object in the sky and thought at first it must be a planet. Then I saw that it was twinkling with a white and

gold twinkle, and realized that planets don't twinkle.

"Then it began to move horizontally about 10 degrees above the horizon. It is hard to say how far away it was but it seemed to be 10 or 20 miles, perhaps over Haycock Mountain," he continued.

"Suddenly, it began to go back and then started to move in a start-stop, start-stop pattern, with intervals of a second or half second. I had two trees for points of reference for the intermittent movement."

McCloskey said he called

out to his wife and when she came out of the house the light was slowly moving along the horizon again. As they watched, it disappeared below the horizon.

Called Sala

"I ran into the house and called Sala, since he is a weather officer and I thought he might have seen it. Also, he lives across from the Palisades High School and I thought he might be able to see it even though I couldn't.

"He went out and later I learned he saw it, too."

McCloskey reports that when he got outside again, the object was visible again, moving in a steady course. It dropped again below the horizon.

"About four minutes later, my wife saw an orange-red light moving high in the sky toward the east. It was very steady and very silent and coursed across the middle of the sky.

"I ran in again to bring out my boy. He was pretty sleepy. As I tried to show it to him, it went toward the

west and got smaller and smaller and smaller. Sala says he saw it to the south of him and then saw two. My wife also thought there must have been two, since the one which disappeared below the horizon in the west couldn't have appeared in the east that quickly."

Saw Two

Sala said this morning he saw two bright lights moving across the southern part of the sky, but observed no erratic movement. Soon afterwards he saw a second bright object moving the same way.

"It was too steady and too large to be a planet, too bright to be a planet and it was very quiet," he said. "I don't know what I saw."

The Fels Planetarium says that the bright planet in the sky at the time of the sightings would be Jupiter in the southwest.

McCloskey added that a neighbor, Mrs. Pat Ferri, told him today that she had seen objects like those he described on two occasions recently.

Phenomena Seen Here

A Leflore, Miss., man, his wife and five children reported a phenomena in the skies here early today.

Granville Flint said he and his family were en route to work in Greenwood between 6:30 and 7 a.m. when they noticed a "silver colored light" in the East at about a 45 degree angle.

"When we turned on to U.S. 82 off Highway 7," he said, "a reddish light broke off and came down. We stopped the car and watched it come down. We thought some other driver would stop, but they must not have seen it," Flint said.

Man at Chili Reports UFO

An unidentified flying object that was red and white and moved "up and down" in the sky was spotted east of Chili Corners, authorities reported this morning.

Officials said Verlyn Rollins, route 1, Chili, reported the object at 4:10 o'clock this morning.

No other identification was given, authorities reported. Similarly described objects have been reported seen this year near Green Bay, Madison and Milwaukee, some of which were reported by sheriff's deputies.

Balloon Or U.F.O.

NET-Was it a balloon or a UFO? At first it was reported as the latter, heading from Morris Plains to Netcong last Sunday. A minute later it was all clear and the report simply said, "only a balloon." At the same time something must have happened. A group of boys playing football across from the News Leader were alerted. They looked and looked and saw nothing in the heavens. Could it have possibly been a UFO that suddenly disappeared into the vapors of the sky? Anyhow an hour later there were no little green men roaming around Netcong.

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UFO's Seen In Area

Several UFO sightings in the District have been rumored during the past week or 10 days.

The latest to come to the attention of the News Review is from Mrs. Marjorie Parker, Florence Lake Road.

Although a skeptic on the matter of UFO's she and her 10 year-old son Rob saw a large elliptical object emitting whitish-yellow lights from about eight openings while it hovered over the Victoria area about 7 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11.

The light turned to a bluish color Mrs. Parker said while it continued to hover and more noiselessly. The two watched the object for about 20 minutes-then it moved off out of sight.

Whether it was a UFO or not, she's not certain, but it wasn't an aircraft of any kind. So right now she doesn't know what to believe.

Other sightings have been reported in the Mill Hill area.

EDMONTON JOURNAL, Monday, Oct. 16, 1972
Alberta CANADA OR MUSGRAVE
CANADA

A minor flare-up
City police were scratching their heads for awhile Sunday night when a man reported an unidentified flying object falling from the sky in the far-west end of the city. The man phoned police from his home at 170th Street and 102nd Avenue and told them he saw a light falling from the sky and that he thought it came down in his parachute.

The man told police he had seen the parachute drift toward his home from about a mile away at 10 p.m. It was not determined who owned the parachute.

Oct 5, 1972
Greenwood, Miss.
Commonwealth

Will otherworldly life change man's outlook?

CR: John Musgrave

BOSTON (AP) — Will contacting life on other worlds change man's image of himself for the better? Or will it destroy his initiative by allowing him to depend on a superior intelligence, and possibly change his very image of God?

These and other questions were considered by experts in the sciences, social sciences, theology and communications who met here recently to consider the effects upon man of possibly contacting extraterrestrial life.

The symposium, sponsored by the U.S. national space agency and Boston University department of astronomy, focused on the social and philosophical implications of contacting other beings in space.

All of the experts agreed it is almost certain that human beings are not alone in the galaxy and certainly not in the universe. But there were varying views on when, if ever, contact might be made and what its implications may be.

Professor Carl E. Sagan, director of Cornell University's Laboratory for Planetary Studies, said that human technology has reached a stage where man could detect another civilization as advanced as himself, although the search may be prolonged.

"The most optimistic estimate of civilizations in our galaxy is one million, which means one per many hundred thousand stars," Sagan said. He noted that a 10-year search for radio signals from space has produced no contact and added that searching the thousands of stars one by one could go on for hundreds of years before it is fruitful.

Sagan said man is at a unique evolutionary period "in which the old, secure sense of where we are in the universe has eroded." He said contact with extraterrestrial life could help man re-establish his relation to other human beings and give mankind a new sense of where it fits into the universe.

Anthropologist Ashley Montagu said man has done a bad job of dealing with his fellow man and suggested that some housecleaning is needed on earth before we contact another civilization or it contacts us.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, dean of the Harvard divinity school, said discovery of life elsewhere would teach man that God's domain is larger and would give him a better idea of his place in it.

Contacting other beings, Stendahl said, may help man to stop viewing God in his own image, with all its limitations.



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Cosmic Ray Measuring Balloon Returns To Earth In Tennessee

A 4,700 pound instrument package used to measure cosmic rays at high altitude parachuted to earth near Lebanon, Tenn., Monday afternoon.

The balloon used to carry the package had been sighted locally, causing numerous reports of "flying saucers" in this area.

The package had been borne aloft Sunday by a 617-foot-high balloon launched from Cape Girardeau, Mo., by Raven Industries of Sioux Falls, S.D., as part of "Skyhook," a joint U.S. Navy-National Aeronautics and Space Administration research program.

The balloon's instrument payload was carried to more than 130,000 feet Sunday afternoon

causing widespread concern over an unusual bright object in the sky.

The sun's reflection off the balloon's skin—a plastic material less than 1-1,000th of an inch thick—brought hundreds of telephone calls to Federal Aviation Administration, National Weather Service and other government agencies in four states Sunday afternoon.

The instrument payload was released automatically shortly before noon Monday, sending the instruments to earth by parachute. Ray Burgess, a forecaster for the Weather Service at Nashville, said the balloon appeared to fall like a streamer after the payload was detached. The balloon itself is used only once.

Gene Linder, a Raven Industries employee, said the balloon's location was pinpointed by both radar and telemetry signals from the instrument package. As the parachute lowered the instruments to the earth, two light airplanes circled around it.

Linder said the instruments will be taken to NASA's research facilities in Greenbelt, Md.

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Balloon Sparks U.F.O. Reports

A high-altitude Navy research balloon released yesterday near Cape Girardeau, Mo., resulted last night in numerous unidentified flying object reports to weather bureaus and defense agencies in a 5-state area.

The National Weather Service in Kansas City, however, received no telephone calls about the balloon, which was reflecting rays of the setting sun. A weather service spokesman said calls to weather bureaus and civil defense agencies in southeastern Missouri, southwestern parts of Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee and the southwestern tip of Indiana began just before 7 p.m. as the balloon gained altitude.

At 7:30 p.m. the balloon, carrying an instrument package to measure incoming cosmic radiation, was 100,000 feet above Bertrand, Mo.

The weather service in St. Louis said the reason the balloon was so prominent was that the sun was below the horizon while the balloon was high enough to reflect sun rays, making it quite pronounced in the evening sky.

They said the balloon testing by the Navy has been in progress several weeks. Due to a cool air mass now centered over the Midwest, the skies, are unusually clear, and the object was therefore highly visible.

The weather service in St. Louis said the 439-foot-diameter balloon would have been faintly visible here, in the eastern sky.

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Gas Reveals Life Source in Far Galaxy

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Scientists reported Monday discovery in a nearby galaxy clouds of gas which suggest that the basic building blocks of life exist elsewhere in the universe as well as in our own Milky Way family of 100 billion stars.

The discovery was made by Dr. Philip R. Schwartz of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) and Drs. William J. Wilson and Eugene E. Epstein of the Aerospace Corp., Los Angeles, by means of the national Radio Astronomy Observatory's 36-foot radiotelescope at Kitt Peak in Arizona.

What Schwartz, only 27, and his colleagues found was enormous clouds of carbon monoxide gas in a neighboring galaxy known as M-33. Although considered "nearby," M-33 actually is nearly nine million trillion miles away in space from our own galaxy.

Carbon monoxide clouds were

first discovered by radioastronomers in the Milky Way only two years ago. Scientists believe carbon monoxide is a "daughter" product of more complex chemical molecules, such as ammonia and formaldehyde, which appear to be widespread in the stars of our galaxy.

The Naval Research Laboratory said in announcing discovery of the M-33 gas clouds that many scientists believe ammonia and formaldehyde in the primitive earth's atmosphere and waters were "the basic building blocks of life" as it developed on this planet billions of years ago.

Schwartz said that finding carbon monoxide in a neighboring galaxy indicates, as the NRL report put it, "that the presence of complex molecules in the interstellar medium is not unique in our own galaxy".

Schwartz, a native of Philadelphia, received his PhD in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1971 and went to work for the Naval Research Laboratory shortly thereafter.

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Could it be that many of those so-called unidentified flying objects have "Made on Earth" stamped all over them . . . ?

Are Flying Saucers Being Built On Earth?

Scarcely a day passes without someone somewhere reporting they have seen a flying saucer. Though it's impossible to rule out completely the possibility that they have taken off from distant planets, there's an increasing belief among aeronautical experts that many of them are actually originating from right here on earth! Certainly, it seems that top-secret saucer-shaped craft with astonishing speed and climbing power HAVE been produced and tested . . .

By G. R. LANE

Never a week passes nowadays without a "flying saucer" being seen and reported by someone somewhere.

Of course, some of them might well be from distant planets and piloted by little green men, but there's an increasing belief among aeronautical experts that many of them originate right here on earth . . .

There are said to be at least three current projects, all shrouded in secrecy, claimed to have resulted in the production and test flight of saucer-shaped craft with astonishing speed.

Indeed, recent reports from Czechoslovakia claim that experts there have designed a "flying disc" designed to travel at 3,000 mph, and that a prototype has already been tested.

Specialists in aerodynamics don't find such news particularly remarkable.

LOGICAL SHAPE

They believe that the disc is the logical eventual shape for aircraft of the future, and certainly there's no doubt that such aircraft can fly.

This was proved over 20 years ago when America's Chance Vought aircraft company built and flew a revolutionary disc-shaped plane called the V-173.

Dubbed the "flying pancake", the V-173 was the prototype of a powerful carrier-based fighter known as the XF5U-1 which could fly at any speed between 40 mph and 500 mph.

At least that was the theory, but the XF5U-1 never officially got off the ground. It was said to have been handed over to a Canadian aircraft company who were claimed to be working on a jet-powered circular aircraft.

But neither the company nor the Canadian Air Force,

who were said to have ordered the device, would admit that such an aircraft existed.

VERTICAL TAKE-OFF

Yet, ten years later it was announced that a Canadian-built "saucer" aircraft had been bought outright by the U.S. Air Force and named Weapon System 606A.

Since then, very little information about the "flying saucer" has been released, apart from the fact that it was powered by three turbojets mounted in the centre providing a jet of air which was exhausted around the circular rim of the aircraft.

It was also capable of taking off vertically and hovering on a cushion of air until enough thrust had been obtained for forward flight.

The early models carried a crew of two, seated in separate cockpits on either side of the central air intake. Speed has always remained secret but informed guesses put the speed of the prototype at about 400 mph.

Although it is unlikely that 606A has gone into production, it did fly and there are rumours that it has been used as a basis for a still more radical saucer-shaped craft.

CLAMP-DOWN

In France, designer Rene Couzinet, responsible for a whole range of long-distance aircraft, began to design his own "flying saucer" ten years ago. The result was the "Aerodyne", a circular craft consisting of a central body with a double outer rim made up of small vanes.

The upper and lower parts of the rim rotated in opposite directions and Couzinet envisaged that a speed of just over one revolution per second would be enough to lift the Aerodyne off the ground.

For forward propulsion, the



British inventor John Searl with a model of his prototype flying saucer

Aerodyne had a small turbojet slung underneath. The pilot sat in the centre of the disc beneath a perspex bubble.

The latest Aerodyne was completed three years ago and Couzinet hoped that it would fly within a few months.

It's not known whether it did, because French security suddenly clamped down on further details and have not yet agreed to release them.

SECRET SITE

Meanwhile, on a secret site 50 miles west of London, 37-year-old inventor John Searl is building a prototype saucer after stumbling on a revolutionary electro-magnetic propulsion system. To finance his scheme, he has set up the National Space Research Consortium, and has scientists working in collaboration with him in Sweden, Germany and Japan.

The Russians, too, are believed to be busy with saucer-shaped aircraft.

A year ago, Professor B. G. Vortek of Moscow's Academy of Science, delivered a paper to an aeronautical conference in Leningrad in which he said that a saucer-shaped supersonic aircraft was more logical than the triangular

shapes now being developed.

If "flying saucers" are flown by beings from outer space, he said, it proved they were way ahead of us in aeronautical design.

Certainly if earth-made "saucers" are being flown, it would explain several mysteries.

"NO COMMENT"

Recently, for instance, an unidentified object was tracked on military radar for 30 minutes. No statement was issued.

In Italy, a crowd of 30,000 saw a "flying saucer" above a football stadium. All journalistic inquiries were referred to a security department which gave a terse "no comment."

In Spain, a circular object with mysterious black markings was accepted as genuine by the Spanish Interplanetary Society, but dismissed as "imagination" by government sources.

Certainly some of the barricades of secrecy which have frequently been thrown up when a saucer-sighting is reported have prompted experts to believe that a substantial number of these so-called "mystery objects" could have "Made on Earth" stamped all over them . . .

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Did we have summer 3252 ENGLAND tourists from space?

VISITORS who came to South Lincolnshire this summer may well have included trippers who took a look at the bulbfields from the sky!

Tourists who came not by car, bus, train or bike — but by some kind of space vehicle.

The idea of extra-terrestrial tourists might seem a little bizarre, but it could be the reason why UFOs are seen so often on Earth, says a Bourne enthusiast.

Among reports to the South Lincolnshire Unidentified Flying Objects Study Group, have been sightings from Market Deeping, Deeping St Nicholas and Baston.

And a housewife in Stamford came up with an unusual account of a sighting in broad day-light.

"Usually most of the sightings reported to us have been made at night," says the group's secretary, Mrs Pat Barnes, of Bourne.

Survey

She thinks that vehicles from outer space do come and survey parts of Earth from time to time — but not necessarily for sinister reasons.

"I think some of them might be coming to have a look at us in the same way we might go and take a look at Australia," she says.

Until quite recently most of the Lincolnshire sightings were reported from places as far away as Lincoln and Scunthorpe, but lately Mrs Barnes has been dealing with a number of reports from the Bourne and Stamford district.

Seven weeks ago Mr John Burgess, of Market Deeping, claimed he was chased by a UFO as he drove along the



Mrs Barnes

Spalding-Market Deeping road at 2 am.

"It was a vast globe, 20 feet across," said Mr Burgess later.

"I stamped on the accelerator and took off at 75 mph, but it kept pace with me."

Shaken, Mr Burgess slowed to 30 mph — and the Thing slowed with him.

Afterwards it moved off over the fields towards Stamford.

Only two weeks ago, a Deeping St Nicholas man had a shock one night when he looked out of his window after it suddenly began to rattle.

Mr Michael Jeffery said he saw a red revolving light travelling through the sky with a white light directly underneath it.

Investigation

He is sure it was not a plane because it had no tail lights, and Mr Jeffery knows something about aircraft as he used to have a job which took him to RAF bases.

Mr Jeffery's sighting is one of the reports being investigated at the moment by Mrs Barnes and her colleagues.

And it is sightings like these, which laymen could

easily confuse with, aircraft lights, that Mrs Barnes has a word of advice about.

"Easily half of the reports we get can be put down to cases of mistaken identity," she says.

"If you think you see a UFO, carry on watching it for a while before you rush off and tell anyone."

"If you do this, you very often begin to hear the aircraft noise, and then recognise it for what it is."

She herself has been misled — on one occasion she thought she saw no fewer than five silver discs in the sky.

Five seemed too good a number to be true, so Mrs Barnes waited.

Aircraft

"Sure enough," she said, "they were aircraft. You could just see the dark shapes underneath."

Since the publicity in local papers about the Deepings sightings, the UFO group have had an inrush of other reports of local sightings.

Mrs Barnes thinks that people have been seeing UFOs in the area, but have been afraid to make it known until now, for fear of being laughed at.

"Some of the reports have been very interesting," she says, citing the case of the Stamford housewife who claimed to have seen a UFO at 1 pm from her house.

She drew it, and it looked, says Mrs Barnes, "like a rounded triangle just below the clouds."

Revolving

"It went along revolving on its axis, then speeded up and disappeared."

UFO groups all over the country make investigations into sightings, but what happens to their findings? Is any more ever heard of the incidents?

There may well be sequels because the details are usually put in the group's newsletter which goes to other UFO societies, so that they can compare notes with sightings.

group of Ludlow Grammar School pupils yesterday were not believed by other pupils said one of the saucer spotters, Andrew Ibbotson.

Andrew, a boarder at the school said: "I was playing table tennis in the gym when one of the girls called me outside to look at something in the sky."

"I saw two orangey red discs which seemed to disappear from time to time, so they could have been flat. They were moving up and round and in circles."

An aero modeller, Andrew added that they could have been balloons, but he could not see how balloons could go up and down as they were.

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OCT 1, 1972 Sydney, N.S.W.

UFO sightings

THE ARTICLE on UFOs by Mr Wilks (September 17) tends to cloud the issue rather than elucidate it.

Too many serious-minded people, some of them scientists, have seen things which defy any known explanation.

Recorded sightings go back to 1676. Astronomer-observers include Haley, after whom the comet is named, Maunder, deputy director of Britain's Greenwich observatory in the early 1900s, and Tom- baugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto. I have been able to collect details of more than 100 such sightings.

In Sydney, between February 1967 and May 1969, there were four sightings, observed by about 20 people, including a leading Sydney architect, a former lecturer at Sydney University, a former U.S. air force pilot now a Sydney dentist, a well-known retired accountant, naval officers, a post-mistress, a university student and others for whose integrity I can vouch.

These four sightings were all of orange-reddish objects, 25-30ft in diameter, iridescent and pulsating.

AUSTRALIA Only one

Our sun, which may be important to us, is only one of between 30,000 million and 200,000 million stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way. With about 3000 million more galaxies known in the universe, it would be the biggest wonder if we were alone. It makes one feel really small and humble.

Why the UFOs come, where they are from, how they move, that is all open to speculation. Let us hope that one day, preferably in our own time, there will be a solution.

WILLIAM E. MOSER
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atory Society, Hurlstone
Park, NSW.

Four-hour mystery

of UFO sighting

over Midlands

Mercury Staff Reporter

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POLICE were last night investigating reports of an Unidentified Flying Object sighting over a lonely stretch of Midland countryside.

The sighting was reported at Beoley, near Redditch, when a housewife and a young farmworker claimed to have seen three lights hovering about 600 feet in the air over a belt of woodland for a period of four hours.

Police from Henley-in-Arden visited the scene twice, and a spokesman said: "Two of our officers also saw these lights. They are still investigating the matter."

Saw three lights

Last night, the farmworker, 15-year-old Keith Harris, of Ullenhall Lane, Beoley, said that he went to see the lights from the home of Mrs. Rita Tallis, who lives half-a-mile further up the lane, when she telephoned him.

"I saw three lights — apparently from three separate vehicles—hovering backwards and forwards about 600 feet up half-a-mile from the back of Mrs. Tallis's house," said Keith.

"They were like radiating lights and kept changing colour from red to white and back again. They kept hovering backwards and forwards—disappearing over the horizon and reappearing again."

No sound at all

"Sometimes they were travelling very quickly and at other times quite slowly. We were watching them from the back garden and there was absolutely no sound from them."

Keith said that the lights were most active early in the evening, but they kept flying about over the area for more than four hours.

He added: "I am certain they were not planes otherwise we would have heard the noise from the engines. I am quite satisfied that they were UFO's."

SHROPSHIRE STAR

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We saw
UFOs
say pupils

Unidentified Flying
Objects described as
orangey-red discs, seen by a

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Second sighting of ENGLAND. Deeping's UFO?

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ONLY six weeks after John Burgess's amazing claim that he was chased by a flying saucer, comes another startling UFO report — from the same area.

Mr. Michael Jeffery arrived home with his wife Sally at New Road, Deeping St Nicholas, just before ten o'clock in the evening. Minutes later the windows started to rattle and a terrifying noise shattered the night.

He looked out of the window, and what he saw stopped him in his tracks. He saw a red revolving light travelling through the sky with a white light directly underneath.

It soared through the darkness over the village towards Market Deeping, and then Michael lost sight of it.

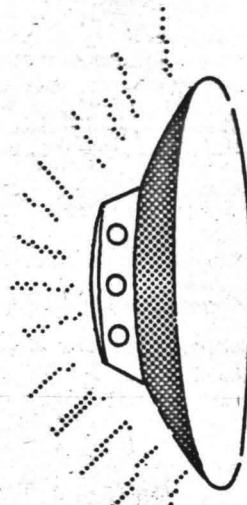
Michael (26) is a warehouse manager at Tesco's in Spalding, but before that he worked for a heating

firm which involved being at RAF bases for about a year. So he knows the sight and sound of aircraft. "It was going too fast to be a helicopter, and not fast enough to be a plane. I am sure it was not a plane because there were no tail lights," he said.

"Neighbours think it might have been a plane in trouble, but I don't think so." The 'saucer' spotted by pipe-fitter John Burgess of 17 Halfleet Grove, Market Deeping, also had a red light on it, and was seen only a few miles from this latest 'UFO'.

Like John, Michael gate this claim. It was possible Michael saw a refuelling plane, but apparently the white light on a refuelling plane is not clearly visible.

Mrs Pat Barnes of the South Lincs UFO Study Group said that there had been quite a few reported sightings in the Lincolnshire area lately, and the group will begin to investigate this claim.



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Green lights mystify RAF
Pulsating green lights seen in the sky over Tong, near Shifnal will be recorded as another instance of UFOs mystifying the authorities. Air Traffic Control at RAF Cosford has investigated the sighting, reported on Sunday night by Mr and Mrs Major Blake of Norbury Road, Gnosall, but cannot offer an explanation. ENGLAND

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'JET UFO'—POSSIBLY A METEOR

I WAS interested to read the report concerning the observation of "jet UFO's" over Derby on October 4.

I am an amateur astronomer, and my main field of interest lies in meteors (shooting stars) of which I have observed more than 900 since September, 1969. The description of the objects seen by Mr Pegg and Miss Poole fits in very well with that of a large meteor, the main clue being that the object issued a vapour trail, and also that it was spear shaped.

Excitement—a cause of verrucas

IN THE excitement of getting into the water who is going to ensure (Readers' Views, October 6) that children remember their rubber shoes, wear them, bring them home safely—A word in the teacher's ear? Poor teacher

And if the shoes are kept at the baths what provision will be made for their storage? Assuredly they will become fashionable and Johnny must be in the swim. Who will ensure that Johnny gets the right pair? Will they be inspected for invisible germs and fumigated? By whom?

Children's excitement is indirectly one of the causes of verrucas — grabbing someone else's rubber shoes.

When I was at school I never heard of verrucas, but we couldn't afford rubber shoes.

DOROTHY I ELLIOTT
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Derby.

Perhaps I could enlarge on exactly what a meteor is, and its many different characteristics.

NOTHING SINISTER

A meteor is nothing more sinister than a piece of rock or dust, which is in orbit around the sun, in much the same way that we are. As the earth passes through a meteor orbit, the pieces enter our atmosphere and due to friction between the particle and the atmosphere, burns up, thus producing a bright streak (this is what is seen by us, and what I suspect was seen by Mr Pegg and Miss Poole).

The ways in which a meteor appears and travels are varied; some travel very quickly; others slowly; others accelerate, and the larger ones break up into fragments. More often than not a trail is left, and can persist for several seconds or even minutes.

MANY COLOURS

The colour of meteors can be red, white, silver, orange, or yellow; the last two being most common. Equally varied is the brightness of the meteor. Many are too faint to be seen with the unaided eye, but they are common enough for astronomers to sit outside for an hour or two on clear nights, and record.

On an average night, between five and ten meteors can be seen per hour. The

brightest I have seen to date, rated at magnitude —7 (considerably brighter than Venus and nearly as bright as a full moon).

As a point of interest, on the night of October 4, I did an hour's meteor observing, and noted six in this time. I am convinced that it was a meteor that was seen by the above mentioned — and a very impressive one at that

D. J. STANIER

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'MYSTERY LIGHT FOLLOWED ME'

MELBOURNE — A night patrolman yesterday claimed he was followed about 20 miles by a bright light in the sky near Traralgon, 100 miles east of Melbourne.

His sighting was the second within a month in the district.

Patrolman Lawrence Pinchen (32) said yesterday that he had been followed from Moe to Traralgon by the light, "which turned red then shot up into the sky."

"I still don't know what it was," he said after making checks of searchlight alarms from the drive-in theatre and garages.

"All I know is that there was a light which should not have been there, in an area where there was no other street lighting."

Mr. Pinchen and Traralgon Constable Peter Cavanagh (25), followed the light to Rosedale, about 14 miles away, where with a local photographer, they watched until 6 a.m. as it was photographed.

Mr. Pinchen first saw the light at 4 a.m.

Const. Cavanagh said: "I don't know what to make of it, but I'm sure it wasn't a star — not in daylight."

A believer in flying saucers, he said he thought the object was about 10 to 12 miles from them.

Three weeks ago, Const.

Neil Davey, also from Traralgon, said he sighted an object which appeared to be hollow in the centre.

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Strange glow sighted over Aldergrove CANADA

Two residents of Aldergrove were awakened at 4:30 last Wednesday morning by a loud, unidentifiable sound emanating from somewhere in the vicinity of their home. Rising to investigate, they observed a bright light rising swift-

ly in a southeast direction from their home.

Mrs. Marg Kocsis and her brother, George of 27864 Fraser Highway in Aldergrove, reported the incident to the Advance.

The light itself, which was seen by George Kocsis, was difficult to describe, he said.

"It appeared to be spherical, and was so bright that for a few seconds you could have read a newspaper by the window."

Mrs. Kocsis reported that it was very quickly gone but "while it appeared to be rising swiftly into the night, there was also a very loud sound as of rushing wind."

Whatever is the explanation for the strange occurrence, it was apparently not lost on the animals of this particular farm. Mrs. Kocsis said "they kicked up a terrible fuss of howling and barking in the presence of the noise and light, and when they disappeared, the animals settled down."

Her report went on to describe the weather conditions that morning. "It was not yet sunrise, and there was a fairly heavy fog, so that the moon could not have been seen, even momentarily."

"I can't imagine what the explanation could be for the occurrence," Mrs. Kocsis said. "It was a very strange experience."

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UFO Near Moncton?

A resident of Sunny Acres

told the Transcript Wednesday that he sighted an unidentified flying object at approximately 7:40 p.m. Tuesday evening.

The man, who declined to be identified described the

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Dive!

It's

a

real

U.F.O.

Express Staff Reporter

AN airline pilot dived over the Irish Sea last night to throw a real Unidentified Flying Object out of the window.

It was Captain Bill Lawrence's way of getting rid of a suspected bomb.

Two stewardesses on the B.E.A. Viscount—flying from Belfast to Glasgow with 71 passengers—found the thin banana-shaped object rolling on the floor in a pantry.

It was made of translucent plastic and was about seven inches long, with copper wire round it.

Sensitive

Carefully, they carried it onto the flight deck, where a window could be opened. Captain Lawrence then reduced height from more than 9,000ft. to a safe, unpressurised 5,000ft., and threw out the object.

The 30-year-old pilot from Paisley, Renfrewshire, said at Glasgow later: "This is a sensitive service from Belfast and I wanted to be ultra-safe. I don't know what the object was, but thought it could have been a pencil bomb."

"I thought the best place for it was out of the window. We were not in the mood for taking any chances."

And, apart from that low, unexpected swoop, none of the passengers knew anything about it until landing.

object as round, emanating a white glow, and sporting red and blue lights which flashed on and off while it moved in the direction of Irishtown.

The object stopped moving

after a period of time, and the lights went out, he said.

Local police forces and the Department of Transport indicated that they had received no reports of UFO activity in the area Tuesday evening.

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Course studies UFO's

and other phenomena

At Halloween, men's thoughts turn to apple bobbing, withes and other Unidentified Flying Objects.

At Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton, a hard core of interested people will also be observing that day and perhaps the night.

The people are students in an evening class instructed by John Musgrave, a former Californian who thinks everybody should be on the lookout for unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Musgrave, who says he has seen UFO's three times in his life, is offering the course to housewives, businessmen, students and "anyone wise who finds the subject interesting."

He says students attending the course will cover everything from UFO sightings, to hoaxes and psychological repercussions to an individual who is faced with

such phenomena. He says that sighting such an object can be a "religious experience".

Registration information is available through the Division of Continuing Education, 42508810, Ext. 240.

The course is to include film and picture presentations of purported sightings of UFO's throughout North America and Europe during the next years.

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"Bump" May Have Been Meteorite

Visual evidence of a meteor or meteorite falling to earth in the Pre d'En Haut area of southeastern New Brunswick Wednesday night has yet to be confirmed by scientists in Ottawa, it was learned Thursday.

Residents of the lower Petitcodiac River valley and upper Shepody Bay areas had earlier reported an earth tremor strong enough to shake houses and move pictures hanging on walls, but no dam-

CANADA

age from the disturbance. The Moncton weather office, meanwhile, received several reports of sightings of a brightly colored mass headed toward earth in the area late Wednesday night.

One man said he was driving toward Moncton on the St. Joseph-Dieppe highway when he saw a large green mass trailing a plume of orange-red streak past him and disappear over the tree-line. At the time of the occurrence he was near Folly Lake.

A spokesman for the physics department of Dalhousie University at Halifax Thursday reported a seismographic marking of a "small bump" in the area.

Time of the "small bump" was 11:20 p.m.

Time of the sighting of the heavenly mass was also 11:20 p.m.

An official in the department of energy, mines and resources at Ottawa Thursday night said other seismograph readings from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton were on their way to Ottawa by mail. These would be checked, he said, before scientists could hope to confirm or discount a meteor hit as being the source of Wednesday night's earth tremor.

See BUMP page 3

Moncton Times, N.B.

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No disturbances were reported in Sackville, Moncton or Bridgedale.

One Dorchester resident said he noted two actual bumps approximately eight minutes apart with the first one being severe and the second one not as bad.

A Hillsborough resident reported he thought there was an explosion and things fell off the shelves in his house from the shake it received.

A Hopewell Cape resident and a Dorchester Cape resident both reported having their "houses jarred" by the force of the tremor.

The last earthquake of any major proportions experienced in the Moncton area occurred about 6 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 7, 1855. Several shocks occurred during the course of the day resulting in minor damages. Several large openings were reported to have occurred in the main street and more were observed on the river bank.

bump in Springhill, N.S. that resulted in the closing of the mines there.

Dr. Stevens also noted during a telephone interview Thursday morning that Montreal had also experienced a small earthquake Wednesday night.

She said there was no actual explanation regarding why earthquakes happen, but that small ones in the Maritime Provinces are relatively common and are generally not serious.

She said the last one in the area occurred during the first week of August, 1970 in Fredericton.

Dr. Stevens also remarked that small earth tremors of this nature were very seldom followed by anything larger.

Various reports gathered from residents of the two counties indicated the areas affected included Dorchester, Dorchester Cape, Memramcook, West Hillsborough, Surrey, Edgett's Landing and Hopewell Cape.

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Other cases are on record with the department in Ottawa which indicate meteors have struck the earth in the western part of Canada, he said. Even with seismographic evidence the mass cannot always be actually found, however.

The only thing the Ottawa scientists had available for study as of Thursday was a reading of three on the Richter scale seismograph recorded there Wednesday night.

Dr. Anne Stevens, an official with the energy, mines and resources department's earth physics branch said Thursday morning the tremor had been recorded in the capital, describing it initially as a "very minor . . . earthquake."

The incident, according to a resident of Dorchester, felt like "a sort of a gut rumble." He said it was similar to the rumblings he had once felt during the

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Boys report seeing a flying object

FOUR young Crawshaw-booth boys who were out the other night report seeing an unidentified flying object in the sky above their homes.

Ten-year-old Lawrence Windley of 11 St Thomas's Road told the Free Press he and his friend Steven Parker, aged 10, were standing outside Steven's home at number 14, along with Guy Vincent (nine) of 15 St Thomas's Road, and 11-year-old Philip Jackson of number 13.

It was about 7 45 pm and said Lawrence: "It was no real shape, just glowing red and green. We saw it just above the moon on the Burnley side of our homes through a crack in the cloud for about five seconds."

Rawtenstall police say there have been no other reports of UFOs in the area.

Sault Ste. Marie Star, Ont.

Circ. 20,927

November 6, 1972

CANADA

CLIPPING SERVICE

Look into the sky

An agency in Britain is seeking to do what no one has been able to do in North America up till this time: Provide a serious accumulation of accurate information on Unidentified Flying Objects. The British UFO Research Association (Bufora) has issued a handbook advising people what to do when they sight an Unidentified Flying Object. The purpose of the book is to "dispel some of the woolliness and present the serious side of Ufology in a straightforward manner."

It describes eight things to do if a UFO is sighted, starting with "Stage One: Turn away, move a few paces, shut your eyes — then turn and see if the object is still there. Stage Two: If it is, examine it carefully . . . to memorize the essential details; then try to get at least one more witness . . ."

The handbook sounds like something that could be modified for Canadian use for those Canadians who seriously feel they have experienced a UFO sighting but who dismiss the experience and make no accurate account of it because of the fear of being scoffed at. However, there is one major modification that would have to be made in the directions contained in the British handbook, if it was to hit home with many Canadians. It says: "Suppose you were picnicking in the country and looking idly into the sky (and saw something) . . ."

In much of Canada the climate is such that most of the natives seldom picnic in the country, looking idly into the sky. Now, if the directions read: "Suppose you were stuck in mud or in a snowdrift and, while hiking a miserable distance to get aid, you were looking into the sky. . . ." Those directions we could relate to.

CANADA

Oct 1, 1972
Wellington, N.Z.:
Dominion Sunday Times

Now you see, NEW ZEALAND now you don't

DOZENS of Thames residents are convinced they've been seeing flying saucers for the past two months.

On clear nights they've seen strange lights which hang in the sky, then disappear and reappear higher up.

Most have said nothing for fear people will think they're mad.

A Thames girl, Mary McKearney, 20, and her friend, Else Beck, 21, saw the lights on Thursday night.

Miss McKearney said they looked like aircraft navigation lights, but they didn't move and vanished after

two minutes. "They stayed still, vanished, then appeared again a minute later higher up, and they kept on doing that," she said.

The girls watched the lights for two hours that night. Many others have noticed the lights in the direction of Ngatea, where some strange circles alleged to have been made by landing spacecraft, were found last year.

Miss Beck said she first thought the lights were those of aircraft "but the way they behaved they just couldn't be", she said.

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UFO Report

A UFO Photographed Over Osaka

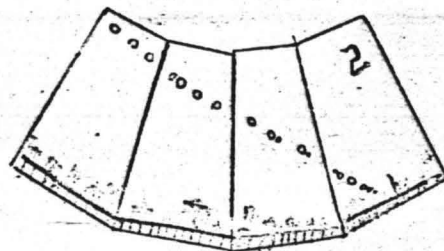
As to the UFO photo taken on the early morning of September 23, 1972, in Osaka City, the "NIPPON KEIZAI SHINBUN", September 28, 1972, reported as follows : "On September 27, when the UFO photographed over Okinawa became a topic in the street (because this news was reported in two of the main national newspapers in Japan on this morning - Editor), a photographer living in Osaka visited us and submitted a photo saying that a strange object showed up in his photo, too..."



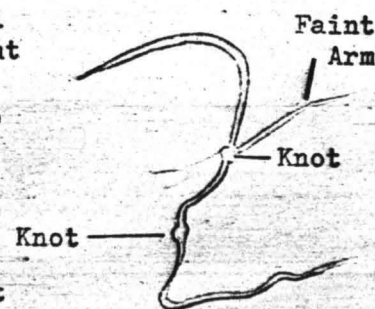
His name is Tatsuro Okazaki (41), living and having a small camera shop in Takeyama Building, 1-21-22, Tsurigane-cho, Higashi-ku, Osaka, the name of his shop being "Mikuni Photo".

I have visited him on September 29, and heard how it was taken. He wanted to take a photo showing the successive positions of the moon in the night sky during the whole night for the enlightenment of his 9-year-old son, Shin-ichi (3rd year grade primary school boy), but in order to do so, it was necessary to take four frames. He fixed his camera, Fujica 701, with 28mm Wide Angle lens, on the top of his building, and made successive exposures since around 10 o'clock in the night of September 22 up to around 5 o'clock in the morning of September 23. He selected the night of full moon, the night of Harvest Moon.

Exposures were made by opening the cap in front of the lens by hand, approximately once every 30 minutes, for 1-3 seconds each, depending upon the brightness of the moon at the time, with iris 5.6, shutter left open. Sometimes he made two or three successive exposures at a



Four frames were pasted up to show the successive positions of the Moon during the night.



Enlargement

time, so that two or three images of the moon were caught closely positioned with each other. In the photo in question, six images of the moon are shown diagonally in the left down corner of the picture, representing three groups of exposures (two exposures at the first time, one exposure only at the second time and three exposures at the third time), about 30 minutes apart with each other. When four photos were pasted up in the adequate arrangement in the fan-like position, the resulted one big frame showed the movement of the moon in the night of Harvest Moon clearly, as shown in the sketch. When I visited him, he showed me such resulted fine picture pasted in his album proudly. He said that in order to catch the lower scenery, too, in the pictures, he took the frames vertically. In the resulted picture, he identified and marked all outstanding buildings by name, and jotted the exact time of exposure beside each image of the moon, making this a very excellent educational material. Not only is it an excellent educational material, but also it is a superb fruit of his big efforts. In the right top corner of the picture, an enigmatic trail of something is caught by the lens. (The size of the image in the picture sketched overleaf is somewhat exaggerated in order to show the general appearance of the picture.) It is described in the newspaper as the "tail of light just as drawn by a fine brush, with a starry point". In fact, there is second, faint knot in the tail (lower one), and a faint side arm to the right and two (?) fainter arms are also discernible. As the picture was taken in the way as described in the above, it is highly probable that the image was caught in one of the exposures, or at least in one group of exposures, as the intervals between the groups of exposures are too wide to enable the picture to catch the movement of one object. Furthermore, as the duration of the exposure is so small, I feel it very difficult to assume that the movement of one object was caught in this way. I think it may be the trace of something's movement, but I can not say what it was. As to the nature of this strange image, the newspaper comments : "At first, it was hinted it was the Planet Venus, but as the Planet Venus could not be in the western sky in the morning, the speculation was cast away at once. Mr. Fumio Toda, of Astronomy Department of Osaka Municipal Electrical Science Museum, denies the possibility of it's being a star, saying "It is too low to be Capera (0.1 Magnitude)". As it was just after some sightings of strange flying object in Okinawa, people said that it, too, may have been a flying saucer, but all the specialists were against that idea. Professor Shigeji Fujinami of Kyoto College of Arts and Textile, who is an expert on the stronomical photography, says, "It may have been a trail of a meteor, or the phenomena of aerial electric discharge. But, if it was not, then it may have been a mischief of the camera."..." (Unquote) I do not think it was the mischief of the lens, and prefer the former hypothesis, i.e. that of "trail of a meteor", but can the meteor

progress in such a complicated way? Oh, I forgot one important factor : wind. If a meteor took a curved course in the sky and then the wind disfigured the trail? ... It's the point to check, I suppose... = Reported by Jun-Ichi Takanashi, Chairman.

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UFO Report

UFO Photos in Okinawa

- What They Tell.

Upon our urgent request, Mr. Masahiro Asanuma, who took the photos, supplied us the copies of photos promptly in two sizes, in cabinet size (17.6cm x 11.7cm) & service size (10.4cm x 6.9cm). Although newspapers reproduced only one photo in their pages, there were two photos, successfully taken on that night, as the newspaper accounts recounted. The enigmatic images on each photo are as roughly sketched herewith. The rough impression of Photo I is that some ectoplasmatic substance (or we may assimilate it to the toothpaste squeezed out of the tube) zigzagged forward in an upward arc. In the second photo, the progressing something became somewhat fainter and arced up almost vertically in the reverse way, as shown in the sketch. In the cursory inspection of the two images, it appears that the object arced up in the first photo and then arced up further in the second photo. But, it appears not easy to reconcile the two progress curves. In the minuter inspection, however, it becomes apparent that we must make the different interpretation of the images. We must take note and must not neglect the faint something which is trailing sideways (to the left horizontally) all along the progress curve. What is this and why does this trail sideways? Upon further inspection, we find a very unexpected and surprising fact: (It is apparent even in the smaller sized photo (Photo II). It is not so clear in the Photo I.) that the enigmatic image is solely composed of multitude of equal sized pentagons, overlapping with each other, as roughly sketched in the diagram A. This is for Photo II, but if you look at the Photo I, you will find that the image on it is also composed of multitude of pentagons.

Photo I.

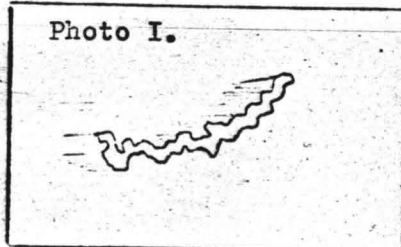
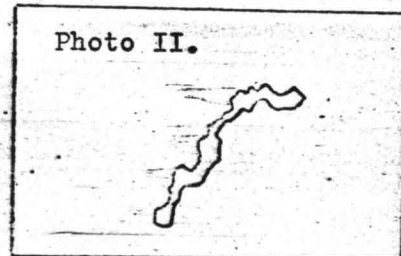


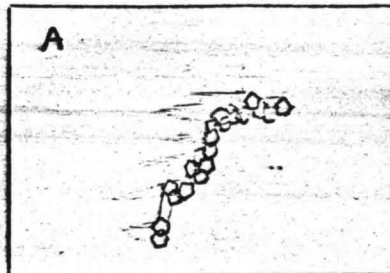
Photo II.



Rough sketches of the unidentified image in both photos.

"RYUKYU SHINPO" Sept.27, 1972 (See Our Newsletter Oct.11)

What does this mean? It is this way: the lens is out of focus on the light source and the image is blurred. Not only it is blurred, but by blurring, it is showing the shape of the iris of the camera. I do not know how the shape of the iris shows up when the light source (pinpoint light source, I mean) blurs, but such phenomena do happen frequently, are they not? Now about the zigzag way of object's progress, we can infer that it is not the image of the real progress, but due to the slight trembling of the hands which got hold of the camera. If you watch the black images at the right side and also at the under side of the photos, which represent the branches of a kind of pine-tree called Mokumao, which is very common in Okinawa, you can realize clearly that the camera moved during the release of the shutter. So, the curve of the image does not represent the real progress of the object. There is a good possibility that the object did not curve in its progress, not at all, and the object may have progressed only straight forward. We must check about this point by enquiring back to the witnesses of the same object at the same time at Young Boys' Field Center at Haneji, Nago City, how the object progressed when they observed. This assumption of mine appears to be vouchsafed by the existence of paralleled horizontal trails mentioned above. If you look back to the news accounts concerning the taking of these photos, you will find that the light progressed straightforward. And, now if we assume that this light source had been trailing a faint tail all the while, if the camera moved and the lens focus was wrong, then don't you think that such images as shown in these two photos resulted, even if the object progressed straightforward, showing the tail at all places of the progress curves, denser and longer where the image of the object dense (which means that the hands taking the camera was stable at that point for some time) and thinner (fainter) and shorter where the image is fainter or can not be discerned at all? If this interpretation of mine is correct, then (may I say it or must I not?) the intrinsic value of this set of UFO photos diminish, because the highly enigmatic and intriguing appearance of the images on these photos do not due to the actual nature or movement of the object, but due to the trembling of the hands and wrong focus. But, even if so, I suppose that the value of these photos is big, as I could understand the real nature of this kind of strange images of some UFO photos already mentioned in our September 27, 1972, issue. In fact, I could not understand those photos up until now, because no one has ever hinted at such interpretation of these photos in the UFO literature here,



and I haven't the opportunity of inspecting such photos closely, partly because I did not have much interest in such ambiguous images of UFO's. Now one riddle, of phenomenon was solved?
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UFO Report

Further Data on UFO Activity Around Okinawa

(1) We have received a few clippings from another of leading newspapers in Okinawa, "RYUKYU SHINPO" (Ryukyu News), one of which reports the sighting and photographing of the Unidentified Flying Object over Okinawa on the night of September 22, 1972, from the mouth of the student who took the photos. We report this as the supplement of our report in our Newsletter September 27, 1972 :

In this connection, please correct the following four place names, because, although we are using the same Chinese characters here in Japan proper and in Okinawa, the pronunciations in Okinawa are rather strange and we could not know them before checking them directly one by one :

L.10 Koroko Senior High School	→ Oroku Senior High School
L.14 Uji, Nago City	→ Haneji, Nago City
L.32 Kunigami-Mura	→ Kunigamison
L.32 Ogimimura	→ Ogimison (Pronounce Ohgimison)

(Son means village, to be pronounced as 'son' of 'song', not as 'sun'.)

On the evening in question, Mr. Masahiro Asanuma (21), 4th Grade Oroku Senior High School Correspondence Course student, who took the photos, and his about forty classmates, with their teacher Mr. Yoshio Takaesu (this pronunciation may also be wrong), were admiring the full moon, as it was the Day of Harvest Moon (the Japanese enjoys the full moon once a year on this day - one of the outstanding events in the life of Japanese people in general). The object flew from the western coast of Haneji to the direction of Kunigami to the east slowly for about two minutes and disappeared. Although the moonlight was very bright and the sky was rather light, the object was "fluorescent-coloured, like the moonlight", according to Mr. Asanuma. His camera was Cannon 35mm QL, with 50mm lens, iris 1.9, using Fuji Film monocro SS. He took the first two photos with flash but they were failures, and so, he set the shutter at B and took the next two photos with iris open and releasing the shutter for about 5-6 seconds each. These two were the photos which caused the sensation.

He Speaks of the sighting as follows :

"When I was enjoying the moon with my classmates and teacher, suddenly I saw a fluorescent-coloured light. At first I thought that the exploded U. S. Air Transport was falling down from the sky burning, but it was strange that no actual body was seen and no explosion was heard. It was as bright as the harvest moon. As the light progressed straightforward, my classmates made a fuss, crying "What is that ?", and about two hundred people around us also saw it. As we are enjoying the TV program, "Invador" currently, it was an interesting experience. I am very glad that I could catch pictures of strange 'enigmatic light' in the sky."

(2) As to other sightings of the similar object on the same night at about the same time at various other places around Okinawa, we have already commented in our Sept. 27 issue that there is a strange difference between the one photographed by Mr. Asanuma and the ones sighted at other places in that the flight direction was from west to east in the former case, whereas it was from north to south in the latter cases. How should we explain this ? Although it is easy to assume that the both are the sightings of different objects, it appears not reasonable to assume so, because the objects sighted at the north and south parts of Okinawa, around the central part where the object was sighted and photographed by Mr. Asanuma and others, flew from north to south, whereas the one sighted and photographed in the central part only flew from west to east. So, we must check this point carefully. For so doing, we will enumerate herewith other sightings in Okinawa at approximately the same time reported in both of Okinawa's two leading newspapers, "OKINAWA TIMES" & "RYUKYU SHINPO" already mentioned:

* Sept. 25

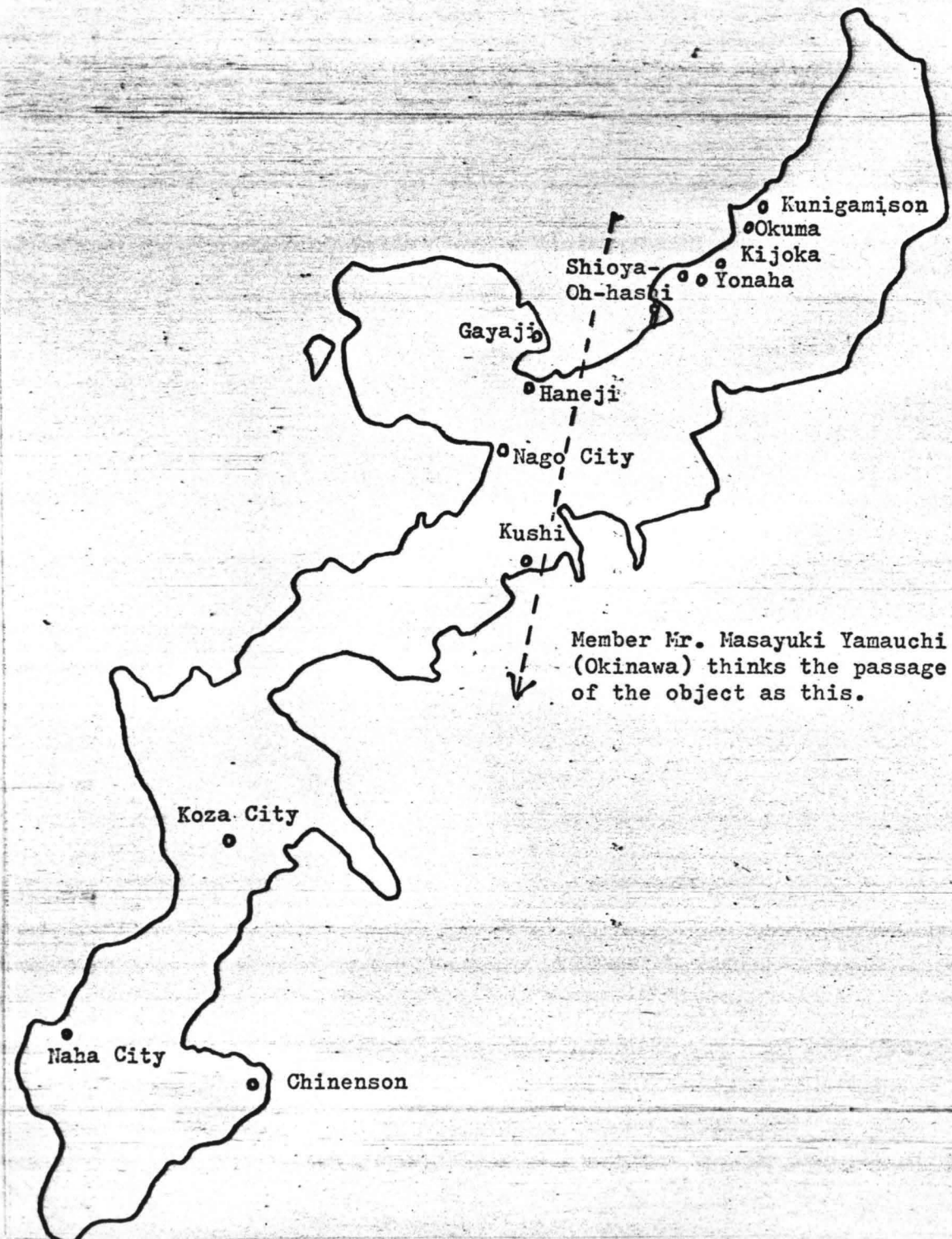
(Nago City; near to Haneji where the photos were taken, in the central part of Okinawa) "OKINAWA TIMES" reports : ((1)) When K. (16) was looking up the starry sky in his garden in the northern part of Nago City between 8: 30 and 9: 00 p.m. on that night, he found a red object fly southward from Kunigami district trailing a long tail, and notified his mother, who also confirmed it. ((2)) At Yagaji district, too, the same object was witnessed by an adult at about the same time. ((3)) In the city street district, too, 6th grade primary school boy asserted soberly that he, too, had sighted the similar object. ((4)) Another witness, Mr. C., a 49-year-old merchant in the suburbs of Nago City, testified with mystified face that when he was delivering beers to the bars in the city streets, he saw a similar object flew from Misaki Omiya-no-mori to the direction of Kushi.

(Chinenson, in the south part of Okinawa) "OKINAWA TIMES" Sept. 27 reports : ((5)) 13 salary men from Naha City, who were enjoying the moon in Chinenson on that night, also saw the same object.

(Ogimison, in the north part of Okinawa) "RYUKYU SHINPO" Sept. 26 reports: When Mr. 136 Can (Editor: We don't know how to pronounce his first name, although his last name is very strange.) was near

also

cont



Shioya Oh-hashii in Ogimison (his address is : 100-1, Ageda, Koza City, and he is employed at the Taihei Nursary School) at around 8 o'clock on Sept. 22 with his three colleagues on their way to the camp, they saw the same object. Just after passing the place, they saw a firework-like object flew from north to south, shining brightly trailing a long tail. Getting out of their car, they have observed it for 2-3 minutes, at the end of which the object disappeared into the clouds.

((7)) When Mr. Yasuo Kinjo (22) living in the suburbs of Nago City and two other men had just passed in front of the Hentona Senior High School at Yonaha in the suburbs of Ogimison on their way to net-hauling festival in the beaches of Okuma in the suburbs of Kunigamison, they found out an unidentified object flying from the sky over Okuma Beach to the direction of the mountain at Kijoka. It was trailing a tail just like a comet in the sky not so high and the light was a reddish one just like the headlights. It was flying with a slow speed just as when an airplane is landing. "It had no noise and it was clear that it was not an airplane. It was too slow to be a comet and the glow was too dull, too. It gave me an impression that it was flying rather slowly. As I had my camera, I prepared to take a photo, but it was too late. We could observe it for about two minutes."

(We have forgotten to mention in the above that at the end of various sightings around Nago City, the "OKINAWA TIMES" Sept. 25 added, "In summing up the narratives of the witnesses of the object, the object was sighted for about 30 seconds, flying from north to south trailing a reddish wide tail". As you may have observed, although this newspaper reported the duration of sightings as about 30 seconds, the other newspaper and Mr. Asanuma stated the duration of sightings as about 2 minutes. Which is correct - that is the vital question....)

Another Sighting of UFO On September 25, 1972 It may be appropriate here to report another sighting the day three days later similarly in Okinawa. At about 8:00 p.m. on September 25, 1972, Miss Mariko Ire (20), living at Shuri-Sueyoshicho, Naha City, saw with her younger brother the similar object, on which she said, "It was a strange one, because it proceeded and also receeded."

Opinion Divides between "Big Fireball" and "Flying Saucer" Theories Between two main newspapers in Okinawa, "OKINAWA TIMES" and "RYUKYU SHINPO", the opinion differs as to the real nature of the object. The "RYUKYU SHINPO", to which the photographs were originally submitted by the student, took the side of "flying saucer" and the opposing newspaper, the "OKINAWA TIMES", which has never put the photo on its page, take the side of "Big meteor or fireball", or "ball lightning", quoting the opinion of Mr. Sadao Murayama, head of the physical research department of Nation-