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Dear Subscribers:

We are sorry for the delay with this issue. It was due to an ever increasing work load and the new Xerox 1000 just installed (we hope you notice an improvement in the copies). All for now, next issue should be out about March 15th, thank you. Rod Dyke/ Director UFORC

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The Flashing Quill

CR: George Fawcett.

Forest City, THIS WEEK, Jan. 10, 1973
North Carolina

The Ellenboro UFO

by Ron Paris

First there was the Monster of M^r. Vernon, and now...

"I know people are going to think I'm crazy," said Billy Gowan of Ellenboro, "but I don't care. I saw it."

What Gowan, a freshman at East High, saw was, well...er...ah...let him tell it:

"It was about 10:15 Monday morning, and I was on the phone calling Pat Nanney (Gowan is the East High reporter for radio station WBBO), and all of a sud-

den my radio started acting funny, squealing.

"I glanced out the kitchen window and saw this thing in the air..."

And therein lies his tale.

"It was tilted slightly and it was coming downward toward the ground. It hovered a bit, blowing snow up, and then I watched it land."

"It" was a red and gold thing "really weird, with some

kind of orange colored...I guess it was flame...coming out of it. It was about a foot high and four or maybe five inches in diameter, but it was squarish, not round. I couldn't really get a perfect description of it because I never got real close. About 50 feet is as close as I ever got."

Anyway, Gowan's conversation with Pat Nanney was cut extremely short. "I hung up the phone, grabbed my camera and ran outside. I stopped and took a picture of it sitting on the ground, but then as I started to move closer to it, it took off."

"It was like - well, you've seen them take off from the moon and all that stuff blows up - it looked like that."

"It went straight up for about 50 feet and then there was a sound like a shotgun firing, and it took off real fast and flew away."

Whatever it was left a hole in the snow about three inches across and cleared to the ground beneath. "There are all these little black particles in the snow around it, and this greenish - looking stuff in the hole in the snow. It doesn't smell very good at all."

Gowan said he photographed the hole and then took samples of the "greenish - looking stuff", mixed with a little snow, and put it in a test tube, which he showed me. It looked, well, green.

He said the thing appeared to be controlled "maybe by radio or something. I don't really know".

He offered no theories about what it might have been.

"I have never seen anything like it. I have seen some weird things in the sky on occasion, but never anything like this," he said.

All of which leaves Billy, the

only eyewitness, with a roll of as - yet undeveloped color film, hopefully containing some documentation of his experience, and a test tube full of green liquid, which he says he would like to have analyzed if he had any idea where to go to have it done.

And me? I just report... you can come to your own conclusions.

And until the film is developed and/or the green stuff analyzed, and possibly even thereafter, I will refrain from comment on this particular incident.

But a sidelight to it...

The original call, which didn't come from Gowan but from a friend of his, was taken by my illustrious associate, Bill Blair, since I was out, interviewing legislator Robert A. Jones.

Bill called me at Bob's office and said "you're not going to believe this..." which is what the caller had said to him, and then filled me in on the details.

I hung up and said to Bob, "you're not going to believe this..." Apparently the phrase is contagious.

At which time Bob's mother, Mrs. B. T. Jones, who happened to be standing nearby, told of three men - she used only first names and I didn't catch those - who "never really told anyone what they saw over Forest Lake Acres that time..."

And promptly, despite my eager questioning, dropped the subject.

Anyone else with stories is invited to call in. I promise not to scoff (underneath it all I am really a believer). At any rate, we'll keep you posted of any new developments.



Billy Gowan and "landing site"

Dec 3, 1972
Santa Barbara, Calif.
News-Press

SOUTH OF CITY

'Strange object' in sky reported

Leon Bonotaux, 1421 Chapala St., says he watched launchings at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Bonotaux said the object was not "an airplane, a balloon, a bird or group of birds, a jet or rocket or contrail thereof nor a freak cloud."

"THERE ARE lots of tricky shapes in the sky," said Bonotaux. "This was none of them." The color changed to orange-red and disappeared as the sun set, Bonotaux said, "looking as if it were a reflection of the sun on the belly of something. It was not dramatic it was just there."

Bonotaux said his wife was with him when he saw his last UFO over Pacoima in 1952, "but I couldn't get anyone to verify this because of the traffic."

Bonotaux says he sells home study courses in accounting for a national company.

By Metter Residents

'UFO' Discovered

By JEANNETTE FISH
Staff Writer

"Flying saucers" — shiny objects flitting through the skies — have been reported for years in the United States. Some folks take these reports seriously. Others scoff.

Last week, a Candler County couple saw such an object hovering near their home, they said. They stared, then they ran for the cameras. And they gave the Polaroid pictures they snapped to the Morning News.

The couple, who live near Metter, have asked not to be identified because they do not wish to be harassed by queries from the curious and the skeptics.

The woman plans to provide information on the sighting to the Air Force, along with the pictures.

Last Tuesday, about 9 a.m., she said, they saw a silvery object hovering near their home and, thinking it was some new kind of helicopter and it might be in trouble, went out for a closer look.

Helicopters frequently fly over the Metter area. But helicopters make a lot of noise. This thing didn't the woman said.

It just hovered, silently, in the air above a wooded section about half a mile from their home, she said.

She said it came down a little from the altitude where it was when they first saw it, and circled around hovering in the same area.

It remained in the area for about 30 minutes, she said.

Then, suddenly, the top of the object glowed red as it took off

at a great speed and suddenly disappeared.

"We haven't seen it since," she said.

However, when she showed the 11 pictures she and her husband had taken to her 80-year-old mother, the elderly lady said she had seen one like it the night before.

Only the one she saw, the mother said, had a ring of lights round it. But, then it had been at night.

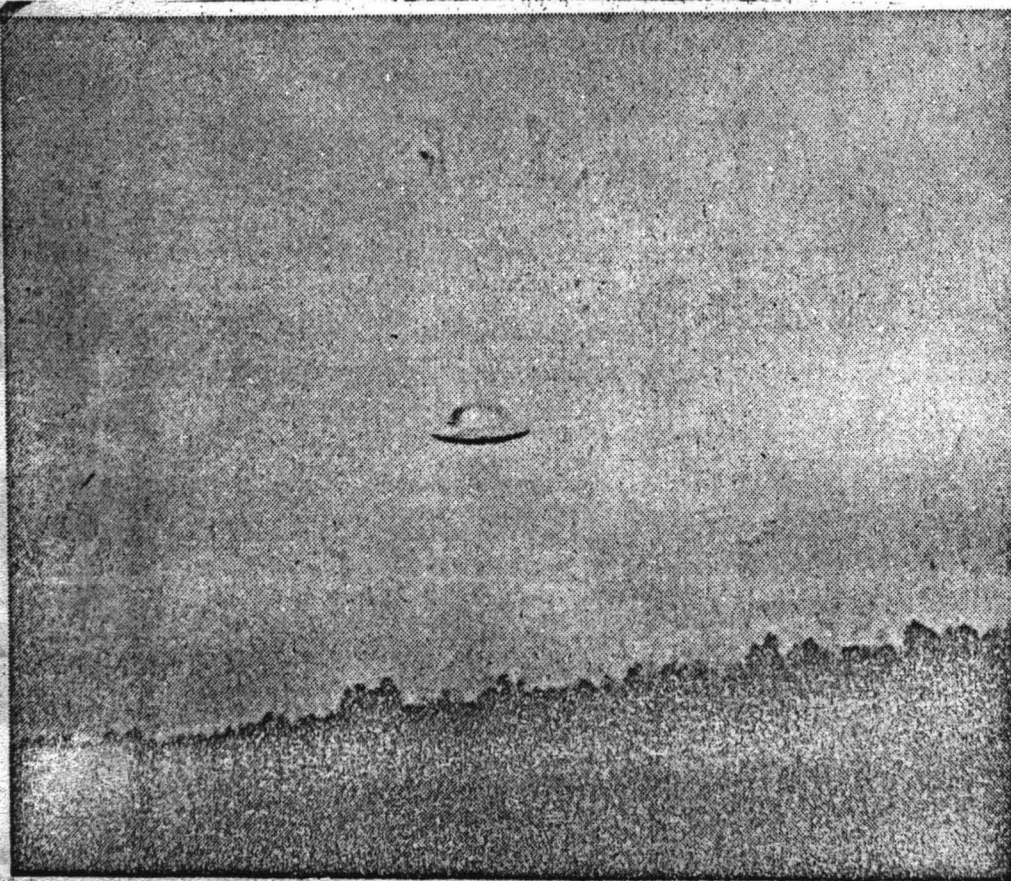
The woman has stated that she will fill out a report for the Air Force and for a private agency that is serious about logging information on unidentified flying objects.

In the meantime, keep an eye out for a large, silvery object, shaped like an upside-down saucer, hovering silently over Georgia.

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'Flying Saucers' circle above a home in Candler County near Metter. The couple that reported the sighting plan to report the incident to the Air Force. The 'UFO' hovered silently for about 30 minutes before departing.

Jan 25, 1973
Santa Ana, Calif.
Register (M. Ed.)

Brilliantly-Lit UFO Sighted In Santa Ana

By BOB KIRKPATRICK

SANTA ANA—On Jan. 2, The Register received two telephone reports of a brilliantly-lit unidentified flying object seen maneuvering in the evening sky in the vicinity of Flower Street Park, near Bolsa Avenue and Bristol Street.

Agreeing to keep the identity of the observers in confidence, The Register relayed the sighting reports to the Los Angeles subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), a civilian group dedicated to the collection, investigation and analysis of reports of unidentified flying objects.

The NICAP subcommittee referred the reports to one of its members, Mrs. Ann Druffel of Pasadena, for investigation. Based on her inquiry, Mrs. Druffel reports that the object was viewed by at least eight persons from four different locations in Santa Ana.

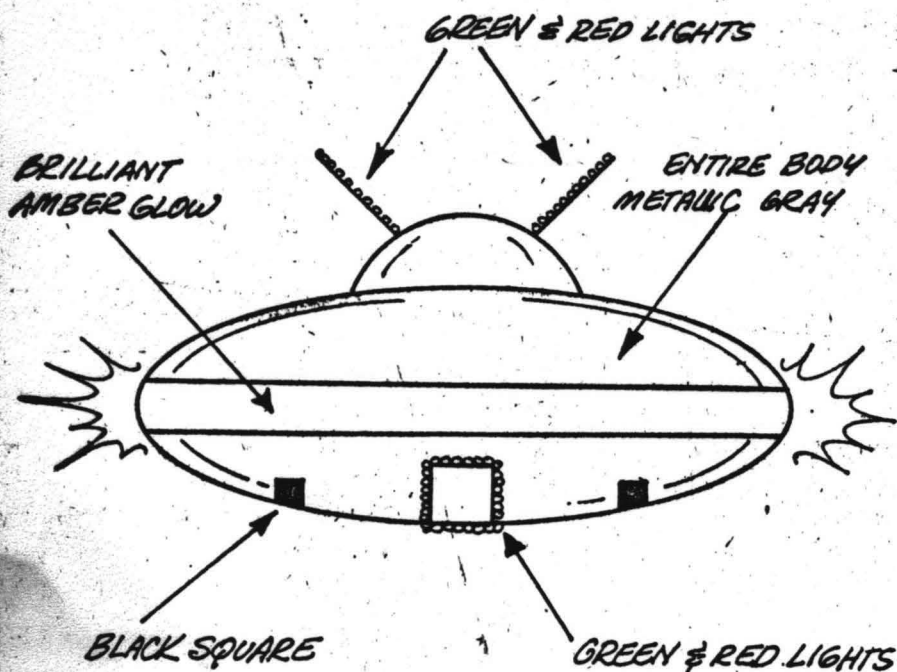
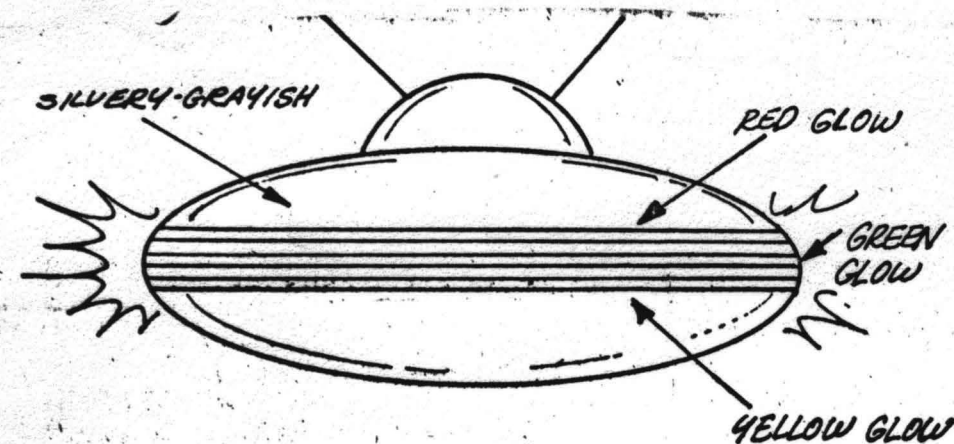
Observers reported that the object was quite large, perhaps fifty feet or more in diameter, oval in shape, with a high dome on top. Viewers stated that at times it hovered at heights estimated as low as two hundred feet from the ground. Lights observed on the object were reported as red, green, blue, amber, and yellow and white glowing circles, lines and panels.

Mrs. Druffel states that witnesses' descriptions of the object were fundamentally the same in regard to its shape and the color of its lights. She noted, however, that observers at different locations differed in their description of the configuration or arrangement of the multicolored lights.

At about 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, a Santa Ana housewife told her, an object resembling a large, amber-colored meteor sped through the evening sky from the northeast, then suddenly dropped straight down and hovered above telephone wires near the spot where she was watching, in the vicinity of Flower Street Park. She estimated its height while hovering at 200 to 400 feet.

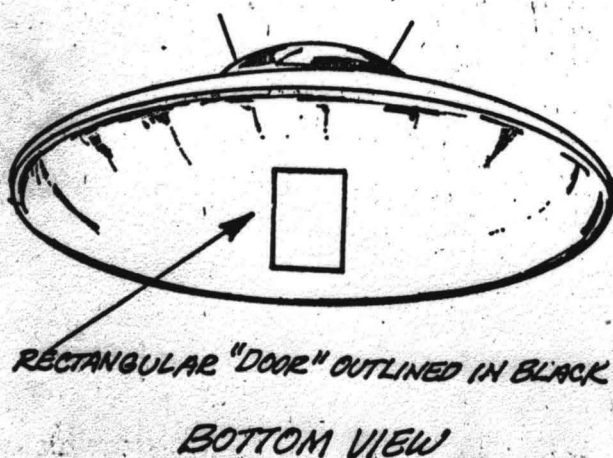
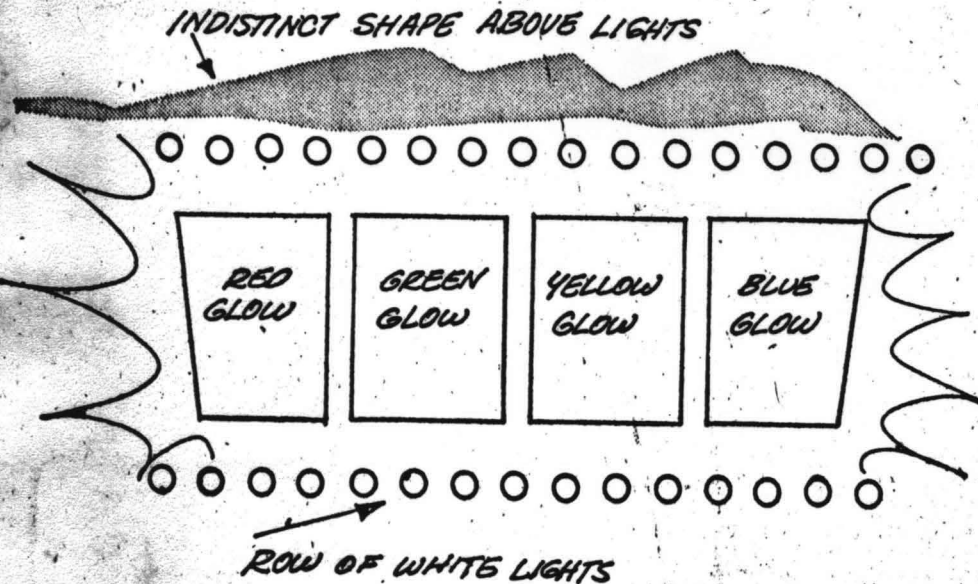
The woman described the object as a metallic silvery gray in color, elliptical in shape like two saucers fastened rim to rim. A wide band of brilliant amber light encircled the middle, she continued, and the entire thing "spun like a child's top."

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Register artist's concept of UFO configuration, following sketches made by Mrs. Ann Druffel, who interrogated persons involved in sighting. Figure at top was described by first group of observers,

the one below it by second group. Note the similarity of certain details. Description made by third party is shown below, depicting brightly glowing colored panels.



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Jan. 25, 73
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Atop the object was a dome, according to her report, and as the object tipped at an angle she saw what appeared to be a "door" on the bottom portion. The "door" was outlined by alternating green and red flashing lights. Also, she noted two "antennae" protruding from the

dome, each one delineated by similar red and green flashing lights. The lights at top and bottom flashed in unison, she stated.

After hovering for about 7 seconds, the object sped toward the southwest "at a terrific rate of speed." As it started to move, she recalls, a hum like an electric generator was heard.

Stating that she had done considerable flying (as a passenger) for many years and that she was thoroughly familiar with all types of conventional aircraft, the woman told Mrs. Druffel that this object was

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strange, something she had never seen before, and that she "considered it was a real

Ten or fifteen minutes earlier, the witness states, the object had been observed two blocks to the north by her 12-year-old daughter, accompanied by her cousin, 10. The girls said they had seen the object descend out of the eastern sky and hover above a nearby tree, apparently only hundreds of feet from the ground. Frightened, they ran inside a nearby market from where they watched the object tilt and spin while hovering above the tree. The shape they described was identical to that outlined by the mother, the color grayish, but the arrangements of the lights were peculiarly different. Around the rim, the girls reported, were three distinct bands of glowing color: red on the top, then green, then a dull yellow-gold. Two antennae angled out from the dome, and a rectangular door was seen on the bottom, but neither antennae nor door were outlined with any lights.

As the object hovered, the girls continued, the three bands of light seemed to spin at a slower rate than the object itself, as if the glowing bands were not connected to the body of the object.

It traveled away toward the west as the frightened youngsters ran eastward to their home.

A third group of observers, Mrs. Druffel reports, said they saw the object from a slowly moving car about one mile southwest of the other sightings, some minutes later. This group comprised a Santa Ana mother and her three children, the oldest of whom is 12. They spotted the object hovering over a nearby home on a darkened street. Startled by the object and its proximity, the woman dared not stop her car. She stated that she and her children studied the object for about a minute until it began to move toward the west.

The body of the object, in this case, was reported as indistinct but did present a distinct pattern of lights—differing from the pattern described by earlier observers. Four bright glowing panels were seen, colored red, green, yellow and blue. The panels were stationary, while two rows of white lights were seen—above and below the multicolored panels. The upper row of lights was longer than the row at the bottom. No antennae or doors were seen, however.

Still a fourth report coming to Mrs. Druffel's attention was the statement of a Santa Ana woman who reports seeing the object around 6:30 p.m., coming from the direction of the Marine Corps Air Facility. She stated that she has seen the same object once before on a different date.

When apprised of these sighting reports, Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist, lecturer and authority on UFOs, told The Register that it was encouraging to note that the observers had volunteered a report of

their sighting. Friedman pointed out that since the termination of the Air Force's "Project Blue Book," a program aimed at the collection and analysis of UFO reports, the public has been either unwilling to reveal UFO sightings for fear of ridicule, or is at a loss as to what agency should be contacted in making a UFO report.

Friedman stated that he would welcome bona fide reports on UFO sightings—including any unreported in the past. Reports should be addressed to Stanton T. Friedman, 2420 Grant Ave., Apt. 3; Redondo Beach, Calif. 90278.

Police Handle All Calls

GEORGE FAUCETT

No Saucers Reported

If anyone else is seeing what Gerald Summey and his co-workers see, they aren't reporting it to the local authorities.

Checks made yesterday with Mecklenburg County Police Department, Charlotte Police, the control tower at Douglas Airport and the weather bureau turned up no reports.

WRIGHT PATTERSON Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, at one time carried out Project Blue Book, the compilation and examination of flying saucer reports, or UFOs.

But that project was terminated in 1968 and a spokesman at the base said, "Our instructions are to refer all callers to their local police."

Col. William D. Hatcher, information officer for the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington D.C., said, "There is no machinery for the Air Force to receive reports anymore. The government decided there is no official explanation, no matter what people say they saw."

"I won't tee-hee. I think I saw one, but I have no place to take it. I'm a pilot and I've even been sent out of the traffic pattern to see if I could

see something that was reported to the base."

He mentioned the astronauts saying they saw shiny objects, but research has shown nothing.

Terry White, public information specialist for NASA at Houston, said the astronauts, in many cases saw water droplets from their waste tank that traveled with the craft. "Reflected light on a single drop one kilometer away can appear brighter than the brightest star."

"I CAN safely say you're not seeing a NASA machine. Our guys in space flights have seen objects. Apollo 10 saw the booster stage when it went into solar orbit. It was 3,000 miles away and they definitely could not identify it."

"But given the angle from the ground and the air, it all matched up. You might say that was an IFO — identified flying object," he said.

"There have been cases when groups of people, including airline pilots who are usually pretty stable, seeing things at the same time. Obviously these people aren't hallucinating. It could have been anything, even marsh gases."

White said NASA has no answer.

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Gaffney S.C. Ledger
The News, Pleasant Walter was with Summey near Woodbridge, Va., when Summey said the object seemed to turn its dome light off and on. Norman Self, a driver from Bowling Springs, N.C., was with Summey when they sighted the object about one and a half miles outside Rock Hill, S.C. It was pouring rain at the time, and the object dropped down out of the clouds, followed the truck a distance and whisked back into the clouds. Accompanied by another Charlotte trucker, Summey as the object landed in a field. The object appeared oval, with a black base and holes all around the base area. Mike Robinson, also of Charlotte, described it as being a big object with lights all around it. Walter said it looked like a white light and an orange colored light. According to The News, Akers Motor Lines personnel manager Bob Richardson says Summey's work is reliable and that he has no history of any problems. Richardson said he has no qualms about Summey's personal habits nor his character. Summey reportedly neither drinks, smokes nor "pops pills" to stay awake. Charlotte News reporter Edith Low and photographer Tommy Franklin followed Summey last week on his 500-mile route to Harrisburg, Pa. Low says they saw the object, too, and Franklin photographed it—but what it was, nobody knows.

A Charlotte, N.C., truck driver is convinced he is being followed by a flying saucer, according to a report in the Tuesday, January 23, edition of The Charlotte News. Gerald Summey, a driver for Akers Motor Lines of Charlotte, says an oval-shaped object, which glows like a phosphorescent light, began following his big semi trailer truck about three months ago near Charlottesville, Va.; and he has been watching it ever since. At least a dozen of Summey's trucker friends say they have seen the object, too, according to

Truck Driver Believes 'Saucer' Follows Him
S. Carolina
Jan. 26, 73
Gaffney S.C. Ledger

OTHERS SAW 'FLYING LIGHTS'

Youth Claims 'Saucer' Landed On Highway

By Rodger Painter
Area News Editor

You might not believe this, and officially they don't exist, but...

A Cherokee County youth, who for obvious reasons asked not to be identified, said he was traveling south on S. C. Highway 18 about 13 miles south of Gaffney about 11:25 p. m. Friday, January 19, when his attention was attracted to a number of various colored lights flashing on and off in the highway directly ahead of his car.

Thinking there had been a wreck and that the lights were signals from wreckers and patrol cars, the youth began slowing his

vehicle. However, when he got closer to the scene he was shocked to see that there was no wreck, but that the flashing lights he observed were originating from a domed, saucer-shaped object sitting in the middle of the road and surrounded by about a dozen men.

The youth, who for a moment doubted his sanity and who admittedly was very frightened by what he saw, turned his car to the left onto a secondary road near the object and quickly fled.

In an interview the following Monday night, January 22, the youth said the object, which was supported by three legs or struts

and which occupied about three-fourths of the highway, glowed a dark yellow similar to the glow of a light bulb. Extending from the bottom portion of the object was a set of steps or a ladder.

Around the object were about a dozen men, each wearing an outfit resembling white coveralls on which were various buttons, buckles and belts. The men were of average height and had faces the color of Caucasians; each of them appeared to have "jet black" hair. On their hands were what appeared to be white gloves. The witness didn't remember observing their feet.

The men did nothing but stand

in their position near the object. Those who were facing in another direction away from the witness, slowly turned their heads and looked at the approaching car but showed no particular interest in it.

An unusual fact about the men, one which the witness was reluctant to mention, was that they appeared to waver, much as an object appears to do when viewed through the heat radiating from a heater. As the youth said, "They sort of wiggled like a worm."

The object itself had a curved bottom "like a plate," and a curved or angled upper section

capped by a dome. The dome, the witness said, was the most prominent characteristic of the object because of its large size. The position below the dome was thinner as measured from the curved bottom to the base of the dome. The flashing lights, which had been the prelude to the experience, were arranged in a band around the base of the dome. The lights were "all colors—green, blue, red, white" and didn't appear to be arranged in any particular order.

There were no windows or other openings in the object other than in the area where the steps were located. However, that

section of the object was turned away from the witness and could not be observed closely. It appeared as though the steps were made into a door, one end of which had dropped from the curved bottom of the object.

The witness said there would not have been enough space for his car to pass under the object and that the men could not have stood beneath it without stooping. He also said a car could not have passed the object on the highway and noted that he had met no other vehicles prior to observing the object.

He estimated that the object covered about three-fourths of

the width of the highway, which would place its diameter at 15 feet at least, since the highway pavement in that area measures about 22 feet in width, according to State Highway Department figures.

The height of the object, from its curved bottom to the top of the dome, was judged to be about the same as its width. The object appeared to be constructed of a material resembling fiber glass.

A later visit to the alleged landing site revealed no physical evidence that the reported event actually occurred. However, the youth's story is supported by

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statements from several other persons who reportedly saw unusual, flying lights in the same area during the same week. One woman said that a light followed her car for a considerable distance down Highway 18 late Monday night, January 15, near the site of the alleged landing. She said the light continued to follow the car after she turned onto a secondary road leading to her home and remained close by for a period of time after she had gone into the house.

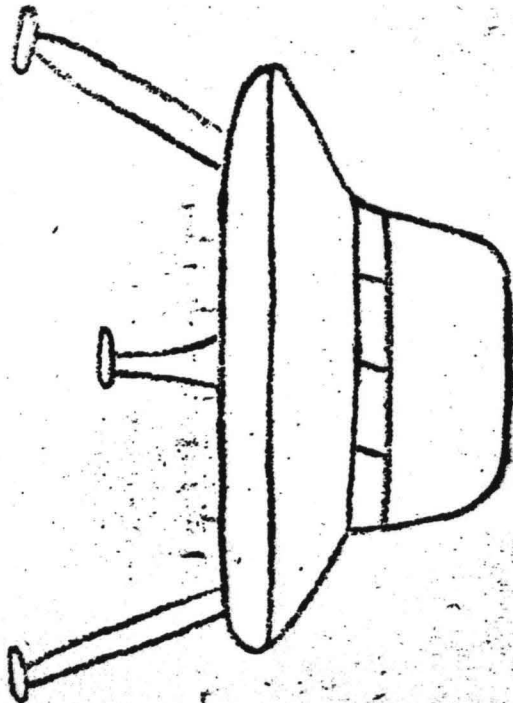
At least three other persons are said to have seen mysterious lights flying in the same area, one of them on the same night of the alleged landing.

Perhaps it should be noted at this time that the youth said he does not drink and had not been smoking marijuana nor taking other drugs. He did not believe in "flying saucers" prior to his experience nor was he particularly interested in them. However, he is now seriously considering the possibility of their existence.

CR: GEORGE FAWCETT

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Gaffney Ledger, Friday, January 26, 1973



THIS IS IT—This is a rough drawing, made by the witness, of the object a Cherokee County youth said he saw sitting in the middle of the road on Highway 18 south of Gaffney Friday night. The domed, saucer-shaped object was supported by three legs or struts and was surrounded by about a dozen men, the witness said. The object glowed yellow in color and had a band of different colored, flashing lights around the base of the dome. When he first saw the flashing lights, the witness said he thought there had been a wreck in the road ahead of his car.

Staffers See Object Three

GEORGE FAWCETT
Times

By EDITH LOW
News Staff Writer

News photographer Tommy Franklin and I loaded his cameras, telephoto lens, lights and our overnight bags into my car at 6:15 Wednesday night. His wife and three of his children watched.

Our assignment: Follow Gerald Summey in his semi trailer truck on the 500-mile drive to Harrisburg, Pa., and see if we could see what he says he sees and get pictures of the unidentified flying object.

And you know what? We did see it — three times.

The idea of following a tractor trailer truck for more than a thousand miles was not Tommy's idea of a fun assignment.

HE DIDN'T WANT to go, looked on it as a wild goose chase. He didn't believe in flying saucers and the idea of trying to photograph one was, well, ridiculous.

Me? When the magnitude of what might be out there, after talking to Gerald Summey and his peers, had left me a bit overwhelmed at first.

I had never seen a flying saucer. True, I've known perfectly sane people who say they have and while I didn't discredit them, neither did I believe.

Anyway, I settled down and began to look forward to the assignment. Tommy told his family goodby and we drove to Akers Motor Lines terminal where we were met by Summey and his partner, Douglas Pye.

We talked about where to stop for gas, what to do if we got separated, how to signal for stops. At 7:30 p.m., we left Charlotte.

The drivers carried a two-way radio in the truck cab and we carried one in the car. We could talk back and forth fine as long as we stayed within about a mile of each other.

TRAFFIC WAS heavy and my nervous stomach had returned as we took I-85 toward Greensboro.

Just before we reached Concord the lights on the back of the big semi flashed and the right-hand turn signal blinked. The truck pulled over and Summey was out, racing toward us and pointing wildly to the right.

The saucer, I thought. We'll see it now, get pictures and go home.

Grabbing his camera, Tommy hopped out of the car; I shut the motor off and turned on my flashers. I grabbed the binoculars I'd brought along and slid across the seat to the right.

"There it is, there it is," Summey was saying, still pointing skyward.

All I could see was the blinking light on a tower of some sort and an airplane. Tommy had his camera up, but couldn't find anything.

"Where is it? I don't see anything," he said. Summey calmed down a moment and focused our attention on what looked like a low, bright star. It moved toward Charlotte a bit, then stopped.

TOMMY SAID he could then see something through the camera lens but it wasn't close enough to tell what, nor to photograph.

Traffic zipped by. I rested the binoculars on the side of the car. I could see an oval shaped blur of bright greenish white light with a rosy glow near the center.

"It is something oval and it is bright," I told the others.

The object began to dance up and down so rapidly that the lights formed an erratic pattern in the sky, much like the pattern of the heartbeat of a dying person on a scanner in an operating room.

The colors were beautiful, appearing more green and white than before; the rosy part added to the beauty.

"I see it, I see it," I told Tommy. He took the binoculars and was visibly affected.

But Tommy, a calm, unexcitable fellow, remained for the most part calm and unexcitable.

"I can't get a picture, it's too far away," he said.

SUMMEY WAS excited. He raced down the slope into the nearby field, calling as he ran, "It may come in to me if I go out here."

All he succeeded in doing was to get his feet wet in the muddy field.

"It'll come in closer. It'll come right to me before the night is over," he said.

He climbed back into the truck and we put our equipment into the car and set out again.

We stopped in Greensboro on U.S. 29 for barbecue sandwiches and hot coffee. The drivers talked about how much Akers frowned on drivers who drink on the road or pop pills to stay awake. (I had already been told by the firm officials that this is a firing offense.)

Summey pointed out what he said was the object before we reached Rustburg, Va., where we stopped for coffee again. Tommy wasn't sure again. In the meantime, he focused on something else which looked much like what we'd seen the first time.

IT WAS STAYING with us, though at a distance. Summey ran out into a field there, too, but to no avail.

At Rustburg, we stopped at a truck stop. Again, Tommy and I looked at the object through the binoculars. It still was oval, but more, as Tommy put it, like a tire spinning with the treads toward us. People inside the truck stop looked out the window at us. Inside the restaurant people were teasing Summey and Pye about what they say they have been seeing. Summey stuck to his story, even invited them to go outside and see for themselves. They didn't. Pye was quiet.

We left the restaurant in high spirits.

Summey suggested Pye ride with us and he go alone to see if the object would come closer. Pye crawled into the back of my car and we drove to the entrance and stopped to wait for Summey to pass and lead.

He didn't come. Pye suggested he may have gone out the lower drive and would be waiting for us at the gas station in Lynchburg. We couldn't raise him on the radio.

SUMMEY WASN'T at the station. As the attendant filled my car with gas and cleaned the windshield, Tommy called over the radio, "Gerald, come in Gerald. Okay, Gerald, you can stay up there a little while."

Then he'd stare through the binoculars at the object again. It wasn't going anywhere. It might well have been just another star for all we could tell without the binoculars.

Pye still thought Summey was ahead of us. After 30 minutes of driving, he was beginning to be concerned. We had turned the car around and headed back toward the restaurant. When Tommy said the object was behind us.

That's when Pye again said he was sure we'd find Summey parked on down the road because that thing stayed with him.

Turning again, we found Summey parked about five miles further than we'd gone on the first lap.

The trip was resumed.

AROUND the Washington bypass there were airplanes that looked similar with their blinking lights, but it was easy to distinguish them through the binoculars.

There simply was no comparison.

We drove for miles. About 4 a.m. Thursday, a skeptical Tommy and I were getting tired. We decided not to drop out at that point because we had nothing except our word for what we had seen. We'd follow through until broad daylight, then check into a hotel, and get some rest.

At 6:40 a.m. the sun was trying to show its face. The sky was a soft lavender and rose over Thurmont, Md. Not a star was in sight. The moon was beginning to fade in the west.

Summey again signaled, stopped the truck and pointed out the object. It was brighter, and Tommy began taking pictures.

I looked through the binoculars. The same sparkly oval was there. It was almost like a ferris wheel spinning, its lights a blur of rosy red, greenish white. A magnificent sight. It

was lower and closer than it had been at any time all night, but still not close enough to distinguish from a star with the human eye.

TOMMY EXCHANGED the camera for the glasses. The bright blur lifted a little in the sky, but it still was not going to come in to naked eye range, it seemed.

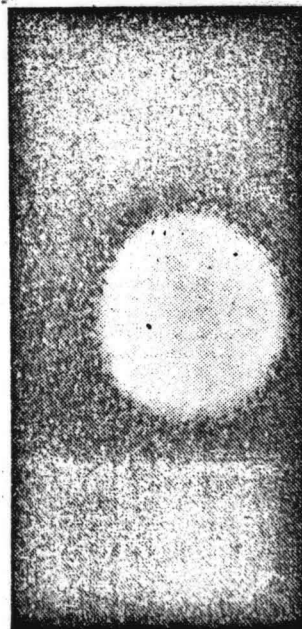
Tommy and I felt a sense of awe at the sight. This was not a plane, nor a weather balloon, nor a stationary light. Of that we were certain.

We rode on down the highway, Tommy watching with binoculars, me driving. I could see the brightness to our right at a glance out the window — a pinpoint of light accented against a lavender cloud in an otherwise empty sky.

Then, as the moon settled and the sun rose, the object lifted out of sight, leaving us to wonder at what we really had seen.

Tommy looked at me and expressed my unspoken thoughts... "I'm a believer," he said.

News Photographer Tommy Franklin shot this picture of the object with a Nikon F camera with 300mm lens, 1/125th at F 4.5. It was focused on infinity.



Incident at Exeter Revisited THE EXETER NEWS-LETTER
DEC. 7, 1972 BRACZYK

UFO Sightings: Old as Man?

EXETER NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Mark Eicher

THE EXETER NEWS-LETTER

Since before the prophet Ezekiel saw a "great cloud with light around it," people have been seeing objects in the sky that have in many cases escaped explanation.

Reports of peculiar cloud-like formations, glowing balls sometimes as large as a barn or — in modern times — unexplainable radar blips seem to come in rushes, the most recent of which was in the mid-60s.

Exeter became a focal point of national attention then when in the early morning of Sept. 3, 1965, a bright, round object fluttered toward two Exeter policemen without a sound. They were investigating a report of a strange object over a field along Rte. 150 near Kensington when dogs in nearby houses began to bark and the object rose from behind some tall pine trees and bathed the entire area in brilliant red light. It hovered there for several minutes and then slowly moved away toward Hampton.

What they saw was a UFO, military jargon for unidentified flying object. It was only one of many sightings reported in the Exeter area that fall.

The experience of Officers Eugene Bertrand and David Hunt became the subject of nationwide publicity, including John G. Fuller's book, "Incident at Exeter," which gave the Exeter area a reputation for being fertile ground for UFO sightings.

Though seven years have passed and publicity has grown scarce, interest in UFOs in New Hampshire and around the nation has not died. People still are reporting sightings, and Exeter still is the subject of study.

Officer Bertrand, who is working the same midnight shift at the Exeter Police Department he was working that September night, said that though the number of UFO reports around Exeter has dwindled, he still receives inquiries and requests to speak, mostly from school children.

After his experience first became known nationally, Bertrand said, he received many calls from astronomers and interested laymen seeking clues to the UFO mystery.

"People from all over the country came to my house," he said. "Most of them were people who were involved in it. Those who didn't believe what was going on left me alone."

But Bertrand, like many who report UFO sightings, was —

and still is — the target for some ridicule.

"I get razed on it all the time," he said, "but it's all in fun."

Either because of fear of ridicule, or a desire not to be bothered once again by the curious, Officer Hunt, who now works for the North Hampton Police Department, declined to comment on his experience.

What Bertrand saw has never been fully explained to his satisfaction.

After THE EXETER NEWS-LETTER reported the sightings of "brilliantly lighted flying objects" around Exeter and Kensington, readers suggested in letters to the editor that the UFOs were signs from God or messengers from the moon.

The Air Force didn't agree. Bertrand reported the sighting to Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, which sent out a team of investigators.

In his official report to Project Blue Book, the Air Force's now defunct office for UFO investigation, the director of administrative services at Pease said, "I viewed the area and found nothing in the area that could be the probable cause."

Within two months the Pentagon said the sightings around Exeter resulted from either a Strategic Air Command exercise or a weather inversion, the trappings of a layer of cold air between layers of warm air, which causes stars and planets to appear to dance and twinkle.

"We believe what the people saw that night was stars and planets in unusual formations," the Pentagon said.

Bertrand and Hunt disputed this statement, and in February, 1966, the Air Force retracted its explanation and said it was unable to explain the September sightings.

Though the Air Force closed its investigation of the Exeter case and all other reports of UFOs, a private organization, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, has continued to probe the incident until as recently as this summer. The committee's study may have found some answers.

The committee, which has 3,500 members throughout the world, is funded solely from member donations.

"Our files contain easily 10,000 cases," NICAP Executive Director Stuart Nixon said.

Those cases date back to the turn of the century, with the bulk coming after World War II, he said.

Despite the committee's continued activity, Nixon said that

a definite decline in the number of reports came after 1963. Nixon cited two possible reasons for this: the fact that UFO sightings tend to come in groups on a five-year cycle and the closing of Project Blue Book.

The year 1968 was the peak of a five-year cycle, Nixon said.

"The phenomenon is somewhat cyclical in nature, and the downward trend began in 1968," he said.

We are nearing the peak of the present cycle, and Nixon said this year has "certainly been more active than 1970 or 1971."

Nixon also explained that the number of reports declined when Project Blue Book was closed and "the public assumed there was no place else to report sightings."

The Air Force closed the project on the recommendation of a team of University of Colorado scientists headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon, which undertook the first full-scale scientific study of UFOs.

Though the Exeter sightings were not among the 49 case studies published in the Condon report, the report did refer to those sightings in discussing a theory that said a combination of salt in the air, a drought and electricity from high tension wires caused strange round lights — called coronal discharge — to appear.

Condon's team, in a 1,485-page book that is available at most large libraries, concluded after 18 months of intensive investigation "that nothing has come from the study of UFOs in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge . . . and further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified."

Not long after, the Blue Book was closed. NICAP hailed the decision to close Blue Book.

"UFOs can now be given the serious scientific attention they require, free from military consideration," Nixon said at the time of the decision.

Though it is officially out of the business of investigating UFO reports, the Air Force still may get involved.

"It depends on the circumstances," Captain John L. Griswold, chief of information at Pease, said. In fact, Air Force jets were sent within the past month to investigate mysterious radar blips reported at Miami, West Palm Beach and Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. The blips were tracked for more than an hour, airport staff and citizens along the beaches reported seeing mysterious lights, but the jets

found nothing. NICAP, which is totally independent of the government, is studying the case.

NICAP is also studying a UFO report closer to home. Nixon said that several people, including an instructor at Dartmouth College, reported seeing a series of mysterious lights near Croydon Flat, just north of Newport.

At the same time, Nixon said, a NICAP team in Boston is preparing to report results of extensive experiments that have just been concluded in the Exeter area. Nixon said he was not able to discuss details of the experimentation, but that a full report would be published in NICAP's monthly newsletter in February or March.

"Our team has been in the process to find out through the use of instrumentation whether there is any kind of significant activity in Exeter," Nixon said.

Nixon explained that the newsletter is sent to NICAP members only. Membership is \$10 per year, and the offices are located at 3535 University Blvd. W., Kensington, Md.

Whether or not the NICAP study does fill some gaps in the UFO mystery, some people will continue to doubt reports of glowing saucers that zip through the skies at incredible speeds. Others will continue to warn that it is a message from the heavens, as Ezekiel did 2,400 years ago.

WAUSAU, WIS.
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Wausau Metropolitan Area

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UFO reported

Law officers are accustomed to writing up reports when residents sight unidentified flying objects. Sometimes one notes skepticism in the reports.

This wasn't true when Mike Knuth, N. 28th Ave., reported seeing a bright object which seemed to hover over the home of a neighbor Friday night.

Deputies investigated. They also saw the light. The neighbor had installed a light on his television antenna.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
S. M. 15,000

OCT 19 1972

People Are Saying...

A strange white glowing object, as big as a house, was reported to Burlington, Colorado, police, last month, who said the report came from "responsible people."

Deputies searched for the UFO, which reportedly landed in a field of tall corn and took off again.

Sheriff George Hubbard, of Kit Carson County, said, "It scared hell out of them."

Geraldine Ludwig reported seeing the object flying parallel to the car in which she was riding with her husband, Ronald, and their 12-year-old daughter, Fawn, 13 September. She said it was a "strange white glowing object."

"It was just a real dim light when it started," Mrs. Ludwig said, "and I thought it was a reflection of our headlights on the telephone highlines. But when we turned the corner, it turned too. It veered over the top of us. It was big as a house."

Mrs. Ludwig said the object landed once, then shot back into the sky and "got real bright. Then it came down, landed in the field. It lit up in the field. It was round and it was big and it looked like rays were coming out of it."

Hubbard said the object's description was similar to one sighted by a Sheriff in Colby, Kansas, 75 miles East of Burlington a few weeks ago.

The object changed directions several times, according to Sheriff Hubbard's report, crossing over the road from West to Southwest in front of the Ludwig car, and vanished from sight, when they parked their car behind a grain storage building which blocked their view.

"Fawn, the daughter, was so excited over the sighting, she rolled her windows up and down several times," Sheriff Hubbard said, "watching the object."

There was no noticeable indentation on the corn field, he said, but it is under observation for possible signs of having been visited by a UFO.

MARSHFIELD, WIS.
NEWS-HERALD
D. 13,069

OCT 28 1972

The Letter Box

An Open Forum for
News-Herald Readers

UFO SIGHTING

Editor, News-Herald: Again in the News-Herald I read about another UFO sighting.

Oct. 7, when my husband and I were returning from the Oktoberfest in La Crosse, we also sighted one at 6:10 p. m., 3 miles south of Eau Claire on the interstate.

Since it was about a half hour before sunset, it glistened like an airplane or helicopter could. Only we could not see any wings or top propeller, just the body of an airplane (it was the shape of a football).

I watched it without taking my eyes away for a number of minutes (it seemed to stay in one spot), and then, as we passed a clump of trees which obstructed our view, it vanished in those few seconds.

Mrs. Lyle R. Miller
414 W. First St.
Neillsville

Nov 17, 1972
Santa Susana, Calif.
Enterprise Sun&News

UFO where are you?

A report of "strange goings on" was received by The Enterprise Wednesday morning, by a Simi Valley woman who observed the event by St. Rose of Lima Church, about 5:30 a.m.

Things like "light moving slowly to the ground...two men waiting for it...tinkered with it...lighting matches. It was like a large plastic pillowcase and took off like a search light type of thing...rose into the air and then dropped behind the church. The men picked it up, jumped into a little car and drove off."

A check with the Community Safety Agency revealed no calls of such "doings", nor has the high school any knowledge of students involved in weather balloon type of experiments.

Men from Mars? Are you here? Call us at 526-6211...we'd like the story.

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PHILADELPHIA METROPOLITAN AREA

NOV 1 1972

Bucks woman reports UFO

A Wrightstown resident reports that Bucks had a strange visitor in the sky Sunday night.

Mrs. Herbert Hammer of Windy Bush Road said that the first saw the bright object in the western sky at about 8 p.m. and that shortly after, as she went out to look for her cat, she saw it again in the east.

"It was too fast, too bright and too quiet to be a plane. I can best describe the lights by saying that they looked like continuous flash bulbs going off."

As she stood watching, Mrs. Hammer says, the object moved rapidly across the sky back to the west again.

"Then it went so high it seemed to be right up in the stars," she continued. "I could now see red and green lights at both ends and a rotating red light in the center. I went in to bring the children to the window to see it and it finally disappeared in clouds in the west."

"I wasn't scared. It just seemed so unusual, I thought I ought to call the newspaper."

On Oct. 10 Upper Bucks County meteorologists reported sighting brilliant, fast-moving objects in the sky above Ferndale. There were also reports of sighting in Upper Bucks in the late summer.

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RECORD
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NEW HAVEN METROPOLITAN AREA

OCT 26 1972

Local Youths Report UFO

Three boys from South Meriden were observing the stars through their telescope last night when they spotted an unusual blue light in the sky.

The boys, Randall Short, James O'Brien and Joe Letteli, claimed that the light was moving slowly across the sky, but did not have any blinking lights. They watched it move northward until it went over the horizon.

These boys claimed to have seen this same blue light a few days ago. They have been trying to keep track of it for a few days, but have not come to any conclusion about the mysterious object.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE

Sun., Nov. 12, 1972

Werner von Braun, the rocket scientist, declared at Rio de Janeiro that he didn't believe in flying saucers, although he admitted, "I have never seen a flying saucer or little green men, so I can't speak from practical experience."

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.
NEWS

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PARKERSBURG METROPOLITAN AREA

OCT 26 1972

UFOs—Determined reporting by the News staff yesterday evening led to this photograph of the source of mysterious light beams spotted in the sky over Belpre.

UFO Over Belpre? Shucks, Just Gas Station Lights

By JOSEF BRUGGER
Flying Objects Editor

Reports of two large, glowing UFOs hovering over the Belpre shopping plaza sent the news-gathering forces of this paper into high gear late yesterday evening.

Lurid visions of swarming, giant insect creatures and a decimated population urged that all haste be made in the search.

Investigation from the hope-fully safe vantage-point of City Park indicated that there

were indeed two oval pools of light in the sky above the Ohio village, projecting beams of light that converged upon some hapless plot of ground near the western city limit.

Further pursuit of the mysterious luminescence led this reporter to the southwest corner of Farson St. and U. S. Rt. 50, where it was discovered that the beams did not converge, but instead intersected at a point 30 yards above the earth's surface. The source? Two high-intensity banks of spotlamps aimed to illuminate the well-elevated sign of a newly opened Sohio gas station were casting twin oval images upon the bottom of low-lying clouds.

Many Mistake Balloon for UFO

The "flying saucer" seen by hundreds of people in the Knoxville and East Tennessee area about 6 last night was a weather balloon which discharged an instrument package before exploding.

The weather balloon was launched recently from a U.S. Weather Bureau station in Texas. The pickup point for the parachute-dropped instrument package was 40 miles southeast of Chattanooga, said John Harbin, assistant chief of the Mc-

Ghee Tyson Airport control tower.

"The balloons reach a certain altitude before the gas inside them expands enough to make them explode," Mr. Harbin said. "This balloon reached an altitude of about 127,000 feet (more than 25 miles) before exploding."

The control tower at the airport and The News-Sentinel received several hundred telephone calls from people reporting two "unidentified flying objects" or "flying saucers." The Weather Bureau station at McGhee Tyson reported the balloon was sighted as far south as Muscle Shoals, Ala.

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Eerie UFO buzzes city



Shades of Frank Edwards! An unidentified flying object emitting a ghostly light hovered over Bloomington for over two hours Thursday evening.

First sighted at 6 p.m., the object was spotted by almost 200 persons who flooded city, county and state police with phone calls.

After "burning" the Bloomington Township Fire Department, the UFO — a weather balloon with a mercury vapor lamp — drifted through town, Monroe County Sheriff's Dispatcher Larry Todd said. Police said the balloon was originally launched in Little Rock, Ark.

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UFO: A Three-Letter Word With A Four-Letter Stigma

"To the best of my knowledge, you cannot explain all unidentified flying objects (UFO's) as mistakes or hoaxes," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, who is currently in Las Cruces attending the 139th meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Hynek became the nation's leading expert on the subject of UFO's after he was asked by the Air Force to be a consultant on the investigation of the numerous reports the Air Force received about UFO's.

"There is a popular misconception that only numbskulls or crazy people report unidentified flying objects," he said. "It has been my experience that by far the best reports come from articulate, sane, sensible and responsible people."

Hynek said that while it is true that the majority of UFO reports have natural, normal explanations, 20 per cent of them don't.

"These are the interesting ones, the only ones that can actually be called unidentified," Hynek said.

In classifying the objects, he has established six prototypes, including nocturnal lights, daytime disks, radar-visual UFO reports and three "kinds". The first kind doesn't actually do anything, Hynek said. People see it but nothing happens. The

second kind produces some effect, as making burnt marks on the ground, stopping cars or breaking trees. The third kind is described as having occupants, humanoids.

The daylight disk, for instance, has been reported all over the world according to Hynek. It looks something like a large metallic frisbee, can hover over the ground and accelerates straight up or sideways very rapidly, he said.

"Most of the stories are junk but one out of five or six defies explanation. People say UFO's are hallucinations," he said, "but how do you get four or five people to hallucinate the same thing or get a hallucination to scare the hell out of horses and cows or break trees or leave burnt marks on the ground?"

The subject is so strange that people tend to laugh at it instead of investigating it, according to Hynek. "UFO is a three-letter word but it has the connotations of a dirty four-letter word," he said.

"Sometimes I wish there had been a kidnapping or a presidential assassination involving a UFO so it would be investigated, given the real CIA, FBI treatment," he said.

The public assumes that UFO means visitors from other planets, according to Hynek. "The real crux of the matter is not where they came from but if

the person reporting the UFO really saw what he said he saw," he said. "There are too many reports; they come in waves. It must be something nearby rather than way out in space to be so many."

Hynek said he has seen UFO's but has never had a close encounter with one. "I have

definitely seen things that I can't believe," he said.

His book, *The UFO Experience*, published by Regnary Press, in its fifth printing in the United States, was published in England last October, and will come out in a Danish translation next month.

Though he has finished the

book as a summary of the work he did investigating UFO reports, Hynek continues to study the subject.

"Actually, my field is television astronomy as it is carried out at the Corralitos Observatory between here and Deming," he said. "but, as you see, I am very interested in UFO's."



DR. DAVID BUHL (left) of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Greenbank, W. Va. and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and UFO expert, are in Las Cruces this week with approximately 600 other astronomers at the annual American Astronomical Society meeting. (Allen)

John Keel

Green Men In Comeback

AFTER A THREE year "lull" with comparatively few flying saucers being reported, the little green men attempted a comeback in 1972. But a seven-foot tall hairy monster with a serious perspiration problem walked away with most of the publicity.

He — or it — popped up in the little town of Louisiana, Mo., in July soon after several local citizens had allegedly seen strange lights in the sky. The critter was quickly dubbed "MOM" short for Missouri Monster, and similar man-shaped animals accompanied by foul odors were soon being reported in neighboring states.

Several patterns are now apparent in UFO sightings. Dr. David Saunders, a psychologist at the University of Colorado, patiently fed 18,000 sighting reports into a computer and confirmed earlier studies which contended that a surprising majority of all known sightings tend to occur on Wednesday.

In fact, the best time to look for oddball lights in the sky seems to be 10 p.m. Wednesday. The Martians or whoever operate to a regular timetable in many parts of the country.

SIGHTINGS TEND to peak around the 10th and 21st of March, April, July, August, September and January. And an unusual number of sightings seem to occur on the 24th.

In April 1972, there was the annual outbreak of strange aerial phenomena in several states. By midsummer, a worldwide wave was taking place. Airline pilots in South Africa reported weird objects trailing their planes. New Zealand, the island off the coast of Australia, produced a wide variety of unusual reports. But, then, New Zealand has a history of sightings going all the way back to the early 1900s.

Periodically, the UFOs (unidentified flying objects) dump their garbage on us and contribute to our environmental problems. Early in April, formations of bright objects were observed over Derry, Youngwood and Carbon in Pennsylvania. They dropped quantities of metallic strips composed of aluminum and silicon.

Such strips have been found repeatedly all over the world in the wake of UFO sightings. The good people of West Virginia call the stuff "space grass." It resembles "chaff" which Air Force planes deploy to deceive ground radar but is chemically different from the Air Force substance.

BACK IN 1963, two strange metal spheres a few inches in diameter were found on a sheep ranch in Australia. According to official statements by the Australian government at the time, scientists were unable to cut them open. Their purpose and origin remain a mystery.

In 1972, the mysterious spheres were back — this time in New Zealand. They were about 14 inches in diameter and, when analyzed by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, proved to be made of titanium, a rare and expensive alloy. Both the Soviet Union and the United States denied that the objects could be pieces of their space vehicles.

Meanwhile, from Canada to Mexico there was a new outbreak of what early settlers called "fairy circles." These are perfect circles burned into open fields. Often, plants fail to regrow in the circles for years. Cows, sheep and horses carefully graze around them. Dogs won't even set foot in them. Once it was thought the circles were caused by freak lightning. But that theory has been disproven.

A rash of these circles appeared suddenly throughout Kansas and Iowa this past summer. They are usually found after strange aerial lights have been seen in the vicinity. Flying saucer enthusiasts regard such circles as physical proof of space ships from some other planet.

IN IOWA, something also punched three-foot wide holes in the landscape. They were filled with an unidentified silver dust. The holes turned up on farms at Goldfield, Story City, Laurens and Boone. Authorities were baffled.

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UFO Was Really Weather Instrument

By Cal Samra

It came from outer space, a fearsome-looking instrument that was spotted dangling from a tree near the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Price, on Black Oak Ridge.

Price, the owner of the Blue Haven Motel, thought it was a kite when he first saw it three weeks ago, and gave it no mind. But as the leaves fell from the tree, it became clear that it was something else.

But what was it? "You be careful in handling it," Mrs. Price told her husband. "There might be a bomb in it."

The unidentified flying object consisted of what appeared to be an orange kite, a rubber balloon that had burst and still smelled faintly of some kind of gas, and a white plastic box.

On the outside of the plastic container were the words: "U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA— National Weather Service Radiosonde. Made by VIZ Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Penna."

Reassured that it wasn't a bomb, Price bravely opened up the container and pulled out its guts, which included a battery and a nose cone that seemed to hold the parts of a radio transmitter.

Inside, too, was an announcement that the "Radiosonde" was a weather instrument released "to measure the temperature, pressure, humidity, and winds at various heights above the ground." It was intended to operate as a radio transmitter and tracked to a height of above 17 miles.

The note also explained that the Radiosonde had been

released by the National Weather Service Station at Pittsburgh on Oct. 29, 1972.

A telephone call to the Pittsburgh station confirmed that the Radiosonde had been released on that date, and, carried by 60-mile-an-hour winds, it probably reached Bedford within two to three hours.

The likelihood, meteorologist Paul Eisen told The Gazette, was that the balloon expanded and burst at a high altitude.

Eisen allowed that the Radiosonde is "a strange-looking instrument," but "it's the key to weather forecasting today. We release two of them every day, and if we didn't have them, we'd be in trouble." It's also needed to prepare storm warnings.

The balloons of the Radiosonde usually burst after 90 minutes, said Eisen. The Radiosonde, he added, doesn't store information, but merely transmits it.

The instruments cost about \$30 apiece, and to save money, the Weather Service requests that finders return the Radiosonde to the Service's Reconditioning Center at 451 Ruby St., Joliet, Ill. There instrument will be reconditioned and used again.

No stamps are needed, the instructions say. Just mail it to any Post Office or hand it to your rural carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Price carried it down to the Bedford Post Office after Eisen assured them that the Radiosonde belonged to the National Weather Service and not to the Farmer's Almanac.

In September, a strange spherical light even appeared over Hanoi in North Vietnam, triggering an air raid alert. Earlier, in June, policemen fired on a "ball of fire" near Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

Yugoslavia plunged into a UFO "flap" in October 1971 when astronomers in Croatia spotted and photographed a pentagon-shaped flying whizzit. On Oct. 13, 200 spectators at a football game in Sid, Vojvodina, forgot about the game while they watched a white circular object cavort overhead. Sightings behind the Iron Curtain stepped up in 1972.

In France, a massive wave of sightings, including reported landings in three widely separated areas, began on March 21.

NEWSPAPERS AROUND the world were reporting flying saucers again with mounting interest. Dr. Jacques Vallee, a French computer specialist, released a study of hundreds of sightings and landings collected in Spain. Among other things, he noted that the largest percentage of witnesses were under the age of 30, although a few 80-year-olds have also reported seeing the objects.

In California, the legendary Bigfoot was reportedly on the prowl again. Randy Norton, 18, and Steven Gillespie, 22, said they saw the legendary hair man on Oct. 6 while camping near Clear Creek in Shasta County. They described it as looking like a gorilla with rusty brown hair. When they tried to follow it, it ran from tree to tree, "almost like he wanted us to track him," Gillespie said.

UFO Spotted 'Light'... Crashes.

By THOMAS MATTIA

Press Staff Writer

PORT ELIZABETH—Strange sights have often been reported at night over rural areas.

In centuries past, they were called ghosts or night riders and with the advent of space flight they have been tagged flying saucers or UFO's.

There usually is very little concrete evidence to back up the "crack pot" claims of sightings, but reports of a "cylindrical white light" in the crisp night air over this sparsely

inhabited section of Cumberland County Thursday are running contrary to the noorm.

State police from the Port Norris Barracks Friday uncovered a cleared site approximately two feet in diameter in the wooded area where the object had reportedly crashed Thursday night.

Police said the area was bare of all vegetation and pine needles and in the center was a round hole two inches wide and four inches deep.

"It was a real wild area and I don't see how any thing could have gotten in there except from above," Trooper Leonard Anderson said.

Anderson said he uncovered the site, just off Weatherby Road and about a half mile east of Port Cumberland Road, at 2 p.m., following a search last night.

The first report of the object came from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis of Millville, who said he saw the "cylindrical white light," about the size of

a small airplane, at 8:50 p.m. Thursday.

According to the Willis, they were driving east on Weatherby Road when they saw the object flying high over the road ahead of them.

They said the light hovered, came down to the tree line and hovered there again for a short time before crossing over to the other side of the road and crashing in the woods.

The couple raced to the nearest public telephone and

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... 'Weird' Hole Found...

called state police, who could find nothing in a preliminary nighttime search.

After Friday's search proved fruitful, Anderson described the "crash site" as "weird."

"I don't know what to think," he said. "I am a believer in UFO's, but I don't know what to make of this."

On Friday another motorist reported having seen an unusual object just above Rt. 77 in Seabrook around 8 p.m. Thursday.

He said he had assumed the object was a wide bottom plane used for promotional stunts at shore resorts during the summer.

The only operator of such a plane in the area, Atlantic City Aerial Service Inc., said its plane was in Cape May and had not been flying Thursday.

The only radar installations in the area—at NAFEC and Bader Field—both of which are approximately 50 miles northeast of Port Elizabeth,

reported no unusual contacts during the night.

Farther north at McGuire Air Force Base, authorities said no unusual sightings had been made and noted they no longer act as a clearing house for UFO reports.

So as it stands now, none of man's complicated machines detected anything strange in the sky Thursday night and the only proof advanced are the sightings of a few finite human beings—and the hole.

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Burney woman reports sighting UFO

Marlene McCullar, 27, of Burney, reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the skies above Burney at 7:35 p.m. Monday.

According to the report Miss McCullar filed with the Shasta County Sheriffs Office in Burney, a reddish-yellow glow streaked across the sky, remaining visible for about 10 minutes.

Miss McCullar, who lives with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wood, said, "My father spotted the glow first. He went and got my mother and I and we watched the glow descend in the vicinity of Hatchet Mountain.

The Oakland Federal Aviation Administration Center reported a similar sighting by a U.S. Navy aircraft in the Burney area, but no identification was made.

Anybody Sight a UFO Thanksgiving Morning?

WOULD ANYONE WHO spotted U.F.O. early Thursday morning, please call me! My husband thinks I am hallucinating. 466-2412.

Mrs. Lisa Benner, 53, of the Rocky Hill-Blawenburg Road, saw an Unidentified Flying Object at 2:50 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. In response to her classified advertisement in Town Topics, she has heard from two other women who also saw a UFO early that morning.

Mrs. Benner saw the object at the tip of the woods in view from her kitchen door. She had opened the door to let out the cat. As she went outdoors, she says, the object moved towards her and then made an abrupt right turn. It went along the side of the airport moving towards Rocky Hill. Rushing into the house for her binoculars, she returned to spot the object disappearing over Rocky Hill in a direction she describes as "just short of the quarry."

Her two callers saw the object, they said, at 5 a.m. approximately and at about 6 a.m.

A woman getting up early for a visit with her children for Thanksgiving, looked outdoors at 5 a.m. to check on the weather. Mrs. Brenner did not release her name, but states that the woman lives two blocks away from Princeton Medical Center. She saw a UFO moving in the direction of Witherspoon Street and was hindered by the houses from seeing further.

The second caller told Mrs. Brenner that her children first spotted the UFO and had called to her to look. She described the object as "a balloon" and as "quite high up." The woman spoke with a strong accent and Mrs. Brenner was unable to figure out just where she and the children saw the object.

As Mrs. Brenner, an artist, describes her own experience:

"It was definitely round. It was a big, bright light moving fast. I can only compare it by standing at the kitchen door, looking out. It tipped the woods. That doesn't mean it hit the trees. There's a lot of sky behind the trees. The trees are bare.

"The moon was high. It was a very cold night, still. The moon was nearly full. I ran out and there was frost on the grass.

It went rolling toward me. The silence and the speed are what impressed us all. It was eerie, and at first I was frightened. When it was over me, I saw a string of lights, not red, but raspberry color, which did not blink. I counted three, but there were more.

"A Quiet Noise." "When it was above me, I heard some kind of motor. Before, there had just been stillness. It was a quiet noise. I thought about it all day and Thanksgiving afternoon it came to me: it sounded just like when you idle a car very quietly.

"It made a sharp right turn right over me and went towards Rocky Hill. I ran into the house to get my binoculars, and by the time I got back and focused, I only saw it faintly.

"That whole valley around the Princeton airport—people should have seen it. It went alongside the airport, but not over, from where I stood.

One of the two callers, age 65, was afraid to tell anyone

that she had sighted a strange object in the sky. She feared her family would think she was senile, she told Mrs. Benner. She waited two days after seeing the query in TOWN TOPICS before she phoned.

Her mother, she told Mrs. Benner, saw a round "bunch of lights" over Springdale golf course 53 years ago, that took off vertically in one split second. Her family teased her about it for years, but now there's one daughter who says she thinks there may be something to it after all.

"It is a very frustrating experience," Mrs. Benner goes on. I could have called my husband and then there would have been two people who saw it at ten minutes of three. I wish I had. But I was so engrossed. You know, I just stood there on that cold ground. I couldn't get over that bright light. I didn't even have my robe...

Was it a UFO? A weather balloon? An atmospheric phenomena? Mrs. Benner believes the former. She had many people call her in response to her query in the paper; all but two were "just curious."

"My husband is still doubting me, but it makes me feel a little better that two others have seen something."

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A Second Look at the UFO.

To the Editor of Town Topics:

Mrs. Lisa Benner's sighting of the "UFO" (Town Topics, December 7) has made interesting reading. I have been an amateur astronomer for the past 15 years and I am inclined to dismiss the phenomenon as one of incorrect conclusions drawn from facts which have perfectly simple explanations.

I would like to draw the attention of your readers to Professor Donald Mendzel's book, "The World of Flying Saucers" (available at the Princeton Public Library), in which he cautions us about a fairly general tendency on the part of the lay public to consider perfectly natural occurrences as having supernatural or extraterrestrial origins.

At least three other alternative possibilities could explain the "Rocky-Hill - Blawenburg Saucer". It is very possible that the object was a high flying airplane with its landing lights turned on. There could have been a temperature inversion at the observation site which would reflect the headlights of any automobile in the area in the sky (a case of total internal reflection commonly known as a mirage). The object could have been any one of a myriad of earth satellites reflecting the rising sun still below the horizon at the point of observation but illuminating the object sighted.

All things considered the temperature inversion theory appears most appealing, because if the phenomenon were due to an automobile or a motorcycle it could explain the "string of lights, not red but raspberry color which did not blink".

There is little doubt that Mrs. Benner saw what she claims, but there is considerable doubt as to the veracity of her conclusions.

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Chillicothe, Ohio
Chillicothe Gazette

Unidentified flying object reported

Sheriff's deputies received a report of an unidentified flying object near the Carousel Trailer Court early Sunday morning.

Frank Allen, 27, who lives at the trailer court on U.S. 23 north, told deputies he was on his way home from Chillicothe at 12:30 and saw a football-

shaped object hovering about 100 feet above the trailer court. Allen described the object as being 75-100 feet long and about 50 feet in diameter with red, yellow, and green lights which glowed on and off.

Allen said it hovered for about 10 seconds before it traveled west and straight up. He said the object was gray and made no sound.

Allen said he has never seen anything like it before. Asked if he thought it was a flying saucer, he said, "I don't know. In this day and age it could have been anything. It might have been something from our own Air Force."

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Couple Sights UFO Near Port Elizabeth

A search is being made today for a "flying saucer" reported seen last night on Weatherby road, about a half mile east of the Port Cumberland road. A preliminary search Thursday night by State Police of the Port Norris Station failed to reveal any signs of the object.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis, Millville, reported the UFO to State Police by telephone and then later went to the Port Norris Station where they talked to Trooper Leonard Anderson.

According to their description of the incident, they were driving east on Weatherby road when they saw a large cylindrical light, about the size of a small airplane, flying high over the road ahead of them.

The light hovered, came down to the tree line and remained in that position for a brief time, they said, and when they sped up the road to investigate further, it crossed from one side of the road to the other and disappeared into the woods on the right side of the road.

They stopped at the nearest public telephone and called State Police.

Trooper Anderson responded to the call and searched the area in the darkness but found nothing. The search was to be continued today.

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UFOs Again --- 'Light' Sighted

By THOMAS MATTIA

Press Staff Writer

PORT ELIZABETH—Strange sights have often been reported at night over rural areas.

In centuries past, they were called ghosts or night riders and with the advent of space flight they have been tagged flying saucers or UFO's.

There usually is very little concrete evidence to back up the "crack pot" claims of sightings, but reports of a "cylindrical white light" in the crisp night air over this sparsely inhabited section of Cumberland County Thursday are running contrary to the norm.

State police from the Port Norris Barracks Friday uncovered a cleared site approximately two feet in diameter in the wooded area where the object had reportedly crashed Thursday night.

Police said the area was bare of all vegetation and pine needles and in the center was a round hole two inches wide and four inches deep.

"It was a real wild area and I don't see how any thing could have gotten in there except from above," Trooper Leonard Anderson said.

Anderson said he uncovered the site, just off Weatherby Road and about a half mile east of Port Cumberland Road, at 2 p.m., following a search last night.

The first report of the object came from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willis of Millville, who said he saw the "cylindrical white light," about the size of a small airplane, at 8:50 p.m. Thursday.

According to the Willis, they were driving east on Weatherby Road when they saw the object flying high over the road ahead of them.

They said the light hovered, came down to the tree line and hovered there again for a short time before crossing over to the other side of the road and crashing in the woods.

The couple raced to the nearest public telephone and called state police, who could find nothing in a preliminary nighttime search.

After Friday's search proved fruitful, Anderson described the "crash site" as "weird."

"I don't know what to think," he said. "I am a believer in UFO's, but I don't know what to make of this."

On Friday another motorist reported having seen an unusual object just above Rt. 77 in Seabrook around 8 p.m. Thursday.

He said he had assumed the object was a wide bottom plane used for promotional stunts at shore resorts during the summer.

The only operator of such a plane in the area, Atlantic City Aerial Service Inc., said its plane was in Cape May and had not been flying Thursday.

The only radar installations in the area—at NAFEC and Bader Field—both of which are approximately 50 miles northeast of Port Elizabeth, reported no unusual contacts during the night.

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La Mesa, Calif.

Scout

(Oratory) 2165 UFO Attack

Monte Vista attacked by a UFO? You'd believe it to listen to Keith Cochennour and Mike Wright.

Their "sighting" was several weeks ago at 5:40 p.m. They described it as 25 feet in diameter and metallic in color.

It had hovered for an instant, allowing them time to snap a picture of it, before it took off for the south.

They were processing film at the time and had just stepped out for some fresh air when they saw it.

A strange coincidence is that they were at that time doing a story on flying saucers for their science fiction class. It's one of the new third-year English elective type classes at Monte Vista.

Nov 29, 1972

Vallejo, Calif.

Times-Herald

LITTLE GREEN MEN —

Several alarmed residents on the east side of Napa telephoned the police department Monday night to report unidentified flying objects.

Police assured the callers there were no little green men forthcoming with, "Take me to your leader."

It turned out that some youngsters were pulling the old Flying Saucer Trick. They had filled balloons with hot air and suspended a lighted candle in a tin can from each.

The light reflecting from the balloon and can casts an eerie glow, quite similar to that of genuine flying saucers of the outer space variety.

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Pasadena Calif.
Star News (M. Ed.)

Area Homes Left In Dark

A power failure that affected approximately 5,000 homes in the Murrysville-Export-Level Green area was being corrected early this morning by West Penn Power crews.

The blackout began around 5:30 p.m. A West Penn spokesman said the failure originated in a line somewhere between Newtontown and Export, but no cause had been determined as of Wednesday night. A company official said a likely reason was a misguided hunter's bullet that found a high-tension wire.

Greensburg, Pa.
Tribune Review

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(heavy UFO activity
in area recently)

UFO Theory Gets Support

By DAVE SWAIM
Staff Writer

On the heels of a declaration made at Caltech last week that UFOs may be flown by "physicists from another realm, looking us over," a nuclear physicist said essentially the same thing at the University of Redlands Monday night.

John Northrop, aviation industry pioneer, was the Caltech speaker. Stanton T. Friedman of Redondo Beach gave the lecture at Redlands.

"After 13 years of study and personal investigation," Friedman told an audience in the university's Memorial Chapel, "I am convinced the evidence

is overwhelming that the earth is being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles whose origin is off the earth . . .

"None of the arguments presented by the older naysaying scientists . . . stand up under careful scrutiny."

Friedman, as did Northrop, cited the UFO (unidentified flying object) reports made by scientists, pilots, policemen, control tower operators, radar operators, even orbiting astronauts.

He preferred to call them EEMs (earth excursion modules) rather than UFOs.

Friedman also criticized the "Condon Report," a recently completed survey at the University of Colorado, declaring that he could find no basis for Professor Condon's statement that nothing of scientific value could come from further studies.

"The opposite conclusion could have been drawn from the report," Friedman said, with such a high ratio of unexplained cases — 30 per cent — should arouse sufficient curiosity to continue its study.

Friedman added a large scale recent poll of scientists and engineers reveals that the 'silent majority' of these professionals do believe that UFOs exist . . .

Jerry Greene

TODAY COLUMNIST



UFOs: Fact Or Fiction?

It's hard to imagine an area of the country which should have more interest in Unidentified Flying Objects than Brevard County — the home of our quest into space.

If you are interested, you may learn a lot about these puzzling phenomena during the UFO Conference which began Monday night at the L. Mendel Rivers Convention Center in Cape Canaveral.

Three more sessions are scheduled for tonight, Wednesday and Friday at 8. There is no admission charge and all sessions are open to the public.

The guest speaker is Robert D. Barry, 50, the general sales manager for a Pennsylvania radio station. Barry also has been a dedicated UFO researcher for 15 years and his knowledge of UFO reports is extensive.

Tonight's session is titled "Mystery of the UFO," followed by "Is Another World Watching?" on Wednesday; and "Sensational Sightings of 1972" on Friday.

No Golden Hubcaps

Barry is not a nut. He does not bombard his audience with hysterical tales of having seen a golden hubcap land in his backyard and having a talk with an alien woman who had the sexiness of Raquel Welch and the innocence of Julie Andrews.

Nor does he claim to have ever taken a joyride around the dark side of the moon, courtesy of Mars Rent-A-Saucer.

He does, however, present a large body of documentation — including many film slides — which he feels substantiates the belief that UFOs are more than just weather balloons, optical illusions, hoaxes and delusions.

"Yes, there have been hoaxes and fake photographs," Barry said Monday afternoon at the Freedom Center Hotel, "but there has been the real thing, too.

"I'm not comfortable with people like Adamski. I feel more at home with documented reports and scientific investigations."

Barry was speaking of George Adamski, a man who built a "flying saucer" cult around himself in the late '50s. Adamski, now deceased, wrote many books describing his visits with the beautiful people of Venus and other planets who wanted only to help Mankind find peace.

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Hope for Salvation

Scientifically, Adamski's books were absurd. But they professed a curiously compelling "flower power" type of philosophy which attracted many badly frightened people during the period when The Bomb was considered an imminent threat.

Adamski and others such as he offered hope through their saucer people. They promised a "deus ex machina" salvation which would come to helpless Mankind when it was needed the most.

Unfortunately, the con men and the misguided cultists made an objective study of UFO's almost impossible until three years ago. That's when the famous (or infamous) Colorado Report essentially stated UFO's were explainable by common causes.

Barry rejects the report as a planned "whitewash" as does the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena. But the report obviously convinced many Americans — and especially many newspaper editors — that UFOs were a "silly season" fad not worth considering any longer.

That's changing, according to Barry. He contends there have been more solid sightings of low-flying or landed UFOs in the last two years than ever before.

"People are looking up again," he said. "I feel there is more to come from this and that's why I keep investigating UFOs."

Nonsense?

I don't know . . . do you?

The Dr. Max Rafferty Column Saucers Back In News Again

By DR. MAX RAFFERTY

I see where the head of Northwestern University's astronomy department is asking that the investigation of unidentified flying objects be reopened on "a high scientific plane." In a new book, Prof. J. Allen Hynek says in effect that the pesky saucers of the 1950s were real, but hastens to add that he doesn't know what they were. He'd like to find out, if only to obey the true scientist's built-in command to leave no problem unsolved, no phenomenon unexplained.

It's hard for most of us to recapture the wonderment and the mystery which accompanied the mass saucer sightings of 20 years ago. The whole world was literally agog. Strange lights were seen in the night sky. Circular objects moving at tremendous speeds darted away from investigating jet fighters like whippets outdistancing so many tranquilized turtles. Even radar sightings were reported.

Obviously Up There

Something was obviously up there. Oh, the cranks and the loose nuts got into the act and fouled up the picture, as they always do, but too many city officials, military officers and scientists reported sighting UFOs for the whole thing to be dismissed as mass hypnotism and worldwide hysteria.

There have always been things in earth's skies that had no business being there. Several thousand years ago, Old Testament prophet Ezekiel reported seeing a "wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air," as the song has it. Some centuries later, the Roman scientist Pliny sighted colored lights maneuvering "like bat-talions" over the city of Rome several nights in a row. Certain puzzling cave drawings indicate that even Ug the Neolithic hunter was seeing saucers long before tableware had been invented. I've been wondering about the apparent official willingness to sweep this fascinating puzzle under the nearest rug. Oh, the Air Force "investigated," and duly announced that the "great majority" of sightings were either hoaxes or illusions. But what about the minority which were neither?

Prof. Hynek, who as an astronomer has a low tolerance threshold for heavenly nonsense, has this to say: "There are some 60

reports that were made by credible witnesses and that cannot be explained away as a natural phenomenon."

In his new book, "The UFO Experience," he proposes a statistical, computerized approach to the sightings, and offers his own office as a repository for such descriptions and reports. That would seem fair enough.

Now if Uncle Sam can just tear himself away from his current preoccupations with such less-than-earth-shattering projects as giving everybody in the country \$5,000 a year, establishing 100 per cent ethnic balance in every schoolroom and dismantling our armed forces, maybe he can find a few hundred thousand dollars to help Prof. Hynek solve what is literally the mystery of the ages.

I wish the professor luck. He's going to need it. Many of his fellow scientists will be giving him the old fish-eye about now, pursuing their lips at his efforts to exhume for autopsy a 20-year-old corpse which has been so conveniently shoveled under. Scientists, you see, don't much like problems which can't be brought into the laboratory, X-rayed and dissected. Nevertheless, such problems do exist, and the UFOs are a good example.

Has Something

In summing up, I think the gentleman from old Northwestern has something. If we had 60 reports made by credible witnesses describing the movements and appearance of a gang of safecrackers or skyjackers, everybody from the FBI to the local neighborhood vigilance committee would be out tracking them down. I'm not suggesting that the UFOs fall into either of these categories. It's just what I've always been bugged by unfinished business.

After all, who likes a mystery story with the last chapter left out? Especially when that final chapter just might at long last bear out Hamlet's quizzical aside to his only friend:

"There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

UFOs: Eye in the Sky Spying on Us?

By DAVE SWAIM
Staff Writer

A retired pioneer in aviation says he not only gives credence to the existence of UFOs (unidentified flying objects) but believes they are flown by scientists of some advanced civilization.

John Northrop, 80-year-old founder of Northrop Aircraft Co. and co-founder of the giant Lockheed Corp., told an audience of faculty members and students at Caltech that:

"The general thought is that they (whatever beings operate UFOs) are physicists from some other realm, looking us over."

Although he pointed out that there have been reports of strange objects in the sky for 2,000 years, he said there has been a great upsurge of sightings in the past 25 years.

"We have had a tremendous increase in science during the past 100 years," he said. "If some other civilization got started 10,000 years before we did, it could explain this phenomenon."

"I feel something of that sort is the case."

Northrop based his belief in UFOs on a "hard core sighting" report given him by Max Stanley, Northrop's chief pilot and close friend in the early days of the aviation firm, and by Stanley's two companions on a 1950 flight from Texas to California.

They told of flying at 20,000 feet and sighting a metallic, translucent object very high — about 80,000 feet — which appeared at times to fly sideways.

"I have never seen a UFO myself," he said, "but Max Stanley's report is good enough for me."

Northrop cited a huge increase of reported sightings since World War II, and said:

"Many people thought the Russians had something. The Russians thought we had something."

Northrop noted that the U.S. Air Force had recorded about 12,000 reported sightings. The veteran plane builder acknowledged that the vast majority of the reports were obviously false.

"But there is much wheat in all that chaff," he said.

The "wheat," he said, is contained in hundreds of reports by reliable sources; scientists, radar engineers, police officials.

He told of radar readings which put speeds of the UFOs at from 600 to 9,000 miles per hour.

Referring to a negative report from a \$300,000 study of

UFOs headed by Professor Condon of the University of Colorado, Northrop said:

"The 21st century will die laughing at the Condon Report. I feel it is one of the most deliberate cover-ups ever perpetrated on the public."

Though he indicated a belief that UFOs may be from outer space, Northrop also acknowledged that they might be of earthly origin.

He told of a U.S. Air Force general's statement that no report of UFOs has ever been withheld, and added:

"I must assume that the Air Force is not about to turn over its classified reports to you. It is possible the government knows more than it is telling."

Northrop also said: "If we assume UFOs are real, and not the products of fevered brains, they would be of great value to us for transportation in the future."

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Latrobe, Pa. Bulletin-Dec., 26, 1972

Radar Failures Delay Planes

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Radar failures Thursday resulted in delayed landings for Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

The airport said a "hardware failure in an antenna" knocked out the radar system twice, from 1 p.m., EST, to 2 p.m., and from 3:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. today.

Planes due to land were put into holding patterns. Radar crews at the Cleveland, Ohio, airport helped Pittsburgh controllers put the planes into holding patterns and then instructed them to land at intervals.

An airport spokesman said planes were "laddered" in patterns with a radius up to 20 miles from the field to insure adequate spacing.

The spokesman said the emergency procedures represented no danger.

CR: STAN GORDON UFOs (?) Sighted In This Area

Dozens of jetliners reportedly were stacked at Greater Pittsburgh Airport last night, unable to land because of malfunction in radar systems. According to authorities, arriving planes were fed into holding patterns around the area by radar crews in Cleveland. Planes then were brought down at two-to-five minute intervals.

No indication was given of the cause of the electrical failure. It was only stated that a similar situation occurred once before, several years ago.

According to Stan Gordon, director of Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, Unidentified Flying Objects were prevalent in the skies last night. Members of the study group, he said, are checking on the possibility that the electrical difficulties could have been caused by the objects. There is no proof at

this time, he said, that it was caused by the strange objects, although often electrical difficulties do occur when there are numerous sightings.

Hover Low In Area

Sightings were especially numerous over the Jeannette - Irwin area, Gordon said. Formations of five to six bright, round objects hovered for more than 10 minutes before breaking up into two separate formations and heading in the direction of McKeesport. Individuals who sighted them claimed that they hovered low over homes in the area.

There were many aircraft and bright stars visible, he admitted, however, often both aircraft and the objects were visible at the same time. Watchers were able to distinguish between the two. When aircraft moved in the direction of the objects, the objects always moved off silently in another direction.

North Huntingdon Township police received two calls about the citing of an 'unidentified flying object' at about 9:03 last night. The second caller told police seven youths from Country Hills area of the township spotted a "UFO" in the sky above the Town House and Norwin Senior High School area.

Sightings of cigar shaped, wingless objects were reported

in the Derry - Pleasant Unity area. Many observers claimed to see them hovering silently over cars. When the autos halted, and the driver emerged from the car the object would move off.

Other Sightings Reported

Still later in the evening residents of the Apollo - Avonmore areas claimed that they saw three amber objects in formation. They hovered over the area for about half an hour before moving on, the informants re-

ported. Greensburg, Harrison City, West Point and other points throughout the county reported sightings.

Reports have been made, Gordon said, to newspapers, police stations and UFO control centers. Field investigators from Westmoreland County UFO Study Group were dispatched to the areas of the sightings within minutes when calls were received.

Reports Delayed

Unfortunately, he said, most of the witnesses did not report the sightings until after the objects had departed from the area. In each case witnesses seemed to be too engrossed by what they saw to think clearly.

Because of the large number of reports of sightings the study group must check out, witnesses were asked to send in a detailed written report with sketches of what was seen to Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601. Any one who sees what he believes is a UFO should call the group while the object is being observed, Gordon said. The group may be contacted by dialing 834-8668, 834-0723 or 834-0237.

UFO sighted in city area

At least two sightings were made of an unidentified flying object (UFO) inside McAlester city limits Thursday night, but the sightings were not confirmed by Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) officials here.

According to city police, two officers were dispatched to the area near Puterbaugh Junior High School. When they arrived, several youths were watching what appeared to be a UFO in the sky.

One policeman said the youths, how many is not known, watched the object for approximately 20 minutes before the officers arrived. The officers then observed the sight for about five minutes.

No explanation has been received on what the object might have been except from the FAA. A spokesman said they shine a light in the clouds periodically to check the ceiling and this might have been what the people saw.

A mail plane from Poteau arrived in McAlester only a short time after the "sighting" was made and he reported seeing nothing in that area.

After being told the object was observed for about 25 minutes, the FAA spokesman said the light wouldn't have been on that long.

According to him, the

Flight Service Station employees have been told all reports of UFOs should be made to the nearest military installation, but did not know if the Naval Ammunition Depot was equipped for such things.

He said he thought the Air Force was still handling reports of UFOs, and added this was the first 'such' sighting the Flight Service Station had received in several years.

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A report of an unidentified flying object located over the east part of Lawrence was received at 6:07 a.m. today by police. Officers said they saw the object, and had been watching it for several minutes before the report was received. They described it as a star with unusual surface activities.

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Fresno, Calif.
Fresno Bee

FACT FINDER THE ACTION COLUMN by Howard Miller

MORE ON UFOS — Our rather flippant answer to Miss CA of Kingsburg on astronomers and unidentified flying objects has elicited response more in disappointment than in anger. A nicely reasoned rebuttal from Miss S.H. of Fresno suggests those interested write to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Suite 801, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. The letter, in part, reads: "Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory of Northwestern University, was for 20 years the scientific consultant for the US Air Force investigation of UFO phenomena called Project Blue Book. Initially a skeptic, Dr. Hynek came to realize there existed a hard core of UFO cases which were and are inexplicable . . . (he) has written a new book 'The UFO Experience,' (Regnery) wherein he calls for the UFO investigation to be reopened." Our thanks Miss H. Also, a former colleague dropped by to mention that he himself saw such an object a few years ago. Said it looked like a nearly full moon but the moon itself was in another quadrant of the sky. After a while it faded like the picture going out on a television tube, reducing swiftly to a dot and then vanishing. Also, he reminds, there have been sightings of such phenomena all over the world only they mostly go unreported. As the Bard said, "More things in heaven and earth, Horatio —"

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UFO just weather balloon

Curiosity ran high Saturday afternoon when people from Brass town Bald to Fulton County to Athens tried to figure out what the strange lights in the sky were.

Football fans on their way home from Athens stopped by the Gainesville Fire Department to inquire of firemen what those two strange lights moving up and down were.

One curious observer stopped at the Gainesville State Patrol to ask the dispatcher, "Can you tell me what those lights are up there?", as he pointed north.

Minutes later, the dispatcher received a call to check on any small aircraft circling through the Pine Ridge area because an observer at Brass town Bald had seen a small plane on fire going down.

No small aircraft was supposed to be in the area, but the Federal Aviation Agency had the answer for all the curious people who wanted to know what the strange lights were.

A weather balloon was deflating, and its instrument container had dropped below the balloon but was still attached. The movement of the balloon deflating and the instruments shifting in the sun's rays caused the strange effect of two lights coming together and separating.

The Federal Aviation Agency said the balloon was 45 miles southwest of Chattanooga, Tenn., although it could be seen as far away as Fulton County.

One of the silver metallic balloons fell a few weeks ago near Oakwood, and the Hall County Sheriff's Department recovered it.

UFO sighted

The Westmoreland county UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) Study group last evening reported sighting a large orangish-red spherical object traveling towards the Ligonier area. Stan Gordon of the UFO study group said he received quite a few calls on the matter reporting sightings. Then this morning, a bright white oval shaped object was seen slowly descending in the Chestnut Ridge area.

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South Lake Tahoe, Calif
Tahoe Tribune

UFO reported in Tahoe skies

Perhaps it was a guided missile or a flying saucer.

But whatever it was, at least two South Lake Tahoe residents know they heard something strange over the lake last night, even though local law enforcement agencies said they received no reports of unidentified flying objects.

There was a small sonic boom, Stan Compton, a Rancho Bijon resident, reported.

"I could hear the exhaust roar. It was kind of a cross between a jet roar and artillery shell at low altitude," Compton added.

He said his son was outside and saw what he thought was a missile passing overhead.

Compton said his son saw a stage separate and it appeared to fall into the Desolation Valley Wilderness Area.

It was westbound and cutting slightly to the south. There were reddish, white flames spurring out, Compton said. It was seen for a few seconds, "going real fast," he added.

Ray Rybak, a Montgomery Estates resident, said he also heard the noise, and it resembled the air rush of a jet.

"My first thought," Compton said, was: "what's a fighter plane flying this low?"

Hover At Lake

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"Similar lights were spotted over the lake two years ago," said Brecke, who wishes the port here wasn't frozen in so he could get the Coast Guard boat on the lake for a closer look at the lights.

Meanwhile, hundreds of nearby residents have been attracted nightly to the Washington Park parking lot on the lake to watch the lights. Some wait for hours in freezing weather for a look at the distant orange objects.

There is no official explanation for the cause of the strange phenomenon, but several educated guesses are available.

UFOs (unidentified flying objects) or "flying saucers" leap to the minds of some observers and the sightings follow the UFO pattern. They appear and may hover just above the horizon for 10 minutes or so. Some move to the east or west and then suddenly disappear.

Bob Rubin, a Michigan City businessman, doesn't believe in either spaceships or visitors from other planets, but seeing the uncanny sight is spreading a seed of doubt.

Saturday night Rubin reported seeing a glow which became two glows, like an hourglass, pulsating from single to dual lights several

times before getting extremely bright and disappearing. Several other watchers saw the same thing.

Rubin, a coho fisherman, suggested the light could be spaceships with fishermen moving in to sample the lake's good salmon and trout fishing.

All the sightings have been to the west and northwest from Michigan City. Chicago is in that direction.

Some think the lights are aircraft landing and taking off from O'Hare, Midway or Meigs airports in Chicago. Some of the big jets turn landing lights on a few minutes before landing. They also use landing lights for take-off, leaving the lights on until they are well away from the airports, so other planes can see their approach and departure patterns.

Observers, with powerful binoculars, have reported that sometimes after the bright glow disappears, tiny orange flashes continue for a few minutes.

Weather so far this month has been unusually clear in the region of Southern Lake Michigan. This could be a factor favoring persons here seeing aircraft lights miles away. Chicago is about 40 miles from Michigan City.

Pilots and aircraft crews flying in the area have not reported seeing anything unusual.

Strange Lights

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By GEORGE TILFORD
Staff Reporter

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — Mysterious orange glows hovering or moving along the night horizon far out in Lake Michigan have many residents of cities along the lake excited.

The night watch at the Coast Guard Station at Michigan City first noticed the strange lights Jan. 1.

Boatswain Mate 1C John Brecke was the station's duty officer that night.

Michigan City Police Sgt. Jim Coughlin was checking the harbor area

at the government pier and he too saw the strange glows far out on the lake. His official nightly police reports since list many of these sightings.

The Coast Guard station at St. Joseph, Mich., about 32 miles northwest, also reports having seen the strange sightings.

Orange glows on the horizon have appeared almost nightly since the first sighting, according to Brecke and Coughlin. Nearly always between 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock, at least one or two may be seen. Some nights more sightings are reported.

The Great Pumpkin? Naw, It's Just Gas

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — Residents along 300 miles of Gulf coast from Alabama to Tampa, Fla., reported seeing a mysterious orange ball in the Halloween sky.

No, it wasn't the Great Pumpkin.

Eglin Air Force Base said Tuesday orange-colored gas was emitted by three atmospheric test rockets launched between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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MASS. Experts Consider Problems of 'Other-World' Contacts

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 last weekend to consider the effects upon man of possibly contacting extraterrestrial life.

The symposium, sponsored by the national space agency and Boston University Department of Astronomy, focused on the social and philosophical implications of contacting other beings in space.

Some Disagreement

All of the experts agreed that it was 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.

Prof. 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 ten-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.

Work on Earth

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.

"Some other forms of life are probably more intelligent than we, which can explain why they haven't contacted us," Montagu

said. "They may regard us as we would some forms of rabies or cholera."

"We should prepare for encountering beyond-earthers," Montagu continued, "and not wait until contact is made to do something about it."

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.

"Theologians have been the ones who have been preparing themselves for life beyond the earth, as with the angels, arch-angels and such," Stendahl said.

Contacting other beings, Sten-

dahl said, may help man to stop viewing God in his own image, with all its limitations.

Dr. George Wald, professor of biology at Harvard University and a winner of the Nobel Prize in medicine, said he is convinced there is life elsewhere in the galaxy, but doubts the possibility of man ever contacting it.

Wald said the speed of light limits physical space travel as well as the speed of radio communication. But even if contact is possible, Wald said, he finds the thought of it "terrifying."

"The thought that we might attach ourselves as with an umbilical cord of an advanced civilization doesn't thrill me," Wald said.

Prof. Philip Morrison, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, predicted that after many false claims of having received a message from another civilization, man will get and verify the real thing.

He said the message probably would be a very technical, scientifically coded communication that would probably come in bit-by-bit over many months or even years.

Even if the communication is limited at first in the quantity of information it provides, Morrison said, it would be beneficial in the same way the comparatively small body of writings from ancient Greece has benefited modern civilization.

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Did Space Travelers Visit Earth In Prehistoric Time?

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THE UNEXPLAINED

Was the earth in the remote, myth-shrouded past visited by beings from outer space?

In the light of man's own foray into space, some scientists think the idea is quite plausible. And a Swiss writer, Erich von Danicken, contends that there is convincing evidence of such extraterrestrial tourism. During a recent trip he made to North America, he discussed this evidence with me.

He mentioned cave paintings in places as varied as

the Sahara. Australia and Italy, all of which depict strange creatures with bubble-shaped heads resembling astronauts in space suits.

In a tomb at Pelenque, Mexico, is a wall carving, believed to be Mayan, showing what looks like a man at the controls of a spaceship. Foot pedals and levers are visible as well as jet-like protuberances at the rear of the "craft."

The most striking of these cave paintings was made

known by a Soviet scientist, Dr. I. S. Shklovski, who calls it evidence of extraterrestrial visitors in the distant past. Estimated to be 6,000 years old, the painting is outside the village of Ohma, not far from the city of Ferghana in the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan.

PICTURE IN CAVE SHOWS 'FLYING SAUCER'

On the walls of the cave is a figure dressed like a modern astronaut — bubble helmet sprouting antennae, and a sort of coverall garment. Hovering above the figure is a disk-shaped craft, incredibly

like a "flying saucer," with some form of radiation streaming downward from it.

(When an astronomer friend of mine, who is an authority on UFOs, saw a reproduction of this painting he exclaimed: "My God! It's just like the reports we get today.")

According to Erich von Danicken, the space visitors were the "gods" of ancient mythologies. He suggests that all earth's religions sprang from the memories of such visitations.

But if extraterrestrials did tread the earth, would they not have left behind some de-

liberate clue to their identity?

Von Danicken thinks that such a clue exists and may already have been found.

"Near Quito," he said, "the capital of Ecuador, Dr. Juan Moricz, a former professor of ethnology at the University of Buenos Aires, has discovered an underground cave as big as the Place de la Concorde in Paris."

"The cave, according to Moricz, contains thousands of metallic folios. These are books. The pages are made of a light metal, some of pure gold. Stamped into these metallic pages are messages in

some strange language. It contains 56 characters or letters and resembles no language that Prof. Moricz knows."

DID SPACE TRAVELERS LEAVE MESSAGES?

Von Danicken said he personally had not seen the cavern, though Moricz had promised to take him there in the near future. But he showed me photographs of some of the metallic folios.

They looked as he had described them.

The folios, in his opinion,

comprise a vast library left behind as a sort of time capsule by ancient space visitors.

"Deciphered," he said, "they may reveal who the space beings were and where they came from."

But how can an unknown language be deciphered?

"Whoever left the library," suggested Von Danicken, "must have left the key to decipher its contents."

Does an awesome secret lie in a cave beneath a South American jungle, waiting to be unlocked?

Time, as they say, will tell.

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What Was It?

We must set our alarm one of these nights to wake us around 3 a.m., for we've had a number of reports of unusual sights in the northern sky at this hour. The latest report was last Wednesday morning. Crystal Jackson awakened shortly after three and saw a "red light" in the sky approaching from the north. Thinking it was a falling star, she was about to turn away when she noticed it was coming very close and she could see it was round shaped, with little lights all around its center. She hurriedly awakened her mother and they stood in the window, watching it disappear at about 3:30. Mrs. Jackson said as it passed over the horizon towards Halifax it looked like a big red glow. She said it was round-shaped and definitely not an aeroplane. This is almost word for word what a very sensible, down-to-earth woman up at the highest point in town told us about what she saw around 3:15 the previous Wednesday morning. Have others witnessed these phenomena and if so, do you have a logical explanation?!

Milky Way Mystery

So sophisticated have astronomer's tools become that it is possible for strange phenomena to be recorded in far reaches of the universe which defy explanation. Such an event was the accidental discovery in September that four explosions of a type not previously observed occurred in the Milky Way Galaxy. This is the star system of which Earth is a part.

Although the mysterious explosions were measured in thousands of light

years from our planet, they are the first observed in such relative proximity to Earth. Astronomers previously had noted similar disturbances at far greater distances.

Orbiting satellites, radio telescopes and the 200-inch reflector atop Mount Palomar all have confirmed the extraordinary occurrence. The riddle scientists have not yet solved is, what was it?

Two Women Report Sighting 'Flying Saucer' Sunday

The sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) over the city has been reported by a Longmont woman and a companion.

The woman, who asked not to be identified, and her friend, whom she identified only as Donna, said the "flying saucer" appeared over their car as they were returning from Denver early Sunday morning.

She said they spotted the object—"it was like a bright light with antennas on it"—about two miles south of Del Camino on I-25.

It stayed above their car when they exited on Colorado 119 and followed them into Longmont, she said. When they arrived home, in the northern part of the city, it was still above them.

The woman said they saw the object while they were both inside and outside of the car and that it was "about a mile or two" in the air.

The young women became frightened by the presence of the object and went to the Longmont police station. Officers "pooh-poohed" the sighting, she said, and offered the opinion that it was the North Star.

But the woman said she was

convinced that it was not a star, that it moved and changed course and direction and speed.

"I never saw anything like it before," she said. "It's really crazy."

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INFINITE NUMBER

Cernan Says Other Earths Exist

BY NICHOLAS C. CHRISS
Times Staff Writer

HOUSTON—Astronaut Eugene A. Cernan, commander of the Apollo 17 mission to the moon, said Friday he thought there were planets similar to earth in outer space as well as other civilizations.

Cernan, told a news conference:

"I'm one of those guys who has never seen a UFO (unidentified flying object). But I've been asked, and I've said publicly I thought they were somebody else, some other civilization."

"... statistically, when you get out there, and you look at the infinity of time and the infinity of space, which is something none of us can really understand, but exists—and I know it because I saw it—and you look how small our earth is...

Other Civilizations

"Statistically there has to be an infinite number of other earths and infinite numbers of other civilizations..."

"I think it's exciting, scientifically and philosophically and any other way, for people young and old to think that in the future we may be able to go out there, or there may be other civilizations we can come in contact with."

Cernan's statements came at the last news conference of the Apollo 17 crew which made the last planned U.S. moon mission last month. His crewmates were Harrison H. Schmitt and Ronald E. Evans.

Cernan continued: "Until recently I've been too narrowminded about the past myself."

Discusses Infinity

"You know this earth existed and that moon existed long before life and certainly civilization as we know it existed."

"Maybe infinity goes backward as well as it does forward. Maybe the moon can tell us the possibility of something about some ancient existence of civilization, not necessarily the earth, not necessarily on the moon, but possibly within our own universe, and give us an insight into what it is really all about; understanding something that is relatively untouched, that is 2, 3, 4 billion years old, is part of the learning process, to what is behind us, and what may be in front of us."

Earlier, Schmitt said he thought some of the strange moon soil that he and Cernan picked up near the Crater Shorty on the moon may be only 10 million years old.

If it is, man may have found the youngest material on the moon of all the Apollo moon landing mis-

sions. Schmitt said studies so far indicated the soil was the result of a small volcanic venting which would indicate a molten center in the moon at one time.

Schmitt said the orange soil probably came from the depths of the moon, which means the lunar scientists may get their first good look at the internal structure.

"The more we could find out about the evolution of the moon and what went on there, the more we can utilize the forces of earth," he said.

Both Evans and Cernan made it clear that they intended to remain with the space program. Schmitt, however, expressed some reservation.

UFO Seen Over Valley

An unidentified flying object in the form of a sleigh and reindeer was reported seen in the Kern River Valley last night.

According to the report from several sources, the strange object seemed to be making practice maneuvers in preparation for a long journey.

According to reports, the UFO made several passes over the valley in a figure-8 pattern, and then took off in a high rate of speed heading due north.

Several reported that it is anticipated that many more sightings will occur the evening of December 24.

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NOBODY has yet been able to identify a mysterious burning object which fell from the skies and landed among trees on Lord Rosebery's estate at Mentmore. Both the Ministry of Defence for Air and the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough have confessed themselves mystified.

The object was sighted by 19-year-old insurance clerk Andrew Perry, of Waterworks Cottage, Model Farm, Mentmore, as he was driving home along the public road which runs through the park.

"It was just after midnight and pouring with

rain when I saw this round shape, about 2½ feet in diameter and glowing a deep orange-red, coming across the sky and downwards from

the direction of Mentmore," said Andrew.

"It seemed to get caught in the trees on the opposite side of the road from the Model Farm driveway and then go out. Believe me, I shot along that drive at about 40 m.p.h."

The following day, Andrew investigated and found a heap of burned metal and wire on the ground beneath the trees.

"It was lying in a heap about two feet in diameter and six to nine inches high. There was a nest of very fine wire surrounded by paper-thin strips of something like aluminium metal about two inches wide," he said.

He told an estate employee, who removed some of the metal — and experienced a tingling sensation in his fingers for several days after handling it.

Both men said the police were informed and took away pieces of the object. But Thames Valley Police said last week that they knew nothing of the incident.

When I described the object to a spokesman at the Ministry of Defence for Air, he said it "did not fit in with any known pattern."

A spokesman for the Space Department at RAE Farnborough was also mystified. He said no satellite had landed in the area and the description did not fit anything he knew. However, the department did not know about everything which was launched by other nations.

"Of course, it might have been a private experiment and, if so, they are unlikely to come forward and confess. If they were aiming for the moon they failed dismally," he said.

BY ANNIE
HAMMOND



Andrew Perry with pieces of the fiery ball which fell from the sky.

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The Lights Of Mystery

CANADA

By MARIE BARTON

"Before I leave, I'd like to know what you think of the lights that interest my friend, Larry, so. He's come out here more than two dozen times to see them."

"The lights?" responded Fire Ranger Lloyd Yanz of Woodridge, Manitoba. "Well I'm the one that started all this blinkin' thing."

"You are?"

"Yeh."

"That's interesting. What are they? Marsh gas?"

"No, not marsh gas, no."

"No?"

"You see there's so many stories and everybody's got an answer. So I got nothin' to say on that, but it's not marsh gas."

"No? What is it then?"

"It's — they say it's reflections and all that — but I seen such funny things. How can I explain it? Nobody'd believe me anyway."

"Can you see them from your house at night?" I indicated his two-storey, white-washed, cedar-log dwelling in the jack pines where a whiskyjack had just disappeared. In that split second a chipmunk ran over the lithe ranger's feet, feet that climbed lookout towers, but now those feet stood motionless so as not to frighten the tiny creature of the wild.

"No, not from the house," he answered. "To see the lights, you got to go to a certain line here — a couple of miles back."

"That so? Can you explain them?"

"Well, the way it acted and all that — like — ah — you — see — right now the guys that go to school, they got all the answers. They say, 'Okay, it's reflections from a car.'"

"Yes?"

"Okay, if it's four-five miles. You go on the highway. You see a car coming. Does he blind you or something?"

"No."

"No?" Well, how come this is sometimes so bright that it blinds? So?"

"But you say they don't come to the yard here?"

"No. No, they got nothin' to do here."

"I see."

"Only some years back —

Focus

well, we do have funny things happening. We had — like the missus would say that somebody's going to that church." The ranger indicated a weathered church of squared cedars now used for a storehouse. It stood on the edge of his 20-acre site. "See that little church? So — well I says, 'What the heck, who's goin' to that church? There's a lot of junk in there and someone's gone to that church, then I says, 'But I don't see how.' This is before they had so many snowmobiles."

"Yes."

"And then I says, 'Well there's nobody can go to that church.' She said, 'Somebody went with a car or something and went to the church.'"

"She saw the lights?"

"She saw the lights going to the church. The next morning while it was too much snow, I gets on my skis and I comes back and I says, 'Look, I didn't see a blinkin' track,' but she seen this light going up and down. There's certain lights going round."

"What do you really think about these lights?"

"Gosh, like you say, I can only think about it." The ranger chuckled. "And I can't say too much." He chuckled again. Did he think I didn't believe him?

"But I saw them last Sunday," I said hastily. I came out with Larry. I saw them with my own eyes."

"You did?"

"Yes, but still, you see, I'd like to know what someone like you thinks ..."

"You mean you went to take a look at the lights?"

"Yes."

"See, you can go there and you can watch that light maybe a hundred times and you always see something different."

"Always see something different?"

"So, whoever decides it's this or that like one of those chaps working for me" (he pointed to the roof where



THE OLD CHURCH

... where forester's wife saw the lights

workers were covering the roof of his new, unfinished bungalow) "he figures it's car lights. Okay? Car lights." He paused to let the implication sink in, then continued. "He'll go there and put his car lights off and — see, the way it is there — it's about four miles across and it's three-four hills. And he sees a reflection and all that. Okay, when I seen the lights and the missus seen the lights — I cut the line since I work for the forestry — before that there was no such thing as a line out there. So where in the heck was the lights from? Tell us."

"You mean there was no car over there because there was no road."

"There WAS NO ROAD."

The ranger's eye nailed me as he emphasized his point.

"Yes, right now it's a road (a line), and coming from the other end where the lights are, where they say they are, is over the hills. There's a road," he conceded.

"Yes."

"There was no line and no road in the 50s or in '56. We only just built the road. I seen the lights before that."

"Before '56?"

"Yes, so what's ...?"

"Well, why don't somebody get some scientists out to ..."

"They tried all kinds of ..."

"You mean the scientists don't want to come out to ...?"

"Oh, they took all kinds of pictures and ..."

"You mean reporters did, newspaper reporters, but nobody sent out any scientists, any investigators."

"Well, ah ... quite a few different parties sat there. It's always something. Like I say, the first few times we were coming home. This is how it started. This was in the early 50s, yes, early 50s, when we came out at a — where we were coming home from a hunting trip one day. I had my brother-in-law and his boy and my boy and by where the lines is now, we had a little trail. We just turned off and when we came to this certain point we looked back and ... see we were going home and so we turned back. We seen this light like someone was going to catch up to us. But I told the boys ... I says 'Here, that's impossible. There is no road there.' And they said, 'What in the heck do you mean, there's no road there?'"

"Well, I said, 'we're on this trail, and there's no road there.'"

"Ahuh!"

"My brother-in-law, he was one of those fellows, you know, you tell him one thing or another, he just wouldn't believe it. He had to have proof."

I nodded.

"I said, 'There's no road. But he said, 'It — looks — like — a — car — light.' So the next day they all went back, the three fellows. They spent their time hunting. They come back. The snow was waist-high. I said, 'Did you see any tracks?' They says, 'No.'"

"Ahuh."

"Okay, where was the car lights? The night after that we goes back to the — night after supper — about seven o'clock. Here we comes around the corner and somebody has the — see, like the top of that tree." He pointed. "Someone had a yard light. You'd say, you know a trouble light hanging from top of a tree. That's what it looked like."

"That's what it looked like," I repeated after him.

"Someone hung this here

trouble light. But who would go in there? There was no tracks that day. Who in the heck would go up there to hook up a light?" The ranger chuckled in merriment. "So they went back again and they couldn't figure out what the heck ..."

"Ahuh."

"And then we went back again and this time somebody was walking in the bush and this time it wasn't in the tree top. Somebody was walking in the bush carrying a gas lantern — you know one of those gas lanterns that gives a white light."

"Yes."

"Somebody was walking — like you could see by the feet and carrying a lantern and walking with this lantern."

"You saw ... well then?"

"So there you are ..."

"So it wasn't the light after all ..."

"Wasn't the light! Like someone was carrying this light and we went back and there — was — no — tracks."

"You mean it looked like someone ..."

"It looked like a chap going by with a light and you could see his feet going up and down and carrying a lantern."

"Oh."

"But he wasn't there, there was no tracks. So the guys had question marks. They came back with question marks."

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"You saw the chap but he left no tracks?"

"I seen — we seen the lights, we didn't see nobody, but we figured that a person is carrying a lantern and his feet are going."

"But there was no tracks. It wouldn't be an animal with ..."

"This light was too bright.

This was really a gas lantern — a Coleman or something and the light was about as bright as that ... and that's it."

As night fell, my companion and I waited on the line designated by the ranger. We followed the line full length to where it ended blind at the railway that slanted through the Sandilands Forest Reserve. Beyond stretched four miles of scrubbed black spruce bog, too soft for any trail. Certainly there was no road.

We backed up 40 rods, since there was no room to turn around. We had parked there the previous Sunday with Larry and his friends. All was silent in the forest save for the answering owls and the yodel of some distant wolf.

"Did you see it, too?" asked my companion.

"Yes," I confirmed, "like a red light the size of a football."

"It dropped from a treetop and lost height as it wandered across the road to the left."

The second time the light appeared it took the shape of a fixed star that scintillated through the gathering haze. Two more times we saw it. The last time a long freight train moved on the track behind it, leaving the low "star" after it had passed.

"That means that the light is between us and the train, somewhere on the end of the blind line and not more than 40 rods ahead of us," concluded my companion.

"That's it," we said in unison. Like the hunting party the ranger talked about, we went home carrying question marks.

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NIGHT Sky mysteries

A STRANGE object seen in the skies over the Lakenheath bomber base on July 17th, 1957, has become something of a classic event in the UFO annals. It has never been explained.

It was not the usual case of lights seen in the sky by the average citizen who could be convinced he had been seeing things.

This sighting involved two ground radar operators, one military aircraft pilot and observations from an air control tower ... the kind of evidence which can not be dismissed lightly.

In "The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry," (Albeard-Schuman, £2.50) the Lakenheath event is labelled as the subject of "grossly incomplete investigation."

The incident is one of many quoted in what is claimed as being the first book on the subject written by a scientist who does not reject evidence put before him simply because he does not believe in "Flying Saucers."

Dr Hynek, for 20 years an astronomical consultant to the U.S. Air Force investigation of UFOs, not only raises the awkward questions, but also suggests a rational programme by which the value of evidence might be checked, even verified. — P.S.

UFO sighted over town, CANADA lingers, leaves for Welland

by Bob Thomas

Unidentified flying objects, or UFO's as they have come to be known, have been sighted many times over the years by persons all over the world.

The latest sighting, to our knowledge, was here in Fort Erie.

Members of three separate families claim to have seen a UFO, but that is not to say they are claiming to have seen a "flying saucer", if indeed there is such an object.

Robert Hall, 69 Concession Rd., was first to make the sighting Tuesday night, January 2 at approximately 7:45.

Mr. Hall had gone out the back door to take the garbage out to the road when he noticed what he first thought was an aircraft.

When he returned from the first trip to the road, he noticed it was still there, but the number of flashing lights on the object caught his attention.

Returning from the second trip and still watching this flashing object, he called his wife, who came out to see it. She then went next door to notify a neighbour, Mrs. Dan Henries and her two children.

Mr. Hall said he never really saw any outline or shape to the object, but could only assume a

shape by the pattern of flashing lights. He said the hovering mass of lights stayed for approximately 10 minutes before rising very quickly, then shooting across the sky over head in the direction of Welland.

He said he was most amazed at the speed of the object and the facts it made no sound and left no vapor trail.

He said he noticed only white lights which made a definite flashing pattern. There were three slow flashes, then a fast one. The sequence was repeated over and over.

Mrs. Henries said she thought it was circular shaped, judging by the formation of the lights. But she added, it changed to more of an oval shape when it passed over head.

Another member of another family which lives at the north end of Niagara Boulevard also claims to have seen a UFO at approximately the same time, the same evening. But when questioned, there were few answers, except to say the person sighting the object was now convinced it was an aircraft.

Checks with Buffalo International Airport and base operators revealed nothing took off locally between 7:30 and 8 p.m. January 2.

HAVERING RECORDER

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REPORTS of Unidentified Flying Objects have been coming in thick and fast since Mr. Michael Oram opened a report centre at Rainham. Latest spotters are Mr. Robert Clark, 27, and his wife Pat, 24, of Northumberland-avenue, Hornchurch, who saw a "bright object" in the sky for 20 minutes.

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Fort Erie Times Review

CANADA Ball of fire came out of the skies

A report of an unidentified flying object landing in the Bay of Island Friday night, received "a lot of attention" from the RCMP rural detachment here, a spokesman for the detachment said today.

Three adult residents of McIvers had told police they saw a ball of fire moving in over the Blow Me Down Mountains and fall toward the water. Then they heard a splash.

The police spokesman said the detachment received a call at about the same time, from the air and sea rescue centre at Halifax, that an airplane was missing somewhere in the general area. So the detachment obtained a boat and searched the area where the

object had landed, but found nothing.

It was later reported that the plane in question had been ditched about 100 miles east of St. John's.

The detachment recorded two thefts and an apparent case of vandalism during the weekend.

There was a break-in at a barn at Hughes Brook Saturday, and a quantity of electrical apparatus was stolen from it. And \$26 worth of insulating material was stolen from a house being constructed at Pasadena.

And police received a complaint that a plate glass window had been smashed out of a house in Mount Moriah.

"ADVOCATE"

Burnie, Tas.

AUSTRALIA

22 DEC 1972

U.F.O. reported

HOBART — The sighting of a big unidentified flying object and half a dozen smaller ones east of New Norfolk yesterday is being investigated.

The main object was described as "huge" by Dr. Duncan Anderson, of Derwent Terrace, New Norfolk, who made the sighting about two a.m.

Dr. Anderson said yesterday he saw the object through his bedroom window.

"I watched it for about ten minutes and then woke my wife to check out my observation," he said.

He watched the aerial phenomena for about an hour.

Strange fiery object shocks workers

THE strange fiery object that shot across the sky above Southern Shipbuilders surprised the four men who saw it.

The other workmen spent all day making jokes about little green men, things from space, and thought the four were larking about.

But when two of the objects appeared the following day, half the men at the yard saw it — and it was no joke.

They agreed it was something odd, and Mr. Henry Blow, who saw the objects both days decided to report it to the police in Faversham.

The police passed on the information to the RAF at Manston, and the Ministry of De-

fence are treating them as Unidentified Flying Objects.

CIGAR-SHAPED

The first sighting was last Tuesday. Mr. Blow and his three mates in the plate welding section saw a cigar-shaped object shoot across the sky with a trail of smoke behind it.

The following day many of the men saw two identical spherical objects plunge down about a thousand feet and turn into the shape of a cigar.

The objects were orange in colour and encircled with a ball of fire. Both sightings were about 4.30 in the afternoon.

"I've no idea what they could have been," Mr. Blow says.

Some men had put forward the suggestion that they were weather balloons, but those who saw them pointed out that the balloons do not plunge a thousand feet through the sky.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said that all queries were investigated on scientific basis, but most reports had a simple, logical explanation.

"It depends on the time of day and the lighting, but often these things are balloons, low flying aircraft, stars or even clouds," he added.

Salmon Arm Observer, B.C.
November 8, 1972

CANADA
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Area visitor watches strange light in sky

Another incident of an unusual light in the Shuswap skies was reported to The Observer this morning by Paul Critchett, of Chicago, Illinois, who is currently staying with relatives, the Helper family in the White Lake area.

Critchett told The Observer he was sleeping in a van and awoke about 3 a.m. this morning to see the light which, from his viewpoint, looked to be toward Shuswap Lake in the vicinity of Bastion Mountain.

Critchett described it as a light similar to that which might be produced by a spotlight, "perhaps a little brighter in the centre than at the edges, but not too bright. Not bright enough to take a picture."

He said the light was travelling in a clockwise oval-shaped pattern, "which gave the impression it might have been a

circle if I'd been directly under it." The complete pattern took up about a quarter of a mile in the sky, he said, "with one full revolution around the pattern every second or three-quarters of a second as nearly as I could tell."

He said the light gradually shifted to the east out of his line of vision. He got up and moved and could see it again through the trees. "Then it returned to the section of the sky where I had originally seen it, then disappeared."

Critchett said he tried to find a logical explanation for the light, but was stumped. "If it was a searchlight," he said, "I'd surely have been able to see the beam. The same with a train headlight, and besides, the train would have had to have been climbing about a 45-degree grade. I don't know what it was, but I saw it."

St. John's Evening Telegram
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November 21, 1972

UFO report checked in Bay of Islands

CORNER BROOK (Staff)—A report of an unidentified flying object landing in the Bay of Islands last Friday night, received "a lot of attention" from the RCMP rural detachment here, a spokesman for the detachment said today.

Three adult residents of Melvers had told police they saw a ball of fire moving in over the Blow Me Down mountains.

The police spokesman said

the detachment also received a call at about the same time, from the Air and Sea Rescue Centre at Halifax, that an airplane was missing somewhere in the general area. So the detachment obtained a boat and searched the area where the object had landed, but found nothing.

It was later reported that the plane in question had ditched about 100 miles east of St. John's killing three people.

EVENING SENTINEL (STOKE)

Daily (Circ. 125,000)

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ENGLAND

U.F.O. stir at City Museum exhibition

Unidentified flying objects are causing a stir in Hanley.

And pleased about it is Mr. Arnold Mountford, Director of the City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley.

For it is there that the Stoke-on-Trent Astronomical Society are staging a six-week exhibition on "Space—The Final Frontier." Its first week attracted more than 8,000 people.

For many of these, Mr. Mountford explained that the highlight had been the U.F.O.s display.

"People have been extremely interested in the display and have spent some time discussing the possibilities of U.F.O.s," Mr. Mountford said.

"The exhibition has done remarkably well, and it is a wonderful opportunity for people of the city to see things, such as moon dust — that will probably never come to this city again."

An Endon visitor Mrs. Vera Gibson, said: "I don't really know anything about space but these displays help you to understand."

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FAVERSHAM NEWS

SHEFFIELD STAR

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ENGLAND

UFO spotting claimed at Aston

Pottery worker Mr. Roy Newman, of Pear Tree Farm, Laughton, along with his wife and two friends, claim to have seen an unidentified flying object in the sky last night at Aston.

"I don't normally believe in such things," said Mr. Newman, who described the object as being like a ball, orange in colour, and sliced in half.

But local police, Bawtry Meteorology Office and the Radio Space Research Laboratory could not confirm the sighting.

MIDDLESBROUGH EVENING GAZETTE

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20 JAN 1973

ENGLAND

Attention, all UFO watchers

If you are convinced that the light you saw in the sky the other night was a Martian flying saucer then a leading Australian writer wants to hear from you.

Michael Harvey, the vice-president of the Australian Writers' Guild, is writing a book about unidentified flying objects, and is appealing to Teessiders to come up with evidence for him.

Full details and dates of sightings and cuttings from newspapers and magazines dealing with UFO's should be sent to the Evening Gazette marked "UFO." We will send them on to Mr. Harvey.

U.F.O. Seen

CANADA

A flying saucer was seen by Mary Loe and her two daughters about one am about three weeks ago.

Mary woke up with a bright light in her area at Mile 295 and at first thought it was an explosion or light shorting but when it persisted she knew it had to be something else.

She called to her children and they saw it too. It lasted for about three or four minutes and then it disappeared.

There was no noise, Mary said, there was a snowstorm and she re-called that it reminded her of a continuous welding flash.

She sent the girls down to the road to see if there were any vehicle tracks and there were none so it could not have been a grader or truck.

It disappeared over the Muskwa bridge way and at one time seemed to be

MYSTERY OF THE U.F.O.

Mystery surrounded a low flying aircraft which practically disappeared from their area of radar, but lost it when it disappeared from their area of radar.

"As far as we could make out, it was a small jet," said a spokesman. "Possibly it had got off track, as it flew over the area and then back again, as if looking for something. Then it disappeared as suddenly as it appeared. We have no idea who was flying the plane or what was its purpose."

No official sources could clear up the mystery. Air Traffic Control, Turnhouse, said that they had plotted the plane on

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Fort Nelson News, B.C.

following the power lines.

It was about one in the morning Mary recalls and there was no traffic at that time.

Mrs Loe then went into hospital for a leg operation and did not report the matter to the News until this weekend.

This is not the first time that flying saucers have been seen in the area as repeated sightings were noted around Steamboat mountain and as far down as Mile 308.

No scientific explanation

"HERALD"
Dec. 4, 72 Colac, Vic.

1972 AUSTRALIA

2 UFOs sighted

A farmer saw two unidentified flying objects over the Stony Rises on Thursday night.

The farmer, Mr J. R. Hallyburton, of Stonyford, described them as two bright red lights that moved up and down.

"I saw something I have never seen before," he told the Colac Herald on Friday.

Mr Hallyburton would not elaborate further on the sighting.

He said he could not have mistaken what he saw for a plane.

Guernsey Evening Press

- 2 DEC 1972

ENGLAND

UFO riddle

THE "unidentified flying object" riddle continues with spokesmen for the airport and the two harbour watch-houses unable to confirm or to reject the reports of mysterious flying objects.

So far there have been UFO sightings on Sunday and Monday evenings, several at L'Anse-aux-Loup and one over the Little Russell between Herm and Jethou.

Another Sunday sighting has been reported, this time over Saints Bay during the late afternoon.

From her house overlooking Saints Bay, a woman saw what she assumed to be a small aeroplane flying west to east. It was only when she realised the "aircraft" was flying below the level of the cliffs and was completely noiseless that she wondered if it was a UFO.

It was later described as resembling a "small aircraft edge-on" and was moving fast.

Airport Air Traffic Control say they cannot explain the objects and have nothing logged, but they did say there were several light aircraft flying in Guernsey airspace on Sunday afternoon.

However, Air Traffic Control have had reports previously of unusual sightings which have merely been cruising jet aircraft catching the light of a rising or setting sun.

Alternatively, light aircraft can be mistaken — in a dusk light when landing lights on these small craft can look "quite spectacular".

Toronto Star, Ontario

Circ. 515,084

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TRIO CLAIM UFO SEEN IN METRO

An unidentified flying object was reported between 5.30 and 6.30 a.m. today by three Glendon College students.

"It was a white ball, with an orange light on top. It hovered for about 10 minutes, then took off much faster than a plane," said Paul Smith. "Then it returned and stayed about 20 minutes."

Smith, Mark St. Louis and Roland Isaacs were skating in the valley beside the college when they spotted the object to the south-east, approximately over Scarborough Bluffs, they said.

B-6 Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Monday, December 25, 1972

GALAXY TO GALAXY SPACE TRAVEL FORESEEN

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) — Christopher C. Kraft dreams that the people of this earth will visit the people of another earth somewhere, someday, in a distant solar system.

Kraft doesn't write science fiction. He works to make reality what were only writers' dreams 15 years ago.

He rotates in his big, brown chair, chomping on a fat cigar, and staring out the windows of his ninth floor Manned Spacecraft Center office. He overlooks the space complex that

may one day send men and women through space in a sophisticated space station, searching for another race of beings.

It may take generations, but the 48-year-old director of the Houston space center believes that other races will be found.

"Most astronomers believe there are millions of planets like earth in far space," Kraft said. "People of this earth are going to meet people of another earth someday."

The first contact probably will be by radio.

"We probably will hear from

them long before we see them," Kraft said, "but 50 years from now is not too soon to look for expeditions into another solar system."

The trip will be a long one, Kraft said.

"We will have to go in a space station with the capability to generate your own people. John Smith's settlement of Jamestown had the same idea and problem. We can do it, too."

"We need a transportation system that is cheap and easy," Kraft said. "The shuttle

and later space tug is that vehicle, I think. It may be the way to go back to the moon, too."

While Apollo 17 is the end of an epoch, Kraft said it is not the end of an era.

"The future is still the question. We can't decide today what we're going to do 30 years from now because we don't know what technological innovations may be discovered by then."

Kraft said the advances may be almost beyond belief.

"Some guy tomorrow may

invent something beyond our imagination today," he said. "We would probably grossly underestimate the amount of progress we will have in the next 10-year period."

But, for now, the moon is no longer the target — probably for this century.

"We've got other prime objectives," Kraft said. "We must go on. Scientists now have the time to analyze what they have learned from our trips there and can decide what they must know in the future if we return. They haven't had that time before."

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Someone up there

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects, or UFOs, exist and are worthy of further scientific study, says American astronomer J. Allen Hynek.

But they are not necessarily the same thing as "flying saucers," he believes. They may, in fact, represent some still unknown natural phenomenon.

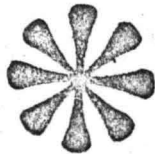
Professor Hynek puts forward his case in a new book ~~the~~ *UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry* (Abelard-Schuman, £2.50), which he says he has written "for the benefit of those who have been honestly puzzled by the UFO question."

When the U.S. Airforce closed their Project Blue Book investigation of UFOs in 1969 they published a report that seemed to dismiss the subject as no longer worthy of official attention.

Hynek, who has served as a consultant to U.S. Airforce investigators, criticises Project Blue Book as unscientific in its approach. According to him, the Blue Book investigators were determined to discredit the UFO phenomena.

Yet many of the sightings examined by the Blue Book investigators had to be written off as unexplained.

When a UFO is reported investigators collect reports from all those who saw the object. They check the individual stories for accuracy and compare them. If scientists cannot explain the sighting, the report becomes worthy of study as a genuine UFO.



A true report, according to Hynek, is one that is still puzzling even after detailed investigation. (Sightings by a single observer are not included, nor are those by evidently unstable people).

There are enough very strange reports from groups of reliable people for Hynek to conclude that we are here dealing with an aspect of the natural world not yet explained by science.

Among the cases recounted by Professor Hynek is the puzzling story of what went on at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, in 1957. At 10.45 one November night, two observers in the control tower noticed a bright light over the airfield.

It descended; and through binoculars they saw an object shaped like an automobile on end, between 15 and 18 feet high. But the observers were unable to identify

could be watching

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By Ian Ridpath

or offer any explanation of what they saw.

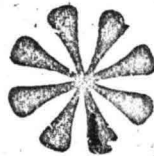
The object hovered over a floodlit area, then veered away and climped "like a jet." The object was in view for between five and six minutes.

The same object was tracked by a radar operator in a separate building. About 20 minutes after the object had disappeared both off the radar screen and from the view of the two control-tower observers, an airforce transport plane took off.

The object was then seen again on the radar scope, and it fell into line about half a mile behind the plane. It tracked the plane for 14 miles before turning away, eventually fading from the radar screen.

"What can one say of a radar-visual case like this?" asks Hynek. "Something was quite definitely there."

This is one of the best UFO reports. A similar case happened in England at Lakenheath, Suffolk. Even the taciturn committee that examined the cases in Blue Book described that by saying, "The apparent rational, intelligent behaviour of the UFO suggests a mechanical device of unknown origin as the most probable explanation of this sighting."



Hynek puts UFO reports into categories such as nocturnal lights, disc-shaped objects seen during the day, objects recorded on radar and seen visually, and close

SOUTH WALES
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encounters (which includes evidence of possible landings and reported contacts with UFO occupants).

An example of the latter type is the flesh-creeping Kelly-Hopkinsville case of 1955. It concerns a family of 11 people in a Kentucky farmhouse, one of whom saw a UFO land in a gulley during the early evening.

Less than an hour later, the dog in the yard began barking violently. Looking out, the occupants saw a small "glowing" man approaching the house. His arms stretched up over his head, and his eyes were large and saucer-like.

The men of the household fired at this and other humanoids who appeared around the house. The guns were ineffective, and after a three-hour siege the terrified family crammed into two cars and fled into town for the police. Although the police found nothing, the creatures reappeared once they had left.

The family are doggedly certain about what happened that night, and when interviewed individually they all gave the same description of the humanoids.

Hynek draws no conclusions from the cases he reports. "It is not known what UFOs are," he emphasises, "but I can establish beyond reasonable doubt that they are not all misperceptions or hoaxes."

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of the North, N.W.T.

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The Upper Islander
Campbell River, B.C.
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Investigation of UFO

Canadian Forces Northern Region Headquarters has been investigating several reports of a bright object speeding through the sky during the evening of 25 October. The object was reported as travelling from Northwest to Southeast. All the descriptions of the object agree that it was brilliantly lit, coloured white or orange and trailing what appeared to be sparks.

Meteorites are fragments or pieces of meteors that reach the earth. They vary in size from that of a pin head to a mass weighing several tons. Because meteorites are the only natural material recovered from space, they are invaluable as a source of information to scientists in their study of outer space and space

vehicle re-entry problems. Since they are probably pieces of another planet, they could provide important clues to what the interior of the earth is like.

Anyone sighting what they believe to be a meteorite is encouraged to call Northern Region Headquarters Yellowknife, at 873-4011 and report the details. An accurate time of sighting, direction of travel of the object and point of impact are the key details required. Whenever possible, and in conjunction with other tasks Northern Region Headquarters has agreed to investigate such reports for the National Research Council Associate Committee on Meteorites.

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CANADA Mailbag CANADA

UFO SPOTTED BY VISITORS

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as I have a problem that discussion amongst ourselves has failed to resolve.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, about 5:45 p.m., I was with a group of four when we came out of the Haida Inn after dinner and as we walked to our car parked at the rear of the building we all noticed a light in the sky past the parking lot and above the mountains to the west.

It was an unblinking white light which appeared stationary and grew somewhat larger as we watched.

After about two or three minutes it changed into a black shape, roughly square, which grew larger until as we watched it descend behind the hills in the distance.

The only explanation we could think of was that it could have been a kite, although I feel that because of its large size and the approximately one mile distance to the hill behind which it disappeared, that it was much too large for a kite.

Do you have any idea what this may have been? I am anxious to know as I have never seen anything like it in the past and it has generated considerable discussion amongst our group.

James Underwood,
144 Egerton Street, Victoria, B.C.

1972 Was a Very Good Year for Monsters and Saucers

From: The Milwaukee, Oregon, Journal Dec. 16, 1972 - C2: Don Boates

By John Keel
North American Newspaper
Alliance

The author is a recognized expert on UFOs and other strange phenomena. His extensive research in the field has led to several books.

Woodstock, N. Y. - After a three year lull in which comparatively few flying saucers were reported, the little green men attempted a comeback in 1972.

But a 7 foot tall hairy monster with a serious perspiration problem walked away with most of the publicity.

He—or it—popped up in the little town of Louisiana, Mo., in July soon after several local citizens had allegedly seen strange lights in the sky. The critter was quickly dubbed "Mo Mo," short for Missouri Monster, and similar man shaped animals accompanied by foul odors were soon being reported in neighboring states.

Several patterns are now apparent in UFO sightings. David Saunders, a psychologist at the University of Colorado, patiently fed 13,000 sighting reports into a computer and confirmed earlier studies which contended that a surprising majority of all known sightings tend to occur on Wednesday.

In fact, the best time to look for oddball lights in the sky seems to be 10 p.m. Wednesday. The Martians, or whoever, operate to a regular timetable in many parts of the country.

Sightings tend to peak around the 10th and 21st of March, April, July, August, September and January. And an unusual number of sightings seem to occur on the 24th.

In April, 1972, there was the annual outbreak of strange aerial phenomena in several states. By midsummer, a worldwide wave was taking place. Airline pilots in South Africa reported weird objects trailing their planes. New Zealand, the island off the coast of Australia,

produced a wide variety of unusual reports. But, then, New Zealand has a history of sightings going all the way back to the early 1900s.

Periodically, the UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) dump their garbage on us and contribute to our environmental problems. Early in April, formations of bright objects were observed over Derry, Youngwood and Carbon in Pennsylvania. They dropped quantities of metallic stripes composed of aluminum and silicon.

Such strips have been found repeatedly all over the world in the wake of UFO sightings. The good people of

West Virginia call the stuff "space grass." It resembles "chaff," which Air Force planes deploy to deceive ground radar, but is chemically different from the Air Force substance.

Back in 1963, two strange metal spheres a few inches in diameter were found on a

sheep ranch in Australia. According to official statements by the Australian government at the time, scientists were unable to cut them open. Their purpose and origin remain a mystery.

In 1972, the mysterious spheres were back — this time in good old New Zealand. They were about 14 inches in diameter and, when

analyzed by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, proved to be made of titanium, a rare and expensive alloy. Both the Soviet Union and the United States denied that the objects could be pieces of their space vehicles.

Meanwhile, from Canada to Mexico, there was a new outbreak of what early settlers called "fairy circles." These are perfect circles burned into open fields. Often, plants fail to regrow in the circles for years. Cows, sheep and horses carefully graze around them. Hogs won't even set foot in them. Once it was thought the circles were caused by freak lightning. But that theory has been disproven.

A rash of these circles appeared suddenly throughout Kansas and Iowa this past summer. They are usually found after strange aerial lights have been seen in the vicinity. Flying saucer enthusiasts regard such circles as physical proof of space ships from some other planet.

In Iowa, something also punched three foot wide holes in the landscape. They were filled with an unidentified silver dust. The holes turned up on farms at Goldfield, Story City, Laurens and Boone. Authorities were baffled.

In September, a strange spherical light even appeared over Hanoi in North Vietnam, triggering an air raid alert. Earlier, in June, policemen fired on a "ball of fire" near Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

Yugoslavia plunged into a UFO "flap" in October, 1971, when astronomers in Croatia spotted and photographed a pentagon shaped flying

whatzit. On Oct. 13, 200 spectators at a football game in Sid, Vojvodina, forgot about the game while they watched a white circular object cavort overhead. Sightings behind the Iron Curtain stepped up in 1972.

In France, a massive wave of sightings, including reported landings in three widely separated areas, began on March 21.

Newspapers around the world were reporting flying saucers again with mounting interest. Jacques Vallee, a French computer specialist, released a study of hundreds of sightings and landings collected in Spain. Among other things, he noted that the largest percentage of witnesses were under the age of 30, although a few 80 year olds have reported seeing the objects.

While scores of amateur monster hunters and journalists were pursuing the hapless MoMo across the Southern States, members of England's Loch Ness Investigation Bureau were posted around the famous lake in Scotland waiting for "Ness-

sie" to rear his (or its) ugly head. The Loch Ness season got off to a bad start when pranksters planted a dead sea lion on its banks on April Fool's Day. But Nessie obligingly put in a few appearances during the summer.

Americans don't have to travel all the way to Scotland to see a sea serpent, however. Several witnesses claimed they saw a gigantic creature of some sort in New York's Lake Champlain this year. The lake has a history of monster sightings going back many years.

In California, the legendary Bigfoot was reportedly on the prowl again. Randy Norton, 18, and Steven Gillespie, 22, said they saw the legendary hair man on Oct. 6 while camping near Clear Creek in Shasta County, California. They described it as

looking like a gorilla with rusty brown hair. When they tried to follow it, it ran from tree to tree, "almost like he wanted us to track him," Gillespie said.

Further north, several different expeditions invaded the forests of British Columbia, searching vainly for Sasquatch, the Canadian equivalent of Bigfoot and Momo.

And a new American expedition headed for Nepal on the border of Tibet to search for the celebrated Abominable Snowman. Like his North American counterparts, the snowman smells bad, stands 8 to 10 feet tall and is covered with hair.

Sea serpents, flying saucers and giant hairy men have long been regarded as jokes and folklore, but in 1972 science was beginning to take such things seriously and leading scientists began to participate in investigations around the world.

Scottish lairs are up in arms over the threats to Ness-

sie and in the state of Washington it is now against the law to shoot at a Sasquatch.

But it is still open season on flying saucers and little green men.

He said Myricura checked to death on a clove of garlic which he always placed in his mouth to ward off vampires while he slept.

More garlic cloves were scattered around the room and one was wedged in the keyhole of his door. Pye said, "Salt, another reputed anti-vampire defense, was sprinkled on Myricura's blankets and a bag of salt lay next to the dead man's feet.

"He thought vampires were everywhere," said his landlady, Mrs. Fungiz, Kholazich-witz.

According to superstition, vampires are blood-sucking ghosts or the reanimated bodies of dead persons who wander at night sucking the blood of sleeping persons and causing their deaths.

Coroner Frederic Latta recorded a verdict of accidental death.

STAN G. THOMAS

Dear Subscribers:

To fill the added 5 pages of this double report, we are reprinting one of the first US publications on UFOs called "THE SAUCER REVIEW" published by E. Rockmore in New York. This reprints the sighting section from the first issue of SR put out on September 1, 1951.

REWRITE OF SAUCER REPORTS #1 to 14
(Covering Jan 1 to July 30, 1951)

- JAN 20 1951 8:26 PM. Newar Sioux City, Iowa. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
#1 A strange light seen in sky. On closer view, it was a strong, bright white light attached under fuselage of unknown airplane with a very thin fuselage; about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times longer than a B29, with straight wings set very far back, no visible engines, and an unknown series of navigation lights. It came from a direction opposite to viewing airliner, but made an instant stop, and turn far faster than any known aircraft, and followed airliner 4 seconds, and then disappeared. SOURCES - Fate Magazine May 1951 - Sioux City Journal - Sioux City Tribune.
- JAN 25 1951 Evening. NORRÉ SCANIA, Sweden. Lat. 58° , Long. east. 15° .
#2 Brightly shining object at a great height was chased over Sweden by Swedish Airforce plane. NY Telegram - London Daily Mirror
- JAN 28 1951 9:24 to 9:40 PM. DETROIT, Michigan. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. 83° .
#3 Either a strange blue-green flashes of light or a blinding streak of light was seen in sky at height much lower than lightning, over 3 mile area. For next 10-15 minutes, radio and TV reception was interrupted. SOURCES: - Brooklyn Eagle Jan 29 - NY Telegram Jan 29 - Detroit News
- FEB 1, 1951 6:55 PM. From Eureka to Stockton-Vallejo area, California. LAT. 41° , Long. 124° to Lat. 38° to Long. $121-3^{\circ}$.
#4 A white aerial object with red tail moving faster than an airplane, passed near Eureka. Over Hopland, a brilliant green object crossed the sky at apparently airliner speed, and disappeared with a large green flash. Near Petaluma, a fiery streak of light crossed sky. Near Vallejo and Stockton, something was believed to have struck the ground. SOURCE: REDWOOD JOURNAL PRESS-DISPATCH
- FEB 3, 1951 7:00 PM. Galena, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
#5 Aerial object resembling a "fiery-red baseball bat", approximate size of a telephone pole, with lightning-like flashes coming from rear, making no noise, passed over city. It moved at varying heights from 100 to 300 feet above city, made several turns, avoided hills, and travelled at a speed the eye could follow. SOURCES: - NY Daily News - BROOKLYN EAGLE - Galena Daily Gazette
- 7:15 PM. ROCKFORD, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. 89° .
A perfectly round, brilliantly white disc, apparently larger than ordinary aircraft, travelling slightly faster than an airplane, left a trail of fireworks as it crossed over city in westerly direction. SOURCE: ROCKFORD REGISTER REPUBLIC
- 7:00 PM. FREEPORT, Illinois. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blazing streak of light crossed sky. SOURCE: Freeport Journal Standard
- 7:15 PM. MONROE, Wisconsin. Lat. $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, Long. $90\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
Blue aerial object with occasional blue sparks spurring from end, resembling a fireball meteor, "slowly" crossed sky in a flat trajectory in an east to west direction. It did not disappear over horizon like a meteor, but apparently faded into distance like an airplane. SOURCE: MONROE EVENING TIMES FEB 5 1951

FEB 3, 1951 MADISON, Wisconsin. Lat. 43°, Long. 89½°
Flash in sky, and bright object crossed sky.
SOURCE: Rockford Morning Star - Rockford Register Republic

FEB 13 1951? Daytime. ELIZABETHTVILLE, Belgian Congo. S. Lat. 12°, E. Long 27½°.
#6 2 glowing circular aerial objects about 36 feet in diameter with whirling rims, suddenly appeared over nearby uranium mines, then zigzagged about. A plane sent to chase them could not catch them in the next 15 minutes and sped off.
SOURCE: See Magazine July 1951.

FEB 13 1951? Evening?. ALAMOGORDO, New Mexico. Lat 33°, Long. 106°.
#7 1 Milk-white, flat aerial object resembling a dime, hovered near a large weather balloon at approximately 50,000 foot altitude, for about 5 minutes. Then it flashed a light resembling a photo flash bulb, 3 times, and disappeared.
SOURCE: DAYTON Journal Herald Feb 15 - NY Times Feb 16

FEB 19 1951 7:20 -7:37 AM. Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya Border. S. Lat 3°, E. Long 37°.
#8 Dazzling object seen hovering in sky 10000 feet above this 19,000 foot peak. Watched from airliner by 11 passengers by binoculars, - it was tube-shaped, with giant hind fin, approximate length 200 feet, with 3 bands or rings around it, but no windows. It hovered 17 minutes, then sped off at approximately 1200 mph leaving no trail.
SOURCE: - SEE NZ July 1951

FEB 24 1951 Evening. REDWOOD VALLEY, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Lon. 123°
#9 Flash of light in sky. Then a bright light at low height in sky began circling repeatedly, at speed faster than airplane, while making no noise for next 30 minutes. It appeared as plainly visible streak of light when travelling east and west, but as a fixed light when travelling south when leaving.
SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press-Dispatch. Feb 26 - NY Times Feb 26.

MAR 1, 1951 7:20 pm. UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat. 39°, Long. 123°.
#10 Circular glowing light resembling a street light moved westward across sky at great height, at speed too slow for ordinary aircraft, and caused a glow behind westward mountains as it disappeared over them.
SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 2.

MAR 16 1951 6:35 PM? UKIAH, Mendocino County, California. Lat 39°, Long. 123°.
Unknown aerial object or airship followed by a bluish-white flash or flame about 150 feet behind it, in turn followed by a long smoke trail, crossed sky in a straight line (not falling) at about 1000-1500 mph (eye-following speed) faster than plane, slower than meteor) and disappeared in a westerly direction.
SOURCE: Redwood Journal Press Dispatch March 21

MAY 17 1951 Across Central Tennessee. Lat. 36-37°, Long. 84-87°. "Meteor" exploded.

Evening. BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky. A "meteor" exploded nearby

Afternoon. PADUCAH, Kentucky. Lat

MAY 17 1951 Evening. CENTRAL TENNESSEE. Lat 36-37°. Long. 84-87°. A "meteor" streaked across sky.

#12

Evening. BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky. Lat 37°. Long. 87½°. "meteor" exploded nearby.

PADUCAH, Kentucky. Afternoon. Lat 37°, Long. 88½°.

Aerial object resembling an airplane turned in air, appeared to be in trouble, then a noise resembling an engine cough was heard, and object disappeared behind viewers' trees. Was searched for all night, nothing found.

SOURCE: Paducah Sun Democrat, May 19 1951 NY Telegram May 18

MAY 21 1951 3:30 - 3:40 AM. From near GARDEN CITY to DODGE CITY to SALINA, Kansas. From Lat. 38° Long. 100½° to Lat. 39°, Long. 97½°.

#13

Bright aerial object resembling a blue-white star, maneuvered in sky while following airplane. It moved backward and forward, then up and down, then stayed motionless in air, then repeated pattern over again. It also trailed along after airliner at speed ranging from 500-1000 mph first parallel to airliner, then 2,000 feet underneath airliner, then over airliner, and finally disappeared in Southeasterly direction. Pilot knew jet aircraft as stated it not a jet.

SOURCES: DODGE CITY DAILY GLOBE May 22 - Brooklyn Eagle May 22

MAY 22 1951 Daytime. INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minnesota. Lat. 48½°. Long. 93½°. Aerial object resembling a crystal ball or a "silvery jet plane" would cross sky at great speed, stop completely, then move again. It hovered motionless over lake, later moved to nearby cloud and was joined by a second "crystal ball" object. They both hovered in sky for 15 minutes, away. Seen by 50 people.

#14

SOURCES: Brooklyn Eagle May 23 - Duluth News Tribune - Daily Falls Journal - Minneapolis Star.

Daytime. FORT FRANCIS, Ontario. Lat 48½°. Long. 93½°. Same "crystal balls" seen simultaneously across lake.

OVERALL PATTERNS: There appear to be 3 minor patterns in this period. #1 is that the Sioux City, Detroit, and Galena reports are all upon the same latitude parallel of $42^{\circ}10'$, although separated in time by 13 days - suggestive of an organized study.

Pattern #2 is that Mendocino County, California was the scene of 4 of the 14 reports, but with no apparent reason, excepting the remote possibility of some connection with the "gravity vortex" discovered there 5 years ago, which is in itself an even greater mystery. Pattern #3 is that after a period of little or no activity, 2 reports came in May 22, the day of Mars extreme opposition, when Mars emerged from behind the sun's disc, and which is reminiscent of the great increase in reports during March 1950 the month of Mars close opposition with Earth.

GENERAL ANALYSIS OF SINGLE REPORTS: #1 Sioux City. This story depends on whether you take the pilots word at full face value, and I am inclined to accept his trained judgement. This object is the first I know that resembles an airplane, and would be quickly marked as such, excepting for several reasons. First is that it made an instantaneous stop, and turn, and flew alongside the airliner. Such extraordinary speed is at once similar to many saucer stories, because no human could live thru such tremendous gravity pressures. Second, it is doubtful if even the fastest jet plane could perform such a maneuver, much less a giant B29-sized airplane, which requires MILES and MINUTES, not seconds to do this. Third, my clipping file shows there is no such large aircraft immediately planned, or in existence, excepting the B36, and this is strictly limited to the 500 mph range with all jets and propellers running. Fourth, this maneuver, with such a large plane is extremely dangerous, and the pilots could be severely punished for endangering lives and a multi-million dollar airplane. Fifth, the pilot saw no engines - this needs no comment - there is simply no engine small enough that would not be easily seen on a planes wings, excepting gliders, and these are not this size. Sixth, it was found that there were no aircraft out at this time.

#2 Sweden. This was announced thru the Swedish defense Staff, who have as modern a jet airforce as anyone. If the object outflowed the plane, it could not have been a balloon. If it was followed some time, it most certainly wasn't a 150,000 mph meteor. It is doubtful if even the Russians would foolish enough to test aircraft over Sweden.

#2 Detroit. This is a confusing report, variously described as a blinding streak, many blue-green flashes, and with rumblings and explosion in Fate Magazine. I very much doubt the official explanation that it was caused by a power breakdown, which may have occurred at about the same time - most people know what a trolley electric flash looks like, and can tell whether something is in the sky or on land. Also, anyone who has read Charles Fort know the laziness of newspaper reporters and their glib explanations without checking their actual source. This was probably flashes from a saucer engine, although it might possibly be a communication attempt. This report is similar to the Alamogordo report where the object flashed brightly 3 times when disappearing, the Wisconsin report where the object gave off blue sparks from its end, the Galena report where the object had lightning like flashes coming from its rear, and the Eureka report where the object disappeared with a green flash.

#4 Eureka. Also confusingly reported. However, its speed would seem to place it in the Saucer category, being watched easily by eye, but travelling much too fast for an airplane and in the wrong direction. Its various descriptions were probably caused by its showing different lights at different times, and being sighted in different areas and heights. Further information coming in on this report.

#5 Galena. This object had a most definite rocket-like shape, rare for a saucer report. Its tail also gave an apparent flaming exhaust, also uncommon in a saucer, but its miscelessness is a definite saucer characteristic. Its obvious maneuverability shows it could not have been a meteor. The most conventional object, a giant V2 rocket or Navy Viking rocket are most improbable theories - A These are extremely noisy B They would never be tested in such an inhabited area, C They carry fuel for only 10 minutes approximately D They are still nearly uncontrollable at any distance. This objects slow or deliberate travel suggest a possible study or reconnaissance of area covered - also this was time when A bomb tests were being carried out.

#5A Rockford, Illinois and Wisconsin. Blue or brilliant white object seen about same time as Galena report. It is very doubtful that a meteor and an unknown airship were seen at about the same time - both reports are probably of the same object seen travelling at cruising and full speeds and at different daylight hours near sunset. When the objects exhaust was superior in brightness to the reflected brightness of body's light. The best report mentions that object disappeared in distance like an airplane and not over horizon which a meteor would do, and coupled with its speed superior to an airplane, would tend to back saucer theory.

#6 Elizabethville. First object with definite saucer shape. Its being chased would rule out hallucination, and meteors great speed, and location in the center of Africa would rule out Liddell's balloon theory, - even the Navy would not push this "explanation" this far. The outspeeding of the Spitfire plane also back saucer origin.

#7 Alamogordo. A pretty authentic report from airline pilots. Nothing very unusual to report, apparently making an examination of balloon, but date of report very curious, coming as it did immediately after Liddell's balloon "explanation", and seeming to deny point blank the new official "explanation". Possibly the continued application of the "theres-no-such-thing-but-dont-believe-us-completely" policy that Keyhoe wrote of, which the armed services plan to protect themselves with when full truth comes out.

#8 Kilimanjaro. Another rare rocketship-like saucer story. It seems very authentic with entire airliners passengers and pilots watching it, and photos taken. For some unknown reason, Central Africa was busy this month. Will try to get original papers report, if I can locate names of papers. There is no known aircraft in the world of this size and shape, although the atomic rocket may resemble it when it becomes practical in the next 5 years.

#9 Mendocino. Not very detailed, but lack of noise and speed greater than airplane infer saucer origin.

#10 Mendocino. Also not too detailed, but speed slower than airplane, and the light carried being brilliant enough to cause a glow behind a mountain, would rule out known aircraft, there being no known reason why any plane should carry such a light. At night most airplane lights are just star-like points that flash on and off, not glow.

#11 Mendocino. Speed easily followed means too slow for meteor, and speed still too great for airplane would mean a saucer. The fastest American aircraft now are the S1 Bell rocket plane, and the D558-2 Douglas, both reportedly capable of over 1,000 mph for several minutes before fuel completely gives out. Their range is so short they can be used over a few bases where landing surface is perfectly smooth for these high speed craft landing at over 100 mph.

#12 Tennessee-Kentucky. The 5th giant fireball meteor seen near or heading toward the Tennessee-Kentucky area in 7 months. Others were seen Sep. 20, Sept. 22, Oct 5, Nov. 2, and none of them in a meteor shower period. According to Sky and Telescope, 26 fireball meteors were seen over entire northwest USA in 20 YEARS, and such a frequency over a tiny southern area passes known possibilities, and probably all of these objects were saucers. In particular, the Sept. 22 Idaho-Utah-Wyoming-Missouri-Tennessee meteor that travelled in a curve path, was visible 30-40 seconds is most definitely a saucer. A possible reason saucers head toward this area, is that there may be a space station in this area, and the saucers head for it as would a scout plane toward a Navy aircraft carrier.

#13 Dodge City. The star like object with no apparent body has been seen several times in the past, and while probably not a saucer, is apparently allied to them in its unknown origin and ability to totally outmaneuver any aircraft against it. Somewhat resembles the 1945 Foo fighters and the Oct 1 1948 Gorman chase after object in an F51. The meaning of its definite maneuvers are unknown to me, and any suggestions will be welcomed.

#14 International Falls. Reports confusing, but ability to hover cannot be duplicated by a jet. Number of people seeing object back its authenticity, and the few hours difference since previous Dodge City report suggest it was same object, seen in different lighting of night and day. The crystal effect never mentioned before, but such transparency compares well with mistiness or semi-transparency of many early reports.

Big Foot hunter's moment of

By DOUG BATES
Of the Register-Guard

For Ronald Olson, it was a little like winning a free trip to the Rose Bowl, only to come down with the flu on the day before the game. Or like being selected as the Democratic party's vice presidential candidate, only to be dropped from the ticket. Or like capturing the legendary beast known as Sasquatch, only to find it to be a man inside a gorilla suit.

Olson, the Springfield man who has made a career of hunting for Sasquatch, is suffering a personal disappointment of even greater magnitude.

He and his exotic crusade were to be featured in the six-page spread in Life magazine next month. But there will be no Life magazine next month. Time-Life Inc. announced last week that the famous magazine's Dec. 26 issue will be the last.

"I REALLY don't have words to express how much this hurts," Olson said Monday.

He really didn't have to express it. Life magazine, in its 36 years of publication, had become the world's most prestigious printed medium for those seeking publicity. And Olson admits he was eagerly anticipating it.

"For once, our efforts were about to get the kind of national attention they deserve," he said. "There was no telling what that story would have done for us."

Olson is head of a Eugene-based group called North American Wildlife Research Assn. Financed by contributions coming in from members throughout the Pacific Northwest, Olson works full time investigating the Sasquatch legend. Also called "Big Foot," the beasts are believed by some to be a species of ape-like creatures that hide from mankind in the wilderness of the Northwest. Although the region has had more than 600 Sasquatch "sightings"

glory dies with Life magazine

reported in recent decades, no such creature has ever been captured for scientific study.

THE LIFE staff correspondent who wrote the Big Foot story sounded just about as disappointed as Olson.

"It's really a shame that Life won't be around to run the story, because I think it's one of the most fascinating stories the magazine ever produced," said the writer, Richard Woodbury, contacted Monday in Colorado while job-hunting. "I was also personally proud of the job we did. I would certainly like to sell it to another

magazine, but nobody will be able to play it the way Life would have."

John Froom, the Life editor who organized the Big Foot story and sent a writer-photographer team to Oregon for two weeks in September, said the resulting story and pictures had been "laid out for six pages, color all the way." He said the spread almost ran in a December issue, but was rescheduled for early January.

Photographs in the layout would have included shots of Olson looking for Big Foot tracks near the East Fork of the McKenzie River, pictures of his trap area

in Northern California and shots of some of his Big Foot gear, including tranquilizer guns, manacles and a huge, life-size painting of what the beast is supposed to look like.

Perhaps the cruelest twist of fate, in Olson's view, is that Life was considering using a color picture of the beast's portrait on the magazine cover. Exposed to more than 5 million Life readers, Big Foot would no longer have been just a regional legend.

But Olson takes some solace in the fact that he still has his job. That's more than the guys from Life have.

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Skeleton of reptile discovered

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (Reuter) — The skeleton of a giant 180-million-year-old carnivorous reptile was discovered in a rock formation near here, the local university announced. Professor Mario Costa Barbarena said the 15-foot-long skeleton has four-inch teeth and a cranium three feet in circumference.

The reptiles, called tecondonts, were the ancestors of the dinosaur and the crocodile.

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Credit: Fritz Kron

Cadets Moved by The Spirit

WEST POINT, N.Y. (UPI) — A room reportedly frequented by a ghostly old gentleman with a large handlebar mustache and wearing a Union Army cap was put off-limits Wednesday to West Point cadets.

The wraith-like figure was first reported haunting the hallowed halls of the U.S. Military Academy a few weeks ago. At least three cadets said they saw him walk through the walls of a cadet barracks room.

An academy spokesman said an off-limits sign was posted on the door of the room and the two 18-year-old plebes, who first observed the apparition, were moved to other quarters.

"The room is now vacant," the spokesman said, "and no one is allowed in."

The closing came after several cadets, armed with cameras and tape recorders and determined to trap the grand old man of the Union Army, showed up at the room Sunday night.

The ghost chasers were

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Navy Confesses

Fritz Kron

Goat for 'Ghost' In Academy Prank

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (UPI) — Army might have Navy's goat, but Navy believes it is one-up in the traditional rivalry of the two service academies.

"We really exposed their gullibility," Midshipman Lt. William Gravell, a first classman from Riverton, N.J., said Wednesday in admitting responsibility for an escapade he and a few other Middies perpetrated at West Point.

What they did was to create the "ghost" of a soldier of the early 19th Century who stalked dormitory halls at the U.S. Military Academy two weeks ago.

To achieve the proper effect, said Gravell, they photographed a Middle dressed in ragtag clothing loosely designed to approximate a post-Revolutionary War uniform. The picture, deliberately underexposed, was taped over a flashlight, with a layer of

experimentation. But getting into West Point was easy. We would shine it on walls, dressers, anywhere some body would see it."

Gravell laughed. "One cadet claimed he was a warlock and used his spirit to chase the phantom away. Other times they waited up for us at night and said the ghost didn't show because they were non-believers. The truth was we didn't go up there those nights."

The object, he said, was to embarrass the West Pointers, "to do something that couldn't easily be blamed on Navy, something far enough ahead of the Army-Navy football game (to be played this Saturday in Philadelphia) so we wouldn't be suspected."

Gravell considers the plot such a success that he seems unconcerned by the Army cadets' capture of Navy's mascot goat, Billy XVIII.

said. "It took a lot of much for them. They didn't