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Birthday Landing For UFO?

By Stephen M. Johnson
(Register Staff Writer)

CLARION, IA. — The Wright County "flying saucer" mystery is back again.

At least that's what Mr. and Mrs. Donald Slaikou of Goldfield think after taking a look at what happened in Howard Groves' bean field here last week.



Two weeks ago, something apparently landed or struck Groves' bean field, causing a mysterious depression several feet in diameter and a foot deep. Inside the depression Groves says he found fragments of a silver-like metal.

Wilted Crops

Just outside the depression he found four holes which he thinks could have been made by the legs of a landing craft of some sort. And for forty yards around the depression the bean plants were wilted and brown, as if they had been burned by an intense heat.

The Slaikous had the same thing happen to one of their bean fields exactly a year ago to the day. Slaikou found the same kind of mysterious depression, holes, and wilted beans on his own farm 14 miles west of here.

In the two days that followed last year, farmers in Story City and Laurens discovered similar depressions in their bean fields, too. These discoveries sparked speculation that flying saucers, or unidentified flying objects, had landed in Iowa.

A member of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, a world-wide group of UFO watchers, said last year that he felt the damage done to Slaikou's bean field was done "by a nonconventional aircraft that landed and tried to take off."

Bill Atkinson, the UFO-watcher, said he believed that a craft from outer space had difficulties and was forced to land and make repairs in Iowa.

50 Mile "Pit" Stops

"I think it had to land a couple of times before all the repairs were made, which is why the depressions were only 50 miles apart," he said.

"Or maybe the craft was on a mission to take samples of earth soil. Anything's possible."

Wright County Sheriff Robert Shaw, who investigated the mysterious depressions on Slaikou's farm last year and on Groves' farm last week says; "The two situations are identical. There appeared to be an intense extreme heat for a short period of time. Something disturbed the ground violently."

Sheriff Shaw says he doesn't believe in flying saucers, but adds, "It's so much of a coincidence, the same thing happened exactly one year later and only 14 miles away . . . you begin to wonder about all sorts of things."

Farmer Groves says he doesn't believe that lightning or a craft like a helicopter could have caused the damage to his bean field, but he doesn't go so far as to say a flying saucer actually landed on his farm.

"I've got to see those things from outer space before I'll believe in 'em, but it is a rather puzzling thing, don't you think?" he asks.

Groves adds this anecdote to the mystery: "My wife and I went down to a ballgame in Woolstock on July 8. When we got home our dog, Ginger, ran into the house and absolutely refused to come out. My wife had to drag him back outside.

Ginger's never acted that way before. Cars or lightning never scared her like that before. Something's gotten into her, that's for sure."



REGISTER PHOTO BY CHUCK ANDERSON

Are UFOs Back?

Howard Groves of Clarion, left, and Donald Slaikou of Goldfield examine a depression in Groves' field similar to one discovered in Slaikou's field exactly a year ago. The depressions, several feet in diameter and about a foot deep, wilted crops for forty yards around. The incidents sparked speculation that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) had landed in the area. STORY: Page One.

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Unidentified Object Sighting Reported In Midnight Darkness

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Mervyn J. Ray, a confessed believer in unidentified flying objects, was surer than ever today that they are for real.

Ray, a visitor in the Adrian RD 1 home of friends, said a light he saw hovering in the sky for 20 minutes or more last midnight was brighter than a star and too motionless and unblinking to originate with a plane.

Ray says he has "unshakable convictions" that UFOs actually exist, and plans to be on the lookout about the same time tonight, between midnight and 12:30 a.m., for a return of the light.

Ray said he discovered the unexplained light when wakened by dogs at the Howard Fulton home, where he is visiting. The home is about two miles off Center School Road, in Adrian.

Ray said last night's sighting was his first in this vicinity, although he had become a believer after a comparable sighting about four years ago in the Rochester vicinity.

Ray described the light he watched last night as of about the intensity of a 100-watt light bulb. The light appeared to hover motionless at different elevations in the sky.

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'It was something unhuman' A Man says UFO approached house

By BOB M. GASSAWAY
of The Tribune's staff

"The way it moved, it was something unhuman, nothing man-made," reported a 41-year-old Columbia man who told police that an unidentified flying object approached his home early today and apparently shut off electricity and telephone service.
"It was unbelievable," James E. Richard of

Route 1 related today as he pointed out curious tracks, fallen grass and a broken tree limb near his home.

"I was scared to go outside, I'll be honest with you," said Richard who is an animal care technician at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He said he loaded a rifle and a shotgun and then, "I went from window to window to see what I could see."

He said his daughter, Vanae, 16, and his 3-year-old son, James Richard Jr., were with him at the time of the incident; Mrs. Richard was at work at the UMC Medical Center.

Richard could not describe the shape of the object that approached to within about 50 yards of his home. "We just saw a big, bright light out here in our backyard," he said.

His daughter said the light was white and orange.

"It lit up the whole area," Richard said today. "You couldn't see anything else."

He related that the light seemed to be just beyond some walnut trees that are 20 to 25 feet tall in a meadow beside the family's mobile home. The site is half a mile east of U.S. 63 S and a short distance north of Route WW, within sight of the American Legion Home.

Richard said his daughter first spotted the unidentified flying object (UFO) and summoned him into a room on the north end of the family home to look at it. He said it was "lit up so it would blind you." His first move, he said, was "to load my guns and lock all my doors." His daughter kept watch over the object while Richard locked the doors and found cartridges for his gun. Then he moved to the window with her and watched.

"These big trees were swaying back and forth, back and forth," Richard said. "My son

didn't say anything during the whole bit. He was speechless. And my dog went back under the house and he didn't say one thing; he didn't come out until the police came.

"Personally, a glow came over me, just a cold feeling where I was just speechless, I couldn't even remember what I was saying at



JAMES E. RICHARD of Route 1, Columbia, reported to police early today that an unidentified flying object menaced his home. (Tribune photo)

the time."

He said the UFO "stood there and went from side to side and went back and came into the trees. We tried to look around, but it was so bright we couldn't see." He said there was confusion over the source of the light, with his daughter thinking it was coming through the trees and Richard believing it "was coming up through the ground."

Richard estimated the incident began just before 1 a.m. and may have lasted half an hour to an hour. He said when the UFO was near the house, "Communications were cut off completely. All the electricity went out."

When the UFO moved away from the house, he said, he made several calls for help and to get witnesses. "I was calling the FBI, I tried to call everybody," he related. He notified the Federal Aviation Administration and the Columbia Police Department during periods when his telephone was working, he said.

"You could hear a rustling in the trees," Richard related. "It was a thrashing ... noise like we've never heard before."

This morning tracks pressed deeply into the ground of the meadow; he said they were not cow tracks or the tracks of any other animal he recognized. He pointed out places where grass was pushed over as though by passage of some creature, and said he had not previously noticed a limb which had been broken from a tree rather recently.

The police report on the matter made no judgement on the matter and the Federal Aviation Administration said only that it had logged the report.

"I don't want to make any big thing out of it," Richard said today. "I don't want people to think it was a prank, or 'He was drinking,' or anything."

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UFO Seen Near Oil City

Mrs. Wayne Wilson of 5 Grove Ave., Oil City, reported she sighted a strange object in the sky around 10:30 p.m., Tuesday while riding in a car between Reno and Oil City.

She described the object as a large red ball, moving rapidly and not too high in the sky.

Mrs. Wilson described it as terrifying.

Do They Come From Far Away?

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Missouri is nicknamed the "Show Me" state. That means that before a Missourian will believe something you tell him, you have to show him positive proof.

So when you get a report about something a little out of the ordinary, being a Missourian, you like to have a little proof of the variety you can see.

Although this report of UFO sightings included no pictures from any of the sources, the coincidences are rather startling.

Thursday morning, about 3:20, a Hannibal policeman spotted what he described in his report as "very high, very large and very bright." It made no sound and moved in a westerly direction.

The patrolman said it had a green light on one end and a blue light on the other. In the middle were two extremely bright white lights, with a red beacon in the middle.

The Quincy airport said it had not spotted the object on its radar.

At about the same time, a Monroe City policeman saw something, after hearing reports from the Hannibal police. He described the something as being two bright white lights with a red one in the middle. It was traveling too high to be an airplane and was moving northeasterly down Highway 36. Later a Quincy UFO organization sent a representative to Monroe City to investigate.

And then, to top it all off, Mrs.

Paul Wyckoff, Shelbina, called the Democrat Friday to say that she had been awakened early in the morning and smelled fumes similar to those of diesel exhaust. It produced a burning sensation in her throat and a headache, she said, adding that something similar had happened to her neighbor. The time, she said, was around 3 a.m.; she wasn't sure due to her being asleep. The Wyckoffs live near the junction of Highways 15 and 36.

The Democrat draws no conclusions. It points out, however, that there are discrepancies in the direction it was traveling -- if it was traveling east, Monroe City should have seen it before Hannibal. But it also points out the mysterious MoMo of Louisiana and the sightings reported by camera near Piedmont a couple of months ago.

'UFO' near Fonda

(Messenger News Service)

FONDA — What may have been an unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen in the sky west of here by a Fonda couple last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wolter watched the unusual light from their bedroom window for about 45 minutes late that night.

"I always sort of laughed off the stories about flying saucers," 51-year-old Wolter said, "but I have never seen anything like this before."

It was 11:30 p.m. as Wolter was trying to go to sleep when he saw a bright yellow light off in the southwest sky. He awakened his wife, Charlene, and they began watching.

The light moved slowly toward the west by northwest, changing colors at times from

the bright yellow to red and blue. It appeared to be round.

"There was no reference from the speed or size to give any indication of its size or distance from us," Wolter said. "I couldn't tell if it was 10 miles away or maybe 4,000."

The object couldn't have been Skylab, because that was visible two nights earlier in this area and traveled in almost the opposite direction — Skylab following a general northwest to southeast path across Iowa in the night sky.

About 12:15 a.m. the mysterious UFO — if it was one — disappeared over the horizon, as if with the curvature of the earth, Wolter said. As it was disappearing the object seemed to turn a bright orange color and appeared to take on an oblong look.

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4 from Brunsville spot strange light in sky

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by Glada Koerselman

There was a strange light in the sky Thursday night after an absence of this kind of experience for several years.

Alene Petersen was driving home from work at Spurgeon's department store in Le Mars when she saw a bright light in the sky.

"It was rose in color and awfully bright," Mrs. Petersen said.

She was on the blacktop about 3 miles north of Brunsville at the time.

"We were kind of laughing yesterday about Clarion and then I saw this," Mrs. Petersen commented.

Reports of burn marks in a bean field near Clarion and the possibility of a flying saucer landing have made Iowa news this week. UFO's have not been sighted around here for a couple of years until the flurry of excitement around Clarion.

A telephone call to the First State bank at Brunsville to inquire if anyone else around Brunsville had seen the light turned up three positive identifications.

"Yes, I saw it," said bank cashier Katherine Dickman when she answered the telephone.

"We were coming home from Le Mars about 9:30 last night," Mrs. Dickman said.

With her in the car were Ione Reese and Katherine Willer.

"We were just about a half mile east of Brunsville," Mrs. Dickman continued. "There was this great, big, red object. It appeared in the sky all at once from nowhere and then disappeared."

Mrs. Dickman said the vivid red light was to the northwest of their location and it wasn't too high up.

"It was just so red — and oblong shaped," Mrs. Dickman reported. "We didn't know what to say for a minute to each other."

She added the wierd part was that it was there in the sky and then just like that it was gone.

Mrs. Dickman said the women stopped at the Corner cafe at Brunsville to see if anyone else had reported anything.

"We saw Marvin Renken here in town and he said yes he had seen the light," Mrs. Dickman said.

Many area folks have reported UFO lights over the years with no satisfactory explanation.

UFOs seen in area

Three unidentified flying objects were reported seen about 3 miles west of Peabody about 12:40 a.m. today.

Mrs. Phillip Whitehead, 705 E. 2nd, reported seeing the 3 round objects south of Hwy. 50. She and her children, Carolyne, 14; Mike, 12, and Mitchell, 10, were returning to Newton from Peabody at the time.

She reported that the UFOs first looked like a bunch of redlights and then they came up fast and came down low. As they approached the highway they got behind their pickup and appeared to be flying "about tree top level and following us," she stated.

When she finally met 2 trucks, she reported flashing the lights on the pickup in an effort to have the drivers to see the UFOs. She said the trucks slammed on their brakes afterward.

The UFOs appeared to come down on the north side of Hwy. 50 after she had driven on to Walton.

Mrs. Whitehead said she could not guess the size of the objects which appeared to have 2 red lights on each side and possibly one on the front. She said she also saw a similar object about 9 miles from Newton about Memorial Day but declined to report it at that time.

Larry Hedrick, Airport Manager, advised that there was no unusual activity at the Newton City-County Airport to account for the citing of UFOs.

Sheriff and police departments have no reports to make on the sightings this morning.

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Take your pick—star, Skylab or rocket?

"It looked like a bright star, but every once in a while it would move up or down or sideways," explained Thomas Darrow, 220 W. Palmer.

Darrow, a second shift worker at the Knickerbocker Co., doesn't know what it was he saw at 2 a.m. today. But he stayed up all night watching it until the dawn dawned it in light.

Darrow said he first saw the light from his upstairs window. It was white in color, but occasionally would shine red or green.

Its odd movements, however, convinced him it was no airplane or helicopter.

"At one point it looked like a skyrocket because it left a faint trail of sparks like when they shoot fireworks at the Cascades," he said.

Darrow, 24, said his wife, his brother Mike, and his brother's girlfriend all saw the light as hung in the southeastern sky.

Summit Township Police Officer Mike Curry also watched the mysterious light for several minutes after Darrow called for police.

Curry said he thought the light might have been the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's Skylab station, which is said to be visible in this area during certain morning hours.

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Bright Light Brings About a Feeling that UFO's Are Here

The sight raised some goose pimples.

And the Junior Huckaby family found it difficult to believe what was being seen. That was early Sunday morning.

The saga began when J. C. Huckaby was returning to the Huckaby farm southeast of Buffalo after attending a preview movie in Buffalo. As he neared the Terry Carter dairy he noticed a bright light, and thought he was seeing a falling star.

When the light did not lessen, and the star failed to fall, J. C. got a little upset. The light apparently followed him home, speeding up when he did, and turning when he turned, and keeping over his vehicle. As the pickup turned up the driveway, the light did, too, then hovered just over a granary.

J. C., too upset to keep still, awoke his parents, and they in

turn awoke another son, Leroy Huckaby, and wife of Oklahoma City, who were spending the week end there. They all watched the light for more than an hour, then decided to go back to bed.

Unable to stand the suspense, the Huckabys got up an hour later, to find the light still there, only slightly to the south. A red light atop the "thing" was plainly visible.

Mrs. Huckaby was reluctant to tell about the experience, afraid folks might think she was dreaming. Then the family went to Oklahoma City for a funeral, and while there they talked with a cousin, Mrs. Harry Stong of Purcell. Mrs. Stong had a story of her own. She had seen a similar UFO, but on a different night last week.

The Huckabys may have taken tales of UFO's with a grain of salt, but not anymore. They think seeing is believing.

UFO Bureau Probing Incident

The International UFO Bureau Inc. said Wednesday its investigation indicated something happened at Aurora, Tex., but it doesn't know yet just what.

But it said no unusual radioactivity was discovered in the area and said one piece of fragment allegedly from an 1897 unidentified flying object was nothing but iron.

The bureau, headquartered in Oklahoma City, said it had been investigating since last June the story that a mysterious object crashed at Aurora April 19, 1897 striking a windmill. The legend goes that the pilot, who appeared to come from another world, was buried in the Aurora cemetery.

Dan Garcia, spokesman for the UFO Bureau, said the bureau still is investigating but was putting out its state-

ment "because of all the wild tales which are going around."

He said the bureau is having laboratory analyses made on some of the metal fragments which supposedly came from the UFO. Reports on the tests are expected shortly, he said.

The bureau said it had not been able to find a Corpus Christi man who was reported to have said metal fragments allegedly found at the scene are not like any metal he had ever seen before. He said the address the man gave does not exist, and the

telephone number he gave belongs to another family.

"The metal in his possession (which was obtained from him before he disappeared) was analyzed and determined to be 'iron,'" the bureau said.

There were other reports that three persons were eyewitnesses to the alleged crash, the bureau said. It said it had found and interviewed two of these people and discovered "they did not witness the incident."

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Blue light observed in sky over Sunbury

SUNBURY — An unexplained blue flashing object was reportedly seen hovering in the sky over Sunbury RDI late Wednesday evening.

Herb Bright, 420 Grant St., said, "At 12:45 I was looking out the window towards H.C. Boyer's Chevrolet garage when I saw this bright illumination like flash lights or fire works. That only lasted a few seconds, then it turned a brilliant blue."

"This silver-blue ball, or cone shape, was about ten times bigger than a star and was real silent," he said.

Mrs. Jane T. Brown, also of 420 Grant St., said, "It kept turning like a top and flashed blue about every four seconds. I called a lot of our friends and neighbors, and they watched it too."

She added it hovered there while they were watching it.

"I got my binoculars out," Bright said, "and you could see one end of the thing was sorta throwing out a blueish flame, and the other end was white."

He said, "We watched it till about 2:15 when it abruptly turned from heading in the direction of Sunbury and went to the east. It was getting smaller, about the size of a golf ball, but it was still visible and very bright."

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The Mount Airy NEWS (Mt Airy, N.C.) Friday, August 3, 1973.

An aerial object, whose description tallied somewhat with the "Buck Rogers spaceship" seen recently by air line pilots in the East, came over Mount Airy Monday night.

Six local residents who reported seeing the object agreed that it did not resemble a meteorite or any known type of aircraft. It was also seen in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Danville, Raleigh, Asheville and Knoxville, Tenn.

Reports from Mount Airy people were in complete agreement. The object was said to have been traveling fast and fairly low, came out of the east about 9:30 p.m. zoomed over the city, and disappeared quickly.

Seeing the strange light as reported to The NEWS were R. E. Forrest, West Elm Street; Mrs. Joe Fowler, North Main Street; Bud Brannock, Homer Hawks, Jim Hill, and W. D. Inman, who witnessed the light from the fire house on Moore Avenue.

CRISTOPHER FAULET
Everyone described it as being red and blue. Mrs. Fowler described it as "being the size of a bucket with a small tail-like object behind". NORTH CAROLINA

We at The Mountain Echo took a lot of good natured ribbing when we published the article about the UFO's - "What is it?" - in the April 5 edition of the paper. In Piedmont when such sightings were seen the press and TV swarmed into the area and a great deal of publicity was given to their area. When folks around these parts saw similar lights racing through the sky, the information was treated with good natured indulgence and a joke made about the possibility as to what they had been drinking.

In the June 16-18 edition of the St. Louis Globe Democrat a page is devoted to the results of investigation conducted by a scientific team from Southeast Missouri State University who watched and photographed weird orange balls of light as they darted across the sky at speeds estimated as high as 1,200 miles per hour.

The team was headed by Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, chairman of the university's physics department. They used highly sophisticated electronic equipment, powerful reflector telescopes, and cameras loaded with infra red films and Gieger counters.

Other members of the team included Prof. Milton W. Ueleke and Dr. Sidney E. Hodges, both with the university's physics department, and Dr. James Sage, of the industrial and technical education department.

Trained observers communicating by shortwave radio, were stationed in a triangular pattern at Brushy Creek which is about eight miles south of Piedmont. Quoting from the St. Louis Globe Democrat the team reports the following:

"Although photographic equipment did not arrive that evening some data was taken on four sightings made during the evening. Each sighting was a small, off-color light that passed silently from horizon to horizon in front of us.

"The angular height was measured when the light was directly in front of our position. The light observed at 7:28 p.m. passed behind a hill in front of us. It seems unlikely that a satellite with a transit time of less than 10 minutes could be visible four hours and 15 minutes after sundown," he continued.

On Friday, May 11, Rutledge flying in a Cessna 182 with three other investigators saw what appeared to be six or seven bright lights hovering over the north arm of Clearwater Lake.

"At 3:20 p.m. the sky was blue overhead and the ground

was visible. As I scanned the sky with 10-by-35 power binoculars I noticed a small light flash on and off high in the sky to the right. A second later the light blinked on and off. In the next moment six or seven lights in a row appeared in between and above the first two lights observed," said Rutledge.

"A second team, composed of John Hardgrove, Missouri Utilities Co., and King Turnbull, a student investigator, was stationed at Brushy Creek and confirmed our report," added Rutledge.

"The light was traveling from south to north. It turned east and extinguished and was noticed traveling north again a few seconds later."

"No sound or pulsating, colored lights have been detected by any member of our observing team. This seems to preclude satellites or the usual aircraft as the source of lights," Rutledge commented in his report.

On two occasions Sage used a Technomic Spectrum Analyzer to monitor electromagnetic disturbances or radio waves as the lights hovered in the sky.

A dipole antenna utilizing more than 4,000 feet of wire was strung out near the Mudlick Mountain fire tower in Sam A. Baker State Park but no unusual patterns were indicated on the oscilloscope, Sage said.

The second night the Spectrum Analyzer (which measures radio waves from zero to 1800 megacycles) was attached to a stacked high gain beam antenna with better results.

Sage said a bright light hovered over the area as he ran the frequency modulator up and down the scale. Then suddenly when the light blinded out, the oscilloscope screen showed an unusual spiked pattern of electromagnetic disturbance in the 80 megacycle range.

Sage said it is possible that the strange patterns were caused by other radio equipment (80 megacycles is in the channel 3 and 4 television range) but he is not discounting the possibility the disturbance was caused by the UFO.

Scientists who studied the lights said they found the objects frequently blinked on and off and changed course as reported by hundreds of Piedmont residents who have watched the almost nightly aerial display.

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Official Air Force Line That UFOs Imaginary Finds Hard-nosed Scientific Challenger

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Only the pulp publishers used to campaign for the recognition of "flying saucers" or unidentified flying objects, but recently the official military line that the mystery craft are imaginary has found a hard-nosed scientific challenger.

He is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former astronomical consultant to the United States Air Force's UFO investigating team, Project Blue Book, and now director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern University at Chicago.

In his recent book, "UFOs: A Scientific Inquiry," Hynek accuses the Air Force of suppressing reports of UFO sightings

that have not been explained and calls for rigorous scientific inquiry into reports submitted by two or more witnesses.

About 90 per cent of the reports have been successfully explained, he said in a telephone interview, but he deplored the curtain of ridicule obscuring the rest.

Giving examples of how the Air Force drew its conclusions, Hynek said an official recorder would "write they saw Jupiter, when Jupiter wasn't around, or possibly aircraft, though no aircraft was in the area. Later on, they might transcribe their explanation to read just aircraft, dropping the qualifier."

Unclassified Air Force files in-

cluded data on strange lights seen at night, discs spotted in daylight, appearances that affected radar and damped small sources of electrical energy, hoverings that scorched the ground or left other physical evidence and observations of humanoids, he said.

Some of the observations could be tested, such as electrical effects, to yield "hard data," but the opportunities were allowed to disappear in an anti-scientific fashion by treating the reports as hallucinations or hoaxes.

Physicists had dismissed ball-lightning and pebble showers from meteorites in much the same way, he said.

Hynek himself has been widely lampooned in the American press for suggesting that UFO phenomena were caused by swamp gas. One sarcastic cartoon showed an African village chief dismissing a plane flying overhead as "swamp gas."

In his own defense, he said he used the gas explanation only for some faint lights seen over Michigan swamps, but reporters used the explanation to cover all possible sightings.

Hynek suggests a new, more objective approach to the mystery, using statistical techniques of similarity, and geographical and seasonal distribution around

the world, a method that has never been used.

"The first step means starting almost from scratch: Data gathering and data processing," he said. "This may seem a most pedestrian approach to a most exciting topic, but so far we have only an airy, unsubstantial structure built on a quicksand foundation of unprocessed, generally incomplete and qualitative, rather than quantitative data."

He also wants central scientific stations where "citizens can go to make reports [and] be treated with dignity," with an international clearing house directed by the United Nations.

The more interest scientists

have shown in the topic, he noted, the more the "crackpots" have turned away from it.

One occurrence in Hynek's book left the impression that active research is being carried on by unknown investigators.

In one incident, the day after four men saw a mystery vehicle and "humanoids" in a North Dakota field, "one of the men was called out from work and led into the presence of men he had never seen before. They asked to be taken to his home, where they examined the clothing he had worn the night before, especially his boots, and left without any further word."

Asked to comment on this, Hynek said, "In at least half a

dozen cases, men who represented themselves as Air Force officials visited witnesses [to flying saucer phenomena] and confiscated photographs and negatives before the sighting was publicized. But I have a letter from the Air Force saying that the masqueraders definitely are not connected with them."

How the mystery probes found out about the alleged events before the news broke remains a puzzle and "one of the aspects I don't like," Hynek said.

Meanwhile, the book he wrote to set the record straight has sold a surprising 35,000 copies since last year.

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UFO Sighted 27

Monday's Fort Dodge Messenger carried a story relating of a possible U.F.O. sighting by local residents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wolter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolter watched the unusual light from their bedroom window for about 45 minutes late Friday night.

Wolter was trying to go to sleep when he saw a bright yellow light off in the southwest sky. He awakened his wife, Charlene, and they began watching. The light moved slowly toward the west by northwest, changing colors at times from the bright yellow to red and blue. It appeared to be round.

"There was no reference from the speed or size to give an indication of its size or distance from us," Wolter said. "I couldn't tell if it was 10 miles away or maybe 4,000."

It disappeared, as if over the horizon, about 12:15 a.m., seeming to turn a bright orange color and taking on an oblong look.

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UFO Didn't Wait

An unidentified flying object was reported in the sky over Maple Island Road Tuesday night, sheriff's deputies said.

Word of the UFO was given by Mrs. Pamela Mendacer, of 1421 Maple Island, around 10:30 p.m. Officers sped to the area for a closer look, but before they arrived they were notified it was too late — the mysterious object had moved on.

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By Several Witnesses

UFO Reportedly Seen In Skies Near McNeil



By STEVE FORD
Staff Writer

What is it?
For the past several months, residents and officials of McNeil have reported seeing a strange object over the skies of their homes. Mysteriously star-like, the object displays unusual characteristics, according to witnesses.
"I first noticed it four or five months ago," stated McNeil City Marshall Larry Taylor.
"I was on patrol with State Trooper Jerry Eldridge and we were operating our radar. It had been overcast during the day and I looked out to the north, and saw what I thought was a star. I said, 'Hey, Jerry, I think it's going to clear up. There's a star shining over there.' When I looked again it was moving, but I couldn't see any other stars out."
He said as the object got closer to where they were parked on Highway 98 about one mile west of McNeil he noticed a light

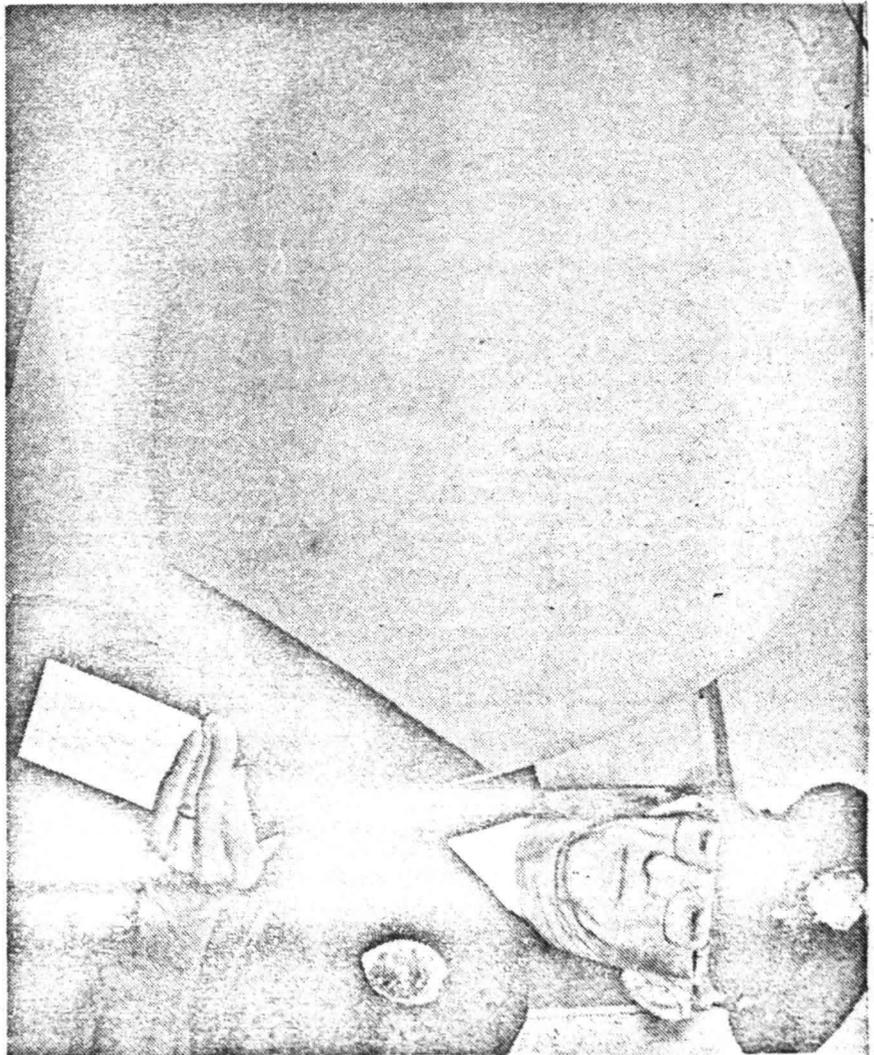
beam shining from it. He said they watched the object for a short time, but were forced to leave the scene to halt a speeding automobile.
"After we had stopped the car and ticketed the driver we going back to the patrol car when two boys came up in a Mustang. I didn't know either of them and didn't get their names, but they told us they had seen the object."
He said they reported having seen a bright light in the sky north of McNeil at a deer camp near Brazier's Store on Highway 79. The object was soaring slowly over a field, shining a beam of light on the ground below.
A McNeil resident, Gordon Diffie, also reported seeing the object.
"I was playing basketball and missed a goal," Diffie said. "When I picked the ball up and looked up I saw a bright object going over north of here. It wasn't making any sound, and looked like it was in the earth's atmosphere."

Diffie said he had seen it several times and had tried to photograph it once, but the pictures did not turn out.
A Magnolia resident, Obine Walker, also reported seeing the object. Walker, an auxiliary deputy, first saw the object while on duty at a McNeil basketball game this year. He said Taylor pointed it out to him.
"Just to look at the thing, I didn't know what it was," Walker said. "There was no bulk but we could see as far as a definite shape. There was more light coming from the front than from the back. There might have been a light beam coming from it, but there wasn't any smoke or a trail behind it."
Walker said the object seemed to be flying about cloud level, and stated that each time he had seen it, it was traveling towards the northeast or the southwest in a fairly straight line.
Taylor reported another sighting occurred several weeks after his first sighting when he

was on patrol in McNeil.
"I was parked in front of a McNeil church watching traffic when I looked up and noticed it," Taylor said. "It was coming over as usual when I noticed several jets flying in. They circled it several times but it finally moved on out of sight."
Several people reported hearing the jets making apparently low level flights over the small town. No word was ever received as to the purpose of the flights.
Whatever the object is, it has its witnesses. Observers say it usually, but not always, appears around dusk. Sightings have been reported as late as 9:30 or 10 p.m., with the light plainly visible from the object.
Taylor said he had been told it was the Skylab, but he said he had seen it long before Skylab had been launched.
Satellite or unidentified flying object, someone is obviously seeing something up there.

This UFO—unidentified "falling" object — that bounced off the roof of the Fred Johnson home at 734 S. 71st St., Springfield, Friday night remains a mystery of Springfield police officer Floyd Raney — and everyone else, for that matter.

Unidentified falling object



(Register-Guard photo)

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Area UFO study group investigates 'objects'

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Unidentified Object Sighting Reported In Midnight Darkness

Mervyn J. Ray, a confessed believer in unidentified flying objects, was surer than ever today that they are for real.

Ray, a visitor in the Adrian RD 1 home of friends, said a light he saw hovering in the sky for 20 minutes or more last midnight was brighter than a star and too motionless and unblinking to originate with a plane.

Ray says he has "unshakable convictions" that UFOs actually exist, and plans to be on the lookout at about the same time tonight, between midnight and 12:30 a.m., for a return of the light.

Ray said he discovered the unexplained light when wakened by dogs at the Howard Fulton home, where he is visiting. The home is about two miles off Center School Road, in Adrian.

Ray said last night's sighting was his first in this vicinity, although he had become a believer after a comparable sighting about four years ago in the Rochester vicinity.

Ray described the light he watched last night as of about the intensity of a 100-watt light bulb. The light appeared to hover motionless at different elevations in the sky.

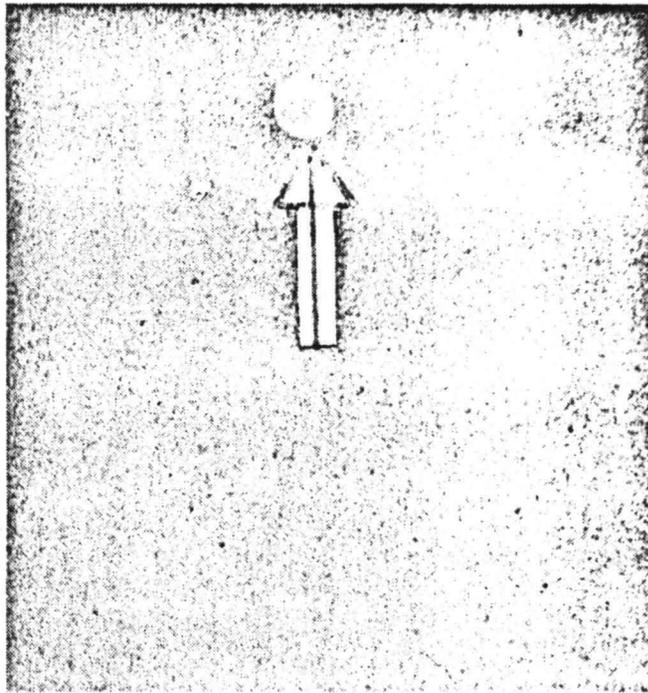
The Westmoreland County UFO Study Group, a statewide organization of professional people including scientists and engineers who are making an open-minded study of Unidentified Flying Objects has been busy checking into numerous UFO sightings throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area in recent weeks. A heavy amount of activity has been reported in the Irwin and Jeannette areas.

According to Stan Gordon, director of the study group, a high percentage of the over 200 UFO reports the group has investigated this year have been found to have a logical explanation; however a number of other reports still have baffled the investigators. For example, on the night of April 15, over a dozen different witnesses reported the sighting of a large disc shaped UFO between 35 and 60 feet in diameter, between Penn and Manor. At least one witness, who was shook up by his experience, stated that he observed the object about 70 yards distance from him and just above the tops of trees. It was spinning in place for several minutes before it moved toward Harrison City.

The witness claimed that his lights became very dim while the object was close by and became bright again as it departed.

Gordon stated that power interruptions such as this are frequently reported in low level observations.

Another low level sighting occurred on the afternoon of June 13, near Penns Woods where several witnesses observed a blimp like object with fins about 40 foot long hover about 500 feet above the ground for several minutes before it almost vertically ascended into the clouds and disappeared. A check with the



Unidentified object

Pittsburgh air traffic control center indicated that there were no blimps in the Pittsburgh area. The most interesting recent case includes color photographs of a UFO taken on the evening of July 18 near Jeannette. According to Gordon, the photographer is a nuclear instrumentation engineer as well as an amateur astronomer. (See photo)

The photographer had first noticed the object about two weeks previously as he was playing with his children in the backyard. The date the photo was taken the object appeared at approximately 8:50 p.m. in the Western sky. To the naked eye, the object looked like a bright star but it should be remembered that it was still daylight.

At this point the photographer ran for his camera and telescope. Through the telescope the object appeared to look like a

bee-bee, with the sun reflecting off the two corners. Three color photos were obtained before the object suddenly disappeared as mysteriously as it made its appearance.

The UFO study group will be making a complete photoanalysis of the pictures as well as attempt to find out just exactly what it is that is being observed.

"We have ruled out aircraft, astronomical bodies and satellites since their characteristics don't fit this case. We are checking out the possibility that it could be some type of research balloon, however a great number of points seem to eliminate this theory," Gordon said. Anyone observing a UFO can contact the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group by phone 24 hours a day or by writing to 6 Oakhill avenue, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

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Unidentified Object Flies Over Region

Unidentified flying object, or more specifically, an unidentified red light, was sighted late Friday in the skies over Lackawanna County.

As late as 11:40 p.m. the red glowing flicker seemed to have developed an affinity for Moosic Mountain in Jessup Borough and was reported hovering over that area for at least an hour. Jessup police reported they were "keeping an eye" on the object or perhaps the red beam was "keeping an eye" on them.

A check with the Federal Aviation Agency at the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Airport at Avoca revealed there were no sightings on the airport tower's radar screen.

An FAA spokesman said the object, whatever it is, does not have the density of an aircraft. The spokesman theorized it may be a balloon.

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Family reports a UFO

A Westchester woman and her children, driving their car home on Roosevelt rd. Sunday night, came up the viaduct over the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad tracks and looked out to the west ahead of them to see what?

They still don't know, according to the woman, who asked that her name be withheld from print when she reported the incident to The Suburban LIFE Tuesday.

Giving the account offered Elmhurst and Westchester police two days earlier, the woman said that, upon the sighting, she had continued driving her family past their Westchester turnoff, toward the square light with two fire tails high in the sky.

THEY DROVE to a spot between York rd. and Rt. 83 where it seemed to hover, though she couldn't tell at what distance.

"That's the same question everyone asks, and you know, I couldn't tell," she told The LIFE. "When we got under it, all we could see was a red light, then nothing. But nobody has given a real explanation yet."

The woman said that Westchester police had told her that night there were several sightings reported, but when The LIFE talked with Police Chief Edward Pulla Tuesday, he said that no UFO complaints had been recorded on the blotter Sunday or any other day in recent Westchester history.

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UFO Seen
By Local
Resident
Mrs. Wayne Wilson of 5 Grove Ave. reported she sighted a strange object in the sky around 10:30 p.m. Tuesday while riding in a car between Reno and Oil City.
She described the object as a large red ball, moving rapidly and not too high in the sky.
Mrs. Wilson described it as "terrifying."

Olinda man sights UFO

An unidentified flying object—believed to have been some sort of rocket—exploded over the Olinda area at about 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Police had several calls from persons who heard the explosion, but one person actually saw the object.

Joseph Cabral, of Olinda, reported that at about 7 p.m. he observed the object—"like a skyrocket"—flying through the air over his home.

He told police that it traveled from the direction of Kula toward Haiku and exploded in the air. Cabral said he could not estimate its size because it was "too high", but that there appeared to be a "small flame" in the back of the object and it left a trail of smoke as it flew through the air.

When it exploded it "made a loud sound" and particles, which appeared to be paper-like, floated through the air. Cabral said he did not believe that it has presented any danger to anyone.

Bright Light In Sky Puzzling

For the past three evenings a family on Orrick Road, several of their neighbors and relatives have been observing a strange bright light in the sky.

Tuesday night Mrs. Mary Swearingin said she was sitting on her porch at about 9 p.m. and she looked in the southeast and saw a bright light like a huge star near the horizon. She remarked to her husband that

she wondered if it was the North Star, and he said no because it was in the south. Then the light moved, she said and faded in and out. It did not move in a straight line, but left and right, and up and down. They continued watching until 1:30 a.m. when they went to bed.

satellite as they are too far up and cannot be observed. He also eliminated the possibility of Skylab as it would have a pattern of movement and would not fade in and out like it was reported this light did.

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Local Boy Sees UFO

John Wilson, 11, 210 S. Allen, saw what he thought was a slow falling star from his bedroom window about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. The boy summoned his father, Robert, for a consulting opinion.

After some deliberation both boy and father realized that the unidentified flying object was, in all likelihood, Skylab. Wilson said the spacecraft appeared as an ordinary celestial body that moves fairly rapidly from east to west across the sky.

On Wednesday she notified her neighbors who also watched the object along with her cousin and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Price. That night it was a little higher up off the horizon and moved slowly from a southeast to northeast direction and back.

Mrs. Price said they tried to call Richards-Gebaur to ask what it was, but they were told they had no radar on after 9 p.m.

Mrs. Swearingin said they have been watching the papers to see if there is any report of satellites going over or stars or planets that might be pinned to the light.

Mrs. Swearingin said she thinks there must be a very logical explanation for what the light is and would welcome anyone with a good strong telescope to view it. Tuesday night, she said, they had a small telescope of her brother's and observed that the object had a blue glow around it.

This morning, Mrs. Swearingin reported that the light did not come out until 11 p.m. last night, and when it first came out it was close to the horizon and faded. Then it started slowly moving around in an irregular pattern. She had contacted a man who lives downtown and he could not see it from his place, because of trees and buildings.

"It could be a lot of things. Even a weather satellite," she said, "I use to be skeptical of unidentified flying objects, but this is the first time I have run across anything like this, and I would like to know what it is."

Mrs. Price also said she saw it last night. She has an idea it might be some discarded space equipment floating around reflecting the sun's rays. Both families say they did not stay up into the morning watching as they were all too tired from the nights before.

An official at the Satellite Field Service in Kansas City said that what was seen here in Excelsior was not a weather

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UFO In Oakland?

OAKLAND—A glowing red V-shaped Unidentified Flying Object was reported hovering over the Ramapo Mountains Tuesday night. Police say they received six calls between 11:23 and 11:25 p.m. from residents of Aspen Way, First and Second streets who asserted they saw the object for about ten minutes slowly zig-zagging about before disappearing into the clouds.

Police speculate residents have been drinking too much Ramapo River water which was recently found unsafe for swimming. "A couple sips of that stuff and people start doing all sorts of crazy things," theorized Ptl. William Brown.

The object was also sighted in Pompton Lakes but it was said to be "balloon shaped" there.

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Science students watch UFOs

Two additional reports were phoned to the Tribune Thursday evening about sighting three more bright red lights moving over the city.

having a vantage point from a roof, they watched the objects very carefully.

One report claimed to have sighted the three objects moving from north to south with a fourth object trailing at a higher rate of speed.

Foreman added that the red discs had inner lights of green and white. He added that the objects flew in three different formation arrangements during the 15 minutes they watched and headed west and then north over Greeley.

The second call from Marc Foreman said that he sighted three red objects moving from east to west over Greeley Thursday. Foreman also gave an account of a sighting he and a friend, John Scott, made Tuesday. The two university High School students gave this account as they watched from the roof of Foreman's home in La Salle.

Foreman also said they took an electronic device called a "big ear" that they had used in school projects and listened but heard no sound. He said the ear has an effective range of up to a mile.

Foreman relayed the story of the two sitting watching Skylab through a telescope when they noticed the four red objects moving slowly through the sky. He said that with the telescope and

He also said that they had contacted the Weather Bureau and were told there were no balloons up that evening and that the bureau said balloons could not change formation patterns or catch up and then back away from the lead balloon as the students have reported.

Foreman also said that a third friend said that he spotted the red objects two hours later heading south.

That Orange Thing Is Probably Skylab

That orange "Thing" which has been puzzling Pike Countians for the past several weeks is more than likely just the home of our three U.S. spacemen. This explanation is official, from none other than the National Aeronautics and Space Administration itself.

After seven young persons reported seeing the flying object Tuesday night, the Enterprise-Journal took steps to solve the mystery and called the NASA Public Affairs office in Bay St. Louis. A very helpful staff member of that office, Jamie Johnson, agreed to help and went seeking the answers.

She talked with the Huntsville, Ala., NASA station and explained the sightings in the McComb area. Their guess, she explained, is that what the people have seen is the Skylab station or its debris, such as the meteoroid panel which tore off during launch or the S-2 stage.

Some of these objects would be visible to the naked eye while others could be seen only with telescopic glasses.

She also received a schedule of Skylab sighting times for the Jackson area for the next six days. The times of sightings concur closely with those times at which the object has been seen over the past few weeks in McComb.

The NASA staffer agreed with the E-J's partially educated guess that the orange ball effect could be created along the horizon much the same as the moon or sun at times seems larger and orange when these bodies lie close to the horizon.

Sightings for the next six days were given as follows:

Thursday — 4:43 a.m. to the north, 9:26 p.m. to the south, 11:03 p.m. to the west.

Friday — 4:01 a.m. north, 8:43 p.m. south, 10:19 p.m. west.

Saturday — 4:53 a.m. northwest, 9:38 p.m. southwest (these should be brighter as the Skylab will be closer to the earth.)

Sunday — 4:05 a.m. northwest, 8:52 p.m. southwest, 10:32 p.m. northwest (more brilliant).

Monday — 3:26 a.m. north, 5:03 a.m. west, 9:47 p.m. northwest.

Tuesday — 2:42 a.m. north, 4:15 a.m. northwest (best of all sightings) and 9:03 p.m. west.

The young people who saw the flying object about 9:15 p.m. last night described

it as pale orange. It was visible for about 45 seconds to a minute moving northwest to southwest along the horizon before it dipped below treetops and out of vision, according to Hugh Horn who received a report from one of the youth's shortly after the incident.

In the group seeing the object were Charles Jackson, Doug Taylor, Steven Mathena, Holly Darville, Vicky Dawson, Henderson Watkins and Craig Jackson.

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Others report UFO sighting

Four brilliant red, pulsating objects flying in formation — too large to be aircraft" — was a second description reported by another Greeley family who saw the UFOs Tuesday.

The Greeley residents said they were driving back from Loveland on Colo. 402 when they spotted the objects near Johnstown and Milliken. They said at first they thought they were aircraft but no other color of lights could be seen as are on most aircraft. They added that several times the red

The first sighting was reported Tuesday evening by a Greeley family which also described the objects as red bright lights and seemed to hover from time to time.

In The Dark

Police Puzzled

By Flashing Lights

'Lost' Over Lake

Erie, Penna. Times - News 7-6-1973

Erie police this morning were still puzzled by mysterious red and green flashing lights, seen by officer Donald Wildermuth at 6th and Cranberry at 1:39 a.m. today.

Wildermuth described the lights as "like those on an aircraft," and said it looked as if a plane had gone down in the lake.

Officials at Erie International Airport said they had no aircraft on their radar screens at the time of the reported sighting, and a Coast Guard spokesman said his station had no reports of a downed aircraft.

Police theorize that Wildermuth may have seen a plane flying north over the horizon.

UFO's spotted in area

The Big Dipper... You can follow them across the horizon early in the night, but later they are just pinpoints."

"...One time we observed two objects apparently following each other," he added. "Then one overtook the other and passed it... The strangest sight we saw was one night when three appeared. One went southeast, one went northeast and one went straight east. Then one made a sharp turn and followed the one going northeast."

Lueder said he contacted the State Police and the dispatcher contacted Selfridge Air Force Base, but apparently nothing was done to explain the sightings.

eight of the objects on the night of July 4, but another night as many as 13 have been seen. According to Lueder, the objects are "about the color of the moon" when they are seen early in the evening, but turn a lighter color later. They streak across the sky in a weaving, erratic pattern, often making sharp turns.

Lueder said several of the objects are often spotted simultaneously, traveling in southerly and northerly directions and they appear to change speeds.

"You'll see them about the time when the stars come out," Lueder said. "Most of them appear in the vicinity of the handle of

Seen any weird, unexplainable happenings in the sky lately? You're not alone. Several area citizens have reported sighting what appear to be unidentified flying objects comparable to those which seemed to thrive in other parts of the nation several years ago.

Rudolph Lueder, Weidman, was the first to report the sightings on July 4, and sky-gazing has become a popular sport in that area.

He is the only person to report the sightings to police, but others have reported observing the phenomenon. Lueder said he and his family spotted

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Flying Objects Again

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Peabody - On June 19th, three unidentified flying objects were reported seen about three miles west of Peabody.

The Gazette-Herald reported Mrs. Phillip Whitehead, Newton, reported seeing three round objects south of Highway 50. She and her three children, ages 14, 12 and 10, were returning to Newton from Peabody at the time.

Mrs. Whitehead was reported as noticing her pickup kept pulling to the right side of the road. She was about to stop the vehicle and check the tires when she and her children noticed what they thought to be a low-flying airplane. The object kept getting lower and lower and the witnesses saw that it was round with two or three red flashing lights, but could hear no motor, it just sounded like wind. There were two other similar objects flying close by.

The objects flew over the pickup, then ascended higher into the sky. Mrs. Whitehead reported flashing the lights on her pickup when two trucks approached. One of the trucks stopped. Reportedly, several others saw the objects.

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More UFOs sighted here

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Four additional UFO sightings made Wednesday evening have been reported to the Tribune.

The new sightings correspond with the information received last week with three to four bright red objects flying in formation traveling east to west over the southern part of the city.

The new sightings are the first since Friday when several reports, many from pilots, indicated that one of the red discs exploded some place west of Greeley between Loveland and Longmont. Heavy cloud cover during the past several

nights has been attributed to the lack of sightings by persons in the area.

Persons making the reports said they viewed the objects through telescopes and high powered binoculars and watched them approach from the east passing over the La Salle water tower then on west toward the mountains.

As of this time no official agency has given a reason for the strange sighting but it has been learned that the sightings made by several pilots has spurred the Civil Aeronautics Board to make some kind of investigation.

Greeley, Colo.
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Another family reports seeing UFOs in area

A third Greeley family phoned the Tribune Friday about the now mysterious flying red objects sighted over Greeley Tuesday and Thursday.

They said the objects Tuesday night were bright red objects and did not appear to make any noise. However, they said from their vantage point the red objects had blue and green lights attached to some kind of wing.

All observers agree the object made no sound, flew in formation and flew low at a slow

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FAST TALK

by RON SWIFT

THEN THERE'S THE unidentified flying object incident.

This occurred early last week when a Toyon Lane resident spotted a small illuminated object hovering above the flagpole at the Del Puerto Hospital. Darkness had already set in, and checking it out it was visible to others as well.

Our family watched it move slowly to the east over the Roland Lopes residence at Seventh and E, then disappear. Any other sighters?

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A UFO Is 'Funny Colored'

An unidentified flying object reportedly seen over the east part of Springfield yesterday afternoon apparently was observed by only a few persons, police said.

A woman residing on East Daniel told Officer Lowell Williamson she and several police officers saw the light.

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More Reports About That Mystery Light

By LYNN SPAINHOUR
E-J Staff Writer

A mysterious flying object continues to perplex Pike countians as two more reports of sightings were made to the Enterprise-Journal today.

Reuben Wicker, who lives on Highway 44 about one mile east of Pearl River avenue said that he, like some fishermen in Percy Quin Park, sighted something Saturday night.

About 9:15 p.m., Wicker said, a round lighted object, which reflected on the tree tops near his house sailed soundlessly over the land just across the road from his house, less than 300 yards from him. He watched as it disappeared in the distance.

Another report came from 14-year-old Delphine Wells, a resident of the Old Jackson Highway, who said she saw the strange object Monday night.

She was coming home in the car with her mother about 9:20 p.m. when she saw something that "looked like a ball of fire falling. that's the only way I know to describe it."

She said she had the object in sight only a few seconds, and her mother saw the reflection of it on the hood of the car.

Skeptics continue to offer explanations for the sightings. The inverted T with blinking lights, reported to have been seen by one person was an

airplane, is one explanation. Perhaps this is the season for meteor showers and more people are watching for something and seeing things they don't usually notice, explained one skeptic.

Yet, the mystery still remains unsolved.

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Ralph Havens, Moscow, reported a very bright red and blue flashing light above Moscow Mountain, about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. The light reportedly disappeared after the sheriff's office was notified. Investigation failed to find the light or its source.

'Flying object' believed to be meteor

An unidentified flaming object sighted in the sky over Denver and Colorado Springs Sunday evening probably was a meteor, officials at the North American Air Defense Command Center (NORAD) Space Center said Monday.

"We're just guessing it was a small meteor, based on the little bit of information we received," said M. Sgt. Ken Reinig, NORAD public affairs officer. "We did extensive checking through our computers and all we could establish was that it wasn't something we had catalogued."

The NORAD center keeps track of objects such as satellite parts that might be left in the atmosphere during space missions.

An orange ball of fire, moving a south-to-north arc, was reted shortly before 6 p.m. by

five U.S. Air Force pilots as they wre taking off from Peterson Field in Colorado Springs.

Several Aurora and Denver residents also reported seeing the object, Reinig said. Mrs. Bonnie Cole, 32, of Henderson, said she and her family saw the object fall from the sky into a heavily wooded rea near Gene-see Park as they were picnicking in the area.

"We were worried that it would start a fire because it was still burning as it came down," she said.

Mrs. Sally Oltmans, of 8976 W. Swarthmore Drive, Littleton

said she saw the object in the sky as she was bicycling near S. Kipling Street and W. Belleview Avenue. "It seemed to hang there for a minute and then just burned out completely."

Officials at the High Altitude Laboratory in Boulder said they hadn't received any information about the object, but it was "entirely possible" it was a small meteor.

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FREAK WINDS - U.F.O. THEORY

The two whirlwinds seen in North Staffordshire last week may have been caused by unidentified flying objects, Mr. Derek James, of the Post Office U.F.O. Research, said to-day.

"There were some very unusual features of these sightings," Mr. James told the *Sentinel*. "The Meteorological Office say that no whirlwinds were recorded anywhere in the area that day (Wednesday) and if the whirlwind seen at Barlaston was a local phenomenon, it should not have been of the dimensions described or powerful enough to lift hay into the air.

"As far as I can gather, none of the hay returned to earth and one of the witnesses who saw this whirlwind reports it was heading up to a big black cloud. Shortly afterwards, I had a call from a person saying that he has seen a large black, indistinct object in the sky and this could be a U.F.O.

"I am now trying to contact any other people who may have seen something unusual."

Mr. James, of 7, Queen-street, Porthill, can be telephoned, free of charge, at New-castle 84611.

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UFOs: 'More respect' urged

A LEADING American astronomer is challenging the official United States military assertion that "flying saucers" — or unidentified flying objects (UFO) — are imaginary.

Dr J. A. Hynek, former astronomical consultant to the U.S. Air Force's UFO investigating team and now director of the Linheimer Astronomical Research Centre at North Western University in Chicago, has accused the Air Force of suppressing unexplained re-

ports of UFO sightings. In a recently published book, Dr Hynek calls for a rigorous scientific probe into UFO reports submitted by two or more witnesses.

Evasions

He said in an interview that 90 per cent of UFO reports had been successfully explained, but deplored what he described as a "curtain of ridicule" obscuring the remainder.

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UFO landing 'confirmed'

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Mr Gerber took his UFO detector, a machine imported from Switzerland, and placed it over one of the pad marks. The machine recorded a negative magnetic field result. But the test for gamma rays proved positive — the first time the machine has given a positive result.

According to Mr Gerber there is now no doubt that a UFO landed on the Krugers' front lawn.

The three also found a scorch mark on a black brick porch pillar near to where the UFO "landed." This was seen as further proof that a UFO had been there.

According to Mr Gerber, the pad and scorch marks and the gamma rays are consistent with findings at other "landing" sites.

OWN Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — An unidentified flying object detector has confirmed the "landing" of a UFO in Queenstown.

The machine, owned by Mr J Gerber in this Border farming town, gave a "positive" result in tests conducted this week.

Two weeks ago Mr and Mrs D Kruger, of Berry Street, awoke during the night to hear a droning sound outside their bedroom window and found an eerie half-light shining into their room.

The next day Mrs Kruger found "pad marks" on the front lawn. They were then convinced a UFO had landed on their lawn during the night. This week several Queens-town people who have studied UFO sightings and landings, visited the Krugers' home. With Mr Gerber were Mr Bill

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Even the army saw LM's pink UFO

and hovered above the harbour. Later, army and navy officers from the local military base kept the light under surveillance for several hours through binoculars before it eventually disappeared at high speed.

At one stage the army considered sending up a jet fighter to investigate the UFO at closer quarters. However, the plan was eventually shelved because of the darkness and cost. It was the second UFO sighting over Lourenco Marques in five days. The first was made on Tuesday night, when an object performed in a similar way.

Earlier this month an East-ern Cape man reported a "positive sighting" at Queenstown. A Portuguese journalist, Mr. Tomas dos Santos Gil, was among the spectators yesterday morning. He was in a party of 15 people who watched the object's gyrations for more than an hour.

'Mail' Africa Bureau
LOURENCO MARQUES — Lourenco Marques nightclubbers were treated to a bonus performance early yesterday morning when "an unidentified flying object" appeared in the eastern sky over the harbour.

Glowing orange and pink, the UFO appeared soon after the last stripper had packed away her tassles and stars.

Dozens of late-night revellers in the city's notorious "sin street" and several sober-eyed port officials spotted the UFO as it rose from the horizon

UFO OVER EYRE STREET

A receptionist is convinced she saw an unidentified flying object on Saturday night. Margaret Campbell, 17, said she saw the flying saucer as she was walking south down Ripon street about 8.30 pm. She said the saucer was flying west parallel to but not quite above Eyre street. The saucer was grey and was edged with alternate red and white flashing lights. She saw the object bank in an arc above her as it came overhead. Hoping to point out the UFO to her mother, Margaret ran the 150 yards to her home in Eyre street and banged on the door, but by the time her mother had opened the door the object was disappearing. Margaret said that her mother and herself last saw it as a flashing red and white light in the western sky.

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ENGLAND

Riddle

of that light in the sky

By John Peachey

IT WAS ONE of those moments when the feeblest joke raised a laugh.

To be honest, we were nervous. It felt like sitting in a dentist's waiting room.

After all, it's not often you find yourself lured out in the middle of the night to stand on a village green in the darkness waiting to see a UFO.

If there's anyone left who doesn't know, a UFO is an unidentified flying object. A flying saucer if you like. A visitor from another world. The sort of thing you listen to with a pitying smile as the bloke in the pub bends your ear.

DOT

So one's confidence that these things only happened on the telly was badly bent when the cry went up. "There it is!" And a shining dot of light dutifully sped across the starry sky, right on schedule.

It all started when elderly Mr Graham Twin saw a moving light in the sky on his way home from the Rayleigh Arms, Terling. No one took much notice. Things had been seen on the way home from pubs before.

But the lights came back. As regularly as a celestial bus service, the glowing globes moved silently from one side of the sky to the other.

Word spread with the speed only a villager can understand. Little groups stayed up late to watch the sky instead of the box. The village green became too crowded for courting, and the cricket ground saw other sport.

Scout leader Derek Marshall set up a weekend watch from the Rolls Farm cow field. And was rewarded with regular sightings.

But kids and cows don't mix. And Sam the cowman bedded down his charges with anxious eyes on the sky. "They have been giving more lately, 'tis true," he rumbled.

Back on the green tension grew as the sky cleared. "Shall we ask it to go and wash its hands if it lands?" asks a telly-watching wag. "Keep your tentacles to yourself!" giggled a girl.

Kirkland Men Report A UFO

CANADA

Two Kirkland Lake youths, formerly skeptics, are now convinced UFOs are for real.

Bill Kulas, 17, of 37 Hudson Bay Avenue in Kirkland Lake and Danny Menard, 19, also of Kirkland Lake, report sighting a "green shapeless blob" eight miles west of here on Highway 66 late Monday night.

The object passed from sight behind the treeline and Mr. Kulas estimates it came to earth approximately two miles off the road in dense bush.

"It was huge—green fiery object trailing green flames behind it," said Mr. Kulas.

The youths reported the incident to OPP who had some initial reservations about the sincerity of the sighting, says Mr. Kulas.

"I went to report an unidentified flying object and the guy started laughing at me," Kulas remarked.

Despite their reservations police investigated the incident. According to OPP Sgt. Jack White a patrol car made a thorough search of the area around Kokolow Lumber Mills but discovered nothing out of the ordinary.

He advised the young men to report the incident to Canadian Forces Base Ramore.

The sighting is also being investigated privately by Bernie Houle, president of the local UFO chapter and Captain Lapointe of the Canadian Armed Forces, who is a member of the chapter.

Mr. Kulas, Mr. Menard, and the two members of the chapter have already searched the area for some sign of the landing but says Mr. Kulas, it is a large territory.

The search continues.

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AUSTRALIA

Pilot reports UFO

SEVERAL people said last night they had seen a blue-green object flash across Melbourne's northern horizon.

A pilot standing on the tarmac at Tullamarine and several people in the city reported seeing the object at 5.47 p.m.

Observers in the control tower at Tullamarine and at Avalon's RAAF base also said they saw it.

It did not show up on the radar screen at Tullamarine.

TAA's First Officer Geoff Binmore, 28, said it was circular and appeared for two or three seconds.

"It moved through an arc of about 40 degrees," he said.

"It was visible longer than debris falling out of orbit and travelling faster than a flare."

Ansett Airlines public relations officer, Mr John Tyrell, said he was driving along William St., City, when he saw the object suddenly appear from the east.

"I braked the car and stopped," he said.

"It was a bluish-green with a long white tail, which rapidly disappeared."

Several other people said the object flashed across from east to west and seemed to come down around Broadmeadows.

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More UFOs seen in North

MORE unidentified flying objects have been spotted in the North-East.

Peterlee police were inundated today by calls from people in the Wingate area, who reported two balls of light in the sky.

They followed a spate of sightings of UFO's throughout the region on May 15.

The latest sighting was made just after midnight by people living in the area of Snaith Terrace, Wingate.

Police said: "We had a look up there and as far as we can gather there was a lot of night flying by aircraft. That is probably what it was."

On May 15 a large silvery disc-shaped object was seen in the north-western sky by several people in the North-East.

The most probable explanation came from physics student David Salter, of Durham University.

Mr. Salter, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, said the disc was probably a reflection of the sun, which had already set, on ice crystals high in the atmosphere.

Woman, son spot UFO in night sky

CANADA

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"It had three white revolving lights and a bright red light that looked like the setting sun. It was moving very slowly, hovering, and there was no sound."

A Niagara Falls woman and her son saw a flying object Sunday night "that definitely wasn't an airplane."

Rosemary Robson of 3839 Potter Heights was awakened by her son at 10:45 p.m.

"He woke me and said 'Come and see this quickly'."

The object took about 15 minutes to travel from Niagara Falls west to Thorold, then disappeared, she explained.

"It was weird; it was scary. In the glow was a disc, which was a half-moon shaped."

Mrs. Robson has seen other flying objects in her native England. She has travelled often by airplane and insists that Sunday's object was not a large passenger aircraft.

Air traffic controllers at Niagara District Airport said they do not have any reports of unidentified flying objects in the area Sunday night.

One controller stated that the tower does receive frequent reports of lights in the night sky, which usually turn out to be airplanes.

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MORE PEOPLE

SAW STRANGE

NEW ZEALAND

LIGHT

The strange light in the sky seen by Mr I. Heaven of Maramara on Tuesday evening, was also sighted by Mr F. Harsant of Hahai.

Returning from Coroglen stock sale with his son Colin, their attention was drawn to a strange light travelling at speed in a horizontal plane in the sky as darkness was falling.

It seemed to be travelling in an east-west direction to us as we were in the truck, and it disappeared completely in a matter of seconds.

It was really bright, and had a tail streaming out behind it like an Olympic torch.

Like Mr Heaven, Mr Harsant refutes the idea that the light could have been a shooting star. It was too bright, was not falling, and appeared to be too apparently near, he said.

Mr J. C. Prescott, of Hikuaui, had further confirmation. His two sons, he said, had been duck shooting on Tuesday evening and had also seen this unusual phenomenon. They thought it had been in the general direction of Maramara.

Strange Object Sighted South Of Vermilion

Three separate sightings of an unidentified lighted object on Monday night, March 5th, have been reported to the Standard. The sightings took place between 11:00 p.m. and midnight.

LOOKED LIKED OIL RIG

The first report came from Leonard Kenzie who described the object as appearing like an oil rig with about six staggered and alternating yellowish orange lights on it. He first caught sight of it near the farm of Jim Emsland, 12 miles south on Hwy. 41, and consequently followed it south and west as far as Buffalo Coulee School, where it appeared to still be moving south over the fields of the Haverslew and Chesterman farms. At all times the strange apparition seemed to be just slightly above ground level. A low humming seemed to be emanating from it.

The second sighting was by Albert Smith and his daughter Doreen. They first sighted it just south of the coulee near the Windermere road, and followed it to the Brockville corner where they stopped and observed it for some fifteen minutes, the description was the same as Mr. Kenzie's except that they heard no sound. It kept moving in a south-westerly direction, just above ground level.

The third report came from Ralph Dicke. He also described it in the same general way as the first two, but he was home at the time, 6 miles south of Buffalo Coulee School and the object appeared to be two miles south and moving in that direction. A slight hum seemed to be prevalent.

INFORMATION SOUGHT

It would be interesting to learn just what this mobile and semi-airborne rig was and any additional information in regards to it would be appreciated.

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By MARIAN SHINN

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Residents see strange lights

Six people in the Boles Street Caravan Park saw strange lights flashing across the sky on Tuesday night.

One of the eyewitnesses, Mrs C. H. Korn, of the Boles St Park, said yesterday, they first noticed a flashing light travelling west to east at 8.32 pm.

It was travelling slowly

at a height estimated was between 30,000 and 100,000 feet.

Mrs Korn said the object changed course to the south for a short distance and kept flashing at irregular intervals and strength.

"Suddenly a small light dropped from the main one, then shot off towards the north-north-east."

The main light then made an abrupt turn and zig-zagged rapidly towards the east.

"Then suddenly the flashing light disappeared," Mrs Korn said.

She did not think it was an aircraft because there was no noise, another object dropped from it, and it followed an irregular path.

The theory that the object was a weather balloon was ruled out because of the flashing light, Mr. Korn said.

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Aliens in the sky?

Clare Stern

TWINKLE TWINKLE little UFO.

Are you friend or are you foe?

This is the question perplexing scientists and the man in the street, following the latest antics of unidentified flying objects in the Transvaal.

Mr. Frank Morton, UFO investigator for the Planetarium, says many people have seen a silver cigar-shaped object moving along the horizon since April 23, on and off — and most nights for the past week.

It appears on the north-eastern horizon and has also been sighted in Krugersdorp," he said.

What it is no one knows. Some are cynical, others feel it is something more sinister.

A spokesman for the Northern Air Defence Sector at Devon refused to comment on the UFO's implications to national

security. The man, who has control over one of the most sophisticated air defence radar systems in the world, said:

"If I say whether or not we have seen anything I will be clamped in irons and thrown in the dungeon."

Three people claim they saw a UFO in Market Street, Newtown on May 18. Mr Eric Smith, a bus driver, says he was walking near the bus sheds, at 6.08 am, when the sky lit up. He saw a large "glittering" yellow object pass below the moon. It looked as large as one's hand at arm's length and had a bright round nose, tapering to a less bright tail about 7m long.

OVERHEAD

Mr D J Scheepers, transport inspector, was standing outside the bus sheds at 6.05 am, when he claims he saw a flash in the sky. The "bright large object with reddish tail" was passing almost overhead. It

was just smaller than the moon.

At 6.25 am Mr R du Plessis, a bus driver, says he saw a very bright object passing almost overhead. "It was a large yellow ball, surrounded by a thin blue flame and a long-candle flame yellow tail."

In all cases the observers claimed the object was only visible for less than a minute, and vanished as it appeared to be moving earthwards.

Mr C Christiansen and Miss W Buchholtz of Johannesburg claim they saw a UFO in Hyde Park on Thursday at 8.08 pm.

Mr Christiansen described the UFO as: "Quite big and cigar shaped. It had lights all over and a red light underneath."

Mr Tom Geary, director of the Planetarium, said he was investigating the latest reports.

"We are liaising with Air Force security men in the hope that they may spot something."

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THE mystery of the "scorching red" UFO spotted in North Yorkshire has been solved by the Yorkshire branch of the BUFORA.

Yorkshire's UFO examination experts, investigating reports of a strange light and weird whirring at Low Row, near Leyburn, in North Yorkshire, have logged the sighting as "identified."

The "earthy" explanation of the mystery was presented by Mr. Trevor Whitaker, secretary of the Yorkshire branch who along with his wife, Doreen, also an active member of the branch, investigated the sighting.

It all started when classical musician Joy Roughton heard a mysterious whirring outside her bedroom on April 24. Then the room was lit by a vivid red glow which suddenly disappeared.

Triangular

Next day, Mrs. Roughton, of the Punch Bowl Hotel, Low Row, found scorch marks in a triangular shape on grass near her home.

Mr. Whitaker said: "I telephoned the police and they told me everything they found. Later I went to the site to examine the area, with my wife. We spoke to the lady, took measurements and brought away a sample of the burned grass which was sent to our research centre at the New-chapel observatory in Staffordshire.

"I also contacted the Northern Command headquarters of the Army and

A whirr, a red glow and scorched grass

they said that it was "fairly certain" that the red glow was caused by a Very cartridge discharged in connection with military training.

"And the report on the grass was that the burning was caused by pollution from ordinary engine oil. Those two simple explanations have satisfied us that the sighting was not a UFO."

That sighting was one of a number checked by members of the Yorkshire branch of BUFORA — British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association — since its formation.

The majority, from a background of mystery and apparent substance, turn out to have completely down to earth explanations,

after investigation by the UFO experts.

Possibly the most confusing case was that which occurred in the early '60s, when a then schoolboy claimed to have photographed several "flying saucers."

He produced a photo showing flying saucers over the Sheffield area. But last year — 10 years after the claimed sighting, the schoolboy, by then a 22-year-old fitter, admitted "I've hoaxed the world." And he admitted the picture was a fake, although UFO experts who called at his home were convinced it was genuine.

Other sightings present less difficulties.

In 1969 Ministry of Defence experts were

investigating a report of several UFO's — oval-shaped, one of them an orange object — flying along the Kent coast. It was later established that the brilliant lights came from a satellite which burned itself out over the sea.

Ruled out

In September, 1971, reports of mysterious lights in the Strensall, near York area, were ruled out as UFOs. The explanation was that they belonged to Jet Provosts, with new anti-collision lights of red, orange and white.

November, 1971. There was a report from a couple of a bright object in the sky travelling very fast with a

long yellow tail streaming behind. Coastguards put this down as shooting stars.

January, 1972. A headmaster solved the mystery of strange flying objects at Tyneside. They were giant coloured balloons set off by pupils of his school.

March, 1972. A "yellow ball of fire" seen flashing across the skies towards Pudsey by a Leeds housewife was later believed to be a phenomenon caused by the sun glinting on seagulls.

June, 1972. Two points of rather dim light, reported high in the sky by a York amateur astronomer could have been shooting stars.

July, 1972. A Fangfoss, near Pocklington, man watched for 25 minutes through a telescope as an object, giving off red,

yellow and green light, moved quickly across the sky. Official comment: Planet's appearance distorted by atmospheric conditions.

August, 1972. A couple driving home from Newcastle, travelling between Thirsk and Ripon saw a glowing, melon-shaped structure with a tapering base with a "T" shaped door at the side of the road. The door began to open and the couple fled. The Yorkshire UFO experts are still investigating this report.

March, 1973. A red glowing, oval-shaped object seen by a greengrocer over the Buttertubs Pass in the Yorkshire Dales. Still being investigated.

April, 1973. A formation of silver, elongated, lemon-shaped objects seen flying across the skies, along the line of the A1 in Yorkshire. Still to be checked.

Mr. Whitaker, secretary of the Yorkshire branch, added: "Our biggest number of sightings was in 1967 when we had about 40. The average per year, though, is between 10 and 12. We always have about 1/4 per cent. which we can not explain.

"The ideal, of course, would be for the Government to establish a department to analyse sightings and reports of UFOs. Maybe our work, in checking honestly and scientifically all claimed sightings, might one day prompt the Government to do this."

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More Mowing Lights In Sky

NEW ZEALAND

Spotting lights in the sky is becoming a popular pastime with Palmerston North residents this week. Yet another report of strange lights blazing across the sky has been received by local UFO authority, Mr H. H. Fulton. Three men working at the Longburn Freezing Works

early yesterday morning noticed lights moving in the sky. Coming from the southwest were two brilliant lights running abreast of each other and fairly close together. The three witnesses at first thought they were watching the American Skyjamb, but the speed and the fact of two separate bodies seemed odd.

One of the lights suddenly broke away from the other at an angle of 60 degrees and disappeared over the Tararua. The flight was completely soundless. The men said they had never seen anything like it before.

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U.S. ASTRONOMER WANTS MORE RESPECT FOR 'SAUCER' REPORTS

By
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Some of the observations could be tested, such as electrical effects, to yield "hard data" but the opportunities allowed to disappear in an anti-scientific fashion by treating the reports as hallucinations or hoaxes.

Lightning

Physicists had dismissed ball-lightning and pebble showers from meteorites in much the same way, he said.

Dr. Hynek himself has been widely lampooned in the American press for suggesting that UFO phenomena were caused by swamp gas.

One sarcastic cartoon showed an African village chief dismissing a plane flying overhead as "swamp gas".

In his own defence, he said he used the gas explanation only for some faint lights seen over Michigan swamps, and charged that reporters used the explanation to cover all possible sightings.

Dr. Hynek suggests a new, more objective approach to the mystery of UFOs using statistical techniques to examine reports for patterns of similarity, and geographi-

cal and seasonal distribution around the world, a method, he claimed, had never been used.

"The first step means starting almost from scratch; data gathering and data processing," he said.

Dignity

He also wants central scientific stations where "citizens can go to make reports (and) be treated with dignity" with an international clearing house directed by the United Nations.

The more interest scientists have shown in the topic he noted, the more the "crack-pots" have turned away from it.

But one occurrence in Dr. Hynek's book left the impression that active research is being carried on by unknown investigators.

In one incident, the day after four men said they saw a mystery vehicle and "humanoids" in a North Dakota field, "one of the men was called out from work and led into the presence of men he had never seen before. They asked to be taken to his home, where they examined the clothing he had worn the night before, especially his boots, and they left without any further word."

Asked to comment on this, Dr. Hynek said: "In at least half a dozen cases, men who represented themselves as air force officials visited witnesses (to flying saucer phenomena) and confiscated photographs and negatives before the sighting was publicised. But I have a letter from the air force saying that the masqueraders definitely are not connected with them."

Influence

How the "officials" found out about the alleged events before the news broke remains a puzzle and "one of the aspects I don't like," Dr. Hynek said.

Meanwhile, the book he wrote to set the record straight has sold a surprising 35,000 copies since last year.

"It has had a very definite influence on younger scientists who said the book set them thinking," he said, "but they still can't get research grants."

Mystery object seen over city

An unidentified flying object was sighted by a number of Prince George residents Wednesday.

Wally West said he and a friend saw the object in the sky about 11:30 p.m. and at first thought it was a "huge helicopter with lights inside." He said that after a while they realized it was not a helicopter. He said the UFO travelled from the west to the east and was visible for a period of about four minutes.

West said that at one point the object stopped, hovered

then "went straight up and disappeared into the atmosphere." West is a licenced pilot and he says he knows from experience that aircraft just don't do that.

West's version of the UFO sighting conformed to stories told by other residents who say they saw the extremely bright ball of light.

Ron Mengerink, a radio operator at the airport, said he received a number of calls shortly after 11:30 p.m. from people asking about the object. He said he scanned the sky but was too late to see it.

Mengerink said he then called Vancouver Centre and asked the controllers if there was a record of aircraft in this vicinity, but found none were scheduled to be here. He said there were no aircraft under the local airport's jurisdiction in the area either.

Radar operators at the Canadian Forces radar base Baldy Hughes about 17 miles from Prince George, checked their logs and said they had no record of the object.

"We have no knowledge of it but we'll certainly keep an eye on the scopes for it," said a spokesman for the radar station.

Another man who saw the object said he was in a car with four other people at the time. They stopped the car and observed the UFO travel across the sky. "It was a very bright ball of light that seemed to be pulsating at times. It was over the Hart Highway when we saw it," he said.

The man, who chose to remain anonymous, said the object seemed to remain motionless for a while then "all of a sudden — poof — and it vanished into thin air."



LAST WEEK in these columns Tranmere truckie Wilf Thomas came up with a poser for the Weather Man — driving back to Adelaide from Port Lincoln in the wee small hours he'd seen a greyish-white nighttime rainbow.

Ever-helpful Bureau of Meteorology boss (Mr. A. T. Brunt) writes:

"I want to reassure Mr. Thomas that he was not 'seeing things.'"

"What he saw was a lunar rainbow, which forms in the same way as an ordinary rainbow but by moonlight instead of sunlight.

"The colors are usually hard to detect at night and the bow often appears white.

"It is much less common than the ordinary rainbow because the moon is bright enough only for a small part of the month and showery type weather, with some part of the sky clear, is less common at night.

"A bright moon through fog can also produce a bow. This is called a fog bow and is always white."

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