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### SHOT OFF CATALINA

## UFO Film Examined By Experts

By CLIFF SMITH

Science Writer

The San Diego Union

Motion pictures of an unidentified flying object (UFO) off Santa Catalina Island are being investigated by a local scientific group.

J. F. Herr, a research psychologist and spokesman for the group, said the film is apparently the best UFO movie ever taken and may be an invaluable aid toward determining the true nature of such objects.

A professional cinematographer who claims to have taken the film met with a reporter to describe his experience with the understanding that his anonymity would be preserved.

### 15-Second Movie

The reporter saw the 15-second film projected on a screen several times. The film shows a silvery oblate spheroid streaking across the sky with steep mountains in view just below the object.

In every respect, the object appeared to be a so-called "flying saucer" — no other description would do as well.

The photographer, now associated with a highly respected research institution, said he shot the 16-millimeter Ektachrome color film from a chartered Bell helicopter on April 15, 1966.

"I was using an Arriflex camera equipped with a 12.5 to 120 millimeter zoom lens," he said. "We were out there to shoot scenic aeriels for television documentaries."

### Special Photo Chair

The photographer was seated in a special vibration-absorbing chair on the right side of the aircraft, his body projecting outside. Because of the noise, little communication with the pilot was possible.

The helicopter, he said, was flying a west by southwest course off the southwestern aspect of the island when he shot the film. Actually, he said, he first saw the UFO several minutes earlier while the helicopter was off the southern tip of Catalina.

"It appeared to be at least five or six miles away when I first saw it," he recalled. "I thought it was a balloon tethered over something just off the west coast of the island. Now, I think it appeared motionless at that time because it was moving almost directly toward us."

As the helicopter's position changed, the motion of the UFO became apparent to the cameraman.

### Passes Out Of View

"We were about 2½ miles away from it when it occurred to me that it definitely was not a balloon and that I had better film it," he said. "So, I started shooting but after only a few seconds it passed out of view, sort of behind the helicopter."

"By the time it dawned on me that it might have been a UFO we were quite far away and it would have been out of sight. I was thinking of our assignment at the same time anyway. We were on a tight shooting schedule."

"But, ever since, I have been sorry I didn't alert the pilot and turn around and follow it as much as we could have done."

The photographer said the UFO appeared to be traveling at a speed of about 150 miles an hour in level, airplane-like flight at an elevation slightly higher than that of the helicopter, which was about 1,000 feet above the water.

After the film was processed, the photographer showed it to several friends. One of them wrote to the Library of Congress, a branch of which was recording information about UFO experiences. Subsequently the library sent the photographer forms to fill out. He first procrastinated, then lost interest in the inquiry.

### 'Gee, That's Interesting'

"I never reported the sighting in any formal way although I did show the film to several pilots. They just said things like 'Gee, that's interesting' but nothing else."

"At the time, Project Blue Book (a now defunct Air Force investigation of UFOs) was getting bad publicity and starting to fold. I just didn't want to get involved in all that."

About two months ago a friend who saw the film called the local research group which then contacted the cinematographer and obtained a copy of the film for investigation.

"Only two other motion picture films of UFOs have surfaced," said Herr. "This film is much clearer than both of the others."

"There is always the possibility of a hoax, of course, and we are running all kinds of tests to rule that out. We already have excluded the double exposure possibility, for example."

"Right now, the film is undergoing a computer process for image enhancement at a government laboratory I'm not at liberty to identify."

Essentially, the computer is looking at every frame of the film, taking the clearest part of each and constructing a sharp whole image of the UFO.

The photographer, a university graduate and family man, has lived in Southern California all his life. He has taken film for several well-known television series and has headed several cinematographic laboratories. He has been at the research institution for eight years.

He said his desire for anonymity was twofold.

"One reason I don't want to be identified, at least for the time being, is that the institution I work for can't benefit and

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could conceivably be hurt by the wrong kind of publicity about all this.

"Another reason is that I don't want to be exploited by the wrong kind of people. I don't want any unscientific nuts using my name to substantiate their own unbelievable claims, for example."

"So I want to keep a very low profile at least until some group like this one feels that they have authenticated the film and accepted it as valid evidence for or against UFOs."

The photographer said he was convinced that what he saw was some kind of real aircraft and not just a visual phenomenon such as a sun dog. Anyone who sees the film would have to agree. The casual viewer, however, also would have to agree that on the basis of the film alone the object could be some kind of conventional aircraft presenting a disc-shaped image.

The research group, known as Precision Monitoring Systems, consists of about 35

area scientists and engineers employed by institutions including San Diego State University, UCSD, the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center, General Atomic, General Dynamics and the Naval Undersea Center.

Early this year the group established a network of magnetometers and other instruments to record the presence of UFOs in the region. The network of 15 stations reaches from Poway to Imperial Beach and from Alpine to the coast.

So far, no positive recordings have been reported by the group, which hopes to correlate UFO sightings with instrument recordings. Herr explained that it is well established that at least some UFOs emit extremely powerful magnetic force fields which have deflected compass needles up to two miles away, tripped burglar alarms, caused power failures by tripping relays and so on.

The group is interested in receiving serious UFO sighting reports from the observers. Herr said all reports are carefully investigated.

There is a chance that the new motion picture will soon be seen on television. The photographer said he has been contacted by the producers of a program to be aired by NBC this fall.

He said the film would be incorporated into a dramatization of an Air Force officer's real experience with a UFO.

The above mentioned film was used in the fiction UFO movie "Disappearance of Flight 412" shown on NBC TV Oct. 1st.

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## UFO Sightings Reported In Area North Of Laurel

# Sound Recordings Enrich Files Of Physical Evidence On UFOs

By DAVID BRANCH

BEVERLY HILLS—The sound coming from the tape recording being played was eerie: a humming, swirling noise hinting at high-pitched, rapid pulses. According to the Louisiana policeman who had made the recording, the sound came from an unidentified flying object (UFO)—and his story is backed by a half dozen other police officer witnesses.

The strange object producing the sound was seen in Metairie, a suburb of New Orleans. The sighting occurred Oct. 10, 1973. That was the night before two Pascagoula, Miss. fishermen, some 130 miles away, were allegedly forced aboard a landed

Huntley of the Pascagoula police, met with the Lieutenant one evening in Metairie. Several other policemen were present, including Captain Nol Hampton and Captain Huey Farrell, who also had heard and seen the UFO. Thumbing through "Beyond Earth—" I found the chapter in which Blum relates the dramatic events of Oct. 10, 1973 as described to him by the police officers:

"Avery Estates is a housing development in St. Tammany Parish. At about eleven o'clock that night, calls had started coming in to the sheriff's office and over CB (Citizen Band) radio, complaining of radio and TV interference. . . Then a

like a wind roar. More a cross between tires at high speed and a freight train. Like sounds you'd hear in the middle of a tornado."

After leaving the Blums, I recalled that there are at least two other tape recordings in existence of mysterious sounds alleged to originate from UFOs.

One was made by a fire-watch attendant at Pacheco Peak, Calif., July 28, 1967, as undulating, high-pitched sounds emanated from a huge, bright white light circling low around the observation post.

Another recording was made by a Redlands, Calif. minister, Feb. 4, 1968, as dozens of people rushed into the streets, frightened by a warbling, high-frequency "science-fiction" type sound from the sky. Many residents say they saw a UFO from which the sound came.

A great deal has been written about physical evidence left by UFOs: broken tree branches, unusual changes in soil chemistry, depressions in the ground, and scorched landing marks.

But little research has been applied to UFO sounds.

The exception is a scientific analysis of the Redlands tape, made by a prominent Southern California aerospace physicist. (Results of this study will be included in a forthcoming book by David Branch and Robert B. Klinn, "Inquiry at Redlands.")

Thorough study of such taped sounds, including comparison of all extant recordings, may result in startling discoveries about UFOs.

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Three separate sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported shortly before 1 a.m. this morning just north of Laurel, Laurel police said this morning.

Laurel police said the sightings of a "large saucer-shaped object approximately the size of a blimp" were reported to Meridian police but Meridian police denied they had received any such reports.

According to Laurel police, an airport flight officer and his family were approximately five minutes north of Laurel when the object reportedly "buzzed" their car three times, forcing them off the road.

The officer said the object had "one bright, blinding bluish light," said Laurel police.

A second party reported the occupant of the UFO made contact with him, said police. No further details were available.

Police said the party reportedly was also just north of Laurel at the time and his description of the object was similar to the airport flight officer's.

The third sighting was by a New Jersey resident traveling north through Laurel from the Gulf Coast, police said.

Police said the party reported the UFO was traveling west at approximately 40 to 50 feet above I-59.

## The Continuing UFO

UFO by outer-space creatures with wrinkles, silvery skins. The abduction of the Pascagoula men made national headlines. But the Metairie sighting has remained relatively unknown.

I had come to the plush Beverly Hills Hotel to interview Ralph and Judy Blum, authors of the newly released best selling Bantam paperback (in its 4th edition with nearly 1/2 million copies in print): "Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs." In their book, the Blums reveal the existence of the UFO tape.

The last thing I had expected to hear last Friday was the uncanny sound of a UFO.

But that made us even. The first thing that Ralph and Judy had expected to own, as they began their research one year ago, was a tape of UFO noise.

"Isn't that wild?" Ralph Blum asked as he switched off the recorder.

I had to agree.

Ralph described his impressions of the sound: "a generator hum that rises in pitch and suddenly shifts into a minor key; a droning whine full of intense energy. It gives the sense of something huge rotating at great speed."

The rare recording was made by Lieutenant Robert Lonardo of the New Orleans police department.

Blum, who was referred to Lonardo by Detective Tom

man named Jimmy Fisher arrived home and saw something big, glowing 'bright white' right up over his house. Dogs were howling, people were out watching it—at least fifteen people—according to Lonardo and Farrell, when the police unit arrived.

"The thing was still right there over the house," Noel Hampton said. "About four or five hundred feet up. It looked like a big silvery hamburger hanging there in the air. We couldn't believe it."

"Then the . . . thing started to take off," Lonardo took up the story. "I remembered I had my tape recorder in the car and ran to switch it on. Man, it was weird, this humming sound. Not

## UFO reported seen near New Brighton

dispatcher give the report to the New Brighton squad car and that he too saw "red, green and white flashing lights."

"I assumed the lights were those of an airplane," he said today. "Apparently it was flying in circles and so high that it appeared to be hovering in one place."

"It was over the New Brighton area," he said, adding that it appeared to be at such a high altitude that he couldn't hear it. I assume it was the same object reported by the New Brighton people."

A flying saucer was reported by some residents of the New Brighton area early today, but a Ramsey County sheriff's deputy who verified the sighting said it appeared that the object was a "slow-flying airplane at a high altitude."

The UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) was first reported to the sheriff's office by a woman living at the north end of Long Lake in New Brighton at 12:59 a.m.

Two New Brighton police officers said they also saw the "red, green blue and purple flashing lights in the sky," but in their report said nothing about seeing any object attached to the lights.

Ramsey Deputy Sheriff Bernard Witzmann said that he looked up in the sky when he heard the

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Daily News  
Aug. 13, 1974

Tacoma, Wash.  
News Tribune  
Aug 30, 1974

## That was no UFO, Air Force insists

That pulsating light in the northeast sky Thursday night — alternately red, orange, blue and white — was a star, according to the Air Force.

Tacoma police and McChord Air Force Base received numerous "UFO" calls regarding stationary phenomenon before it was determined that high humidity during the night caused "prismatic light refraction" of a star's glow.

Minneapolis, Minn.  
Star  
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# UFO's spotted here

Several residents of the area reported sighting UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) Saturday, July 27, between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Descriptions ranged from "four-legged, as tall as the trees," to "It had four fingers, like a star, and it was extremely bright in the center."

Most persons who saw the objects did not know beforehand, and discovered their common observations the next day.

Although the Pioneer's meteorologist Tony Hemphill picked up atmospheric disturbances on his weather instruments (see related story this page) which could explain the phenomenon, one viewer, Mrs. Ivan Brundidge of Scotts Mills, said "No electrical beam is going to produce what we saw."

Hemphill's instruments recorded activity similar to that recorded during the

following Sunday morning's thunderstorms. Hemphill also speculates that Jupiter, which is now the brightest thing in the night sky other than the moon, could be the cause of the mysterious phenomena.

Lucy Zumwalt, of 12651 S. Macksburg Rd., reported seeing "four blue legs, as tall as the trees, and arranged in a square" on the Arrowhead Golf Course. Mrs. Zumwalt said she was extremely tired and upset at the time of the sighting, having just come from the accident on highway 211 in which two Molalla boys died. She did not look up to the top of the "legs," thinking they were the result of some activity at the golf club.

Her husband Rod, who works at Avison's, told of her observation the next day at work, and discovered other workers at Avison's had also seen inex-

plicable phenomena. It was his suggestion to his wife after discussion at the mill which raised the possibility of UFO's.

The Brundidges, however, watched the object for nearly an hour, and used their binoculars, according to the Silverton newspaper. The saw the object "dart back and forth at great speed... across the sky." They also saw "objects that resembled portholes and there was light coming out of them." The Brundidges heard no noise, but it did give off a steady bright light.

Mrs. Brundidge said she watched the object when she awoke "several times during the night."

Three other sightings were reported but the observers either refused to allow their names to be used in the Pioneer or the Pioneer was unable to contact them.

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## Possible explanation offered

## UFO's? Would you believe Jupiter?

By TONY HEMPHILL, BS, AMS  
Jupiter, the big planet, is commonly mistaken for a UFO. The author's wife made the mistake once. There has been a rash of UFO sightings in the Molalla area Saturday, July 27. The author would have like to seen them. From the descriptions, the author would like to offer an explanation based on scientific explanation and on meteorological and astronomical data.

We had a unique situation on July 27 which provided the setting for at least some of the sightings reported. Jupiter is presently approaching its closest point to the earth. Jupiter is a white to blue-white light of a magnitude three times than the brightest star in the sky and one-fifth the brightness of the full moon. On July 27, Jupiter was in the southeast part of the sky and would have crossed the southern sky setting in the west four hours after sunrise.

The atmosphere at the time was what meteorologists call unstable, that is the air is constantly moving up and down.

On the barometric pressure graph, it is indicated by bumps on an otherwise smooth line. When the air rises and falls it is constantly changing in density, because of this, it gives the stars, and in this case Jupiter, an appearance of changing position very rapidly. In addition, a physiological and psychological factor called autokinetics will magnify the movement. For example if you stare at a point of light in the dark, never taking your eyes off the light, the light will begin moving in an erratic manner sometimes moving back and forth, sometimes moving off in one direction rapidly. Pilots are especially susceptible to this effect in night flying.

What does Jupiter look like? With the naked eye on a clear night, it will appear as a steady bright light with a multitude of rays jutting from it. The positions of the rays will seem to change with time, sometimes growing in length, disappearing, reappearing and lengthening again, all within fractions of a second. The conditions of July 27 would have made the planet appear to pulsate as the air density increased and decreased.

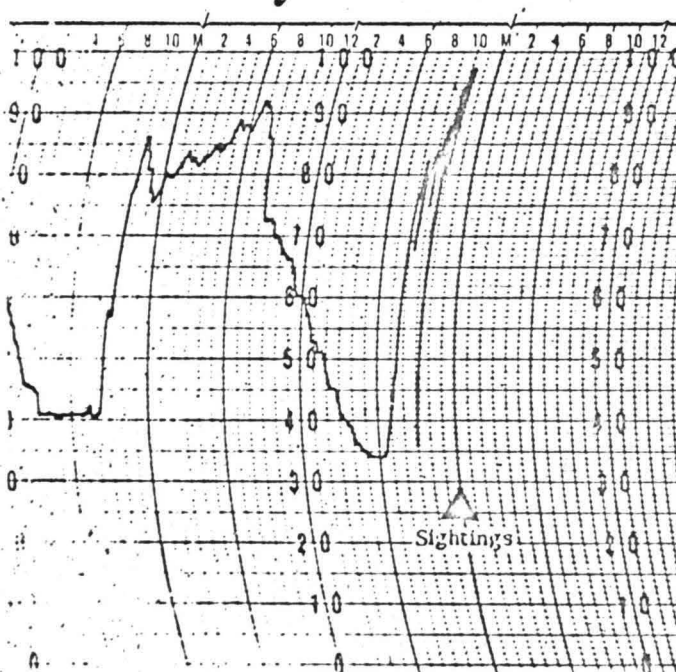
Through the binoculars, Jupiter will

appear as a round globe with four rays of light extending from its edge, two horizontal and two vertical. This is caused by the curvature of the binocular lenses. Also through the binocular, the viewer will see little pinpoints of light just off the edge of the planet's outline. These are Jupiter's moons. On July 27, two of the four moons visible to the binocular were visible, one on one side of the planet and one on the other side. Many times it will be difficult to view these moons because of the rays caused by the binoculars but if you stare long enough the moons will appear to show through these rays, then disappear. Then they will reappear.

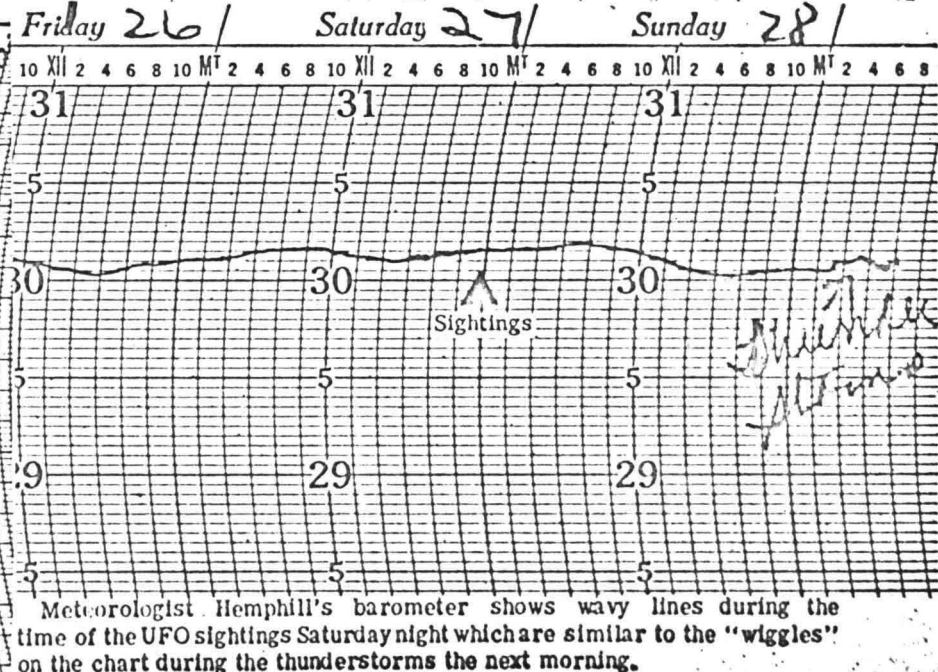
A person when looking into the night sky should keep an open mind. If something appears to be out of place and the viewer thinks nothing of it he will perceive the object entirely different then if he tags it UFO. The author's wife for 30 minutes after tagging Jupiter a UFO, believed it was a UFO. After finding out it was Jupiter, she wondered how she could have possible thought Jupiter was a UFO. She even went as far as to photograph it.

UFO's? Maybe.

## Humidity



## Barometric pressure



Meteorologist Hemphill's barometer shows wavy lines during the time of the UFO sightings Saturday night which are similar to the "wiggles" on the chart during the thunderstorms the next morning.

Hemphill's chart of the humidity also shows wiggles during the period when all the UFO sightings were made. Unfortunately, this instrument broke down shortly after these readings were taken.

# Some Flying Objects Identified, Others Not

By George M. Frasher  
Editor

The report in last Tuesday's Clarion News of local residents seeing unidentified flying objects apparently was widely read, but triggered only two additional reports of such

sightings.

However, several others called with "explanations." The report carried in The News was picked up by at least two newspapers, in Brookville and DuBois, with front page stories.

That report detailed the separate sightings of two residents. One was a Williamsburg resident who said he and his family of five saw the object on Sunday evening, July 21. The man reported he chased the object along In-

terstate 80 to Corsica where the "thing" turned and retraced its flight, finally disappearing near the strip mines near Williamsburg.

The other report was by a rural Shippensburg couple who said several weeks ago a strange object approached their automobile while driving along I-80. This was also in the Corsica area.

Several residents, after reading the story, called to say they spotted "identified" objects on the same days. Several reported seeing weather balloons and State Police helicopters during the day. Another stated that some time ago a strange light was spotted hovering near the home. It suddenly zoomed straight up, but the observer said it was finally identified as a helicopter with the lights shining weirdly through the haze.

And it was also noted that considerable haze has existed in the area in recent weeks. Many "official" explanations in recent years for unidentified flying objects have been unusual light refractions through uncommon atmospheric conditions.

However, during the past week there have been two reports of additional "unidentified" objects, also made to The News. One man called and said the

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Putnam County  
Sentinel  
Ottawa, Ohio  
Jul 10, 1974

## Officials Say UFO Landed Near No. Creek

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If you are one of the people who spotted an Unidentified Flying Object last fall and you believe in such things, you now have it on good authority that something from outer space landed in Northwestern Putnam County between November and April.

If you don't believe in such goings on, then county and federal authorities would like for you to explain some strange markings found in a field on the Roy Hiltner farm on route 1, Continental.

More than two months ago, while he was doing his spring tilling, Hiltner discovered a strange indentation and markings in his field, looking somewhat as if there had been a small explosion there. He reported it to the sheriff, and since then the possibilities of a meteorite or lightning causing the marks have been practically ruled out.

This week the personnel of the UFO Central Headquarters in Illinois informed Sheriff Robert Beutler that they believe the indentations were caused by the landing of an unidentified flying object.

Rumors of the landing have been circulating for the past several months, but no official word was released until Monday when the UFO center called the sheriff.

Hiltner discovered the con-

troversial tracks on April 29. He said he had plowed the field, located a mile northwest of North Creek, west of County Road 18-A, in November, and came upon the markings in April. He said he had not been in the field between those two times, and the markings could have been made any time between those dates. There were no tracks leading to the spot which was several hundred yards from the nearest road.

Sheriff department records show that reports of UFO sightings were turned into the department in November and December, but the sightings were not near the Hiltner farm.

The markings are about 14 feet across and consist of a very definite depression in the center and the ground in the area was baked very hard.

The central area consists of a six-foot circle where the ground is baked the hardest. In the center of this are two smaller depressions, each about eight inches in diameter, and the ground in these was very spongy and soft, while everything around was crusty.

The central depression was at least 15 inches deep.

Extending to the outer edges were seven evenly spaced grooves, in which the

ground is blown up four to six inches. These are believed to have been made by legs on which the object stood.

Sheriff Beutler said that immediately after the depression was discovered, radioactive tests of the area were made. A zero reading was made directly on the spot, and they had to get almost 30 feet away to get even as much as a normal reading which can be found in almost any field Beutler said.

Some UFO believers advance the theory that these objects regenerate themselves from microwave towers, and this theory is given further credence by the fact that the so-called landing was made within the radius of 10 miles in which six of these towers are located. Four can be seen from the spot.

Since the finding, samples of the ground have been taken and further tests have been performed. The possibility of a meteorite causing the marks has been ruled out due to the complex pattern left, and no remains of a meteorite could be found.

The doubtful belief that lightning could have been the cause is still being investigated. Samples have been sent to the University of Florida where Dr. M.A. Uman, an authority on lightning, will test the ground.

## 'Fireball' Was Probably Meteor

By JOHN GASH  
TODAY Staff Writer

A brilliant mysterious object—apparently a meteor—flashed across Brevard skies Monday. Sightings were reported as far south as South Miami and as far north as Georgia.

Hundreds saw the object, with some claiming to have seen it crash to earth.

Dr. Ed Strother, of the Florida Institute of Technology, said it was the brightest he ever saw.

"The brilliance of it was very remarkable," said Strother, a professor in the college's Department of Physics and Space Sciences. "It was a brilliant white

at the core and had some color at the edges."

The apparent meteor was traveling north-northwest to south-southeast. Strother said he didn't hear a sonic boom, which indicates the object was more than 60 kilometers above the earth.

Strother, who said he witnessed the flaming ball at about 8 p.m., estimated it to be brighter than the moon.

It was light when he saw it.

"I did not observe it to break apart," he said. "It probably just missed impacting (hitting the earth). The impact from one that size would be quite outstanding."

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stories "are not a bunch of baloney," that he too has seen strange objects hovering and flying.

Another woman called and said she was hanging up clothes in her yard one evening in a nearby rural area and spotted this strange object. She said her dog apparently saw the "thing" too and refused to go outdoors for almost a week.

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### More Sightings

Two more Albemarle boys have reported sighting an orange colored object in the night sky between 11:00 and 11:30.

Ernie Wilson, who lives on Sixth Street, and David Snuggs sighted the object in the west, somewhat behind clouds, in the direction of Albemarle from Babin, they said.

The boys saw the object Thursday night, they said, and did not believe it was the moon, although it was shaped something like a half-moon.

Marty Walter, who works at Sears in Albemarle, also reported seeing an orange "UFO or something" about 11:15 to 11:30 Thursday night near Long Creek on the Aquadale-Oakboro Road.

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## Woman claims she saw UFO over Lexington

"It was about four times as big as a star and real bright. It looked like a spotlight by the Little Dipper," Judy Schoonover of Lexington said, describing a light in the sky which she watched for about three hours early yesterday morning.

"It was weird. My husband saw it first when he was coming home from work at about 12:15 in the morning. He woke me up and I saw it at about 12:50. It was farther away than an airplane and was round with something like a church steeple on top. A blue light flashed from the top and bottom and now and then red light flashed. It would get real dim and then disappear and get bright again," Mrs. Schoonover said.

She watched the light from her yard at 2213 Jefferson Avenue.

When she and her husband looked at the light through binoculars, she said they saw "white vapors like clouds coming out of it."

She said the vapors appeared every time the light began to dim.

"I've always been interested in things like this, but I never thought I'd see anything," Mrs. Schoonover said. "If I didn't have witnesses, I wouldn't say anything, because people would say I was crazy." She said that seven people from her home and her neighbor's home watched the light.

"I watched it until 3:00 and then it went out and didn't come back for awhile, I went to bed," she said.

Mrs. Schoonover would like anyone else who saw the light to call her.

Like virtually all cases, though, the descriptions varied greatly. The woman described the object as looking similar to a child's top, the type which spins when the plunger on top is pushed down. She said the object hovered and was constantly spinning. She said it emitted a "whirring" sound, described as somewhat similar to that of a rattlesnake.

She said she ran into the house to get her husband, but that he was too busy watching "Colombo" on television. But when the program ended, she said he came out and reportedly saw the object also.

The object the Williamsburg man reported was apparently in the shape of a long cylinder, open at the rear end, emitted a "motorcycle" noise, and a young daughter in the family drew a picture of the object. The other woman whose report was detailed last week, refused to identify the object in the drawing as the "thing" she and her husband saw, and said that object emitted no noise.

And there has been no report of anyone specifically on the lookout for such flying objects seeing anything out of the ordinary. In fact, at least one member of The News' staff has made a point to examine the skies some evenings in the area between Clarion and Brookville and has spotted nothing. All reports have been from people who were "surprised," which seems to follow the patterns of sightings throughout the nation in the past 30 years.

San Francisco, Calif.  
Examiner

Aug 2, 1974

## Hard-to-shake story of visitor with pointy ears

Special to The Examiner

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Calvin Parker, 20, runs a chicken farm and doesn't want to talk about it.

Charles Hickson, 43, has made a 45-rpm record about it and doesn't want to stop talking.

"It" was the episode they described last October in a story they have maintained under hypnosis and polygraph tests.

An oblong craft eight feet tall, moving in a field of blue light, landed near where they were fishing, they said.

Three silver-skinned creatures with big eyes and pointed ears stepped out of the craft and guided the pair inside.

Parker fainted, as the older man recalls. He and Parker were examined with equipment that resembled X-ray devices, then released.

After a few drinks they told Sheriff Fred Diamond about it and he notified "everybody I could think of."

Some skeptical neighbors thought the blue light might



CHARLES HICKSON AND CALVIN PARKER  
Examined on UFO by big-eyed space visitors

have been a reflection of moonshine — available here at \$3 a gallon.

But two university professors, among many who examined them, described their experience as "not terrestrial."

Parker reacted so violently to the taunting he got in his hometown of Laurel near here that he was hospitalized.

"I'm not a liar and I don't like being called a liar. I just can't stand it," he complained.

"It's a hard thing to believe," says Hickson. "I guess it's probably impossible for somebody who hasn't been through what we've been through.

"All I can do is tell people what happened and hope they'll believe it. That's all I can do."

Parker doesn't even talk about it to his wife, whom he married three weeks after the episode.

Hickson has been on TV talk shows, chatted with astronauts and is now writing a book.

Parker turned to his chicken farm as a refuge from the ribbing of his fellow workers and because he likes the solitude.

He has renewed his faith in the Bible. "You can find an answer to everything in the Bible. I've been lookin' and I haven't found it yet but I'm going to," he says.

Tucson, Arizona

Daily Citizen

July 26, 1974

UFO

reported on  
reservation

There is a "pretty good case" for the sighting of an unidentified flying object on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, according to L. J. Lorenzen, president of Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., 2708 N. Country Club Road.

Organization investigators sent to the UFO sighting area yesterday verified that at least 15 San Carlos residents reported seeing a "structured object with a dome top and a glowing blue light" land Wednesday night about seven miles from Bylas village, near Mt. Turnbull.

The object, according to reports, aimed a light beam at the ground, then sped upward and away. Lorenzen said that investigators were unable to find evidence of a landing at the site.

"There was a lot of activity at the site; the Indian people rode all over it after seeing the object," he said.

Full reports will be compiled at the organization's office today to determine the object's size, distance from witnesses and speed, said Lorenzen.

# Sees strange object the on ground

By Wit Ledbetter  
The UFO sightings, which were common here last year, were revived today by a Farmington businessman who describes himself as a "for-

mer skeptic."  
The man is grocer Dick Dugal and he saw something pretty close early this morning that made him take a new view of the UFO business.

"I had seen some strange things in the air before," said Dugal, and I had heard about people seeing them up close,

but this dude was right on the ground."

Dugal said he got up to go to work this morning at 4:10 and was starting the car in his yard at 1406 Ann Street in Wulfers Addition.

He noticed a glow on the sidewall of the camper parked next to him and at first thought it was an approaching

car - but the light pulsed, went up and down, and he turned and looked east across Wulfers field toward the Harold Straughan place and saw something.

Dugal climbed out of the car and sprinted up onto a raised porch to have a better look and saw a brilliant glowing object about a half mile away.

"It looked like a football turned on its side," he said, "and comparing it to a nearby tree, it must have been 20 or 30 feet across."

His first impulse was to wake his wife, asleep in a second story bedroom. He first considered throwing a

rock at the window"...but decided Dottie would kill me if I broke a window."

As he watched the bright pinkish orange object began to pulsate. "It was like something breathing, getting bigger and smaller," he said, "and then it started up off the ground, maybe about 50 feet, without making a sound, and then went straight up."

"There was a moon," Dugal said, "but the light from the object lit up the whole back side of our house. 'I kept praying that somebody would come by or would wake up - I knew that nobody is going to believe this.'"

Dugal planned to get his polaroid loaded and get up early Tuesday morning. He's also going out to the field Monday afternoon to see if there's any evidence that something set down in that field.

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Examiner  
Aug. 2, 1974

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Farmington, Missouri  
Aug. 5, 1974

## UFOs

Two UFO researchers - one of them a Fulbright, Ford and National Science Foundation grant winner - said in San Francisco yesterday "it is impossible to say that UFOs don't exist."

The two Ralph Blum and his wife Judy, predict that by next year the government will release "definite proof that extraterrestrials are watching us."

In San Francisco to discuss their book "Beyond Earth," the Blums said it was regrettable no sociolo-

gist, anthropologist or psychologist has seen fit to explore the implications of the UFO reports.

"The UFO phenomenon cuts across cultural and ethnic boundaries and has apparently been with us in one guise or another since man first left records on cave walls," Judy Blum said, quoting from "Beyond Earth."

The Blums have investigated the reports of two men who described a UFO experience in Mississippi.

Investigating the "flying saucer" mystery almost by accident - they were interested in the project by Cosmopolitan magazine editor Helen Gurley Brown and then became hooked - the Blums went to Pascagoula and personally interviewed those involved with the case.

Their conclusion: "It was impossible to be with Charlie and Calvin - or listen to that tape - and not believe that something terrifying had happened to them."

Taking the terrifying re-

## Two researchers say government will release proof by next year that we are being watched

port of the two Mississippi fishermen as a departure point, the two researchers found themselves confronted with a centuries-old history of saucer sightings.

The Blums found that paintings on the walls of caves conformed in a startling way with present-day descriptions of flying saucers.

They firmly believe the mystery they are investigating deserves more scientific attention and, while acknowledging that physical

evidence is scant, they hope such scientific inquiry will take place.

Where do the Blums themselves come out on the whole saucer flap?

Ralph Blum, who won all the grants, writing for the two says:

"After a year of delving into the subject, I still cannot subscribe fully to any one theory about UFOs.

"Just because so many people are seeing them doesn't mean they DON'T exist."

## Sighting Of UFO Is Reported

Sighting of an unidentified flying object was reported to Chuck Johnston, local civil defense director, Wednesday night.

It was first sighted at about midnight by Julie Lessard and Mary Thompson, en route home from work. They returned to get Marie Pessler and the three of them watched the object for some time.

The object sighted was round like a ball, approximately the size of a baseball, and bright orange in color. It was as bright as a star. It moved about as if circling them and then disappeared as if to land at the drive-in-theater site west of the city.

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Grafton, North Dakota

# Thoughts differ on possible UFO sighting

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HOPATCONG - Maybe it was the power of suggestion or it could have been tricks of the nervous system, but for an hour early last Wednesday morning two Hopatcong patrolmen, a photographer and a reporter stood on a hill in Hopatcong watching an unidentified object in the sky.

"It didn't actually fly, but the observers swore they saw it moving erratically and shooting out red and green lights.

The light watch began shortly after 1 a.m. Wed. July 17, when police radio dispatcher Philip Serkin reported "I just got a call you're not going to believe," and proceeded to inform Hopatcong patrolmen about a possible unidentified flying object spotted hovering over Hopatcong Hills.

A few minutes later a radio voice was heard to say, "We're looking at it" and the photographer and the reporter headed for Hopatcong.

Serkin took one look at the reporter hanging on the door at the dispatch center and roared with laughter. Obviously a skeptic on matters like this, he nevertheless directed her to the Dupont Avenue location of patrolmen George Martin and Charles Marrotta.

Gazing skyward, Martin and Marrotta confirmed they had seen the bright light in the sky jump a little and also observed "a green light shooting up". The reporter saw a very bright light in the sky that seemed to have a dull red glow at the bottom. After watching it a few minutes, the reporter saw the light zigzag a little.

Shortly thereafter professional photographer Domenick Martino arrived and set up his camera on the hood of the patrol car.

There was little talk as the four watched the light. At one point, Martino yelled "Oh!" and jumped as something small bumped against him. It was a cat.

"Thought it was a little green man, did you?" Marrotta asked and Martino replied, "I was shook a little."

The men speculated about the nature of the light above. "It could be a balloon picking up light from the moon or sun," photographer Martino said, but patrolman Martin responded, "There's no way in hell that could be the sun."

Marrotta tried to find a reasonable explanation for the movement of the light and dismissed the possibility it was being blown about. "The wind is blowing this way and it's going that way" he said.

Martin talks about his nine year old son, George Patrick, Jr. who is very interested in astronomy and likes to visit planetariums. He drops a few bits of planetary

intelligence and adds proudly, "My son told me that, he's pretty sharp." Martin says he's going to go home and wake his son up to show him the phenomenon.

The small group disperses about 2:45 a.m. without having seen the light come any closer to run into a saucer.

What did they really see? Opinions of the principals differ.

The reporter accepts a theory expounded by her husband, an aerospace and aeronautical engineer, that they were all gazing at the planet Jupiter which is the closest to the planet Earth now than it will be for another 10,000 years, and according to a star chart published in Natural History magazine the mystery light was just about in the spot Jupiter is supposed to be. He said it is a pretty colorful planet and is known for its red spot.

Young George Martin, who will be entering the fourth grade next fall,

concedes it is possible the light was Jupiter, but if so, why didn't he see it again the next night? He says he didn't. He knows Jupiter is "surrounded by ammonia methane gas and it has a big red spot that could be caused by volcanic eruptions. It is the biggest planet." He says he watched the light for half an hour through his father's binoculars and saw one red and one green light blinking on and off. He said he thought he saw it zigzag and concluded it was "maybe a U.F.O. because it was below the clouds."

Did the light really jump around or was that an illusion caused by nerves twitching in protest at being fixed on a small light for a long time?

The nerveless camera tells the tale. Domenick Martino's pictures showed, he said "It moved like a star or a planet in a straight line. I think it was Venus. Venus sometimes plays tricks on the eyes."

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## Another UFO sighting told

MIFFLINTOWN—The moon and stars were putting on a "show" for H. Russell Delancey, who had his son-in-law's telescope set up on the balcony of his Mifflintown R.D. 1 home Monday night, trained on the early evening sky.

The man got more of a show than he counted on.

"I was looking at the moon and then switched the telescope to watch the stars about 8:30," Delancey told The Sentinel. All of a sudden, traveling across the 180-power telescope, Delancey said, was "an oblong-shaped ball that was yellow with red around the fringes."

"Did it move very fast?" he was asked.

"I'll say," he answered emphatically. "It was definitely moving."

"What about any noise, was it making a sound?"

"No, there was no noise whatsoever."

Delancey estimated that the object was roughly the size of an automobile.

"I must have watched the thing, at the maximum, 20 minutes," Delancey continued. "I had to keep adjusting the scope because of it moving. This is the first time I've ever seen anything like this."

Delancey was asked if he personally was a believer in unidentified flying objects.

"Yes, definitely," he answered and stated that at first he thought the object was a figment of his imagination because he was "interested in this type of thing."

"People will probably think

I'm crazy," Delancey told The Sentinel, "but you can go ahead and print it in the paper, along with my name."

"Yep," Delancey said at one point in the conversation, "people will probably think I've gone crazy because of the way the economy's been going, but I saw it."

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## UFO in Glenwood?

A UFO in Glenwood?

Two Glenwood police officers claim they saw one early Tuesday morning.

"It was 'bed bug-shaped'," Officer John Lundt, who along with Sgt. Bencie Baros saw the object over Lookout Mountain.

Lundt said he and Baros received the call about 1:50 a.m. Wednesday reporting an unidentified flying object above Lookout Mountain.

The two policemen watched the object for about 20 minutes from 505 Williams St.

Lundt described the alien object as about one-eighth the size of the moon. "It had lights on it," he said. "And you could see lights going around it."

According to Lundt, the spacecraft had "bright amber" lights on one end and "blue on the other end."

It was also somewhat elusive, as Lundt said it "completely disappeared and changed locations twice."

The two officers observed it for 20 minutes before leaving to respond to another unrelated call. Lundt said, though, that it was still there at 4 a.m.

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## Three Saw UFO In Salem

A UFO sighting was reported in Salem for June 17 at 10:30 a.m. Jim Rastetter, investigator for UFORA (Unidentified Flying Objects Alliance) would like to hear from anybody else who saw it. His telephone number is 938-9167.

Three persons saw the object. It was said to be at about tree-top level, 300 to 500 feet long, and completely silent as it moved. Viewers say they saw six round green lights on the side, and a white light on the bottom. One person thought he remembered a white light on the stubby nose also.

UFO people spent a long day at Akron recently, going over new data. Some of the material will be used in an NBC special program this fall. In next week's issue, Mr. Rastetter will report on that conference.

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## Putnam County Sheriff Faces Possibility Of Green Men In Greenery After Inquiry

By Blade Staff Writer

OTTAWA, O. — It isn't enough that Putnam County Sheriff Robert Beutler has his hands full keeping tab on crime in the county.

Now, he has to worry about the prospect that "little green men" have been traipsing around the countryside sending county residents scurrying for their telephones.

Officials of an organization in Quincy, Ill., which investigates reports of unidentified flying objects, have said that marks left in a farm field near Continental, O., were made by a UFO, the sheriff said.

His deputies were summoned to the Roy Hiltner farm northwest of here on April 29 to investigate a strange configuration of markings in a bean field.

Sheriff Beutler said that the marks resemble a daisy with seven petals.

### 14 Feet, Tip To Tip

From the tip of one petal to the tip of one opposite it, the distance is 14 feet. The petals extend from an inner circle eight feet in diameter, and in the center of the inner circle are two smaller holes, each measuring 12 inches across.

The sheriff said that the dirt is mounded for each petal, giving the appearance of a small valley, four to six inches deep, between the petals.

"It looks as though whatever it was that made the markings actually blew the ground out from under it," he said, and added that he could find no reason to question findings by Mutual UFO Network.

"If they (MUFON) say a UFO touched down here, I'm not going to question it," he said. "They've been investigating more of these things than I have."

### Soil Samples Taken

MUFON officials also retrieved soil samples from the area, but results of tests on the earth have not been completed, Sheriff Beutler said.

Mr. Hiltner, 63, and his son, David, 23, had been tilling soil in the bean field a few days before deputies were called. David asked his father what had caused marks in the field, but Mr. Hiltner said he was at a loss for an explanation after examining the site.

He said that the last time he was in the field was the first week in November, when stubble from his soybean crop was plowed under.

Sheriff Beutler added that between last Oct. 15 and Dec. 1 his men answered 12 complaints from residents in the county who reported seeing unidentified flying objects equipped with red and green or red and blue flashing lights.

### No Known Aircraft

Deputies verified that at the times and dates the complaints were filed, there were no known aircraft in the area.

The complaints were not confined to any one particular locale, but all the reports mentioned specifically the color of lights observed. In none of the

cases was the object reported to have touched down.

Sheriff Beutler said he received five more complaints this spring.

He discounted the possibility that the reports this spring were the result of the discovery of marks in the field on the Hiltner farm, because details of the April 29 discovery were not released until late June.

With the exception of the two holes 12 inches in diameter in the center of the plot, the ground was extremely hard and crusted as if scorched by extremely high temperatures.

In both of the holes, the ground is extremely soft and mushy and easily penetrated by a steel rod pushed into the ground with one finger, the sheriff added.

Mr. Hiltner remarked that nothing has grown within the markings, not even weeds. He cultivated around the plot this spring.

### Near Microwave Towers

A MUFON representative told the sheriff it is believed that UFOs land in an area near microwave radio towers to recharge their power systems. Six miles south and west of the site, four miles to the north, and 10 miles to the east there are such towers, the sheriff said.

Mr. Hiltner said that since details of the incident have been released he has taken some good-natured kidding about the whole incident, "but I just tell them that I didn't report seeing a UFO."

He said that he had some trepidations about even reporting finding the marks.

"Some people would think I was nuts," he said.

It was only at the urging of a relative, Clyde Hector, of Lepsic, that Mr. Hiltner called sheriff's deputies. Mr. Hiltner said Mr. Hector thought that the marks were strange and should be investigated by the sheriff.

# Speculate UFO Landed In Area

Ottawa — An eight-foot wide impression with two eight-foot deep holes found in a plowed field on a North Creek farm has created a fluster of interest and speculation about a possible UFO landing.

Roy Hiltner, Route 1, Continental, made the discovery in a field on his farm located on Putnam County Road 18-A around April 29.

According to reports from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and investigators

for the Mutual UFO Network—a private Quincy, Illinois, based organization—the circular impression is described as being eight feet in diameter, with two eight-foot deep depressions 12 inches in diameter and spaced 12 inches apart. In addition, six pod-like impressions were found around the circle in a 17-foot diameter, each with the earth piled four to six inches high in a ridge.

Soil inside the eight-foot circle is hard and crusted, "as if," according to a Putnam County Sheriff's deputy who investigated the site, "it was burned with intense heat." Soil in the two cylindrical indentations, on the other hand, was reported to be very loose and was penetrated to a depth of eight feet with a tile prod.

"The earth (in the indentations) was muddy and real cold, like ice," described the deputy. "The rest of the ground was hard and not that cold."

Officials speculated that the unusual phenomenon occurred after the first week in November, when farmer Hiltner plowed the field. No tracks were reported as leading to or from the area.

Walter Andrus, director of the Mutual UFO Network, contacted this morning at his office in Quincy, Ill., by the Crescent-News, stated that the case was "unexplainable...unique and symmetrical in pattern," and "very much like a case we had in Australia some time ago."

Andrus disclosed that soil samples had been sent to an unnamed university for testing "to determine what kind of power source was used to burn the ground, and to determine how many tons of pressure were exerted on it."

Describing the field as being one mile long and one-half mile wide, he told The Crescent-News that "We just cannot explain what caused it." Prompted to speculate on the matter, he suggested that "it was probably a UFO landing."

The director said that no residents of the area reported seeing a UFO land or launch from the field, but that there were "many" reports of unidentified flying objects in Putnam County between November and April.

Defiance Crescent-News  
Defiance, Ohio  
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Walla Walla, Wash.  
Union Bulletin  
Aug. 28, 1974

### Another UFO seen 2165

The second UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sighting within two days was reported last night to Walla Walla Police.

Mrs. Floyd Goodman, 1250 Dalles Military Road, told officers during the evening she and some of her neighbors were watching an object in the southeastern sky.

She told police the thing changed colors "and seems to have feelers hanging down." City patrols and other law enforcement units were unable to spot the UFO.

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### UFO sightings reported 2165

Two adults and about eight children saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) here about 7:50 Monday night, Walla Walla Police reported.

Officers were told the UFO was first seen in the western sky. The object then headed south before it was last seen going northbound and losing altitude.

The UFO was described as white and gold without a vapor trail. "However, the tail of it seemed to be in front," police were told.

## 2 motorists report UFOs in Miss.

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)—

Meridian police received reports today that two motorists spotted unidentified flying objects along Interstate Highway 59 between Laurel and Meridian shortly after midnight.

A police spokesman said a man who identified himself as an Air Force officer said he and his family were traveling north about five minutes out of Laurel when two objects approached.

The objects were described as saucer-shaped, about the size of a blimp and showing one bright, blinding bluish light. They buzzed his car three times.

The police said a caller identified as a New Jersey resident reported a UFO in the same area, about 40 to 50 feet off the ground.

No names were listed in the police reports.

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# Iowans tell their UFO stories

By MARTHA ROSEN  
Staff Writer

For 22 years, from 1947 to 1969, the Air Force's Project Blue Book gathered and investigated reports about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), better known to many as flying saucers. During these years, 12,618 sightings were investigated, with the peak year, 1952, accounting for 1,501.

Until 1960, these UFO reports were classified. They were declassified mainly because many people believed that the Air Force was keeping from the public important information about extra-terrestrial visitors to earth.

To allay such fears, in 1966 the Air Force funded a project to investigate UFO reports, headed by Dr. Edward Condon, a distinguished theoretical physicist. The Condon Report, a 1,465-page document entitled "The Scientific Study of UFOs," took two years to put together.

A number of reports of UFOs, mainly oral, were studied. The authors of the report concluded that only a very few of them could not be explained as due to various terrestrial causes, such as reflections of the sun, lights on ice clouds in the upper atmosphere, visual or radar mirages and flocks of birds.

Groups of UFO buffs, such as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, attacked the Condon Report for two reasons. They charged that the investigations were inadequate and that the report's conclusions—that there is no evidence that UFOs are from another world and that no further large-scale studies should be done—was not supported by the evidence.

After the Condon Report was released, reports of UFO sightings dropped, with only 146 such reports coming to Project Blue Book in 1969. Besides the

Condon Report, this drop may have been due in part to the space program: many people feel that NASA has "taken the mystery" out of space. This drop is one of the reasons that Project Blue Book was shut.

Since then, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and one of the Condon Report's critics, has started his own informal investigatory project. In collecting reports of UFO sightings, he is especially anxious to get such reports from trained scientific observers.

In spite of the recent decline in UFO sightings and the skepticism of the Condon Report, it is evident that many people believe that they have seen UFOs. Recently I talked with three people in Iowa City who have seen what they believe to be UFOs. None of them ever made any attempt to report the sightings to any authority or news medium. I located all three through a Daily Iowan classified advertisement.

Although Robby Sadler, A2, 1116 Slater Hall, never previously reported his UFO experience to anyone, he is currently considering undergoing hypnosis to test his story and to see if any more details about it can dredged up. Sadler's experience took place during the summer that he was 12 years old. It was between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.; a friend and he were walking down a path in some woods near the Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

"I saw a bright light—a flash of light—in front of me," says Sadler. "I said I'm going to wait and see who it is. Suddenly there was just a flash of light and right in front of me was a humanoid figure standing about three feet away, glowing from head to foot."

Sadler says that the figure was white all over, with a fog-like halo around his entire body. It was "completely humanoid" in shape and had eye- and nose-like structures but no mouth. He estimates that he saw it for no more than 10 or 15 seconds, during which neither he nor the figure moved. "I can remember it standing there," says Sadler, "but coming and going were strange. It was just sudden. It was so alien as far as humans know, that's the only thing that I could think that it was."

James Surrat's experience with a UFO was less dramatic, but he is equally convinced that it was real. Surrat, 814 Ronalds, a 24-year old city transit bus driver, says that it occurred in the springtime, eight years ago, when he was traveling with his family. It was 7:30 or 8:00 a.m.; they were driving south, near the city limits of Webster City, Iowa.

Surrat said that he saw an airplane traveling slowly off to the right. "I noticed it started to bank to its right. As it did, I thought the sun was starting to reflect on it. That reflection suddenly took on an oval shape. What was even more strange is that right underneath it there was a blue flame similar to what you see in a gas stove...I lost sight of it for no more than five or six seconds, and then there was not a darn thing in that area within five miles."

He and his family made no effort to report the sighting, because they didn't feel there was enough information to check it out. Surrat is convinced, however, that it was a real UFO, mostly because of the speed with which it disappeared. He adds, "It's an interesting implication that maybe there are common ob-

jects that could actually be something in disguise."

The most dramatic experience I heard about was that of an arts sophomore who prefers to remain anonymous. It took place during his senior year of high school when he was camping out with some friends on a farm near Elma, Iowa. The experience started just at sunset when they saw lights in the woods near their campsite.

"We weren't drunk or stoned or anything," he told me. "We were just straight young kids camping out. All of a sudden we looked over and these two headlights—they looked like car headlights—were up in the air above the trees."

"We started walking over and about halfway we noticed that those headlights were coming at us. We stood and watched."

"Suddenly it was coming right toward us. When it got near you could see the two headlights, and then it was what you would call a saucer. It was just perfect. It had little red lights on the bottom of it. "We started running...We were still in the middle of the field so we just lay down. It went over. I suppose it wasn't any higher than what you would say is 20 stories high in a building."

The goldish-tan object made a sound like a soft roar, he told me, similar to but not as deep as a jet engine. He discovered the next day that a friend who had been out driving the night before had been followed by a flying object with similar headlights and red lights on the bottom.

This young man, like my other informants, made no effort to report or check out what he had seen.

For every person who believes he or she has actually seen a UFO, there are many who believe that UFOs have appeared in our skies. There are even more people, myself included, who may be skeptical at times but who can't think of any good reasons that UFOs shouldn't exist. In fact, somebody may be sitting around in the vicinity of Alpha Centauri this very moment, talking about Earth and saying, "Well, it may be a nice place to visit, but..."

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## UFO's Again Reported Flying Over Mississippi

LAUREL — Unidentified flying objects were reportedly seen by three different groups of motorists early Tuesday morning along Interstate 59.

Occupants of two cars traveling north of Laurel and one car traveling in the Gulf Coast area gave coinciding descriptions and locations of a UFO seen around 12:40 a.m. Tuesday.

The Laurel Police Department said an unidentified flying object was reportedly seen by an Air Force officer and his family, who were traveling five miles north of Laurel on I-59.

The officer said the object looked like a large saucer, approximately the size of a blimp. The object was described as have having a bright, blinding bluish

light. The object reportedly buzzed the officer's car three times, forcing him to pull off the highway.

Another person reported the appearance of a UFO just north of Laurel on I-59 and gave the same description. The unidentified person said the object had communicated with him, but he gave no details of the contact.

A third car driven by New Jersey residents and traveling through the Gulf Coast area Tuesday morning reported a UFO moving in an easterly-westerly direction approximately 40-50 feet above I-59 in the same general location as the previous report.

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Jackson, Mississippi  
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Strange lights seen by seven

# UFOs sighted Friday

by Steve Gordenier

There was something in the sky over Klickitat County last Thursday night and early Friday morning. And whether it was errant weather balloons, iridescent geese, swamp gas or top secret government flying saucers, there are at least seven county residents, including two policemen, who swear that they were not hallucinating.

It was about 11:45 p.m. on Aug. 1 when four residents of the Columbia River town of Wishram Heights first saw what they thought was a very bright star to the east. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Basse, their daughter Joyce, 14, and their former step-daughter Denise Doan, now of Klickitat, were sitting on the Basse back porch to escape the heat of an August night.

"The kids thought they saw the north star off to the East," said Mrs. Basse later, "But I kept telling them that there was no north star in that direction. So we got out the binoculars and took a look at it. Right away we could see that it wasn't any star.

"I don't know what it was, but we must have seen six or eight of these things," said Mrs. Basse. "They lined up on the hill north of us toward Centerville and it looked like they were in formation. Sometimes it would look like a triangle. And they would change color. It looked like they were turning around and as they did they would change from red to yellow to blue to green and then do it over again. It looked like maybe they could be a reflection of the Northern Lights.

"Sometimes they'd look like they were flat and then it would look like they were round," she explained. "They would stay in one place for about half an hour and then all of a sudden they would zoom way up in the air. Sometimes one of them would look like one of those firecrackers that go around and around and shoot off sparks.

"That's the first time we've ever seen

colored objects in the sky," said Mrs. Basse, "but we have seen blue and white objects up toward Haystack before."

Two days before, 11 year old Janet Basse reportedly saw a unidentified flying object (UFO) near Walla Walla. "She came running in the house and said, 'Mama, there's a hat flying through the air.' And the next day we read in the paper that a woman had seen a UFO shaped like a hat about 20 miles away," said Mrs. Basse.

The Basses were not alone in their observation of the strange phenomena. Goldendale City Police Officer Jim Desmerais was dispatched to the airport in Goldendale about 2 a.m. and reported that he could see them. Desmerais reported back to the sheriff's office by radio that he could see the change of colors as they flashed and that they appeared to be moving back towards town and then hovering over the Simcoes.

The deputy sheriff on duty at the time, Don Green stepped out the back door of the courthouse and reported that he could also see them.

A girl manning a lonely lookout on Greyback Mountain northwest of Goldendale reported to Department of Natural Resources officials in Goldendale Friday morning that she had observed strange bright lights off to the east about midnight. Two visitors at her lookout had also observed the lights.

The Dalles Flight Service Station reported on Friday that they had no reports of traffic in the area at that time, but neither had they received any pilot reports of the strange phenomena.

A check with the Yakima Firing Center on Monday revealed that no military fixed wing aircraft or helicopters were known to be in the area. Captain John Brighton, acting adjutant for the Yakima Firing Center reported, "The only thing we've got flying right now is an aviation school of helicopter pilots. They're all students and they're flying during the day. And we have no fixed wing aircraft of any kind here right now."

Other unconfirmed reports of sightings of the strange lights were received this week by The Sentinel from residents of Goldendale and the surrounding area.

Judging from the wide geographic distribution of the sightings, there apparently was something in the sky that night. But what was it? So far, nobody has been able to answer that question.

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'UFOs' In Basin

## Speedy, Silent Light

By DAVE REA  
Herald Staff Writer

Two "UFOs" have been reported north of O'Sullivan Dam.

One was an "unidentified flying object" sighted Monday night and the second was an "unidentifiable farmer observer." The latter refused to be quoted by name the next day.

"Why don't you tell him what you saw last night?"

"No," said the farmer as he pulled at the brim of his cap nervously. "I'm not going to tell anyone about that. I don't want all the razzing I'd get."

Finally he did, but not for attribution.

"It looked like a mercury vapor light, a street light," he said, "and at first I thought it was the white light on a police car."

But then he saw it wasn't traveling on the highway. "Or on the ground," he added.

"It was about 50 or 60 feet off the ground," he estimated. It came out of the northeast between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Monday, passed across a bean field 500 to 600 feet from his house north of O'Sullivan Dam and disappeared in the southeast sky.

He said it was traveling at "upwards of 500 miles an hour."

And it was silent. Completely silent.

"I thought it might have been a crop sprayer. At night they fly with a big searchlight in front. I kept listening for the sound. But I never heard a thing. And they couldn't be flying that fast, anyway."

Spokesmen for the Air Force

and the Air National Guard in Spokane said they had no record of flight activity in the area Monday night. Neighbors contacted in the area said they saw nothing.

"I don't want my name in the paper," the farmer snapped. "I don't want everybody I know asking me if I've seen any little green men lately everytime I go to town for the next seven years. I know guys who've seen these things and told about them, and that's what happened to them. I know too many people in town."

He frowned and shook his head.

"I wouldn't tell anybody if I had seen two little green men get out of it."

Like the UFO, he, too, was going to be silent. Completely silent.

Meridian, Mississippi

Meridian - Star

Aug 13, 1974

## UFOs Sighted In Area

Several motorists on I-59 reported during the night that they sighted two bright flying objects in the Sandersville area.

One report to the Highway Patrol in Meridian said the two objects were skimming the highway about 50 feet above the ground. The motorist, who said he was a former Air Force man, said they were definitely not aircraft and he called them UFOs.

Other motorists called the police departments in both Meridian and Laurel and one stopped at the Meridian station to describe what he had seen.

The Highway Patrol said it was investigating the sightings which occurred about midnight.

# Two UFOs Sighted

By George M. Frasher  
Editor

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UFO sighting reported to deputies

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Deputies reported they looked through a telescope but could not obtain a better view of the object.

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## UFOs Reported in N.H.

SANBORTON, N.H. (AP)—The director of UFO Central in Chicago is expected to come to New Hampshire soon to investigate reports by police officers from three Lakes Region communities who reported sighting Unidentified Flying Objects.

Police officers from Tilton, Guilford, Belmont and the Belknap County Sheriff's Office said they spotted the UFOs about 3:30 a.m. yesterday in the Sanbornton area around Interstate 93.

Tilton Patrolmen Mark E. Paine and Michael E. Aden were the first report seeing the UFOs.

Paine said the first UFO came within 100 yards of the cruiser before it turned up on its side and backed off.

It was an elliptical shape with a dome on top of it and was about 30 by 50 feet in diameter, he said.

Hickson has indeed quit his job at the Walker Shipyards and has been doing radio, TV and personal appearances since he and a companion, Calvin Parker Jr., had their weird experience. They said they saw creatures from outer space and so far their story hasn't been disproved.

His record is called "The Charles Hickson Story." It's a 37" rpm disc cut by Gulf Coast Recording Studios. It's available for \$2 by mail order to "Charles Hickson Story," 5707 Telephone Rd., Pascagoula, Miss. 39367. Allow six weeks for mail-order, says a spokesman for the recording studio.

CR: L. Farish

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1974 THE STATES-ITEM NEW ORLEANS

# A UFO Seminar On The Hush-Hush

By DALE F. MEAD  
Staff Writer

STANFORD—A secret two-day conference on unidentified flying objects (UFO's) was held Thursday and Friday at Stanford University, drawing a score of astronomy experts and other scientists from across the United States.

The conference was organized by Stanford astrophysics Professor Peter Sturrock, who in the past has surveyed scientists to establish whether they believe any observed UFOs might represent visitors from other planets.

His survey disclosed broad disagreement on the matter, and the conference reflected a similar split between skepticism of and sympathy toward the sub-

ject.

The session drew about 20 scientists from two groups Sturrock thought had seldom shared information with each other.

One group comprises scientists, particularly radio-astronomers, who have often discussed among themselves means of searching for or communicating with other beings through intergalactic radio signals.

Among the most prominent scientists representing that group was Bernard M. Oliver of Hewlett Packard Corp., who co-directed a Stanford-Ames Research Center study in 1971 called "Project Cyclops."

It focused on the design of a system to detect intelligent life elsewhere using

an elaborate microwave scanning apparatus to seek certain radio wave lengths from outer space.

The other group includes scientists from a variety of fields who typically study data on UFO sightings and attempt to draw conclusions from them.

One of the more well-known representations of that view was Dr. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., who established a Center for UFO Studies there several years ago.

The conference was planned to occur without publicity because "it's a touchy subject," more than one participant explained.

"The public and the press might tend to jump to conclusions," because

such a conference was held, said radio-astronomer George Swenson of University of Illinois.

Actually, according to participants, the session amounted to an exchange of information already familiar within each group.

And it apparently did little to change the mindsets of at least two persons willing to talk about the exchange when it was over.

"It was an interesting intellectual experiment," said Swenson, who was in on Project Cyclops and advised on technical matters about radio telescopes during that study.

"But I don't believe my skepticism has been shaken the least bit; and no one really tried very hard. It was a swapping of ideas,

some of which were very far out."

French-born Jacques Vallee, a computer scientist with an astrophysics background who runs his own consulting firm in Menlo Park, concluded only that "I came away feeling very humble about the things we don't know."

Vallee helped analyze data on Air Force UFO sightings for four years at Hynek's center. He claimed Friday, "I'm an advocate of the view that there's an unexplained phenomenon" connected with UFO sightings.

But he stopped short of claiming he absolutely believes that some UFO's come from somewhere besides earth.

## UFO question rekindled by finding of farmer

The question of Unidentified Flying Objects cropped up again last week in Putnam County.

And cropped up is the right word, since the latest mystery involved an unusual field condition found by North Creek Farmer Roy Hiltner while he was plowing April 29. The information was not made public until last week, however.

Mr. Hiltner summoned representatives of the Putnam County Sheriff's department and the Mutual UFO Net-

work, Inc., (MUFON), of Quincy, Ill., was called in for investigation.

What Mr. Hiltner found was a star shaped impression, about six to 10 inches deep and about 14 feet in diameter. The area was crusty, as if baked, and centered around a pair of circular impressions, 12 inches apart and 10 to 12 inches deep.

Additionally, seven grooves ran at intervals from the dual center in somewhat of a trench, ending in what

appeared to be pods.

MUFON Investigator Ted Phillips, Sheriff Robert C. Beutler, County Engineer Richard Recker and others examined the scene and sent soil samples and photos to MUFON, who also consulted specialists in Florida and at Northwestern University.

MUFON's preliminary report, lacking the soil sample date, seemed to rule out meteorites, and lightning strikes as causes of the configuration because of the precision of the dimensions

involved and the remote likelihood of the twin impressions in the center of the site.

Soil samples are being reviewed by a Dr. M.A. Uman at the University of Florida because the grooved area around the twin holes was packed to unusual hardness which could not be easily penetrated, while the two center holes could be easily entered by a 1/2 inch rod with the pressure of one finger sinking the rod to a

depth of 12 inches.

Mr. Hiltner said he had plowed the field in November of 1973 and the impression was not noticed at that time. Since, however, some 11 alleged UFO sightings have been reported.

The closest sighting to the North Creek area was here in Leipsic. A check by the sheriff's department indicated residents neighboring the suspected UFO site saw or heard nothing unusual.

Sheriff Beutler said that his telephone conversation with a Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department

Henry County  
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of astronomy at Northwestern University and for 17 years an investigator of UFO sightings, revealed that some 713 instances of ground configurations similar to the one on the Hiltner farm have been reported to UFO investigators to date.

San Jose, Cal.  
Mercury  
Aug 31, 1974

CR: L. Farish

ARKANSAS GAZETTE.

Tues., July 16, 1974.

L. J. Lorenzen of Tucson, Ariz., head of an unidentified flying object research group, predicted at Denver that the Air Force soon will be forced to concede the existence of flying saucers and "little people who go 'ooh, snork and goo' in the inky void of galactic night."

# UFO net cites area reports

MT. PLEASANT — There were four sightings of unidentified flying objects within eight days recently, according to Don Campbell, amateur radio state director of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Campbell said three of the spottings were near Salem, seven miles southwest of Burlington. Two of them were June 29, one July 5, and the fourth, by his son, was July 7 near Mt. Pleasant.

June 29, Campbell said he and MUFON investigator Gary Graber visited a farm about a half mile northwest of Salem where two children saw a "large green light" hovering about fence-post level. By the time an adult came outside to look for it, however, it had disappeared, Campbell said.

That same evening, two families riding home from fishing west of Salem saw four very bright white objects in a pattern overhead, Campbell said. "At first they thought it was fireworks," he added, "but it didn't spread out like fireworks."

The July 5 sighting near Salem resembled a bright green oval cloud, Campbell reported.

July 7, Campbell's son Dennis was driving east toward Mt. Pleasant when he saw a "bright light" falling to the earth. It was slower than a meteorite, he reported, and it didn't fade like a meteor.

Campbell cautioned those who spot

UFOs to keep their distance. "There have been cases where people have suffered radiation burns from objects," he said. He urged that sightings be reported to the sheriff or to him. He said MUFON broadcasts each Saturday morning on the 75 meter band at 3.975 megahertz.

BURLINGTON, IA.

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Opelousas, La.

Daily World

Jul 24, 1974

## OTHERS SAY

### Recognition of UFOs?

Shreveport Journal

L. J. Lorenzen of Tucson, Ariz., is international director of the conservative Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and he believes its high time the United States admitted that UFOs exist.

We should up and say it's true that there are people in the inky void who go "ook, snork and google" and that they are flying their mysterious crafts down to Earth and keeping a close eye on the doings or mis-doings of the people on our planet.

One of Lorenzen's fears is that some country, particularly France, will beat us to the punch by announcing that UFOs are for real. That might put us at a disadvantage with the extra-terrestrial beings and they might do something nice for France and turn up their noses at us.

Lorenzen apparently feels that the outerspacemen are trying hard to gain some sort

of recognition of their existence. And, if they don't get it they may over-act and do something drastic to get out attention. Well, we could think of a number of things that could be done.

If the Men — from — Mars, or wherever they are from could make Watergate go away it certainly would be a plus. If they could do something about inflation then surely we should welcome them as citizens and give each one 40 acres and a mule.

And, if they could do something about the crime rate we think they should be let through customs without even having their space suitcases opened and in addition they should be given free — of — charge huge tubes of methane or whatever they breathe.

While we have large doubts about the existence of the "oogle, smurge and konkle" speaking people, we don't want to do anything to anger them.

DUBOIS, PA.

July 24, 1974

Courier Express

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Everett, Wash.

Herald

Jul 26, 1974

## UFO seen by woman

It's been a while, but Mattie Workman, 2519 Baker St., Everett, knows after reading a story in the "Enquirer" that she saw a UFO.

About four months ago, the Everett woman looked out the window about 11 at night and saw a big, red ball of fire in the sky, and it was moving.

She went across the hall and told her neighbor, Ann Nielson, and later her daughter, Ann Tobias of Marysville.

"They thought I was nuts," she said, and avoided talking about it to others for fear "people would think I was crazy."

But Thursday, after reading the newspaper account about two Walla Walla prison guards who saw a UFO gleaming in the January sky on two successive nights, Mrs. Workman is sure she saw the same thing.

"I believe them," she said.

Canby, Oregon

Herald

Jul 24, 1974

## UFO sighted in town

To the editor:  
U.F.O.?

Saturday, July 13, at about 2 p.m. as I was lying in my backyard in the sun I observed an old airplane or replica of one, flying in the area. I am an airplane buff and took notice of this one especially.

The plane soon left the area and then I noticed what seemed to be a small white object darting about in the sky. I watched this for about a minute as I was trying to figure out what it might be. All of a sudden this white, almost flat object took off in a northeasterly direction at a speed I have never seen before.

In four to five seconds this object was completely out of sight. No vapor trails, no sound, just fantastic speed.

I would like to hear from anyone else who might have seen this.

Edward J. Hackett  
602 N. Juniper

## Two UFO's Spotted Near Corsica I-80

CORSICA — Two unidentified flying objects have reportedly been spotted along Interstate-80, near this community.

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That couple reported hearing no loud noises and could not find any similarities with the object drawn by the girl.

Neighboring Ohio has also had some UFO reports in the last several months while Clearfield had a report about a year ago.

# CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

This is the latest listing of reports received from the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES. We would like to thank Director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek for sending it to us.

J. ALLEN HYNEK  
DIRECTOR

UFO CENTRAL CALLS/AUGUST 1974

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Witnesses</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Investigation</u>
1	Vandalia, IL	3	NL	*
1	Everett, WA	2	NL	*
1	Everett, WA	2	CEI	*
2	Hillsburg, CA	3	NL	*
2	Grissom AFB, IN	2	NL	*
3	Towson, MD	2	NL	*
4	Panama City, FL	3	NL	*
4	La Havra, CA	2	NL	
5	Sturgeon Bay, WI	1	NL	*
5	Norfolk, VA	1	NL	
6	Carlsbad, NM	1	NL	
6	New Brighton, MN	1	NL	
6	Macon, GA	+	CEI	*
7	Virginia Beach, VA	2	DD	*
9	Sparta, IL	1	NL	*
10	Upper Darby, PA	1	CEI	*
11	Laconia, NH	3	NL	*
11	Laconia, NH	2	NL	*
11	Kingston, NY	3	NL	*
11	Enfield, CT	1	NL	*
11	Levittown, NY	7	NL	*
12	Sturgeon Bay, WI	2	NL	*
12	Inkster, MI	2	NL	
12	Gilford, NH	3	NL	*
12	Ellicott City, MD	2	CEII	*
13	Meridian, MS	1	CEI	*
13	Meridian, MS	1	CEI	*
13	Pecatonica, IL	2	NL	*
14	Butler, PA	15	NL	*
14	Chicago, IL	5	NL	*
15	Pecatonica, IL	1	NL	*
16	Everett, WA	1	CEI	*
17	Roseburg, OR	1	NL	*
17	Tuscon, AZ	1	NL	*
19	Indio, CA	2	NL	
20	Enid, OK	2	NL	
20	Portage, MI	1	NL	
21	Sparta, IL	+	CEI	*
21	Milwaukee, WI	2	NL	*
21	Boulder, CO	2	NL	
22	Auburn, ME	2	NL	*
23	Downers Grove, IL	2	NL	*
24	Pascagoula, MS	2	CEI	*
29	Lincolnwood, IL	1	NL	
29	Chicago, IL	1	NL	

DD- Daylight Disc  
NL-Nocturnal Light  
CE-Close Encounter

I -No physical effects  
II -Physical effects, traces  
III-Landing, occupants

See-THE UFO EXPERIENCE, J. Allen Hynek

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Oudtshoorn Courant July 20, 1974

# ARE U.F.O.s RUSSIAN SPY-CRAFT?

BY GILLIAN CARTER

KNYSNA: Another unidentified flying object seen over Knysna this week has sent a ripple of fear through the Southern Cape that "the Russians are spying on us".

This week's sighting is the third well-authenticated report of UFOs in the Southern Cape during the past three weeks.

\* The first was reported by Mr. Jimmy Cawood over George (HSW July 4).

\* The next sighting of a UFO was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Preston-Whyte in Knysna (HSW July 11).

\* Then came the latest in the series.

Mr. George Hearne and Mrs. Viv Dickinson saw a bright round object flying from east to west over Knysna at about 9.30 p.m. on Thursday night.

Mr. Hearne said he estimated the object was travelling at 175 m.p.h. and that it was about 20 miles away.

## EXPLOSION

It seemed to burst with a soundless explosion and the front part continued moving forward while a long brightly coloured object fell into the sea behind the Brenton hills.

Mr. Hearne has suggested the possibility that the object he saw fall down into the sea was a radio transmitter. Such transmitters can relay information from the sea bed.

Mr. Hearne ties this up with the two authenticated reports of Russian ships seen off the Southern Cape coast this year.

There have also been reports of UFO's from Komgha in the Eastern Cape — and at least four reports from Grahamstown.

A Knysna doctor has also confirmed the report in Het Suid-Western last week of an enormous brightly lit object, flattish and much bigger than the usual aircraft, and flying at great speed.

There was a "dazzlingly intense yellow light" at the front of the strange craft.

The doctor's description of what he saw tallies exactly with the account of

the six people who first reported the UFO.

It is known that Russian ships have been active off the coast for some time — now there is speculation that the UFOs are Russian spy-planes, possibly acting in liaison with Russian submarines in South African territorial waters.

The Southern Cape coast is said to be "wide open" to spy-planes and submarines and will remain so until the new airport at George makes it possible for the Defence Force to keep watch over the coast.

SO. AFRICA  
E.L. Daily Despatch  
June 12, 1974

## Gonubie watch UFO

GONUBIE — A bright moving unidentified object was spotted in the sky over Gonubie at 1.30 a.m. yesterday.

Mrs. E. M. Oliver, of Meier Street, said her husband woke her to watch the object.

"It was very bright and kept moving, then hovering in one place, then going to the side and stopping.

"We looked at it through binoculars and it definitely wasn't a star and it couldn't have been a plane, the way it moved," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver watched the object until it disappeared 20 minutes later.

"I got quite a fright and wondered if anyone else had reported it," Mrs. Oliver said. — DDR.

SO. AFRICA  
Ficksburg News  
July 12, 1974

## U.F.O. OVER FICKSBURG?

On Tuesday night several people in different parts of Ficksburg were startled to see a large object with a long tail travelling fairly low over the Southern horizon near Ficksburg.

The U.F.O. (was it a comet, or a meteorite burning out in the earth's atmosphere?) caused great excitement amongst those who saw it.

Two sightings from widely varying venues were reported. One group saw it from a farm outside the town, while a second group saw it from Imperani Street, Ficksburg, all at the same time i.e. 12.15 a.m.

SO. AFRICA  
E.L. Daily Despatch  
July 13, 1974

## I saw Border UFO over Reef says woman

JOHANNESBURG — There was an eerie silence and my husband switched off the engine of the car . . . a luminous object, trailing a tail of fire, moved slowly across the sky . . . it lasted about 50 seconds then vanished, the back of it looking like a burning furnace." When Mrs. Fuglister read a report on Thursday about a UFO sighting in the East London area, she was convinced it was exactly the same thing she and her husband had seen at 11.30 on Tuesday night, when they were driving near Halfway House.

A similar object had been spotted over the Transkei-Border area at midnight on Tuesday. Airport and meteorological officials in East London were unable to explain the phenomenon.

"At first I thought it was a plane of fire, but it was moving in a fixed direction at a steady speed. When we drove to the next ridge it had gone," Mrs. Fuglister said.

"I also considered a satellite burning out as it re-entered the earth's atmos-

phere, but when I saw the report I was sure it had been the same thing."

Officials at Jan Smuts Airport said it was unlikely the sighting was a UFO.

A spokesman said all aircraft flying below 3 000 metres had to show landing lights. There were also new navigation lights on all aircraft which flashed.

"On a gloomy or misty night it is possible these lights were reflected in an unusual way. I really don't think it was anything unusual," he said.

● Astronomers at a California Observatory say they are witnessing the death of a star 8 000 light years away.

The star, named FG Sagitta, has cooled from 30 000°C in 1950 to 5 000°C today. The cooling has caused it to expand from twice the size of the sun, to 1 000 times its size.

An astronomer from the University of California estimated that within 5 000 years, FG Sagitta would collapse into a white dwarf not much larger than earth. — DDC-SAPA-AP.

SO. AFRICA  
Cape Argus July 12, 1974

# FLAMING UFO SEEN OVER KNYSNA

The Argus Correspondent

KNYSNA. — An unidentified flying object was seen over Knysna this week.

Mr and Mrs E. H. Hanger, their son and his wife, Mr and Mrs Michael Hanger of Durban and Mr and Mrs R. N. Preston-Whyte, spent the evening together when Mrs Hanger senior saw a bright light outside the window of the Liesure Isle home.

'It was like a flaming warhead — very big and very bright and lit from the front,' she said. They watched the object fly at great speed east of Knysna until it disappeared in thick cloud.

'It was remarkable for its soundless, steady flight and its vast size,' said Mr Michael Hanger.

Its means of propulsion was unlike anything I've seen. It left a trail of sparks like the impregnated wire fireworks children play with.

Mr Preston-Whyte said they were extremely curious to know of other

reports or any possible information.

'We are at a loss to explain what we saw. I had always regarded stories of flying saucers as a lot of rot,' he said.

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July 13, 1974 SO. AFRICA

# Flying saucer over Knysna

BY GILIAN CARTER

KNYSNA: An enormous brightly lit unidentified flying object was seen over Knysna by a group of six Knysna residents on Tuesday night. At about 11.40 it was seen flying some 15 miles east of Knysna travelling horizontally from north to south.

It was seen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Preston-Whyte and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanger and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hanger. Mr. Preston-Whyte described it as "flattish and much bigger than the usual aircraft". It was very brightly lit, he added. The light came mainly from the front and it was "dazzlingly intense yellow".

The group watched it as it flew at great speed and eventually disappeared into clouds over the sea.

Mr. Preston-Whyte told me he had never believed in flying saucers and had always thought previous reports of UFOs were a "lot of rot". "This sighting had us all completely puzzled," he said. "We would like to know exactly what it was we saw."

SO. AFRICA

Rand Daily Mail  
July 11, 1974

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E.P. Herald  
July 10, 1974

## 'Saucer' mystery

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The mystery of the UFO over the Transkei border at midnight on Tuesday grew deeper yesterday as more and more people claimed to have sighted the object.

Defence Force, airport and meteorological officials in East London and in Port Elizabeth were unable to explain the phenomenon.

People from Maclear, Komga and many parts of East London reported seeing the object, which seemed as though it were ablaze with

fire, a streak of light stretching for 30 metres behind it. It was heading towards the sea.

A former Royal Air Force fighter pilot, Mr E. Jones, of Meisies Halt, near East London, said the electric wiring in his house started reverberating at the same time that he sighted the object.

He said the object was about twice the size of a jumbo jet, but it was not a plane, as there was "an eerie silence" when it moved overhead. He had watched it for about 40 seconds.

Last Saturday morning at about 7.30 Mrs M. J. Baxter, matron at Wood House, Kingswood College, saw an object travelling low across the sky from the direction of Port Elizabeth.

### Not aircraft

"As far as I could see it has a greenish-blue flame much like a gas flame at the front and back. It made no sound at all and it definitely was not an aircraft," she said.

At that moment one of the boys, John McLeod, came into the room she called to him: "Quickly take a look at this," and he also spotted the strange object.

The same morning Grahamstown's senior traffic inspector, Mr C. C. Heynes, said he had travelled to Mr J. Lotte's farm Boagif at Douglas Heights about 45 kilometres from Grahamstown off the Fort Beaufort road.

He and Mr Lotte's son were hunting in the bush from 7am.

### Short wings

"I came out of the bush at about 1pm and sat near the car in the shade.

"I heard a funny sound like an empty bottle being thrown, not like an engine but like something cutting through the wind making a whoosh-whoosh sound."

Then low in the sky he saw what looked like a flat scalextric racing car with short square wings. It was a darkish colour.

"There were no flames — only this sound. It came right over our car and it was big and twice the size of a jet and going fast with the sound and the object together."

On Tuesday night a number of Grahamstown people sighted another unidentified flying object in the Grahamstown sky.

# Dozens see flashing UFO

HERALD REPORTER

A STRANGE object flashing through the sky startled dozens of Port Elizabeth people shortly before midnight last night.

Calls from people as far away as Coega flooded every open line on the Herald's night switchboard from 11.45 last night.

Most of those who sighted the unidentified flying object at 11.40pm described it as a big, shining light leaving a bright trail in the sky. The object remained visible for between one to two minutes.

People who saw it were adamant that it was not an aircraft or falling star.

Many said that the big, single light they saw disintegrated into smaller particles before disappearing.

### SILVER

Mrs C. M. Spies, of Kensington, said she saw a big silver ball passing near the moon. "It seemed to be leaving a flame of colour behind it." Her sighting lasted about 90 seconds, she said.

Mr J. W. Lake, a Coega farmer, said he saw an enormous light leaving a trail of flame behind it moving toward Port Elizabeth. Asked what he thought it was, Mr Lake said he could not make it out at all. "I was driving home from a meeting when I spotted it and stopped the car to see if it made any sound. As it disappeared I heard a faint diminishing roar."

SO. AFRICA

P.E. Evening Post  
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# UFOs swoop over G'town

Post Correspondent

GRAHAMSTOWN. — In Grahamstown at present most eyes are on the Settler Monument. But some residents are more interested in watching the skies.

They hope that they will again see the unidentified flying objects they spotted in the past week.

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Q'Town Daily Rep. SO. AFRICA

QUEENSTOWN — Two separate unidentified objects in the sky were seen by Queenstown people last night.

One, seen in Stutterheim, is thought to have been a comet, or satellite burning up on re-entry into the atmosphere, but the other, in Queenstown, is a bigger mystery.

Miss E. Bushell said she and her brother, Mr. R. Bushell, saw an object which flashed green and red lights, which was "definitely not an aeroplane."

## Queenstonians see UFO's

Miss Bushell said she and her brother were in their car on the Bongolo road when they saw the object at about 6.40 p.m.

She said it was travelling northwards and disappeared behind the mountain.

### FOLLOWED

They headed back to town and again caught sight of the flashing green and red lights. Miss Bushell said they fol-

lowed the object and it was clearly visible for seven minutes.

"It was not an aeroplane, for it hovered rather than proceeding on a direct and swift course," Miss Bushell said.

The object then faded and disappeared.

A number of Queenstown men were among about 20 people who saw a bright object, shaped like a comet, at

about 11.30 p.m. in Stutterheim.

Mr. G. N. D. Sweetnam said "It was huge — as big as a locomotive." Mr. D. Hagg-Smith said he had only seen the object as it was fading and said he thought it could have been a satellite burning up on re-entering the atmosphere.

Mr. L. Tucker said it looked like a ball of fire. It passed across the sky and did not seem to be falling.

It had faded out while moving southwards, he said. The object was visible for about a minute, the people who saw it said.

Mr. J. Gerber, a Queenstown man who has instruments which reputedly detect nearby UFO's, said he did not have the detector with him at the time of the sighting in Queenstown last night.

— DRR.

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# UFO over PE SO. AFRICA makes them rub their eyes

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — Businessman Mr Alan Johnson did not believe in UFOs and other unnatural phenomena. But he clearly saw an Unidentified Flying Object over Port Elizabeth this week and is now wondering whether to believe his own eyes.

However, this story is substantiated by dozens of other people who saw the same UFO over the city at the same time. It was also the second time a 'hard' sighting of a UFO has been made over the city within a week.

With Mr Johnson at the time was Johannesburg businessman Mr Bob Sonderup. Both men watched the brightly lit UFO for 10 to 15 seconds before it disappeared from view.

To prove they had made an unusual sighting, the men, independent of one another, drew what they had seen. With minor differences, the drawings were exactly alike.

### MODERATE SPEED

Last Saturday a UFO was seen over Port Elizabeth at about 7.35 am. A Sunridge Park resident and two other people reported seeing a cone-shaped object moving through the sky at a moderate speed.

In front the cone was a brilliant green colour. The cone tapered to a point at the back and the colour also became progressively lighter.

The Sunridge Park resident, a retired man, who asked not to be named, said he could say with all certainty that the object he had seen was not an aircraft.

It was the first time he had experienced anything like it.

### BRILLIANTLY

It was on Tuesday night at about 11.45 pm that Mr Johnson and Mr Sonderup, along with dozens of other people, saw the brilliantly lit-up UFO over the city.

Mr Johnson estimated it was traveling at a height of about 500 metres.

Clearly visible were the cone-shaped nose of the UFO, several of what appeared to be port holes all with bright lights and a strangely illuminated tail.

### NO FLIGHTS

"It was most definitely something material, but most certainly not an aircraft. In any case, we checked with the airport the next day and were told it was closed at the time we saw the UFO, and that there were no flights that night.

"I take about as much interest in UFOs as the average man. But after seeing that UFO I don't know whether to believe my own eyes. There must be something in it," Mr Johnson said.

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## SO. AFRICA The Friend July 11, 1974 UFO seen over Free State

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object in the shape of a white ball which passed over parts of the Free State on Tuesday night has caused quite a stir in the province.

Several Bloemfontein residents reported seeing the object pass low over the city at about 11.25 pm on Tuesday.

One resident said she followed the object in her car for about five minutes. It was travelling from southwest to east and she described it as "a big white ball with red flames coming out the back". She had looked in an encyclopaedia

and the appearance fitted that of a comet. "It was a beautiful sight," she said.

Another resident said the object had passed so low over the city that he thought it was going to "land on Naval Hill. It had been visible for about five minutes before fading into the horizon.

The object was also seen over Ficksburg early yesterday morning. Two different sightings of the UFO were reported—one from a farm in the district and the other from a resident in town. The descriptions of the object matched those of the one seen in Bloemfontein.

An object in the shape of a fireball was reported to have passed over Welkom and Virginia on Tuesday at about 11.35 pm.

## UFO seen on Sunday night

GRAAFF-REINET — A number of people saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) over the Grootkolk on Sunday night at about 9 o'clock.

One of these people, Mr. Johan van der Vyver, senior extension officer for the sub-region, said that he and his family were driving up Church Street when they spotted a light in the sky.

He stopped the car and they had a good look at it. It seemed to be 'waltzing' around in the sky, so he decided that it could not be the Russian 'satellite' launched last week.

He said that in his opinion somebody had by some means or other affixed a light either to a kite or a balloon. The light flickered, and he thought some tinsel could have been used to give the appearance of a flickering light.

He did not have a chance to view the object through his telescope.

"The only telescope I have is on my rifle," he said chuckling. "The next time I see it, I am going to let fly at it."

He did not think that the UFO was a flying saucer with little green men from Mars.

Two independent sightings of UFO's were made elsewhere in the Eastern Cape last week.

Has the UFO season started again? Keep a good look-out at night, and tell us if you see anything.

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# Things that go buzz in the night

LIVESTOCK and people in the northern NSW hamlet of Tyngham have been having trouble sleeping at nights. The township, which consists of one shop, a few houses, and several properties, has become a mecca for UFOs.

The UFO Investigation Centre, a privately operated group, has reported more than a dozen sightings in the area in less than a month. There have been weird nocturnal buzzings, strange inter-galactic helicopter noises, soaring saucers, plummeting mushrooms, and cigar shaped things with flashing rear lights.

UFOIC says the first sighting was by a lady they call "Sandra F."

"Sandra F brought her husband's attention to a strange light SSW of Tyngham at 11 pm . . . It consisted of two flashing lights — green on the left, and red on the right, surrounded by a bluish glow. This object was watched for over two hours and was described as being very agile, zigzagging erratically all over the sky, and performing a variety of acrobatic manoeuvres. The lights were very bright. Sandra and her husband Warwick had an old horse and a cat, both of whom were very agitated during the whole sighting."

Then, a few nights later: "Jill C. . . awoke with an uneasy feeling and lit a cigarette. Then the room filled up with a bright white light from outside the window, even though the window was covered with dark curtains. She could not even make out a cupboard two or three feet away. Joey, the horse, had gone wild that night and was frothing, etc."

A number of the UFOs were spotted apparently touching down on nearby Boney Mountain. When several of the doughy residents went out to track down the night sky intruders, their compass began "spinning wildly" in the area.

The UFO group hopes to investigate the sightings fully, and look for what could be landing spots. However the Boney Mountain area where they suspect the UFOs might have touched down is extremely rugged.

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## Boys spot UFO

Two young observers of unidentified flying objects had sleepless night while camping in the Pend d'Oreille valley with their parents on the weekend.

Phil Doubt, 12, of Nelson, and Shawn Olszewski, 12, of Kamloops, told The Daily New Monday they spotted a UFO while watching shooting stars.

The boys said they first saw the object about 1 a.m., and that they watched its actions for about two hours before falling asleep. They did not report it to their parents till next morning they said.

"It was white, but kept flashing red," they said, "and I moved from the southern sky to a point just above the north star where it hung for about an hour."

In this location, they said, it seemed to move back and forth "then we saw something small fall from it, then go back in." After watching this action for about an hour, they fell asleep.

Both boys said they have read a number of books about UFOs and fully believe they exist.

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□ An unidentified flying object was reportedly sighted for 10 minutes in the countryside near Pavia in Italy. Many eye-witnesses gave the same description. The UFO had a precisely hemispherical shape and an intense yellowish light which later became red. On the location where the strange object reportedly landed, the police found traces of burning.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

The Spectator, Friday, July 12, 1974

## Flying apple in core area

Seen a flying apple lately? A Hamilton man claimed yesterday that he had seen a mysterious apple-shaped object fly over the city late Wednesday night.

He said the object had a tail like a comet, but it passed over so quickly he could not give a further description.

"It was nothing like a plane; it was the first time I saw something like it," the man, who did not want to be named, said.

Hamilton meteorologist John Wingfield had no explanation for the sighting.

"It would not have been a comet if it was apple-shaped, but I have no idea what it might have been," he said.

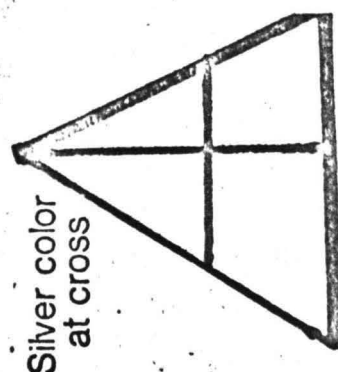
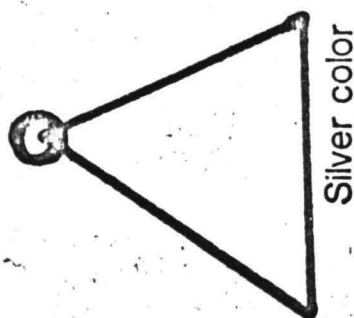
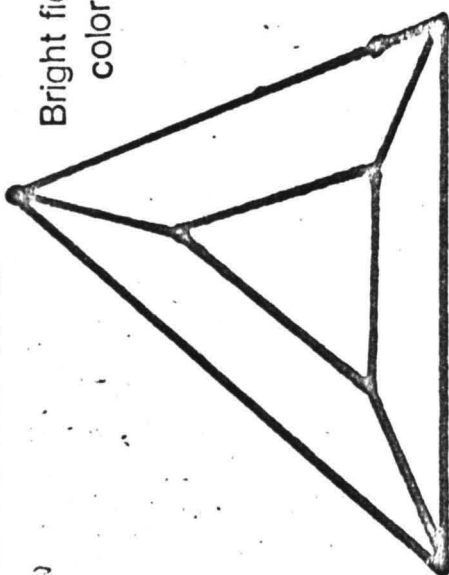
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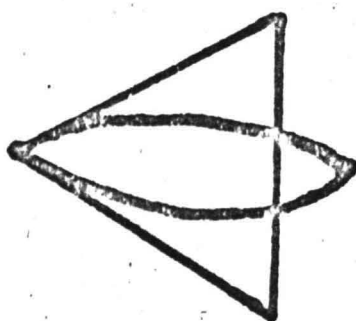
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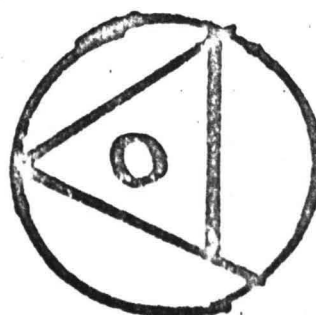
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THESE DIAGRAMS, drawn by Barbeau resident Tom McIntyre, represents what he saw Monday evening near Neebish Island. McIntyre says his wife, parents and more than 25 area residents observed the object change colors and size for an hour beginning at 8:40 p.m. "It was fantastic and unbelievable," he said, "and if I didn't believe in flying saucers before, I sure do now." McIntyre says he has seen weather balloons before, and this was definitely not one.

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For photographs

## Roseburg woman hunts Big Foot

By BILL CHIDESTER  
of The Oregonian staff

Mrs. Jean Fitzgerald of Roseburg says she has seen Big Foot, the legendary monster that reportedly roams in the Cascades. If you can't believe that,

she said she has seen two monsters, one seven feet tall and the other eight feet, while she and her family camped at Lake-of-the-Woods in the Umpqua National Forest, 325 miles east of Glide. "They were just huge,"

she said. "They were four feet across the chest and stood very upright like a human."

"We saw the first monster two weeks ago. Our dog, frightened to death, barked and barked when he saw it. We watched it walk across

the trail to the lake. It seemed to eat bark from the trees, then go down to the Little River to catch frogs. We could hear it eating."

Every day since then, she said, the monster makes the same trek about 3 p.m. to the lake and river, then disappears into the woods.

Wednesday night about 11:15, the second Big Foot — or Sasquatch — appeared, she said.

### Raven follows

"They were very dark and I couldn't see their faces or if they had fur. They didn't make any sound, either."

"We've been watching the first one's habits and it seems very intelligent. It hasn't threatened us at all and it has a raven that always accompanies it. The bird talks to the monster and almost seems like a pet."

She admitted the whole thing sounds "unbelievable" and "you might think I'm crazy." And, she acknowledged she was afraid at first. "But I'm not frightened now. I'm very curious, in fact, and Sunday we plan to go up to a cave near Quartz Mountain where we think the monsters live. We understand the cave is as large as our house in Roseburg."

Mrs. Fitzgerald left no doubt that she believes Big Foot exists and what she has seen isn't a bear. "It's more like a giant gorilla," she said.

When the creature first appeared, two other camping parties threw their equipment together and left, said Mrs. Fitzgerald. "They said they wouldn't stay another night."

### No guns

But she said she is fascinated by the monster or monsters and wants to take pictures if possible.

"I don't want any guns up here," she commented. "I don't want it killed. We want to get some pictures and I don't think it is something to be afraid of."

She said she has left food on the picnic table but the monster hasn't touched it. "I'm now going to try leaving candy."

Mrs. Fitzgerald has been camping with her husband Steve and children, Gloria Jean, 9, and Danny, 16.

Will they all go up to the cave Sunday?

"No," she remarked. "We'll leave the children in Roseburg and I'll let my husband and some forest ranger personnel go into the cave."

She added, "You never know what to expect."

## Greenville, Illinois Advocate Aug. 29, 1974 Unexplained Occurrences Create Terror In Edwardsville Office

Office personnel have been terrorized, skeptics are baffled and Southern Illinois University engineering faculty members probe a series of unexplained occurrences in an Edwardsville downtown office suite.

Framed pictures mysteriously fly off the walls, a six-foot metal filing cabinet somehow pitches forward spilling its contents, a clothes tree topples, an electric typing eraser unplugs itself and shoots across the room and a sturdy office chair overturns while no one is within 10 feet of it.

The unexplained phenomena began happening last week in the three-room suite of R. C. Scheffel & Co. at 110 N. Main St. in Edwardsville.

At intervals, a high-pitched shrill noise has been heard by the office personnel and others in the building.

The engineers have said there is no physical explanation that would cover everything that has happened in the office.

Psychokinesis has been suggested as a possibility. It is defined as the movement of physical objects by the mind without using physical means.

Last Friday morning when they unlocked the hall door the young women found the outer office in disarray. Pictures were off the walls and on the floor, the postage scales that had been taped to the wall was on the floor.

Later in the morning the screeching sounds were heard again, the postage scales and a heavy metal punch used to prepare sheets for a loose-leaf binder sailed over the head of a 16-year-old Edwardsville employee at her desk in the outer office and plumped on the floor.

Youthful pranks by someone with a key to the office door were suspected. The lock on the door was changed.

Monday morning the office manager unlocked the office door. All was in order in the office.

The 16-year-old employee began work at her desk in the outer office and the manager left on a business trip.

Suddenly weird things began to happen. The high-pitched sounds were heard, then a picture flipped off the wall. So did a framed notary's certificate above the young woman's desk. The clothes tree in a corner toppled over. An electric eraser unplugged itself from the wall and shot across the room.

The terrified young woman fled to offices across the hall.

Fire chief Edward Coolbaugh, who happened to be in an adjoining insurance office on business, and insurance man Don Coffman rushed to the accounting offices and saw the objects on the floor.

Coolbaugh and assistants called to the scene began a room-to-room search, both upstairs and in the basement, and came up with no explanation. There had been no earth tremors or vibrations which could explain the phenomenon.

Then, while Coolbaugh was in the basement almost directly under the Scheffel offices, there was a loud thump upstairs and a scream from the young woman office employee. Coolbaugh dashed upstairs and was joined by others who saw the terror-stricken girl.

A six-foot two-door filing cabinet had plunged forward from the wall, the doors standing open to prop the cabinet from toppling over completely.

Coolbaugh suggested a few experiments.

The young woman was asked to remain in the room alone, seated in a chair in a corner. The others went outside into the hallway. In a few seconds the young woman shrieked, the witnesses plunged through the door and there was the clothes tree lying on the floor.

Later there was a loud thump in an unlit interior office, heard by other tenants in the building.

The young women scrambled

CR: John Mullet

out of the office. The light was flipped on in the inner office and there on the floor was a heavy metal chair that had tipped over forward. A companion chair was upright. Nothing else in the office was disturbed.

## CANADA Sat., July 27, 1974 THE TORONTO STAR Police in Nepal find snowman's tracks

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Police reported finding clear hand and foot prints of a strange beast which a 19-year-old girl yak herder said attacked her near the foot of Mt. Everest, the official Nepal news agency said yesterday.

The young woman said she was attacked by a yeti — the so-called abominable snowman — which killed five yaks in her herd a week ago.

The creature's handprints, which the girl marked off with stones to enable them to be found, were 10.5 inches long and four inches wide, the agency said. Its foot prints were 12.5 by 4.5 inches.

The young woman said the beast was covered with thick black hair on the lower part of its body and brown hair on top. CRI STARECKY

# Search for the Legendary 'Bigfoot' Moves Forward With Fresh Financing

The National Observer

THE DALLES, Ore. — Wayne Jones still isn't sure what it was that he says he saw standing next to a building at his boys camp at Harrison Lake up in British Columbia one night a few weeks ago. It looked somewhat human, it walked on two feet, it had a rounded head with large ears, it stood nearly eight feet tall, and its whole body, except face and hands, was covered with hair.

Jones was spellbound, and so were the handful of his 30 campers who glimpsed the creature

before it bounded off into the forest, apparently frightened by their flashlights. But if the reported incident remains a mystery around Harrison Lake, it's just another tantalizing piece in a puzzle for Dublin-born Peter Byrne, who's been looking for the storied Sasquatch here in the Pacific Northwest since 1970.

Sasquatch, an Indian word for "big man," is the name given to the elusive creatures that have left huge footprint in scores of places throughout the Northwest for decades. The footprints are

15 to 20 inches long and indicate their maker weighs up to 1,000 pounds.

The Harrison Lake sighting was one of the latest of some 80 Sasquatch reports that Byrne has investigated during the last four years. A former guide for big-game hunters in Africa, Byrne, 47, has stalked the alleged abominable snowman of the Himalayas. He says he's spent \$93,000 looking for a Sasquatch, most of it his own money. His principal source of donated funds for his search is the International Wildlife Con-

servation Society at Washington, D.C. He helped found the Society.

## Elderly Indians Are Interviewed

Byrne has talked to hundreds of elderly Northwest Indians, early pioneer woodsmen, miners, outdoorsmen, forest rangers and others who say they have sighted or heard stories of the mysterious creature that walks like a man.

"A year ago I wasn't at all convinced that 'Bigfoot' was

real," he says. "But we are going to find a Sasquatch. We are closing in on him as a result of a lot of good, solid information which has come to us recently."

Byrne won't say what the information is, but he says it has nothing to do with the Harrison Lake incident. As interesting as that reported sighting was — two of his investigators flew to the scene — it was inconclusive. Byrne's colleagues found footprints measuring 6 by 15 inches in the wet soil, and the prints appeared to have five toes. But

the investigators were hindered in their search because of the presence of several gun-toting people in the vicinity, and they weren't able to talk to Jones.

Many of Jones' campers are emotionally disturbed youngsters, and he says he had hoped to avoid an onrush of hunters and tourists that would result from publicity about the incident. Despite the campers' vow to not tell about the sighting, the story did leak out.

Some people have found that reporting a suspected Sasquatch

sighting can result in more ridicule than fame.

The soft-spoken Byrne says he believes the real break-through in their efforts came earlier this year when the expedition received a \$7,000 grant from the Academy of Applied Science at Boston to set up a Bigfoot Information and Exhibition Center in The Dalles. In a 60-foot mobile home at the outskirts of town they now display documentations of historical Bigfoot sightings, pictures, drawings, newspaper accounts, casts of footprints and other evidence they

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say is authentic. Dr. Grover Krantz, a Washington State University scientist, has studied many Sasquatch footprint casts and says most are genuine footprints.

People who think they have evidence that Sasquatches exist can visit the center and tell their stories in complete secrecy. A \$1,000 reward has been offered to anyone who provides the key information that leads to a Sasquatch find by the investigative team.

"Of course, a lot of the information we get is old, incomplete, or just pure bunk," Byrne says. "But we are getting at least one good piece of information a week. This may not sound like much, but in this kind of investigation we think it is good."

"A lot of stories are way out, but it doesn't take us long to separate the hoaxes and fantasies from the solid information. One man who claimed to have sighted a Sasquatch in western Washington was sure they were tied into outer space. He thought they hid underground in a tunnel that ran all the way from here to Mexico. But we never laugh at their stories. Ridicule can shut people up quicker than anything."

"Four years ago we did a lot of searching through the woods on the Colville Indian Reservation in northeastern Washington," he recalls. "Now we are mostly listening and evaluating information."

"The old Indians we interviewed told of seeing or hearing stories of large groups of Sasquatch — perhaps 18 or 20 were reported sighted together at a time. They claimed the Sasquatch took over their fishing grounds at night because they frequently saw huge footprints in the vicinity."

Byrne adds, "If Sasquatch is a hoax, then it's a hoax that's been perpetrated in a wide geographical area for more than 100 years. Hundreds of people have seen something. I'm not sure what it was, but I've come to believe it is humanoid — more human than animal."

## Absence of Bones Blamed on Scavengers

If Bigfoot exists, why has no one ever found any skeletal remains? What does he eat and how has he managed to exist with so many human predators roaming the boondocks?

Byrne replies that even though there are numerous deer, bears, and cougars in the Northwest, their bones are seldom found. He attributes this to the wilderness scavenger system and the soil's ability to disintegrate and absorb organic material. He says Bigfoot is omnivorous, like the bear.

How the Sasquatch has managed to avoid humans so well over the years is perhaps the greatest mystery. But Byrne recalls the story of Ishi, last of the Stone Age Indians, who hid his family from modern civilization in Northern California for more than 20 years.

Byrne is afraid someone will kill Bigfoot. Several determined Sasquatch hunters in British Columbia have publicly vowed to kill a Sasquatch and mount it for display to prove it exists. And gun toters became such a nuisance after the recent reported sighting at Harrison Lake that they were barred from the youth camp by director Jones, who's changed his mind about Sasquatch.

"I have never believed in things like this, and I always promised myself that if I ever did see something I would keep it to myself," an Associated Press account quoted Jones as saying. "I saw the thing, and there is no mistaking what I saw. There was a foot-sized fire, and it was standing against a white building. I feel like a silly ass telling this, but I am now a firm believer."

## Seattle, Wash. Seattle P-I July 24, 1974 Shh! Sasquatch Sighting Supposedly Secret

VANCOUVER, B.C. — (AP) — A Vancouver youth project director says he saw a Sasquatch last Thursday night, but tried to keep the sighting of the seven- or eight-foot-tall hairy creature a secret to keep the camp where it was seen from being over-

run with curiosity seekers. Wayne Jones, director of the Dunbar-West Point Grey Youth project, said he watched the creature for about five minutes after it came around the corner of a building about 25 feet away at the head of Harrison Lake, about 70 miles east of here.

Over the years there have been several sightings reported of Sasquatches in western British Columbia, and in the United States Northwest. A scientific study into the possible existence of the human-like beasts is currently under way in Ore-

gon, headed by Robert W. Morgan of Miami, Fla.

Word of the Harrison Lake sighting leaked out through someone who had been working with the young people at the camp. Jones said he had sworn the 30 youngsters at the camp to secrecy to keep the camp from being del-

uged with Sasquatch hunters.

He said the creature looked more like a human being than a beast.

"It had a well-rounded head with long ears and arms," he said.

"It was big, something between seven and eight feet tall. It was huge."

"My first reaction was 'My God what is this'. It was quite wet and I could make out that it was covered with hair, not fur."

He said the creature left when startled by flashlights of a few campers.

"A few of them saw it then and all of them heard it crashing through the bush," he said.

Casts are being made of footprints left behind. They are 15 inches long, six inches wide and each has what appears to be five toes. Jones said only prints of a right foot were found.