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Jackson Man Spots UFO

In Early A.M.

A UFO (unidentified flying object) was spotted by a Jackson Township man early today while he drove into Lakewood.

John Sholder, 26, of Dina Place, Harfield, Jackson Township phoned Patrolman Louis Pintaro at 3:55 A.M. today and reported seeing the UFO while driving south on Squankum Road about an hour earlier.

Three people in the car with Mr. Sholder also spotted the UFO. But police had no other calls on it.

Mr. Sholder told police he was driving south near the Lakewood-Howell Township border and the UFO was traveling north.

"It was at tree top level as it approached my car. It was saucer shaped with white square blinkers in the center, and they were going on and off rapidly like a neon sign. There were orange lights at the top and bottom and a green light at the bottom" Mr. Sholder told Patrolman Pintaro.

Mr. Sholder could not estimate the size of the object.

But he said he lost sight of it when he turned around to try to follow it.

Mr. Sholder was nervous, the policeman said, and related he saw the UFO for 10 minutes. He turned on his Citizens Band radio to try to call someone and it went dead, he reported.

The foursome had been to the Royal Manor, a night club in Wall Township.

Evening Sentinel
Centralia, Ill.
May 3, 1976

Woman Reports Sighting UFO

Centralia police received a report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object or objects south of town early yesterday.

They said a woman told them she saw a UFO "in the area of the Jefferson County Line. She went back to see if they were still there. This time she reported that there were three more."

Police did not identify the woman.

Fairmont Times
Fairmont, W. Va.
May 6, 1976

Dear Sir,

At this time I would like to clarify a few points concerning a sincere and true subject which most people laugh off and ridicule honest people over this subject!

On a warm summer evening about a year and a half ago, three other fellows and I watched an object over Fairmont and Monongah at about 10 o'clock at night. This object split into six to eight smaller objects that scattered when two jet fighters tried to intercept! One object came down at Hawkinberry Hollow and landed at a radio tower for about an hour. All of us watched these objects through a pair of 7 x 25 mm binoculars! Recall about a year ago a so-called sonic boom was heard over West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia, etc., but we saw a jet fire, some type of nuclear or high explosive warhead at one of these objects at the time the sonic boom was heard! And I would like to know of any swamp gas balloons, airplanes, stars or planets that split into six or eight sections.

We also tracked a pie-pan shaped object over the Monongah area for about six weeks at about a mile up and between midnight and 3 a.m. I am an experienced ex-service man who has experience in aircraft maintenance and air traffic controller! I am tired of ridicule and laughter! For those individuals who wish to report a sincere UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) report, please call 278-9046.

Most Sincerely,

Jack C. Delanard
Researcher and UFO
Investigator and
Co-Workers

'Flying Object' Sighted In Harbor

At least a dozen Harbor families reported they saw a "flying object" hover over the Harbor Shopping Center Tuesday, May 4, about 10 p.m.

The ship, or plane, or whatever, gave off a red color and one resident of the South Bank Road reported he saw three lights shining down from the unidentified flying object (ufo) as it hovered high in the sky.

A Coast Guardman from the Chetco River Station said, unofficially, that the object appeared to be a satellite but there was no confirmation from any official sources.

The object was apparently seen only in the Harbor area.

The Brookings Police Department said they received no reports of the ufo.

TEHRAN, IRAN (Kayhan Int.) April 7, 1976
Credit: MUFON

From Chalus to Isfahan by UFO

IT all began when 19-year-old Gholam Reza Bazargani, belonging to a wealthy and respectable family of Chalus, decided to take a stroll in the nearby woods on Sizdehbedar day.

It ended two days later in Isfahan, leaving in its trail a score of baffled policemen, puzzled psychiatrists an unidentified flying object (UFO) and a lot of mystery.

According to Bazargani's report to Isfahan police, he was whisked away by a UFO on Sizdehbedar day while strolling through the forests, and landed in far away Isfahan on Sunday morning.

While the authorities immediately placed Bazargani under psychiatric examination to determine his sanity, other reports from villagers in Marvine and Lanjan near Isfahan poured in as if to confirm the young man's claims.

According to police officials in Isfahan, a number of people from these villages reported seeing what they described as a "flying saucer." Similar reports were also recieved from other individuals and groups from the same region.

The time of observations in all these reports coincided with Bazargani's claims.

In Chalus, meanwhile, the police had launched a massive search for Bazargani, but there was no trace whatsoever of the young man.

According to Bazargani, while he was walking alone deep in the forests on Friday he suddenly saw a UFO emerge from the sky, fly straight towards him and stop directly above him. He said he was unable to move as he watched four "beings" come out of the spaceship and take him inside it.

He claims that he spent some time under the scrutiny of the "beings" before passing out. "The next thing I remember is that I woke up back on earth early in the morning, not in the lush Caspian forests, but surrounded by barren lands," he said.

He somehow found his way to Isfahan later the same day. After spending a day with the police and psychologists, he travelled back to Chalus.

Although most authorities are skeptical about the whole affair, they are still mystified by so many identical reports coming from varied people.

All the doctors, including those at the Red Lion and Sun Society hospital in Isfahan, who examined Bazargani have given a clean report as to his health, both physical and mental.

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Brookings, ORE. (Harbor Pilot) May 6, 1976

Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Bozeman, Montana
March 23, 1976

Ball of fire was flare

That UFO is now a FO.

Sheriff John Onstad said today that Sunday night's flying ball of fire across the sky was probably a military flare.

He said he reached that conclusion after residents called him Monday saying they saw a light hanging from a parachute drifting across the sky.

Sunday night several residents called the police and sheriff's office reporting a ball of fire leaving a trail of smoke heading south across the sky. Onstad said he checked with federal aviation officials, but found no report of an overdue aircraft in the area.

The sheriff had no explanation as to where the flare might have come from.

DATA PILING UP

The Old UFO Story Not Old to Expert

By CHARLES SEABROOK

Dr. J. Allan Hynek, one of the world's leading researchers on UFOs, says data continue to pile up on unidentified flying objects, leading him to believe more than ever that the mysterious objects really exist.

However, he says, there is no evidence to date that UFOs are spacecraft piloted by alien beings. "UFOs may have no connection with extraterrestrial life (life beyond earth) whatsoever," he said Thursday.

Hynek was in Atlanta to speak at the Thomas A. Edison Foundation's 27th Science Institute for science teachers. The meeting will continue through Friday at Georgia Tech.

"When persons think of UFOs, they automatically relate them to extraterrestrial life," said Hynek, who is a professor at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill. "This is incorrect thinking.

"Undoubtedly UFOs are a new phenomenon unknown to science," he said. "We are facing a phenomenon which is a new empirical observation. Remember, nuclear energy was discovered only relatively recently."

Hynek suggested to the science teachers that if the mystery of UFOs is ever solved, "it will cause changes in our scientific thinking.

"I constantly have people come up to me and ask just what are UFOs," he said. "If we knew what they were, they would not be 'unidentified.'"

That's why scientific research is needed to solve the mystery, he contended.

Hynek, who researched UFO reports for the U.S. Air Force for several years, says some 20 per cent of such reports cannot be explained by astronomical or man-made occurrences. "The Air Force says only about 3 per cent of the reportings can't be explained, but the Air Force has a different way of interpreting statistics," he said.

If UFOs are not related to extraterrestrial life, then just what are the objects that people report seeing zig-zagging all over the sky?

"I don't know," says Hynek. But speaking strictly from speculation, Hynek says UFOs could be the result of an atomic phenomenon.

"We know that electrons circle the nucleus of an atom. In many kinds of atoms, the outer electrons are far away from the nucleus. The space between the electrons and nucleus is mostly empty," Hynek explained.

If there was something in the empty space, it could cause atoms to behave far

differently from the way they are now observed to act. Hynek, emphasizing he is only speculating, said these kinds of puzzling concepts could be involved in UFO activity.

However, Hynek does not rule out the possibility that UFOs could be associated with extraterrestrial life. "It is only one part of entire UFO concept," he said.

Hynek says reliable reports of persons all over the world being kidnaped by visitors from outer space are surfacing more and more.

Recently, he said, seven field workers in Arizona were returning from work in a pick-up truck when they saw a huge, saucer-like craft near the road. One of the workers ran under the craft, and a blue light from the object knocked him unconscious. His companions scattered.

When they returned later, both the spacecraft and their fellow worker had disappeared, they reported. For four days the person was missing; the local authorities began to suspect foul play and ran lie detector tests on the six workers who had witnessed the occurrence, said Hynek.

"They passed their lie detector tests," he said, and on the fifth day their companion was found alive and well — and very clean — in a telephone booth miles away from the point where he was kidnaped.

The victim told the authorities that he had been captured by the alien visitors, and he also passed a lie detector test.

"Stories similar to this are being repeated around the world," said Hynek. "There's got to be something to them."

Contrary to popular opinion, UFOs are spotted more often by professionally competent persons than by others. "Police make a lot of the sightings because most of them occur late at night and early in the morning when police are the only ones about," said Hynek.

Also, he said, UFO landings are reported more in isolated areas than in highly urbanized regions, and UFO sightings are often made by two or more persons at the same time.

"I've been asked why UFOs don't land on the White House lawn or during half-time at the Rose Bowl game," Hynek reported. "We don't know why."

Hynek says most persons are still reluctant to report UFO sightings because of fear of ridicule from their peers. "It's hard to convince the public that UFOs are a research problem, and not something to be scoffed at," he said.

That's why Hynek has set up a toll-free hot line to the UFO research center to take calls of UFO sightings.

UFO Sighted

Patrolmen Louis Pirrello and Joseph Bongiovanni investigated a sighting of an unidentified flying object early Monday morning.

Mrs. Rose Kellerher of Fairview Pl. called the police after her 16 year old son Steven told her and her husband he had seen a UFO. The Kellerhers followed their son outside and saw a round flying object heading north with red, green, and white lights. Mr. Kellerher, who observed the UFO through telescopic glasses, determined that it was approximately 100 miles away.

San Mateo,
California
Times
March 20, 1976

Rockets Over RC

A rash of telephone calls was received early today by police and firemen of red-green and white sky-rockets flying over the southern part of the city.

According to officers, one landed on a roof at 1017 Hilton St. and a second on top of Hoover School.

Although firemen reported that they could find nothing on the roof of the school, police located two empty military flare casings at the Hilton Street home.

Firemen reported that calls were received from residents who said they saw skyrockets high in the sky, apparently coming from the Bayshore area of the city.

Last weekend calls were received of UFO's over the city, and a military flare landed near a Woodside home Thursday.

Karen Ontiveras, 19, and Alfred Ontiveras, 50, of 1017 Hilton St. reported that a "possible skyrocket" went over their home shortly after midnight. Officers said other reports were received at intervals from the area.

Miss Ontiveras told police the incidents might be related to a bomb threat she had received a few days ago.

Ronald E. Harms, 27, of 1015 Hilton St. reported to Officer Harry Baker although he heard a noise around his bedroom screen he could find nothing.

Ontiveras said he found burn marks in his rear yard.

Reports were received from the vicinity of Chestnut Street and Middlefield Road to the Bay.

Officers checked in the areas of Spring and Charter Streets and Chestnut Street and Bay Road in an effort to locate the source of the missiles.

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UFO 'yarn'

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer who heads the Center on UFO Studies, may have a predisposition to believe accounts of sightings of unidentified flying objects. He is nevertheless a scientist — one who has had exceptional opportunity to evaluate such reports.

Thus it is of particular interest that he finds "no substantiation" of charges that Travis Walton's story of involvement in a UFO episode is nothing but a hoax. The young Arizona logger's account of being seized and taken aboard a mysterious craft during a five-day disappearance last November was widely publicized. Hynek's conclusions after an interview with him makes one wonder, all over again, whether it might have happened just as Walton says it did.

Officer Geo. Wheeler Details Elmwood UFO Sighting

'Mac' Johnson, Spring Valley Sun editor, conducted an in-depth interview with Elmwood police officer George Wheeler last week. It concerned his experience with the UFO sighting and related incidents the night of April 22.

His interview and story is as follows:

"It was around 11 p.m. and Officer Wheeler had gone to lock up the Elmwood village park. He noticed a glow at the top of Tuttle Hill that made him think there could be a fire. He called the County Sheriff's office and told them he was going to investigate.

He started to describe the object when the radio went dead and the sheriff's office could get no response. Helmer called Ellsworth and told them that he was going up to investigate. It is estimated that there was a lapse of time of over four minutes.

In the meantime, David Moots was returning home from taking their baby sitter to her home in Elmwood and he came up to the police car that was sitting along side the road with no lights. He parked in back of it with his lights on and noticed that Wheeler had opened the door and appeared to be dazed. Wheeler told Moots that he had been hit and Moots thought it was by another car until Wheeler told him it was by a UFO.

At this time Gene Helmer arrived on the scene as did Mrs. Wheeler a few seconds later. She took Mr. Wheeler to the home of Dr. Frank Springer, who gave him some medication and told him to go home and go to bed. A couple hours later, it was decided that he should enter the hospital as the medication was having no effect. He was released on Tuesday.

On Tuesday George described what he saw as follows:

"When I got to the top of Tuttle Hill there was this huge object that appeared to be about as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across. It was about 500 feet away from me and about 100 feet off the ground, between the quarry and where the old barn burned, as

near as I could estimate. There was an orange-white light at the top and six bluish white lights on the side and I could see shadows as if something were moving inside it. In the middle of the side, there appeared to be a panel that was open and I could see something within it that appeared to be revolving slowly and had some fin-like parts on it. What appeared to be legs of the craft were partially extended from the body and there was a long, black hose-like appendage on the craft. It rose straight up, extremely fast and at this time there was a type of flash and my car lights went out, the radio went dead and the motor stopped and I don't remember any more until someone asked me what was the matter and if I needed help."

George said, "I don't know what I saw, but I saw something and I don't ever want to go through an experience like it again. People may think that it couldn't be, but I know what I saw. I have drawn a sketch of it, that is how clear a look I had of it."

There had been some speculation that the lights were from some welding that was being done in the quarry. However, Police Officer Helmer stated that where the welding had been done earlier in the evening, there was no way it could have been seen from where Wheeler was parked. The whole area was examined with the help of two officers who came from Ellsworth and others and there reportedly was no one working at the time of the sighting. The workers were reported to have been sleeping in their trailer and had neither seen nor heard anything.

When Wheeler reported on the radio that the glow was a UFO, Gail Miley called the Paul Fredrickson home that is located in the area and asked him to go outside and see if he could spot anything unusual. Mr. Fredrickson did and he said, "I saw what appeared to be an orange glow in the shape of a half circle, just a little above the horizon."

There have reportedly been others who saw the orange glow, but did not see the actual craft. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Van, who also have a police scanner, reported that they heard the conversations on the police radio, but did not see anything, as has been rumored.

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Pittsburgh, Pa. W-19,226

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His father added that the crafts were approximately 50 to 60 feet in diameter. He said there was a large red light on either side flashing very fast. The former airman said:

"The rest of the lights were very bright and flashing about five times as fast as airplane lights. It made a noise like a tractor trailer running very easy. It definitely wasn't an airplane or anything I've ever seen."

Meanor, who would like to hear from other North Hills residents who spotted the crazy crafts, said:

"At first the problem is getting people to report this type of sighting. It is the fear of ridicule."

"But lay awake some clear moonless night and look at the myriad of stars in the heavens. We are not alone."

And besides if you can't believe your police and lawmakers, who can you believe?

Ross family, police report UFO sighting

Officials there told him to take the news to his local police—which he did. When the call came over the police radio, dispatcher Bill Thomas remembered Ptl. Roger Meanor, an amateur Ufologist in his own right.

Meanor said he didn't quite believe it when he first got the call. His heart later did give into his head along with Thomas who left the radio desk momentarily to get a look.

McAfee, the son of a former Air Force pilot who also saw the "flashing and erratic" crafts in the North Hills sky, told Meanor in an official report the next day:

"I saw four objects. They were

traveling eastward and then turned around and went in the opposite direction. They had flashing lights all over—red, white and green. They were flashing in an erratic, rapid fashion.

"The four seemed to be spaced evenly apart, but not in a formation. One seemed to pass almost directly overhead but a little to the south of where I was standing and watching."

"I could make out the shape as flat and circular underneath. I watched for about 10 or 12 minutes. They flew at a steady speed, but at first I didn't hear anything. Then I did hear a low humming sound. The thing that was strange was that I didn't see any wings and there was no exhaust or trail in the sky."

FORT PAYNE AREA

Viewers questioned about UFOs

FORT PAYNE—Reports of unidentified flying objects being spotted in the Fort Payne-Rainsville area Sunday are being investigated by officials of the Field Investigation Aerial Phenomena Research Organization International UFO Registry.

Several people, including state troopers and county lawmen, were interviewed Monday by Clifford Collier, a representative of the UFO fact-finding organization. At least half those interviewed, said Collier, were members of the DeKalb County sheriff's office.

The viewers described UFOs up to 20 feet in diameter, ranging from white to red and orange. One report quoted an unidentified caller as saying a UFO landed in his back yard. The sightings lasted from about 10 p.m. Sunday to midnight.

The objects were said to hover over the city. Collins would make no statement on his findings "at this time." He said that after weighing all evidence he would make a judgment, which would be given to higher authorities in his organization for final determination.

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Twinkle, twinkle U.F.O., who you are, I don't know

By Maureen Roberts

It all started the evening of April 25 at 9:30 p.m. when someone called the Chillicothe police department and said there were unidentified flying objects in the air over Chillicothe.

Fourteen more calls eventually came in on the same sighting but as of this writing, it hasn't been determined exactly what was flying (if it was something identifiable) or what was hovering in the Chillicothe area on that otherwise peaceful Sunday evening.

A lot of rumors have been circulating as to what was actually seen by residents who ventured out to the area, tipped off to the sighting by their citizen band radios. One rumor was that two of the objects had landed. Another rumor was that a being from one of the objects approached an unknown police officer causing the officer to draw a gun on it. And yet another rumor had the whole area blocked off by police so no one could go near where the objects had landed.

It is apparent from talking to several eyewitnesses to the alleged sighting that all three rumors are somewhat farfetched.

"Everyone said they saw something but they didn't know what it was," said Nell Crew, police dispatcher on duty the night of the incident. "Some calls were from concerned citizens. Other callers wanted a photographer out there because it had landed. A couple of people said they wanted to report UFOS," she continued.

After the first two calls came in almost simultaneously, Officer Richard Ledbetter drove out to the Princeville Blacktop to the crossroads.

"I saw something in the sky but didn't know what it was. I first thought they were planes, but they weren't moving," he said.

Ledbetter stayed at the scene for a few minutes and then returned to the police station. Several people stopped to look while he was there. He asked the dispatcher to call Greater Peoria Airport to see if the objects could be picked up on radar. She was told there were five planes from O'Hare Airport circling in the area.

Officer Ledbetter then drove out to the Martin-Marietta gravel pits located on Route 29, just north of the Santa Fe Railroad overpass.

"I thought one was a weather balloon because it was long and had a light in the middle. There were four other objects. None looked like a helicopter," he continued.

According to Ledbetter, the objects were the same ones he had seen earlier on Princeville Blacktop although some had moved slightly in position. The long object had

white lights on either end with a blinking white-green light in the center. The other four objects were of different colors. When Ledbetter got off work, they were still there. That was at midnight so he thought they might have been satellites.

Several other auxiliary police officers also witnessed the objects after Ledbetter summoned them to the gravel pit area. None were certain what it was they saw.

"I don't know what it was. When you looked at it through binoculars, it didn't look like a helicopter. It was hovering in one spot. The two white lights started making an infinity sign in the sky," said Officer Gary Pelini, who said he saw three objects, but five lights.

One oblong object had white lights on either end with a red and a green blinking light in the center. The two white lights started moving and made a figure eight on its side in the sky. He said it eventually lowered down a little near the horizon.

"I don't know any plane that has lights like it. I'm sure it wasn't a flying saucer, but it was there, whatever it was," he continued adding that he had spent six years in the Navy.

Officer Charlie Britton also saw the spectacle along with his wife, Vickie, and her father. He also saw something with twinkling lights of different colors in the northeast and northwest sky, but was unable to ascertain what it was.

"I don't believe it was a star. We watched a plane come near one of the objects and watched it bolt away when the plane got near it, then it slowed down and hovered again," he commented.

Officer Jack Nicklin went to the gravel pit around 9:45 p.m. He also saw five objects, one of which made an inverted figure eight in the sky and had two white lights on either end with assorted colors in the middle.

"We were out there a good half hour. I couldn't really see what it was. The ones in the north and east could have been stars, the way they were flickering, but the other one was really clear through binoculars," remarked Nicklin.

The officers all left the scene eventually to respond to a report that one of the objects forced a car off Cloverdale road.

In addition to the auxiliary police officers, several other eyewitnesses were contacted, all of whom said they saw something in the sky. In an attempt to determine what was actually in the sky on the evening of April 25, we contacted several authorities and agencies in the area.

State Trooper Joseph Roberts said he saw the floating object on Princeville Blacktop along with

eight to 10 other people around 9:30 p.m.

"The only thing I saw was one weather balloon," he said.

A check with the state police office in Peoria as well as the Peoria county sheriff's office ascertained that no reports were filed on the incident.

Rod Palmer, principal assistant for the National Weather Service located at the Greater Peoria Airport, said a weather balloon was launched at 6 p.m. the same evening.

"It should have been disintegrated by 8:30 p.m.," he said. According to Palmer, the balloon was traveling in an easterly direction and had no light on it. He suggested the objects might be research balloons from a firm or government agency doing soundings for pollution testing. He said a report would be filed with the Federal Aviation Agency if this were the case.

Upon checking with the FAA office located in the tower of the Greater Peoria Airport, it was learned that no such report had been filed for pollution testing or any other reason, according to Bob Barnett, FAA supervisor. He said they get UFO reports occasionally but it was hard to track down what the object was.

"I've never seen them (UFOs) myself. Somebody reported something like it near Brimfield a couple of months ago," he commented, suggesting the sighting might be attributed to helicopters or stars.

"Some stars appear to be closer than they are. A star will look like it has red and green lights on it and will sometimes give the illusion that it's blinking," he added.

Checking with another group which might possibly have been involved with the incident, the Air National Guard unit in Peoria, we discovered the unit was grounded the evening in question.

Looking into another possibility, we discovered that the pilot of one of the planes identified in the air that night was flying out of Mt. Hawley Airport. We were unable to talk with the pilot, but Dana Regier, the dispatcher, said the pilot was flying at an altitude of 1,500 feet and saw three small yellow objects, all of which were hovering approximately 700 feet higher in altitude. It seems the objects were following a triangular pattern in the sky, making a perfect straight line, coming to a complete stop, then proceeding to make another line of the triangle.

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It was also hypothesized by some witnesses that possibly the objects were helicopters from Tanner's Orchard in Speer, hovering to keep the frost off the orchard. A phone call to Mrs. Tanner disproved this theory.

Another agency contacted is known as the Center for UFO Studies, a privately funded Chicago-based organization. A spokesman said no reports had been filed by any local police authorities, all of whom have access to a special toll-free number. The spokesman said that if there was anything happening which needed immediate attention, they would have gotten it by now.

The Princeville fire department and Elmwood police department were also contacted. Neither had any reports turned in on the sighting.

Thor Martin, Civil Defense director for the Chillicothe area, also sighted the objects. "I don't have any idea what they could have been. It could have been anything, some helicopters or something. We watched them a half hour or so. All we saw were red, green, and white lights, the standard marking lights on airplanes," he said indicating he reported the incident to local police.

A lot of Chillicotheans would rest easier if they knew what was hovering up in the sky that night, but then it wouldn't be a UFO any longer.

Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

Second UFO sighting told at Elmwood

By Tom Lawin

ELMWOOD — The talk in this quiet valley village of 722 persons is not of budding butternut trees nor the need of spring rains.

Instead, it revolves around police officer George Wheeler's sighting of his second Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) within a year.

Until April 1975 this veteran of more than 30 years in police work, including 10 years as a New York State highway patrolman, dismissed UFOs as figments of others' imaginations.

Now he's convinced not only that UFOs exist, but that occupants of these mysterious spacecraft "are not harmless but, in fact, they're out to kill us."

That remark was made earlier this week as Wheeler reclined in a bed at Memorial Hospital, Menomonie. He has spent considerable time there since April 22 when he said he was struck by a bluish-white light shot from a UFO hovering above a hilltop quarry just south of this Pierce County community.

Skeptics are no fewer than they were April 7, 1975 when Wheeler and several others saw another UFO in the same spot. But Wheeler takes solace in the fact others here saw the same UFO he observed about three weeks ago.



George Wheeler

Police chief gives account

Police Chief Gene Helmer here probably has the most accurate account of what may have happened to officer Wheeler about 11 p.m. April 22 when he drove to the quarry flats to investigate what he thought was a fire.

Helmer talked to Wheeler early the morning of April 23 after Wheeler returned home from a checkup by Dr. Frank Springer. Wheeler had been found sitting in his squad car in a semi-conscious condition. The squad lights and ignition were turned off, and Wheeler muttered to a passerby, David Moots, "get me to the radio, I've been hit" (by a blast of light.)

Chief Helmer said Wheeler "was one hell of a scared guy, I'll tell you. And what George was telling me afterwards was from his sub-conscious, because later he didn't even remember describing the incident to me."

According to Helmer, Wheeler was on duty when he radioed about 11 p.m. that he was heading for the quarry "where it looks like a fire has broken out." Wheeler's wife Doris heard the conversation over a police scanner in the couple's home.

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When Wheeler reached the crest of CTH P and looked to the north over a flat, hilltop alfalfa field, he exclaimed over the radio, "My God, it's one of those UFOs again," and he began describing the vehicle "very calmly," according to Chief Helmer.

Then the police radio went dead.

Alarmed, Mrs. Wheeler called the rest home here where Chief Helmer works part-time. The nurse on duty telephoned Paul Frederickson, nursing home administrator, who lives near the field where officer Wheeler was observing the UFO. The nurse asked Frederickson to look out his window to see if he could observe an object in the sky.

Another person sees object

"I got up and looked out the window and saw this flaming orange object in the sky," Frederickson said this week. "I watched it for a full 10 seconds and went back to bed to get my wife, but when we returned it was gone."

Frederickson, described by residents here as "a most reliable person" confided "it wasn't the first time I saw one here, either."

However, he said that "because of the nature of my job, the last thing I want is this kind of publicity, you know."

A former Jackson County resident, Frederickson recalled that early last October he and his son were traveling up CTH P en route home about 10:30 p.m. when his son pointed to the southeast and asked, "is that the way the moon comes up, dad?"

"I took one look at the speed at which it was approaching and knew it couldn't be the moon," Frederickson said.

"It was round and bright bright orange, but as it came close it turned and became crescent-shaped. This meant the light was coming out of the front end. As it hovered near us, we could see the underside very clearly. It was round, nearly saucer-shaped and dark gray. We couldn't have been more than 1,000 feet from it, and we were absolutely enthralled. But we also didn't tell anyone about it for obvious reasons."

Chief Helmer recalls that after he discussed the incident with Wheeler three weeks ago, he and Pierce County Sheriff's Department officers combed the quarry site with geiger counters but could find no reaction on the device.

Later, further investigation revealed that three persons who live in homes near the field where Wheeler sighted the object said their television sets suddenly went off about 11 p.m. April 22 and returned to operation about 10 minutes later.

Wheeler rested for a few days at his home here, but one night his wife was awakened when her husband began mumbling about the UFO incident and complained of severe headaches.

Wheeler hospitalized

Dr. Springer was called again, and Wheeler was hospitalized, first at Menomonie and then at Eau Claire where tests were done. He was then returned to the Menomonie hospital where he was confined until Wednesday of this week.

Chief Helmer recalls he has seen Wheeler under "all kinds of conditions relating to police work, and I've never seen him shaken like he was that night."

Helmer, who is uncommitted on the existence of UFOs, pointed out that while the city squad car had been working well, Moots could not start it when he discovered Wheeler sitting in the squad, dazed. Helmer started it easily when he arrived at the quarry site. But two days

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See Wheeler's sketch of UFO on following page.

11:10 PM Thursday 22nd 1976
CR: P Tuttle Hill Quarry.

Main Part of object
Silver in color

Port holes
or windows

Blue
Electric Blue
Legs
or landing
Pods

Hose or Tube
Color black

Orange
Dome
white

Knobs
or raised
in main
structure

appeared to be large
factor, fine

ONE VERSION—This drawing was made by Elmwood police officer George Wheeler and resembles a UFO he

said he saw April 22. Notes were made by Wheeler after the incident that night.

UFO sighting at Elmwood

Continued from last page.

later the squad needed a complete change of plugs and points; both had been burned out.

Wheeler is at home now, still amazed over the latest incident.

"Why do I have to see one twice?" he asked.

Previous sighting explained

On April 7, 1975 while on night duty north of town, Wheeler dived into a roadside ditch to avoid being struck by what he first thought was a huge 747 jet on fire and preparing to crash.

The object continued on to the flats area where Wheeler drove finding it hovering above the ground. That UFO, he said, was the size of a football field and made no sound, although it was flaming orange as was the April 22 UFO he observed.

The latest one made what Wheeler described as a "whishing" noise as it left. He also said he could see inside the latest object and found a paddle-wheel-like apparatus inside. And he said he could see shadowy figures inside the latest UFO. Likewise, Wheeler said the latest sighting indicated the UFO was about 250 feet across and as large as a two-story building.

Album made of accounts

His descriptions of the objects match those given by others around the nation who permitted a New York record company (Columbia) to put on an album released two weeks ago personalized accounts of UFO sightings. Wheeler's account is on the record, joining those of former military personnel, a nuclear scientist, a social worker, a psychologist, a present U.S. Treasury agent, another police officer and a U.S. Congressman. Their descriptions match Wheeler's regarding physical characteristics of the objects. The UFOs Wheeler and Frederickson saw were traveling from east to west, just as all UFOs described on the record album "UFOs: The Credibility Factor."

Because all local UFO sightings here have been near a 69,000 volt Northern States Power Co. line, and because Wheeler observed a dangling hose on the latest UFO, he speculates the craft possibly may use the area as a recharging site.

"I don't know what I saw," Wheeler reported, "but all I know is that I don't want that experience repeated ever again."

Brooklyn Center, Minn. Post May 13, 1976

By MARY JANE GUSTAFSON

AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT was seen in Brooklyn Center about 10 p.m. last Thursday night by employees of Recreational Services. According to one of the employees, who was walking to her car in the parking lot, "It was red, three balls together, high, and suspended. First we thought it was a helicopter. It swayed back and forth, and then faded away." The gal, who wanted to be nameless, said she called other employees to see the object for verification and added that she was writing a letter to Northwestern University where a study is being made on UFOs.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1976

UFO at Monroe

MONROE (AP) — It was 3:30 a.m. and Monroe farmer Ernie Pacheco was milking cows when the barn lights went out. He got a flashlight, went outside and then saw something that prompted him to notify state police.

Pacheco said he saw a glowing, saucer-shaped object hovering over his barn. He said it was 80 feet long, 30 feet high, noiseless and covered with lots of small windows in rows — "like a hotel."

CR: MUFON

Mystery Object Sighted

Once again, area residents have spotted an unidentified flying object hovering not far from their home.

A westlakeshore family was startled last Thursday about 8:30 p.m. to see a dome-shaped, glowing object on the hill about four miles from their home.

"It was bright and silvery and had three lights blinking on the bottom," one of the group of six people who saw it, reported. They called it "definitely not a plane nor helicopter."

They viewed it from a spotting scope, but in a frantic search in the neighborhood, could not locate a camera to record the sight.

The UFO remained in view hovering above the trees for nearly a half an hour before dimming and suddenly disappearing into the sky.

Thursday, May 20, 1976

The Flathead Courier Montana

CR: Tim Church

CR: MUFON
May 14, 1976
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Eau Claire Leader-Telegram

Strange visitors

CR: R. Heiden/
J. Auburn

Upset Tosa couple

By Carol Wahlen March 8, 1976
For the Post

Are people from outer space visiting our planet?

Anne and Peter E. of Wauwatosa think they are. In fact, they believe they had such visitors last year.

Pete, 64, who was a foreman with a local construction company for over 30 years until his retirement in 1973, still gets excited when he speaks of the experience.

Anne, 59, says she wouldn't believe it if she hadn't seen it herself.

It was in November, the tenth to be exact. Pete remembered the date as if it were branded on his memory. The doorbell rang at 7:50 p.m.

Anne, going to answer the bell, peeped through the curtained window on the door as was her usual practice. Standing just below the stoop, about four feet from the door, was a strangely dressed person of average height. He was grasping a five foot white staff with his left hand.

Opening the inner door, Anne quickly locked the screen door; even though it was November, Pete hadn't put on the storm door because it had been a mild fall and the cold Wisconsin winter hadn't arrived.

"Yes?" Anne asked through the screen door. Hearing no reply, she again said, "Yes?"

At this point, she turned to her husband for assistance. "Come here, he doesn't talk," she said.

Pete went to the door. Upon seeing the strange looking person, he remarked, "What the hell is this, something left over from trick or treat?" With that Pete unlocked the screen door and opened it in order to get a better look.

The lights from the house clearly lit the visitor.

"The skin on his face was the same as smoked meat and the face was lined with deep grooves," Pete said. He went on to describe the stranger's mouth as a small puckered opening, no bigger than a dime. Other than recalling that the visitor had a very pointed chin, Pete could not remember any other facial features.

Anne also drew a blank when it came to describing the rest of the visitor's face but she did remember his hat.

"It was shaped like a man's straw hat except the brim was more narrow," she recalled.

Pete added another item to the description, the person had tufts of hair sticking out from either side of the hat. He could not remember the color of the hair.

As Pete leaned out to grab what he at first thought was a prankster, the visitor raised his white staff and rapped it on the sidewalk. The staff made three clicking sounds and the stranger moved away.

"He didn't step back or jump back, he just drifted away from me," Pete said.

It was then that Pete became aware of four other creatures out on the lawn and in the street. "They were all dressed alike and they all carried a white staff in their left hands," Pete said.

"One of them was heavier than the rest. He was out in the middle of the street. He was rapping his staff on the asphalt and floating two to three feet above the ground each time it clicked. The staff seemed to be some kind of an energy stick. That roly-poly one seemed to be having the time of his life, bouncing up and down like that. He looked like the astronauts looked when they jumped on the moon. Only he seemed to have more control over his movements than they did."

Pete described the other three visitors as just moving across the lawn. "Their feet were making walking motions but they were two or three inches above the ground," he said excitedly.

All of them, he said, had a deformed look. He described their hands as looking like arthritic claws and their legs as being bent and bowed.

"They looked like over-sized gnomes," he said.

"As I leaned out, Anne grabbed hold of the suspenders on my overalls and pulled. When she got me back inside, I must have gone into a state of shock. I know I knew exactly what they looked like when I was leaning out the door, but once I was inside the house, I couldn't remember much about their faces or dress," Pete said.

"As I fell into a chair, Anne looked out the front window," he said.

"I could see only three of them," Anne said. "The one that had been at the door was drifting across the lawn. He turned and raised his hand to me. It wasn't a clenched fist, just kind of bent, that's how all their hands were naturally."

Both Pete and his wife agreed that they did not feel threatened by the visitors.

As to why they came to his house, Pete could not give a reason. He thought that their way of communicating was probably different from ours because their mouths were so much smaller. He wondered if they could eat with such a small opening and concluded that maybe they could drink liquids through a straw.

As soon as he regained his composure, Pete called the Wauwatosa Police Department.

Officer Daniel Anderson, after receiving a radio message about strange looking people annoying residents on Beverly Place, surveyed the area around the Menomonee River Parkway. The Parkway is two blocks from the home.

Pete called the police the next day and the day after that to see if the police had

found anything.

On the third day, Officer Anderson came to the house to say that he had found nothing.

Anne and Pete said they got the impression that Anderson thought that they were a couple of nuts.

Apparently that must have been the officer's opinion because he did not write up a report about the incident.

Peter and Anne still believe they were visited by spacemen even though they have had to take a lot of kidding from friends and relatives. "My own son walks hunchbacked and says click-click just to kid us," Pete said.

Only one neighbor has been receptive to the story. He and his wife saw a strange vehicle in the sky while driving through the Menomonee River Parkway

two years ago. His neighbors never told anyone about it until now because they were afraid people would make fun of them.

"You know, they were right. No one takes us seriously. They all think we are making it up or that someone pulled a joke on us. I'll believe it was a joke when someone shows me those staffs," Pete said.

Besides, the whole thing took about two minutes. Who would go to so much trouble for just two minutes? And how could anyone get people to float all over my lawn?"



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March 19, 1976

'UFO' turns out to be signal flare

What looked like an unidentified flying object and sounded like an explosion turned out to be a signal flare fired in Woodside last night.

Sheriff Deputy William McCrae found the illumination flare receptacle shortly before midnight following a report by a startled Woodside man.

Paul Stunz, 30, of 175 Sunset Drive, told McCrae he was sitting in his living room looking over the Peninsula when a loud noise and bright streak of light caught his attention.

Fearing an explosion or fire, Stunz called sheriff's deputies who searched the area and found the signal flare casing along La Honda Road below the Stunz residence.

There was no evidence, however, indicating who may have fired the device or why.

Reports UFO Near Steffenville

An unidentified flying object was sighted in the Steffenville-Newark area the evening of Feb. 16, according to report from Mrs. Tom McChristy. Mrs. McChristy says her granddaughter, Lynn Hoffman, was driving home from Newark when she noticed a bright object coming. It hovered some 30 to 40 feet above the truck she was driving and lighted up the whole road. Lynn reported being awfully scared, but at the Steffenville junctions of Routes 156 and D, the object turned north, rising up and disappeared. Lynn continued home and got her mother. Together they returned to the junction and drove north to Sharpe's airport, but the object was gone.

Wayne boy spots UFO

WAYNE — An unidentified flying object was observed here Thursday night by a fourth grade boy at his family's hilltop farm near North Wayne.

Michael Waitt, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Waitt, had just returned home from a grade school roller skating outing at about 9:30 p.m. and had gone with his mother to the family's large horse barn to complete the evening chores. Remembering he had to feed his new 4-H lamb in the old cow barn, he headed back to the house for a flashlight, leaving his mother in the barn.

While walking the short distance to the house the boy suddenly remembered he had forgotten to ask his mother the whereabouts of the flashlight, and turned around. It was then he spotted the mysterious object.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter but it made no sound. Scared me a lot," he said.

Describing the experience, Michael related that the object was round with a light on top and bottom and was circled with many lights. "It came smoothly across the field and when it reached the wires, it slowed down and then

speeded up as it went over the roof."

His mother, Mary, said her son was quite pale and excited after running to tell her. By the time she ran outside, the object had disappeared.

In the meantime his father had arrived home and noticed a peculiar smell which he could describe only as electrical, kind of like the time our freezer burned up." Another man with him at the time, Ronald Merrifield, with whom he had just checked some hay fields, said the smell burned the nostrils somewhat. Neither was aware of the UFO sighting until the mother and son returned from the barn. They also immediately commented on the strange odor.

Waitt, a purchasing agent at International Paper in Jay, commented that neighbors had informed him that this was not the first sighting on this farm. Some three years ago neighbors had spotted a mysterious flying object in the same field, just before the new horse barn was constructed.

CR: MUFON

Glowing Light Seen to North Of Two Rivers

Strange lights were spotted early Saturday morning in the sky north and east of Two Rivers.

A Rt. 3, Two Rivers, resident notified Two Rivers police shortly after 5 a.m. that she had been viewing a blue-white light in the sky north of the city. The viewing, she said, had been for at least 30 minutes.

Police officers were sent to the northeast side of the city. They, too, reported seeing a glow in the sky east of Highway 42 towards Lake Michigan. Police also said the light had what looked like a long vapor trail.

Police theorize the light was from a comet that had been announced about a week ago.

Manitowoc Herald Times
Wisconsin
MAR 6 1976
CR: R. Heiden/
J. Auburn

UFO Sightings Reported

The subject of "U.F.O.'s" has been the topic of discussion here within the past few days.

The sheriff's department has received "a few" calls from persons who reported seeing "strange" objects in the sky, however, most seem to agree that there are bright lights on the "objects".

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Record-Gleaner
Wisc.



Robert Morris:

UFO Observer Still in News

HERB SCHIRMER, the former Ashland, Neb., policeman who in 1967 reported seeing a UFO and talking to its occupants, is still getting press attention.

Now living in Port Roberts, Wash., Schirmer was recently interviewed by a Canadian newspaper, which devoted a full page to his experience.

Included were drawings of the UFO and of one of the gray-faced men (with cat-like eyes) whom Schirmer, under hypnosis, recalled seeing.

Schirmer wrote to a friend here that he expects to be interviewed on a TV show. He has attempted to duplicate the spacecraft sounds through use of a sound synthesizer.

Schirmer said the space visitors told him that twice more in his lifetime he would be visited by spacecraft. But it hasn't happened yet. "I never saw anything again," he told the Canadian interviewer.



Schirmer ... 1967 photo.

Spokane Daily Chronicle, Thursday, April 8, 1976.

(WASH.)
Author Speaker

Animal Mutilations Attributed to UFOs

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—UFOs, not devil cults, are responsible for animal mutilations across the county, according to Jerome Eden, a journalist and author of "Planet in Trouble."

"This mutilization of cattle, sheep and dogs from Texas to Idaho is a bloodless and professional dissection that could only be done by spacecraft because of a lack of footprints and by beings far superior to us in intelligence," Eden told a North Idaho College popcorn forum audience this week.

If unchecked, he said, this interplanetary assault by unidentified flying objects will turn our planet into a desert moon as predicted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur before his death.

Eden said he wrote in an earlier book, "Orgone Energy—The Answer to Atomic Suicide," that "nuclear energy is a death energy."

Instead, he said, he encour-

ages the use of orgone energy, which he described as a cosmic, life-giving, health-giving energy discovered by Dr. Wilhelm Reich, a brilliant Austrian physician who became an American citizen about 1940.

At present, said Eden, our world is governed by power which comes from major, international and interlocking power companies. Oil, electric and atomic power are in control, he said, yet free cosmic power once developed could cure the sick, dissolve tumors, run silent motors and "all without pollution."

Eden said that his sightings of UFOs, research and Dr. Reich's discoveries lead him to believe that UFOs use cosmic orgone energy to propel their spacecraft.

He said the world must ban together, quit petty bickering and approach the problem of UFOs with united scientific minds.

Omaha World-Herald, Monday, April 26, 1976 (NEBRASKA) CR: TIM CHURCH

UFO Accounts Similar

FOR what it's worth, a local student of UFO phenomena says stories of a recent UFO experience in Arizona remind him of a similar adventure reported nine years ago by former Nebraskan Herb Schirmer.

In the Arizona case, Travis Walton said he was taken aboard a spacecraft by white-skinned creatures. It was a two-level craft, he said. He could not remember details of his experience at first, but recalled them under hypnosis. Schirmer's account was similar in all these respects, the UNO student said. Schirmer, an Ashland, Neb., policeman at the time, now lives at Point Roberts, Wash.

Six companions of the Arizona man claim they witnessed his capture by the UNO crew.

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NEBRASKA

CR: TIM CHURCH

Lincoln County Leader
Toledo, Oregon
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Sholder said three other persons in the car with him also spotted the object, described as being saucer-shaped with white blinkers in the center and orange and green lights.

Sholder and his three friends were returning from a Wall Township night club at the time of the sighting.

It's UFO Time

In County, Again

A silver disc-shaped UFO was reported to the sheriff's office May 12 by three teenage girls who said they viewed it from the Arctic Circle Newport.

The object, which was said to be fairly high in the sky at dusk and leaving no vapor trail, was also reported by several adults, according to the sheriff's office report.

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ASBURY PARK, NJ
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4 Men Claim
UFO Sighting

LAKEWOOD — Police said they have no additional information in connection with an alleged Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting early Thursday morning.

Police also said a report that officials at McGuire Air Force Base spotted the object on radar screens was not true.

The alleged UFO was spotted by John Sholder, Jackson Township, early Thursday morning while he was traveling south on Squankum road.

Those UFO's . . . 'Cosmic Watergate'

By Janet Reinka
Staff Writer

✓ A local man says that while aboard a navy ship in 1957 he picked up on the radar screen — and then went on deck to see with his own eyes — a spaceship doing loop-the-loops at 1,800 miles an hour.

His captain told him to scratch the record of it from the ship's log.

✓ At high noon one day in 1950 at Fort Sill, Okla., another man says he and six others in an airport control tower saw a flying saucer make an arc over the horizon and disappear from sight.

The FBI agent who investigated it laughed at them and told them what they had seen wasn't very important.

THAT, ACCORDING to Stanton T. Friedman, a nuclear physicist who wants to be known as the "Ralph Nader of the UFO," is the government's way of dealing with what he calls a "cosmic Watergate."

Friedman, who delivered to an audience of 420 at Skyline College Wednesday night one of the 50 to 90 lectures he gives each year, said he has received secret information from some Deep Throats of his own in the military.

They have told him that the government has found downed UFO's in farmyards, paid off the farmer and carted the craft off. One of the reasons the government doesn't want things like that known, he says, is so it can edge out the Soviet Union in developing saucer bombers that can fly as fast as 10,000 miles an hour, turn at right angles, or zip straight up.

BUT THE MOST important reason that news of UFO's is covered up and those who sight them are laughed at, Friedman says, is that all governments want their people to think nationalistically.

"They always say in the comic books, 'take me to your leader,'" he said. "Who would we take them to? President Ford doesn't even speak for the people of the United States, much less the world."

If people realized they were being visited by aliens, they would not panic, but rather unite as earthlings against "the critters."

What else can you call them?" he asked.

Friedman, who has a master's degree and has worked on nuclear rockets, said he started full-time on the lecture circuit after he got tired of government contracts being cancelled after a year or so at various corporations for which he has worked.

From his talks in most of the 50 states and from hearing testimony such as the two local men gave during a question-and-answer period after his lecture, he is sure that most people believe in UFO's but are reluctant to be identified as kooks.

"I'VE TALKED IN most of the country, he said. "I think I have my finger on the nation's pulse. Fifteen million people in the U.S. have seen one. But most sightings are by people who aren't being vocal."

If you've never seen one — and don't know anyone who has — that's because you "don't know the right people" and haven't been in the right place at the right time. Even Friedman himself has never seen one with his own eyes. But he has slides of them which he showed during the talk.

The spacecraft were variations on the basic saucer shape. Some looked like a garbage can lid, others a hat, and others the fancy silver lid on a serving dish.

Their occupants have two arms, two legs, a head and a body — and no distinguishing features like a third

eye or a pointed head.

But you'd know one if you saw one. They have bald heads shaped like an elongated coconut, wrap-around eyes, nostrils in place of a nose as we know it, and grey skin.

ANOTHER TIP-OFF: — They speak English with a "foreign" accent.

"They probably feed our TV commercials into a computer and that's how it comes out," Friedman explained.

Friedman thinks it's possible that critters have been involved in mutilating cattle, abductions, and other mysteries that have been blamed on them. But there's no real evidence of that.

"I know of nothing that indicates they have," he said. "I'm not saying they haven't. As a scientist, I just don't want to jump to a conclusion."

Friedman thinks "fossilized physicists and naysaying newsmen" are responsible for making the average person reluctant to own up to his belief in UFO's.

And the biggest reason these opinion leaders are sceptical is because they believe that, had a UFO landed, it would have asked to speak to someone in the scientific community or have called a press conference.

"Newspapers should have UFO reporters," he said. "The National Enquirer does a better job than the New York Times of covering UFO's."

After all, that may be what these extraterrestrial visitors are doing here.

"MAYBE THEY'RE reporters writing a column on life on Earth. Maybe they're grad students doing a thesis on primitive life. Maybe this is the honeymoon capital of the galaxy."

"Who knows what they could be doing here? But I'm convinced they're here — and they're real."

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Minnesota residents see variety of UFOs, lights

UFO Sighted
Patrolmen Louis Pirrello and Joseph Bongiovanni investigated a sighting of an unidentified flying object early Monday morning.

Mrs. Rose Kellerher of Fairview Pl. called the police after her 16 year old son Steven told her and her husband he had seen a UFO. The Kellerhers followed their son outside and saw a round flying object heading north with red, green, and white lights. Mr. Kellerher, who observed the UFO through telescopic glasses, determined that it was approximately 100 miles away.

Ridder News Service

GOODRIDGE, Minn. — "It had bright, flashing yellow lights and it seemed to come toward us. When we turned off our car lights, the object sped away."

Carolyn Dahlen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Dahlen, rural Goodridge, say they spotted the strange object at the intersection of highways 1 and 59.

up and looked out, he said he spotted a bright light which he described as looking like a moon and which quickly sped off.

This was the description by Scott Pahlen, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Pahlen of Plummer, Minn., of the latest incident in a rash of reports of sighting so-called unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in this northwestern Minnesota farm area.

A week later, near Plummer, they say, they spotted another object. This one had red and white flashing lights and they said they were able to follow it for several miles. However, Pahlen said the Plummer object could have been a helicopter or aircraft.

—Erling Dahlen, father of Carolyn, was awakened when his dogs became excited. When he looked out, he said he saw a strange red and white object which traveled at a terrific speed and which was capable of making quick turns.

Richard Fafak, who is with the Center for Unusual Phenomena at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, said he has sent letters to Goodridge residents seeking additional information about the encounters, but his queries have not yet been answered. Pahlen and his date,

"It just didn't have the same characteristics as the first sighting. The lights just weren't as bright," he said. Among the other recently reported sightings were these: —Gerald Sjelestad, who farms southeast of Goodridge, and his wife say they were awakened by their dogs whining. When Sjelestad got

Three Goodridge girls, Gilda Manderud, 19, her sister, Lori, 16, and Tammy Johnson, 15, were returning from a basketball tournament last fall when they say they spotted a bright light near the junction of highways 1 and 219 south of Goodridge.

The object was described as being orange in color and saucer shaped.

U.F.O. SIGHTED: UNNERVING EXPERIENCE FOR DUCK SHOOTER

AUSTRALIA

"DERWENT VALLEY GAZETTE"
Tasmania, Australia

Thursday, February 26, 1976
From: Joe Brill

UFO's over Maydena for second time in a week

UFO's were over Maydena again last Saturday night.

It was the second time in a week that UFO's flew over the town late at night.

They followed the same direction — from east to west — and many people who poo-hooped the idea of UFO's before last Saturday night, are now having second thoughts.

The first known sighting was made by a group of men outside the Maydena RSL Club about 11.50 p.m. They called out others to watch the two strange orange-red lights as they floated towards the west from Abbott's Lookout.

"I'm glad there were some blokes playing eight-ball who had not been drinking," one man said.

While many of the men were wondering if their families would believe what they had seen, a woman some distance away was wondering if anybody would believe what she was seeing.

Mrs. P. Green had been visiting relatives, and was waiting outside their home for her husband to collect her.

Mrs. Green said the two lights appeared over Abbott's Lookout: "I'd never believed in UFO's before, but I'll certainly be watching the sky in future," she said.

She brought relatives and friends from inside the house to look for themselves. She said the UFO's made no noise, and moved slowly towards the west.

Then one of them moved off briskly towards the south west while the other drifted more slowly: "It seemed to stay in one place for quite a time, and then it faded out and disappeared," she said.

Mrs. Green said that at one stage she could make out the UFO's below the line of the hills.

"I certainly won't be laughing at UFO reports in the future," she said.

Mrs. Green takes weather readings for the Weather Bureau at weekends and on holidays, and is conversant with reading sky conditions.

No hoax

UFO investigators checked out all possible solutions, but authorities reported there were no satellites in the area. The Department of Civil Aviation, and the RAAF, also said there were no aircraft aloft in the Maydena area at the time.

Last year there was a UFO hoax in Hobart when students released gas-filled balloons which had a light attached.

Bearing this in mind, UFO investigators checked as to whether balloons could have been released from Abbott's Lookout. On top of the lookout is a television relay sta-

tion, and aerials for two-way radio systems.

Const. M. Lowery of Maydena said it would have been impossible for anybody to get through the locked ANM Ltd. gate to drive the seven miles along a track to the top of the lookout.

"I'm sure there is nobody here keen enough to walk the distance on the chance of sparking off a hoax UFO report," he said.

Const. Lowery confirmed that a number of UFO sightings had been made in the Maydena area for some time. Mrs. Lowery herself had seen a number of UFO's at night, he said.

The sightings made on Saturday night were similar to those made the previous Tuesday when three young May-

dena men saw two mysterious lights flying the same route.

The three, Wayne Thorpe, Paul Donoghue, and Tim Jeffries, were applauded by the UFO Investigation Centre for taking the trouble to put through three calls to Hobart from a call box following their sightings at 10.15 p.m.

The three said they saw one of the UFO's drop towards the ground about two miles from Maydena.

In daylight the next day, they tried to find the spot, but said the bush was too thick for them to get into the area for a complete search.

While the one UFO dropped down, the other flew straight up into the night sky, and disappeared.

\$10 million offered for a working UFO

WINNIPEG (CP) — Businessman Frank Mencini doesn't ask anyone who spots a UFO to get a grip on his senses — just on the space ship.

Mr. Mencini says he is willing to pay \$10 million to anyone who can provide him with a legitimate, operational space vehicle from another planet.

"I believe someone has one of those vehicles but is not prepared to release it unless some substantial re-

ward is offered."

Mr. Mencini says if he found a legitimate spaceship he could make millions. "People would line up from here to the Chicago Museum to pay their one-dollar admission charge to see it."

At present he says he is negotiating with a local bank to finance the purchase which he says will back up his theory that unidentified flying objects are real and have been visiting this planet.

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April 14 1976
A well known King Island duck shooter had an unnerving experience in the early hours on Saturday morning as he waited for dawn to break on a remote part of King Island.

The King Island man, who wishes to remain anonymous, had driven to a wild and uninhabited part of the coastline near Whistler Point well before dawn in order to shoot ducks along the shore at first light.

He had been parked for more than ten minutes when at about 5.30 a.m. there was no sign of dawn when looking north easterly, direction he noticed what first appeared to be a beam of light such as could be emitted by a powerful torch or motor-bike headlight moving across the brow of a hill less than half a mile away, in a westerly direction.

This puzzled the shooter as he was familiar with the terrain and knew there was and front centre, and these were interspersed on each side by two broken shafts no track which would per-

mit free movement in that area. Nor could he hear any sound of a motor.

He also had the impression of some object moving behind and with the light.

As he watched the movement turned in his direction and he was amazed to see that the beam of light was much bigger and more "solid" than he had first thought.

The source of the light appeared to be a cross-like object, about the size or smaller than a small plane. This was travelling down through the air following the terrain down the hill in the shooter's direction at a steady speed and maintaining a fixed altitude above the ground.

As it approached the object emitted an inverted cone of bright orange light which shone groundwards at an angle in front of the object.

This cone of light was defined by brighter shafts of light at its extremities of a different degree of brightness.

As this object continued to move in his direction, the shooter became convinced that it had been attracted by his car so he left the vehicle to watch its approach from the other side of the small hill on which he was parked.

When closest to him, the cone of light appeared to be about 30 yards across at its base, and about 60 yards from its base to its source.

The object continued its forward approach for about a minute, or less then it reversed its direction and moved back in a direct line from where it had come, disappearing over the skyline.

Again the shooter was at no time conscious of hearing any noise which could be associated with the object.

Although somewhat unnerved the shooter remained at the spot until dawn, but abandoned duck shooting for the day.

To avoid publicity he had not intended to report what he had seen, but curiosity has got the better of him, and he is anxious to know if any other early riser on Saturday saw anything peculiar.

King Island, Tasmania AUSTRALIA
Australia April 14, 1976

EDMONTON JOURNAL, Friday, May 23, 1975

Alberta, Canada
CR: Musgrave

'Red glow' in bushland



Senior Constable Baker examines the spot near Robertson where local farmers say a space object may have landed.

GRASS WITHERED WHERE MYSTERY OBJECT LANDED

Russian space junk, a meteorite shower, or a UFO? What was the mystery object sighted by thousands of NSW people as it flashed across the night sky on May 24?

By PHIL SCOTT

Where did it land? Newspaper reports claimed it was a piece of Russian space hardware burning up as it re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

Astronomers, scientists, and space experts variously calculated that the object would land near Robertson in southern NSW, off the coast near Shellharbour or in the Antarctic.

Scientists at the University of Wollongong weighed up the possibilities and decided to search in the Robertson area — for a crashed meteorite.

Copter search

Local farmer Harry Warren mounted his own search after claiming he saw an object glowing red in bushland about two kilometres from his house.

He said the object glowed for about 10 minutes then disappeared. It made no sound and he could see no smoke.

The next day he found a patch of withered grass about two kilometres from his farmhouse.

The grass wasn't burnt but withered for about two inches on the tips.

The Navy, prompted by the Russian space junk theory, scoured the area by helicopter but found nothing.

Speculation aside the Robertson mystery presents a complex and confusing picture:

- For two weeks before May 24, NSW had its heaviest meteorite "shower" for many years. The meteorites travelled from west to east at speeds of up to 42 km per second.

- On May 24, the sighted object or objects travelled from north-west to south-east at speeds appreciably slower than normal for a meteorite.

- Sydney people reported sighting the object at around 8.45 pm. Robertson police received first report of a sighting just after dark — at 5.30 pm.

Red satellite?

A NASA spokesman in Canberra said the object was probably the remains of Omrikon 1, a 1974 satellite expected to return to earth that week.

Two days later the North American Defence Command went on record as stating that the object was the Russian satellite Cosmos 820, launched in Russia about 10 days before.

- The object was first reported to have landed near Robertson, sparking off several bushfires.

According to Dr Richard Facer, from the University of Wollongong, a meteorite would be very unlikely to cause a fire on impact.

Local residents claimed later that some fires had been burning in the area for up to three days before May 24, as farmers cleared scrubland.

- Dr Facer and Mr Glen Moore, a lecturer in physics, calculated that the object would have landed in the sea off Shellharbour.

They were later contacted by an ex-Army officer who was sufficiently worried to put his family in a downstairs room as the object zoomed over his Shellharbour home.

- A Sydney Observatory spokesman said the following day that the

object would disintegrate or land in the Antarctic or Southern Ocean.

This week I visited Robertson, famous for its potatoes and wet weather, in the hope of discounting a few of the theories.

Harry Warren, the farmer who saw the "red glow," was out of town for the week.

Senior Constable Alan Baker took me to the

spot where Mr Warren thought the object had landed.

After nearly three weeks the grass is still withered. It is not anything like the "saucer nests" which have been found in northern Queensland.

'Not the spot'

Const. Baker believes the grass is suffering

from some sort of fungus.

He doesn't seem convinced that the spot is a crash site.

"Harry definitely saw something out here that night," Const Baker said.

"But I don't think this is the spot where he saw it."

Less than half a kilometre away the farmland turns into thickly wooded forest and drops into a steep ravine.

"If the object crashed into the forest I don't

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Mr Glen Moore and Dr Richard Facer, in Dr Facer's office at the University of Wollongong, examine meteorites.

think we'd have much chance of finding it," Const Baker said.

"The whole episode has developed into a riddle.

"We got our first call on a sighting from a local woman a few hours before the thing was reported to have crashed.

"Harry apparently didn't see the red glow until 10pm — nearly an hour after the reported crash.

"If it was a will-o-the-wisp, then it was a red one."

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Sydney, N.S.W.

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AUSTRALIA

Cape mystified by sky trail

NO ONE can explain an unidentified flying object seen manoeuvring over Cape Town at dusk on Tuesday — about the same time that two loud explosions were heard over a wide area around Table Bay.

Mrs Alice Pagan and her sister, Miss Margaret Campbell, who live in a flat at Three Anchor Bay, said they saw a narrow, bright, red trail climbing steeply into the sky from sea level south of Robben Island.

By LEONARD PORT

Shortly afterwards they heard a loud explosion which shook buildings. A second explosion was reported about an hour and a half later.

Brigadier Cyrus Smith, director of Public Relations for the Defence Force

was among many people who saw a trail in the sky. Brigadier Smith thought it might be some kind of rocket because it flew rapidly on a direct path, but then suddenly it made a smooth turn and headed off in about the same direction it had come. "We concluded it was presumably the vapour trail of a high-flying jet," However, senior Air Force officials said no military aircraft were flying in the area at the time.

"Sunday Times" May 9, 1976
Cape Town, South Africa
From: Joe Brill

Morning glow startles viewers

AUSTRALIA

A frosted glow which lit the northern horizon over the Cooperook State Forest has left Mr and Cec Drury and his wife, Dorothy, of Mitchell's Island wondering exactly what they saw in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr Drury said the light when he got out of bed at 4.20 am, just before most farmers start milking.

"From where I was standing on the verandah of the house it looked like a glow from a frosted light turned upside

down and multiplied a million times," he said.

"The glow spread across the horizon in the north and was in a line with the lookout in the Cooperook State forest over the Wauchope way.

Hostile

"When I woke my wife to come and see the glow she was a bit hostile but when she saw the light she just stood

there in silence," Mr Drury said.

Despite the cold, the Drurys stood there for about 25 minutes watching the display.

It looked like an electric storm upside down going from the earth up to the sky, but there was no sound.

The light was so bright it actually created a shadow on the Drury's verandah.

Maydena UFO's baffle experts

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects continued their baffling flights over Maydena last week.

After making about six appearances between February 17 and last Wednesday, the town was ready for the Thursday night fly-past.

Const. Mike Lowery of Maydena said locals arranged with one man to ring the church bell if any UFO's were sighted.

The wait was not in vain. At 10.50 p.m., two UFO's were seen approaching the town from the east. The church bell was rung, and people poured out of houses into the main road and side streets.

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre said there was no natural explanation for the sightings. No aircraft were in the vicinity, they were certainly not stars that were seen; and hoax balloon possibilities were ruled out. The wind was blowing the opposite way.

Investigators said one sighting was made on February 17, and others on February 21, and each night until February 26.

The times the UFO's appeared varied from 10.15 pm to 11.55 p.m., and hundreds of people saw them.

Some watched through binoculars and telescopes, and one man claimed that when he looked at one of the lights it took on the appearance of two lights — one at each end of a "cage like structure".

"DERWENT VALLEY GAZETTE"-Tasmania
Australia

Thursday - March 4, 1976

From: Joe Brill

"EXAMINER" AUSTRALIA 25 MAY 1976 Launceston, Tas. U.F.O. seen over North

Hundreds of people throughout Northern Tasmania reported seeing a bright light in the sky about 8.30 to 9.30 last night.

Most believed it to be a flying saucer.

Some said they saw an orange light travelling at a speed faster than any aircraft could fly, and others said they saw a series of about five bright lights travelling in formation across the sky.

The Department of Civil Aviation said it was probably a piece of rocket casing from a satellite or a meteorite re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

But Mr Keith Allanby, of Quarantine Rd, who de-

scribes himself as a part-time astronomer and who had six years flying experience during World War II, says it definitely wasn't a piece of space debris.

"Space garbage goes straight down — it doesn't make a neat formation and fly according to the earth's curvature," he said.

"If it was something we know here on earth, it would have to be travelling at a height of about 1200 m.

Mr Allanby wouldn't comment on what he thought it might be.

An official of the South African Astronomical observatory in Cape Town was reluctant to comment, but said the unidentified flying object was probably terrestrial rather than astronomical.

Rhodesia-Herald
May 27, 1976
SOUTH AFRICA
From: Joe Brill
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Sighting of UFO reported to police

Herald Reporter
THE UFOs could be back over Salisbury—according to one family from Meyrick Park.

A Salisbury police spokesman said yesterday they had answered a call from a man in Meyrick Park on Tuesday evening, claiming he had seen an unidentified flying object.

"The man said he had seen three white lights travelling from south to north-west.

"Later he saw just one white light travelling from south to north," said a police spokesman. He added: "The man said he and his family had watched the lights, and they felt the lights were the size of a cycle lamp."

The incident was logged at the Police Control Room.

Cape blasts from UFO?

Public Relations, Brigadier Cyrus Smith. Brigadier Smith said he was in Wynberg when he saw a high-flying object with a pinkish red trail come across the sea and then disappear from sight behind Constantia peak. Mr J Klein of Goodwood and his 18-year-old son said they saw the object travelling from north to south as it went out over Table Bay and watched it do a turn and accelerate as it doubled back on its flight path.

The people who saw the high-flying missile flash across the night sky said that it appeared to be a supersonic aircraft with its vapour trail reflecting the pinkish-red colour of the setting sun. Defence Force officials, however, said that there were definitely no SA Air Force aircraft flying in the area at the time. One of the many people who saw the "object" shoot across Table Bay was the Defence Force Director of

Own Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The mystery of the series of blasts which rocked the Cape Town coastline belt on Tuesday evening deepened today as numerous people came forward with reports of having seen a vapour-trailing object shoot across Table Bay at a high altitude seconds before the deafening explosion was heard.

Sunday Times

Perth, W.A., Australia

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ASTRONAUTS SPOTTED UFOs

NEW YORK, Sat.—Two US astronauts graphically describe seeing UFOs, on a new long-playing record released this month.

Both claim photographs of the mysterious objects apparently vanished once they got into official hands.

Astronauts Gen. James McDivitt and Col. Gordon Cooper tell their stories on a record produced by UFO investigator E. Lee Spiegl called UFOs: The Credibility Factor. It is distributed by Columbia.

McDivitt gives a detailed account of watching and photographing a UFO which flew alongside his Gemini IV spacecraft in June, 1966.

McDivitt says on the record: "I have never been able to identify it, and I don't think anyone ever will."

"As it (the Gemini capsule) was rotating around, I noticed something out in front that was a white cylindrical shape with a white pole sticking out of one corner of it. I couldn't tell how close it was and I couldn't tell what the size was—depth perception is not very good unless you know what the size of the object is that you're looking at. I thought I might run into it, so I turned on the flight control system."

"Two cameras were floating in the spacecraft. I grabbed one of them and took a picture. I let go of it. Then I grabbed the other one and took a picture. 'I never did find out what it was, and nobody else ever did either.' They checked NORAD records to see what they had up on radar and there wasn't anything within very close range of us."

McDivitt says the films he took were sent to Houston. When the published pictures did not show the object, he went to Houston and looked through all the frames.

"And there wasn't anything in there like what I had seen!" he said.

Cooper says he sighted a group of strange objects while stationed with a fighter group in Germany before he joined NASA.

Cooper says the objects appeared for three days. They flew strange patterns, like fighter formations except that sometimes they would almost stop, or change direction suddenly in a right 90-degree turn.

Cooper says almost every pilot on the base flew as high as their planes would take them "still trying to spot these strange devices flying overhead, and we never could get close enough really to pin them down. But they were round in shape and very metallic-looking."

Four see U.F.O.

Four people in Gladstone-crest at about 6.30pm on Tuesday say that they saw an unidentified flying object.

One of the persons who claims to have seen the UFO said yesterday that it appeared as a bright light approaching from the West.

He said that he estimated it to be about three miles away and it was visible for about a minute before sinking slowly and being obscured by roof tops.

"It was just like looking at a sealed beam light, with a dark rectangular object attached to it," he told the Collie Mail.

He had reported the matter to Collie police, but would not release his or the names of the three other people for publication because people might get the idea they were "funny".

Collie Mail AUSTRALIA
Collie, W.A., Australia April 29, 1976

"MERCURY" March 1, 1976 (Hobart)
Tasmania, Australia CR: Joe Brill

UFO escorts truck on trip through valley

TWO truck drivers had a hair-raising experience on February 17 when a UFO escorted them from Nive Hill, Wayatinah, to Berriedale.

The men were taking a truck load of abalone from Strahan to Dover. One of them, Mr. Ron Wilson, of Midway Pt., is a maintenance engineer with Victorian Canning Co. (Industries) Pty. Ltd.

He was driving when he first saw the UFO: "I was coming down Nive Hill, and it looked to be over Black Bobs," he said.

The truck, a low geared International, was buzzed during the three hours it took to get from Wayatinah to Berriedale.

The men said the UFO had a brilliant yellow-white light in the shape of a dome, and underneath it they could make out what appeared to be the shape of a body: "It looked something like a sausage bent down at each end," Mr. Wilson said.

Stopped

He said the UFO kept pace with the truck, and stayed slightly in front, and to the left.

It followed the truck down through Ouse, and Hamilton. Near the old Plenty Bridge on the Lyell Highway, Mr. Wilson decided to stop: "Just to see if it would come any closer."

He said it appeared to be about 50 ft. in diameter.

As they stopped the truck, the UFO shifted from its escort position, and flew over the River Derwent, and hovered on the opposite side.

"As soon as we started the truck up, back it came," Mr. Wilson said.

The men tried to use the wireless in the truck, but were unable to pick up any radio stations. All they got was "a lot of static."

The UFO was about 600

yards from the truck for most of the time.

Between New Norfolk and Granton, the men could see it clearly outlined as it flew between them and the Dromedary Hills, and lower than the top of the hills.

They kept it in sight until they reached Berriedale when it started to climb, and eventually disappeared.

Mr. Wilson said after they passed through New Norfolk another light appeared some distance away from the escorting UFO. This too kept pace until they reached Berriedale.

He said soon after the UFO flew off, the radio started working normally.

Classic

The men reported the sighting at the insistence of the company manager following reports of sightings in Maydena.

From his home last night, Mr. Wilson said he had not felt like reporting the incident: "People don't believe you. I wouldn't have believed it myself if I hadn't seen it," he said.

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre said yesterday the sighting was a classic low level one.

The centre also said that since the initial Maydena sightings there had been others last Sunday night.

UFO followed us, say two truck drivers

Two truck drivers yesterday claimed they were followed by a white, dome-shaped light from Tarraleah to Berriedale last week.

Mr Phil Fazackerley, of Nubeena, and Mr Ron Wilson, of Midway Pt., said they were taking a load of abalone from Strahan to a canning factory at Dunally.

They first noticed the light at Tarraleah about 3 am, and it followed them to Berriedale, then disappeared when daylight broke.

Mr Fazackerley said there was an orange light below the bright light.

A spokesman for the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre said there was no immediate explanation for the phenomenon, but the matter would be investigated.

Mercury
Tasmania, Australia
Feb. 25, 1976
CR: Joe Brill

AUSTRALIA

NOTE
YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

- 1) City and Country of incident: Olavarría, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: May 14, 1976
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - May 22, 1976
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A trucker from Olavarría claims he was kidnapped by extraterrestrial beings and he now suffers disorders.

Olavarría (From our agency) - Mar del Plate - "I suddenly saw something like a giant oyster that emitted a brilliant and blinding light, it opened... and I found myself inside with my truck."

That is the phantastic story of a surprised trucker who claims having been "kidnapped in the early hours of a foggy morning by extraterrestrial beings".

The amazed driver's name is Néstor Urruti, 47, who lives at Balcarce and Ave. Circunvalación. As a consequence of his strange encounter he is now "the man of the day".

He related his incredible experience thus: "I was driving over a bridge on the Ave. Pringles in a thick fog when I saw "that"... It opened like a big oyster and was very brilliant. Following that, the truck and I found ourselves inside. From then on it was completely dark. The tremendous brilliancy had blinded me. Afterwards I could see an enormous panel of three or four meters size, in the shape of a horseshoe. And on it were instruments similar to clocks, with needles but without numbers. And on that panel were also drawings resembling flowers of strange shapes, with yellow and violet colors.

I had quieted down when I felt a cask with several cables being put on my head. I heard many things. Things I don't want to translate (sic) because I have a wife and daughter and I don't want anything to happen to them".

Urruti appeared later at the agency where he works with a "strong attack of nerves". The truck also was there with "its load intact". The curious event happened -he said- in the first hours of Friday 14th, and the surprised driver must still today be treated by the head of psychiatry of the Coronel Olavarría Hospital, as he has strange sensations between 3 and 3:15 am. "I feel like I was someone else", he states. A sensation of languor overcomes his body, and he then wakes up most/the times with sharp pains in the waist and neck".

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Buenos Aires, June 22, 1976
Transl.: Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Paris, France
- 2) Date of incident: -
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, April 8, 1976
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A FRENCH DEFENCE PUBLICATION REPORTS UFOS EXIST

Paris (AFP) - Flying saucers exist, but it is difficult to prove it scientifically, states a recent article in the official magazine of the French Ministry of Defence, dedicated to UFOs. The publication, "Today's Armies" lists all the data available since it was put in charge in 1951, of collecting and turning over verbal and photographic testimonies to the National Center for Space Studies to be scientifically examined. Among the photographs published by the magazine, only one remains unexplained: the one of a UFO flying over Trindade Island in the Atlantic, on January 16, 1958. The others are only to be explained as hoaxes or simple meteorological phenomena. The magazine "Today's Armies" states also that no photograph was taken up to date by witnesses of a landed UFO and, leaving aside mysterious traces on the ground, no object was found by witnesses to permit the existence of UFOs to materialize. (This paragraph contradicts the title!)-JT.

Asegura un Camionero de Olavarría que Estuvo Secuestrado por Seres Extraterrestres y que Ahora Soporta Trastornos

OLAVARRIA (De nuestra agencia) — Mar del Plata) — "De pronto vi como una ostra gigantesca que despedía una luz brillante y encandecadora, se abría... y allí adentro fui a parar con mi camión". Es el fantástico relato de un sorprendido camionero que dice haber sido, en neblinosa madrugada, "secuestrado por seres extraterrestres". El extraño conductor se llama Néstor Urruti, tiene 47 años y se domicilia en Balcarce y avenida Circunvalación. Como consecuencia del extraño episodio que le tocó vivir, se ha convertido en el "hombre del día". Así narró su increíble experiencia: "Iba con mi camión repechando la subida del puente ubicado sobre la

avenida Pringles, en medio de una espesa neblina, cuando vi «eso»... Se abría como si fuera una gran ostra, muy brillante. Acto seguido el camión y yo fuimos a parar en su interior. De allí en más tuvo oscuridad total. El tremendo resplandor me había encandecido. Después pude ver un gigantesco tablero, de tres o cuatro metros, que tenía forma de herradura, y sobre él había instrumentos parecidos a relojes, con agujas, pero sin números. Y en ese tablero había también dibujos que parecían flores de formas raras, con colores amarillos y violetas. Me había tranquilizado cuando sentí que me colocaban sobre la cabeza un casco con varios cables. Escuché muchas cosas. Cosas que no quiero

traducir porque tengo esposa e hijos y no deseo que nada malo pueda sucederles". Urruti apareció más tarde en la agencia donde trabaja actualmente con "un fuerte ataque de nervios". También apareció el camión con "su carga intacta". El curioso suceso tuvo lugar —dijo— la madrugada del viernes 14 y es el día de hoy que el sorprendido camionero, que debió ser atendido por el jefe de psiquiatría en el hospital Coronel Olavarría, siente sensaciones extrañas, entre las 3 y las 3.15. "Me siento como si fuera otra persona", afirma, asombrado. Una sensación de desgano suele apoderarse de su cuerpo, despertando la mayoría de las veces con agudos dolores de cintura y cuello.

Ottawa can't cope with UFOs so it ignores them, forum told

By STEF DONEV
Star staff writer

The federal government might be ignoring unidentified flying objects because it doesn't want to admit there's nothing it can do about them, Canada's leading authority on the subject said last night.

"What government is willing to stick its neck out and admit aliens have direct access to our world and environment. It's much easier for the government to ignore them," said Arthur Bray, a former Canadian navy and air force pilot who is now manager of the occupational safety section of Canada Safety Council.

Bray and a astronomy professor J. Allen Hynek, one of the leading UFO experts in the United States, spoke to several hundred people last night at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education about the need for UFO research in Canada. The lecture was sponsored by UFO Research Centre.

According to a 1974 Gallup poll, Bray said, 53 per cent of all adult Canadians believe in the existence of UFOs and 10 per cent of all adult Canadians claim they have seen them.

About 80 per cent of sightings turn out to be planes, satellites, planets or other natural phenomena, "But that still leaves 300,000 adult Canadians who have seen flying objects that can't be explained in natural terms," said Bray, a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the Canadian Aeronautics

and Space Institute and other organizations.

Bray and other UFO believers want Canada to take a lead in UFO research and to ask the United Nations to co-ordinate a world-wide study.

"National Research Canada is in charge of investigating UFO reports in Canada," Bray said. "It was given to them after National Defense determined, in 1968, that they were no threat to national security.

"Even though the government says it doesn't know what they are, they say they aren't a threat."

Bray also said that National Research Canada "doesn't check sighting reports; it ignores them. It classified them as non-meteoritic sightings."

Bray described such UFO sighting in Canada as the report of a group of nurses who saw a UFO from hospital windows in British Columbia in 1971, and the experience of Stephen Michalak at Falcon Lake, Man., in 1967. Bray said Michalak suffered extreme

burns and an illness that has still not been diagnosed.

Bray and Hynek, who worked on his country's UFO research project, also talked about the large number of responsible people who have seen UFOs — police officers, military men, pilots, clergymen, astronomers and others.

Hynek said the study of UFOs will be the major outstanding scientific problem of the last quarter of this century "as quantum mechanics, relativity and subatomic particle were major earlier efforts."

CR: Gene Duplantier

of the past fortnight.

Flight times have been between 10.15 pm to 11.15 pm.

The last spectacular was seen by hundreds of people in the logging town on Thursday night. After UFOs had appeared on five or six nights since February 17, townspeople set up their own early-warning system.

"We arranged for one man to ring the church bell," Const. M. Lowery, of Maydena, said, yesterday.

Sure enough, at 10.55 pm the two orange-yellow — some people said they were amber — lights appeared in the eastern sky.

The church bell was rung, and groups of 30 to 40 people clustered in side streets, and there were bigger crowds in the main street.

The lights were watched for about 12 minutes as they travelled towards the west.

The flight pattern was said to be "as true as a satellite's."

The Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre's president, Mr. K. Roberts, said there was no ready answer. "There were no planes in the area, and there was no astronomical explanation."

The centre has been flooded with calls since the sightings began, plus sightings of other UFO's during the early hours by HEC line-men called out on emergencies, and farm-

Dice una Publicación Francesa de Defensa que los OVNI Existen

PARIS (AFP) — Los platillos voladores existen, pero es difícil probarlo científicamente, indica un reciente artículo de la revista oficial del ministerio francés de Defensa, dedicado a los Objetos Voladores sin Identificar (OVNI). La publicación "Ejércitos de Hoy" expone en detalle todas las informaciones que posee al respecto desde que fue encargada, en 1951, de reunir y enviar testimonios verbales y fotográficos al Centro Nacional de Estudios Espaciales para ser examinados científicamente. Entre las fotografías publicadas por la revista, sólo una sigue siendo misteriosa: la de un objeto volando por encima de la isla de Trinidad, en el Atlántico, el 16 de enero de 1958. Las demás fotografías sólo se explican por la utilización de trucos, o como meros fenómenos meteorológicos. La revista "Ejércitos de Hoy" precisa, además, que ninguna fotografía fue tomada hasta ahora por los testigos de aterrizajes de un OVNI en el suelo y que, dejando aparte huellas misteriosas en el suelo, ningún objeto fue hallado por los testigos para permitir materializar la existencia de los platillos voladores.

FROM OUTER SPACE ?

Nowra Police had many calls on Monday night and Tuesday morning about a flashing object in the sky on Monday night.

It was reported to hit the earth somewhere in Kangaroo Valley.

Many people apparently had visions of little green men landing from outer space.

At first the light was described as a grass fire in the Valley.

Later it was confirmed as a satellite or meteor burning up as it entered the earth's atmosphere.

A helicopter from H.M.A.S. Albatross swept over the Valley yesterday in search of any remains of the object.

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"MERCURY"
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From:

Joe Brill

Hundreds
watch
UFOs at
Maydena

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been covering a regular beat over the Maydena area for the best part

*'The ridicule stings, but
the evidence is sound'*

The scientist who believes in a monster

By Mildred Hamilton

ROY MACKAL IS DETERMINED to build a better monster trap. His quarry is the legendary inhabitant of Scotland's Loch Ness — the monster Nessie that has easily eluded man and machine since the first recorded sighting in 565 A.D.

Convinced a colony lives in the deep, cold, murky water, the scientist has made the monsters his avocation for 10 years. "The ridicule and the skepticism sting," he said on a San Francisco visit to talk about his search, "but the scientific evidence is sound. One day within the next two years we could have our specimen."

Not to kill, not to keep, not even to traumatize, but rather to photograph and to document the solution of what Mackal calls "one of the great scientific mysteries."

This is what he thinks the trap will net:

A 20-foot long, 2,500-pound animal with a head and neck about 6 feet long that probably descended from the giant amphibian thought to be extinct for 250 million years.

The profile comes from submarine excursions, sonar tracking, underwater cameras, recording the beast's underwater calls. An important contribution could be made today, Sunday, when three cameras and an underwater video taping will go down deep "where the action is." May through October are the prime observation months for the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau, the non-profit organization set up by a member of Parliament, David James.

Professor Mackal, a tall blond broad-shouldered scholar, grins wryly on introduction of his topic and immediately and carefully establishes his credentials. He has been at the University of Chicago 28 years, 20 of them as a professor of biochemistry. He helped pioneer studies on the structure of DNA and his notable research is widely published.

How did a highly respected scientist get mixed up with Nessie?

"Pure accident. I went to Scotland on vacation, took a climb to look at Loch Ness, and met some people camped on a monster watch. I discovered no scientist had ever been involved, and with typical American arrogance decided to settle the matter."

That was in 1968 and his initial findings intrigued him enough to keep going back, to join the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau, for which he is now the scientific investigator. One leave and many vacations from the university have permitted Mackal and the growing number of interested scientists to gather monster evidence.

"Finally after five years I saw one. I had been convinced intellectually but this was a gut reaction, deep down, personal." He was out in the lake with two other scientists "when the black part of an animal broke the surface, twisted to the left and the right. All three of us saw it and we believe it was part of a flipper."

Mackal has examined and condensed 1500 years of myth and evidence in a book, "The Monsters of Loch Ness" (Swallow Press), which he calls the first and only complete study of the mystery. He hopes it will stimulate interest in funding to permit the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau build its trap and expand its search.

His own contributions range from the sifting of evidence to the invention of a crossbow with which he hopes to obtain a sample of the flesh of the animal.



BIOCHEMISTRY PROFESSOR Roy Mackal

The gadget would be fired from a submarine to nip out a specimen for a biopsy.

Mackal also recently made a presentation before the joint Houses of Parliament asking for legislation to protect the animals in the lake but not to stop research.

"My work there is all a labor of love," he said. "We have collected many kinds of evidence. First is anecdotal from which every human activity starts. Of the 10,000 eye witness accounts, we have kept 251 to establish characteristics of the monsters."

Still photos have all been analyzed and frauds removed. Sonar studies by several groups compiled. Underwater recordings and photographs added. Professor Mackal believes:

"There is a population of animals, big ones, little ones, middle-size ones in the lake. Remember Loch Ness is 25-miles long, one mile wide, 900 feet deep in spots and fed by fresh water rivers. The salmon going through the lake could support several hundred animals." Leading candidates for the "fearsome beastie" are the amphibians, thought to be extinct; the plesiosaurs, an aquatic reptile also thought to be extinct; large eels; a seal-like creature and the sea cow. "A case can be made for each type."

Several major scientific groups are becoming interested and joining the hunt as the evidence jells, Mackal said. "The Loch Ness Investigation Bureau is delighted. Now it isn't so lonely out there. We welcome everyone with or without funds but we could use \$200,000 to build our monster trap."

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**Underwater Photos
Taken in Loch Ness
Show Other Camera**

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD
Special to The New York Times

DRUMNADROCHIT, Scotland, June 10—Charles W. Wyckoff, photographic coordinator of the Loch Ness expedition of the Academy of Applied Science and The New York Times, made a round trip to London yesterday to have eight reels of 16-millimeter color film processed.

This was the film exposed by an underwater elapsed-time camera automatically snapping a picture every 15 seconds. The camera just might have photographed something interesting before a television camera went into operation Sunday.

Mr. Wyckoff began examining the developed film early this morning, working in the kitchen of the cottage that serves as the shore station. He had to devise a makeshift viewing apparatus; a more conventional film-editing machine is expected.

This has been only one of several supply problems in the last few days, from clearing customs for a sonar shipment to borrowing a blackboard on which to list the television duty roster.

About midway through the 16,000 frames Mr. Wyckoff showed clear, sharp pictures of another underwater camera rig the expedition has in place.

"What a difference between this year and last," he said, commenting on the quality of the pictures, "We ought to have something really good if old Nessie just played ball with us."

By the end of the last reel he had found nothing, and he was disappointed, but he said, "You don't give up."

Expedition members put a new 50-foot reel of film into the elapsed-time camera, resubmerged it and resumed their lakeside vigil. To conserve film the camera is set to take a picture every 45 seconds and is to remain so, Mr. Wyckoff said, until "we get some unusual activity in the area."

Shadow Is Sighted But It's Not on Film

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

N.Y. Times News Service
Drunnaochit, Scotland — A ghostly light flickered on the small television screen. Reels turned slowly in the videotape recorder. A low hum of electronics broke the silence of the darkened room that is mission control for the Loch Ness expedition.

It was past midnight on the night watch, and nothing had happened — no sightings of the large creatures said to inhabit the Scottish lake, the so-called Loch Ness Monster.

A few fish darted into and out of the view of the lights and cameras submerged a few hundred feet offshore and monitored on the screen in a cottage at Temple Pier. Small fish, and nothing more — not even a shadow like the one Charles W. Wyckoff had seen a few nights before.

That had given the expedition its first stir of hope that discovery might be imminent. Wyckoff, a photographic analyst, had been on the night watch. "All of a sudden," he says, "I was conscious of shadow covering the whole screen. I jumped up and pushed the buttons to take stereo pictures. This happened several times. Nothing distinct, only shadows."

Not Discouraged

Later, when he developed the film, Wyckoff could see nothing and was at a loss to explain what had caused the shadow. He was disappointed, but not discouraged.

The Academy of Applied Science expedition has been on the scene for nearly a month now and has yet to find any evidence to explain the legendary phenomenon.

Dr. Robert H. Rines, who organized the expedition, is admittedly hooked on the subject of the Loch Ness Monster. In seven years of searching, he has made a surface "sighting" of some large, undulating creature and has taken a few grainy underwater pictures of a moving animal with a serpentine neck and a diamond-shaped flipper.

A few days ago, Rines had a particularly trying time of grappling with malfunctions of the complex photographic and sonar search equipment, but he was undaunted.

"I just have this feeling. There's something there, and I have the real feeling we're going to find it," he said.

Dr. Christopher McGowan, a zoologist with the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, is aware of the risk he is taking by being associated with a search for monsters. Most reputable scientists, fearing ridicule from their peers, have stayed far away from Loch Ness.

A Sonar Search

McGowan is convinced that the only explanation for the many reports of a monster in the loch is that the loch does contain a large animal. He believes "it will be an incredible thing to be able to prove to the scientific establishment."

Early each morning, McGowan and his sonar team set out in the Malaran, a 33-foot cabin cruiser, to probe the depths for any traces of bones or deceased monsters. The discovery and retrieval of such bones, McGowan believes, could produce convincing evidence.

On a recent sonar run the crew of the Malaran decided to try another experiment. The dark water of Loch Ness was calm, and the boat was cutting a long, deep wake. The effect was strange. Long after the primary wake had disappeared, the reverberating wake seemed to develop a magnified form of its own. And the distant form seemed sometimes to be that of the monster — no head, but a serpentine figure with dark humps undulating at the surface.

Everyone aboard had the same impression and agreed that such effects could account for some of the many reported monster sightings over the years. But this could not explain the photographs, both surface and underwater, that prompted this summer's expedition.

Possible Bigfoot tracks spotted in area forest

By ALLEN HALLMARK
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

BUTTE FALLS — The mysterious tracks were about a foot long, and wider than a human footprint too.

They were similar to a human's print, except they lacked a curved instep.

Has real evidence of Bigfoot's presence in Jackson County been found this time?

Stan Moore, timber sales officer and a veteran of 14 years service with the Rogue River National Forest, said he doesn't know who or what made the tracks. But he knows that the tracks he saw Tuesday across a patch of snow deep in the woods of the Butte Falls Ranger District were not those of elk or bear or any other kind of animal Moore has seen in the woods.

Moore was out evaluating a stand of timber for a future sale on the district Tuesday when he saw the tracks. At first, from a distance he figured they must be elk tracks, but on closer inspection Moore saw that the tracks were huge and that they had been made by a two-footed creature of some kind.

"They weren't bear tracks," said Moore, "I've seen lots of bear tracks, but these weren't like bear tracks."

"I've never really believed in Bigfoot before, but I don't know what they were," Moore said.

Moore then sent back to the ranger station to have a camera brought up. He covered the tracks in plastic to preserve them from a drizzle that had begun to fall. He had tried to follow the tracks through the snow, but the snow is sparse this year in the timber and the brush was

thick and he wasn't able to go very far.

Moore said today that he has to go back to the Clark Creek drainage area where the timber sale is in an isolated spur to continue his work.

Moore said very few people have been in the area, the last probably being a logger who had business there "four or five days ago." There were no signs of hunters in the vicinity.

"It was like it (the creature) was going somewhere and going straight there in a hurry," Moore said of the tracks.

"The government won't allow us to take weapons on the job, so if I run into him up there, I'll just have to talk him to death," Moore joked.

Moore said he had seen some tracks in February that some kids had found near Butte Falls, but he said those tracks looked fake to him compared to the ones he saw and photographed Tuesday.

Does the Bigfoot stalk the mountains of Southern Oregon? Moore may be the man to find the answer.

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Skunk Ape Sighted In Florida

FORT MYERS, Fla. (UPI)

The legendary skunk ape of the Everglades has once again eluded humans, but this time it may have left strands of lice-ridden hair as it crossed a barbed wire fence.

The hair samples were sent to University of Miami anthropologist Dr. J. Mason Valentine for analysis. Valentine has done work with the now-defunct Yeti Research Society of St. Petersburg, helping investigate reports of yetis, skunk apes and similar creatures.

The skunk ape, named for its odor and appearance, is the Everglades version of the big foot.

John Holley, 43, of World Fort Myers, said he was driving with his brother Bill and a friend along a dirt road when he sighted the ape. In a clump of pine trees about 10 yards from the road.

"It was standing upright, just like you or me," Holley said. "It looked to be about six feet tall with long black hair."

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'Abduction' by Bigfoot called hoax by official

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — A young woman reported abducted in rugged mountains by a hairy, ape-like creature known as Bigfoot has shown up screaming outside a rural resort, apparently unhurt.

"She's not in too bad a shape," Humboldt County Sheriff Gene Cox said Monday night, adding that he believed the whole affair had been a hoax.

Cox said Cherie Darvell, 23, of Redding, Calif., had some minor scratches and bruises on her arms, and told a nurse her left arm hurt. She was taken to Humboldt Medical Center at Hoopa for examination shortly after she was found late Monday night.

Miss Darvell appeared outside the Bluff Creek Resort, about five miles from where she was reported abducted on Saturday, Cox said.

She was mumbling, "They wouldn't stop and pick me up," he said.

One of her tennis shoes was missing, but her clothing was clean and she smelled of perfume when found, Cox said.

He reported that when investigators asked her if she had been abducted by

the legendary monster, she began to scream and refused to answer any questions.

"I still think it's a hoax," said Cox. "I still don't believe that she was abducted by Bigfoot."

Miss Darvell's friends said she was an unemployed beautician who also used the name Cherie Nelson.

She was one of five members of an independent film crew trying to photograph Bigfoot, a creature reported sighted in this Northern California area many times during the past 20 years. The crew kept its cameras rolling while up to 150 persons conducted a search for the missing woman.

Meanwhile, at the Bigfoot Research Center in The Dalles, Ore., director Peter Byrne said two associates were investigating to determine whether Bigfoot really was involved. Byrne said he personally was skeptical, although the size of the footprints was consistent with previous finds.

Scientists never have confirmed the creature's existence, but Byrne said he thinks Bigfoot is a "fossil man of some kind, not an ape."

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Loch Ness: The Logic Is There

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By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

DRUMNADROCHIT, Scotland — Alistair Stewart was sipping a pint of bitter at the Lewiston Arms and talking of Loch Ness. He is a sturdy, dark-haired man, a carpenter by trade. He has never seen the Loch Ness monster, but believes "you canna any more pass it as a joke."

"I'm no scientist," Mr. Stewart went on to say. "But I'm told the north of Scotland is like an island moving slowly past the rest of Britain. Aye, and that's what it is—a-happening there down in the loch, what makes it a strange place. Aye, a strange place."

Though no scientist, Mr. Stewart understood the accepted scientific explanation for the Great Glen of the Scottish highland, whose most famous feature is Loch Ness. It was here that members of the Academy of Applied Science/New York Times Loch Ness Expedition gathered last week to begin a photographic and sonar search for the legendary "beastie," as they say around here, in the hope of solving one of the earth's best-known natural mysteries.

For if there are in this world giant water creatures yet unknown, scientists can think of several natural circumstances, geologic and otherwise, that could account for them living in the deep and dark waters of Loch Ness.

Eons ago, a crack opened in the surface of the restless earth, causing a side-ways slippage of crust between the north and south of the Scottish highlands. The result is a northeast-southwest trending fault, visible as the beautiful 100-mile-long Great Glen. Through this rift valley, between steep green hills, stretches a navigable link between the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean, a system of rivers, canals and lakes, called the Caledonian Canal, running from Moray Firth in the northeast to the Firth of Lorne in the southwest.

During the most recent ice age, a mass of ice perhaps a mile thick covered this region. When the ice melted, about 10,000 years ago, the sea rose, but so did Scotland, now that it was relieved of its great frozen burden. For a long time, Loch Ness, probably the entire Glen, was a salt-water strait. But as the land continued to rise, Loch Ness was reduced to being an estuary of Moray Firth. Finally, with the land reaching some 50 feet above sea level, as it has been for several thousand years now, the loch became effectively cut off from the sea.

There is a shallow river running a short distance from the loch to Moray Firth, at the city of Inverness. But this was not sufficient to prevent the loch from changing gradually from salt water to fresh. The runoff from the many rivers and burns, emptying into the loch, made the change complete.

The result is the largest fresh water body by volume in the British Isles — 23 miles long, as much as a mile and a half wide, up to 975 feet deep in places but generally 700 feet deep along the fault line. It teems with trout, pike, sticklebacks, Arctic char, eels and salmon. But could there also be giant creatures inhabiting the loch?

Legends and Sightings

Legends abound, and hundreds of reported sightings in the last 43 years. If there is a Loch Ness monster of some sort, a common assumption is that it belongs to a family of creatures that got trapped when the loch was cut off from the sea and somehow managed to adapt to fresh water. Some 150 to 250 of their descendants could be there now, according to estimates based on what would be necessary to support a viable breeding population these many years.

Such adaptation is not impossible, according to Dr. Christopher McGowan, a zoologist of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto and a member of the expedition. Many animals that live in estuaries, he said, can tolerate the wide fluctuations in salinity that come with the ebb and flow of the tides. How well an animal could make a permanent transition to fresh water would in many cases depend on its skin and kidneys.

The problem is that many sea creatures coming into fresh water become bloated, some more than others, through a higher absorption of water through the semi-permeable membrane of their skin. This is a breakdown in the process known as osmosis. They have evolved systems in which the water pressure inside their bodies was accustomed to the pressures of sea water outside, not fresh water.

But if there was time for evolutionary processes to operate, Dr. McGowan explained, it might be possible for creatures to adapt fairly impermeable skins to reduce the inflow and larger kidneys to flush their systems. He noted that in Lake Ontario the alewife, migrating from the sea through the St. Lawrence, have adapted to fresh water.

The lampreys now infesting the Great Lakes have successfully accomplished the same adaptation, and certain species of North American salmon, entirely landlocked in fresh water, are indistinguishable from their relatives who live in the sea, ascending rivers only to spawn.

Dr. Roy P. Mackal, a University of Chicago biochemist, points to a species of sea cows, a type of mammal sometimes associated with the monster, that has adapted to the Amazon and Orinoco Rivers in South America. This, he said, "proves that sirenas (sea cows) can exist exclusively in fresh water, if necessary, and provides a parallel with Loch Ness and its phenomena." A similar parallel may exist in the fresh-water seals of Lake Baikal in Siberia.

Another theory is that the monsters could be survivors of prehistoric reptiles, such as the plesiosaur. The small head and long tapering neck of the monster, as reported by many eyewitnesses, make this an attractive speculation, even though the plesiosaur supposedly became extinct 70 million years ago. The discovery in 1938 of the coelacanth, also thought to have been extinct for millions of years, encouraged speculations about some prehistoric creatures not being extinct after all, only very elusive.

Whatever it is that is called the Loch Ness monster, if it is a living creature, it must be able to survive the cold water — a rather steady 42 degrees Fahrenheit at depth and not ever much warmer at or near the surface. Fresh water or marine molluscs — unusually large squids or sea slugs have been suggested as monster candidates — could live at such temperatures. One species of sea cows, now thought to be extinct, also could.

But scientists doubt that a fear of large monsters — if it is a parliament of owls and a pride of lions, should it not be a fear of monsters? — could exist as vegetarians. The dark peat-stained waters severely limit light penetration, restricting the supply of plankton that depends on photosynthesis for growth.

But there is presumably enough plankton in the food chain for fish, though no one has taken a careful census of fish life in the loch. Sonar studies have revealed some huge schools of fish, some at great depths. And as any loch fisherman knows, the salmon are abundant, the record catch being a 52-pounder. It is therefore assumed that monsters are fish-eaters.

At least that is a basic assumption of the Academy of Applied Science/New York Times Loch Ness Expedition, led by Dr. Robert H. Rines of Boston. High-resolution cameras with bright lights are being lowered 40 feet down into Urquhart Bay, where the monsters may be congregating to feed off salmon swimming from the sea into their spawning streams.

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Cheboygan sheriff offers a fishy view of 'monster'

By PETER R. LOCHBILER
News Staff Writer

CHEBOYGAN — It sounds like the biggest "fish story" you've ever heard, but the sheriff in the northern Michigan resort town of Cheboygan thinks he has solved the marine monster mystery.

Mind you, Cheboygan County Sheriff Stanley McKerverey has been studying the situation since Monday night, when a motel owner first reported something that looked like a big snake — or eel, or serpent, or monster — off the Lake Huron shoreline halfway to Mackinaw City.

Since then, a lot of people — including McKerverey — have seen not just one mysterious thing, but up to a dozen.

"If it's the Loch Ness monster come here from Scotland, he's brought his family with him," McKerverey declared early in the mystery.

What the people saw looked like snakes — maybe 25 feet long — with the head slightly out of the water and moving about 3 miles an hour.

Of course, the things were not seen close up. They were sighted about 500 feet off shore.

Now, comes the big "fish story" and McKerverey reminds that it's not of his invention but the theory of a number of veteran fishermen who claim to have seen this sort of thing before.

"It's a school of baby fish — probably channel fish," McKerverey explains. "There are maybe a dozen or more, one after another, in a line that looks like a big snake."

"They are with their mother, who swims at the head of the line with her head stuck out of the water, looking around for any danger."

"When she sees anything — like the boats we've gone out in to get a better view — she warns the babies somehow and they all dive together and the thing is gone by the time we get there."

Now McKerverey admits he never before has heard of a fish with a maternal instinct, "but that's what the experts say," he said.

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Mutilations, sightings investigation described

Members of the Great Falls Rotary Club were told Tuesday that the Cascade County Sheriff's office is actively investigating reports of cattle mutilations in the county and sightings of phantom aircraft and hair-covered humanoid creatures.

The report came from Sheriff Capt. Keith Wolverton who is in charge of the investigation which began last year.

Wolverton said sightings of airborne lights and creatures and the discovery of mutilated

cattle have been reported to the sheriff's office by "reliable persons" and each report has been investigated.

"I don't want anyone to assume these matters are connected because we haven't determined that yet," he said. "But these things are happening and this is what we are investigating."

Wolverton also displayed a piece of hide from a mutilated cow which he said showed that the animal was cut with an instrument and not by predators.

"We can prove through experts such as Great Falls Pathologist Dr. John Pfaff and various animal pathologists that the serrated cuts on the hide were made with an instrument," he said.

Wolverton also discussed the numerous reports of moving lights in the sky which started last August and the reports of humanoid creatures seen near Wahn, Ulm, Great Falls and

Helena which started in December.

Most of his talk about the creatures centered around the recent sighting by a reported Helena Valley youth which was in the Tribune last Saturday.

CR:TIM CHURCH

Mutilated carcasses found

DULCE, N. M. (UPI) — Four cow carcasses were found during the past week in New Mexico — three in the Dulce area and one near Truth or Consequences — by persons who said the animals had been mutilated. Jicarilla Apache tribal authorities said the carcass of a cow was found Thursday night within a few miles of where two other carcasses had been found earlier in the week. Authorities also said they found tripod impressions in the ground by the latest carcass.

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Cattle mutilations reported

By JOHN SEELMEYER
Tribune Staff Writer

Two cattle mutilations — the first in nearly a year — were reported in Weld County this week, sheriff's officers said.

The mutilations were reported at a rural Grover ranch and at a ranch near Orchard in east Weld County.

Floyd Ford of rural Orchard reported he found a mutilated cow on her side in a pasture Tuesday. The animal's eyes had been removed with smooth, clean cuts. Also removed were genitalia and the cow's anus.

Deputy Rick Dill said no tracks were found in the immediate area of the dead animal, but tracks similar to those left by a dog were found some distance away. Dill said the remote pasture is accessible through only two points.

One of those entrances requires

traveling through a neighbor's yard and those neighbors didn't report anything unusual in recent days. The second entrance to the field is a gate which was nailed shut and hadn't been disturbed.

A similar incident was reported by Leo Harms on a ranch east of Grover.

Investigator Norm Boyd said Harms found a five-year-old cow on her side in a pasture. The cow's rectum, vagina, eye and left ear had been removed from the carcass with smooth cuts, Boyd said.

He said the skin on the cow's jaw had been removed. No tracks were found in the area.

Last summer saw a major rash of

CR: MUFON

cattle mutilations reported throughout Colorado's Front Range and other midwestern states. Weld County alone saw more than a dozen incidents reported to authorities.

In most cases, cows were found in remote areas and their genitalia and other portions of their bodies were removed with smooth, surgical strokes.

A major effort by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and sheriffs throughout northeast Colorado wasn't successful in solving the mysterious mutilations.

Speculation about the mutilations has blamed them on a Satanic cult, travelers from outer space or predatory animals.

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Camera Spots No Monster, But Strange Wake Is Exciting

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD
N.Y. Times News Service

Drumradrochit, Scotland—The excitement of exploring the unknown must be tempered with the irregular hours and lack of sleep, the disappointments, the mundane details, the tedium of watching and waiting and never really knowing whether the reward will justify the effort.

Such is the case with the Academy of Applied Science Loch Ness Expedition and its quest for the strange and elusive creatures that are said to inhabit the Scottish lake.

The Search
For The

LOCH NESS MONSTER



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Tim Dinsdale, an Englishman who

has been conducting surface photographic searching since 1960, stopped by to swap stories of recent sightings. "I think we're close now, I really do," he concluded fervently.

Two zoologists in the expedition had an encouraging report after one of their sonar surveys of the lake bottom. They were returning in the cabin cruiser from Lochend, a town at the northern end of Loch Ness. The water was clam.

Jeffery Thomason, a Cambridge University zoology graduate, said that he saw "a wake, a large wake" about a mile from their boat. It could not have

been made by their boat, or any other in sight.

Dr. Christopher McGowan, of the Royal Ontario Museum, looking through binoculars, saw what appeared to be "a couple of blobs in amongst the wake," but before he could go below and get a camera, the wake had vanished from sight.

Although both scientists said they could not be sure they had indeed seen evidence of the monster, McGowan could not contain his elation. "That's sufficient stimulus to carry on," he remarked.

An Observer Of Loch Ness And 'Nessie'

Roy P. Mackal is a biochemist from the University of Chicago who 10 years ago made a trip to Scotland and became fascinated with the Loch Ness phenomenon and became a dedicated searcher after the "monster." Now he has written a book setting forth the evidence for concluding that unique creatures do exist in the cold Scottish lake. He was interviewed by Washington Star Staff Writer Vernon A. Guidry Jr.

Question: At the end of your decade of investigation, what do you think has caused the sightings and reports of a Loch Ness monster?

Mackal: My colleagues and I are convinced that the only explanation is animals. That's aside from my own experience, which really isn't scientific. I am the first to admit I was at the lake five years before I ever had an observation. I think the thing that turns a scientist on about something is that if you do a difficult problem more and more with better and better experiments and there's nothing to your hypothesis, eventually it just goes downhill. But if there really is something to your ideas, the more experiments you do, the more evidence you should get over the long run. That's what convinced me intellectually that there is something to this. We have a definite geographical location and we have a set of directions for experiments with sonar. That means that anybody with different kinds of gear, different designs, can go to Loch Ness, put in reasonable effort, time and money, and can make contact with these objects moving in the depths. It's reproducible. Do what we say and you get predictable results. We stand on that.

Q: Specifically, what do you think is down there?

A: By the time we had so much evidence that clearly could only be explained by a group of animals, we asked what kinds could they be. From the evidence, we had collected some 32 characteristics. The exercise was to look at the entire animal kingdom, living and extinct, to see which ones fit. It would be nice if we came up with just one. We did come up with a front-runner, but it's still a horse race.

Q: They are?

A: No. 1 is an amphibian, related to newts and salamanders, but very large, 20 feet, 2,500 pounds for the biggest. There's an example in the big salamanders that live in cold mountain lakes and streams in Japan. They get to be five or six feet. That's still not up to our 20 feet, but the same kind of thing is happening.

Q: What kind of thing?

A: These amphibians, their ancestors, were thought to be extinct 250 million years ago. We think they survived in these cold mountain lakes because the temperature is inhospitable to reptiles.

Q: And the reptiles therefore were not around to offer competition?

A: That's right. They were more efficient on land, so they did the amphibians in. Amphibians returned to the water secondarily; some reptiles followed in warmer regions, but not in the northern temperate zone. This is in the northern hemisphere. It did-

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n't happen in the southern hemisphere because the ecological niches were already filled by carnivorous fishes. That accounts for our distribution only between 50 and 60 degrees north latitude.

Q: The other candidates?

A: Another is a giant, fat eel, but that's pretty hard to reconcile with the longer, thin neck of the animal, of which we have a pretty good picture. Giant eels are less likely contenders.

Q: In your book, you largely rule out the reptile in favor of the amphibian or eel. But some sentiment persists for reptiles?

A: There is the popular idea that these should be Plesiosaurs. These were aquatic reptiles with long heads and necks. Reasonably, one can infer that this is an adaptation for eating fish. There isn't anything else down there. You know that's the food supply. The problem with reptiles is they don't like the cold temperatures. We've got 10 or 11 degrees above freezing all year round in Loch Ness. But we can't really be too certain about it. There are a few reptiles that seem to have made it in temperatures close to that, at least, for instance the leatherback turtle.

Q: You point out that statistically it doesn't do much good to stare at the surface hoping to see one, and that underwater observation and photography are hampered by peat particles clouding the dark water. Are there other reasons the loch has held on so tightly to its secret?

A: It's a normal situation. People just haven't thought about the situation. Loch Ness is a deep cold lake. The legend about such lakes is that they never give up their dead. What it means is that if a lake is warm enough, bacteria produce decomposition gas which fills the carcass like a balloon, or parts of it, and it comes to the surface. In a cold lake, the gas is produced very slowly, it diffuses off. And animals like eels start to eat the carcass as soon as it stops moving. Another thing about Loch Ness: it's got steep sides. There are very minor currents. The carcass if anything tends to be moved to the lowest points of the lake where the ooze is 70 feet deep.

Q: More and more scientists are taking your evidence and the Loch Ness animals seriously. Yet you say the stigma of the crackpot still attaches. Why?

A: Once ridicule has been

attached to a subject, it's pretty hard to change direction.

Q: You've also said that some scientists in trying to explain away your data have come up with explanations more tortured than those seeking to put animal in the loch. Why?

A: Mainly we can attribute this to the idea that's its been made into a joke, and some people have gone out onto a limb proclaiming it is nonsense. They feel threatened if it turns out not to be nonsense.

Q: Is what you're proposing outlandish?

A: What we're suggesting is not contrary to any known laws of zoology or physiology. It's in fact rather mundane if looked at objectively. The size of the animals, for example. They're smaller than the biggest fresh-water animals, which are the giant sturgeon in the Black Sea. Those get to be 30 feet long, some of the females, and they weigh 2,800 pounds. We're talking about our animals being 20 feet long and weighing 2,500 pounds, with many smaller animals.

Q: Is the climate changing?

A: In the old days, I was the only scientist who was a practicing professional who would get up in public and admit that he believed that the evidence indicated animals in the lake. Now we have half a dozen in our corner, and maybe more whom we haven't heard from. People that are well known. George R. Zug, curator of the division of reptiles and amphibians at the Smithsonian Institution; Chris McGowan of the Royal Ontario Museum. We were in London last December to present our case before both houses of Parliament and other scientists. The reason we were in front of a governmental body was that the animals, while I don't think they are endangered, ought to be conserved. We don't want to stop research, but we want appropriate legislation to protect them, and this is what is being drafted. Since that time there has been a paper published in 'Nature.' That doesn't make it so, but it's the first time a really first-rate scientific journal has accepted something on that subject.

Q: Have you had any second thoughts along the way?

A: Not any more. In the old days, when I wasn't sure myself, and we didn't have enough evidence in my opinion to make such statements, then I had my second thoughts, that I should never have gotten into this. But I am delighted that the evidence has gelled and we have made our case. We can go on to the next step.

Q: If you do go on, is there a chance that we'll learn more, or less than we want to; that the reality won't live up to our fantasies about Loch Ness?

A: We think these are animals that the fossil record says were extinct 250 million years ago. But from the zoological viewpoint, these must be animals that arose from the line of ancestors which led to land animals which became warm-blooded. I think we're going to have a tremendous boost in our understanding of how this warm bloodedness arose when we get these animals because they are right on the pathway. I think we are going to find that these are somewhere in between. They generate heat inside the body by muscle action, by metabolism. They retain this heat to maintain their body temperature above their environment but without the sophisticated mechanisms of temperature control that we find in higher mammals and birds.

Q: All this depends on capturing a live specimen. What is being done to get one?

A: It's a simple matter of pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. Because of the ridicule, it's very hard to get funded. We do have a research plan all worked out including hardware and it's ready to go. It's waiting for funding. We expect to work two years at Loch Ness, six months of each year actually in the field. I'd like to emphasize that our trapping approach in no way involves killing an animal, even putting a hook into it or hurting them in any way. It means isolating one of them, say temporarily, for a few hours, so we can bring them to the surface, clearly photograph them, scrape a little skin, measure them, and so on. That's it. Then let him go.

Q: How much money would it take?

A: For everything, \$200,000. One of the reasons for the book is to make our case so we can go to people with what we think is a sound basis. I'm convinced that with the vast interest, sooner or later we're going to get it.

Q: How many are in the lake?

A: We've tracked as many as five to eight together. That's at the low end. Now the only way we can approach the upper end is to look at the food supply, and this has been a matter of controversy. A lot of armchair critics have categorically said there can't be large animals because there's not enough food. It's a lean lake. This neglects the migratory salmon. We can set the upper limit at say 400 to 500, which doesn't mean there are that many.