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Woman in trance tells of space ordeal



Judy Kendell talks Saturday after her hypnotic experience that brought out details of her missing four hours during a trip from Bodega Bay to Zamora in northern Yolo County.

Judy Kendell was kidnaped, by space beings Saturday when a hypnotist put her in a trance to help her remember what happened to four missing hours of her life.

The way the 23-year-old legal secretary told it, as she sat shivering on her warm living room couch in her Woodland apartment, the "old blue Ford" she was driving her two sisters home from Bodega Bay to Zamora in was plucked up off the road somewhere on Interstate 505 near the Cache Creek bridge.

They had left their grandmother's Bodega Bay home at 5:30 p.m. on a Sunday in November 1971 or 1972. It was normally only a three hour drive but they didn't get home until midnight with no explanation for why the trip took so long.

All they remember was driving across the same bridge twice on a road with little

traffic on a pitch black night.

Judy was realizing for the first time Saturday that she was kidnaped by a space ship.

A roomful of calm UFO researchers and incredulous friends watched Judy shield her face with her hands to prevent seeing a space creature she described as having a bulbous head with saucer-sized red-pupiled gelatinous eyes.

She said it had no ears, "just holes."

The lower part of its almost translucent "milky" white face was covered with a mask she said while still clutching her face. But still she saw its neck which had red veins, "not like the purple ones we have."

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UFO is sighted in Jayess by six

The most dramatic sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) to be reported in this part of Mississippi took place near Jayess Saturday, February 5, and was seen at close quarters by at least six adults.

Another sighting was reported in Madison County Wednesday, February 3, and was seen there by a constable and a deputy sheriff.

The Wednesday sighting was reported by the associated press and on local television news programs from Jackson.

One version of the Saturday sighting at Jayess, reported by the Brookhaven Leader-Times, was confirmed by another Jayess resident in a telephone interview with the editor of The Tylertown Times Sunday.

MRS. DARWIN Alexander, who said she had never seen anything like the object, said that she and her husband both witnessed the sighting.

"We looked out our patio window after my sister-in-law called and told me about it," she recalls. The Darwin Alexanders live less than a half-mile from the Denver Alexanders on the same road. The road curves between the two homes, and the rear of the two houses are about 300 yards apart. Darwin and Denver Alexander are brothers and live about two miles west of Jayess toward Pricedale.

Mrs. Darwin Alexander said the object made a "swooshing noise, hovered silently, then disappeared without a sound."

She said red lights were visible from the object. "I couldn't really make out the shape because of the lights. I suppose it looked something like a dish turned upside down, but I'm not really certain. I saw it through a patio window."

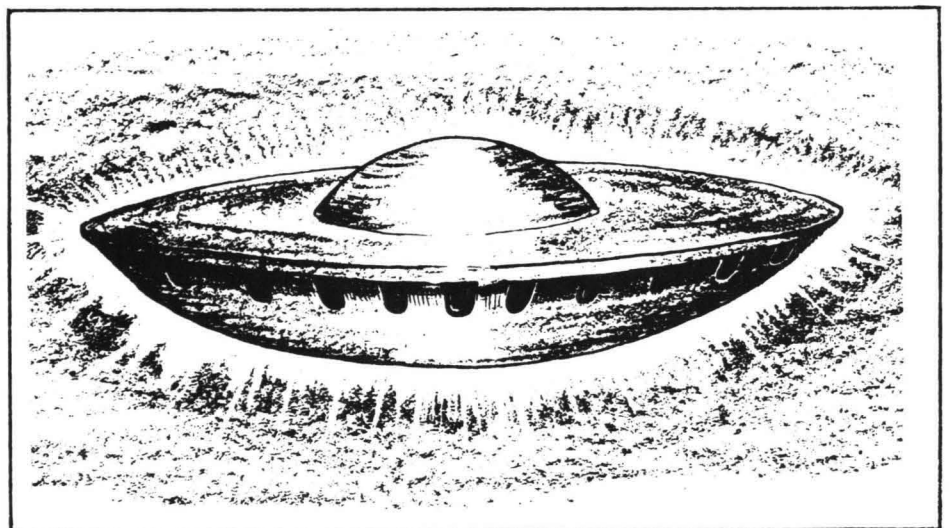
HER SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs Denver Alexander, her son Eddie, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cothorn, all viewed the object from the yard of the Denver Alexander home. The Cothorns had

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seen the object from their car on the road and stopped at the Denver Alexander home.

The Brookhaven newspaper reported the sighting that night, but did not identify the residents who reported it.

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Unidentified flying object?

Here is an artist's concept of what Jayess residents sighted on the evening of February 5. At least six adults confirmed the sighting in the Jayess-Ruth area of Lincoln County. Doug Walker made this drawing, based on

newspaper accounts of the sighting and a description by an eyewitness. Earlier in the month, a deputy sheriff and a constable reported sighting a UFO at close range in Madison County.

WOMAN IN TRANCE

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She said its body was human looking and that it had five fingers on its hands, "like ours."

"But the head is so scary looking," she said.

"It's coming toward me, I don't want to see it anymore."

"It's touching me!"

Judy said it touched her on the forehead and said in English that wasn't loud but sounded like it was muffled and coming through a distant megaphone, "it's okay, it's okay."

"But it's not okay," she said in a small tight voice.

Suddenly she grabbed her right side and leaned over as if in pain.

The hypnotist, Dr. W.C. McCall, who had flown up from Anaheim for this occasion, asked Judy what was happening.

"I feel like I got poked," she said.

McCall took her through the experience repeatedly.

She got relaxed after being poked and was lying on a cold table with a sheet over her.

"They are taking urine out of me. They are catheterizing me," she said with expression of disgust passing over her face. "Uhhh."

She saw three different type creatures all dressed in grey standing at the foot of the table. She had no clear description of their faces.

Strangely, she saw a regular human woman with straight black hair and blue eyes, who handed the creature a tube of colorless fluid, "that you can't see through."

The woman knew her name and was trying to reassure her.

"I don't know how she knows my name," Judy said.

"I don't remember saying anything to her."

For the most part, "nobody was saying anything," she said.

She got a pain at the top of her right thigh and held her hand on it, but she couldn't say what was happening.

"They are looking in my ear. I feel a strange thing there. It feels cold and hard inside," she said.

She said they were looking at her feet.

Throughout the ordeal, Judy kept complaining of a head ache and clutching her head which at times she said felt like it was being "pressed tightly."

The creature placed a heavy metal machine over her eyes she said and she heard a quiet motor whirring inside.

"Is it a brain reading machine? McCall asked.

"I don't know," she said.

When her head could move, slightly, Judy saw what she described as a "round room" with windows all around. She saw two bucket seats at one side of the room with a "console with a lever like a car gear shift in the middle."

There were three lights over the seats, she said.

She pointed to her left and said she saw a table with what looked like doctors' "probes" on it. She saw a black box there too with "speaker holes in it."

She said she couldn't see behind her where she said the machine that was put over her eyes came from.

But she heard her sister, who wishes to remain unidentified and who won't have anything to do with this hypnotism, crying.

"I can hear her calling my name. She is crying. She is really upset. She sounds far away. I hope she is alright," Judy said anxiously.

The next thing she said was that she was behind the wheel without really knowing how she got there.

McCall ran her through the experience again and she remembered the three grey clothed creatures carrying her by her hands and feet and throwing her into the car.

"They must have carried me because I couldn't walk," she said.

She didn't know where her sisters were. They suddenly seemed to materialize, she said.

When they were back in the car, it was pitch black.

And then...

"We just landed on the road—in my car!?" she said in a disbelieving voice.

"In my car," she said with certain amazement.

They arrived in Zamora at about 12 midnight after crossing the Cache Creek bridge on Interstate 505 twice. They had left Bodega Bay for the three hour drive at 5:30 p.m. on a date they still can't pinpoint for certain.

The seven hour drive remains almost as much a mystery as it was when they had no idea what happened.

Alvin Lawson, a professor of English at California State University at Long Beach and a UFO researcher, said Judy's story could be as much an idiosyncrasy in human makeup as an abduction by space creatures.

None of the researchers who in many ways were as mysterious as the story itself would say for certain how they felt about Judy's story.

McCall said he has hypnotized about six people with similar abduction stories.

One of the problems is to get collaborating stories from both her sisters. But neither of them wants anything to do with reliving the experience.

"They are scared to find out what may have happened to them," Judy said.

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FOUR ADULT occupants described the object as grey in color with red lights at about 16-ft. intervals around a rim and a smaller dome at the top. It zoomed toward the house with a roaring noise and stopped about 50 yards away, they said, hung motionless and noiseless while the observers stared in disbelief. Then it just disappeared with no noise and no visible movement.

A belief that they they had "just been seeing things" was dispelled by a report from neighbors across a field that they had seen the same thing and by talk in the community Sunday among several others having had the same experience.

A pilot at Brookhaven Municipal Airport says several calls have been received at the airport from persons who have seen unidentified flying objects, often in the Ruth-Jayess area.

HE, HIMSELF, tells of having witnessed from Lakewood Village, in the presence of "12 or 15 others," an object of vague shape with lights around a rim hover in the sky and definitely dodge two passing jets. One of the jet pilots, he said, was overheard in radio contact with the McComb FAA Flight Service Station. He answered negatively when asked if he had seen the object.

The February 2 Madison County sighting was reported by deputy sheriff Ken Creel, 20 feet above his patrol car.

He said the craft was round, had portholes and gave off a soft light. "It moved with ease," he said. "We turned the engine off to see if it made some kind of sound, but there was only a very faint noise."

CREEL WAS PATROLLING in the area with county constable James Duke. He said he did not believe in "stuff from outer space" but added that he had no idea what the object might have been "unless it was some secret Air Force test."

Over the years, there have been reports of UFO sightings in the Tylertown area. Doug Walker said he was on board duty at the radio station WTYL on the night of Friday, Jan. 28, when a lady called to report a "strange

lighted object in the northern sky." Walker went outside to look, but failed to spot the object.

Dr. William Hughes at the University of Southern Mississippi keeps a record of UFO sightings in this area. To report sightings or obtain information, he may be called at 266-7206.

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MACON, GA
DEC 2, 1976

UFO Sighting Reported To Be Nothing But Gas

By CATHY COLEMAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

The filmy spectre that hovered over Macon for nearly an hour after dark Wednesday was not a UFO, as some Macon residents may have suspected.

Instead, the blue-green-purple lights were produced by barium gas in the upper atmosphere, the National Weather Service reported.

Officials at Eglin Air Force Base in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., confirmed that the gas was released by a rocket fired at 6:09 p.m. EST Wednesday. The base was making a communications test and released a barium ion cloud in the ionosphere at 116 miles above the earth, an Eglin spokesman said.

Sun rays, reflected by the gas, produced the eerie, luminous

effect in Macon and other parts of the South.

Startled residents, puzzled to find the cloud was not the moon, called the city's fire and police departments.

The Macon Civil Defense unit about 7 p.m. declared the light was barium gas, not swamp gas, as it had previously indicated.

The cloud expanded from its payload size at Eglin to about 100 miles across. The launch was timed so the setting sun would illuminate the cloud, the Eglin spokesman said.

An Air Force C-135 communications aircraft positioned itself between the cloud and a satellite and transmitted wave signals back and forth. Crews on the ground measured the effect of the barium cloud on the transmissions.

Hypnotist will help woman find four hours lost during trip

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By SPENCER SIAS

Judy Kendell is looking for four hours that experts think may have been stolen from her by space creatures who abducted her in an unidentified flying object.

The skeptics have probably stopped reading now.

But for the curious like Judy, who doesn't know what to think and who is going to be hypnotized by UFO researchers Saturday to find out, here are the circumstances:

She lost four hours one "pitch black" night in 1970 while driving her two sisters home from Bodega Bay to Zamora.

It's a trip that usually takes only two and a half to three hours. They left their grandmother's Bodega Bay home at 5:30 p.m. and neither remembers stopping anywhere along the way. But they didn't get to Zamora until 12:30 a.m.—seven hours after they started.

They couldn't tell their distraught and incredulous parents what happened. They just don't know.

Though her 25-year-old sister is scared to think about it, Judy said she also remembers strange things about the ride home that night. The younger sister, now 22, was asleep.

For one thing, they crossed the Cache Creek bridge on Interstate 505 twice. They

both remember seeing the flashing yellow light signalling the narrowing road at the entrance of the bridge twice.

"We just kept driving and driving and driving and it seemed like we would never get to our turnoff for Zamora," Judy said.

She remembers saying to her sister that it seemed like they should be getting to their turn and that her sister agreed.

"Shortly after that we were back in front of the flashing yellow light in front of the bridge again," Judy said.

Judy's angry parents thought their story was "baloney."

They called her grandmother in Bodega only to confirm they had left at 5:30 p.m., Judy said.

She said her father checked a map to see if they had gone in a circle and concluded that wasn't a reasonable theory.

Besides that, if they had been driving for seven hours straight, they would have run out of gas, Judy said.

Because there was no explanation and everybody was safely home, the mysterious ride was forgotten...until 1975 when both Judy and her sister went to see "Escape to Witch Mountain" featuring a Winnebago taking off into the sky.

Both remembered the ride at the same time.

Curiously, whenever Judy talks about

the experience, she refers to "setting down in front of the flashing light again" as if they were floating in the air.

Judy said she saw what she thought was a UFO this summer but didn't report it.

It reminded her of her mysterious ride again and after talking it over with some friends, one of them suggested she write to J. Allen Hynek, a UFO researcher and professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

She got a reply from Hynek's fellow UFO researcher Alvin H. Lawson, a professor of English at California State University, Long Beach indicating an interest in her time lapse experience.

Lawson has contacted fellow researchers in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. They have run a check on Judy's credibility.

Judy, a Woodland legal secretary, has agreed to letting them hypnotize her this Saturday to see whether she remembers being aboard a space craft.

"I want to know what happened in those four hours," she said.

"If I really was abducted by a UFO, I want to know it.

"And if I was inside it, I want to know what was inside, who is inside and what they looked like.

Greenville Farmer 'Contacted' By Beings From Outer Space?

By RON TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Was it fact or fiction? Was it the fatigue of a travel-weary mind or a science fiction story come true complete with a visit from intergalactic beings?

Whatever it was, Donald Fender believes it, enough to pay for a trip to Washington, D.C. to talk about it.

Fender, a Greenville, Tenn., farmer says he was "contacted" by beings from beyond the reaches of our planet while traveling on I-40 Thursday, Jan. 27.

Admitting that "It's unbelievable, people will think I'm a crank," Fender related a story of a visit from some interstellar travelers while he was driving along I-40 on his way to Madisonville, Tenn.

Although many points of his story do not stand up to a critical examination, Fender contends he saw what he saw. He believes it to the point that he says he will spend his own money to travel to Washington to tell the authorities what he experienced.

According to his story, he was about 15 miles out of Clarksville on I-40 headed toward Nashville when he felt "like someone wanted to talk to me."

Surrendering to an urge, he turned off the interstate and traveled a side road to a point where he came upon the "spaceship." The ship resembled a pullet egg, Fender said, and appeared to be a silky balloon or parachute.

Fender said some beings came out of the vehicle, and spoke to him.

They related a story right out of a Buck Rogers or Rod Serling novel about being from a planet not visited by humans or their machines yet, Fender continued. They said they were her as emissaries of peace.

These beings, real or imaginary, stated they had stopped where they did,—and Fender can not say for sure where near Clarksville it was—because it is the only place they can enter the Earth's atmosphere.

Their mode of travel is restricted to a space vacuum that is aligned where the road runs north and south through Clarksville, Fender said they told him.

There are supposed to be two of these vacuums, one for the beings Fender talked to and one for another planet, Fender said. There is no way to cross over from the one on the east side of the road to the one on the west side of the road or vice versa, he noted.

This vacuum is supposedly created by these creatures, Fender said, and this first visit was apparently a type of test run.

"They said they were coming back," Fender noted, "They didn't say when, they just said they were coming back." The significance of the Clarksville visits, according to Fender, is that this will become the future home of space travel.

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The visitors told Fender that because this is the only place where the time warp type of vacuum can be created it will become the place from which all space travel will originate.

Fender realizes his story is hard to believe, at best. "If anyone told me a story like this, I'd tell them it is a crock of baloney," he stated.

He said he couldn't believe it himself, and decided against telling anyone until Monday morning when he called the LEAF-CHRONICLE with his bizarre story.

A bee farmer with a 253-acre bee farm, Fender is also a member in good standing with the Baptist Church in Greenville and a tobacco, corn, cattle and hog farmer, he said.

The sighting is said to have occurred at about 2:30 p.m. when Fender was headed towards Nashville on I-40.

The whole experience took about 15 minutes, he said, although time seemed to stand still while it was happening.

Fender also claims he was headed to Madisonville, Tenn. from Greenville, Tenn. to buy some farm equipment. Greenville is about 60 miles east of Knoxville and Madisonville is about 40 miles southwest of Knoxville.

Fender would not say what he was doing west of Nashville on a trip to Madisonville from Greenville, stating only that he had some private business to transact.

He also said he was in Madisonville at about 4:30 p.m. the day of his experience. Madisonville is more than 200 miles east-southeast of Nashville.

Air control officers at Ft. Campbell airfield report no UFO sightings in the area on Jan. 27, a Ft. Campbell spokesman said, although some floating lights were reported at Madisonville, Ky., Monday night. Those lights were from military helicopters on maneuvers in the area, the spokesman said. Ft. Campbell had 87 aircraft in the Madisonville, Ky., area Monday night.

Fender, 48, is not discouraged by any of these apparent contradictions to his story, however. He said he will pay for a trip to Washington to talk with whomever he is supposed to talk to there, and to find out just what "they want to do" about his sighting.

"I've often thought if anything happened to me like happened to those boys in Mississippi—who claimed to have been taken aboard an alien spaceship—I'd be ashamed to tell it, but I want to tell this," he said.

TIMES
MOUNT AIRY, NC
FEB 3, 1977

What It Was... Was A UFO ?

Some type of mysterious object in the sky southeast of Mount Airy in the Holly Springs vicinity was reported Tuesday night.

The object was first sighted about 8:45 p.m., according to area residents who witnessed the strange sight for about an hour.

A spectator, who asked not to be identified, said, "It looked like a huge white ball to start with. We watched it moving into the west and a blue circle came around it."

Its color changed from pink to red and then green, she said.

"It would hover and then go back up. It then went left to right and seemed to remain still for about 10-15 minutes. It then turned red and faded away."

Women Say They Were Abducted By UFO

COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL
SOMMERSET, KY
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LIBERTY, Ky. (AP)—Three Casey County women have made public a story about not only seeing an unidentified flying object, but being captured by its occupants.

They're backing up the story with such proof as testimony from a clinical psychologist and a lie detector expert and they claim they were held prisoner about 13 months ago for about 75 minutes.

One of the three claims "they pulled my eyes out," a second said the eye of one of the beings had "scales around it, like a turtle's," and the third described the beings as "about four-feet tall."

The descriptions and comments came during separate sessions of hypnosis administered by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming.

Hypnosis was used on Elaine Thomas, 49; Louise Smith, 44, and Mona Stafford, 38, because they couldn't remember what happened to them after they spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) one night more than a year ago.

All three remember seeing the object in the sky as they drove home from a restaurant where they had had dinner. All three also recall that it seemed to be controlling their car.

"I couldn't hold the car on the road," Mrs. Smith said. "It was shaking back and forth. The speedometer showed 85 and Mona and Elaine were screaming at me to slow down, but my foot wasn't even on the gas pedal," she said.

"I was pleading with her to stop," Mrs. Thomas said. "I knew it was a UFO. I had never seen one before, but I knew what it was."

The three women said they experienced severe pain in the top of their heads and after the car filled with "a hazy-like air, sort of like a fog," they lost consciousness.

They said they awoke about 75 minutes later eight miles away, seated in the same positions in the car as they had been earlier. They couldn't remember what took place during the missing time.

"People laughed at us," Mrs. Smith said. "They made jokes about us and when we walked down the street, they asked us about 'Little green men.'"

However, UFO researchers in Cincinnati became interested in the women's story and a national tabloid newspaper hired Dr. Sprinkle to use hypnosis to help the women remember.

After their sessions with the clinical psychologist, the women were given lie detector tests by Detective

James Young of the Lexington Police Department and his report says he found "no indications of deception."

Under hypnosis, Sprinkle reported, the women told an eerie story, one the psychologist terms "similar to other reports over the years."

"Something was over my face," Mrs. Smith said. "It was so hot in there I could hardly breathe. I was restrained on a table. The pain was so bad. They poured something over me and when they pulled it off, it came away like tape, like they were making a mold of me," she continued.

"Then I saw one of them. It was about four-feet tall and wearing a hooded thing. All I could see was its eyes. They were bigger than human eyes and slanted.

"They were so piercing. It never said a word, but somehow when it looked at me, I knew everything it wanted me to do," Mrs. Smith said.

"They pulled my eyes out," Miss Stafford said. "I mean they drew them right out of my head and laid them over my cheeks.

"I was on a white table as big as a bed. I couldn't move, but nobody was holding me down. It was some sort of power doing it, a big crystal with lightning coming out of it."

Mrs. Thomas said she was put in a chamber. "I fit there perfectly — couldn't move a finger. There was something wet on my face and something pressing into

"I could see them. They floated in the air around me. I could tell they didn't want me to talk. I could understand their thought waves," she continued.

"I saw one close up. There was a big, pale blue eye with scales around it, like a turtle's eye," Mrs. Thomas said.

When they regained consciousness after the incident Jan. 6, 1976, the women said each of them had a fresh burnlike mark on their necks, each about three inches long.

Miss Stafford said she had acute pain in both eyes and a new blister under one of her rings.

After driving back to their homes here, Mrs. Smith glanced at her watch and almost became hysterical, she said.

"I've never seen anything like it. The minute hand was turning as fast as the second hand. I thought I was losing my mind," she said.

The three, along with Dr. Sprinkle, will appear on national television (NBC, "Tomorrow") Wednesday night to tell their tale in public for the first time.

"I want to help other people be aware of these things," Mrs. Smith said.

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TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS
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UFO sighting meets unidentified jurisdiction

Three Texarkana, Tex., youths, who claim they saw an unidentified flying object about 9:15 p.m. Saturday, said they got an "It's not in my jurisdiction" answer from two police departments when they called in a report.

Matt Moore, 16, of 1605 Rosewood, Chris Moore, 14, his brother, and Steve Richardson, 16, of 1601 Rosewood, said they were near Spring Lake Park when they saw a large, bright orange light move across the sky.

"We watched it for about 30 seconds going across the sky," Richardson said, "but it got where we couldn't see it because of the pine trees.

"It was just going in a constant motion ('A straight line,' Matt Moore said.)— an orange light moving across the sky," Richardson remarked.

The youths said the object was lower than where a plane would have been flying, plus the solid orange light was bigger than a plane could have been.

The youths said that after they sighted the object, they went to a gas station and called the Texas-side police.

Matt Moore said he was sent through about four different channels before being told the report was not in that jurisdiction, but the officer advised him to call the Miller County Sheriff's Department.

Moore then called the department, but again was informed that such a report was not in their jurisdiction.

Another case of an unidentified flying object, this one described as red, white and blue, was reported in Hugo, Okla., late Thursday.

Missing Your UFO Picture? Post Office May Have It

Two color slides that are more convincing than most published photos of UFOs have found their way to the claims section of the Colorado Springs Post Office.

In the slides, among several

that were found loose in the mail, an unmistakable "flying saucer" soars past the lens against a dark background.

Two other slides are of a flower and a light bulb, according to Joe Morgan, claims clerk.

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Visitors from other planets

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (UPI) — Eric Gairy, prime minister of this tiny Caribbean island nation, says he believes in flying saucers and visitors from other planets.

"We are quite ready, willing and able to accept the phenomenon that there are flying saucers," Gairy said at a weekend ceremony marking the start of construction of an auditorium to be used by the Organization of American States when it meets here in May.

"There are people in other planets and they have been visiting our globe," Gairy said, announcing he will soon go to Acapulco, Mexico, for an international conference on flying saucers.

That flashing object wasn't a UFO, just an advertising plane

By JOHN E. MULLIGAN

Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

Riddle of the day:

What looks like a huge, spinning egg, has flashing lights, and circles around metropolitan Providence at night about as high as an airplane would?

Well, if you're an ordinary citizen, just minding your own business driving home along some street, it's obviously a UFO. And, naturally, you call the newspaper and the airport to report the baffling object.

If you're an air traffic controller in the tower at Green State Airport, it's the outline that a neon advertising message traces around the underside of the wings of an airplane that circles around the city at night about as high as an airplane would.

And, naturally, you've taken lots of calls from ordinary citizens reporting the baffling object.

A man called the *Journal* to report it about 8:15 last night, saying he had spotted "a huge flying object with lots of flashing lights on it right over Gate of Heaven Cemetery" while driving on Route 114 in East Providence.

Even more ominously, the object "seems to follow you" downtown, the man said, admitting sheepishly that his friends thought he was a "little crazy" to have admitted seeing it.

But he had his wits about him enough to

get a good description: "I'd say it's about 20 to 30 feet in diameter." (A good size for a wingspan on a small advertising plane). It seems to fly "about as high as a plane flies." (A reasonable altitude for a small advertising plane.)

A Winthrop Avenue woman and her granddaughter called to report it, too. Grandmother was pretty excited. "It's oval-shaped," she said. "It looks about as big as a quarter or a half-dollar from where we saw it in Mount Pleasant. But of course on the ground it would be, oh, considerably bigger. The lights are just like light-bulbs in your house!" (Pretty close to the mark for the lightbulbs on the underside of a small advertising plane.)

Mrs. Barbara Maioram of 35 Dakota Ave. was cool as a cucumber: "I'd like to report that there is a plane or an object of some kind that keeps circling the Metcalf estate."

For the record, according to Ken Brown of the Green control tower, the Metcalfs had nothing to worry about.

It was a small charter plane out of Lawrence, Mass., circling the city at 1,500 feet with a series of repeating neon messages under the wing on behalf of Northeast Harness Raceway and the Plainfield, Conn., Greyhound Park.

"It's really nothing they've never seen on the Goodyear blimp," Brown said.

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ATTLEBORO, MASS
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Recent area UFO sightings seen as part of 'peak in activity'

ATTLEBORO — Recent local UFO sightings could be part of a "peak in activity," according to the section director of the Mutual UFO Network in this part of Massachusetts.

Along with the publicized sightings last Friday in Norton and Wednesday night in North Attleboro, UFO's have been reported seen in Rehoboth two weeks ago and again Tuesday night, according to David Downs of 632 Oak Hill Ave., a Rehoboth science teacher who studies phenomena as a hobby.

Downs recalled a flurry of sightings in the Attleboro area in the fall of 1973 and said that was part of a nationwide "peak" in sightings, which may be repeating.

Although Downs says he spends little time investigating reports of "fires or lights in the sky" — noting they could be legitimate, but hard evidence is too difficult to acquire — such attracted his interest after an Oct. 20 report from Wrentham.

Lending that report credence, said Downs, was the fact that the lights maneuvered in patterns impossible for

airplanes to duplicate.

The next recent sighting was reported in October from the Rehoboth-Seekonk line and on Dec. 7 a UFO sighting, now under investigation, was reported in Sturbridge.

In recent weeks sighting reports have also trickled in from Scituate and Upton, Downs said.

Downs termed the Norton report, on which he plans a follow-up investigation, "very exciting." While the pictures taken of the supposed UFO are "very blurry," Downs is encouraged because the sighting was in daylight, under rare cloud conditions and the stories of two witnesses concur.

He said he would be making inquiries about the North Attleboro report. Should the findings prove worthy on any of the area sightings, Downs' would make reports to the state MUFON directors, who would screen them and possibly forward the information to national headquarters in Texas. Firm information from there is sent on to a computer study of nationwide sightings.

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Something Strange In Sky Over Phillipston

PHILLIPSTON — "When it comes at you, you can't move," says Mrs. William L. Miettinen of Royalston road about the unidentified flying object she claims is visible in the sky at night over her home.

Describing what she labels some kind of phenomena, Mrs. Miettinen said today the UFO can be seen daily from 5:30 to around 8:30 p.m. when the weather is clear. She said it looks like a large orange fireball with rays coming from it but that it is bigger than a star. She said the UFO disappears as quickly as it arrives but noted that on occasion she watched it as it moved away in a westward direction, toward the Athol-Orange area.

In another unexplained incident, a search was conducted Dec. 20 by more than 30 state police, firefighters and conservation officers, for a large orange fireball spotted by residents in a wooded area southeast of Routes 2 and 202. Though a helicopter was called in while ground personnel scoured the area in question, the source of the fireball was never established.

Mrs. Miettinen said the large UFO spotted by her, her husband and daughter Tuesday night, was later joined by three smaller objects which appeared to be of the same composition. She said some sort of ray comes from the UFO that when looked at, keeps you from moving.

Phillipston Police Chief Alphonse Chartier said today he has no knowledge of any UFO's in the area and hasn't personally spotted anything unusual in the evening sky.

Relating an earlier experience with the UFO, Mrs. Miettinen recalls one morning at 4:30 a strange humming noise was heard in her house and an orange glow was visible on the curtains. She said the noise scared her dog but that no one looked out the window.

The reason for reporting the UFO's she said was to spark some area interest in hopes of identifying it. She will relate her citations to a UFO information clearing house in Chicago, Ill.

UFO sightings 'not unusual' in coastal town

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WEST PENOBSCOT — Unidentified flying objects (UFO) sightings in this tiny coastal village are not at all unusual, residents claimed Thursday. But after a sighting Wednesday night, one resident decided it was about time some official agency be told of the incidents, so Mrs.

By Ted Sylvester
NEWS Rockland Bureau

Virginia Perkins called the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Rockland.

"It's no unusual, we see them all the time," Mrs. Perkins' 22-year-old son, Michael, related in a telephone interview Thursday. "My sister had one (UFO) hover over her car three years ago . . . scared the hell right out of her."

Coast Guard Petty Officer Warren Bowden said Mrs. Perkins and her daughter, Mrs. Belinda Gray, reported the sighting occurred about 9:45 p.m. Wednesday with the object appearing in the sky from the direction of Waldo Mountain in Frankfort. It had the appearance of a star, but kept getting closer and lower in the sky. It was estimated to be five to 10 feet in diameter and looked "like a bright light bulb."

The UFO reportedly continued on a path up the Penobscot River towards Bangor,

then veered south towards Ellsworth, came straight over the Perkins' trailer and continued on towards Blue Hill.

Son Michael verified the story Thursday. Although he did not witness the Wednesday sighting he claimed to have seen UFOs three or four times over the past few years, the latest two months ago. "We seem to see more of them in the fall," he said. Michael could not explain why his mother decided to report the Wednesday sighting, other than she must have thought it about time some official agency be made aware of the phenomena. He said a lot of people in the area had made the same observations but had not reported them. "They're afraid people will think they're crazy," he said.

Michael related the experience of his sister three years ago while she was driving at night in the area on her way to pick up her husband. The UFO hovered 30 feet over Mrs. Gray's car which became stalled. The inside of the car lighted up "like a million flashlights."

Michael said he had seen UFOs as close as 75 feet. "I've seen them go right up and down 75 feet off the road," he related.

A recognized expert in the field of UFOs, Stanton P. Friedman was reached in Milwaukee, Wis., Thursday. He was generally interested in the Maine UFO

sighting. He said he receives enough listings of UFO sightings each month to fill 20 legal size pages. Friedman left a career as a nuclear physicist to devote full time to lecturing and gathering information concerning UFOs. He claims to have the facts and "solid information," to substantiate the existence of flying saucers and celestial beings walking the earth.

In his lectures he said he tries to stress the facts, in attempts to bring down the "laughter curtain," which surrounds the sightings of UFOs. He said in his tours of the country it is not unusual for as many as 15 per cent of the audience to admit to having seen a UFO. But when asked how many reported their sightings, "95 per cent of them sit down," he said.

Friedman is not convinced of the existence of celestial activity on earth because of a personal observation of a UFO. "I've never seen one," he admits, adding quickly, "I've never seen Australia either, but I know it's there."

Petty officer Bowden was also very interested in the Perkins' story Thursday. He admitted to being a believer who had not experienced a personal sighting.

"I sure would like to see one," he said.

. . . but they're still seeing orange fireballs in the sky over Phillipston

By Robert J. Rosenthal
Globe Staff

PHILLIPSTON — Last Friday night it was Ray and Victoria Leonard's turn to see what a lot of people around here say they've been seeing — blinking, flashing, blurring, multicolored, sometimes stationary lights and great orange fireballs in the sky.

All those who say they've seen something say they've seen it at night when it's very clear.

"I just came out of my house and the blasted things were right there staring me in the eye," Leonard explained the other day. "You just don't know what to think when you see something like that. So you don't think, just watch. And then the next night we saw them again, and you just say, whoa, what's going on here?"

What's going on here isn't going on for everyone. There are plenty of people around Phillipston and the neighboring communities of Athol, Winchendon, and Templeton who haven't seen anything. Some of those people think the people who say they have been seeing things are strange.

Then there are the people who haven't seen anything and want to see what the people who've seen something have seen. They hope to see something so much that when their televisions start doing funny things, like blinking on and off on their own, they run to their windows.

When Leonard saw the lights last Friday, he knew he was seeing something he hadn't seen before. He went back into his house and yelled for his wife, Victoria. They turned out the lights in the house and for the next 40 minutes, the elderly couple watched the lights in the sky.

The Leonards said they saw three lights, one much larger than the other two. They said the lights would occasionally flare brightly and would move sideways and then stop. The two smaller lights appeared to be trying to stay as close as possible to the bigger light, they said.

"I'm open-minded on what those things were," Mrs. Leonard said. "They could be UFO's; heaven knows, there's something up there."

Leonard, interrupting his wife, said: "UFO's, acchhhuh. They're helicopters. But then, I don't know — there wasn't any noise. Who knows? Maybe there is something we don't know about."

A few miles north of Phillipston, in Winchendon, sightings of strange lights also were reported last weekend. The lights in the sky were seen by both local and State Police. Most of the sightings were in the Lost Lake area.

It was very cold the other day around Lost Lake. One man, out shoveling snow, was asked if he'd seen anything strange in the sky. He said he sure had and had been seeing strange things for years, not just recently. He said he'd talk but didn't want his name used because people are "too skeptical nowadays."

The man, clad in wool from top to bottom, began describing what he'd seen. He waved his hands back and forth to show the rapid movements of lights.

Then he explained why he thought UFO's were usually seen around power lines and water.

"The last few I saw were all aglow — orange colors and the like. Then they moved back and forth and puff — they were gone. Well I figure they go near lakes and swamps to get some

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sort of food they need and power lines for energy. Well you remember that great blackout a few years back, well there were a lot of UFO's out that night."

In Winchendon, John Cormier was pumping gas. He hasn't seen any strange lights in the sky but says he's studied up on them a lot. He said he knows there are other forces, perhaps spirits, out there that cause a lot of strange things.

"Right around the earth," Cormier said, "there's this curtain, an invisible curtain, and everyday we're bombarded but the curtain stops most of the things coming through. But it can't stop everything and there's a lot of weird things that happen. Now around here, there's all this talk about lights and UFO's and only one thing's for sure, a lot of people will start hallucinating."

In Phillipston, down the road from where the Leonard's live, there is another family that has been seeing strange lights.

Lillian Mietinen lives in a house that is high on a ridge. She says that every night, when it's clear, between 5:30 and eight p.m., she can see the lights. Word about the Mietinen sightings has spread so that on some nights cars line the road outside the house to watch for the lights.

Mrs. Mietinen says the lights she sees glow and blink and make beautiful colors. She was asked what she thinks the lights are.

"It's a message from God," she answered. "If we listen we'll hear it. I don't know what the message is yet. But there's, a message that's for sure. And what we've got to do is watch for it."

URI man thinks we'll hear from somebody out there

By TONY LIOCE
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

Howard Smukler spends most of his time reading letters from people who think they have seen — or who think they are — spacemen.

"Hundreds of letters," says the young coordinator of occult studies at the University of Rhode Island Extension School, "from nuts."

"There's a man in Houston who thinks he's from Uranus. He writes me regularly. It's classic schizophrenia, I guess. These people can't relate to anything on earth, so they start believing that they're from someplace else."

"But just think. If even one of these letters is real . . . You can't get a feeling for how important these letters are unless you realize that one of them just might be real."

Howard believes the chances are excellent that we are not the only people in the universe. He thinks it's just a matter of time until somebody from someplace else attempts to communicate with us down here.

So, at the URI Extension, he reads every letter he gets.

He also studies the "flying saucer fragments" that people send him. The Extension is one of the very few places in the country where "fragments" are subjected to serious, scientific analysis, largely because of Howard's efforts.

"Take this one," he says, pulling a Bayer aspirin bottle from his workshirt pocket and dump-

ing out a small piece of something shiny. "We got this from a man and his son in California. They said they saw something flash through the sky and land in the woods."

"They got to the spot where they thought it had landed, and they found this fragment. For the longest time, we couldn't figure out what it was. We had metallurgists study it, and geologists who tested it with acids. I even gave it to some local psychics to see what kind of impressions they got from it."

"Finally, we tested it with X-ray defractions. Only then did we realize what it really is — iron pyrite. Fool's gold. Apparently, all the guy and his son saw was a meteor."

"But still, it could have been the real thing, right?"

Howard says the URI Extension is providing a real service by examining the fragments. "There are very few places where such studies are going on," he says. "We're about the only one on the whole East Coast."

"You can send fragments to the Air Force, of course, but they would never get back to you with any of their study results. So it's up to the academic community to examine the fragments and report the findings."

"Again, it's possible that one might just be an extra-terrestrial object. And as long as that possibility exists, we can't afford to ignore these things."

Howard thinks it's quite plau-

sible that extra-terrestrial beings would attempt to communicate with the people he gets letters and fragments from — the "Jim Smiths" of this world who live in bungalows and drive station wagons to jobs in factories.

"I don't think they'd try to communicate to scientists or government officials," he says. "If they're evolved enough for space travel, they'd probably be scared to death by the things they see the government doing."

"Especially if they're from a passive place, can you imagine their reaction to something like Vietnam? I think they'd try to make contact with somebody 'unofficial.'"

"And I think it's just a matter of time until they do decide to make that contact. I think that, right now, they're just waiting until the time is right."

"A few years ago, only about 30 percent of the people believed in UFOs (unidentified flying objects). Now, it's up to 51 percent, with 11 percent actually claiming to have seen them."

"In a few years, a lot more people will believe, and the pressure will build. It'll be like the Kennedy assassination — people will want answers. They'll be receptive to anyone who can provide those answers."

"And that, I think, is when whoever's out there will come down."

"Until then, we've got to wait, and watch and check out every possible clue."

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Bright flash reported

Scores of people in Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho and Clearwater counties reported seeing a great ball of fire in the southeastern sky Friday night.

Police and sheriffs offices in the five counties all reported telephone calls from local residents who had spotted what was feared to be an airplane and what probably was a meteor at about 7:30 p.m.

The Clearwater County Sheriff's office checked for reports of planes missing in the area, but none turned up. Werthie Rauscher of Boise, director of the Idaho Division of Aeronautics and Public Transportation, also confirmed for the Tribune Saturday that no aircraft were reported overdue or missing in Idaho.

The Tribune and Lewiston radio stations had received calls asking about the phenomenon, described as "a bright flash," and "a ball of fire" in the sky southeast of Lewiston. The dispatcher at the Lewis County Sheriff's office had calls describing "something that lit up the sky and then blew up," and one caller reported seeing "two streaks of fire."

Several people said they believed the meteor had struck ground in the Kamiah or Kooskia area, but the theories could not be confirmed Saturday. Kamiah Mayor Westley E. Pratt told the Tribune he had heard nothing about a meteor falling in the area, nor had Kooskia Police Chief Randy Baldwin.

Police in the Moscow-Pullman area also had no reports of such sightings. But the dispatcher at the Latah County Sheriff's office said she had heard talk on the police radio about what were thought to be meteor sightings in Benewah County Friday night. Meteor activity also was reported in the Mountain Home area Friday night by police who called the Idaho County Sheriff's office on Saturday on other business, the dispatcher at Grangeville said.

The National Weather Service office at Lewiston had no information on a meteor shower in the region and personnel said they had seen no bright light in the sky Friday night.

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That light in sky, a UFO?

By JOHN E. MULLIGAN
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Riddle of the day:

What looks like a huge, spinning egg, has flashing lights, and circles around metropolitan Providence at night about as high as an airplane would?

Well, if you're an ordinary citizen, just minding your own business driving home along some street, it's obviously a UFO. And, naturally, you call the newspaper and the airport to report the baffling object.

If you're an air traffic controller in the tower at Green State Airport, it's the outline that a neon advertising message traces around the underside of the wings of an airplane that circles around the city at night about as high as an airplane would.

And, naturally, you've taken lots of calls from ordinary citizens reporting the baffling object.

A man called the Journal-

Bulletin to report it about 8:15 last night, saying he had spotted "a huge flying object with lots of flashing lights on it right over Gate of Heaven Cemetery" while driving on Route 114 in East Providence.

Even more ominously, the object "seems to follow you" downtown, the man said, admitting sheepishly that his friends thought he was a "little crazy" to have admitted seeing it.

But he had his wits about him enough to get a good description: "I'd say it's about 20 to 30 feet in diameter." (A good size for a wingspan on a small advertising plane). It seems to fly "about as high as a plane flies." (A reasonable altitude for a small advertising plane).

A Winthrop Avenue woman and her granddaughter called to report it, too. Grandmother was pretty excited. "It's oval-shaped," she said. "It looks about

as big as a quarter or a half-dollar from where we saw it in Mount Pleasant. But of course on the ground it would be, oh, considerably bigger. The lights are just like lightbulbs in your house!" (Pretty close to the mark for the lightbulbs on the underside of a small advertising plane).

Mrs. Barbara Maioram of 35 Dakota Ave. was cool as a cucumber: "I'd like to report that there is a plane or an object of some kind that keeps circling the Metcalf estate."

For the record, according to Ken Brown of the Green control tower, the Metcalfs had nothing to worry about.

It was a small charter plane out of Lawrence, Mass., circling the city at 1,500 feet with a series of repeating neon messages under the wing on behalf of Northeast Harness Raceway and the Plainfield, Conn., Greyhound Park.

UFO in Huntington may belong to bank

By DOUGLAS FENICHEL
A Valley bank may have unwittingly financed an unidentified-at least previously unidentified—flying object, according to several Valleyites.

The Sentinel has received several calls from persons who read a story Wednesday about a Huntington family who spotted a bright, oblong flying object.

The Robert F. Madden family, 19 Judson Circle, Huntington, said they saw the UFO about 5 p.m. New Year's Eve. When they called police to ask what it was. The police were unable to shed any light on the mystery.

The Maddens do not believe in UFOs. Mrs. Madden said there had to be some logical explanation.

There apparently is: the UFO spotted New Year's Eve

by the Maddens and at various other times in the past two weeks by other Valleyites, may have been an advertisement for an Ansonia bank.

An official of the Housatonic Bank and Trust Co., Division Street, Ansonia, today said that the bank had been using a colored advertisement carried on an airplane.

Mrs. Delores Dean, 9 Wilson Drive, Oxford, said she was on Route 8 around 5 p.m. two days before the Madden's sighting. She also saw the object.

"When we first saw it, it was a little eerie," she said. "The more we looked at it, the more we could see it was an airplane."

Mrs. Dean said she remembered reading about a bank on the airplane.

"I tried to call the people who saw it to tell them so they wouldn't think they were nuts," she said. "I couldn't reach them."

"The way it was described in the paper, it appears to be the same thing," she said.

A Shelton woman said she had seen the "UFO" while driving to a class at Griffin Hospital last week.

"It was like that," she said, referring to the description in Wednesday's story. "It was changing colors."

She said she did not know what it was until she drove beneath it, when she could read the ad. She criticized the display as being distracting to drivers on Route 8.

Mrs. Toby Diccico, of Shelton, was with the other woman. She confirmed the weird effect of the airborne advertisement.

"We thought it was a UFO," Mrs. Diccico said. "We weren't sure what it was. We just kept seeing this ball of light and then it became the airplane."

The only problem with this explanation of the now identified flying object: A bank official who confirmed

the bank was using the display said today she was not sure whether the advertisement was being displayed New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Janet A. Kapitan, a vice president with Housatonic Bank and Trust, said the advertisement was on an airplane based in Bridgeport.

She said the campaign had not been especially successful, and she was not sure whether it had been scheduled to be in the air the night the Maddens and the Deans say they saw it.

She said others have commented on the sign.

"A couple of people mentioned that it was hard to read," she said. "A few said they couldn't figure out what it was until they got closer."

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5 see saucer shaped object flying between Rockford and Worley

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A saucer-shaped object with a bright dome light was sighted by a St. Maries woman and her four children, last Thursday.

They noticed a bright light as they were traveling between Worley and Rockford on their way home from Spokane. This was at 6:15 p.m., and it was already completely dark, the woman said.

She thought it was a light on a top of a radio tower at first. Her children thought it was an airplane. Her two oldest were in the front seat with her, and the younger children were in the back seat.

They pulled over and watched from their car as the object came toward them. "It had a big dome light on top of a saucer-shaped object with two blinking lights on the rim of the saucer," she said. The object was very bright. The light on top was

white and the saucer seemed to give off a pale green light, she recalled.

She was not sure of the size because it was difficult to say if the object was large or just close to them.

When they had pulled over, the saucer seemed to be a long way off. "It came up quickly without making any noise," she said.

Seeing the object fly up to them frightened the group. The woman drove back onto the highway, heading toward Worley. The children said the object started heading toward Spokane. The woman stopped the car after a while to look back. "It seemed to be heading along the mountains in the same direction we were traveling and then it went out of sight."

When they reached Worley, they could no longer see the bright light although they saw

about eight blinking lights similar to those on the rim of the object they saw.

"One of my friends mentioned seeing similar blinking lights when she had come down Pee-Dee hill earlier in the evening," the woman said.

The next morning she called the Spokane Airport Weather station where sightings of flying objects used to be reported. The personnel at the station gave her a Seattle number to call. Those in Seattle asked for drawings of what the group had seen, got a description and said they might be contacted further.

"I have never believed in flying saucers, but I am sure we saw something," the woman said of the whole experience.

The family involved did not want their name published because of possible harassment by phone.

Floating over the valley

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Harley Carman has UFOs on his mind. Especially since he's sure he saw two unidentified flying objects over the Lewis-Clark Valley Saturday around 5 p.m.

Clarkston Police dispatchers and a Washington State Patrolman took the time to scan the sky after receiving Carman's report. They said they saw two lights in the sky that moved slowly off to the south over Lewiston.

An air traffic controller at the

Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport reported that his scanning efforts with binoculars turned up nothing, but fog and smoke over the valley cuts down visibility. He added he was not aware of any helicopter flights, but any copters may have been out of the Lewiston air control zone and would not have had to report their flights.

Carman's UFOs looked at first like helicopters, he said. But the longer he watched them the more convinced he was that they were

extra-terrestrial.

The UFOs seemed to float over the Snake River. The tower-like structures with bright balls of orange flame at their tails made no sound and did not have blades. Carman said about six other persons watched the objects from around 15th St. in Clarkston.

After about 10 minutes the objects moved off to the east, said Carman of 1228 15th St., Clarkston. They zig-zagged in tandem into the distance.

Did they really see a UFO that dark October night?

EVERETT HERALD
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It was 9 p.m. on Oct. 18. Ann Gates had just settled down to watch television when she heard the knocking on her front door.

The night was dark, and her husband, Bob, was outside working on his car. Ann debated whether or not she should answer.

But the knocking persisted, so she opened the door and found her next-door neighbor, Diane Gregory, standing on the front porch, clutching her five-year-old daughter in her arms and asking to come in.

"Is something the matter with the child?" Ann asked.

"No, there's something outside," Mrs. Gregory said. "It's out the back door now, by your back porch."

Ann ran to the rear of her house at 1928 McDougall in Everett, stood on the tiny platform at the head of the back stairs and looked into the sky. This is what she says she saw:

Above the Prairie Market parking lot, 100 to 150 feet in the air, hovered a huge disk which looked like the crown of the Space Needle.

Soundless, it hung there, slowly turning on its axis. From "several tiers" of windows flashed yellow, red and blue lights.

The object had a silvery appearance, like brushed chrome. It was seamless, without noticeable joints or rivets. From its bottom, a short chute or ladder pointed at a 45-degree angle toward the ground.

"I didn't expect to see anything so big," Ann recalls, estimating that the object was 200 feet in diameter. "It almost had a hypnotizing effect. It gave me the impression it might land."

Mrs. Gregory said she, too, had been watching television, sitting by her front window, when she saw the lights flashing outside. She said she stared at it for perhaps five minutes before becoming frightened and going next door to the Gates.

Ann called her husband, who scrambled out from under his car. By the time he could see it, the object had moved south to a spot he says was over Broadway and Hewitt.

In the meantime, Ann ducked back into the house and fetched binoculars and an Instamatic-style camera, loaded with color film. In what she says was the next 15 minutes before

the object disappeared, she photographed it four times.

"We thought we should call someone, but we didn't know who to call," Ann says. She telephoned the Herfy's restaurant at 2030 Broadway in hopes that someone there had seen the object, but the line was busy.

Mrs. Gregory says she called radio station KWTZ and was ridiculed by whoever answered the phone. Ann called station KRKO. "They tried to tell me it was swamp gas," she says.

A half-hour after the sighting, she called Paine Field, where a woman took her description of the object and promised to call back. Ann says she never did.

Ann, who lived in England until coming to this country four years ago, lived adjacent to the British Rolls Royce jet plant and says she is familiar with all kinds of aircraft, including helicopters and vertical take-off and landing planes. She says none of them fits the object's description.

She also says she had never seen an unidentified flying object before and had never studied the subject of UFOs. "I didn't want to see one," she says. "I thought I would be scared."

Mrs. Gregory, her nerves still shaken, stayed with the Gateses until midnight. Ann went to work the next day at Everett General Hospital, where she is a surgical nurse.

She told her co-workers about the object. Some laughed at her, others were afraid, a few expressed deep interest. For the time being, Ann decided to forget about the sighting.

But on Oct. 25 and 27, "Northwest Passage" printed interviews with nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, a lecturer who claims UFOs from other planets have visited Earth. One of the physicians at Everett General, Dr. Raymond Wetstone, insisted that Ann call Friedman in California at his expense. She did, and Friedman subsequently called me.

I interviewed Ann, her husband and Mrs. Gregory on Dec. 29. Ann gave me the unopened cartridge of film from her camera and a model

of the object she had made from clay. "I didn't want to forget it," she said. "This isn't exactly like it. It's too fat."

I called Philip J. Klass, an editor for "Aviation Week and Space Technology" magazine in Washington, D.C., the author of "UFOs Identified" and "UFOs Explained" and the nation's leading debunker of UFO reports.

Klass told me it was nearly impossible to estimate the size of an object in the sky, that the Gateses might have been an astronomical phenomenon, a weather balloon or even an airplane or helicopter if the wind blew its sound away from them.

In the meantime, Staff Writer Doug Cooley called aviation agencies around Puget Sound to ask if they had an aircraft over Everett at about 9 p.m. Oct. 18 and if they had received reports of any unusual phenomena.

Paine Field, the 92nd Aviation Co. of the Army Reserve, the Army helicopter squadron at Ft. Lewis, the Navy air station on Whidbey Island and the Sea-Tac tower all answered no.

It was a 1,000-to-1 shot that Ann's simple camera, loaded with slow-speed film, could photograph a distant object in the night sky. When developed, the negatives showed nothing.

Did Ann and Bob Gates see a UFO, a spacecraft from another planet? That, reader, is for you to decide.

But the Gateses are sure of it.

"Everything about it was so abnormal from our technology," Ann says. "Whatever made this was very intelligent. Perhaps it was on some kind of reconnaissance trip. It definitely wasn't something we made. It put you very much in mind of these silly, dumb TV programs."

And, as Bob puts it, "If people scoff, they scoff. I know what I saw."

'IT WASN'T SWAMP GAS' . . .

State Trooper Spots A 'Luminous' UFO

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SODA SPRINGS—They first thought it was an airplane going down early Sunday in the Wood Canyon area five miles east of here.

After Dennis Abrams of the Idaho State Police and Verlin Pouslen, owner of the Cedar View Supper Club, observed what appeared to be an explosion, the state trooper went to investigate.

Abrams drove to the area, but slick roads forced him to begin turning around. At that moment, shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, Abrams said he saw a luminous object with a sparkling halo about 60 feet in front of him.

The object, which Abrams reported as being the size of

three or four medium-size automobiles, hovered for a short time and then climbed above a nearby hill. It traveled north toward Idaho Falls and was spotted by another state trooper about a mile from Abrams.

Abrams told the Journal there was no evidence the object touched down. The on-duty patrolman said the object didn't make any noise and did not make any sudden movements.

Idaho State Police in Pocatello have reported the incident to the national Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting Center. They have not received any explanation of the object.

"It wasn't swamp gas," Abrams added.

'The moon came down on Bothell'

NORTHSHORE CITIZEN
BOTHELL, WA
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by DAVE GERING

Most people probably aren't quite ready to accept the notion that flying saucers were zipping around Bothell two weeks ago.

Neither is Don Burkheimer; he still isn't sure what he saw flying over Bothell during the first few minutes of Friday, Jan. 7.

Shortly after midnight, Don was sitting in his car at Bothell's main intersection, waiting for the signal light to change, when he saw a brilliantly white, oval-shaped object streak westward across the cold, clear sky and disappear behind West Hill.

"It gave me the strangest feeling I've ever had," Don recalled. "There weren't any other cars on the road. I was alone, and it looked like the moon was coming down on Bothell."

But Don wasn't the only Bothell resident to see something weird flying through the air.

His was the third known sighting within an 18-hour period that began on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 6, and ended Friday morning.

And Bill Buerger, 17, says he doesn't care whether anyone accepts his story or not: he maintains he saw a spaceship and he claims it buzzed over the Lazy Wheels Mobile Home Park on Woodinville Drive.

In any case, the sightings — coupled with another UFO (unidentified flying object) report from Everett during the same 18-hour period — amounted to a rash in what otherwise has been a pretty quiet local UFO scene.

According to a spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, these sightings compare to a reporting rate for the whole greater Seattle area which has been running at less than one a week for the last several months.

What's more, the spokesman said these things come in cycles. One report usually means more will follow. Does that mean there will be more sightings and/or visitors in Bothell soon? Read on.

BILL BUERGER allows that he is something of a UFO nut. During the last several years, he's read up on the subject and he's made two sightings of what could have been UFOs.

In fact, when he moved with his mother into Lazy Wheels last Thanksgiving, he took a reading of the background radiation with his geiger counter, just in case a UFO showed up.

Bill said he always does this when he moves, because he's heard UFOs usually leave behind a higher-than-normal level of radiation.

But Bill maintains that nothing he's read, seen or done really prepared him for what he saw one afternoon and again the next morning.

"I SAW some type of ship, and I don't care what anyone else says or thinks about it," Bill said.

"In the afternoon, I was on my way to the laundry room when I noticed a neighbor's dog whimpering and acting funny. Then I noticed that none of the ducks or birds that usually hang around here were making any noise."

Bill has read that strange animal behavior is sometimes a sign of the presence of a UFO, so he looked up and in the southeastern part of the sky, he saw a craft at an altitude of about one mile,

doing about 500 miles an hour.

Bill based his estimates on his training as a Civil Air Patrol cadet, his classwork in navigation and his experience in various groups such as Sea and Explorer Scouts.

He watched the craft maneuver for about four minutes, and then it finally disappeared into the distance.

THE NEXT morning, the pets and animals around the trailer park again began acting strangely, prompting Bill to go outside and take another look.

"When I looked up, a silver disc was swooping down into the valley, like an airplane on a strafing run," Bill said.

"It flew past at an incredible speed and I ran inside for my geiger counter. The geiger counter indicated a higher level of radiation, but while I was taking the reading, the thing came back and made another pass, this time coming down within 100 feet of the ground."

"I hit the dirt and I don't know whether it was the fall or the UFO, but my geiger counter went crazy and hasn't worked since."

The experience, Bill said, reaffirmed his theory that UFOs are space probes by alien worlds.

"I think they're doing to earth what we're doing to planets like Mars with the Viking probes," Bill said.

ACCORDING to Bob Gribble, who founded the UFO Reporting Center 22 years ago, Bill's report was typical of some UFO sightings.

He's dealt with Bill in the past when Bill reported two other sightings and said he considers Bill "a qualified UFO observer."

While Gribble continued to explain that UFOs show up in cycles, he said it was impossible to tell whether any more would be reported soon in the Bothell area.

They're too unpredictable, because they may show up, but go unreported.

On the other hand, when UFOs are reported, it's hard to tell whether someone saw something that was there, or saw something that wasn't there, or thought they saw something that was really something else.

Sometimes the observers aren't even that sure.

TAKE DON Burkheimer, for instance. He thinks that what he saw was a meteor and while a University of Washington professor agrees, Don still isn't too sure.

Dr. Donald Brownley, an astronomy professor who specializes in meteors and meteorites, said the thing Don described sounds like a meteor.

Yet a meteor the size of the thing seen by Don — it appeared to be about one-third the size of the moon — will usually prompt several hundred sightings.

There have been no reports of anyone else seeing the thing Don saw.

"It gets kind of unsettling," Don said. "I think it might have been a meteor, but I kind of agree with the professor that someone else would have seen it."

Unless, of course, it was the same thing Bill Buerger saw.

"Yeah, I've thought about that," Don said. "I believe there probably are other forms of life, and I could believe it was a spaceship that just took off before anyone else saw it, or, uh, landed or something."

"Except one thing bothers me. If it was a ship — and I'm willing to believe it might have been — what would they be looking for in Bothell?"

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As I See It! —

by Mark Steele

The recent publicity in Soda Springs about the sighting of an object that couldn't be identified brings up a couple of points to think about.

First, the sighting was made by an officer of the Idaho State Police. Although he may receive ridicule and people may laugh, it would be hard to find a witness with more credibility. His credibility, in my opinion, is above reproach.

This is by no means the first sighting of such things by trained law officers. How many sightings of unidentified objects go unreported because of the fear of ridicule and harassment is not known.

The fact remains that too many credible sources have seen too many things that can't be identified. I personally don't believe in flying saucers but the chances of the probability of other life on any of the billions of planets is very good. I say I don't believe in outside life visiting this planet, but historic evidence tends to show it may be so.

It is certain that atmospheric and natural conditions may explain some of these sightings. Others may also be tracked to satellites, airplanes and what-not.

It is the sightings that have been documented with no plausible explanation that keep me wondering. How much our government knows about this and may not be saying is only speculation. The track record of the government has been to only tell the truth as a last resort, in many instances.

As far as our local sightings, I don't think they should be taken too lightly. The major problem of concern is not the sightings, but the fear of reporting such things.

I can very easily understand the reluctance of anyone seeing a sighting to say anything about it. What we don't understand or comprehend, we tend to ignore. The fact that a great many people don't believe in these sightings will not make them any less real and I doubt if they are going to disappear. I put unidentified flying objects in the same class as the recent cattle mutilations. I quit laughing about those two years ago.

UFOs said hovering over Cannon Beach

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UFOs, or at least unusual flashing lights, have been spotted in the sky above Cannon Beach, according to reports by Cannon Beach police.

Unidentified flying objects were first sighted Jan. 26, according to Police Chief Robert Kaufman who said he has also sighted unusual lights near the

moon. Cheri Lesch, the city's municipal court clerk and substitute teacher, reported the first recorded sighting to police on Jan. 26. She told police she saw a stationary star-like object hovering in the sky that changed colors from green, red and white. Police officer Betty Lamping, who was on duty that night,

verified the sighting.

Mrs. Lesch's sighting is just one of many made, according to Kaufman. He said the unusual flashing lights were spotted during the cold, clear nights and may be "stars we can't usually see." Mrs. Lesch reported her sighting to the U.S. Coast Guard and the UFO Reporting Center in

Seattle.

The police chief said he felt the sightings may have been influenced by a story on UFO sightings in the east county carried in an area daily.

Seaside Police received reports from Jennie Sigurdson and Matalie Schuette, both of Cannon Beach, on Sunday.

Night visitors

Oct. 18, 1976. The night of strange sights in the sky.

Ethel McClincy is one of the first to spot the object. At a party in a home on Florida Drive, she sees bright lights outside the living room window at about 8:45 p.m. Stepping into the yard with several other guests, she watches the craft, which she says is flashing like a theater marquee, disappear northeasterly over Eastmont.

About 10 minutes later, another woman sees what she describes to police as a child's toy top turned upside down and ringed with flashing lights flying above the city landfill. It heads north until it's nearly out of sight, then returns and vanishes south over Interstate 5.

Shortly thereafter, a third lady, driving near 75th Street and Casino Road, stops her car and gets out for a better look at the craft, which she says has flashing lights hung with what looks like silver tinsel. Frightened, she gets back into her car and heads home.

And in the meantime, Ann and Bob Gates, whose account of the sighting appeared here Jan. 14, watch the object and attempt to photograph it from their house at 1928 McDougall.

Was it a craft from outer space, the 200-foot-wide silvery saucer with twin tiers of windows that Ann describes?

"I am as positive of what I saw as I can be of anything," she says.

But UFO investigators Jerry Phillips and Bob Gribble have a more down-to-Earth explanation.

Phillips is an Everett police dispatcher who's studied UFOs for the past three years. He encourages witnesses to report their sightings to him at 252-5037.

Gribble is a retired Seattle fire fighter who has tracked down flying saucer reports since 1955. He runs the UFO Reporting Center from his home in southeast Seattle. It's a paneled upstairs office crammed with maps, card files and red "hotline" telephones to which, by dialing 722-3000, people can report UFO sightings 24 hours a day.

After reading of the Gates' experience and receiving other reports, Phillips and Gribble suspected the witnesses had seen something that's inspired scores of similar UFO sightings — an advertising aircraft flown out of Renton airport and owned by Melvin Reynolds of Seattle.

The plane is a single-engine Cessna 150. It is strung from wingtip to wingtip beneath its fuselage with a grid of 315 lights. The lights spell out messages which can be read only by persons directly underneath the plane. Seen from an angle, it is frequently mistaken for a UFO.

Phillips, who might well have received the reports himself had he not been hospitalized Oct. 18, checked with Paine Field. Although the tower had not remembered the incident when queried by this newspaper, air traffic controllers recalled that the Reynolds plane had flown over Everett between 8:30 and 9:30 that night.

Contacted by Phillips, Reynolds also remembered the Oct. 18 flight. He said he flew over Paine Field, then northeast above the Snohomish River, then in a counterclockwise loop over Port Garner Bay and downtown Everett and finally south above Interstate 5, west over Casino Road and southeast out of Snohomish County.

Look! Up
in the sky!
It's a ...
what?

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Although Gribble and Phillips both believe otherworldly spaceships have visited Earth, they're convinced that Reynolds' airplane was the cause of all the sightings, despite the discrepancies in descriptions.

"Everybody is looking at this thing through their own eyes and describing it through their own minds," Phillips says.

"We're in a field," says Gribble, "where people see what they want to see."

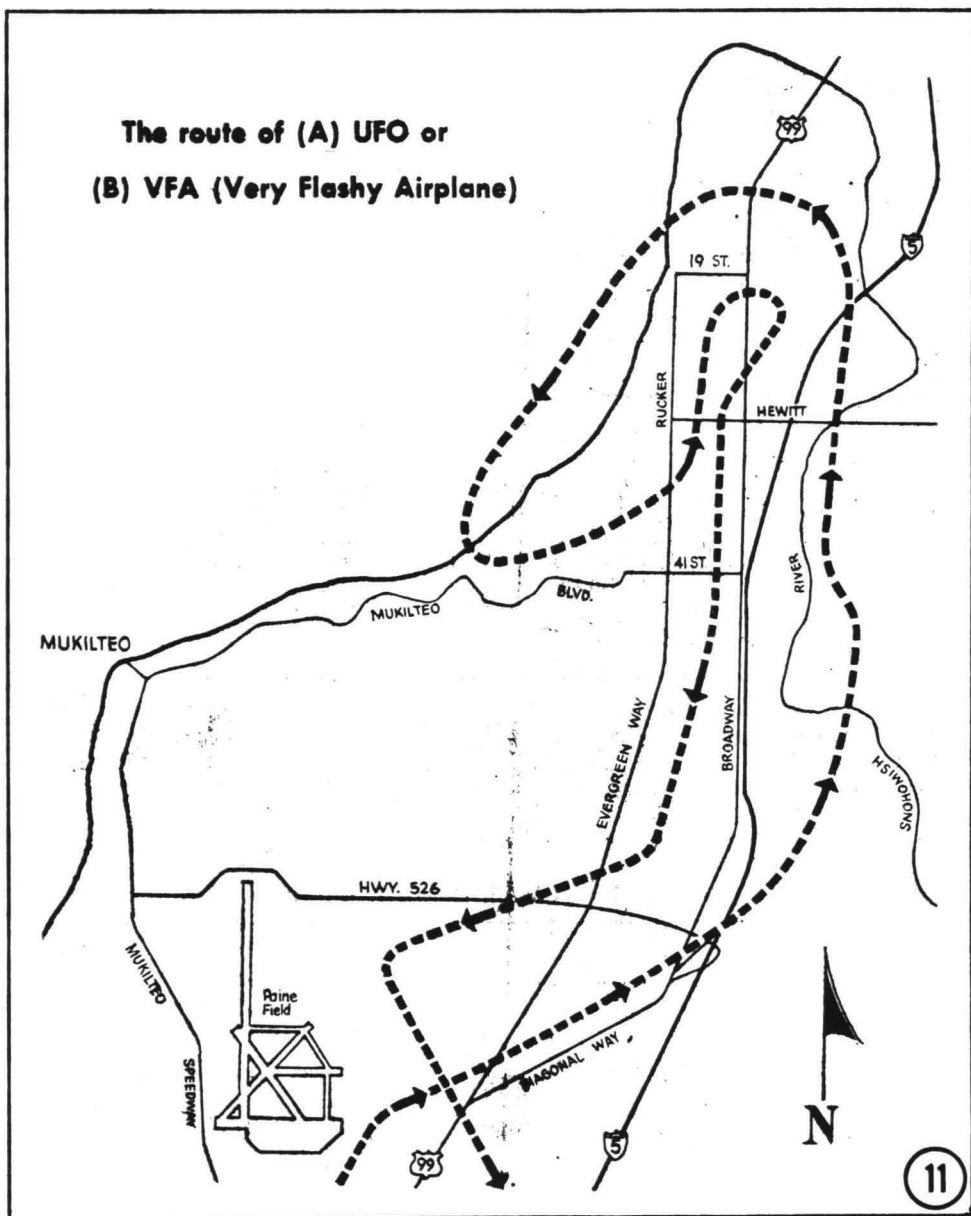
But Ann Gates won't buy their explanation.

"I think that there was an advertising plane up there. I'm sure there's no doubt about that," she admits. "But some people may have seen the advertising airplane and some people may have seen the same UFO as I."

"An advertising plane, a Cessna? That's ridiculous. That's tommyrot about it being an airplane, which I know darn well it wasn't. I know that I wasn't looking at an airplane."

"I just think that he (Phillips) is wrong. He won't convince me and neither will anyone else. It won't change the truth as far as I'm concerned."

The route of (A) UFO or
(B) VFA (Very Flashy Airplane)



Harrah youth reports UFOs with 'greenish creatures'

BY FRANCES STORY

Martha Cantu of Harrah said if her son ever tells her again to "come and look," she'll be sure to do it.

Last Wednesday when her agitated nine-year-old son Jose woke his mother up at about 6:30 a.m. asking her to explain the little "man" he saw outside she discounted his story and settled down to catch up on the sleep she'd lost the night before with a fussy baby.

Jose, who had been in the middle of preparing his breakfast, wasn't put off so easily.

He went outside to check for himself—and came back with an amazing story.

He told his mother he had seen two greenish creatures about three feet tall, who rotated on a base instead of having feet, and two "steely" crafts in which 2 other creatures were sitting.

He claimed that one craft rested in the back yard and the other on a flat section of the roof of the house. He told her he had hidden behind a washing machine stored outside next to a shed.

From that vantage point, he said he saw the two creatures join the other two in the crafts. He added that the crafts were brilliantly lighted inside, had "straight stairs" (much like a ramp) and a door that opened in "two parts, like a cross" to reveal the interior which contained two chairs with very tall bases. Jose said the craft in the yard rose from the ground and disappeared into something that resembled a cloud, steam or smoke.

When she heard the story, Jose's mother did what any mother might do in the same circumstances. She sent him to school.

At the Harrah Grade School, Jose repeated the story to Diane Gomez, an aide. "Jose is a serious boy. He's not one that tells stories or lies. What he told me, I took very seriously," Gomez said.

At 10:10, recess time, Gomez and another aide accompanied Jose to his home. There he showed them the places where he said the two creatures had been standing. In one location, where Jose said one creature had rotated on his base, Gomez said she saw two round marks in the gravel. At another place, where the creatures allegedly stood, there were two sets of three indentations.

After Mrs. Cantu spoke to the teacher's aides and they had returned to school with Jose, she called her neighbor, Irene Sanchez, to come to her home. Sanchez said they examined the back yard and found in the long grass a circular impression about 10 feet in diameter in which the grass in the middle was whirled up, and also observed the marks the aides had seen. The circle was easily visible from the window of the house next door, Gomez said, and added that her brother, who lives there, had seen it from that distance. The circle was still clearly visible when Mr. Cantu arrived home that evening from work, he said.

On Thursday afternoon, when Bill Vogel of Toppenish and David Akers of Seattle, who is affiliated with the Center for UFO Studies, visited the Cantu home, the perfectly shaped circle and "footsteps" were still discernible. Akers examined the area with a Geiger counter and got no reaction.

On Saturday when this reporter visited

the Cantu home only one set of "foot" marks could still be seen and only a faint trace of the circle remained.

Because the Cantu family is more at home with the Spanish language, this reporter took along a skeptical translator. After he questioned Jose, who answered his questions seriously and respectfully but asked to be allowed to return to his play, the skeptic concluded that "I believe he saw what he said he saw."

Vogel said he and Akers thought that Jose had "definitely" had an experience with a UFO.

If Jose did, he is in good company.

Barbara Brost, co-owner with her husband Earl of the Huba Huba Cafe in Toppenish, had a similar experience 20 years ago in southern Idaho on a ranch east of Blackfoot.

On a summer morning—about 6 a.m.—Barbara and her uncle were saddling horses and, as they left the barn by a rear door, they spotted an object "greyish white and as big as a boxcar" about half a mile away. Stunned, they watched it for about a minute. Barbara's aunt and Earl rushed from the house when the two called to them, but Earl was too late to see the cigar-shaped object which seemed to lift from the ground with a noise "like the transference of air," Barbara said. It disappeared so rapidly she couldn't tell which way it went, she said.

"When I see those rockets lift off now, on t.v., I just say to myself 'this thing was something else!'"

Another Toppenish resident, a man who prefers not to be identified, made a similar sighting eight years ago over a cornfield in Toppenish. The object that he, his wife, son and daughter saw from a distance of a quarter of a mile or less from their home was "not large. It was huge."

When asked to equate it to the size of a boxcar, he estimated it would be the length of three such train cars. He has described the object, which was off the ground and periodically beaming a light so brilliant that he was unable to look at it without squinting, to a Boeing employee who did his best to convince him that he had not seen the object and, if he had, that it was a helicopter. "I know what I saw," was his answer to that.

At the time he had a loaded Polaroid camera in his home but didn't even think of it, he said. The incident raised the "hair on the back of my neck," he said.

A more recent sighting happened in the late fall of 1958 or 1959, about 9 p.m. when Toppenish resident Ron Gardner was living in a rural area.

Gardner was about 14 years old at the time. He said he was watching television in the family's long and narrow living room with his back to a picture window in the room. A brilliant, bluish-violet light filled the room, he said. At first he thought it was "an electric arc light."

Turning to the window he saw the yard bathed in the purplish light and an object passing about 10 feet from the window.

The object, he said, was off the ground about three feet, was about seven feet high "tapering to real thin at the bottom," was engulfed in the light and the last four foot of "whatever it was" was disappearing behind a building.

Gardner said his father accused him of watching too many Flash Gordon pictures

and he never talked about it very much to anyone but "I know what I saw and I've never seen anything like it since."

Vogel, who seems to be the man in Toppenish to whom all the UFO reports are given, said that there has been many reports of brilliant lights over the Harrah area in the past six to eight months.



Jose's conception of creature he reported seeing.

He said reports of a bright light over Harrah were made by many CBers the Tuesday night before Jose Cantu claimed to have seen the men and crafts.

A bright light has also been spotted over Toppenish Ridge by Mrs. Stan Johnson of Toppenish, who was Toppenish's Woman of the Year three years ago. She shared the experience with a friend, Judi Farquharson of Toppenish. They reported the lights to the Toppenish Police, who notified Vogel, who watched the light until it disappeared over Union Gap.

The Johnsons, who are area farmers, have seen the light often—and are still trying to explain how three holes, about four feet deep and six feet wide, appeared all in a row in a field in which they were growing sugar beets just south of Harrah.

Those who have seen the lights and mysterious objects all agree that they "know what they saw" but they aren't betting on convincing anyone else of it.

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UFO spotted above fog

"I always wanted to see a flying saucer. I feel privileged now that I have."

John Lichtenwalner, artist and Harry and David Bear Creek Orchards employe, said he saw one at 7:20 a.m. Thursday.

If there are skeptics, given the state of the weather, Lichtenwalner lives on Deer Trail Lane off Coleman Creek Road, Phoenix, happily above the fog.

The object was pale grey, without lights, and cavorted porpoise-fashion in and out of the top layer of fog, accord-

ing to Lichtenwalner who called his grown children to confirm his sighting.

Lichtenwalner then checked with Wayne Reavis and the tower at the Medford-Jackson County airport and learned that no planes were reported in the area at the time. He also notified the National Unidentified Flying Object Center in Seattle.

When the viewers left for work, in a few minutes the UFO was hopscotching clouds and headed toward Medford.

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Strange Happenings Going on In Wood Canyon Area

Strange happenings have been reported up Wood Canyon, approximately three miles east of Soda Springs.

In the early hours on Sunday, Dec. 19, area law enforcement officials were involved in a search for what was reported as a possible downed aircraft in the vicinity of Wood Canyon.

Various sightings had been made on what appeared to be an aircraft over the mountains above Wood Canyon.

Idaho State Police Officer Dennis Abrams, Sheriff-elect Kelly Izatt, Deputy Sheriff Herb Walters and Deputy Sheriff Barry Snooks were all involved in the search at some time during the night.

Izatt was in his own private vehicle and was communicating with the others with a CB radio. He said he was at the top of Wood Canyon coming back down when Abrams, who was in front of him, came on the air with a report of an object that he couldn't identify off to the side of his vehicle.

Apparently the object was stationary and then moved off to the west and north from Abrams' position. Izatt reported that it was a clear night and no moon. Because of the position of the hill, Izatt said he was unable to see Abrams' vehicle and the object. Another State Police Officer also observed and was reported to be tracking an object north of Soda Springs.

A Soda Springs City Police

Officer also said he saw something that looked similar to a shooting star about 11:30 Saturday night. It came across in a northerly direction, stopped momentarily, and then continued on.

Rumors of a bomb found at the sight were partially unfounded. A spokesman for the Idaho State Police in Pocatello said a "very crude homemade bomb" was found on the Wood Canyon road, but not in the general vicinity of the sighting. He said it looked like a part of a car muffler and black powder had been used as the explosive.

Abrams, who made the closest and most accurate sighting, has been out of the Soda Springs area, and could not be reached at press time. Much of the information being passed around this area is rumor based on very little fact.

The real fact remains that a trained law enforcement officer made a sighting at very close range of an object that could not and has not been identified. Other observances made that night by law officers and others may or may not have had anything to do with the incident in Wood Canyon.

This may never have a logical or satisfactory answer. It will probably just be recorded as another "sighting." It seems very difficult, though, to ignore the facts.

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UFO sightings almost common in local area

The strange aircraft activity over Yamhill County Monday night (see story, page 1) brings to mind a number of startling sightings which have been described to us. What we find of most interest is that UFO phenomena are so well known, most people we know tend to believe that "flying saucers" really exist.

Best known of all local sightings was the early 1950s experience by Paul Trent, who saw and photographed an eerie, glowing saucer which was hovering over his property south of McMinnville. The photograph, printed in the News-Register, produced a worldwide outpouring of interest that still is well remembered by residents of this area.

While making contacts to obtain information about the story on today's front page, we talked about another UFO sighting in the same area south of McMinnville. This one, however, occurred only about six months ago. The woman was talking on the telephone when a silent, glowing object landed in the field across from her house, then just as silently backed off, up and away.

There have been thousands of such stories over the years; it now is reported that the Soviet Union is experiencing a huge increase in UFO sighting. Our people have watched Star Trek and, now, Space 1999, for so long, not to mention having watched men land on the moon, that the incredible has become commonplace in our minds.

It may well be that there is a perfectly obvious explanation for the strange activity Monday night over Berry Creek. But we don't have much of a problem worrying about it -- after all, we have to count ourselves among those who don't completely disbelieve in UFOs, though we still await our own sighting experience.

Military not likely to reveal reason for aircraft activity

There is little doubt about it, folks. Military aircraft are involved in some highly secretive, and highly unusual activity over Yamhill County. I don't know what they are chasing and I'm not really sure I want to know, which is good because it's obvious that the military is not likely to tell me.

Let's face it, since we all know it: Any jet aircraft activity over this area, especially activity of so strange a nature as has been sighted this week (see story, page 1), has to be under surveillance of our military radar. But I've heard enough stories about Air Force procedures the past few days to know that military sources aren't likely to reveal the reason for these strange night flights.

One McMinnville man, I'm told, once was part of the ground crew for an Air Force base in Alaska which regularly sent up jets "scrambling" for UFOs. He is one of several people associated with the Air Force to say that pilots of such craft cannot even talk to the ground crew before a completely secretive debriefing.

In other words, the military S.O.P. (that's standard operating procedure) is to keep mouths closed tight and information-release at a minimum.

I'm not saying there really was a UFO over Yamhill County Monday and Wednesday nights, because I have no real evidence that the strange crafts with high intensity illumination devices were anything more than search planes or helicopters. But I do know this: the public is not apt to learn much more about the activity taking place above us.

Whatever it is, I hope they catch it soon.

Another UFO sighting?

Military can't explain strange jet activity over Yamhill County

By JEB BLADINE
News-Register Editor

When Patrick Sanderlin moved earlier this year into the quiet, rural setting of Berry Creek, he didn't expect to find himself missing city housing developments. But the McMinnville man this week would have welcomed having a few next door neighbors to join him in viewing a strange collection of as-yet unidentified flying objects.

Sanderlin, who is volunteer coordinator at the public welfare office in McMinnville, looked outside his house about 8 p.m. Monday, finding the Berry Creek canyon clear and cold in contrast to the heavy valley fog below him. He was treated to a 45-minute light show of circling jet planes which apparently were giving chase to a strange, silent glowing object, followed by another 45 minutes of two jets making passes over his house.

Problem is, military sources deny that any of their jet planes were flying west of McMinnville Monday night, and say they have no knowledge of any such activity. The result is at least mild frustration for Sanderlin, who apparently was the only witness to Monday night's odd air show.

"First I saw these two lights, one bigger than the other, coming in from the north and heading toward Mt. Hood," said Sanderlin. "They made no sound, but they were close enough to be heard if they'd been normal aircraft."

"After about a minute the jet

planes came in. I could see their running lights and their wing shape, and I could hear them clearly. There's no doubt that there were at least four jet aircraft."

"The two lights kept circling, and every time they tried to circle out of the area there would be a jet there to hem it in. That went on for about 45 minutes. Then, for about another 45 minutes, at least two of the jets kept making passes over the area in an apparent search pattern."

SANDERLIN found the visual phenomenon of enough interest to continue watching the entire hour and a half. He doesn't make any claims to knowing what the strange lighted objects were, but he definitely knows there were at least four jet aircraft maneuvering over his country home.

Even more strange than the UFO is the fact that the Oregon Air National Guard and the United States Air Force have no idea where those jet planes came from.

"They definitely did not come out of Portland Air base," said Lt. Dick Norton, Air National Guard public information officer in Salem. "We do scramble UFOs upon direction of the division, but there's never more than the two jet aircraft which are on 24-hour call at Portland Air Base."

Lt. Norton noted that all air base flights out of Portland were grounded Monday night to fog. He concluded by saying Monday was one of the few nights without some kind of UFO report coming into the

air base.

McCord Air Force base outside Tacoma, Wash., the major U.S. Air Force installation which monitors our Western skies for air defense purposes, also had no answers. Public Information Officer Lt. Nancy Burnstrom reported that no McCord aircraft were involved in maneuvers over northern Oregon Monday night.

Asked if the base would have radar records of any such activity, Lt. Burnstrom said the computer print-outs would not easily show if such flight activity did take place.

Robert Gribble at the Unidentified Flying Object center in Seattle reported that no UFO citing report had reached his office by Tuesday afternoon, and that he had no luck in tracing the source of jet aircraft flight over the Berry Creek area Monday night.

For Pat Sanderlin, who likely will remain the only reported witness to the strange activity, it all adds up to one thing: The private and serene nature of country living may be great for the nerves, but there are times when a few next-door neighbors would come in mighty handy.

And even if the strange glowing objects somehow were just another aircraft, he remains mystified as to where the jet airplanes came from. And the military sources who normally would be the source of such flights (or at least normally would know they were taking place), have no explanation themselves.

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Heard low-flying jet planes

To the Editor:

Have just read Mr. Sanderlin's account of the jet plane chase of an unidentified glowing object, and wish to corroborate his statement regarding the planes.

On Mon. night at approximately 8 o'clock I heard two jets pass over our home at very low altitude. I was puzzled at the time as to why jets would be flying so low in the dense fog that surrounded the area.

MRS. R. A. KAHLER
Yamhill

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Another incident at Berry Creek

Unusual aircraft jets, searchlights activity continues; fill county skies

Unusual aircraft activity over Yamhill County continued Wednesday night, involving both jet planes (assumedly military) and other flying machines. At least one jet aircraft flew close over McMinnville, and two sightings were reported of planes with extremely high intensity lamps providing unusual illumination.

Part of the activity occurred in the area east of McMinnville where, Monday night, a number of jet aircraft were sighted in apparent pursuit of an unidentified flying object. Pat Sanderlin, volunteer coordinator for the public welfare office in McMinnville, watched the flight activity from his home up Berry Creek Rd.

Monday night, several jet aircraft performed maneuvers

around a glowing, flying object which made no apparent sound, said Sanderlin. He watched the activity for over an hour; the next day, military sources said they had no knowledge of jet aircraft in the area.

Wednesday afternoon, Richard Craig, resident of Wheel Estates on the near end of Three Mile Lane, verified that a low-flying jet plane was overhead at about 8 p.m. Monday. "I spent 2½ years on an Air Force base," said Craig, "and I know what a jet aircraft sounds like. This was a jet, and it sounded like it was about to land on top of the trailer."

Wednesday, about 8:40 p.m., an aircraft with extremely powerful lighting did somewhat of a dive-bomb maneuver directly toward

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Sanderlin's house, which sits 7 miles east of McMinnville by road and about 5½ miles by air. "The light came so close," said Sanderlin, "that it turned into a star pattern and sent me grabbing for my shotgun."

The aircraft, which suddenly darted away, did not return that night to the Berry Creek area. It also was seen, at a 7 mile distance, by this reporter, who viewed the brilliant, pulsating light and saw it swoop into the Berry Creek area.

Twenty minutes later, about 9 p.m., a jet aircraft flew fairly low over McMinnville, clearly identified by sound by both this reporter and other city residents. Other aircraft also were flying around McMinnville at the same time Wednesday night, including a craft which moved like a helicopter and carried two extremely bright lights.

No explanation has been forthcoming concerning the strange jet activity Monday and Wednesday nights. Only military jets are likely to have been involved, but a spokesman at McCord Air Force Base outside Tacoma, the military installation which monitors skies over the Western United States, denies any knowledge of the Yamhill County maneuvers.

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Was It UFO? Or What Is Definition Of UFO?

BY JEANNE REICH

If you thought you saw a strange object in the sky last Wednesday--be relieved...you weren't the only one.

The unusual phenomenon was seen over Sheridan by several of its citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ogle were among the Sheridanites who observed the occurrence February 2.

Ogle first observed "a round ball of light much bigger than a star while driving home from McMinnville around 8:30 p.m. He watched the object change position as he drove home and

continued to observe it from his family room once he had arrived at his Cherry Hill residence where height gave a good opportunity to view the unusual sight.

The Ogles watched the object for an hour as it descended rapidly, then stopped and hovered while changing colors, blending slowly from white to amber to red. Then...it moved from sight below the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings, neighbors of the Ogles, observed the same phenomenon. Their son, Roger Waller, called Walt Allen, Sheridan High School science teacher.

Mrs. Allen reports that she and her husband saw the object "hanging over the

mountains toward the west. Using a telescope, they watched the object descend in a vertical path and change colors from red to orange to white several times.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wart were others who watched the object on their way home from McMinnville that evening.

When called, Ralph Turner, who heads the Rock Creek Experiment Station, said he wasn't home that evening. Turner, a planetologist, worked for several years at the Lunar and Planetology Lab in Arizona.

Turner remarked: "It is premature to call sightings like that 'UFOs.' It is a catchword that bring all sort of things to mind."

He did feel the descriptions are "a good thing to have and

the sightings of several observers would help to plot the object's position."

Turner's first reaction was to say it was a weather balloon "or someone fooling around."

Ogle said, at first, he thought it might have been a balloon, also, but it didn't descend like a balloon.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines UFO simply as "an unidentified flying object," then goes on to say "especially flying saucer."

Whatever one's feelings are on the controversial subject of UFO, the object on view last Wednesday night certainly answered to part of that description -- "an unidentified flying object."

Or, as Turner staged, "Unknown to us anyway."

Coast Guard pilot tells of sightings

By JOHN THOMPSON
Of The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — People who admit to seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs) often say they were ~~reluctant~~ to do so because they're afraid of being called crackpots.

That's why Steve Lickar of Svensen was hesitant about showing anyone his picture of a "flying saucer," published in The Daily Astorian Monday.

It can't be denied that some sightings of unexplainable objects in the sky are made by sane, rational people.

Lt. Mike Wade, a U.S. Coast Guard pilot stationed at Air Station Astoria — who is by all accounts undeniably levelheaded — sympathizes with Lickar.

"I'm a believer," Wade said Wednesday. "I saw one of them myself once."

The most common response Wade got when he told his friends about his own sighting was "Ah, baloney, You saw a star."

For a guy who was required to take celestial navigation as part of his Coast Guard training, that is a low blow.

Wade told the story of his own experience with the unexplained while reporting, in his capacity as air station information officer, about the apparent sighting of a distressed helicopter off Netarts Tuesday night.

He thought at first the helicopter sighting might be another UFO sighting like the one Lickar reported, but it apparently was a more conventional craft.

His own sighting was in 1964, when he was a radioman at the air station in Port Angeles, Wash. He is still mystified by the experience.

Wade was out in the yard at his home in Agnew, a little rural community east of Port Angeles, within sight of the Olympic Mountains and a stone's throw from the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

"I looked up and saw this bright object that was definitely not a star or the moon," Wade recalled. "It was still daylight."

The object was to the south, over the Olympics, heading from west to east at a faster rate of speed than Wade thought a normal aircraft would travel.

It came to a sudden stop, and remained still for about two minutes. Then it streaked to the north and stopped again, then turned east and disappeared quickly.

"It didn't exhibit normal aerodynamic capabilities that you think of from an aircraft," Wade said.

He was impressed by the object's ability to hover and turn at right angles — something an airplane can't do — while moving much faster than a helicopter.

He described it as a rounded, bright object, seeming to give off its own light more than reflect it. He recalled a whitish, reflective surface.

The object was too far away and moved too fast for Wade to get any more details of it.

He said it wasn't unlike the one Lickar caught with his Polaroid camera, but it was less rounded on the bottom.

Wade didn't make an official report on the sighting, partly because of the ribbing he took from friends who called his mental stability into question. But he wasn't alone in his vision, nevertheless.

"There were...some reports on the news from other areas that there had been UFO sightings," Wade said.

He hasn't formed a conclusion about what he saw — he doesn't imagine he was visited by Martians — but he does say firmly, "It was some kind of an object I can't explain. It didn't act like any aircraft I ever saw."

Wade earned his wings in 1967 and has been piloting Coast Guard helicopters in search and rescue missions ever since. The Coast Guard, evidently, doesn't regard the soft-spoken flier as a mental case.

There are others in the Coast Guard who have had similar experiences.

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Pilots Wally Granstra and Miller Chappell, both of whom now are stationed elsewhere, were believers like Wade.

They took off in a helicopter one day in 1973 to chase a UFO over the mouth of the Columbia River, followed it around for two hours and gave up. It accelerated away from their cumbersome chopper almost effortlessly.

"Whenever you mentioned UFOs to Wally Granstra, he always said, 'Yeah, I chased one for two hours over the river,'" Wade said.

Wade's own sighting sparked his interest in the subject and, like Lickar, he did some reading afterward. He didn't become a UFO cultist, however.

"I don't sit out in my yard and look for 'em," he said.

Whenever he spots a flying object out the window of his helicopter, he does his best to identify it, perhaps partly because of his memory of the 1964 incident.

"So far I've been able to identify them all," he said.

Mysterious colored flashing light still unexplained

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A flashing green and red light over the ocean near Netarts last week brought a Coast Guard helicopter and an ocean cruiser to search for its origin, but no source of the flashing light was found.

The mysterious light was spotted last Tuesday night, Jan. 25, by Don Normile, a resident of Netarts and owner of Normile-Ackley Insurance Company in Tillamook. The light was also seen by Earl Klouchec of Netarts and a Coast Guard man from the Garibaldi Coast Guard Station.

Normile said he saw the light flashing as he drove up to his house around 9:20 Tuesday evening. When he got inside he looked

out the window and the light was still there, out beyond the surf line, descending very slowly toward the ocean.

Normile said he assumed it was a helicopter, possibly having trouble, since it wasn't going anywhere, just straight down. He called the Garibaldi Coast Guard Station and asked if it had any boats in the area. "The answer was 'no,'" said Normile, "so I told them, 'I have something to report.'"

The result of the phone calls from Normile and others who saw the light was the dispatch of a helicopter from the Coast Guard Station in Astoria and a 44-foot cruiser

from the station in Garibaldi.

Both crafts searched the area where the lights were reportedly seen from about 10 p.m. to 12 midnight that evening, but nothing was found.

The helicopter used "night sun" lights to search the area, according to the information officer at the Astoria Station. He added that conditions for the search were excellent, and chances of seeing any debris or lights in the area were extremely good.

No overdue aircraft have been reported at any airports in this area, and the origin of the flashing red and green light is still a mystery.

UFO sighting linked to drought

By JIM EDMUNSON
Of The Daily Astorian

SVENSEN — Visitors from outer space are studying Lower Columbia River drought conditions, a college student has theorized after photographing an unidentified flying object near here.

Steve Lickar, a 20-year-old electronics student at Clatsop College, claims he saw the saucer-shaped aircraft shortly after noon Jan. 13.

The UFO was stationary for about 50 seconds, "then it went straight up and it was gone," he said today.

The Knappa High school graduate was photographing the Svensen Co-op for his mother's community newsletter when he noticed the bright object hovering to the northwest in the vicinity of the Columbia River.

The student adjusted his camera to a darker setting so the UFO's halo of light would show more clearly on the Polaroid print.

"I had just taken one shot of the co-op when I looked up and I could see this object in the sky," he said.

"I watched it for about 20 seconds before I realized it was stationary. It looked kind of weird because a reflection from an airplane would have been just a speck of light," he said.

Lickar's photograph shows a dome-shaped object with a flat bottom. It appears to be tilted to the east, as if observing the river through a side window, he noted.

The photograph will be analyzed this week by the Seattle-based Phenomenon Research group, which investigates UFO sightings in North America.

Bob Gribble, acting director of the research organization, said Monday Lickar's photograph was rare because "people who see UFOs usually don't have cameras with them."

"Pictures of UFOs are few and far between," he said.

The print will be studied by photography experts and submitted to computer analysis to determine density of the object and its approximate size.

Lickar said he had "a tendency to think there are such things as UFOs," although he was skeptical about his sighting at first and didn't tell many persons.

"After I looked at the picture for awhile, I got to thinking no one would believe me — that it was just a spot on the film," he said.

But some persons at the college inspected the print and convinced Lickar to announce his sighting.

"It was strange all right — kind of makes your hair stand on end

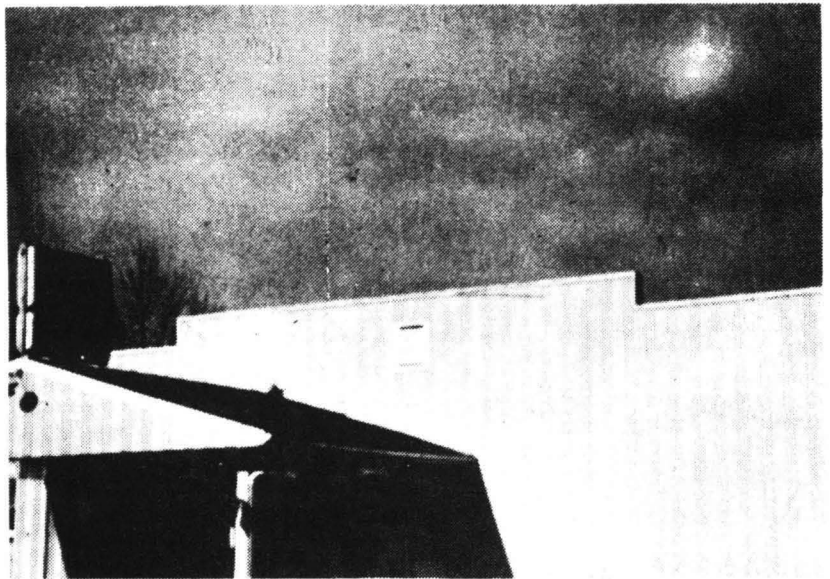
because you don't know what it is," he said.

He said UFOs frequently have been witnessed at times of extreme weather conditions.

Northwest Oregon is experiencing the worst drought in more than 100 years this winter. Stream conditions in the Lower Columbia River are acutely low, threatening fish runs and water tables.

Lickar thinks space visitors may have been studying the low water condition at the mouth of the Northwest's largest river.

"Now I've become sort of interested in UFOs," he said. "Who knows, maybe I'll write a book."



Strangely-shaped light in sky above and to right
of Svensen Co-op.

Reports of flying object spur fruitless CG search

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NETARTS—The U.S. Coast Guard received several reports of a flying object off Netarts Bay Tuesday night with lights that changed colors.

The callers didn't refer to the object as a "UFO."

Instead, they feared it was a helicopter in distress and one caller said it appeared the lights dimmed and the "aircraft" disappeared into the ocean.

A Coast Guard helicopter and rescue boat searched extensively off the bay's entrance but didn't find any debris, and no reports of overdue aircraft have been received, Air Station Astoria information officer Lt. Mike Wade said.

The search was suspended shortly after midnight.

Though the case is tentatively listed as a false alarm, Coast Guardmen took it more seriously than a later report of a ship burning off Seaside that turned out to be a glow from the moon.

That was because the Tillamook Bay Coast Guard Station at Garibaldi confirmed that a helicopter had been seen in the area earlier in the evening.

Wade said the first report of the helicopter came from Earl Klouchec of Netarts, who called the Garibaldi station at 9:14 p.m. to report seeing a bright light that changed color and appeared to have a tail.

He said it was one to three miles northwest of the entrance to Netarts Bay.

Three minutes later, the driver of a Coast Guard

vehicle reported seeing the same colored lights.

At 10 p.m., Don Normell of Netarts said he saw what he presumed to be a helicopter sink into the ocean about $\frac{3}{4}$ to two miles off the shore. He thought it was a helicopter because it appeared to hover in one place.

Normell said the craft had red, green and white lights, which Wade confirmed are common on helicopters. The lights went dim as the craft disappeared, Normell said.

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Dept. also reported seeing the hovering lights.

By that time the Tillamook Bay station and Astoria air station had started checking with coastal airports to find out if any helicopters were known to be flying or overdue.

None of the sources contacted knew of any such aircraft, but the Tillamook station Coast Guardmen recalled seeing a helicopter earlier in the evening.

The Coast Guard helicopter from Astoria and 44-foot rescue boat from Garibaldi searched from about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile north to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the bay entrance, using "night sun" search lights, Wade said.

"There were good night search conditions," Wade added. He said chances of seeing a light or debris in the area were "95 per cent."

Reports of overdue aircraft still hadn't been received this morning Wade said.

Sky sightings continue, more UFO stories told

Reports of strange flying objects, printed in the News-Register in late December, have induced many people to tell their own interesting UFO stories. And the objects which were subject of the earlier news stories still are being seen west of McMinnville.

Calls to the newspaper during the past three weeks have produced several unidentified flying object stories, all of which involved local sightings which could not be explained by those reporting the information. Many of the stories involve sighting of lights in the sky similar to those seen in the Berry Creek area — sometimes strobing, extremely brilliant lights on aircrafts which produced no sound.

Earlier reports of the Berry Creek sightings have been backed up by a number of people, all of whom have described the same phenomena. There have been regular sightings in the area throughout the past three weeks,

all involving lights which seem close enough for the viewer to hear the sound of the aircraft carrying them.

Not all of the stories called into the newspaper, however, involve only sightings of strange lights in the distance. Three people have described local UFO sightings which involved much more, and which so scared and perplexed the viewers that they just didn't tell too many people about the experience.

One of them occurred about 10 years ago along Baker Creek Rd., another one happened more recently south of McMinnville and a third was reported west of McMinnville about a year ago. One of the stories was like a classic portion of that old television series "The Invaders," involving an eerie, glowing disk which landed only 50 yards away from the viewer's car (which completely stalled during the time the disk was in view).

A UFO center in Seattle, Wash., has received a number of calls

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from McMinnville area residents in the past few weeks, involving strange lights seen at night both south and west of McMinnville.

People familiar with new strobe landing lights have said that they easily could produce the effects seen by local people, but some of the viewers remain somewhat skeptical.

"If what I saw was a landing light on a small private plane," said one of the story tellers, "then that pilot must have killed his engine and started a long gliding move. Because there just wasn't any sound, and if there had been a conventional plane motor involved I would have heard it."

Woman sees 2nd area UFO

By JIM EDMUNSON
Of The Daily Astorian
NASELLE, Wash.—The second sighting in two weeks of an unidentified flying object in the Lower Columbia River area has been reported by a couple here.

Arthur and Alice Wirkkala said they saw a reddish object hovering above trees near their home about 6:30 p.m. last Friday.

Mrs. Wirkkala told of the event after she read a news account in The Daily Astorian Tuesday of a similar sighting near Svensen Jan. 13.

The woman said the object north of her home was "a flat saucer-shaped object reddish in color with bright lights like stars rotating around it."

"The object was stationary for about 90 seconds, then it went rapidly sideways and disappeared," she said.

Mrs. Wirkkala and her husband were the only persons to witness the UFO, although they tried to alert neighbors.

The woman said she called neighbors to go outside and see the object but by the time the neighbors could be alerted, the object was gone.

The UFO first was noticed by her husband from a bathroom window.

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"He yelled to me 'there's something in the sky,'" Mrs. Wirkkala said. "I went to the bedroom window and looked out. I saw it right away."

"I said, 'we've got to get witnesses to this,' so I started calling on the telephone," she recalled.

While the woman was trying to call neighbors, her husband went to the back porch to listen for any sounds. The object was silent, he told his wife.

Mrs. Wirkkala said she and her husband had believed in the possibility of UFOs for "quite a few years," although they were hesitant to tell anyone when they saw a saucer.

"I'd always said that all of those people who saw UFOs couldn't be crackpots—but little did I know I would be one of those people to see one," she said.

"If you knew my husband, you'd know there's no way he would be telling stories," she said.

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Light in sky is seen

Several South Coast residents reported sighting a brilliant white light off the coast about 3:30 a.m., according to reports from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Lakeside Police Department.

The Coast Guard received reports from Coos Bay and the Brookings-Harbor area of a flare sighting off the coast and launched a helicopter from the North Bend Air Station this morning to check the coast but found nothing.

Lakeside Police Chief John Brown said his office received a report that a white light bright enough to out-shine street lights in the town woke up a local resident about 3:30 a.m.

The U.S. Weather Service in Eugene said it had no other reports of shooting stars or sightings of the light.

Strange 'Flying Objects' Plaguing Oregon's Coast

By FRED LEESON
Journal Staff Writer

ASTORIA — People don't want to say much about what they've been seeing here lately lest others think they are slightly daft.

Steve Lickar, for instance, kept his story largely to himself for almost two weeks, even with photographic evidence in hand.

The appearance of strange flying objects in Clatsop County this month is what people are talking about hesitantly.

Lickar, a 20-year old freshman electronics student at Clatsop Community College, is the only person in the area so far to photograph the object he saw. It appears as a bright speck with a halo, seen high in the air over a co-op store at Svensen, 11 miles east of Astoria on Highway 30.

He was taking a picture of the store with an instant camera for a community newsletter when he saw the bright object about 12:45 p.m. Jan. 13.

"At first I thought it was an airplane reflection," he said. "But those reflections will disappear after an instant. This one didn't. Then I noticed the halo around it, lighting up the clouds.

"I couldn't tell how far away it was, but it seemed as if it was over the (Columbia) river, probably big. I saw it for maybe 20 seconds and then I thought, 'If I'm going to tell anybody, I'd better take a picture.'"

Lickar snapped the picture and waited about 50 seconds for it to be developed. When he looked up again, the object was gone.

He said the object was saucer-shaped, remained stationary in the sky and was tilted slightly to the east. Lickar's photograph has been forwarded to the Phenomenon Research group in Seattle, where it will be analyzed by computer to determine the size and density of the object, if possible.

"It's wicked," Lickar said of the incident. "It really makes you stop and think.

"I don't discount the possibility that UFOs could exist, but I think the Air Force is involved with it somehow. If there is intelligent life somewhere else in the universe, why would they come here? They'd be much more intelligent than us."

And Lickar isn't alone in seeing the unusual. More bizarre sightings occurred at Netarts Bay and Astoria late Tuesday and early Wednesday this week.

The U.S. Coast Guard received several reports of an object with revolving red, green and white lights, thought by many to be a helicopter in distress.

But an intensive search in the air and on the sea found no evidence of a helicopter, and no reports of a missing vehicle were received.

Early Wednesday, two women in different locations in Astoria saw a similar object with the same revolving colors between 4:40 and 6:15 a.m., seemingly hovering over the interstate bridge.

Vicki Githaiga and Elaine Lovell, who both work at TJ's Tap Room, finished work, ate breakfast and had gone home by 4 a.m. Wednesday.

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Ms. Lovell telephoned when she saw the somewhat dome-shaped object, just to make sure she wasn't seeing things.

But Mrs. Githaiga saw it, too, from another vantage 3 miles away. "The lights weren't blinking like an airplane," she said, "but revolving like a search light.

"It would stay in one place, move up, come down and move across. Elaine and I stayed on the phone and she would say, 'Did you see it go this way or that?' and I always saw it move the same way she did."

At 5:25 a.m., Mrs. Githaiga said she went back to bed. Ms. Lovell said she watched the object until 6:15 a.m., when she fell asleep.

Neither woman reported the sighting to authorities.

"I don't have to tell anybody what I saw because I know what I saw," Mrs. Githaiga said. "I was afraid if I called the Coast Guard they'd say, 'Sure, lady, tell us some more.'"

CB gets its share of UFOs

CANNON BEACH — The UFOs sighted around Clatsop County in the past few weeks are alive and flashing in Cannon Beach.

UFOs — unidentified flying objects — appearing here started Wednesday, Police Chief Bob Kaufman said today. The city's municipal court clerk, Cheri Lesch, reported seeing a stationary star-like object Wednesday that changed from green to red to white. She called a police officer, who verified the sighting.

Kaufman, who also has seen the strange lights hovering near the moon, said numerous Cannon Beach residents have witnessed them.

He said the flashing lights have been seen "every night there's a clear sky."

"It's been happening every night in the same area," the police chief reported.

Kaufman said that the city has reported the sightings to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Phenomenon Research Group in Seattle, which will investigate them.

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Student photographs what he says may be a flying saucer

SVENSEN, Ore. (AP) — Steve Lickar, 20, an electronics student at Clatsop Community College in nearby Astoria, has photographed what he says may be a flying saucer.

He was taking a picture of the Svensen Co-op for his mother's community newsletter around noon Jan. 13 when he noticed the bright object. He said it stayed stable for about

50 seconds, then went straight up and vanished.

Meanwhile he darkened the exposure on his camera so the light from the object would be clearer on his Polaroid print.

He said he was reluctant to make the picture public for fear nobody would believe him. However he said several persons at college convinced him to make it public.

Motorist Reports Odd Sky Light

A Ventura motorist traveling between King City and Paso Robles Sunday evening on Highway 101 reported seeing a strange orangish light in the sky which paralleled the road for several minutes before darting straight up and disappearing toward the ocean.

About half a dozen motorists stopped their cars to watch the scene, sometime between 9 and 9:30 p.m., William Bergum said. The object did not climb with a steady thrust like a rocket, he said, but appeared to intermittently give off a flame like a comet's tail. It seemed to be about three or four miles from the highway and looked like a small fire on a hill at first, Bergum said.

The King City Police Department, Sheriff's substation and California Highway Patrol's King City station received no reports.

UFO gives employees a buzz

They didn't know what to make of it, those employees headed for work today shortly before sunrise.

There, near the intersection of Eighth and Connecticut could be seen: A small, round object, flying at treetop level, covered with lights that glowed but didn't blink.

"It really frightened us," recalled one woman.

That's the story told by several employees of King Radio Corp., 724 Conn., who said they spotted the strange object about 6:30 this morning as they arrived for work at the plant, which manufactures aviation electronic equipment.

"IT WAS RIGHT over King Radio," said

one employee, adding that she first saw the airborne mystery vehicle when her car stopped at the intersection. "I thought that by the time I got in the parking lot I could see it, but it was gone."

Several employees said the object first appeared high in the air, but quickly swooped to the tops of the trees.

One woman said she noticed the flying object passing overhead while she was getting out of her car in the King parking lot. She first thought it was an airplane or helicopter, but recalled that the vehicle made no sound as it flew by.

Said another woman: "This is nothing new for me. I live out by the co-op (Farmers Co-op Assn.) and I've seen things like this on the way to work before. But it wasn't like

the others. The lights weren't blinking."

George Lewis, superintendent of the King electronics plant, said he saw what appeared to be a low-flying airplane on his way to work this morning.

Whatever the employees saw, there were no official reports of a strange flying object. Neither the Douglas County Sheriff's office, the Lawrence Police Department or the National Weather Service's Topeka office received reports of unusual aircraft.

N.W. Stofer, former director of the Kansas University observatory and former professor of astronomy, speculated that the object could have been a low flying aircraft, a weather balloon or a satellite.

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UFOs Deserve Study

STANFORD, Calif.
— (AP) — Unidentified Flying Objects — long an inspiration to science fiction writers but never proven to exist — deserve further scientific study, say 80 per cent of 1,356 astronomers replying to a questionnaire.

In a survey mailed to 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society, positive responses to the question of whether the phenomenon merited further inquiry ranged from "certainly" to "probably" or "possibly."

Sixty-two persons said they had seen or had made instrument recordings of events they couldn't identify but which they thought might be related to the UFO phenomenon.

The questionnaire was conducted by Prof. Peter A. Sturrock, an astrophysicist and member of Stanford University's applied physics department.

One respondent told of seeing, about 5 p.m. one day in Florida, a UFO that "had a bright aluminum hue and the familiar (disc) shape." When approached, it faded from sight leaving a thin cloud layer at about 1,000 feet altitude, he said.

Expert feels scientists take UFOs seriously

By DOUG DOMEIER

The subject of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), victimized by "a tremendous amount of ridicule," is finally drawing serious scientific attention, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies, said here Friday.

Hynek, Of Evanston, Ill., who is also a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, said a California university will soon release results of a survey of 2,611 members of a major astronomical society.

A high number of members, 1,356, responded and 53 per cent said UFOs are worthy of scientific attention, Hynek said.

"That's a breakthrough," he said.

"I can't think of a single subject in the last 25 years where there's been so much newsprint, heated arguments, frayed tempers, after-dinner conversation and talk-show appearances as UFOs," Hynek said. "And yet so little has been spent to do anything about it."

Speaking to the Northwestern University Alumni Club of Dallas, Hynek said the UFO center receives about 1,000 reports from around the world a month. Ninety per cent are IFOs, or identifiable Flying Objects, he said.

But UFOs are real in the sense (reports) can't all be ascribed to what fools the eye," he said.

Genuine UFO reports often involve brightly-lighted crafts that frequently stop the engines and lights of automobiles, Hynek said. Objects often hover

noiselessly or with a whinnying noise above Earth, then take off extremely rapidly, he said. Some reports claim beings or humanoids have been sighted."

Most witnesses are ages 21 to 59 years and are not "crackpots," Hynek said.

Reports often come in waves, the last being in 1973, he said.

Hynek, who has investigated UFOs since 1948, said that if UFOs are from outer space, then the "nitty-gritty" situation that must be faced is how such craft could travel the enormous distances between stars. The nearest star to earth is 4.5 light years away.

"There are stars millions of years older than the sun, and possibly civilizations millions of years older than our own," he said. These civilizations may have discovered technology we know nothing about, he said.

But Hynek said the more he works with "the UFO phenomenon," the more he feels it may represent contact with "another reality" besides the accepted "nuts-and bolts reality."

He pointed out that spiritual "realities" have often been recorded which also are at odds with "nuts-and-bolts reality."

In one of many cases, Hynek said a farmer was on a tractor in his field in Saskatchewan, Canada, when he saw four circular objects moving rapidly in a clockwise direction about 15 to 20 feet away. They hovered, then went straight up into the clouds, he said. Pictures show the grass beneath where they were spotted was matted down in a clockwise direction, he said.

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Flying object above city Thursday night

Persons who saw the lighted object flying over Jacksonville for about 45 minutes Thursday evening probably came to many different conclusions. Personnel at Jacksonville Public Library, as they were leaving the building at 6 p.m. were concerned because the object was lighted, very low and soundless.

1976 UFO Sightings Analyzed

"The most outstanding characteristic of the global wave of UFO sightings in the air and on the ground during 1976 was the noted increase in the number of reported landings, occupant encounters, abductions and physical examinations of witnesses."

"1976 also produced a corresponding increase in the number of pilot reports, radar trackings, photographs and movie films, severe animal reactions and possible mutilations, ground markings left by UFO's, along with electric and magnetic interferences with radios, CB's, television sets and auto headlights and motors."

These statements came from George D. Fawcett, a native of Mount Airy and current general manager of the Maiden Times weekly newspaper, one of seven published by the Charlotte Weekly, Inc. chain. Fawcett, who has monitored UFO observations worldwide for 32 years, now serves as the North Carolina state director for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) with international headquarters in Sequin, Texas. In 1975 Fawcett authored "Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee."

"UFO's were reported from dozens of towns and cities in the Tar Heel state during 1976 and were chosen the "Top 6th Story" in Gaston County news, after hundreds of sightings published in the Gastonia Gazette and other area newspapers," Fawcett added.

In 1976 UFO radar trackings plagued veteran radarmen from at least eight locations such as the NORAD radar base at Falconbridge, Canada; the Simon Bolivar Airport at Caracas, Venezuela; the Dulles Airport, New York; the

AFB at Port Austin, Michigan; the AFB at Teheran, Iran; the FAA Air Traffic Center at Tucumcari, New Mexico and the Elgin Air Force Base at Homestead, Florida. The numbers of UFO's tracked on radar screens varied from single objects to over eight UFO's, while the altitude ranged from 900 feet to over 72,000 feet.

Only evasive action by the co-pilot of a Boeing 707 at the Lisbon Airport in Portugal prevented a collision with a UFO at 4,000 foot altitude on September 19. A UFO about 20 feet in diameter and sporting a classical dome on its top nearly collided with a single engine Army aircraft above California on January 3.

To Phantom jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force tried to shoot down a UFO over Teheran on September 18, according to Fawcett. The circular UFO also spotted by airport controllers was reported traveling "many times the speed of sound." The jets were unsuccessful in their mission, as their electronic gears jammed during their close pursuit of the UFO.

A sniney, sticky and stringy substance believed related to the UFO propulsion system fell to the ground in "long loops" during UFO observations at Oakville, Canada on January 5 and again at Willits, California on October 13. Dubbed "Angel Hair", for want of a better name, the white material was composed of boron, silicone, magnesium and calcium when analyzed.

Fawcett said UFO landings were reported from 7 countries. They were reported from Pershyttan, Sweden; Vance Creek, Colorado; Robertson, Australia; El Paso, Texas; Malone, Wisconsin; Chalus, Iran; Santa Cruz, California;

Grand Bend, Canada; Viedma, Argentina; Kitkiojoki, Sweden; North Hudson Park, New York; Tabiz Lake, Iran; Britain Home, Canada; Accompampa, Peru; Tacuarembó, Uruguay; Port Perry, Ontario, Canada; Broke Lake, Virginia and elsewhere on a global scale.

The most intriguing encounters of 1976 were the three dozen different cases where the UFO pilots themselves were seen. Called 'UFO-nauts' they were observed in at least nine countries—the United States, Spain, Japan, Iran, Argentina, Peru, France, England and Venezuela. In total over 50 witnesses watched over 70 UFO occupants either inside their UFO's through the "windows" and plexi-glass like domes or outside on the ground. Such encounters were reported by different persons representing many vocations such as students, policemen, housewives, businessmen, farmers, teachers and entire families.

Twenty five of the occupant encounters occurred at night, while the remaining five were reported during the daylight hours. Witnesses described the entities as the more commonly reported "Mutt and Jeff" size varieties, ranging from 3½ feet tall in one class to over 7 feet tall in another category. A majority of the UFO-nauts were reported dressed in shiny silver divers outfits with helmets or white coveralls. In over seven of these type incidents the UFO-nauts paralyzed their observers temporarily with a "brilliant beam of bluish light" as they continued to complete their surveillance, physical examinations and specimen taking missions.

Seven eyewitnesses in all in western Kansas, in Stanford, Kentucky, in Chalus, Iran and in Olavarria, Argentina reported that they were taken aboard landed UFO's and given complete physical examinations.

Some of the UFO occupants appeared to be friendly; others outright hostile. Regardless, the physiological and psychological after-effects of such close contacts and abductions left witnesses not only terrified, but also some suffered nerve attacks, loss of memory and bone diseases, as well as glandular disorders.

Other witnesses displayed burn marks on their necks, cheeks, hands, shoulders and arms; still others suffered needle marks, skin rashes, headaches, back marks, head incisions, etc. Several of those so contacted were admitted to hospitals for observation and treatment.

On January 2 at Big Bear, California a lone witness reported seeing a "little man with big bulging eyes" floating in the air. He fired his shotgun at the entity, but it was not hit and left the area.

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MT. AIRY, NC

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On July 18 at Escalante, Spain a man and a woman observed a giant outfitted UFO occupant "that floated above the ground" before it boarded a nearby hovering UFO.

On October 28 at Lake City, South Carolina a man and his son observed a hovering dome-topped UFO "about the size of an automobile" near the North Carolina border. Aboard the UFO was a UFO-naut with pale white skin and claw-like hands that looked at the witnesses through the UFO "windows." The son was treated for shock. An area 15 to 20 ft. in diameter was left on the frosted ground below where the UFO hovered after the UFO departed.

President Jimmy Carter, the only president who has admitted UFO observations himself, says he will release all government files on UFO's in the future. In 1976, the U.S. Air Force "Project Blue Book" UFO files were declassified and released to the public through the new Freedom of Information laws. Prior to this the secret C.I.A. UFO studies were declassified and released also.

During 1976 evangelist Billy Graham was quoted as saying that some of the UFO's could be "angels", while psychic Jeanne Dixon predicted that the UFO's and their occupants would land and openly contact our government no later than August, 1977.

June 24, 1977 will be the 30th Anniversary of UFO's in modern times and all indications are that a major wave of UFO's will be reported worldwide, perhaps in celebration of the occasion. Scientific computer studies of over 94,000 previous UFO sightings show that this new flurry of UFO observations should begin on the 30 degree longitude in Siberia, Russia on December 24, 1977.

With current UFO sightings averaging 125 reports per night on a global basis already in 1977, Fawcett feels that both the military and scientific communities should speed up their instrumentation in order to better document these increased global happenings. "The sightings will be well worth the watching," Fawcett concludes and "it will probably personally involve some of those who've read this annual report on UFO happenings on an international scale."

DAILY
HOUMA, LA
DEC 30, 1976

Houma Man Spots UFOs

Donald James of 1030 Grinage St. said as he was strolling down W. Main St. Tuesday night he saw three space ships hovering over the city, Houma police reported today.

The saucer shaped space ships, James told police, were white in the middle with red, yellow and blue lights whirling about the edges of the saucer, police reported.

The police said James watched for a half-an-hour as the ships first stood still over Houma, then began to creep

away slowly to the West and finally jetted away altogether. The saucer's stayed side-by-side as they maneuvered above the city, James told police.

"There were no physical effects, animals, plants, or any form of life. The objects did not land," the report stated.

The police report said James contacted the police at 10 p.m. Tuesday to report the appearance of the flying saucers. After interviewing James, Houma police said they contacted the Center For UFO Studies to report the incident.

State psychologist: UFO sighters 'normal'

LARAMIE — A Wyoming authority on unidentified flying objects Wednesday will appear on network television with a woman who claims she was taken aboard a UFO.

Psychologist Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle already has hypnotized the woman, and said she, like 11 other such persons — including one Wyomingite — he's hypnotized over the last decade, "really believes" abduction occurred.

"I personally believe these people are telling the truth," he said.

He surmises there's alien reasoning behind at least some UFO experiences, that some "witnesses" are selected and "expected to learn something."

He allowed that many persons dismiss such reports — largely because during the 1950s they appeared to be made by "kooks."

But that also may be part of a plan, he said.

Sprinkle, director of the University of Wyoming's counseling and testing center, said he's been interested in UFOs since, as a student, he saw two near Boulder, Colo., back in the 1950s.

After earning his doctorate, Sprinkle joined a number of "UFO organizations."

He also conducted a five-year study of psychological characteristics of more than 100 persons reporting various UFO experiences.

"In general," such persons are "quote, normal, unquote," he said.

The woman he'll appear with on NBC's "Tomorrow" program, one of three reportedly abducted near Liberty, Ky., early last year, is an articulate home extension agent, Sprinkle said.

He said the three, who'd been driving together late at night, reported "a memory gap" of 80 minutes and eight miles after a UFO seemed to draw their car backwards toward it.

Each suffered a small burn on the neck, a common experience among persons reporting they've been abducted, Sprinkle said.

Under hypnosis, all three reported bizarre experiences. Mrs. Smith said she'd been confined in a hot, dark place, and begged to see their captors.

She said the request was granted, but what she saw was so frightening she can't recall it even under hypnosis.

Theories abound on UFOs, Sprinkle said. On introducing each, he'd propel a swivel chair around his plant- and book-lined UW office, tugging a pertinent volume from stacks in several bookcases.

His own "tentative conclusion" is that "we're being observed," although for what reason and by whom he doesn't know.

Sprinkle noted that while reports of odd objects in the sky date back to Biblical times, the "real outbreak" didn't begin until 1947, shortly after the atom bomb was used.

"Someone observing" may have realized "this podunk planet has atomic energy" and soon might be capable of space travel, he said, adding aliens might "want some insurance they'll be safe when we start visiting their neighborhood."

Or possibly they feared "we'll start polluting the rest of the neighborhood," he added.

Pollution also figures in a theory proposed by one-time LSD guru Timothy Leary.

Sprinkle said Leary believes man's next "great migration," analogous to settling the New World or the American West, will be fleeing the polluted Earth for a home in outer space.

"I myself think we're...being gradually conditioned to become aware of ourselves as cosmic beings," Sprinkle said, adding the goal might be the comparatively calm acceptance by "the next generation" of what might by then be a necessary move.

A Rawlins hunter, hypnotized by Sprinkle after reportedly being abducted two years ago, said a bullet he fired toward five elk — which also were kidnaped — traveled about 50 feet and then dropped.

In other reports, a mechanic said his car mysteriously stopped, and a doctor said two ailments suddenly healed after he happened to glimpse a UFO.

"A hunter, a mechanic and a doctor," Sprinkle said. "What would most impress each?"

"These cases suggest the UFO witness is being presented a display and is expected to learn something."

STAR-TRIBUNE
CASPER, WYOMING
FEB 7, 1977

But, Sprinkle quipped, for now "maybe what he learns is that he can't explain it."

Asked why "anyone" from outer space would be concerned, Sprinkle answered with a parable about a social worker urging a member of a street gang "to go to school so he can work in Montana instead of New Jersey."

"He'd ask 'Why?'" Sprinkle laughed.

Abductions by UFO crews — reports of which are "a world-wide phenomenon" — might give aliens a chance to examine humans, he said.

Many persons still ignore such reports because those who made them during the 1950s were less educated or stable persons easily dismissed as "kooks," Sprinkle said.

"We're beginning to wonder, 'Was that intentional?'" he said, adding "they" might prefer public indifference to panic or closer scrutiny.

But abduction by aliens suddenly seemed less implausible when the case of Betty and Barney Hill hit the headlines in the mid-1960s.

The middle-class couple, who underwent hypnosis as part of treatment by a psychiatrist who "knew they weren't crazy," told a bizarre story of having been abducted and examined by "humanoids."

Mrs. Hill, under hypnosis, recalled what some interpreted as a pregnancy test, with a needle being poked into her abdomen.

Since Hill developed warts in the groin area, Sprinkle offered several theories ranging from sexual experimentation to aliens' possibly "growing little ones."

He cited an Arizona man reportedly abducted in 1975 who returned after five days to claim he'd seen humans with his "humanoid" captors.

"Or are there 'humans' working with them?" Sprinkle said.

One theory holds that a person involved possibly "is expected to learn something from a UFO experience."

AF test cloud looked like UFO

STAR
ANNISTON, AL
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The colorful, shimmering cloud seen Wednesday night in the sky south of Anniston was not a UFO attack from outer space. It was a U.S. Air Force atmospheric test.

According to the Air Force, the cloud was made up of ionic barium gas, released into the ionosphere by a rocket fired from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida Wednesday.

Communications officers at the air base said the cloud, which appeared shortly after sunset, was illuminated by the sun against a darkened sky and caused residents of Anniston and towns all across the southeast to call newspapers, police departments and sheriffs.

The ion cloud was over the Gulf of Mexico about 35 miles

south of Eglin Air Force Base. It measured about 100 miles across and was seen in Anniston as about the size of a hand held at arm's length.

Air Force spokesmen said the test is part of a four-month project to evaluate national defense-oriented satellite communication links through an artificially disturbed ionosphere.

There will be six more tests in the project, the Air Force said. Similar tests were conducted at the Florida Panhandle air base in 1971 and in the late 1960s.

A base spokesman said the cloud posed no danger to the environment and dissipated after about two hours.

Sight of peanut-like UFO shocks Stuart residents

TIMES
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STUART — Georgina Ronick said she isn't a superstitious person, but knows her eyes did not deceive her Sunday night.

She said she saw a big object in the sky that looked like a peanut, and it was following her and a friend in their car.

The object, which Mrs. Ronick described as one-third the size of the moon, was in front, above and beside her car as she traveled from U.S. 1 to Linden Lane where she lives.

"It did not land," she said. "It was revolving like a top. It had red and green lights."

Mrs. Ronick said it was not a plane or a helicopter nor was it a bright star.

"It seemed to know where we were going," she said. "It did everything when we did it."

Mrs. Ronick and her friend went to the home of other friends who also saw the object hovering over the house.

"It wasn't high up. It was just above the trees," she said.

Mrs. Ronick said, "I really believe it was following me and I did not want to lead it home to my children. I broke out in a cold sweat."

Mrs. Ronick said she never believed in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and in fact, would not

read newspaper articles on apparent sightings.

But Monday she went out to find magazines and books on the subject and learn more about what she might have seen.

"If I had been by myself I doubt that I would have said anything," she said. "I would have gone to see a psychiatrist today."

She said one friend thought it may have been a giant blimp peanut from President Carter.

"I just wanted to get away from it, no matter what it was," she said.

Mrs. Ronick said she wasn't going to look for it again Monday night though she imagined her husband would be waiting in the backyard.

"It really scared me. Maybe it wasn't following me but it did what we did," she said.

The object, she said, hovered over her friend's home for about 15 minutes before it faded away. She said she didn't know if it was fading or moving farther away.

After she returned home, Mrs. Ronick could not see the object. "It was on the other side of the moon," she said.

Mrs. Ronick said she was "freaked out" by the episode. "If the car had stalled out I would have fainted," she said.

NEWS
WILLITS, CA
JAN 21, 1977

Plane, rocket, Superman. Mysterious flash in sky

Anyone who happened to be up and around and in possession of his full faculties around 3:30 last Monday morning was treated to a celestial phenomenon which remains a mystery.

Generally referred to as a brilliant flash of light which lit up the sky, the light was seen by a couple of local Deputy Sheriffs and was reported by persons throughout Northern California.

Deputy Rick Iverson of Ukiah was on the Ridgewood grade just south of Willits, on his way to meet a Deputy driving down from Laytonville with a prisoner, when "the whole world lit up just like a light had been turned on, going from pitch black darkness to the brightness of full daylight."

According to Iverson, the flash lasted only a matter of seconds, but was unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

"I've seen meteors, and all kinds of lightning, but this was different. The sky was full of very bright stars and there were no clouds at all."

Getting on his radio, Iverson picked up Deputy Sheriff Rod Smith of Laytonville, who was at that time about three miles north of the intersection of Highway 101 and the Covelo cutoff.

Smith agrees with Iverson about the brightness of the

strange light, but says he believes it may have been caused by static ground lightning. He said it appeared to be emanating from the general area of Mendocino National Forest above Covelo, "or someplace to the northeast."

Smith called the dispatcher in Ukiah and asked if anyone else had seen anything strange.

Darlene Eaton was on duty and she got on the State-wide intercom system to make an inquiry of other dispatchers along the line. The word came back that several persons had called in reporting the sighting over a wide area in northern California, including Del Norte and Humboldt Counties and even in the Sacramento Valley.

A check with the UFO investigative team at the Space Science Center at De Anza and Foothill Colleges in the Bay Area produced no answers to the mystery, and they advanced the theory that the description of the sighting "sounded like it might have been a large meteor falling into the atmosphere."

Iverson says he received telephone calls from a couple of national network news departments asking for details, but so far he has not heard the incident reported on any newscast.

NEWS-ARGUS
GOLDSBORO, NC
DEC 23, 1976

4 Sightings Of UFOs Reported

An eight-year-old Belfast boy thought Santa Claus had arrived early Wednesday night when he spotted a "big white thing with lights all over it" coming down from the sky.

This was one of four sightings of unidentified flying objects reported in Goldsboro and Wayne County Wednesday night.

Jeffrey Sasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sasser, was going to church with his family and had gone to the car ahead of the others. It was shortly before 7 p.m.

In a few minutes, he ran back into the house shouting that Santa Claus was. He described what he saw to his parents.

"I was looking at the Little Dipper when this big white thing covered it up and then started coming down. It had lights all over it."

By the time he had convinced his parents that Santa Claus, or something, was in the sky, it had disappeared.

Meanwhile, a local radio station had two reports of UFOs at 6:30 p.m. Another call came in at 10:45 p.m.

The callers, who wished to remain anonymous, described the UFO's they sighted as a white blob of light with a blue light on the bottom and a flashing red light on the top.

A check with officials in the Information Office at Seymour Johnson AFB revealed that they had received no calls Wednesday night.

However, an employee in the office, Mrs. Juanita Waters, related a UFO sighting she had experienced early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Waters, a resident of Mimosa Park, was not feeling well and had gotten out of bed.

"It was about 3 a.m. and I had walked to the laundry room and was looking out the window. Above the edge of my neighbor's house, off in a distance, I saw something with lights blinking. The lights were all colors. I watched it for about 15 minutes and then decided to wake my son," she said.

Mrs. Waters said her son was very interested in UFO's but he was sleeping so soundly she was unable to wake him.

When she returned to the window, the object had moved and her view was cut off by a large tree in her yard.

Mrs. Waters said she could tell the object was huge because of the size it appeared to be even though it was a long distance away.

"It appeared to be over the Base, so I did not call anyone there, thinking that they must have seen it," she said.

Mrs. Waters said that after seeing the object she remembered a noise she had heard about a-half hour earlier.

"It was about 2:30 when I heard a loud noise like the loud roar of an old car. Our dog was sound asleep, but when the noise occurred, he jumped up and ran to the door," she said.

Sightings of UFOs in Wayne County about a month ago were attributed to rocket firing at Eglin AFB, Fla.

UFO Researcher Frank Harrison of Mount Olive earlier this year predicted that sightings would increase drastically this fall and winter as a result of a cycle.

UFO skeptic followed by 'bright, yellowish orb'

STAR
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It hovered mysteriously in the inky sky, creating an intense glow that even a skeptic, who once had scoffed at the mention of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and little green Martians, could not ignore.

"I read stories before (about UFOs) but I never really believed them," said Rose Strand of Regan, N.D., who claims a "bright, yellowish light," about 3 feet in diameter, recently followed her home.

"But after this experience, I think there might be something there," Mrs. Strand said.

About 10 p.m. Feb. 5, Mrs. Strand and her 13-year-old daughter, Sindy, were driving home from a benefit, she said. Their home is five miles northeast of Regan and 30 miles northeast of Bismarck, N.D.

ABOUT A MILE from Regan, the light appeared outside their pickup truck. "It was about 50 feet to the side of the truck and was traveling at about the same height as a telephone pole," Mrs. Strand said.

"It sailed along and picked up speed when we did and slowed when we slowed," she said. "It seemed like it knew what to do."

When the Strands turned into their farmyard, the light followed. Mrs. Strand and Sindy dashed into the house, locked the doors, left the lights off and watched the glow as it hovered in a row of trees about 100 feet from the house, she said.

The two watched it with binoculars. Mrs. Strand said, "It looked like it was revolving. It definitely didn't look like a star. It looked like a big, huge light, but it didn't cast any reflection."

AFTER 45 minutes, the light gradually retreated, then disappeared, Mrs. Strand said.

Being tracked by a moving light, Mrs. Strand reports, is an unnerving experience. "I was scared, really frightened. I thought the thing might pick us up. I tried to control myself for my daughter's sake. She was crying all the way home. She wanted to know what it was."

"The light is still a mystery," she said. "I feel if the government has something out there, they should let people know about it so they don't get scared."

No special weather conditions existed in central North Dakota on Feb. 5 that might explain the strange glow, said Ellis Burton, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service in Bismarck. "There's nothing I know of that might have caused a refraction."

The weather service received word Feb. 6 of a similar sighting near LaMoure, N.D., for which they also have no explanation, Burton said.

THE CENTER for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., established three years ago, takes all callers seriously. An investigator tries to find an explanation for each sighting, said Nancy Dornbos, a volunteer there.

Of the 65 UFO sightings reported to them in December, center investigators found that 17 were stars or planets, 12 were aircraft, 7 were advertising planes, 6 were meteors, 4 were helicopters, 3 were the moon, 2 were spotlights, 2 were balloons, 3 were test clouds sending off a glow, 1 was the sun and 1 was a bird. One sighting couldn't be investigated because no first-hand witness was available, and six remain mysteries.

People who report UFOs are "not idiots, not drunks," said Allan Hendry, an investigator at the center. But they usually are people deluded by what they are seeing, he said.

Mrs. Strand's description "sounds reasonable," he says. But he'd need more specific information on the UFO's appearance, movement, the manner in which it disappeared and weather conditions before offering an explanation.

The center can explain 95 percent of UFO reports, he said. "It's the 5 percent that go unexplained," Hendry said, "that keeps life interesting for us."

Humidity-UFO connection

To the Editor: It is easier to forecast UFO reports than it is to forecast the weather.

Invariably, every time the relative humidity drops well below normal, a rash of flying saucer reports breaks out.

Roseville. —Bruce F. Watson,
Consulting Meteorologist.

TRIBUNE
FARMINGTON, MINN
FEB 10, 1977

Couple Reports Noiseless UFO On Dodd Avenue

LAKEVILLE -- An unidentified flying object was spotted along Dodd Rd. "near the NFO building," Sunday at 10:40 p.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Benson and at least one other motorist.

Benson said he and his wife were coming south on Dodd Rd. after visiting in Mendota Heights. They saw two parallel lights, only about 150 feet off the ground.

Benson said he stopped the car, got out to look and found that the object was just hanging in mid-air, and was making no noise.

It appeared to have pontoons and some kind of a center, but it did not resemble a helicopter in anyway.

Suddenly the machine shut off its lights and continued down the Dodd Rd. heading northeast. It did have a red light at that time, but it still made no noise.

When asked if he and his wife were frightened, Benson said "I was glad we were continuing in opposite directions."

One other motorist came along, hesitated, and then continued on his journey, apparently not too impressed.

But it made no noise...just the whisper of wind traveling around the object, Benson said.

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Mississippians observe UFO

FLORA, Miss. (AP) — Several residents of Madison County, Miss., including a constable and a deputy sheriff, say they saw an airborne craft hover 20 to 50 feet off the ground Wednesday night for several minutes before flying away.

One resident reported sighting similar objects in the area since 1956, but deputy sheriff Ken Creel said he had never before seen anything resembling the craft, which he said was only 20 feet above his patrol car.

He said the craft was round, had portholes and gave off a soft light. "It moved with ease," he said. "We turned the engine off to see if it made some kind of sound but there was only a very faint noise."

STAR
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN
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Mysterious hovering light still a mystery

By Steve Schwab

The mysterious hovering light reported over Dyke Canal in Ysloskey the night of Jan. 21 is still a mystery.

Edwin Menesses and Robert Melerine of St. Bernard reported the incident just over two weeks ago and since then their experience with the phenomenon has spurred series of interest.

Dr. Ted Peters, associate professor of religious studies at Loyola University has been examining the possibility that what the two off-duty Ysloskey firemen saw from their boat was a UFO. As a state representative of MUFON (Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network), both Dr. Peters and MUFON member James LaChute, a student at the University of New Orleans, began their investigation.

According to the original report in the Jan. 26 issue of *The St. Bernard News*, the two men claimed they saw a bright light, "a round globe, about 50 feet in diameter hovering 75 feet above the ground." The object "made no wind and no noise," and just hovered over them.

Dr. Peters and LaChute's interview with the two revealed more details:

They were traveling at trolling speed down Dyke Canal for less than two miles when suddenly it appeared. It moved over the boat and just hovered, bathing the men in a warm brilliant light. Then everything stopped.

"The motor was kicking, but we weren't moving ahead," said Melerine. It was then that both he and Menesses also realized that although the two could speak, neither of them could move.

"Let's get the hell out of here," one was reported to have shouted, but according to Menesses, they couldn't. "The gravity forces were too strong," said Menesses.

Melerine then got the idea to shoot at it with the rifle in his hand. "No, don't shoot it," said Menesses, thinking it might be government property.

Then the UFO left them, and as it did so, the boat started off with a jolt, throwing the men back. "This is the unusual part about this case," said Dr. Peters. "In several incidents involving

hovering UFOs, engines will shut off. This time the motor continued but the boat didn't move."

Menesses then noted that Melerine's hair literally "stood out like wire" after the event.

The two began to move full-throttle southeast. When they passed Shell Oil Gas Processing Plant, they saw the same UFO hovering over a Shell refraction tower. According to Dr. Peters, they also spotted a lone guard on the bridge of the tower.

"They turned right on Bayou Lafourche, where the UFO moved to the water tower," said Dr. Peters, "it hovered there about 30 minutes."

A couple of nights after the experience, said Dr. Peters, both men developed chills and high fever.

"One other new development that we thought could be occurring was that Melerine reported a loss of time — 20 minutes, as a matter of fact," said Dr. Peters. "In the past, lost time has revealed abduction cases, where a person was taken aboard an alien craft, physically examined, then told to forget all he had encountered and was returned. In these instances a person recovers lost time under hypno-therapeutic time regression, a form of hypnosis administered by a psychiatrist."

However, according to Dr. Peters, he does not think the lost time is significant, believing the 20 minutes were lost while traveling at trolling speed down the canal.

"In my judgment, these men are sincere in what they say," said Dr. Peters. "They don't know anything about UFOs. Mrs. Melerine is the only one related to those involved who knows something of them. I think we should respect their integrity and not be so quick to call them crazy."

"I've spoken now to several people in the area," he continued, "and there are no discrepancies."

"A few days after the incident, when the first story appeared in *The St. Bernard News*, Ysloskey Fire Station received an anonymous phone call from the refraction tower guard who said

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only: "Those firemen aren't crazy. I seen it too."

In a related incident, Mrs. Myrtle DiGangi, her husband, and eight-year-old daughter, reported sighting a similar object on the evening of Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m.

According to Mrs. DiGangi, while traveling west on Judge Perez Drive they saw what appeared to be three bright lights hovering near the water tower at Aycock and Mehle streets.

Karen DiGangi, Mrs. DiGangi's 17-year old daughter, is reported to have seen the same bright light three nights later on Jan. 18. She and her girlfriend spotted it from the DiGangi home on Jackson Blvd., and Karen went inside to tell her mother: "Mom, we saw your light." When Mrs. DiGangi went to look, the light had vanished.

"And Karen's description coincides directly with her mother's," said Dr. Peters.

In an effort to discover what the object was, LaChute contacted the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Weather Service. "They reported no surveillance craft and no weather balloons in those areas on any of those occasions," he said.

What's the next step? "There isn't any," said Dr. Peters.

"I've taken several photographs, which I'll include in a full report I'll file with MUFON. I have talked to the main office in Texas, and there's been talk of sending someone from the network but that's not confirmed. I personally don't think it's important enough to take any further steps, such as a polygraph (lie detector) test."

"I will say this though," Dr. Peters concluded, "this is one of the most interesting UFO cases I've seen, especially since the UFO seemed to follow them so deliberately."

UFO probe is still underway

Remember the UFO sighted last July 31 above Eldon's Standard Service Station on Twenty-fourth Street off Interstate 80?

Following the sighting, the station appeared to have been struck by lightning. But according to the National Weather Service there were no storms in the area that night.

The sighting is still under investigation by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., says UFO investigator Ralph DeGraw of Hazleton.

Although station owner Eldon Bird believes lightning did the damage, he is cooperating with the Center. He told *The Nonpareil* he has been waiting for an insurance settlement to send a damaged two-way radio base and adding machine the Center requested for its investigation.

NONPEREIL
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
JAN 25, 1977

The Nonpareil asked DeGraw if he was excited about the campaign promise of President Jimmy Carter — who said he sighted a UFO in 1973 — to release government information about UFO's.

"Not really," he said.

He explained that in 1966, when there were widely-publicized sightings in Michigan, then-Congressman Gerald Ford was eager to make such information public and held meetings with armed services committees on the matter.

"When he became President, we expected him to open it up, but he didn't," said DeGraw. "We don't have much more hope with Carter."

"Sometimes a candidate makes those promises, but finds when he takes office he just doesn't have the power to fulfill them," said DeGraw.

DAILY
MILLVILLE, NJ
FEB 2, 1977

UFO Sighted

Officers on the early morning shift Tuesday reported sighting an Unidentified Flying Object. Police believed the UFO was an aircraft they could not identify. The object was silent but well-lighted when seen at 1:19 a.m. and traveled from the east over the city. It went south of Millville Airport and out Buckshutem Road.

Officers Donald Vanaman and Joseph Davis in Car 915 first spotted the craft which moved slowly enough for police cars to follow. Other officers, including Ptl. Ed Bailey, a flyer, saw the craft. Ptl. Bailey said it appeared to be only about 1,000 feet up.

Area CBers believe UFO near Wanblee 'had its ears on'

JOURNAL
RAPID CITY, SD
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"Breaker, breaker, one nine, this is your eye in the sky calling."

Gary Florentz hasn't heard that citizens band radio transmission yet, but he believes a UFO (unidentified flying object) may have "had its ears on" (been monitoring radio transmissions) near Wanblee Sunday evening.

Florentz and nine other hunters sighted an unusual light Sunday evening after one of the group became lost near Bear Creek southeast of Wanblee.

He is convinced the light was a UFO, and he reported the sighting to the Pennington County Sheriff's Dept.

The light remained stationary for about two hours while they searched for the missing hunter.

"I had seen the light earlier, but I never really thought much about it, because I had never been in the area before and just thought it was probably a tower of some kind," he said.

The light "pulsated" or "rotated" from red to blue to green and all members of the party saw it.

"It was at least 10 times more bright than Venus on a clear night and 40 or 50 times brighter than a yard light at a farm about four miles away," said the Rapid City businessman.

The search party had split into two

groups and were on opposite ridges of a wash area about half-a-mile to a mile wide.

"I was standing beside my pickup, watching the light through binoculars when the other group radioed that they had found him. At that very instant the light accelerated directly away and in about three seconds was out of sight," Florentz said.

He believes a UFO may have been monitoring their CB traffic while the search was being conducted.

Florentz estimates the object was about one-and-a-half to two miles from his location and, based purely on a guess, figures it was about 100 feet across in size.

No other reports of UFO sightings Sunday were received by the Rapid City office of the FBI, the Pennington County sheriff or Ellsworth AFB.

Florentz said he is not afraid of public ridicule from reporting the sighting.

"People who don't believe in UFOs just don't want to admit that we are not the only forms of intelligent life in the universe.

"I was kind of hoping that we would spot it again on the way to town that night so I could try contacting them by

saying something like, 'If you read me, blink twice.

"I've believed in UFOs for a long time, but I've never before seen one or even something that couldn't be explained away," Florentz said.

Norman Rogers, father of the boy who was lost, said UFO sightings are not unusual in the Wanblee area.

"I don't know for sure what to make of it, but I've seen it on six different occasions and about 12 to 14 people have seen it on different occasions near Wanblee since early summer," said Rogers.

Rogers said the object is usually a bright pulsating white light, which emits no sound and has never been photographed or seen during the day.

It frequently appears in the area of the Crazy Horse School and recently people have seen it about every three or four days.

About the CB traffic, Rogers said, "It had to be monitoring. One of the vehicles in the search was coming from town and as soon as he called his base station it began following him. And then as soon as they said the boy was found, it disappeared."

Pond Ice Mystery Is 'Biggest Event' In Town's History

WAKEFIELD, N.H. — First, William McCarthy said, choosing his words very carefully, "I saw what appeared to be a hole in the ice."

The ice, which McCarthy said was 15 inches thick on his farm pond, was melting during a blizzard and a temperature of five degrees. Peering through the hole he saw what appeared to be "a black square object."

After probing with a hose and rakes it, turned out to be "just a square hole, about a foot square and three feet deep, in the bottom of the pond, in the hardpack."

After a while, he said, more ice began to melt through in two round holes and the snow on top and around the small pond turned to slush.

Reporters, sightseers and a civil defense crew descended on the farm Thursday amid widespread reports that a highly radioactive object had fallen, but New Hampshire Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr. told reporters at Concord that the furor was nothing to worry about.

"In fact, there is no object on the bottom of the pond," the governor declared, adding that "I am glad the whole thing was false," because the situation "could have been detrimental to the citizens of New Hampshire."

Digging Planned

However, McCarthy, a building contractor, is not so sure. "Come spring, I'm going to dig the whole thing up and see," he said.

Thursday afternoon McCarthy, his wife Dorothy, their three children and a few friends sat around the fire in their comfortable farmhouse surrounded by visitors.

"If a hole appears ever again, I'm not going to say anything," Mrs. McCarthy said. Earlier that day, men from the local Highway Department, along with a group of state officials, including a colonel from the National Guard, arrived at the farm. They sawed through the ice and dug up some mud from the bottom, put it in a plastic bag and drove away.

Beginning Wednesday night, the telephone in the farmhouse rang constantly with inquiries from radio, television and newspapers across the country. A helicopter

carrying a television crew landed in the snowy field. Cars were lined up by the huge snowbanks on the normally quiet back road.

At the nearby general store, a man who had spent most of the day giving directions to reporters commented, somewhat needlessly, that "this is the biggest thing that ever happened to Wakefield."

The family moved to the farm six years ago to raise horses. It had been a summer place for them since 1967, when they were living and working in the Boston area. McCarthy said he reported the occurrence to the local police, who arrived late in the afternoon, equipped with some geiger counters. Just what the geiger counters registered still is not clear.

At Concord, Governor Thomson said that the instruments used in the first tests had not been adequate. More "sophisticated" instruments, he said, had produced what he described as "a negative reaction."

Tuesday, the McCarthys said, the ice on the pond was mysteriously melting and Lil Waldron, the local police dispatcher, called to say that the governor's office wanted to send a team in from Concord to dig up the pond. The ice had refrozen by Wednesday morning when Mrs. McCarthy walked down to feed the ducks, she said.

Several state officials arrived, including a state police captain from the crime laboratory and men from the attorney general's office. The McCarthys were advised that their horses should not drink the water. There were further calls from the Attorney General's office, Mrs. McCarthy recalled, and in one she was told, "We're trying not to let this leak out."

GAZETTE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
JAN 15, 1977

MESSENGER
MADISONVILLE, KY
FEB 2, 1977

UFO's Really Helicopters

Residents of south Hopkins County had reported to Kentucky State Police Monday night an unidentified flying object that hovered over the car of Faye Martin, Daniel Boone Road, as she drove home.

Miss Martin, her parents and neighbors all said they had seen a round object with a light on it in the sky, but according to a United Press International report, the round object probably was an Army helicopter out on night maneuvers.

"I'm not saying there might not be such things as spaceships from other worlds, but Campbell Army Reserve has confirmed 47 helicopters were in the air for night training," said Margaret Chamberlain, assistant public affairs officer for the Ft. Campbell Army base.

Popular UFO theories shifting to 'other levels of consciousness'

DISPATCH
ST. PAUL, MINN.,
DEC 20, 1976

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) may be "another dimension of human perception," an investigator of reported UFO sightings in the Twin Cities said Sunday.

Bradley Ayers of Lakeland said the idea that "another level of consciousness might be manifesting itself into the conscious" is getting more attention from researchers than some of the more well-known theories about UFOs.

Ayers, an author and licensed private investigator, looks into Twin Cities area UFO reports for the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill. He said he investigated eight reports this year, and half of those could not be explained.

Thousands of reports are made yearly to the Evanston center, which was established in 1973, Ayers said. He described the center as the first "truly scientific" and highly organized attempt to explain reports often regarded as coming from unstable persons or publicity-seekers.

The two most widely-discussed UFO theories — that they contain visitors from outer space and that they are part of some secret government operation — haven't been getting much emphasis lately from researchers, he said.



Ayers

The outer-space idea has been less popular because present technology indicates that the possibility of enough such space travel to explain frequent UFO reports is "very remote," Ayers added.

Center investigators check the Federal Aviation Administration, astrological data and any other sources which might offer an explanation for UFO sightings.

Ayers emphasized that the investigators are well-trained. He himself has been a military officer, a CIA agent and a commercial pilot. At one time he investigated plane crashes.

People who report UFO sightings often experience physiological and emotional after-effects, Ayers said during an interview before a speech on the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus.

A Twin Cities area woman experienced an irregular menstrual cycle for some time after her experience and severe burning in her eyes the next day, he said.

She was driving on an isolated road when she perceived two green, pulsating lights about eight feet apart with a red light between them approaching her car. The object changed direction and traveled over her car for about a mile before disappearing into the heavens when another car approached.

Ayers' most recent investigation which found no explanation involved a young man who saw two triangular objects with yellow-flashing lights in a marshy area beside the highway on which he was driving. One rose off the ground and disappeared while he was observing it.

The interest of this rather practical military man in UFOs began with a personal experience in 1965. He said he saw a large, football-shaped object with a "white incandescence" while driving on I-94 about two miles west of the Hudson, Wis., bridge. The object appeared to be across the St. Croix River near Hudson.

"At that time UFO reports were ridiculed," he said. "The subject was in the hands of occultists and others who were exploiting it for selfish gain."

Ayers figured that discussing his experience would not cast a good light on his image as the owner of an air charter company and his other business ventures.

So he didn't reveal it to anyone except his family and the county sheriff. In 1972, he read a book by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University in which the scientist suggested that the UFO phenomenon could be dealt with scientifically.

He contacted Dr. Hynek, who established the Evanston center, and then was willing to discuss his experience as something which should not classify him as mentally disturbed or worse.

Ayers urged other persons who have such experiences not to be shy about revealing them. "They should note as many details as possible and not be afraid to contact us. We assure them of confidentiality."

OBSERVER
CHARLOTTE, NC
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CR: G. FAWCETTE

People Unite Against Invaders

Sir Martin Ryle, the Nobel laureate in physics, is no doubt a great astronomer (he's Britain's Astronomer Royal), but he leaves something to be desired as a social thinker.

Sir Martin has asked the International Astronomical Union to persuade radio astronomers of the world to refrain from making the presence of our civilization known to other worlds — for fear we might be invaded by hostile creatures seeking colonization or new mineral resources.

As I've said many times before, the discovery of an inhabited alien planet somewhere in the universe might be the only means of uniting the human race. Most "loyalties" throughout history have grown only in the face of a common enemy.

The ancient Greek cities — though they had much in common — didn't unite until threatened with barbarian invasion; and by then it was too late. The independent duchies of the Middle Ages didn't form a common bond until they, too, feared a foreign aggression; and that was the start of the modern nationalistic state.

Conflicting groups settle their differences only when both sides feel called upon to resist a third group, more powerful than either. The American colonies squabbled incessantly. It was Britain's tyranny that drew them together, more than any devotion to each other.

If there's one thing our world desperately needs in this perilous thermonuclear age, it's a global federation on the order of the United States, which would give autonomy to member states while endorsing the peaceful resolution of conflicts among them. Yet precisely the opposite trend is taking place. There are separatist movements all over the world, reducing loyalties rather than enlarging them.

There is no longer any outside force to unite us. Each nation, or uneasy alliance, has enough nuclear weapons to blow up the enemy 10 times over, and every year, more and more countries are gaining this capability. According to the "N-theory" calculations of mathematicians, this must inevitably end in nuclear warfare, if the proliferation continues.

Our essential unity as a species can be emotionally grasped only if we can contrast it dramatically with some "alien invader." Our differences of tongue and color and creed would seem absurdly trivial if we perceived our possible enslavement or extinction at the hands of creatures not even remotely resembling our kind.

What Sir Martin fears is precisely what I hope for: some galactic shock that might stun us into sudden appreciation of our common human heritage. Certainly no possibility of attack by an alien breed could threaten the survival of our world more than we ourselves have already jeopardized our future by producing the weaponry for doomsday.

ABC TV News Crew Films Route Of UFO

There is one thing nice about Unidentified Flying Objects. They may be terrifying at the time and they may be the butt of a lot of jokes, but they are certainly an asset to the community — publicity-wise.

It was on Friday, September 10th of last year that Bill Pecha, Jr., had the "nightmarish experience. I'll never forget," his first and only experience with a "flying saucer."

That was the morning when about 1 A.M. the power went off and Pecha, who had been watching Channel 12 television, stepped outside and saw "this huge glowing thing hovering over our house. It looked to me like it was 150 feet across and 10 to 18 feet in height, shooting out beams of bluish light. It looked like an inverted cup and saucer with an outer brim spinning clockwise and an inner disc spinning counter-clockwise."

At the time Pecha reported also "When I got outside I felt funny. Seemed like all the hair on my body was being pulled up."

He said there was the main UFO and two others on each side, no noise, no sounds of any kind — just a huge blue halo of light with the big UFO maneuvering at amazing speed—darting to the foothills and back.

Pecha awakened his wife and daughter, and Les and Gayle Arant as he drove into town to report the sighting to the sheriff's office. They all saw the mysterious object.

His report occasioned widespread publicity for Colusa.

Since then, teams from various organizations interested in unidentified flying objects have interviewed Pecha, his wife, daughter, and everyone else who saw, or thought they saw, the

object in the sky.

The process was repeated again yesterday afternoon—this time for television.

An American Broadcasting Company news team interviewed Pecha and his wife, and since there was no accommodating "flying saucer" available, used a helicopter to indicate the place where the UFO hovered in those early morning hours, and the route it had taken in its various darts here and there while under observation.

Ron Miller, a Chicago correspondent for the ABC news report, conducted the interview and a team from Los Angeles ABC news, Dang Van Minh, cameraman, and John C. Dignan, sound, filmed the sequences.

Once again, as he has so many times since September 10th, Pecha related his story, then stood outside and directed the helicopter to the spot where it hovered over the house, and designated the routes the UFO had taken during his brief observance.

They spent several late afternoon hours filming the sequences, but it will be cut to six or seven minutes, or even less, when Harry Reasoner presents it on the evening news program sometime within the next month.

Apparently, the reason for taking the latest UFO sighting has something to do with Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, who is known as "Mr. UFO" because of his investigations of UFO sightings over a large part of the United States.

Perhaps it is just coincidental, but Dr. Hynek is slated to make a talk on Unidentified Flying Objects at California State University on February 3rd.

"Object" Seen In Night Sky

Kentucky State Police reported a young woman, Faye Martin, Daniel Boone Road, saw an unidentified flying object Monday at 8:40 p.m. as she was driving home.

The object hovered over her car and followed her for about four miles, 1 trooper Gerald Johnson said.

When Miss Martin arrived home, she informed her parents and several neighbors and when state police arrived at the

scene, all the people said they had seen something in the night sky.

Johnson said, he was convinced they saw something and mentioned that it might have been a helicopter from Ft. Campbell.

The people described the flying object as round with a bright light.

MESSANGER
MADISONVILLE, KY
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SUN
BEATRICE, NEB.
DEC 13, 1976

UFO 'sighted'

FAIRBURY—A man came into the Fairbury Police Department over the weekend and said he had seen an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

According to the police department, the man saw an object flashing red and white stripes. He stated the object was moving fast and then moved in a 90 degree angle, according to the report.

Frozen N.H. Ice Pond Mystery Unsolved

WAKEFIELD, N.H. (UPI) — The frozen pond behind William McCarthy's house turned to slush in subfreezing weather Monday, but Governor Meldrim Thomson Thursday dismissed reports that a radioactive object hurtling from the skies was to blame.

"We know some object dropped into the farmer's pond," Col. Leon Parker of the state adjutant general's office said. But nobody knew exactly what. In fact, no one could find anyone who said he actually saw anything fall into the pond.

Thomson said initial reports that the mysterious "object" thought to be in the pond was radioactive arose from faulty reading of a geiger counter.

Object a Shadow

An object reported seen under the water in the pond, Thomson said, was merely a shadow produced by cracked ice on the pond's surface.

"Examination of the pond revealed no object," Thomson said after receiving a report from Assistant Attorney General Gregory Smith.

State authorities investigating the reports sawed two holes through the ice Thursday and placed sample material into clear plastic bags.

The strange account began Monday as the McCarthys were looking through the sliding glass doors in their kitchen toward the 150-foot-long, solidly frozen pond that developed two holes that then froze over again by Thursday.

Between Tuesday and Thursday scores of state officials had scoured the area, using saws to hack away the ice crust.

GAZETTE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK
JAN 14, 1977

Lights in the night

Night had come, so I drove faster down the lonely country highway, hurrying to reach my parents' home 20 miles away.

When it's night in the country, I thought, it is really dark. The only visibility was provided by my headlights.

The car rounded a curve and up ahead on the right a bright night light illuminated a roadside country store. We sped through the lighted area surrounding the store, and I glanced into the darkness on the left side of the highway at the tall indistinguishable trees which grew there.

Instantly a bright, burning light, the size of the sun, appeared directly above the trees several hundred feet from the highway.

The light moved at the same speed as my car, keeping pace with it. Although the light shone very brightly, it cast no light onto the trees directly below it.

I pointed the eerie sight out to my wife.

"Oh, that's the light we just passed at the store," she rationalized.

"It can't be," I said. "The store's behind us."

The light kept its distance, maintaining its speed and place above the trees for several miles. Then abruptly, as the trees ended and the open fields began, the light disappeared.

My sleepy wife was convinced it was the store light, but I have never been sure what it was. Even after nine years.

No planes have bright sun-size lights which illuminate nothing and travel soundlessly just a few feet above tree tops.

Until then I have never been a believer in Unidentified Flying Objects, popularly known as UFO's, or taken them seriously, but that brief encounter made a wonderer out of me. What in the world had I seen? What were thousands of other people seeing.

NEWS
GREENVILLE, SC
DEC 27, 1977
CR: G. FAWCETT

Why do so many UFO sightings center around strange, mysterious lights in the night.

Several years ago one man and his wife had a more complex experience that they could only recall with the aid of a psychiatrist. With his help they related a tale of being taken into a strange craft by alien creatures and examined. On the wall they saw a map of some heavenly stars.

They reproduced the star map for the psychiatrist and it proved to be a map of our galaxy of stars as might be viewed by some one from another galaxy. Furthermore, one certain star in the map was only discovered by astronomers several years after the map was drawn.

Surely that was a very intriguing development that has produced a mountain of speculation. In recent years other men have had similar experiences.

Is it possible that there are other inhabited planets beyond our solar system with intelligent creatures so advanced that they have mastered interplanetary space travel? And now they are scouting the earth.

Frankly, I don't know. And seriously doubt it.

The only record of the creation of life—the Bible—that I will accept makes no mention of the creation of intelligent life on other heavenly bodies, limiting itself to merely detailing the emergence of life on earth.

Even that doesn't rule out the existence of other intelligent creatures, for I am sure the Creator has created far more than he's told us of.

Therefore, I am convinced that whatever the source of the UFO's, it is now time for us to live with an open mind so that when the answer is available, we can accept.

Today I am not sure of the source of the light in the night that followed me, but I am sure it must be some thing.

The officers reportedly watched the objects for about two hours before the objects flew out of sight.

A center investigating unidentified flying objects called the Jefferson City Police Department from Chicago to gain information on the sighting. McGhee-Tyson Airport near Knoxville and the Atlanta airport both reported that nothing showed up on their radar screens at the time of the sighting.

The objects reportedly moved from west to east, moved horizontally and vertically and also were still for periods of time.

PIEDMONT
GREENVILLE, SC
JAN 7, 1977

Second UFO spotted

By JOE EARLE
Piedmont Staff Writer

When Sarah Christopher saw it, it was over the WQOK radio broadcast towers on White Horse Road, she said.

It was a round, glowing light that followed her down White Horse to Highway 253 to the Old Easley Highway and all the way to Easley, she said.

Mrs. Christopher was driving a friend back to her home in Easley. The light, which they first spotted about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, followed them for about a half hour, she said.

"It was terrible," the 23-year-old woman said. "My friend got almost hysterical. She thought it was Jesus coming back on a star. And that entered my mind too, after a while."

The light, she said, "looked like a street light, just a glow" and was "as big as a Gulf sign. It was huge."

She called the newspaper to say what she saw, she said, when she read a story Thursday about a Greenville man who said he had seen a similar light. M.E. Suttles said a round, white light which looked "Like a giant light bulb" had followed his car from Princeton to White Horse Road about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At first, Mrs. Christopher said, she thought the light was "something connected with the WQOK towers." But then, she said, it started after them down the highway and followed them all the way to Easley.

At Easley, she said, she stopped in a gas station to ask the attendant if he saw it, too. She said he did, but couldn't identify it. The attendant could not be reached for comment today. When she reached her friend's trailer, she said, the light disappeared.

"I almost wrecked several times," she said. "We were scared to death. At first I thought it might be a falling star, but it was coming down real slow. And it never hit, it went back up and then went all the way to Easley."

Lawmen Spot UFO's

Lights in the sky aroused the suspicions of at least seven Lakeway area law enforcement officers late Monday and early Tuesday.

Two policemen from Jefferson City, two deputies from Sevier County, two deputies from Hamblen County and a city policeman from White Pine all reported seeing multi-colored objects in the sky.

PLAIN TALK
NEWPORT, TENN
JAN 12, 1977

UFOs (Or Something) Make Local Appearances

HERALD
OTTOWA, KA
JAN 25, 1977

By DON LAMBERT

They could have been stars. And they could have been aircraft.

But whatever they were, four people became convinced this week of the strong possibility of strange objects in the sky commonly called UFOs.

The first of two sightings this week was nearly 10 p.m., Sunday. Seventeen-year-old Cindy Crawford and her 22-year-old sister, Mary, had been watching "Roots" on television. Upset by the prejudice depicted on the show, they decided to take a ride.

Cindy, a student at Ottawa High School, said she and her sister saw an orange glow in the western sky. They drove toward it on Wilson Street, but chickened out as they got closer.

Then they drove to Seventh Street, at its intersection with Eisenhower Road, where they got out of the car. What they saw was difficult for Cindy to describe. It seemed like a saucer turned sideways. On the under part were red lights.

The girls drove toward it again and it seemed to move with them. Again, they chickened out. At one point, it was so low they thought it

would have been blocking the highway.

It appeared like it went into a dip in the highway but there was no dip in the highway, Cindy said. Then it disappeared. That's when the two really got scared.

"At first, we thought it may have been the moon," Cindy said. "But then we changed our minds. I suppose it could have been a number of things but we wish we would have gone to see what it was."

The second sighting this week was Monday evening near Princeton. Linna Kennard and her daughter, Lori, both from Garnett, were on the way to visit Mrs. Kennard's sister, Joan (Mrs. Ronnie) Johnson, 823 N. Cedar.

At about 8:20, between Richmond and Princeton, they saw a bright white light to the west, not too far away. It followed them.

As they continued toward Princeton, scared and not knowing what to do, it appeared like the bright star was coming down upon them. Something came to about 50 feet above the car.

When she arrived at her sister's house, she saw the object above the Cable TV

towers and it had turned gold.

"Seeing this kind of thing scares you so bad you don't pay much attention," Mrs. Kennard said. "But this must have been a UFO."

She continued, "You hear so many stories you wonder if they are true. I just hope I never see another, whatever it was."

Several citizens in Ottawa saw something in the sky on Sept. 22 that they could not explain. Mrs. Roy Moore, 421 W. 4th, said that about 3:30 that morning, her son Brian, who is in Ottawa Junior High, saw something strange outside the bathroom window.

He woke up his parents and they watched three objects for about three hours. Mrs. Moore said the objects with an aura around them changed from red to green to yellow.

They seemed to not change position in relation to each other, although they appeared to get larger and smaller or closer and farther. The brightest of the objects was considerably larger than a star.

Her husband, a former navigator in the Air Force, told her he did not believe the

objects were stars or conventional aircraft.

At about 6 a.m., they disappeared. Mrs. Moore said one theory is that they were stars being seen through dust.

"I don't know what they were," said Mrs. Moore, who had all the family members write down what they saw. "But there were unusual objects in the sky. They were beautiful and I enjoyed seeing them."

She notified officers of the Department of Public Safety who said they had no explanations for the objects that they also saw.

Alan Heinlein, state section director for the Mutual UFO Network, said the three sightings are the strongest ones he has heard of here in the last two years, besides the supposed helicopters in late 1975 and early 1976 in the Richmond area.

He urged anyone seeing the strange objects to notify him at 242-5729. He and others in the community attempt to locate the objects and study the sightings.

Strange light follows driver to edge of town

M.E. Suttles doesn't know what it was, but it followed his car for about 20 miles, he said.

It looked "kind of like a big light bulb," he said. It glowed. It was round. It was something "suspicious as hell."

And it stayed parallel to his driver's side car window as he drove up U.S. Highway 25 from Princeton to White Horse Road. When he stopped, it stopped. When he turned, it turned. And when he backed up, it backed up.

Suttle and his wife first saw the glowing light about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, he said. For the next 30 minutes, it stayed with them as they drove toward Greenville.

Several times, Suttle said, he stopped the car and got out to look. When he did, the light moved a little closer. Most of the time, it stayed about a quarter mile away. When he

stopped, it moved to within 500 yards, he said.

It stayed about 300 feet off the ground the entire time, he said.

"It was ridiculously crazy," the 39-year-old Suttles said in a telephone interview today. "It's just too hard to describe. I wish all of Greenville could have seen it."

"Everybody talks about UFOs (unidentified flying objects), but if they get to see one, they'll believe. I'd always read about all that, but I never did believe it."

Neither the County Sheriff's Department nor Greenville UFO Study Group president Margaret Pine received any other UFO reports.

At one point, Suttles said, the glow started to elongate and a smaller, red light came out of one end of the white glow. "It look like something ignited," Suttles said. "A big fire and sparks flew out."

At its closest, Suttles said, the

glow was about a foot to 18 inches across. At times, it moved up and down, he said, "but it never did blink."

The glow stayed parallel to Suttle's car until he reached White Horse Road, he said, and then veered away towards I-85.

"It frightened me," Suttles said, "but it didn't scare me. My wife was scared. I came home and looked in a book my son has about UFOs, but I didn't see anything that looked exactly like it. I saw some things that looked sort of like it."

One other car passed Suttles during the half-hour, Suttles said, and he tried to flag the driver down. But the driver was looking at the light and "he just kept on getting it."

PIEDMONT
GREENVILLE, SC
JAN 6, 1977



CHASED BY UFO

A day trip to the coast ended in an unnerving experience for a Kingston couple.

On their return from Port Fairy to Kingston the couple claim they saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Kingston postmaster, Mr Derek Hall, and his wife, Ellen, said yesterday they saw a yellowish light in the sky at about 11 pm which seemed to follow them for three-quarters of an hour on their New Year's Day trip.

Mr Hall said the UFO followed them about 45 kilometres — from Derrinallum to Skipton.

"It was a round yellowish light on about a 20 degree angle from the ground. It was not more than 60 to 100 metres in the air and was less than 1.5 kilometres away," Mr Hall said.

"I thought perhaps it was an aircraft, but it had no hazard lights underneath."

Mrs Hall said that the UFO had spikes sticking out of it.

"There were a couple sticking out each side and it seemed there could have been some up top but I could not see them."

"Once I thought it was coming down and I thought 'this is it'," Mrs Hall said.

She said the UFO seemed to stop when they stopped the car.

Mr Hall said they had been

having trouble with the car that night and had been forced to stop at intervals.

That was why the trip had taken them so long, he said.

Mr Hall said they lost sight of the UFO when they came to the kaolin clay mine 11 km from Skipton.

The mine has three light towers about 20 metres tall. Two or three orange-colored lights on each tower light the area at night.

A spokesman for the clay company said yesterday that the lights could be seen from a long distance away.

"I was very pleased to see these lights. There are no street lights or anything like that along the road," Mrs Hall said.

Mr Hall said the night was clear with a full moon.

The couple said they first sighted the UFO on the left hand side of the road when they were travelling on the Hamilton Highway between Derrinallum and Lismore. The moon was on the right.

Mrs Hall said she thought the UFO had disappeared, but her husband saw it through the back window. It had then returned to its position on the left hand side of the car.

Little green men saved Jorge

Lima

AN expedition of journalists is due to set out later this week for the Amazon area of Eastern Peru to check claims by a youth that he was saved from drowning there by four scaly little creatures of human appearance who had three fingers on each hand.

Jorge Alvarez, 20, a university student told a radio programme called "Interplanetary Contacts" earlier this week that he was heading for a river in Huanuco province, 420 kms (260 miles) east of here, to fetch water when he fell into a bog and sank rapidly.

"In spite of my struggles I was unable to get out and had given up all hope when suddenly four little men appeared and grunting and gesticulating extended several branches with which they pulled me to dryland," he said.

Alvarez said he then dropped with exhaustion and by the time he recovered his saviours had disappeared.

"They were less than a metre (three feet) high, they were covered with green scales and their hands which had three fingers each were cold and clammy," he added.

The expedition is to be headed by the president of the Peruvian Institute of Interplanetary Relations, Carlos Paz Garcia, who conducts the radio programme. (Reuters).

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POLICE CHECK SIGHTING

Burnie and Devonport police were early this morning investigating reported sightings of a bright flare off the Northern coastline.

Burnie police received six telephone calls at 10 p.m. last night from people as far

away as Sisters Beach.

Sightings were also received from Boat Harbour, Somerset, Devonport, Hawley Beach and Edystone Point.

A police spokesman said the sightings ranged in colour from red, orange, yellow, blue, green and white.

Devonport police were organising a search early this morning and Burnie police will investigate further at first light.

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I saw UFO — man

A WODONGA man has studied the sky south of Wodonga regularly since seeing what he believed to be an unidentified flying object last week.

But the UFO, with two prominent blue lights, has not re-appeared.

Mr Ray Smart, of Wilson St, sighted the UFO at 1.30 am last Wednesday.

He estimated it to be about 15km south of Wodonga, or above the Leneva district.

The UFO had one big blue light at the front, and a smaller one behind, but they were not flashing, Mr Smart said.

The object appeared to be about the size of a Cessna aircraft, but Mr Smart was unable to make out its shape.

It was travelling in an east-west direction, about the speed of a falling star.

Mr Smart said it was clearly visible for about 10 seconds, and then it disappeared.

UFOs riddle in Kalgoorlie sky

Three UFO sightings were made in the Kalgoorlie area on Thursday—two by the same man.

The first UFO was seen at 12.25 pm by Mr Michael Winterbourne, meteorological officer at Kalgoorlie airport.

He had just completed making a weather balloon observation with his theodolite when he saw an object racing across the sky.

He said it was white and shaped like an Australian rules football.

It was glowing with fuzzy edges, and pulsating as it moved at great speed from horizon to horizon.

It came from the north-east and before it

By BRIAN PASH

disappeared into the north-west it remained stationary for about five seconds.

When Mr Winterbourne came out to make the 3pm weather observation at 2.45pm, he saw the object again.

It came from the east, again at tremendous speed making an arc overhead to disappear in the west.

In both sightings Mr Winterbourne was able to use his stop-watch on the flights.

Both were timed at 12 seconds from horizon to horizon. According to his calculation, this made the speed of the object at 24,000km/h.

Later in the day another UFO was seen by Mr Dave Bower, of the Scotia nickel mine.

According to this report, which was made to Mr Winterbourne, it was a slow-moving object drifting westward at about 100,000 ft.

Because of the slow drift, Mr Winterbourne have been an American research balloon of the type released on the edge

of outer space.

He said the objects he saw were not balloons.

"The sighting size was about that of a five cent piece held at arm's length," he said. "What it was I would not like to guess."

Mr Winterbourne said he was a scientific observer. He had not read books on UFO sightings, said this object could

A US computer analysis of 60,000 UFO reports this week found that most sightings were not by obviously deranged people but by policemen, engineers and pilots.

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More than just a flight of fancy?

By DAVID THOMPSON
Staff Writer

The lid's being kept on a major Montreal flying saucer sighting, private UFO investigators in Toronto and St. Bruno, Que., charged yesterday.

Marc Leduc, founder of the 13-member organization, UFO Quebec, said a Montreal woman not only saw a saucer land on an apartment building roof last month — she saw two beings get out, look around, then hustle back to their buggy and beat it!

But, said Leduc, although four people reported seeing the "aluminum disc" Jan. 6, officials at Dorval Airport claim they received no such reports.

"It was early in the morning," said Leduc. "The woman couldn't sleep so was looking out her window. She watched the saucer land and two people got out and walked to a corner of the roof and looked down."

He said the woman, Florida Malboeuf, described the visitors as tall and wearing white clothing and helmets. She said she saw no facial features.

When they returned to their craft, said Leduc, it took off, "flying" less than 60 feet off the ground. It startled three people outside a subway station, he said.

"Mrs. Malboeuf and those other people made reports to Dorval Airport," said Leduc. "The reports are at the

National Research Centre in Ottawa — file number N77-3."

In Toronto, Tom Grey, member of another UFO investigating body, Reptune Research, described the NRC as "the government's de-bunking agency."

At Dorval Airport, the control tower supervisor, Don Cameron, last night went through the tower log book looking for Jan. 6 UFO sighting reports. "There's nothing in the log book and I haven't heard of any reports of this nature," said Cameron.

Leduc said he has photos of an 18-foot circle left in the apartment roof ice by the UFO, and a sample of an alien footprint from the roof. "They were there," he said.

Double UFO sighted

Staff Reporter

AN unidentified flying object "like a giant double star disappearing and re-appearing" was sighted by two young Pretoria girls early today.

Robin Wolff (12) said she awakened at about 2 am and, unable to sleep gazed at the stars. At about 2.15 she noticed what appeared to be two stars joined together, flickering on and off.

Robin awakened her cousin, Lynette van der Neut (15), and they watched. The object moved "as if it did not know where to go. Sometimes it would separate and the stars would move apart but always coming together again like a magnet," they said.

The cousins watched for several minutes until it disappeared.

Saucer-like UFO causes a stir

A FLIGHT of fantasy or not — that unidentified flying object spotted hovering over Worcester also caused a stir elsewhere in the county.

"We have been inundated with phone calls and letters from people claiming they saw it," said Derek Lawrence, chairman of the Worcester — based Skyscan — a group of people who investigate such phenomena.

Newsagent Jim Whitlock and his family let the secret out when they admitted sighting a radiant silver saucer-shaped object gliding

silently over their home in Lowesmoor.

That was a week last Sunday — now it seems people all over the county spotted a similar object the same day.

So many, in fact, that Skyscan has been able to plot the mysterious object's flight path — believed to be from Kempsey to Kidderminster.

"We had an anonymous phone call from a Kempsey woman who said she saw a silver saucer-shaped craft going over the village at 12.30 p.m.," said Mr Lawrence.

Further reported sightings later

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in the day came from such places as Dines Green, Bewdley and a 66-year-old woman in Stourport.

"One or two of them were quite frightened," added Mr Lawrence. "We have come to the conclusion that this could be the real thing and are still delving into it."

That is more than is happening in Ross-on-Wye where a black cloud is all that hangs over 200 local people who thought they spotted a large object — complete with spouting flames — glowing in the night sky.

It turned out to be a hot air balloon piloted by two Mormons.

UFO chases car

VALENCE, (France), January 9: A French couple said yesterday a flying oval-shaped object resembling "a big growing star" pursued their car near this south-eastern French town, landed in a field, then took off again "in a flash".

Mr. and Mrs. Francois Perez told the police the incident occurred on the evening of January 1. At first

they thought they were being followed by a helicopter.

Trying to find out more about the object, the couple said they drove back along the same road an hour later, and suddenly spotted the craft parked in a field 400 yards from their car.

Mr. Perez said it was about 30 yards in diameter and "surrounded by a halo of white light." He said 10 minutes later the vehicle's take-off lights began flashing and it zoomed off at a 45-degree angle.—A.P.

COUPLE CLAIM UFO CHASED THEIR CAR

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Both Perez and his wife said their eyes hurt for the next 48 hours, and the husband said his wrist watch hadn't worked since the episode.

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Airline pilot reports UFO

BOGOTA (Reuter) — A Colombian airline pilot has claimed to have seen a UFO three times larger than an airliner and travelling at speeds more than 28,000 m.p.h.

Captain Gustavo Ferreira of the Colombia Avianca Airline said he and his crew spotted a brightly-lit UFO while flying at 20,000 feet on the night of Jan. 21.

Checking with Bogota airport tower on whether there were other planes in the vicinity, he was told nothing had been spotted on radar screens although signals were being received from an unknown source flying in a zig-zag pattern at high speed.

Ferreira said he switched on his landing lights and the UFO changed the color of its lights to red from green. When he switched off his landing lights the UFO's lights changed back to green. After about three minutes the UFO veered off at 90 degrees and vanished, he added.

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A EL EXTRATERRESTRE DE ITALIA SERIA EL ENANO DE UN CIRCO

LA SPEZIA (ANSA) — El "extraterrestre" visto ayer sobre un monte detrás de La Spezia, y fotografiado por algunos adherentes a la ORU (Organización Investigación OVNI) sería un enano escapado de un circo que estuvo en la mencionada ciudad días pasados. Esta es la última noticia que circula en la ciudad, después de que algunos "ovniólogos" denunciaron a la policía haber visto, sobre el monte Parodi, un extraterrestre, de una altura aproximada de un metro veinte, delgado, vestido con un mameluco opaco, con un cachuchón que le cubría totalmente el rostro y que caminaba de un modo inconfundible, como si se deslizase por el suelo. Los "ovniólogos" entregaron incluso las fotografías que "son originales—dijo el jefe de policía—, es decir, no es un fotomontaje. Pero de ahí a ver a un extraterrestre hay mucha diferencia". La policía inmediatamente después de recibir la información hizo averiguaciones sin descubrir nada. Ahora está haciendo investigaciones para ver si efectivamente el "ser extraterrestre" es un homínido escapado del circo de Nando, Liana y Rinaldo Orfei, que hace algunos días abandonó La Spezia. En la misma zona de Monte Parodi ya otras veces, anteriormente, algunas personas dijeron haber visto objetos voladores.

B Revelan que OVNI Han Acompañado a Naves Espaciales de EE.UU.

MEXICO (ANSA) — La Agencia Nacional de Aeronáutica y del Espacio (NASA) de los Estados Unidos, reconoció ya que "en cada uno de los vuelos tripulados norteamericanos al espacio ha habido un acompañante extraño, que no era ninguno de los elementos del cohete portador, sino objetos voladores no identificados, de los que se tienen películas y fotografías", según reveló el popular comentarista de radio y televisión Pedro Ferriz. "Con ello—dijo el hombre que ha presenciado todos los lanzamientos espaciales norteamericanos y los ha narrado para el público televidente de habla hispana— el escepticismo en cuanto a los OVNI ha terminado". Ferriz consideró que "la mayor parte de la gente piensa que estamos siendo visitados por seres de otros mundos" y citó a continuación encuestas realizadas por la agencia Gallup en los Estados Unidos, según las cuales "el cincuenta y dos por ciento de los norteamericanos serían de este parecer". Director por varios años de un programa televisivo titulado "Un mundo nos vigila", Ferriz participó en el primer simposium nacional sobre objetos voladores no identificados, que se celebra en esta ciudad, y así dio a conocer su convicción de que estamos recibiendo visitas extraterrestres, se mostró escéptico en cuanto a participantes que aseguran haber viajado a otros planetas y "están en contacto con seres extraterrestres". Las jornadas del simposium han sido largas y acaloradas, y a ellas concurren lo mismo científicos que "videntes" e "iluminados", algunas exposiciones provocaban debates y otras risa entre unos quinientos asistentes.

C Revelan que se Dispararon 20.000 Cañonazos Contra 3 OVNI que Sobrevolaron Los Angeles en 1944

Hay 20.000 Fotos, Incluyendo las Tomadas en Viaje a la Luna

MEXICO (ANSA) — El doctor Denis Huck, del Center For Ufo Studies, de Evanston, Illinois, Estados Unidos, presentó hoy aquí en el Primer Simposium Mexicano sobre Objetos Voladores no Identificados unas doscientas transparencias de OVNI "perfectamente comprobadas", una de ellas tomada desde la nave Apolo XI, en su viaje a la Luna, por los astronautas Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins y Edwin Aldrin, en julio de 1969. Con estos testimonios, parte de los miles que tiene el centro más importante del mundo para el estudio de los OVNI, obtenidos con complejos y costosos equipos que incluyen radares, cámaras muy sensibles, rayos Láser, telescopios y aun computadoras, "se prueba que estamos siendo visitados por seres extraterrestres". En las fotos, tomadas en diversos países, de día y de noche, se observan diversos tipos de OVNI, aislados y en formación, uno de ellos emergiendo del agua, la mayor parte con forma de "platillos", aunque con variantes según las fechas de los "avistamientos", como si hubiesen evolucionado hacia formas más aerodinámicas. Huck, cercano colaborador del doctor

J. Allen Hynek, el primer "ufólogo" del mundo, llama la atención sobre una fotografía tomada en 1944 en la ciudad de Los Angeles, California. Se observan tres OVNI sobre el perfil de los edificios y el cielo surcado por reflectores, y relata que en tal ocasión, los cañones antiaéreos del ejército norteamericano dispararon veinte mil proyectiles contra los objetos, y la ciudad permaneció bajo sitio y sin luz durante cinco horas. Afirma, asimismo, que el centro de estudios sobre los OVNI de Evanston, ha recibido más de cien reportes de "secuestros de personas por seres extraterrestres, aun cuando sólo ha comprobado tres; en los que se encontraron evidencias suficientes y se interrogó a los testigos con ayuda de la hipnosis, drogas y detectores de mentiras". No obstante, recomendó "que se mantengan los pies sobre la tierra y se investiguen muy bien todos los reportes", de personas que aseguran entrevistarse con seres extraterrestres. Quienes afirman haber viajado a otros planetas o tener contacto con seres extraterrestres no han presentado pruebas, dijo hoy el doctor Guillermo Hesselbach, y les llamó charlatanes.

D OVNI INVADEN LA TIERRA POR SUR Y NORTE

1 LOS ANDES, SEGURO PARADERO

SANTIAGO, Chile, 17 (ANSA) — A juicio de un estudioso chileno de los objetos voladores no individualizados, OVNI, éstos obligatoriamente pasan por este país para su ingreso a la Tierra. La declaración pertenece a Gerardo Ojeda, investigador que ha destinado nueve años en recopilar antecedentes sobre estos fenómenos.

Ojeda puntualiza que "está comprobado que el ingreso de los platillos voladores es por los casquetes polares. De tal forma que ingresan por la Antártida, y como al llegar a la Tierra necesitan de un lugar que ofrezca la mayor posibilidad de no ser vistos, aterrizan en aquel que geográficamente les permite detenerse y ocultarse. Y la cordillera de los Andes brinda esas garantías".

Explica que el motivo de estas "invasio-

nes" es el de observar, y anticipa que el próximo año, entre setiembre y diciembre, las apariciones serán más asiduas, para luego decrecer en los años subsiguientes.

Ojeda ha confeccionado un archivo con siete mil fichas sobre avistamientos de OVNI en todo el mundo, recortes de prensa e intercambio de información con otros países. A su juicio, existen tres tipos de OVNI: primero, el "cigarro volador", de forma cilíndrica, con puntas aguzadas de trescientos metros de largo; segundo, la "nave nodriza", que en su interior mantiene platillos voladores, y por último el tipo "Adamski, que es un plato hondo invertido. Concluye Ojeda afirmando la necesidad de que los gobiernos se decidan a llevar a cabo una investigación a fondo del fenómeno.

2 UN LAPON ATACADO CON RAYO

ESTOCOLMO, 17 (France Presse) — Un lapón finlandés afirmó haber sido víctima de un OVNI (Objeto Volador No Identificado), avistado desde hace más de una semana en diversos sitios de la Laponia Finlandesa y sueca.

Así lo afirmó hoy aquí el diario "Haparranda-Bladet". Preciso que dicho lapón, Eero Lammi, de 19 años, quien reside en Uleaborg (Finlandia), lleva todavía en el pecho huellas rojizas que le produjo un "rayo luminoso" procedente de dos esferas brillantes que se desplazaban a ras de tierra.

Lammi, movido por la curiosidad, se acercó al artefacto, siendo inmediatamente herido por el misterioso rayo y echado al suelo. Este fenómeno fue observado por algunos de sus amigos, quienes, menos temera-

rios que él, se habían mantenido prudentemente a distancia.

Otro rotativo, el "Norrbottens-Kuriren", informó que cinco jóvenes de Kalix, en Suecia, observaron el lunes por la noche idéntico fenómeno.

El diario envió a los lugares un reportero fotógrafo y los negativos tomados por éste muestran que en el lugar donde se halla el OVNI, la hierba helada por el invierno estaba aplastada en una superficie circular de cinco metros de diámetro. En el centro, la hierba está totalmente calcinada, mientras que en el contorno se divisan las huellas de ocho pequeños círculos.

El ejército sueco, precisaron los periódicos, procedió a un investigación, pero se negaba a toda declaración.

E OVNI: AHORA INGLATERRA

LONDRES, 19 (DPA) — Un OVNI, en forma de cigarro puro, con una tripulación vestida con trajes espaciales plateados, han divisado sobre la campiña inglesa un labrador y una amiga suya, quien no ha podido olvidar aún los ojos de uno de los extraterrestres. El labrador, Ted Pratt, de 58 años, y su acompañante, Joyce Bowles, de 42, señalaron

que se asustaron no poco al advertir que vibraba de forma muy extraña el coche donde viajaban, que pareció perder el contacto con el asfalto, para detenerse después de pronto.

Entonces—según se lee en la entrevista publicada hoy por "The Sun"—vieron salir a un hombre del OVNI, muy bien formado que se acercó al coche, haciendo un

ruido muy extraño. Fue entonces cuando el extraterrestre nos miró a través de la ventana con sus horribles ojos de color rosa.

A pesar del gran susto, sintió luego de unos instantes como se apoderaba de todo su ser una gran serenidad, cuenta Joyce Bowles. Poco después, el extraño visitante de otros mundos volvió a la nave espacial,

F OVNI

Los Vecinos de Metán lo Vieron y un Avión le Quiso Salir al Paso

SALTA — Sobre la ciudad de Metán, numerosas personas observaron surcar el cielo a un extraño objeto. Tenía la forma de un trompo, color plateado, deteniéndose largo tiempo a una altura estimada entre los 2 a 3.000 metros. La primera observación del OVNI se produjo en horas de la madrugada, pero luego reapareció a eso de las 9, para permanecer en el mismo sitio hasta el mediodía, ante la curiosidad general de la población de Metán. Consultadas las autoridades policiales, confirmaron la presencia del OVNI y señalaron que desde las 9 se pudo observar cómo se mantenía inmóvil en el cielo, a una altura de 2.500 metros el desconocido objeto volador. Desde el aeropuerto de Metán la Dirección Provincial de Aeronáutica intentó enviar un avión para observar de cerca al extraño objeto, pero las malas condiciones atmosféricas frustraron el intento. Igual propósito tuvo el diario "El Tribuno", de enviar un avión con periodistas para fotografiar el OVNI, pero la máquina no pudo despegar.

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URUGUAY: LLUVIA DE OVNI

MONTEVIDEO 2 (DPA). — El Centro de Investigación de Objetos Voladores Indentificados del Uruguay, está indagando actualmente sobre una lluvia de denuncias de aparición de Ovni en el país durante los últimos días. Según un portavoz de la mencionada entidad, se llevan computados en breve

lapso 37 casos en total.

Aseguran los directivos del CIOVI que el ritmo de las denuncias es vertiginoso y que se está procurando por todos los medios lograr la mayor cobertura de las mismas en el menor tiempo posible.

Según ese centro, los casos investigados de mayor im-

portancia son los observados por productores rurales en el establecimiento La Suiza, en el paraje Peralta, departamento de Tacuarembó, a unos 400 kilómetros de Montevideo. También son objeto de similar investigación las apariciones registradas a fines de setiembre último en el departamento de Artigas.

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ALARMA A UNA POBLACION SANTAPECINA LA APARICION DE UN OBJETO VOLADOR ESTATICO

SANTA PE — La población de Villa Ocampo, departamento de General Obligado, a unos 400 kilómetros al noroeste de esta ciudad, se vio convulsionada esta mañana por la misteriosa presencia de un objeto volador no identificado, con la forma de una estrella, y que dio lugar a los más variados y antojadizos comentarios. La presencia del objeto fue advertida en las primeras horas de hoy, y pasadas las 9 se mantenía estático, ante el estupor y desconcierto de los vecinos que tejían toda clase de comentarios. En tal sentido no se descartaba la posibilidad de que desde la Base Aérea Reconquista se ordenara un vuelo de reconocimiento en el lugar en que se encontraba el objeto volador no identificado.

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EL GRAN DISPARATE

LIMA (ANSA) — Una mujer y su hija lactante de 2 meses habrían sido raptadas en un objeto volador no identificado (OVNI) en la provincia de Cajabamba del departamento de Cajamarca, sierra norte del país. La versión fue proporcionada al diario "La Prensa" por algunos campesinos del lugar, quienes afirman haber sido testigos del hecho con otros 5 campesinos. De acuerdo con el relato la misteriosa nave en forma de plato y de cegador color violeta, apareció sorpresivamente cuando el grupo de campesinos, del que formaba parte Candelaria Tucto Chilón y su hija (las supuestas raptadas), se aprestaban a retornar a sus domicilios.

O MEDIO PORTUGAL VIO UN OVNI

LISBOA, 29 (France Presse). — Un Objeto Volador no Identificado (OVNI) fue observado en la noche del martes al miércoles por varios miles de personas en diversos puntos de Portugal, se supo aquí hoy.

El objeto, de color verde y seguido por una "cola" anaranjada, desplazándose aparentemente de Norte a Sur a gran velocidad y a baja altura fue visto primero en Covilha, a 200 kilómetros al noreste de Lisboa, y en diversos puntos de la capital y sus alrededores.

Un piloto de la Aerolínea Portuguesa (TAP) lo había señalado previamente a la torre de control del aeropuerto de Lisboa.

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Carter vio OVNIS

MEXICO D. F. (AP). — Allen Hynek, investigador de objetos voladores no identificados (OVNIS), considera que el gobierno norteamericano reactivará la investigación en esta materia, pues, según dijo el presidente Carter, es testigo de que los OVNIS existen.

El doctor Hynek, presidente del Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios de OVNIS, con sede en Illinois, vino para coordinar los preparativos del primer congreso internacional sobre OVNIS que se celebrará en abril en el balneario de Acapulco.

Deformó una Heladera, Descargó Baterías e Hizo Estallar Botellas la Aparición de una Flotilla de OVNI en Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO (ANSA) — A la sucesión de "apariciones" en distintos puntos del Uruguay de Objetos Voladores no Identificados (OVNI) sumóse nueva e impactante instancia cuando se informó que la "presencia" de uno de esos misteriosos objetos deformó la estructura metálica de un refrigerador, descargó las baterías de tres automotores, hizo estallar una botella que contenía un refrigerio y provocó la lógica sorpresa y conmoción en la ciudad de Paso de los Toros, a unos 200 kilómetros al norte de

aquí. El insólito hecho —que se suma a una serie producida en las últimas semanas en la zona norte y central de la república— fue revelado hoy a la prensa local por miembros del CIOVNI (una de las organizaciones privadas dedicadas aquí al estudio de tales fenómenos), quienes no dudaron en manifestar que se está "ante uno de los casos más complejos" que se han presentado en el Uruguay en los últimos tiempos. Los habitantes de la zona, por su parte, afirman no haber visto "platos voladores", pero sí "extrañas luces". Un

portavoz del CIOVNI afirmó que en los últimos diez días se han producido en Paso de los Toros hechos similares casi a diario, según consta en la información brindada por la comisaría policial del lugar. "El más espectacular —dijo— es el caso de un vecino cuya heladera se torció totalmente al sufrir la influencia del objeto no identificado". El testigo, según una grabación presentada por la institución, lo definió como una "enorme lámpara a gas de mercurio, muy luminosa, de color plateado".

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¡Qué Jabón! Un OVNI Acompañó a Dos Parejas

HUELVA, España, 23 (EFE). — Dos matrimonios que viajaban en un coche de esta ciudad del sur de España a Madrid, aseguraron hoy aquí que durante diez minutos los acompañó un OVNI.

En determinado momento, cuenta José Martínez Oliva, dueño del vehículo en el que viajaba con su espo-



sa y otro matrimonio que un extraño objeto luminoso de color anaranjado, en forma de bola achatada, de unos 30 metros de diámetro y de la que emanaba una fuerte luz, se emparejó con el vehículo que él conducía a alguna distancia y le acompañó en su trayecto durante diez minutos.

José Martínez señala, por último, que lo más curioso fue que al llegar a Madrid de madrugada se enteraron en un diario de las declaraciones hechas por un piloto de la línea aérea Iberia que contaba cómo de la ciudad gallega de Santiago de Compostela (norte de España) a Madrid lo acompañó un extraño objeto de características muy similares al que él y sus acompañantes vieron durante su viaje.

© Aviones iraníes a la caza de un OVNI

N Cuatro soles

MOSCU, 29 (AFP). — Cuatro soles brillaron al mismo tiempo el 25 de octubre en el cielo de una ciudad del norte de Siberia, reveló el diario Industrialista Socialista.

Según el periódico, este fenómeno indica un próximo aumento de la temperatura y fue observado por los habitantes de la ciudad de Dudinka, cerca del Círculo Polar.

El diario explicó este fenómeno por la refracción de los rayos solares interceptados por cristales de hielo a gran altitud.

Y otra vez en la noticia los OVNI. En las últimas semanas, los diarios del mundo deframaron litros de tinta en resumir las apariciones de objetos voladores extraños y no identificados, en diferentes continentes. Ayer, aviones de la fuerza aérea de Irán persiguieron a un objeto volador, que consiguió eludirlos.

Un cable fechado en Teherán hace saber que desde la torre de control del aeropuerto de la capital iraní, pasada la medianoche se alertó a los efectivos de guardia de la fuerza aérea. El mensaje fue conciso: "Perseguir a un objeto volador brillante, que se mueve a una altura aproximada de 1.800 metros. Tratar de identificarlo y darle caza".

Inmediatamente, las máquinas de combate de procedencia norteamericana despegaron y ubicaron al objeto, que se alejó con rumbo sur, a gran velocidad, al tiempo que emitía luces verdes, rojas y azules. Durante la per-

secución, el extraño objeto volador se desplazó en sentido vertical y horizontal —indistintamente— y desapareció tras tomar una altura aproximada de ocho mil metros.

La información, recogida de los diarios locales, señala que antes de alcanzar esa altura, desde la cabina —desde el interior,

con mayor precisión— se dejó caer a tierra un trozo metálico brillante, de cuatro metros de diámetro. Los residentes del sector sur comunicaron a la prensa que uno de los aviones de la fuerza aérea estuvo "por momentos casi al lado del OVNI", pero que éste logró escapar a la persecución. No hubo declaración oficial de las autoridades de Irán. Tropas del ejército y gendarmería patrullan las montañas que rodean a Teherán en busca del trozo metálico dejado caer —se insiste— de expreso por los misteriosos visitantes.

P Conmoción en Pringles: Habría Aterrizado Nave Extraterrestre

BAHIA BLANCA, 1º (De nuestro corresponsal). — Un hecho extraño, de difícil explicación, ocurrió el 21 de setiembre último en un campo ubicado en jurisdicción de Coronel Pringles, provincia de Buenos Aires. Sin embargo, el suceso, considerado de extraordinaria importancia, recién fue dado a conocer ayer. En efecto, el diario "La Nueva Provincia" de esta ciudad señala el presunto descenso de una nave extraterrestre en la zona anteriormente citada.

El corresponsal del diario expresa que a unos 6 kilómetros al Oeste del centro de Pringles aparecieron huellas extrañas en el suelo, que están siendo debidamente analizadas por un equipo científico de la Orga-

nización Nacional de Fenómenos Espaciales.

Según pudo establecerse, el propietario del campo, al efectuar una recorrida, advirtió las huellas visibles desde unos 200 metros, que se asemejaban a surcos que habitualmente deja el arado a cuchilla. El hombre observó entonces que se trataba de una figura simétrica perfectamente definida, como si hubiera sido realizada con un molde presionado. La profundidad era de 10 centímetros y la figura era tres marcas en forma de "V" y una cuarta compuesta por dos hendiduras paralelas, pero más cortas, frente a la que había tres agujeros circulares y cilíndricos de 42 centímetros de profundidad. Además se hallaron cascotes calcinados en el lugar.

El diario apunta posteriormente que el propietario del campo señaló que la hacienda lanar permaneció alejada del lugar.

También se dice que la noche anterior al descubrimiento de las huellas por el cielo de Coronel Pringles se advirtió un OVNI, hecho confirmado por varios testigos responsables. Concretamente, se indica que las formas de las huellas descarta la posibilidad de un hecho natural, la dureza de la tierra (hace varios años que se trabaja en ese sector) elimina también la idea de que alguien las hubiera hecho con fines determinados y la citada consistencia del terreno y la perfección de las hendiduras hace pensar que fueron realizadas con moldes enteros y sólidos bajo la presión de muchas toneladas.

© CHILE: AHORA LOS OVNI PREFIEREN VOLCANES

TALCA, Chile, 5 (EFE). — La región Altos de Volcans, situada a 66 kilómetros de la ciudad chilena de Talca puede ser un centro de aterrizaje de platillos volantes.

Esta es la creencia general de los campesinos que habitan esa región, donde muchas familias cambiaron su lugar de residencia ante la aparición de los "OVNIS".

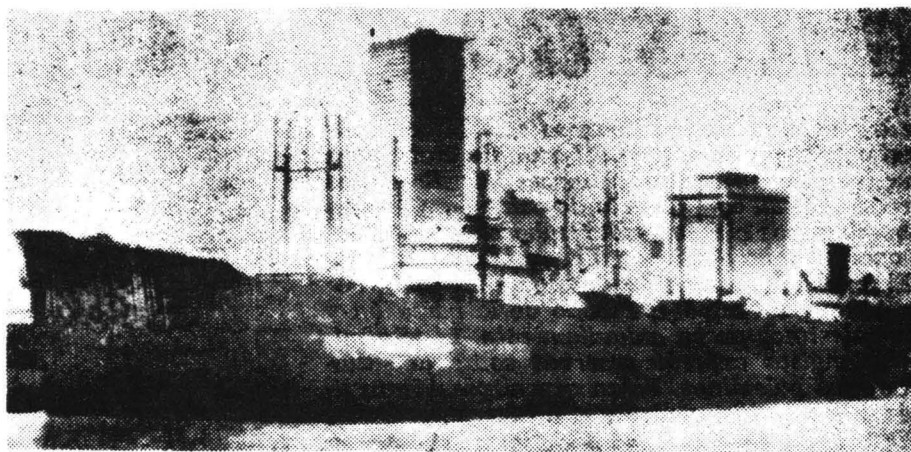
Estos despiden luces brillantes y descienden de tres volcanes de la región, afirman los campesinos.

♦ TRES VOLCANES

Hombres y mujeres dijeron que descienden desde los volcanes "Quizapu", "Descabezado Grande" y "Descabezado Chico", evolucionan en el cielo durante largo tiempo para desaparecer velozmente.

Muchas personas de la región no quisieron denunciar la aparición de los "OVNIS" a las autoridades "para evitar ser tratados de locos".

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Triángulo fatidico

Este carguero panameño —el "Sylvia Ossa"— ha desaparecido hace una semana, con sus 37 hombres de la tripulación. El último mensaje que irradió anunciaba que ingresaba en el terrible "Triángulo de las Bermudas", famoso por sus tempestades. (Radiofoto de Associated Press.)

TRANSLATIONS: ALL SOUTH AMERICAN TRANSLATIONS & CLIPPINGS ARE SUPPLIED BY CORRESPONDENT JANE THOMAS

- A**
- 1) City and country of incident: La Spezia, Italy
 - 2) Date of incident: 9/7/76
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - 9/8/76
 - 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

ITALY'S EXTRATERRESTRIAL COULD BE A CIRCUS DWARF

La Spezia (ANSA) - The "extraterrestrial" seen yesterday on a hill behind La Spezia and photographed by some members of the ORU (Organization for the Investigation of UFOs), could be a dwarf escaped from a circus that performed some days ago in this city. This is the latest news circulating in the city, after some "ufologists" reported to police having seen over Mount Parodi, an extraterrestrial, approx. 1.20m tall, thin, wearing an opaque overall with a cloak that completely covered his face and who walked in an unmistakable way, as if he slid on the ground. The ufologists even delivered the photographs which "are original -stated the chief of police- i.e., they are not a photographic setup. But from there to seeing an extraterrestrial there is quite a difference".

Immediately after receiving the information the police made enquiries without any success. It is now investigating to see if effectively the "extraterrestrial being" is a little man escaped from the circus of Nando, Liana and Rinaldo Orfei, which abandoned La Spezia some days ago. In the same area of Mt. Parodi some people claimed having seen flying objects previously.

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- 1) City and country of incident: United States
 - 2) Date of incident: -
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - Oct. 3, 1976
 - 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

México (ANSA) - The NASA of the U.S. admitted now that "in each of the manned American spaceflights there has been a strange companion which was none of the carrier rocket's elements, but unidentified flying objects of which they have film and photographs, revealed the popular radio and TV commentator Pedro Ferriz. "With this -said the man who was present at all U.S. launchings and has described them for the Spanish speaking TV public- the skepticism about UFOs has ended". Ferriz considered that "most people think we are being visited by beings from other worlds" and proceeded to cite polls made by the Gallup Agency in the U.S., according to which "52% of Americans share this belief".

As Director for several years of a TV program ("Un Mundo Nos Vigila-A World is Watching Us") Ferriz took part in the first national symposium on UFOs held in this city, and thus could express his opinion that we are receiving extraterrestrial visits, but was skeptical of those participants who assured having traveled to other planets and who "are in contact with extraterrestrial beings". The symposium days have been long and heated, and they were attended by scientists as well as "seers" and "illuminated ones". Some statements promoted discussions and others laughter among some 500 attendants.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Los Angeles, U.S.
 - 2) Date of incident: 1944
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - Oct. 4, 1976
 - 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT 20,000 CANNON SHOTS WERE AIMED AGAINST THREE UFOs THAT FLEW OVER LOS ANGELES IN 1944.

There are 20,000 photographs, including those taken during flights to the Moon.

México (ANSA) - Dr. Dennis Huck, of the Center of UFO Studies of Evanston, Ill., presented here today at the First Mexican Symposium on UFOs some 200 UFO slides "perfectly verified", one of them taken from Apollo XI during its trip to the Moon, by astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin in July 1969. With these testimonies, a part of the thousands of photos that the most important center in the world has, to study UFOs, obtained with complex and expensive equipments which include radar, very sensitive cameras, Lasers, telescopes and even

computers, "it is evident we are being visited by extraterrestrial beings". In the photos, taken in several countries, by day and by night, different types of UFOs can be seen, isolated or in formation, one of them emerging from the water, most of them in the shape of "saucers", although with variations according to "sighting" dates, as if they had developed towards more aerodynamic forms. Huck, a close aide of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the first "ufologist" of the world, calls the attention to a photograph taken in 1944 over the city of Los Angeles, Cal. Three UFOs are seen over the contour of the buildings and the sky swept by searchlights, and he tells that at that time aeroguns of the American Army aimed 20,000 shots against the objects, and the city was besieged and without lights for five hours. He also states that the Center for UFO Studies of Evanston received more than 100 reports of "kidnappings by extraterrestrials, even though only three have been verified; in which sufficient evidence was found and the witnesses were interrogated with the aid of hypnosis, drugs and lie detectors". However, he recommended that "the feet be kept upon the ground and all reports be very well investigated", of people who claim they meet with extraterrestrial beings. Those who claim having travelled to other planets or to have contacts with extraterrestrial beings have presented no proof, said Dr. Guillermo Hesselbach today, and called them charlatans.

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- D** 1) City and Country of incident: 1) Andes range, South America
2) Finnish and Swedish Lapland
2) Date of incidents: First fortnight of November 1976
3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Nov. 18, 1976
4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(1) UFOs Invade Earth South and North - The Andes, a safe landing place.

Santiago, Chile, 17 (ANSA) - According to a Chilean student of UFOs, these are obliged to pass over this country to enter Earth. The statement belongs to Gerardo Ojeda, a researcher who has dedicated nine years to collect data on these phenomena. Ojeda claims that "it has been verified that the entrance of the saucers is through the polar caps. Thus they enter thru the Antarctic, and as when arriving to Earth they need a place that offers the best possibility of not being seen, they land in that which geographically allows them to stop and hide. And the Andes range offers such guarantees."

He explains that the reason for these "invasions" is to observe, and forecasts that next year, between September and December, appearances will be more frequent, to decrease in subsequent years. Ojeda has prepared a file with 7,000 cards on UFO sightings in all the world, press clippings and data exchanged with other countries. According to him, there are three kinds of UFOs: first the "flying cigar", of cylindrical shape, with sharpened points, three hundred meters long; second, the "mother ship" which keeps flying discs inside, and last the "Adamsky" type which is an inverted soup plate. Ojeda ends by stating the necessity that governments should take the decision of carrying out a thorough investigation of the phenomenon.

(2) A Laplander Attacked with a Ray.

Stockholm, 17 - (France Presse) - A Finnish Laplander claimed having been the victim of a UFO seen more than a week ago in several places of Finnish and Swedish Lapland.

This was stated today by the newspaper "Haparanda-Bladet". It informed that said Laplander, Eero Lammi, 19, who lives in Uleaberg (Finland), still has in his chest reddish traces made by a "luminous ray" emerging from two sparkling spheres which moved on a level with the ground.

Lammi approached the artifact out of curiosity, being immediately wounded by the mysterious ray and thrown down. This phenomenon was observed by some of his friends who, less courageous than he, remained at a safe distance.

Another paper, the "Norrbottens-Kuriren" informed that five youths from Kalix in Sweden, sighted the same phenomenon Monday night. The paper sent a photo reporter to the place and negatives taken by him show that in the place where the UFO was, the grass frozen by the winter was flattened in a circular area of 5 meters diameter. In the middle the grass is completely calcined, while around it the traces of eight small circles can be seen.

The Swedish Army, according to the papers, undertook an investigation, but refused to make any statement.

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- 1) City and country of incident: England
 - 2) Date of incident: ?
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica , Nov. 19, 1976
 - 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

UFOS - NOW ENGLAND

London - 19 (DPA) - A UFO, shaped like a cigar, with a crew dressed in silvery spacesuits was seen in the English country by a peasant and a friend, who was not yet able to forget the eyes of one of the extraterrestrials. The peasant, Ted Pratt, 58, and his companion Joyce Bowles, 42, said they got quite scared when they noticed the car they were traveling in was vibrating strangely, then seemed to lose contact with the asphalt, and shortly thereafter came to a halt.

Then -as can be read in the interview published today by "The Sun"- they saw a man emerging from the UFO, very well formed, who approached the car making a strange noise. It was then when the extraterrestrial looked at us through the window with his horrible rose-colored eyes (poor guy, maybe he only was an albino... - J.T.)

In spite of the great scare, Joyce Bowles tells how after a few moments a deep feeling of serenity took hold of her. Shortly afterwards, the strange visitor from other worlds returned to the spaceship.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Metán, Salta Province, Argentina
 - 2) Date of incident: Nov. 22, 1976
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - Nov. 20, 1976
 - 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO - RESIDENTS OF METAN SAW IT AND A PLANE WANTED TO INTERCEPT IT

Salta - Many people saw a strange object fly over the city of Metán. It had the shape of a spinning top, was silvery colored and stood still for quite a while at a height of about 2 to 3,000 meters. The UFO was first sighted in the early hours of the morning but then reappeared at around 9, to stay in the same place until noon, to the general curiosity of the Metán residents.

The police confirmed the UFO's presence and expressed that as from 9 am it could be observed how it remained motionless in the sky, at an altitude of some 2,500 meters. From the Metán airport the Provincial Aeronautical Office tried to send a plane up to observe the strange object from close by, but the unfavorable atmospheric conditions prevented it. The paper "El Tribuno" had the same intention of sending up a plane with reporters to photograph the UFO, but the machine could not take off.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Montevideo, Uruguay
 - 2) Date of incident: -
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Dec. 2, 1976
 - 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

URUGUAY: SHOWERS OF UFOS

Montevideo, 2 (DPA) - The Center for the Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects of Uruguay is currently investigating a shower of reports on the appearance of UFOs in the country during these last days.

According to a spokesman of said entity, in a short period a total of 37 cases were computed. The directors of CIOVI inform that the rhythm of reports is giddy and that they are doing their best to cover all of them in the shortest possible time. According to that Center, the most important cases investigated are those observed by rural workers in the ranch La Suiza, in Peralta, Dept. of Tacuarembó, some 400 km from Montevideo. A similar investigation is being carried out of appearances recorded at the end of September last in the Dept. of Artigas.

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- H** 1) City and country of incident: Villa Ocampo, Santa Fe Prov., Argentina
2) Date of incident: Nov. 19, 1976
3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Nov. 20, 1976
4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

THE APPEARANCE OF A STATIC FLYING OBJECT ALARMS A TOWN IN SANTA FE

Santa Fe - The town of Villa Ocampo, Dept. of General Obligado, some 400 km NW of this city, was convulsed this morning by the mysterious presence of a flying object in the shape of a star, and which caused the most varied and whimsical comments. The presence of the object was noticed in the early hours of today and after 9 am it was still static, to the amazement and bewilderment of the neighbors who made all kinds of comments. In that sense they did not discard the possibility that a reconnaissance flight be ordered from the Reconquista Air Force Base to the site where the UFO was.

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- I** 1) City and country of incident: Portugal
2) Date of incident: 28-29th Dec. 1976
3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Dec. 29, 1976
4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HALF PORTUGAL SAW A UFO

Lisbon, 29 (France Presse) - A UFO was seen the night of Tuesday to Wednesday by several thousands of people in different places of Portugal, it was learned here today.

The object, green and with an "orange" trail, apparently moving from North to South at great speed and very low altitude, was first seen in Covilha, 200 km NE of Lisbon, and in several places of the capital and its vicinity.

A pilot of the Portuguese airline (TAP) had previously pointed it out to the airport's control tower.

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- J** 1) City and country of incident: Cajabamba, Dept. Cajamarca, Perú
2) Date of incident: ?
3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Dec. 31, 1976
4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

THE GREAT NONSENSE

Lima (ANSA) - A woman and her two months old suckling daughter have allegedly been kidnapped by a UFO in the province of Cajabamba of the Dept. of Cajamarca, the country's Northern Sierra. The version was provided to the newspaper "La Prensa" by some local peasants, who claimed having been witnesses to it together with five other workers. According to the story, the mysterious vessel in the shape of a saucer and a blinding violet color, appeared suddenly when the group of peasants of which Candelaria Tucto Chilón and her daughter (the alleged kidnapes), were getting ready to return to their homes.

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- K** 1) City and country of incident: México
2) Date of incident: -
3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - Feb. 2, 1977
4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CARTER SAW UFOS

México, D.F. (AP) - Allen Hynek, investigator of UFOs, believes the American government will reactivate research on this subject, because, he said, President Carter is a witness to the existence of UFOs. Dr. Hynek, President of the Center for UFO Studies, in Illinois, came to coordinate the arrangements for the first international congress on UFOs which will be held in April in Acapulco.

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- 1) City and Country of incident: Paso de los Toros, Uruguay
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - October 19, 1976
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A DEFORMED REFRIGERATOR, DISCHARGED BATTERIES AND BURST BOTTLES WAS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE APPEARANCE OF A UFO IN URUGUAY

Montevideo (ANSA) - To the successive appearances in several points of Uruguay of UFOs, a new and impacting instance was added when it was reported that the "presence" of one of those mysterious objects deformed the metallic structure of a refrigerator, discharged the batteries of three cars, made a bottle with a refreshment burst and caused the logical surprise and commotion in the city of Paso de los Toros, some 200 km North of here. The unusual event -which adds to a series that took place in the last weeks in the Northern and Central part of the Republic- was revealed to the press today by CITOVNI (one of the private local organizations that study these phenomena), who did not hesitate to state that they have before them one of the most complex cases of the last times. Residents of the region, on their part, claim to having seen not "flying saucers" but "strange lights". A spokesman for CITOVNI expressed that in the last ten days similar cases occurred at Paso de los Toros almost daily, as is registered in the information provided by the local police. "The most spectacular -it said- is the case of a neighbor whose refrigerator was completely bent due to the influence of the unidentified object."

The witness, according to a recording submitted by the institution, defined it as an "enormous mercury lamp, very luminous, silver-colored".

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- 1) City and Country of incident: Huelva, Madrid
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - 11/24/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

WHAT A SCARE! A UFO ACCOMPANIED TWO COUPLES

Huelva, Spain, 23 (EFE) - Two couples that traveled in a car from this Southern Spanish city to Madrid, claimed today that a UFO accompanied them for ten minutes.

At a given time, José Martínez Oliva, owner of the vehicle in which he traveled with his wife and another couple, tells that a strange orange luminous object, in the shape of a flattened ball some 30m diameter, and from which issued a strong light, leveled off with the car he drove and accompanied him for ten minutes.

J. Martínez finally states that the most curious thing was that on reaching Madrid in the early hours of the morning, they learned from a paper about the report made by a pilot of Iberia airlines, who told how from the Galician city of Santiago de Compostela (North of Spain) to Madrid a strange object accompanied him, of very similar characteristics to that seen by him and his companions during this trip.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Dudinka, Northern Siberia, USSR
- 2) Date of incident: October 25, 1976
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Nov. 1, 1976
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FOUR SUNS

MOSCOW, 29 (AFP) - Four suns shone at the same time on October 25th in the sky of a city in Northern Siberia, disclosed the paper "Socialist Industry".

According to the paper, this phenomenon indicates a forthcoming temperature increase and was observed by the residents of the city of Dudinka, near the Polar Circle.

The paper explained this phenomenon as refraction of the sun's rays intercepted by ice crystals at high altitude.

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- 1) City and Country of incident: Teheran, Iran
- 2) Date of incident: 9/19/76
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Clarin - 9/20/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

IRANIAN PLANES CHASE A UFO

And UFOs are news once again. In the last weeks the world newspapers spilled liters of ink to resume the appearances of strange non-identified flying objects in different continents. Yesterday, planes belonging to the Iranian air force chased a flying object which managed to elude them.

A cable dated at Teheran informs that after midnight the air force guards were alerted from the control tower of the Iranian capital's airport. The message was concise: "Follow a brilliant flying object that moves at a height of some 1,800 meters. Try to identify it and give chase." Immediately, the fighters, of American origin, took off and located the object which flew away very fast towards the South, at the same time emitting green, red and blue lights. During the persecution, the strange object moved vertical and horizontally -indistinctly- and disappeared after attaining a height of approx. 8,000 meters.

Information gathered from the local papers states that before climbing to that height, from the cabin -from inside, to be more precise- a brilliant metallic piece was thrown out, 4 meters diameter. Residents in the Southern sector told the press that one of the air force planes was "at times almost beside the UFO", but that the latter managed to escape. There was no official report from Iranian authorities. Army troops and Gendarmerie patrol the mountains around Teheran in search of the metallic piece thrown off -they insist- on purpose by the mysterious visitors.

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- 1) City and Country of incident: Coronel Pringles, Buenos Aires province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: 9/21/76
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - 11/2/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COMMOTION IN PRINGLES = AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL SHIP MIGHT HAVE LANDED

Bahía Blanca, 1st (From our correspondent) - A strange event, difficult to explain, took place on September 21st last in a field located in the jurisdiction of Coronel Pringles, Buenos Aires Province. However, the event considered as of extraordinary importance, was only made known yesterday. In fact, the paper "La Nueva Provincia" of this city reports the alleged landing of an extraterrestrial vehicle in the aforementioned area.

The paper's correspondent states that some 6 km West from the center of Pringles strange traces appeared on the ground, which are being duly analyzed by the National Organization of Space Phenomena's scientific team.

It was learned that the owner of the field, at the time of making a round, saw the traces visible from some 200 meters, which were similar to the furrows usually made by a plow. The man then observed that this was a perfectly defined geometrical figure, as if made by a pressed-down mold. It was 10 cm deep and the figure was three marks forming a "V" and a fourth consisting of two parallel fissures, but shorter, in front of which were three circular cylindrical holes 42 cm deep. Besides, calcined rubble was also found in the area.

The paper then states that the owner of the field expressed that ovine stock did not go near the place. It is also said that the night before the discovery of the traces a UFO was seen over the Cnel. Pringles skies, a fact confirmed by several responsible witnesses. Concretely, it is stated that the form of the traces eliminates the possibility of a natural event, the hardness of the earth (that sector has been worked on for several years) also eliminates the idea that somebody could have made them intentionally, and the terrain's consistency as well as the perfect fissures lead to believe they have been made by full and solid molds under the pressure of many tons.

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- Q 1) City and country of incident: Talca, Chile
 2) Date of incident: -
 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Nov. 5, 1976
 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CHILE: NOW UFOs PREFER VULCANOES

Talca, Chile, 5 (EFE) - The area Altos de Vilches, at a distance of 66 km from the Chilean city of Talca, may be a landing place for UFOs.

This is the general belief of peasants who reside in that region where many families already moved due to the appearance of UFOs.

These emit brilliant lights and come down from three local volcanoes.

THREE VULCANOES

Men and women said they descend from the volcanoes "Quizapu", "Descabezado Grande" and "Descabezado Chico", move in the sky for a long time and then swiftly disappear. Many local residents did not want to report the UFOs' appearance to the authorities to "avoid being treated as lunatics".

- R 1) City and Country of incident: "Bermuda Triangle"
 2) Date of incident: Week of October 10, 1976
 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín - Oct. 20, 1976
 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FATIDICAL TRIANGLE

This Panamanian cargo vessel -the "Sylvia Ossa"- has disappeared a week ago with its crew of 37. The last message it sent advised it was entering the terrible "Bermuda Triangle" famous for its storms. (A.P. radio-photo).

Mystery glow over Ross starts UFO inquiry

ENGLAND
 HEREFORD
 TIMES
 JAN 14, 1977

A GLOWING orange shape seen over Ross-on-Wye on Friday night by some 200 people has sparked off an unidentified flying object inquiry - and police are taking the sightings seriously.

Reports of the object, seen over the town at about 5.30 p.m. flooded into the local police station.

PC Mike Gibbons, with Mr Derek Marshall, of Hill Farm, searched an area near Alton Court, where the object is thought to have landed, on Friday evening. A further search of the area was made on Saturday, but nothing was found.

Inspector Eddie Hobday said the reports were of an object, orange and red in colour, the size of a football, but square in shape. Some people thought it omitted rays and others thought the object was burning. It was reported to have flown over from the

Hereford direction to Chase Woods.

When it reached the fringe of the woods near Alton Court, it appeared to float down into a field and disappear.

Mrs Christine Knight, of Merrivale Lane, said her daughter Gerrie, 20, spotted the object first. Together with neighbours they had watched the object, which she described as square in shape with what appeared to be pulsating orange flames inside.

"It was making no noise at all and was very eerie," she said.

She added that for some time she had watched the object through binoculars and it had appeared to float across the sky.

Schoolboys Nicholas Lawrence, 15, and Martin Bilby, saw the object as they were

walking through Duxmere.

"We noticed something glowing in the sky, getting brighter and then duller. We stood still to try and bear something, but there was no sound at all."

Brothers Julian and Stephen Davies also witnessed the object's path above Ross, and Stephen tried to take a photograph of it, but unfortunately it does not show up on his negative.

At the same time their father, Mr Adrian Davies, saw the object while he was waiting outside the town's swimming pool. He described it as a deep orange colour and shaped like a pear with the end cut off.

Mrs D. A. Victor-Trott, of the Kings Head Hotel, in High Street, Ross, said she thought some 200 people in the town had seen the object.

North 'fireball' riddle

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FRIGHTENED children huddled together last night as a mysterious "UFO" - a thundering fireball - flew over Morpeth.

A police sergeant, whose 10-year-old daughter watched the flaming ball head South across the night sky, told what happened.

Sergt. James Fleming, who lives in a police house at the Northumbria force's

training School at The Kylins, Morpeth, said: "I was sitting watching television just after seven o'clock when I heard this continuous sound of what seemed like distant thunder."

"The noise got closer and closer. The windows started to rattle. I looked out and saw about half a dozen trembling children there, including my daughter, Linda."

Linda said: "It was like a

big yellow ball with a tail of fire. The sky lit up, there was a big bang, and I looked up and felt something."

"Everything was sort of warm, and there was a smell of burning. It stayed for about half-a-minute, then disappeared. There were quite a few bangs, with a big one at the end. We were very frightened and ran to a friend's house."

Sergt. Fleming added:

"We went outside and there was definitely a smell of burning sulphur. I can only think it was a small meteorite. It frightened the kids to death."

Radar technicians at the RAF Early Warning station at Boulmer, Northumberland, and at Newcastle Airport, said no strange objects were picked up on their screens.

And Newcastle Weather Centre could shed no light on the phenomenon, either.



Search for Nessie will resume in June

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BOSTON — Dr. Robert Rines in June will resume his seven-year hunt for the legendary Loch Ness Monster, hoping to silence skeptics who say there is no large creature in the murky Scotland waters.

"We know there is something real there, and if it's what we suspect it is, it may be the natural-history find of man's whole existence," said the 54-year-old patent lawyer and founder of Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H.

"We have to get close enough to get evidence needed by people who can identify these things."

Rines and a photographer, Charles Wyckoff, a fellow member of the Boston-based Academy of Applied Science that Rines founded, in January installed underwater cameras in Loch Ness with a revised computer trigger system.

"We tested this out and have refined it to a point so we can make sure that the camera doesn't get triggered by a school of fish until it's one of these big things within camera range," Rines said.

The "big things" Rines referred to are the animals or animal he believes populate waters off the town of Drumnadrochit, Scotland. In 1975, after Rines had been exploring the 900-foot-deep Loch for five years, an underwater camera caught a shadowy shape of what he said appeared to be a large, reptilian looking head with a long neck-like projection.

THE PHOTOGRAPH, coupled with a 1972 shot of what Rines described as a belly fin, only intensified his belief in Nessie's existence.

"I suppose if I hadn't had the misfortune of seeing the back of one of these things in 1972, I would have walked away," he said.

The expedition team was disappointed but not discouraged last summer by results from more than 100,000 time-elapsed photographs. They theorized a drought had lowered the Loch's level so the usual salmon spawning runs were not taking place to draw the animal from its lower depths to feed.

Rines said sonar equipment in Loch Ness last summer picked up on a sizeable object, but it was below camera range. "The contact coincided with a startling hydrophone detection ... of chip-like or rattle-like sounds which ceased before we could begin tape-recording," he said.

The camera was "shooting blind," Rines said. But he hopes the new trigger system will not activate the equipment unless something "big enough with the right dimensions, and characteristics" comes within range.

The revamped cameras are powered from shore instead of by batteries, allowing pictures every three or four seconds for a sequence of shots rather than just one still photograph. He said the team also may use a submarine to retrieve artifacts from the depths of Loch Ness or to explore underwater caves.

"As far as we're concerned, all that's going to happen in the future is we'll get better pictures of the same thing," said Rines, adding he's encouraged other scientists have joined the hunt.

"Now we have independent sonar experts getting exactly the same characteristics. Now it's been reproduced, and not just by me," he said. "It's a vitally important study in the way the scientific community is reacting to good hard data that stretches the imagination."

"We've been challenged to identify what these things are to demonstrate that science has got to have a much more open mind than it has in the past in these areas."

Nessie lives says this American professor

MYTH or mystery? Genuine phenomena or figment of over-enthusiastic imagination? These are the questions inevitably faced when contemplating two constantly recurring and baffling topics — the Loch Ness monster and Unidentified Flying Objects.

The two subjects could hardly be more widely separated in concept, yet they have in common the fact that both have attracted some of the finest scientific brains and both have remained cloaked in the inexplicable of which legends are made.

Two current publications which seek to throw new light into these shadowy areas are *The Monsters of Loch Ness*, by Professor Roy P. Mackal (Futura £1.50) and *UFO's: The American Scene*, by Michael Hervey (Hale £4.50).

Professor Mackal, who is professor of microbiology at the University of Chicago, is shortly to visit Britain, and as the man who has been scientific adviser to the group which has been studying Loch Ness for the past ten years, his views on "Nessie" can in no way be lightly dismissed.

His book has been described as the first com-

plete scientific and definitive study of the Loch Ness phenomena, and few will dispute that. The subject is approached with impressive thoroughness and a staggering attention to detail.

And after presenting all the evidence, Professor Mackal reaches the forthright conclusion "that a population of moderate-sized aquatic animals is inhabiting Loch Ness."

Michael Hervey is regarded as one of the world's leading authorities on UFO's, having spent 25 years in intensive study of the subject.

His book took two years to write, largely because it involved sifting through more than 10,000 reports and sightings.

From them the author has built up a most convincing case, backed up by many thought-provoking photographs.

You may not believe in flying saucers after reading Michael Hervey's book, but you will find it difficult to dismiss the possibility out of hand.

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Big Bird Is Still Alive, Able to Fly

"The Big Bird" was alive, able to fly and to forage as late as Saturday, when it was seen in an oats and rye 20-acre open field near Bethel.

Mrs. O. M. (Dolores) Moore, secretary employed at the T.G.&Y. Family Center in Palestine Plaza, says she was looking out a window at her home three-quarter miles north of the Cayuga School at Bethel, when she saw the huge bird in the open field.

"It was very large. Like a big crane seen through a magnifying glass," Mrs. Moore related Tuesday afternoon.

"The bird was about 150 yards away from me. Our big

Brahman bull was trying to get close to the bird. Every time he did, the bird took wing and flew off a short distance, then resumed feeding in our oats and rye pasture."

The bird obviously had a wing injury which caused it to make only short flights at a time, Mrs. Moore said.

It may have been winged Dec. 8 by a shot fired from the home place of John S. Carroll, Jr., swine breeder, about three miles east of Montalba.

Bethel is perhaps 15 miles northwest of the Carroll place.

Mrs. Moore said her two children, Dave, 17, and Michele, 12 are "out looking for the bird. They've been looking

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for it two days now. If they find it, they will call George Veteto." Veteto is manager of the Engeling Wildlife Management Area south of Bethel.

The Moore pasture, where Mrs. Moore says she saw the bird feeding, adjoins the 11,000-acre state game preserve. Biologists on the Engeling staff would conceivably be able to capture the bird and determine its variety.

It could be a rare freak or a throwback to the extinct Dodo species which vanished in the 16th Century from a remote island paradise.

Mrs. Moore said she was alone when she saw the bird

and had to leave for Palestine. "I didn't think to call Mr. Veteto until I was halfway to town," she related.

Some believe the strange bird — which now has been seen and described similarly by at least four persons over a period of several weeks — is an extremely large member of the stork family perhaps grown out of all normal proportions through a change in the genes.

A one-time University of Texas biologist won the Nobel Science Prize about 1928 by discovering that radioactivity induced by exposure to X-rays caused mutations in the genes of fruit flies, and could do the same with reproductive organs of other forms of life, from grains to animals of all sorts.

Mrs. Moore saw the Big Bird as bluish gray in color, with a very long neck and legs.

The Loch Ness newt

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NESSIE is being put under the microscope.

Ten years ago, the Loch Ness monster was associated with people who also believed in flying saucers. Today, scientists all over the world are listening seriously to what some of their colleagues are saying.

The man largely responsible for this is a blond American, Professor Roy Mackal, Professor of Microbiology at the University of Chicago.

On holiday in Britain in 1965, he visited the loch, site of strange observations for over 1,400 years, and bumped into volunteers of the Loch Ness Phenomena Investigation Bureau.

Within a few days he had made a preliminary analysis of the "evidence" collected by sightseers and amateurs. He found he could not explain away a sequence of cine-film taken by Tim Dinsdale.

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He concluded unusual phenomena were occurring at the loch, and that living creatures were the most likely explanation.

Since then he has helped to point an armoury of scientific gadgets into the depths of the loch, analysing the results, sifting the anecdotal accounts and trying to put the whole debate at a level where other scientists will get interested.

The most impressive result is a 400-page book, full of solid material but lively written, presenting all the evidence. Where there is any reasonable alternative explanation for the observations, he has used it.

Out of 10,000 alleged sightings, he rejects all but 200, giving his reasons. He also surveys the photos, the movie films and sound wave trackings, which have convinced him that there is a group of large animals living in the deep water of Loch Ness.

I don't know whether Nessie exists, but I met Professor Mackal in the flesh in London a few days ago, and I have no

doubt that he is a sincere man with strong grounds for his beliefs.

This is his first visit since the book was published a few months ago. He is tall, broad-shouldered, highly intelligent and has piercing eyes. Aged 51, a family man with three children, he started his career as a physicist and later became fascinated by biology.

His aim as scientific adviser to the group studying Loch Ness for the past ten years has been to answer two questions.

- Are there large animals in the loch?
- If so, what is their identity?

He feels that, short of actually capturing a specimen — not hurting it, but simply isolating it temporarily — there is now plenty of evidence that there are large animals in Loch Ness. The sound wave equipment has shown again and again that relatively large objects are moving around in the depths.

The famous underwater photographs, published in the respectable science magazine *Nature* about a year ago, show what appears to be a fin.

The loch, averaging 400 feet deep, filled with icy cold water and murky with particles of peat, is an inhospitable environment. Many scientists have queried what food any animal population would eat. His answer is fish, particularly salmon.

FOSSILS

Nobody knows how many fish live there, but his suggestion is that there could be as many as 13 million adult salmon. He hopes more research will be done on this.

What could the animals be? Professor Mackal summarises the various observations about the Loch Ness phenomena, and compares each with known animal characteristics, covering all animals, both alive and extinct.

His personal favourite candidate is an ancestor of an amphibian that has been thought to have died out 250 million years ago.

There is no modern equivalent or even an easy name, but you can think of it as being like a giant newt in shape, about 15ft long, with short head and flipper-like

limbs. Many fossil remains of such creatures have been found in Scottish coal measures.

A second suggestion is a giant fat eel. And third in the field comes the popular choice among Loch Ness fans, a descendant of the plesiosaurus (one of the dinosaur family), extinct for 65 million years.

The idea of extinct animals surviving in Loch Ness is not as absurd as it sounds. Twice in the past 40 years, scientists have found modern specimens of animals previously thought extinct. The most famous case was the coelacanth, a primitive fish.

Plans to trap a specimen have been ready for three years. The trap, baited with salmon, would be sunk deep in the loch, with volunteers to watch. The three-year project would cost over £100,000, and Professor Mackal would like to launch at the same time a university chair in what he calls "cryptozoology" — the study of hidden life forms.

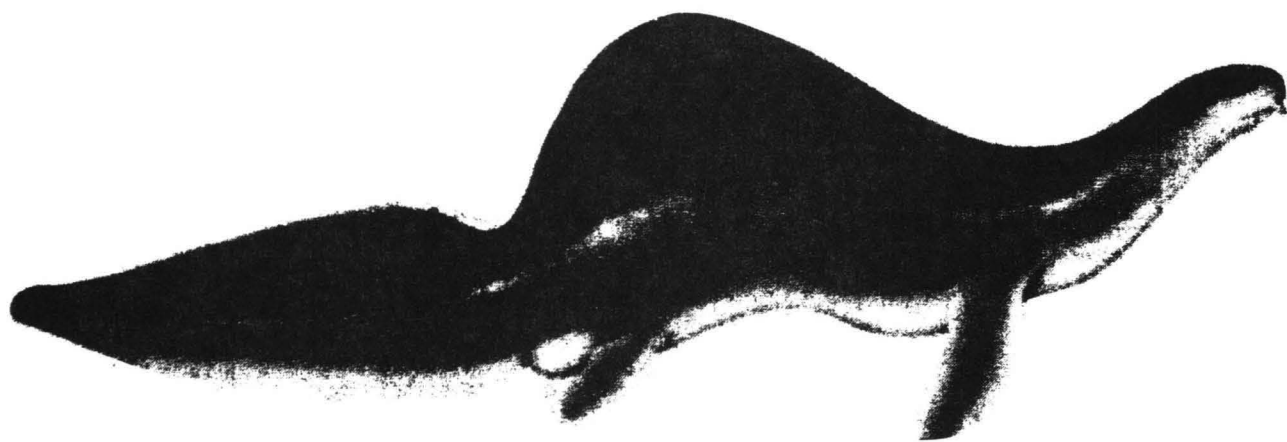
The chances of catching a specimen, he admits, are extremely tiny if you work out the figures. But, if you do the calculations, it is also amazing that anyone actually catches a fish.

POLITICS

It is also a political hot potato, and the Loch Ness team are anxious to carry conservationists along with them. They feel strongly these animals should be saved from exploitation, but maintain that should not stop them being studied. They hope to get Government permission to trap a specimen.

Meanwhile Professor Mackal hopes we may get better underwater photography — automatic cameras giving a sequence of still shots in quick succession, and where the water is not so murky, television cameras which use low light levels.

For Doubting Thomases, of course, no amount of photographic evidence will suffice. But as Professor Mackal slyly pointed out, it is equally impossible to disprove that there are living animals in Loch Ness without pumping it dry — which would take 175 years.



An artist's impression of the creature Professor Mackal believes is in the loch

SANTA'S SASQUATCH

GRESHAM, Ore. (UPI) — Santa Claus said he saw the legendary Big Foot.

Wearing a St. Nick outfit, Roger Hines, 19, walked into the sheriff's office and told deputies he saw Sasquatch while driving home from a Christmas party at his father's home.

He said the creature was eight feet tall with "lots of hair." He said it crossed the road in front of his car.

"The deputies just cracked up when I told them," Hines said, "because I was still wearing the Santa Claus suit from the party."

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Loch Ness mystery believable

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By MARGOT LYON

LOCH NESS — The depths of winter is not the best time to visit Loch Ness. Or maybe it is. In the cold and dark you certainly get a sense of mystery, and the feeling that strange happenings could be natural here.

When you leave Inverness in the Scottish Highlands and drive south west along the Glenmore Valley you soon come upon lonely Loch Ness, its waters steel grey and shrouded in winter mist. On the slopes of the valley black-headed sheep move like grey ghosts. In shafts of sunshine you see green meadows and stretches of bronze and russet fern. The sky changes quickly: one side of the lake can be clear as day while the other is hidden under thick clouds. In the background the black mountain that dominates the south shore leads to the Monadhliath chain of peaks, covered in dazzling snow.

JUTTING OUT from the shores into the loch, the castle of Urquhart reflects its ancient ruins in water that is 1,000 feet deep. The great depths of the loch are one of the strongest arguments of believers that Nessie, the famed monster, lives here where the water is deeper than anywhere in the neighboring North Sea. When the water surface stirs in a sharp wind and the seagulls cry, you feel that right here, with mountain and lonely lake, floating mist and ruined castle, is just the place where unexplainable events are sure to happen.

Skeptics claim the Scots invented the whole mystery of the monster, just to boost their tourist industry. If so, they did not invent Nessie, they only quoted their ancestors. Back in the 6th century, St. Columba is said to have saved a monk from being eaten by a water monster. A 14th century map of the loch describes 'waves without wind, fish without fins, islands that float'. Scottish folklore includes legends of a mysterious 'water horse'.

Maybe that is why a teenage girl said 60 years ago that she saw a great grey beast come lurching out of the trees into the loch. But the man who put Nessie on the front pages of the papers back in the Thirties, was Alexander Campbell. He told us that as a young water bailiff he was working where the river Oich runs into the loch. Only 40 yards out he clearly saw a strange head standing out of the water, on a long neck; the hump went back 30 feet. He went home and looked up 'monster, prehistoric' in the encyclopedia, then telephoned the Inverness Courier.

Over the past 40 years there have been over 1,000 reports from people who claim to have seen Nessie. So said Frank Searle, a former professional soldier who now lives in a caravan overlooking the loch and has collected information and photographs of the monster. It is not easy to take pictures, he says, because the creature moves fast and the light is often poor.

Three pictures are on show as among the best and clearest: Colonel R. K. Wilson, a London surgeon, took one

in April 1934 showing a head like an elephant's trunk. Lachlan Stuart, a forest ranger, photographed three lumps in still water in July 1951. P. A. Macnab, a bank manager, got a snapshot showing long shapes rising out of smooth water, on July 29, 1955. Photographic experts say all these pictures show no signs of tampering. How can they be explained? Could the lumps be masses of rotting vegetation, propelling themselves by releasing gases; or groups of otters playing 'follow my leader'? Or even the remains of a World War I zeppelin?

FATHER GREGORY, who teaches boys at the Benedictine Abbey school at Fort Augustus at the southern end of the loch, was strolling with a friend in October 1972 when he noticed the water thrashing, then saw the monster's head break the surface and rear up at least 8 feet. He saw the head and the jump clearly — but only for about 15 seconds. His friend saw nothing except the ripples on the water.

The mystery of the monster has drawn investigators from as far away as Japan, Canada and the United States. Latest of them is Dr. Robert Rines, a Boston lawyer, who claimed last year that he had definite proof of the existence of a monster from the deep. He showed his pictures and films to experts, and even to members of parliament in the House of Commons. Not many were completely convinced. Myself, I could believe it, now I've seen this place.

POOR LUCK WITH LOCH NESS

NEW YORK (UPI) — Researchers are "disappointed but not discouraged" over the results of the most ambitious and technologically sophisticated hunt for the legendary Loch Ness monster.

The New York Times, co-sponsor of the effort, said some 108,000 photographs and extensive sonar exploration of the Scottish lake turned up no conclusive proof the storied creature exists.

"I'm disappointed, yes, but not discouraged," said Charles W. Wyckoff, the expedition's chief of photographic operations. "I'm still convinced in my own mind that there's something there."

The search, conducted from June through the fall and co-sponsored by the

Academy of Applied Sciences, a Boston-based group of engineers and inventors, did come up with some " tantalizing clues," the Times reported.

On four occasions, the sonar detectors picked up traces of "large objects moving underwater," the newspaper said, and one of the objects was described as a "carcass-like shape with a long necklike projection."

However, identification of the objects was impossible, since none of them got close enough to the sonar-activated underwater cameras to be captured in the time-elapsed photographs.

In fact, the Times reported, of the 108,000 photos taken, only 33 shots showed fish or eels, a piece of information the scientists consider significant in the search for the monster.

"We theorize that the severe drought in the British Isles had lowered the level of the loch so much that the usual salmon spawning runs were not taking place, and there were no salmon in the shallow areas of the loch to bring the animal up from its lower depths to feed," Wyckoff said.

Although the monster remains elusive, the researchers are not ready to give up the hunt. Dr. Robert H. Rines, director of the expedition who has spent six years on Nessie's trail, said he will resume photographic operations in January or February.

"We'll be at it until we get results," Rines said.

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Two Yachts Missing Off Florida Coast

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Feb. 5 (AP) — The disappearance of two luxury yachts reported missing in the last three months after sailing from Apalachicola is being investigated.

Federal Bureau of Investigation officials said the most recent case occurred Jan. 27 when the 75-foot Pirate's Lady with a captain and one crewman disappeared on its way from Apalachicola to Clearwater.

Authorities said the \$1,000,000 yacht, owned by Charles Slater of New Orleans, had stopped at Pensacola before it reached Apalachicola. The crew was scheduled to stop at Clearwater before continuing to the Bahamas to meet Slater for a fishing trip.

Slater owns a fleet of boats that services oil rigs around the world.

On board the Pirate's Lady were Capt. Tony Latuso and David Diecidue, both of New Orleans.

Coast Guard officials at Pensacola said they had found no traces of the yachts. FBI spokesmen in New Orleans said the bureau had joined the investigation to determine if there any federal law had been violated.

The first disappearance was Oct. 26 when the 47-foot Flying Dutchman vanished with four aboard. It had left Apalachicola on its way to Fort Lauderdale to be sold.

On board were owner-industrialist John Dijt of Montgomery, Ala.; Jeanne Kelly, widow of a Destin, Fla., millionaire; retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Terry Stone of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Ruth Easterling, an automobile dealer from Greenville, Miss.

The Pensacola News-Journal said a Montgomery firm owned by Dijt had offered a \$5000 reward for information about the Flying Dutchman, and Slater has indicated that he will offer a \$10,000 reward for information about the Pirate's Lady.

Monster sighted on Blewett Pass

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Something strong and tall broke into Stanley Brender's chicken pen at his Blewett Pass ranch and killed four or five of his chickens Sunday night.

Nobody's officially saying it's a so-called "hairy sasquatch" but Brender, Leavenworth, has talked to some people and he's pretty sure it wasn't a bear or a cougar.

Whatever it was tore a large hole in the chicken wire fence about four feet off the ground and killed some of the "pedigreed" Hampshire Reds, Brender said today.

David Kernoul and his uncle, Dean DeWees, caretaker at the ranch, heard a racket at the pen and charged down there, Kernoul, Leavenworth, said today. He recalled later that the ranch dogs wouldn't go out.

At the scene, they spotted something large and gray in the shadows.

Kernoul said it was taller than a man, about 7 to 8 feet tall. When they decided it was taller than they were, they ran back to the house for their guns.

Kernoul said whatever it was was "standing right there, between the pig pen and the chicken house."

"The pigs were running all over the place and some of them had jumped out of the fence. I shot at it four times and I think I hit it."

He said he had only light

birdshot shells and he was about 30 feet away.

"We weren't going to say anything about it because we thought people would think we were nuts, but if I did wound it, it could be ornery."

The main thing he noticed about it, he said, was the strong odor, "like strong B.O. You could really smell it." He later compared it to what one might expect from someone who hadn't taken a bath for a year.

"I thought maybe it was a horse at first but when I saw it, I couldn't believe it. It had to weigh a good 400 pounds. If it was a bear, it had to be one of those they call a 'walking bear'."

"If it was a bear, why did it rip open the screen when it could have jumped in with the pigs?"

After the shots, whatever it was ran off across a frozen creek and disappeared.

Brender said the scene at the 160-acre ranch, located about a quarter-mile down the old highway from Ingalls Creek lodge, is solid ice from a recently frozen rain.

Kernoul said the ground was consequently too hard to see any tracks. No hair or blood was found. Four chickens were killed but only three were found.

The hole in the fence is about two-feet in diameter, Brender said — big enough to put a 15 to 20-gallon drum

through. Holes were torn in fences of two pens but only the Hampshire Reds were killed.

Earlier in the week, he said DeWees reported hearing an eerie scream one night. The next day, two white chickens were found dead but no marks could be found on them. Brender said it is possible to scare a chicken to death.

Brender said the one chicken he brought in to be checked from Sunday night had a broken neck.

Also in that earlier incident, the ranch dogs did go down with DeWees to investigate.

Sunday night, DeWees and Kernoul said they heard a "woof" sound as the animal ran off. Brender said the noise could also have come from a pen of frightened hogs nearby.

Brender said he has since talked to some bear and cougar hunters and doubts it could have been either of those animals.

"Bears are in hibernation and a cougar wouldn't pull a stunt like that and a bobcat isn't strong enough," he said. He reported he had been told that a large Lynx could have done it but it is doubted there are any in the area.

Kernoul said he was at the ranch to help his uncle, who has only one arm. He said he'd be there tonight, too.

Sheriff's deputies are investigating. State Department of Game officials have told deputies they think it was a bear.

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'Killer' bees attack 38 in Brazil town

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (UPI) — A swarm of African "killer" bees stung 38 persons in a small town in southeast Brazil and seven of the victims were hospitalized, police reported.

Police spokesmen in the town of Americana, 250-miles west of Rio, said the bees first attacked coachman Benedito Rosseti and his horse on the city's main street.

The bees then turned on a crowd attracted by Rosseti's shouts, police said, and a fire brigade was called out to combat the insects.

The African bees were imported into Brazil in 1956 for experimental breeding with Brazilian bees. One group escaped and reproduced quickly, and about 200 deaths have been attributed to their stings in the past 10 years.

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'Taming' Of Killer Bees Under Study

BUENOS AIRES — (AP) — Killer bees, a nuisance to man and beast in South America, may someday turn gentle through mutation, according to Argentina's top bee expert, Moises Katzenelson.

The change could be brought about in 30 to 40 years because of cross-breeding techniques now being conducted between killer and calm strains, Katzenelson, a member of the government-run National Agricultural Technology Institute's entomology division said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Ironically, it was through a sort of mutation that the killer bee threat arose two decades ago when an American geneticist, Dr. Robert Kerr, introduced an African variety of bees into Brazil to cross-breed them with local strains, apparently to obtain more honey.

By accident, 26 African queen bees escaped and intermingled freely with local strains, thereby creating the killer. Since then, these bees have spread through Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru and as far north as Venezuela, leading to fears among American scientists that some day they may reach the United States.

Katzenelson says his only answer to the bee problem in this country is to transform the killers into peaceful bees by introducing the calm strain characteristics into the aggressives.

Also, he admitted, there are limited funds and manpower in the fight against the bees, apparently because the government considers the bee question less vital than the struggle against leftist

'Big Bird' Reported Seen

A woman who failed to identify herself called the Herald-Press and said she saw "The Big Bird" in the vicinity of Catfish Creek on U.S. 287 this morning.

The caller promised to call back and tell Ernest Jones about her sighting of the bird. She had failed to call back up to noon.

Catfish Creek at the highway bridge is within three miles south from the farm home of Mrs. Dolois Moore, who said she saw the big bird Saturday feeding in an oats and rye field at her home.

Mrs. Moore, informed of the latest reported sighting, said the bird she saw was headed south the last time she saw it. Her two children have since been searching but failed to find any trace of the bird. Land in the Engeling Wildlife Management Area intervenes between the Moore place and the Catfish Creek bridge.

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guerrillas and the improvement of the crisis-riddled economy.

Nevertheless, the problem has gained notoriety in Argentina in recent weeks after a spate of attacks in northern tropical regions where the bees thrive. Havoc has also been inflicted on the been industry because the killers infiltrate and take over gentle beehives.

"We do not believe we will ever be able to eradicate the killer bees but at least we may be able to control them," Katzenelson said. "If we can't control them, then one day in a few years we are going to have bee raids right in the heart of Buenos Aires."

An immediate answer, he said, may be a law the government is planning which will ban the transfer of beehives from the north to prevent the inadvertent transportation of killer strains, hidden in calm beehives.

Montana Sheriff Tells Of Mutilations, Other Bizarre Occurrences

VIRGINIA CITY, Mont. (AP) — In an end-of-the-year report, Sheriff Roy Kitson has released a catalog of bizarre, unexplained happenings in the sky and on the earth of Madison County.

He said the first of the events was reported to his office in September 1975, and it's been one weird thing after another ever since. Kitson said citizens reported 22 cattle mutilations over that span, dozens of unexplained lights in the sky, jet-black helicopters with one-way windows and white vans in virtually roadless mountain areas.

The sheriff said he withheld the information until cattle had been moved out of the high country, thus avoiding the chance that someone hearing of the cattle killings would be spurred into a repeat of the action. Now his office wants all the help it can get, Kitson said.

He said the cattle mutilations followed the form reported in many locales in the West for several years — removal of the reproductive organs and sometimes parts of the face or mouth.

Ranchers Jim and Helen Edwards of the town of Alder reported that one of their cows had died, apparently in a fall from an elevation above the cliffless pasture. They said she had been mutilated.

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Reports of similar events in other Western states last summer led to speculation that anything from devil worship to extraterrestrial visits by Martians might be involved.

Kitson said his deputies noticed one marked peculiarity in the mutilations. He said not even grizzly bears, whose stomachs would put billy goats to shame, would touch the apparently defiled carcasses for weeks after death.

The unidentified black helicopters are fitted with one-way glass which keeps anyone from looking inside the cockpit, Kitson alleged. He said he had checked with Malmstrom Air Force Base and other sources without coming up with an explanation for the disturbing flights.

Other aerial sighting included lights in the sky, some flashing strobe-style.

Kitson complained that his rural sheriff's office doesn't have the funds & an estimated \$30,000 — to buy radar and other electronic monitoring equipment to scan the skies for unidentified, and unfriendly, flying objects.

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Hole in roof confounds authorities in Abilene

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — The W. T. Willis home in Abilene has matching holes in the roof and ceiling, but no one knows how they got there.

Police and U.S. Treasury Department agents were looking into the hole and a threatening phone call that followed, but they had nothing to report.

The Willis family said they were sitting down to eat when they heard a loud noise. Upon investigating, they found an 8-inch hole in the roof and a matching opening in their ceiling.

No one has found anything else since.

An Abilene policeman, called to the home to investigate, said he took a phone call in which the caller said "This is only a warning."

Police Capt. George Sutton said he was viewing the incident seriously.

The weather was foggy, but there was no lightning in the area.

Nearby Dyess Air Force Base reported no aircraft part losses.

Whatever made the hole ruined the home's heating ducts, but didn't affect a gas line, ruling that out as a cause for the problem.

A table directly beneath the ceiling hole yielded nothing but table debris.

Big, hairy thanks

Oregon State Rep. Ted Kulogoski of Junction City got an unusual autographed picture from a constituent — Sasquatch, the legendary "Bigfoot" of the Pacific Northwest.

"To Ted," the inscription read. "Thanks for caring. Love, Sas."

The photo came with Sasquatch memorabilia from "the men and women of North American Wildlife Research," the group is a clearinghouse in "the search for the world's most intriguing mystery."

Kulogoski offered a resolution last week to make it unlawful in Oregon to "harass, annoy or intimidate" Sasquatch.

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'Big Foot' Fizzles Into 'Big Hoax'

By MARY MIGLIORE

Union Staff

AGAWAM — "Big Foot" has turned out to be a "Big Hoax."

Lee Frank of New York, who reportedly travels all over the United States investigating "Big Foot" sightings, spent two nights this week camping in zero temperatures beside the remains of 27-inch footprints in a wooded area off Moore street.

But on Friday, Frank said he finally got a chance to look at photographs taken by Agawam Police when the alleged tracks were fresh early in the week.

"I knew it was a hoax as soon as I saw the pictures," the investigator said.

"An animal would have to be in the 24-foot range to make prints that size," said the former University of Massachusetts graduate and native of Leverett.

"Those tracks must have been made by a telephone pole with tennis shoes," he added with a laugh.

But Frank conceded he doesn't actually know how the prints were made except to say, "somebody was being terrifically funny."

The New York investigator was asked if he is amused after spending two nights in sub-freezing temperatures on the trail of a prankster instead of a legendary monster.

"I've been chasing 'Big Foot' prints around the country since 1972, and it's a treat to meet a hoaxster," Frank said.

"It was a vacation for me."

Frank, who is president of Unclassified Species Investigation Inc. in New York, said everytime he goes on the hunt he has to be prepared for success or failure.

"I count on seeing nothing so I won't be disappointed," he explained. "But you also have to count on seeing

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something, so if you do, you won't just stand there with your mouth open and your cameras by your side."

As for the dozens of "Big Foot" enthusiasts who have been flocking to the site of the tracks spotted last Monday near the Westfield River, Frank noted:

"People love the idea of a big monkey running around through their backyards."

By Friday afternoon, Frank was packing his bags. "Big Foot" tracks have been reported this week in New Jersey.

Meanwhile, Frank is inviting "Big Foot" enthusiasts to report any further sightings to his toll-free, monster hotline at 800-221-5146.

To continue search

Bigfoot makes believer of former banker

By RANDALL R. BEACH

"I came away a believer, and I'm going back," said William Esposito, who returned to Wallingford this week after spending four months in the Oregon woods searching for the legendary being known as "Bigfoot."

What convinced Esposito of Bigfoot's existence was seeing huge impressions which might be the creature's footprints and talking to residents who say they have seen him with their own eyes.

Back at his Erika Road home for the holidays, Esposito plans to resume his quest next month. Meanwhile, he hopes he's not missing anything. "He (Bigfoot) better not show up while I'm away."

Esposito spent the last few months camping in the wilds, working with other volunteers at the Bigfoot Information Center and following up reports of sightings.

During that time he talked with three persons who claimed to be Bigfoot eyewitnesses, two of whom seemed to be sober and reliable.

Esposito was particularly impressed with the story told by Rodney Boder, a truck driver who reported a hair-raising encounter with Bigfoot on Oct. 3 in the small Oregon town of Glide.

"He was a little frightened when he took me back out there," Esposito said. "His foreman told me his face was flushed white when he first came in to tell them about it. He was talking so fast they had to slap him in the face to settle him down."

Esposito concluded that Boder "saw something that scared him, whatever it was." Tire tracks in the area show that Boder stalled his truck four times in his panic to get out of there fast.

According to the November edition of "The Bigfoot News," which is published by the center, Boder saw a large, dark figure suddenly appear on a hill about 150 feet in front of him as he drove down a company road.

The figure stood without moving for a moment or two, and Boder stopped his truck to watch it. He said the creature appeared to be about seven feet tall. Boder, who weighs 160 pounds, said it was "twice as wide as I am."

When Esposito investigated the area the next day, he found heavy indentations in nearby wood-chip piles. Some of them resembled footprints. Other indentations were found leading toward an adjacent river.

Another sighting was reported by a long-time state employee. Esposito staked out the area for three nights and saw nothing. But he added, "People have been staking out Loch Ness for a long time too."

The sheer immensity of the Pacific Northwest also leads Esposito to believe that flocks of Bigfeet could exist free of modern man's meddling ways.

"I think there are 1,500 to 2,000 of them in existence," he said matter-of-factly. "If there were any less, there wouldn't be enough of them to keep the species going."

Even though his old friends could not accompany him as hoped, Esposito said he was never frightened over sleeping alone in the woods waiting for Bigfoot.

"It's not a very frightening place," he said. "Not all the witnesses were scared."

The 26-year-old former banker shows no inclination to return to that profession.

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"It's pleasurable living out there. People are very friendly and the area is beautiful."

The length of his return engagement will depend on whether he finds a job in that area. "I have a little more money left. I'll try to find work and look for Bigfoot in my spare time. Here, everything is done by schedule. Out there, things are a lot more relaxed."

One of the things Esposito will be doing during his stay in Wallingford will be watching for Leonard Nimoy's "In Search Of" TV series, since he will be appearing briefly in an upcoming segment on Bigfoot. The program is shown Mondays at 7:30 p.m., but Esposito doesn't know when the Bigfoot show will be on.

He said he has a minor part, carrying an observation device that is strapped onto his back. But he says the show will also include interviews with eyewitnesses.

Esposito is upset with the depiction of Bigfoot on other TV shows as a killer monster. In his position as Director of Children's Services for the Bigfoot center, he tells young correspondents that the center has no recorded cases of humans being threatened by Bigfoot.

Esposito believes that Bigfoot is "something other than what we're used to. He's probably not a missing link, but something else. Something other than a man, other than an ape."

Speaking for his fellow volunteers at the center, he said, "We think there's something there. We think many of the people who reported to us are on the level. We don't know if it's Bigfoot they saw, but they saw something."

In response to skeptics who pass off Bigfoot reports as bear sightings, Esposito notes that bears and apes almost always walk on four feet.

"In Bigfoot reports, they are always seen on two feet," he said. "They never go down on four feet. This means what they are seeing is not a bear."

The ever-patient Esposito admits that it's largely a matter of luck whether he will ever meet Bigfoot face to face and realize his dream of photographing him for posterity.

He encourages area residents who wish to keep track of the search to subscribe to the non-profit newsletter. "Connecticut is very interested in Bigfoot. The state has quite a few subscribers. I guess it's because we don't have anything like that out here."

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Loch Ness-type creature may lurk in Russian lake

MOSCOW — Reports of a mysterious creature dwelling in a remote mountain lake in Soviet Central Asia are giving rise here to the kind of speculation long associated with Scotland's legendary Loch Ness monster.

A member of the Soviet Geographical Society has written of sighting a serpent-like leviathan 50 feet long in Lake Kok-Kol in the Dzhambul region of southern Kazakhstan. And a respected Soviet biologist has hesitated to discount the phenomenon, which others have reported, urging a proper investigation.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES usually try to dampen scientifically unverified accounts, such as a rash of flying saucer tales last fall. Consequently, the publication of details about a Lake Kok-Kol monster in Sunday's issue of Komsomolskaya Pravda, the official Communist youth newspaper, would suggest that the sighting has caused some local commotion and is being taken seriously.

The newspaper passed on a letter from A. Pechersky, a geographer who said he saw the creature, to Sergei K. Klumov, a scientist who has been collecting information on mysterious animals.

In his letter, Pechersky said he grew interested in a local legend that one of the lakes of the Karakystak Valley was ruled by a monster "similar to a one-humped camel with a long neck and the head of a serpent." It was called "aidakhar," which is the local dialect which means huge snake.

But while local folk talked about the monster, none had ever seen it, so Pechersky started his own search. One day he and his son Volodya visited Lake Kok-Kol, and he descended the steep, heavily wooded banks to the water.

Suddenly, he saw the water nearby begin to ripple. Then, he wrote, "the twisting of the water became clearly visible, conveying precisely the movement under water of a huge body 15 meters long" — about 50 feet.

AS PECHERSKY told it, "The head, about one meter (three feet) wide and over two meters (six feet) long, stood motionless just as the tip of the tail did. Terrified, I scrambled up the bank for my gun, on the way warning Volodya, who had also noticed the strange disturbance and was already climbing up."

Once armed, Pechersky said he returned and watched the creature's zig-zags become so powerful that they whipped up small waves. "It went on for several minutes and soon the 'serpent end' began to sink." Only afterwards, he said, did he remember his cameras in his gear. "The rare phenomenon of nature was left only in our memory," he wrote. "The mystery of Lake Kok-Kol remained unsolved."

When the event occurred was not disclosed, though it appeared to be last summer or fall. Kulmov said that he had received "a lot of similar letters, sometimes accompanied by drawings." The biologist recalled that a similar sighting at another lake in the Tien-Shan Mountains in 1959 "turned out to be an optical illusion" created by cormorants (a water bird) gliding across the sunlit water. Even so, Klumov added, "Let's find out."

Natchez warms up to Bigfoot stories

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Frightened, shotgun toting residents from the neighborhood where a huge, hairy "creature" was reported Monday moved into a marshy area near their homes Tuesday, intent on driving away whatever frightened their families.

Meanwhile Natchez Police besieged with calls from concerned citizens were referring callers to the news media.

And other persons - some who had been hesitant about having their names associated with the sighting of a "Bigfoot" type creature - told of their encounters with the thing.

Dorothy Abraham said she was sitting on the edge of her bed Monday when the dog began to growl.

She recalled sitting rigid, frozen with fear, while a shadow moved across the window.

And then she said she heard it, and forced herself to the window and looked out.

"It was a huge, black something," she said. It then began to back away slowly, growling deeply, "like something trying to catch its' breath," she recalled.

And Mrs. Abraham said she wasn't ashamed of having her name associated with the reported sighting. She said she was only frightened.

Assistant Chief of Police Charlie Bahin said the calls referred to others were a mix-up at the department. He said orders had been issued to "just read the report" to persons who called. "We don't know the answer," to what the thing was, he said, "but we are trying to find out."

But it was homeowners, or their friends, who went into the marsh where they believed the "creature" might be hiding. And one, who was keeping tabs on the group, said they had reached one "cave" and found nothing.

"We may need ropes to get to the other one," she said.

Just what they'll find - if anything - is up for grabs.

According to Bobby Cauthen who has a theory of what may have spooked Irving Lane residents Monday, the "creature" is not something to be taken all that lightly.

While he readily admits he hasn't seen it. He says he has heard it. "And if you heard it one time," he said, "you wouldn't want to call police. You'd want to call the Marines."

Cauthen said he was a hunter and had heard bears, wolves and cats. There is no way to mistake the "creature" for any of those, he said.

"It starts off growling, then becomes a howl. It's the most lonesome, awful sound you ever heard," he said.

He said while hunting in the Homochitto forest with his dogs he had run across bears. The dogs weren't afraid of those, he said. "But when they heard this thing howling the dogs came back whimpering."

Cauthen said "upright" footprints had been found on an island - sometimes called Diebel's sandbar - five miles south of town. They were not ordinary footprints, either, he said.

Back last summer, said Cauthen, oil roughnecks were out on the island and heard the sound. "They came running back, in a hurry. They left all their equipment right where it was. Didn't go back after it until the next morning," he said.

Cattle have been spooked on the island for more than two years, Cauthen said. But he said increased hunting on the island may have frightened the thing off.

Trapper and hunter Sam Corley said his son and another man, both about 30-years-old, saw large tracks on Sandy Creek about six-months ago.

They didn't know what the tracks were, Corley said, but there was talk then of a "creature."

County Agent Charles Wells admits to hearing a sound that, "would make your hair stand on end." Wells said he didn't believe what he heard was any kind of "creature" though. He said it may have been a panther.

Could have been, said game warden Garland Newman. He said there were a "few" panthers in the area. And one he saw on Cooper's Hill recently, weighed about 100 pounds, he said.

Of course, panthers don't walk upright, Newman adds. So, maybe people are seeing a bear.

There are a few of those in the county too, he said. They are black bears, and harmless, Newman said.

Fellow game warden Jay Wisner agrees that residents of Irving Lane may have seen a bear.

"They are nomadic beast, and there are often long periods between sightings, sometimes as much as two years," he said.

But Dorothy Abraham said whatever she saw Monday night was not a bear. She said she had seen bears and the "creature" backing into the trees on Irving Lane was much too large to be one.

Other residents, already frightened, said they were concerned that curiosity seekers would bring exaggerated reports into the area and frighten their children.

"It's bad enough with this 'thing,' " one woman said. "But we've got some guns here now. We have to live here," she said.

"The Hairy Man From Vergas"

Lockness has it's monster that has kept people wondering for years. Many states have Big Foot. Africa had Tarzan that many people believe may have existed. The list could go on and on.

Two years ago I heard from a friend about a Hairy Man from Vergas.

It seems that a few years ago my friend was sitting in the Sportsman Center nursing a glass of milk or something when a very upset young man came in to calm his nerves. He had been driving late at night in the wilderness area between Vergas and Frazee with his girl friend when his car stopped for some odd reason. Being a broad minded young man he forgot about his car trouble and got interested in something else when a loud noise started coming from his car hood. Looking through the windshield he soon discovered a man who appeared to be covered with hair jumping up and down on his hood. As he started his engine the man jumped to the ground and departed as the car went on it's way, quickly.

The people at the Sportsman chuckled a little until they followed the young man to the parking lot and seen his dented hood.

Unfortunately the young man has since moved to other parts of the country so I couldn't look him up. I have heard he hasn't developed any car trouble in years.

Another story I have heard is of a family who disowned a son and not wanting to leave took up residence under the porch and clothed himself in fur. At times he is seen roaming the wilderness in search of food and clothing. Some even say he carries an axe and if you should be in that area and have to leave your car for one reason or another you may return to find axe holes in your vehicle. The only tracks that you find in the snow and sand are of a bare foot man leading into the woods.

The stories date back to the early forties and as near as five years ago.

Being a curious fellow I ventured out one day into the area I heard so much about. I might add at this point the scenery was very breathtaking this time of year and in the midst of it all I found a building just off the road that had several messages written on it to the Hairy Man of Vergas. I never heard if he could read or not but the messages are there just the same.

I could tell you that I ran out of film on the scenery when I spotted the Hairy Man slipping into the woods and this is a sketch of what I saw but you wouldn't believe me.....would you?

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Zoo director plans to stalk 'creature'

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Alexandria Zoo Director Leslie Whitt said Thursday he was "very optimistic," about the sighting in Natchez, and planned a weekend-long search for a large, hairy "creature" reported sighted on the outskirts of town Monday night.

Whitt will carry a tranquilizer-gun, he said, and "under no circumstances plans to harm the creature."

Sightings of "creatures" like the one reported in Natchez have been widely reported. Whitt, said he had researched the phenomena, and had studied sightings in Arkansas and California.

The zoo director said he also planned to carry equipment to plaster cast any footprints he might find.

The "creature" has sparked some discussion here since Monday when police answered a call from Irving Lane residents who said a "large, hairy creature, well above 6-feet tall," had been near their homes..

Investigating officers found footprints, or scrapings on the cold ground and freshly broken branches.

Along with friends, residents ventured into the dense undergrowth Wednesday hoping to frighten the thing away.

And a group of heavily armed "adventurers" combed the 60 acres bordered by Government Fleet Road and the Mississippi River where some searchers believe the "Bigfoot" type creature may be hiding.

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The three, Robbie Roberts, Raymond Hanson and "Golden G" Geoghegan didn't find a creature Thursday. But they too said they were optimistic.

The area they searched was dense and heavily wooded. "Almost anything," they said could hide in the area. Although several caves were found, no physical evidence of a "creature" was uncovered.

And some persons are now taking the matter lightly.

Which pleases Whitt, who considers himself a serious hunter of the "creature."

"People are seeing something," he said.

The zoo director discourages people from going into the area armed. He said from studies he had made, the "creatures" appear benign.

That fits the description given by those who saw it Monday. "It seemed curious, almost - if it wanted something," said one witness.

Several persons have offered theories and accounts of sightings which occurred earlier here.

Bobby Cauthen, a civil defense pilot, said he didn't discount the stories.

In fact, Cauthen said he had heard the "creature." It would be enough to make anyone a believer, said he.

And Cauthen's story - of footprints seen on a sandbar five miles south of town might fit in with the sighting on Irving Lane, said Whitt.

He thinks - and so does Cauthen - that the "creature" may have been forced off the island by hunters and have moved up the river.

Food smells may have drawn it into a populated region. That, and what witnesses describe as a kind of curiosity.

"It seemed almost human," was a description given by one of the people who saw it Monday.

While some scoff at the tales, others are determined to find some evidence - to find the "creature" itself.

The group who searched Thursday said they planned to stay in the area much of the night and would return Friday.

"We plan to concentrate on the River then," said Hanson.

Some game wardens, who were asked their opinion of what frightened residents may have seen, opt for a bear. But searchers who have been through the area said no.

An animal like that would be sure to leave tracks, they said. And none have been found.

Whitt, who has a friend in Natchez arranging their search are hoping the armed searchers don't find anything. Whitt would like to bring the "creature" out alive.

BIGFOOT

"ENDANGERED CREATURE"

BIGFOOT has a true friend in Rep. Ted Kulongoski, D-Eugene.

Concerned for the safety of the legendary Sasquatch that supposedly roams the Northwest mountain country, Kulongoski is planning, with a straight face, to introduce a measure that will prevent people from harassing the creature anywhere in Oregon.

No, said Kulongoski, he never has seen a Bigfoot. But then he hasn't seen a lot of other endangered creatures either, he added. "And I worry about them, too."

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Is that 'Bigfoot' Above Scotts Mills??

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by DARLINE BIELENBERG

SCOTTS MILLS - Do these huge 18-inch man-like footprints spotted near here belong to "Bigfoot"?

You be the judge.

It was December 8, and the first snow was falling in the mountains when Dennis and Debbie Burden of Rt. 2, Molalla along with one other couple decided to take a ride in their four-wheel-drive pickup up Sawtell Road and towards Panther Rock. (This would be about two miles the way the crow flies east of Dorgans or about 10 air miles above Scotts Mills.)

"We only wanted to check out the snow," Dennis explained, "maybe play around a bit. It was the first snowfall, so we headed towards Panther Rock, must have been around 8 p.m. and the snow depth was around eight inches."

No one had cut through the snow that night before them. The four saw a lot of deer tracks and what they first believed to be bear tracks.

A closer look showed that "this

thing was two-footed three-toed with giant four-foot strides," Debbie began to explain. "The tracks came off one steep bank, crossed the road in the fresh snow and cut six to eight inches deep in the snow."

"We then left the area to tell some friends," Debbie continued. "But they wouldn't believe us, so we went on home to get our camera and a tape measure to get proof of what we had seen."

By the time the four returned to the area, it was about 10 p.m. The snow had started to fill in the tracks, but they had no trouble locating them. (Earlier they had observed that their own footprints sank to a depth of about three inches in snow while the "thing" had sunk as deep as their pickup, or about eight inches.)

They measured the tracks and found them to be 18 inches long, about seven inches wide and about four-feet apart. It was nearly blizzard conditions by this time and they decided it was best to head for home before they got stuck.

In order to turn around, it was necessary to go ahead about another quarter of a mile up the road. When they got back to the spot where their truck had been parked just minutes before, they then saw FRESH giant tracks that had completely circled the spot the truck had been parked.

"We didn't stop to take more pictures," Debbie said. "In fact, we couldn't get off that mountain road fast enough, and darned near went over the steep bank." Snow was falling so heavily, they could only see three feet ahead.

"I noticed something strange," Dennis said. "We saw a lot of different tracks, mostly deer, a mile from the big tracks. But there were no other tracks within a half-mile radius of the big tracks none at all. It kinda gave me a thrill."

"I've never really given much thought about Bigfoot. All I know is something made some pretty good tracks."

(Footnote: Several persons in this area have contacted us this past week concerning their animals behaving in a strange way most of the reports concern dogs howling both day and night. We called Frank Shepherd, the government trapper who lives here, and he said he has had complaints of dogs howling "all over the County".)

However, Shepherd said he came to the conclusion that the dogs have been hearing sonar noises from the Portland Airport a high-pitched sound that human ears are unable to hear. Shepherd also said he has never seen tracks the size and shape we described, but he is very aware of Bigfoot and the many stories of an animal of this kind.)