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UFO contacts are real, Dr. Hynek tells students

THERE HAVE BEEN many cases of contact between humans and extraterrestrial beings, a professor of astronomy told a group of high school sophomores at a leadership seminar Saturday night.

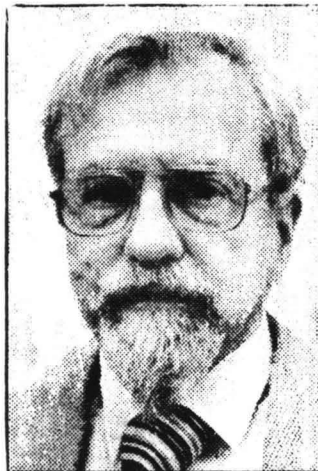
Speaking at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University held up the current issue of a national news magazine that reports President Carter will make several unsettling disclosures soon regarding unidentified flying objects.

"Probably, on another planet in another galaxy, someone else is also giving a lecture as to whether there is life on Earth," he said.

Hynek said one of the most convincing cases he had encountered was that of two Mississippi fishermen who said several years ago they had been taken aboard a space ship and examined.

"At first I thought this was a cock-and-bull story but, after talking with one of the fishermen, I believe him," he said.

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DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK

2 Sightings Of UFOs Near Anchorage

ANCHORAGE — (AP) — Unidentified flying objects have been reported over the Chugach Mountains just east of here by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport, reports Pat Fullerton of Anchorage radio station KANC.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Cliff Cernick said Friday one of the controllers reported that on April 23 he saw "four blips which gyrated on his radarscope in an unusual manner. The controller, Terry Siegreest, saw the blips settle downwards, and then move across the scope at a rapid rate of speed."

Cernick says the airline also reported sighting an unidentified flying object on that date.

"It might have some natural explanation and I wouldn't overplay it," Cernick said. "I don't want people to think the FAA sees little green men."

Siegreest told Fullerton the objects first appeared about 30 miles from Anchorage, moving slowly and eventually stopping completely. When they resumed movement, he said, they picked up speed and "zipped off to the east."

Harry Fluaharty relieved Siegreest after the radar sightings. He said a Northwest Orient pilot reported that he saw a single bright object at 60,000 feet moving at a high rate of speed.

Fluaharty quoted the pilot as saying, "I'll probably be sorry for reporting this, but I know what I saw and my whole crew saw it, too."

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Negatives of UFO Blank; Investigation Continues

MORGAN RUN—Hoped for photos of an unidentified flying object taken in Clearfield County last week failed to turn out, the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research reported over the weekend.

Robert Cowell, co-director of the Pittsburgh based group, said the blank negatives were a disappointment to UFO study centers across the country.

Cowell and Dennis Duez, a field investigator, visited the area Sunday where Burton Woods, 45, said he saw the craft hovering over a field near his mobile home.

He took two color photographs with a Kodak Instamatic camera without a flash shortly after midnight last Tuesday.

Cowell said experts were only slightly optimistic, however, that the moonlight and a green glow Woods said he saw coming from the bottom of the craft would be sufficient to create an image on the film.

He said thought was given to increasing the development time but the idea was rejected at the last minute for fear of jeopardizing the quality of any image that might appear.

"Had the negatives shown even a thin image, we would have kicked ourselves for not

pushing it, but there was nothing," Cowell said.

He added that failure of the pictures to turn out in no way discredits Woods' story of what he saw.

Woods' continuing headaches and blurred vision are typical of other people who say they have been exposed to UFOs, he noted.

The excitement stirred by the Woods' report was triggered mainly by the fact that he was able to get so close to the craft before it veered up and out of sight.

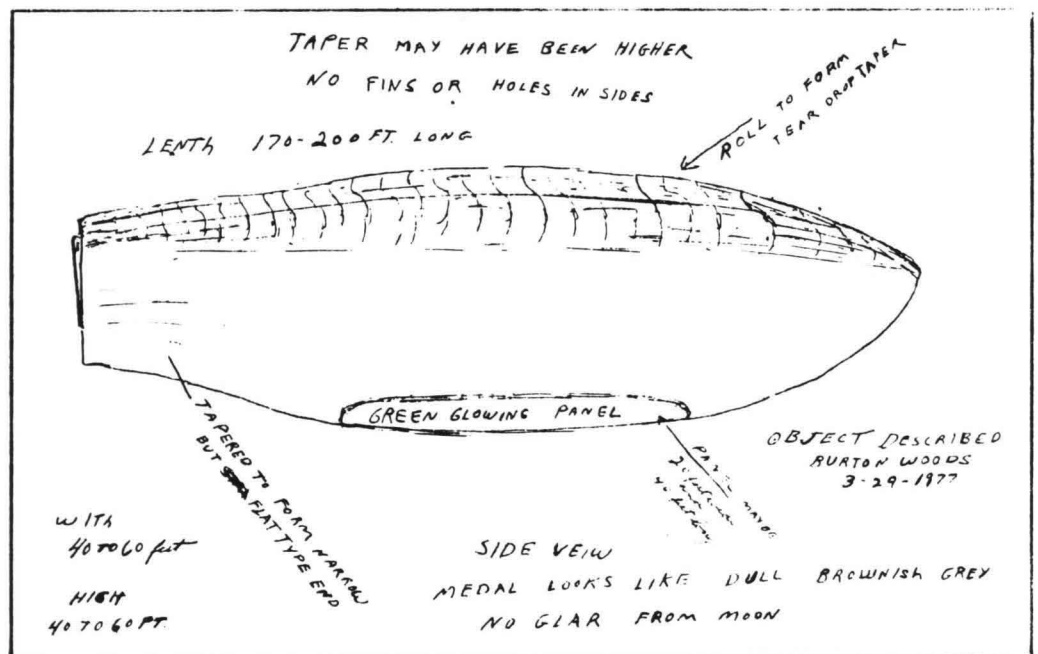
Cowell and Duez scanned the field over which Woods said the object hovered for additional clues but found nothing.

They also began investigating reports by other residents of the area who said they saw a similar looking object in the sky later in the week, including at least one daylight sighting.

Duez said the research teams work negatively toward their goal by initially trying to discredit reports. However, he said the Woods' sighting appears to be valid.

All of the information gained through interviews and field work, as well as sketches of the craft made by Woods, will be computer analyzed for further study, according to Duez.

SEE PAGE TWO FOR ADDITIONAL U.F.O.
SKETCHES MADE BY WITNESS WOODS....



SKETCH OF CRAFT — This is one of three sketches made by Burton Woods of Morgan Run of the UFO he reported seeing near his home last week. He was requested to make the drawings for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

UFO hunters gaining respect

An answer to UFOs may not be possible in "this day and age," said J. Allen Hynek, acknowledged world authority on the subject.

Hynek is speaking at 8 p.m. today on "UFO Close Encounters" at Kennewick High School auditorium as part of the Joint Center for Graduate Study's Science Seminar series sponsored by the

Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company. Admission is free.

Hynek, who has a Ph. D. degree in Astrophysics from the University of Chicago in 1935, said if there were an explanation for aerial phenomenon, "then they would no longer be unidentified."

He answered questions as to how close scientists are to an explanation of UFOs with a

comparison to cancer research.

"If you ask a man in cancer research how close he is to a cure he will say he is making progress. We are the same way. There is no way of telling if we will even have an answer in this day about UFOs."

Hynek said public opinion about UFOs has come full circle. "After 25 years of buffoonery and take me to your leader and little green men we are reaching some respect in the scientific community. Astronomers are now beginning to report sightings," he said.

Hynek, while a civilian astronomer associated with the U.S. Air Force Project Bluebook from 1947-1969, had differing views on the subject.

"Remember who it was who came up with the swamp gas explanation in Michigan. I tried so hard then to come up with a natural explanation. I

decided on swamp gas. After that I decided to reappraise my attitudes and decided there were some things that just couldn't be shoved away," he said.

Now the director of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University he said reports are increasing. "More people are willing to talk because of the changing public attitude."

Hynek said the close encounters which he will speak on tonight are of three types.

One is where a UFO is close, within a few hundred feet and nothing happens. Another is where there is an interaction with the environment and the final is where, "so help me, an interaction between people and the object," he said.

Hynek said he has at least six appointments today to speak with Mid-Columbia residents on their close encounters with UFOs.

Space shuttle engineer wants study of UFOs

BY KARL DOERNER AND CARLOS BYARS
Chronicle Staff

Aerospace engineers should join in the quest for an explanation to the UFO (unidentified flying object) phenomena that have occurred around the world in recent years, says an aerospace engineer here.

"Who better would have the capability to find the solution to this problem than aerospace engineers who deal in sophisticated flying vehicles?" says John Schuessler, a technical manager for McDonnell-Douglas Corp. who is working on the crew support system for the space shuttle program.

Schuessler, 43, of 870 Seafoam, Clear Lake City, says UFOs have been sighted by too many people, including experts, in too many parts of the world for aerospace engineers to ignore them.

"The world of UFOs is just as real as the world of engineering," Schuessler says. "Airline pilots see them every day."

For example, he says, just two weeks ago, a UFO was spotted circling San Antonio and tracked on a radar screen at the San Antonio airport control tower.

Extensive contacts with senior Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) personnel in Houston and San Antonio, however, fail to substantiate his claims of extensive sightings by airline pilots and the radar-tracking incident in particular.

H. H. Bell, chief of the FAA Air Carrier district office, says that in his 17 years of service in Houston and other offices he has never received a UFO report from an airline pilot and knows of no one who has, including the inspectors who fly regular cockpit check rides.

Curtis Jenkins, deputy chief of the San Antonio tower, says he maintains a log of unusual occurrences which shows nothing for the period in question. "If it happened, it would have been reported to me and it was not. I have no record of it, and I don't remember it," he says.

On the other hand, when Schuessler attributes numerous UFO sightings to Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of the department of physics at Southeastern Missouri State University, he receives support for his contentions.

Rutledge attributes the most recent sightings to meteors, but says he has sighted 140 unidentified objects during 130 nights of observing with special equipment since becoming interested in the subject in 1973.

While some of these sightings were not bona fide UFOs, he says, about 25 of them were "truly incredible and unquestionably UFOs."

"How do you find a solution to a phenomenon if you don't do it in an engineering manner," Schuessler says. "Engineers are problem solvers in the real world of physical things. They should be responsive to the needs of society."

Schuessler says the study of UFOs is "a field ripe for good work."

"We have something to learn no matter what the answer turn out to be. We may come up with some new flight technique or flight machine."

Schuessler says he personally has been seeking an answer to the UFO mystery since 1965.

"I haven't found the answer," he says. "I've found a lot more mystery. But I haven't given up."

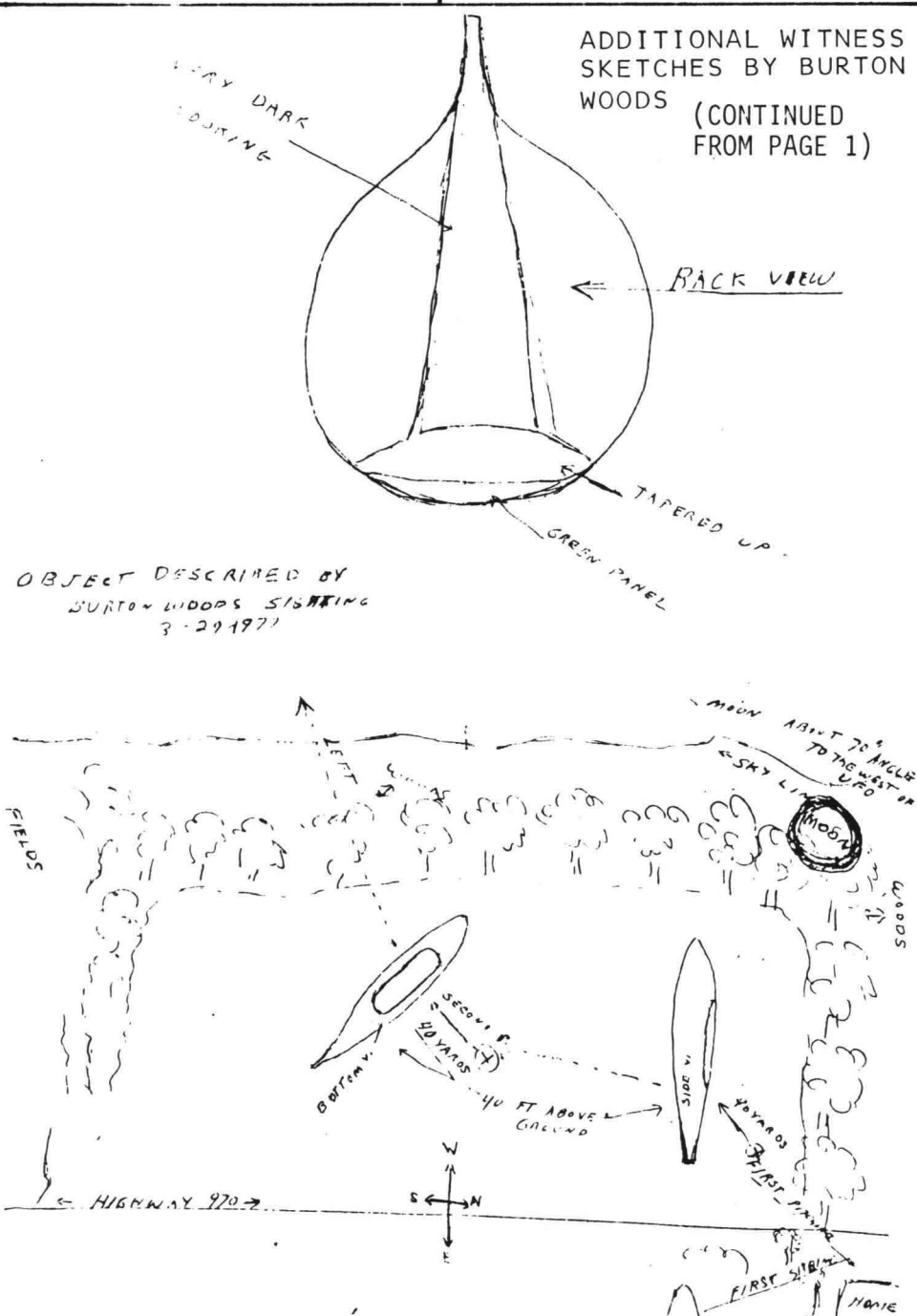
Although he admits he hasn't seen a UFO himself and doesn't know what the objects are, he said he does not believe that the objects are natural phenomena such as lightning.

"Most data collected would tend to make you think that they are actually solid physical vehicles operating in the atmosphere because they do appear to be controlled and give reflected radar and photographic images.

"They are very tantalizing to a person in the aerospace field," he says.

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VIEWS OF UFO — Burton Woods sketched these additional views of an unidentified flying object he saw at close range hovering low over field near his Morgan Run home. Sketch at top is his conception of the craft as it looked from the back. Below, drawing shows position of craft and his position (note x) when he made two photographs. Neither picture turned out.

The Day Carter Spotted a UFO

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OKLAHOMA CITY — (UPI) — President Carter reported four years ago that he saw an unidentified flying object in 1969 which changed colors and shapes and moved toward him, the director of a group which investigates UFO sightings said yesterday.

Hayden C. Hewes, who organized the international UFO bureau 20 years ago, said he learned in 1973 that Carter had reported the UFO.

Hewes said that, at his request, Carter then sent him a handwritten account of the sighting of an object "bright as the moon." The sighting, also made by 10 members of the Lions Club of Leary, Ga., came as Carter, who then was governor of Georgia, prepared to address the club.

After Carter became President, Hewes asked him for a meeting to show "dramatic evidence" obtained through a new computer study on UFOs.

but the invitation was turned down April 13.

Carter and the members were waiting outside for the Lions Club meeting to begin when they saw the UFO, Hewes said.

"He (the President) described it as bluish at first, then reddish, then luminous, but it did not appear solid," Hewes said. "Pertaining to the movement of the UFO, he said it came close, moved away, came close and moved away again."

"He indicated it was in view for about 10 to 12 minutes during which time it changed color and shape. At one time it was as bright as the moon."

Carter said it made no sound and was sharply outlined, Hewes said.

No more specific description of the shape was given, he said.

Carter's sighting of the object was reported in newspapers at the time. Public interest was renewed in 1973 when the future president was quoted as saying he did not laugh at persons who claimed to have seen a UFO because "I've seen one myself."

UFO is reported in Harrison

Kenny Ray Leach and his pals were loading up their band equipment outside his parents' home on Alberta Pike at about 8:50 Sunday night when he looked up at the southern sky and spotted something strange.

"I saw this object travelling east to west ... It had four bright lights, evenly spaced in a straight line," said Leach, 23, who lives down the same road, eight miles west of Cynthiana.

Leach said the object was flying about a mile away, at an altitude "you might see a small plane travel." He said it was noiseless and the lights had no discernable color.

"Then, after it had moved about three feet on the horizon, it turned around at 90 degrees, and you could see a mass ... It wasn't thick, it was more lengthy, like a cigar," Leach said.

Leach said that what he'd learned about unidentified flying objects (UFO) suggested stretching an arm

out to determine the object's relative length. "I had my whole arm out, with fingers spread, and it was that long."

"It may have been a meteorite, but I can make a speculation: It was well under control, on a definite pattern ... When it turned, and you could see the shape and lights, it appeared to be some sort of craft," Leach said.

"It was something. It was gigantic, huge," he added.

Leach said the object didn't hover over his parents' home. His mother, Mrs. Kenneth Leach, said she couldn't rush outside in time to see it. Her son said he observed the object for "10 to 15 seconds."

Leach and a musician friend, Gary Fuller (they're in a one-year-old rock band called "Cynthiana") both phoned the state police post at Dry Ridge. The post journal said a call was received from Leach at 9:36 pm, Sunday.

A dispatcher reported that over a dozen callers phoned in reports of UFOs. The calls came from Harrison, Grant, Kenton and Owen counties.

In addition, two troopers in the Dry Ridge post area and one from LaGrange reported sighting objects after they were told to check out the sky.

The descriptions of what was spotted differed somewhat. Some people said it was "tear-drop"

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shaped with red, white and green lights. There also was no consensus about which direction the object (or objects) travelled.

The dispatcher said that right before the first UFO call, shooting stars were reported. The stars were described as "hazy green" in color. "We called Greater Cincinnati Airport and there was nothing on radar up there," the dispatcher said.

Leach, a 1972 graduate of Harrison County High School, has been employed on the second shift at Clark Equipment Company in Georgetown for 2½ years. He and his wife Billie live in a house close to his parents'.

Leach said he's interested in science and doesn't want to discount the possibility of "a natural phenomenon." But he said "it was real" and when it made the 90 degree turn which showed its shape, "it scared me."

But he said he doesn't want to blow the report out of proportion. He said he'd talked to a couple of people in Cynthiana Monday who saw an object but were afraid to report it because of possible ridicule.

Woman Confirms March 10 Sighting Of UFO's Here

Three In Family Confirm Early Claim

Two weeks ago Mrs. George Johnson of Fallston was afraid everyone would think she was crazy if she reported what she saw on the night of March 10.

"But I saw the same four flying saucers that man reported last week," she said on Friday.

Last week a Joppa man reported having seen four flashing objects flying across the sky. He believed they were UFO's.

Mrs. Johnson and her two daughters, age 19 and 16, each stated having seen the same four objects, the same night, at the same time.

"They were definitely saucer-shaped," she said. "I know it wasn't a helicopter. They were too low and made no noise."

State Police have previously attributed the strange sight to a helicopter.

Norman Turner reported that four objects flew very low across the sky on March 10. He said they made no noise except for a

humming sound when they were directly overhead.

Mrs. Johnson, who works at Acme Markets, said there were four objects, one red and three white, all flying close to the ground.

This is the same description reported by Mr. Turner last week.

"I didn't tell anybody because they'd think I was going out of my mind," said Mrs. Johnson. "But I definitely saw them. They flew together, then separated. They went off in different directions

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very swiftly."

Mrs. Johnson said her husband, who is supervisor of General Motors plant in Baltimore, saw the objects flying off in the sky.

"He said it was very strange, and definitely not a helicopter."

There have been two UFO sightings in the Harford county area in the past month. Mrs. Johnson's report further confirms the most recent.

More UFO reports given

While in a group of ladies talking Saturday afternoon, the subject of the U.F.O.'s came up, and one of the women told about seeing one of the flying objects on the Saturday evening before while they were coming home. The object was about a mile away, moving just above the trees. Seems it was red and then would turn bright, but as they traveled toward the object, it sped away, leaving a white smoke like behind. They stated that they could not explain this but did not want their name mentioned.

Then another woman told about seeing the same type thing several weeks ago. She was coming home after dark, and the light appeared above her car about a mile from her home. She stopped her car and watched the object for a while. It would be a red light and then bright light like the electric light.

She got back in the car and went on home, and the "thing" followed her home and stopped about 200 yards away, just over the trees. She called her mother, who was sitting with her children, and they watched the object for about 20 minutes. Then it sped away leaving a smoke-like substance behind.

THEY COULD not detect any shape, because it was so dark. "After all," she said, "it made us have a strange feeling. We have no idea what it was."

With Mrs. Alma Grimsley Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. David Grimsley and Mrs. Kathern Grafton of Vicksburg, Mrs. R. V. Vince and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Grimsley, all her children, a family gathering.

In and out at the Ronald Lotts last week were Mrs. Nadine Rogers and sons of Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Crain and Mrs. Anita Smith, all of Hammond,

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Mrs. Evon Martin and Miss Judy Martin of Mississippi College. Sunday guests in the Jewel McKenzie were Mr. and Mrs. George B. McKenzie and children and Mrs. Ozzie Crain of Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lott and children, Mr. and Mrs. Donese McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Eld. and Mrs. Enos Branch. In the Willie Joe Vince home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jabus Branch with Chad of McComb and Mrs. Valerie Moran of Alexandria, La., Mr. and Mrs. Wesse Vince, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thomas with Tammy and Mrs. Estelle Parish with Sally and Millie.

UFO 'invades' Grant Sunday

"I know that many people couldn't be wrong," Kentucky State Police Dispatcher Allen Spillman said after numerous persons gave "about the same general description" of an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighted Sunday in Grant, Harrison and Owen counties.

Spillman said he received the first call about 9:30 p.m. from Cynthiana resident Kenny Leach. According to Spillman, Leach nervously explained he had spotted a teardrop-shaped object hovering about one quarter of a mile from him at a height of about 300 feet. Leach said the object had red, green and white lights and was headed due south.

Spillman reported the sighting to Grant County Troopers Gary Carey and Dale Cross as well as all Bourbon County units and Owen County Trooper Robert Noble and "didn't think much more about it" until he was swamped with calls about the UFO.

Greater Cincinnati Airport Flight Service "looked at the entire area and didn't see anything" after being contacted by Spillman. Spillman said he was told radar should have no trouble picking up an object in the area anywhere from 300 to 2000 feet high.

Trooper Carey, who spotted the object about 10:15, disagreed with those who

described the UFO as tear-shaped. "It didn't look tear-shaped to me," Carey said. "I don't know what it was but it appeared to have lights and seemed to be moving some and hovering some." Carey said he thought the object was not an airplane.

Spillman saw the UFO later and said the noiseless object "wasn't an airplane, helicopter or blimp." Spillman called the experience "odd" and added, "I don't think anyone had an explanation for it."

Spillman said he received only one UFO report Monday night and thought the report concerned a different object.

First UFO parley labeled a disaster

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Acapulco, Mexico — Frivolous presentations have wrecked the first international congress on unidentified flying objects (UFO), one of the organizers complained.

Guillermo Bravo, director of the Mexican institute that investigates UFOs, said the low standard of some of the presentations had discouraged serious experts from taking part.

Many of the 30 expert who showed up, including those considered most scientifically reliable and dedicated, such as Allen Hynek and Ray Stanford, have not said a word throughout the proceedings.

Besides that, the disappointing attendance has been a financial disaster for the organizers, who had to pay some \$23,000 to keep from being thrown out of the convention center here.

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UFO near Tollhouse

Those mysterious diamond shaped objects spotted in Southern California skies by several persons early Tuesday morning also were seen about the same time from the Fresno area by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reeder of Tollhouse.

The Reederes were delivering The Bee on their rural route in east Clovis about 3:30 a.m. when they saw the two objects.

The lights were as small as "sparklers from fireworks, traveling from west to east," Reeder said. "I thought they were traveling side by side. Low too. Faster than any jet I ever saw. All you could see was just an object. No sound."

The couple watched the lights for 20 to 30 seconds. When Reeder stopped the car and he and his wife got

out to get a better look the objects "just disappeared," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

After reading a news story yesterday about the sightings, the Reederes decided to tell their story.

Seven airmen at March Air Force Base, about 50 miles east of Los Angeles, spotted the objects at 3:28 a.m. Tuesday. They also were seen by two Los Angeles County sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two Highway Patrolmen.

In each instance, the objects suddenly disappeared.

The objects did not show up on any radar readings, according to spokesmen for the Air Force and at the Fresno Air Terminal control tower.

Lovell Discounts UFOs

Astronaut James A. Lovell Jr., in Seattle to address the Washington State Underwriters' annual Sales Congress at Seattle Center, predicted yesterday that a manned station would be in space before the year 2000 and the United States would pick its first female astronaut this summer.

He said he doesn't believe aliens have visited this planet, but he does believe there is intelligent life on other planets. "But personally I don't believe those UFO stories about people going for rides in UFOs. If people are intelligent enough to visit earth, they would leave some kind of message here," he said. Lovell, now retired from the Navy, commanded the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission, and was the first man to travel to the moon twice.



LOVELL

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What Did She See Over St. Andrew's?

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BY LINDA ENSMINMGER
Staff Writer

It is 1:45 a.m., Friday. The woman has just finished watching TV and is headed for bed. This is a normal routine for this 84-year-old woman, nothing out of the ordinary. It is a calm and peaceful night, just like any other night. But this night was not going to be an ordinary one in the life of Margaret King of Panama City.

Locking her doors, Mrs. King pauses at a window, where she sees what looks to be a small fire in a neighborhood yard, across from her house. She goes to the next window for a better look and then to the door.

Unlocking the door, Mrs. King finds nothing. No sign of a fire anywhere. "What is going on," asks Mrs. King to herself. Puzzled, she goes back to the window and sees the "fire". Not understanding what is happening, she turns to look out the living room window, to see if a fire on the beach could have been reflected in the glass. Still, no fire.

But as Mrs. King continues to gaze out the window, she sees what appears to be a bright light.

"I thought possibly it could be a fisherman's lantern or a light of some sort," said Mrs. King, "but it was a shining silver color, plus something that sparkled."

Mrs. King said she walked across the room toward the window, but the light went out. "In its place," Mrs. King said, "was a brilliant red light that filled the air and shone down on the waters of St. Andrews Bay."

Asked what her thoughts were, Mrs. King said, "I just didn't know what it was. I wasn't scared, just curious."

Going on to explain the light, Mrs. King said "the water itself was a path of light shimmering across the surface. The same kind of light one sees from a setting sun."

Mrs. King went on to describe what she saw; "This red mist, I'll call it, was also full of sparkling 'something.' I looked way up through the trees to see the biggest and brightest light I've ever seen before." Mrs. King added, "It was larger than the biggest full moon one could ever see."

"I kept repeating to myself, 'what is going on? What am I seeing?'" Mrs. King thought to herself, "It was far too high to be a light on the highest hoist of a freighter. (Mrs. King lives by the Intercoastal Waterway). It was not moving so it could not be a Tyndall AFB plane, nor was it a 'whirly bird.'" Asked if Mrs. King had heard any sounds, she said, "There was no sound, no motor running and no movement."

Picking up a pair of binoculars, she moved to her kitchen window for a better view. Looking through an open space up high in one of the giant oak trees in her yard, she said, "It was not moving a bit, there was no sound, but yet, the biggest, brightest, reddish light I had ever seen was still up there."

"I looked through my binoculars and to my amazement, the object changed form. It got smaller and an intersection of horizontal and vertical lines appeared in the center,

(Such as the cross-hairs on a rifle scope). I then took the binoculars down to see how it looked. It was again large. I repeatedly looked through the binoculars and without them. The object changed smaller and with the cross-hairs in it, each time I looked through the binoculars," Mrs. King said.

At this point Mrs. King thought about calling two different neighbors to see if they were seeing this object of light. "But at 2 a.m., who wants their phone to ring?" Mrs. King asked herself. Again Mrs. King said, "I asked myself, what is this? Can I be seeing a U.F.O.? What can it be?"

Then, after approximately 10 minutes, Mrs. King said that it "turned off." "There was no movement as it would have shone for a take-off, no shooting straight up, the way one hears U.F.O.'s doing. Nothing—just gone!" said Mrs. King.

Mrs. King said, "I just stood there for a moment to make sense of what I had just seen. What did I see? It was not a plane, 'whirly bird,' meteor or rocket, and I do not think it was Superman either!"

Going back over the moment, she described it this way: "Picture a big stage. High up on a rafter is a big flood light, pointing down into the stage. Now, picture a thin gauze or mist. That was what that light looked like, as it shone down on the water into the bay, for about 10 minutes. Then, nothing."

Mrs. King said, "What I have just told you is a true statement of facts of what I saw that evening between 1:45 to 1:55 a.m."

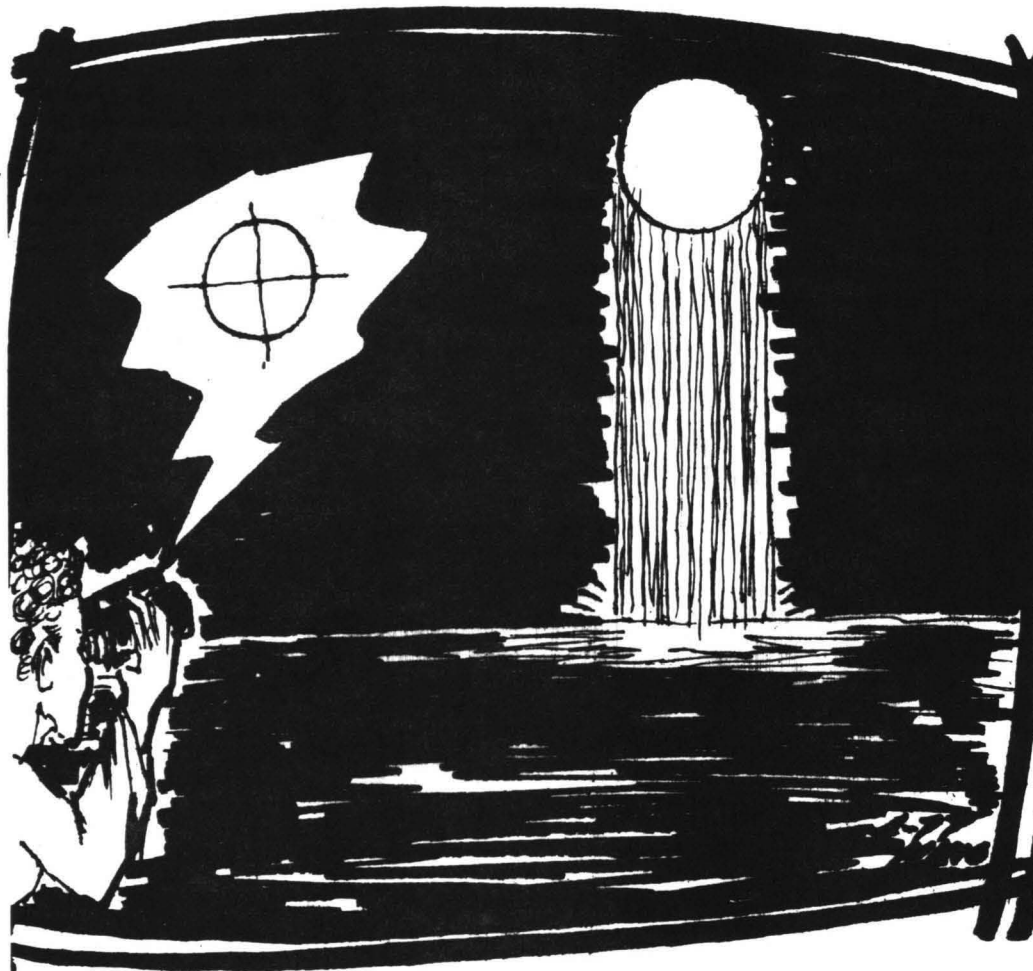
Mrs. King said the episode became more interesting and puzzling as the days went by. "I talked to a friend," said Mrs. King, "who suggested I draw some pictures of what I saw." Later on in the evening as Mrs. King was reading a nationally distributed magazine on U.F.O.'s (unidentified flying objects), she recalled her reactions: "This was the first time that I had seen this magazine. I was totally surprised to find a drawing of what I had seen through my binoculars. I sat there staring at the thing. Then, on another page, there was another picture, better than my attempt to draw it, and on another page, this statement by another U.F.O. sighter: 'I am not certain that column was light, and I don't believe it was light as we know it. It appeared to be much denser than light.'"

Mrs. King stated that she had never looked at the magazine until that day, hours after she had seen the object, and later drawing what she had seen.

Asking Mrs. King, what she thought the object was doing, she had this to say, "This 'thing' was high enough to have seen all over Tyndall AFB. I do not know if that was what it was looking at, or just Panama City?"

Mrs. King said that she had never really believed in U.F.O.'s before. She wasn't sure. "Until I saw that magazine with the same things I saw in it," then my thoughts have changed," said Mrs. King.

Was there a U.F.O. out in St. Andrews Bay at 1:45 a.m.? Or Was it just some strange 'freak' accident of nature? Who knows for sure? Maybe one day Panama City will find out if we did have visitors from another planet.



AN ENIGMA -- The bright red object hovered motionlessly over St. Andrew Bay, with a "shimmering veil or gauze" cascading from it, turning the surface of the water "sparkling red." And when Mrs. King viewed the object through powerful binoculars, the UFO appeared "smaller" instead of larger, and it had "crosshairs" on its face, although the binoculars do not have any.

Olney Boys See UFO's

Two boys playing baseball at Lowell School playground said they saw three cigar shaped objects hovering in the air Sunday.

The boys, Carl Meistering of 5854 N. Fairhill st. and Mike Overows of 5823 N. Fairhill st. said the UFO's were grouped in formation then sped off while the boys watched in amazement.

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'Invisible college' of scientists investigates UFOs

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Hard, scientific information on UFOs may be difficult to find because scientists are destroying it, according to Dr. Jacques Vallee, a Mid-Peninsulan who has spent 16 years studying the subject.

Vallee's interest in UFOs began when he was working at an observatory in Paris, France. One night he and his colleagues spotted something they couldn't explain.

"It was just a point of light, but it behaved like an artificial satellite," he said. "And it had no business being there."

When they tracked the object and tried to analyze its path with a computer, the man in charge had the computer tape destroyed.

"That intrigued me," Vallee said. "It wasn't intended as a cover-up; he was just afraid he'd be ridiculed. I suggested we send the data to Harvard, where information on UFOs was being collected at the time, but he said, 'We can't send that to the Americans. The Americans would laugh at us.'"

"I began to wonder how many other scientists were seeing things like this and not reporting them. After I made some discreet inquiries, it turned out to be quite a few."

As Vallee spoke with other scientists, he began to develop an informal information network they jokingly called "the invisible college."

The name was taken from a medieval society which practiced science when it was strictly forbidden by the church. "It's ironic," he said, "that in this day and age scientists should have to work underground."

Vallee, 37, received his master's degree in astrophysics from Lille University in France and his doctorate in computer science from Northwestern University in Illinois. He works in Menlo Park.

Because of his occasional lectures on UFOs, he has become somewhat reticent to reveal things like where he lives.

"Just put down 'near San Francisco.' If I'm not careful, I get people calling me up telling me all kinds of crazy stories," Vallee said. He's heard enough crazy stories, he added.

During the past 16 years he has established a file on about 2,000 close encounters with UFOs and has run computer programs checking for patterns in the objects themselves, the times and places they've been sighted, and the people who saw them.

He will present some of his conclusions this weekend during a

seminar titled "Science and Non-Science: Fads and Fancies, Myths and Monsters." The seminar, being offered by the University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, will be held Saturday and Sunday at Lucille Nixon Elementary School in Palo Alto.

Vallee's illustrated lecture will accompany talks on pyramid power, Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the Bermuda Triangle and Atlantis. He said that's about where it belongs.

"A tremendous amount of myth has grown up around UFOs," Vallee said. "People think they're 'space beings' come to reveal some truth to us. But if that's what they're doing, they're taking an awful long time about it."

Vallee insisted he doesn't have any idea what UFOs might actually be.

"Scientists and the public take two positions on UFOs," he said. "Most will tell you it's all nonsense. But if you convince them it's not, then they go to the other extreme and say we're being visited by creatures from outer space."

"I know enough about it to know it's not all nonsense, but on the other hand, I'm not ready to say we're being visited."

Vallee called an extraterrestrial origin for UFOs "one possibility. I'm not philosophically opposed to it, because as an astronomer I know the possibility of life in the universe is very great."

But all he has seen demonstrated to his satisfaction is that "there is an unexplained physical object there. I might go as far as to say there's a technology. But I'm not prepared to say it's someone from another planet."

What is seen when UFOs are sighted could be any number of things, including some kind of undiscovered natural phenomena, he said.

"If you just want to speculate, you could talk about parallel universes, interpenetrating universes, a world five minutes ahead of us, or the effects of microscopic black holes," he said. "But then you're doing science fiction, not science."

By studying the various close-contact reports, Vallee has come to some conclusions about UFOs.

First, they are material, physical objects. "They leave traces on the ground, generate heat and light, and interfere with electromagnetic systems," he said. "They indicate a technology."

Also, "the descriptions are the same all over the world, independent of culture. They seem to center on a kind of circular

object that appears as a highly maneuverable air or ground craft."

"The one overwhelming impression left on witnesses is the light," he continued. "They say, 'The light was more intense than anything I've ever seen before,' or 'The colors were more pure.'"

There are other patterns. Most of the sightings occur after 6 p.m. and peak around 10:30 p.m. They take place away from dwellings, in sparsely populated, rugged areas.

But no one type of person in those areas sees the UFOs, Vallee said. In a study he did of people in Spain, France and the United States who reported seeing UFOs, he discovered that they represented a cross-section of the rural population.

Most of them are "people who would be trusted in any other circumstances, people whose testimony normally would stand up in a court."

These people are affected by what they've seen.

"People who have been close to this phenomenon can't give us a good story because their perceptions were distorted by it," Vance said. "All of them have experienced personality changes. Like any traumatic experience, it is transcendent for some, and for others so disturbing that their lives are completely broken."

Some of these reactions could be "psychic" effects of the UFOs themselves, Vallee suggested.

"There are examples of things that are both physical and psychic in our own society," he said. "Look at television. It's physical, but you have no way of knowing whether what you watch is real, if it's actually happening anywhere."

"It comes down to a matter of trust."

But in a way, Vallee said, it doesn't matter whether UFOs are "real" or not, as far as their effects are concerned. He is more interested in the effects than in their cause.

"What is fascinating to me," he said, "is the impact on society if UFOs continue to be seen — and there's no hint that the sightings are tapering off."

"When a large number of people believe in something that's not explained by the establishment, it sinks into the unconscious and comes back in humor, fiction and fairytales. 'We may be seeing the creation of a new kind of myth.'"

Vallee has detailed his views on UFOs in a book called "The Invisible College," which was published in hard cover last fall and recently appeared in paperback.

10 Sightings Reported Monthly

On a Clear Night, You May See a UFO

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Seen any UFOs lately?

If not, your chances are getting better, according to Joan Jeffers, executive director of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

She says Pennsylvania, along with California and North Carolina, "are having an awful lot of UFO activity."

Since the beginning of the year, the UFO center, at 287 Colony drive, Irwin, Westmoreland County, has received about 10 reports of sightings a month.

About 80 to 90 percent of these reports are eventually identified or explained, but there were about five "good" sightings this year, Ms. Jeffers said, and others are still being investigated.

Most of the reports came from the west and midwestern part of the state, but the trend is moving eastward, Ms. Jeffers added.

Within the last three weeks there have been numerous reports in the Du Bois-Punxsutawney area of Clearfield and Jefferson counties.

State Trooper Phillip R. Dale, 31, and a ten-year veteran of the force stationed at the Punxsutawney barracks, reported seeing a UFO on March 19.

He said a radio station received a phone call from two women on March 19. They wanted to know if the station had gotten any reports of UFO sightings.

The information was given to the state police and Trooper Dale was assigned at 7.45 P.M. to check.

The sighting, he said, was in the Big Run area, about seven miles north of Punxsutawney.

At 8.05 traveling east on Route 410, he reached a crest on the road, near Troutville in Clearfield County.

And there it was. "It was a cream-or yellowish-colored, very bright light. It appeared stationary and low on the horizon," Dale said.

As he drove into a valley, the light disappeared below the horizon. When he arrived at the top of the hill, the light was again in sight, but still not moving.

He said eventually it "started to change a light red on the bottom, increased in brightness, then moved off to the northwest."

He drove down a hill again and by the time he reached the top, the light was gone.

"I couldn't tell how far it was," he said, "but I'd say it was a mile or two away."

Physicist tracks UFO 'coverup'

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"I'M THE RALPH Nader of the UFO world, not the Billy Graham — and there's quite a difference."

Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and unidentified flying object expert, was explaining his approach to a group of students at one of his "Flying Saucers Are Real" lectures Wednesday at Prairie State College, Chicago Heights.

"I'm convinced there's a 'cosmic Watergate' going on to cover up the reliable evidence," he said, "and I keep looking for the Daniel Ellsberg of the UFO world."

FRIEDMAN, 42, FROM Hayword, Cal., has been speaking on UFOs for 18 years. He invites people to review reliable evidence pertaining to UFOs because, he says, "the future of the planet may depend on our courage" to recognize that they exist.

Though his message is stern, the man is good-natured, ebullient.

"Just call me the Flying Saucer Physicist — kind of like the Galloping Gourmet," he chuckled.

"There are three reasons why governments don't want to release UFO information," he told the crowded lecture room.

"ONE — THEY don't know how they [interstellar spacecraft] work. They would make wonderful weapons delivery systems, you see, and each country doesn't want the other ones to find out about those systems.

"Two — what if someone else found out? No, they have to keep what they know secret. And if anyone thinks the government can't keep a secret, they're naive, believe you me.

"Three — it's a political question. Governments don't want people to know UFO's exist because if the people did know, then there'd be an immediate push, especially by young people, for a new view of ourselves.

"WE WOULD BEGIN to see ourselves are earthlings, and not as Americans, Russians, blacks, whites, males, or females. Governments don't want this because they want allegiance to themselves only.

"It's true that nationalism is the glue that keeps the earth together now; people don't see themselves as earthlings.

"I'm trying to get people to develop an earthling orientation. That's one of the reasons I've devoted myself to telling them about UFOs."

FRIEDMAN IS "convinced we've been visited by intelligently controlled spacecraft" because of the following reasons:

- Reliable eyewitness sightings.
- Physical changes on the ground and in surrounding vegetation that give credence to stories about UFO landings.
- Reports of unearthly "creatures."
- Radar readings backed up by visual accounts of UFOs.
- Photographic evidence.
- And finally, the as yet not-disproved possibility.

"POSSIBILITY MAKES all the difference in the world," Friedman insisted, "and when you look at the data that supports that possibility — which the skeptics don't — then you have to come to the conclusion that UFOs exist."

And Friedman is indeed qualified to inspect that data. His credentials include bachelor and master of science degrees from the University of Chicago and work as a nuclear physicist for General Electric Co.'s Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department; Aerojet General Nucleonics; General Motors' Allison Division; Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory; and TRW Systems of California.

Some of his work has been for classified aerospace research projects for the government.

Has he ever seen a UFO himself?

"PEOPLE ASK me that all the time," he said. "No, I never have. But then I've never seen gamma rays either, and I worked with them for 15 years. I've never seen Australia, for that matter, and I believe that exists.

"There are not good physics arguments against UFOs. There are a lot of arguments that show that physicists don't know anything they don't want to know. Physics is filled with foolish pronouncements [from] on high of what's impossible — but that, of course, does not make them impossible."

One prominent physicist, Friedman said, proclaimed, "There are no reliable UFO sightings that are interesting; nor are there any interesting UFO sightings that are reliable." Friedman called that nonsense.

"THERE IS EVERY indication that the United States government, and other governments as well, have covered up loads of the best cases involving the data obtained by our military radar and aircraft," he said.

"Having spent 14 years as a nuclear physicist working almost entirely on classified development programs, I believe that the whole UFO subject is really a kind of [coverup] and that we have been visited by manufactured objects behaving in ways we can't duplicate — yet."

Morgan Run man says he encountered UFO

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Before last week not many people knew the location of Morgan Run. Then Burton Woods, from Morgan Run, Clearfield County, reported an encounter with an unidentified flying object. Mr. Woods, an employee of Piper Aircraft and a deputy Clearfield County waterways patrolman, said he got so close to the UFO, "I could have clobbered it with a baseball bat."

Woods did better than that, however, who took two pictures of the UFO before it left. The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Pittsburgh now has the pictures and says

if they turn out they could contribute to the scientific study of the mysterious phenomenon.

It all started when Woods says he was awakened by a loud, humming noise at about 12:30 a.m., he says he saw a huge teardrop hovering slowly near his home about tree top level. It stopped in mid-air about 40 feet above a nearby field.

Woods said when he saw the object he put his shoes on, grabbed a camera and ran across the road to where it was, taking two pictures before the object left. He described

the object as between 150 and 200 feet long and about 60 feet wide. There appeared to be no windows or doors but he said the underside showed a green glow about 20 feet wide and 50 feet long.

According to Mr. Woods a humming seemed to come out of the top of the craft and the tops of the trees were shaking or vibrating. As he approached the object, he said it seemed to roll slightly, keeping the green glow pointed in his direction.

Ever since the encounter, Woods says he has suffered from severe headaches, a

burning sensation in the eyes and a general weakness all over.

The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research hoped to get its first look at the photographs Wood took over the past week end. Joan Jeffers, executive director of the group, which is allied with the National Center for UFO Study in Illinois, said she felt Mr. Woods was telling the truth about his encounter because most people are not very well versed on the effects of close encounters with UFO's. She said Woods symptoms were similar to those of other people exposed to UFO's over the years.

Strange light

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County dairyman spots an eerie object near his farm

A dairyman in the southeastern portion of Walthall County reported the sighting of an unusual phenomenon near his farm Saturday night, a lighted object in the unexplained category of a similar sighting reported in the Jayess area earlier this year.

The owner, who asked not to be identified because of public skepticism about such sightings, said he hadn't believed in outer-space visitors and the so-called "flying saucers" in the past. "I can just tell you what I saw. It could have been my imagination, but I don't think so," he added.

The dairyman, who was feeding some calves about 7:45 Saturday evening, said he looked up at a cloudy sky and saw what appeared to be something like a "beam of light come through the clouds and come to a stop about three-quarters of a mile away and about 100 feet off the ground."

HE SAID IT APPEARED to come from out in space, moving directly

toward where he was standing.

"It first looked like a balloon, changing then to something like a helicopter, before a huge eye of light-incandescent like the center of the light from one of those new railroad flares, became visible.

"Then the light began moving toward where I was standing, turning slowly to my left, and emitting or causing what appeared to be a cloud or fog which soon cleared. Then, it went down below the tree tops and appeared to increase in size and intensity of light. It moved straight up my fence line until it was within a half-mile of where I was, and rose above the level of the trees three different times.

"THE LAST TIME IT looked like the first light of a sun rising, except it was brighter. Finally, it turned a different color and shot off to the north at a high rate of speed, almost like a rocket.

"I've never seen anything like that in my life. It was supernatural to me," the dairyman, who is in his late thirties,

told The Times editor by telephone.

The sighting was first reported Saturday night, shortly after the dairyman saw it. In a subsequent telephone interview, he elaborated on the sighting in addition to the "highlights" reported Saturday.

"I WALKED THE distance, determining just how far it was from me, and checking to see if there were any signs on the ground where I thought it would have been if it came all the way to the ground, and on the trees in that area, but found nothing," he said.

He said the sighting made a great impression on him. "I had my mind on feeding calves at the time, that and the weather, and the idea of sighting anything like that never entered my mind. It was an odd sensation, because it was something like I've never seen, and I still don't have any idea exactly what it was. It came out of space and it was not something I was familiar with, that's for sure," he said.

The Tylertown Times is seeking information from other county residents who may have sighted the same light, or similar phenomena. Call the paper's editor at 876-5111.

Where to report sightings

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Most persons who report an unidentified flying object are well educated and most would not report another, according to a study made by the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill.

That study of persons who made reports from 1963-1968 showed 80 per cent were males, 90 per cent had a high school diploma and 73 per cent had a college education,

66 per cent were between 30-55 years of age.

Of them, 31 per cent say they regret making the report and were critical of media coverage they received or how their reports were taken by UFO investigators or law enforcement personnel.

After making a sighting 57 per cent indicated their interest in UFOs increased and 90 per cent said they had no

previous interest in UFOs before making a sighting.

Persons interested in reporting a close encounter, a sighting of an unidentified flying object within a few hundred feet, may do so in writing to the Center for UFO Studies, 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill., 60202. Reports will be kept confidential.

1977 Sightings: Mystifying, As Always

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At about 3:30 a.m. last March 22, strange lights were reportedly observed by many witnesses in several areas of Southern California.

The sightings were given unusually broad media coverage. Radio, television and The Register and other newspapers in California and other states responded with fresh interest to the UFO reports. They were the first to be given such wide coverage in some time.

But even before last month's widely-publicized sightings, several UFO incidents were reported to the UFO Report Center of Orange County this year. They included:

-JAN. 3 (5:30 p.m.) - A young Irvine woman driving home watched for five minutes as a dome-shaped, rotating object hovered above the Laguna Hills.

-JAN. 18 (6:20 p.m.) - An Orange motorist saw a bright "blown-up pancake" with red lights on each side

and white lights rotating around its perimeter.

-JAN. 31 (9 p.m.) - Three Orange residents, one a commercial pilot, watched, for the third night in a row, a bright light hover over their neighborhood before speeding east.

-MARCH 4 (11 p.m.) - A Laguna Beach woman watched a noisy, saucer-shaped object for 17 minutes as it hovered near her home. It then moved slowly toward the beach and disappeared northward. The only visible light on the object, which sounded "like a World War II bomber," came from two adjoining "windows" on its outer edge.

-MARCH 17 (10:20-30 p.m.) - At least five witnesses in the Orange-Tustin area reported seeing a saucer-shaped object with a red light on top and rotating white lights around its bottom. After two minutes, it faded away in the west.

-MARCH 20 (5:30 p.m.) - An Orange motorist, driving on the

Riverside Freeway near Pipeline, saw a pudgy, metallic-orange object in the sky. He watched, fascinated, for about two miles, until he realized he missed his turnoff. When he pulled off the freeway to watch, along with several other drivers, the object had vanished.

But, according to Prof. Alvin H. Lawson, director of the Orange County UFO report center, the most unusual report made so far this year concerned a sighting at 7:45 p.m., Feb. 25 in Cypress.

A 17-year-old high school student was bicycling home when he saw a bright light hovering over the railroad tracks near Cypress College. The light seemed to move with him as he proceeded on Karen Avenue.

Then, suddenly, he saw ahead of him a lens-shaped object as wide as the street. It was moving toward him silently. There was a single bright light on its near edge. The boy stopped, and the object stopped, too.

A moment later the student felt a cold wind which lasted several seconds, blowing from the direction of the object.

He retreated to a friend's house in fright, and later, after being driven home, he and his family watched a bright light slowly recede to the west.

The closeness of the object and the wind it apparently caused, make this incident a "Close Encounter," Lawson said.

Lawson also said it is interesting to note that two amateur astronomers in Huntington Beach reported a moving light to the west about the same time that night and that a Laguna Beach woman described a similar edged-lighted object just one week later.

Commenting on the 1977 sightings, Lawson said it is not clear that a "flap" or wave of UFO reports is yet upon us. It is more probable, he said, that the UFOs that are there are being reported more consistently.

Scientists, lay 'ufologists' clash at UFO congress

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ACAPULCO, Mexico—Lumped together by unconvinced outsiders as equally worthy of ridicule, serious scientists and self-described experts in Unidentified Flying Objects are in growing conflict over their differing interpretation of the same mysterious phenomena.

The handful of scientists who dare admit to studying UFOs go no further than recognizing that certain unusual and unexplained phenomena are occurring in different parts of the world.

THE LAY "ufologists," on the other hand, happily describe the bulbous eyes, dome-like head and tiny ears of the extra-terrestrial beings that are supposedly bringing "divine intelligence" to earth.

The First International Congress on the UFO Phenomena, which ended here recently brought both groups uncomfortably together and, after one week of heated debate, a single theory of ufology seemed further away than ever.

"The religious nuts muddy the waters for everyone," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, said.

"People are looking for pseudo-scientific explanations for God. There is a great urge to believe that UFOs are proof of extraterrestrial intelligence."

"If we wait for the scientists, we'll never get an answer to UFOs," retorted Father Salvador Freixedo, a Spanish-born Jesuit who believes that the explanation for UFOs lies in parapsychological phenomena.

BOTH APPROACHES, though, seem to be gaining support. The numerous lay groups advocating "belief" in the phenomena are growing in membership, while the UFO cult itself should be advanced by the appearance of at least three major movies on the subject

in the coming months, one of them directed by Steven Spielberg, who made "Jaws."

But interest in UFOs also is rising within the scientific community. The 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society were polled recently on their attitudes toward UFOs and, of 1,356 members who replied, 53 per cent said that UFOs deserved more scientific research and 75 per cent wished to know more about UFOs.

Yet astronomers, at least, still are worried by the ridicule associated with UFOs. Only two of those responding to the American Astronomical Society survey agreed to waive anonymity for their replies, while other interested scientists clearly are embarrassed by the sensationalist and cultist approach of some civilian groups.

Cornell University Prof. Carl Sagan even failed to turn up for the congress, reportedly because he was unwilling to work alongside the controversial Swiss author, Eric Van Daniken, proponent of the view that man's intelligence is the result of artificial mutation with beings from outer space thousands of years ago.

BUT THE HANDFUL of scientists who did show up, while constantly quoted by the lay "ufologists" to give respectability to their own work, were able to offer a picture of the current state of serious research on the subject.

"There is a very high probability that life exists elsewhere in the universe," said Dr. Jacques Vallee, a French astronomer who has spent 16 years studying UFOs. "Why shouldn't there be other civilizations in space, more advanced than our own, capable of coming here?"

"But visits by extraterrestrial beings is only one possible explanation for what's happening," he said. "We have no proof that UFOs have anything to do with civilizations from outer space."

From his years of research, Dr. Hynek said he too was satisfied that a

UFO phenomenon exists. "But I haven't the slightest idea whether they come from a parallel universe or what," he said. "We are at an elementary stage of examining a phenomenon which we can't explain."

ON THE BASIS of UFO reports that have been shown to be neither misperceptions nor hoaxes, Dr. Hynek and Dr. Vallee have established a pattern for sightings: UFOs tend to be seen between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. in uninhabited regions, in clear weather and by all ages and professions; at night, UFOs usually appear as fast and erratically-moving lights, while in the daytime, some disc or cigar-like form frequently is discerned.

The so-called "abduction cases"—when humans are said to be taken aboard flying saucers and examined by extraterrestrial beings—is where the paths of the scientists and the anecdotal "ufologists" separate.

"I haven't found anyone who said he had been taken on a trip by a UFO to be credible," Dr. Hynek said. "But I can go as far as saying that they believe they had a real experience."

Most of the speakers at the congress, though, accept the view that "humans" occasionally emerge from UFOs and temporarily abduct human beings. The sworn testimony of contactees, frequently supported by polygraph tests and questioning under hypnosis, have resulted in artistic renderings of extraterrestrial beings, most of whom appear with a trunk, two arms and two legs, but also are usually about four feet high with misshapen heads.

JOHN KEEL, an author of books on UFOs, noted that "some force in the form of energy from the far reaches of the electromagnetic spectrum, is able to manipulate us as it sees fit." But he flatly dismissed the theory of extraterrestrial intervention.

Residents Report UFO Sightings

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), described by some Coachella Valley residents as flying saucers, were reported seen sweeping and hovering over the Indio-Thermal skies Tuesday night.

This marked the second sighting of UFOs in less than a month in the valley and Southern California.

Robert Firth, of Indio, speaking for nine other people who witnessed the sightings between 9 and 10 p.m., said two persons in the Sky Valley area described the three or four objects as "a circular-shaped object like a saucer upside down."

Firth said there were blinking red lights in a circular pattern along the flat bottom. The objects hovered about 100 feet above the ground, then sped away about 30 to 50 miles an hour, he said.

"The people said the objects came separately, a few minutes apart, from the Santa Rosa Mountains and then came toward the Coachella area," Firth said.

He quoted one Coachella packing-shed worker who said the object, about 100 feet long and two stories high, hovered over the shed for nearly 35 minutes, then took off.

The worker, who was not identified, brought four other men out to watch the strange objects "with bright red flashing lights."

The Federal Aviation Administration control tower at the Palm Springs Airport said today it had no reported sightings, nor did anyone call in a sighting, a spokesman said.

Indio police reported 15 persons called about 9 p.m. to say they "had seen three suspicious red lights over Indio," the police log indicated.

One woman, Mary Moreno, contacted by The Desert Sun, said she was walking to her garage when she noticed her neighbors peering up to the sky.

"It was kinda scary," she said in a telephone interview this morning. "It just sat still, it didn't move. It was not high like an airplane."

She said the three objects were scattered, then came together "like they were

one" over the Coachella area. "They then came towards Indio." She said she watched them for "about five or 10 minutes" before they "headed off towards the north."

The FAA spokesman said there was a possibility that jets could have flown over the valley about that time. He said he had no information about any such maneuvers.

Coachella police said they had no reports of the sightings.

A California Highway Patrol Officer, Tom Granger, said he was driving along Int. 10 from San Bernardino to Indio about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when he saw what he thought were four jets "making a sweep to the left, then a sweep to the right."

"They had red flashing lights on the bottom," he said, "but the strange thing was that they didn't make any noise."

Granger said he thought the objects flew about 3,000 feet over the Indio area. He

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could not describe their shape.

Firth said three different people in the Indio Hills-Sky Valley area saw the UFO, describing it like a flying saucer.

He said the nine people he spoke for were convinced the objects were not jets, helicopters or airplanes.

"Most of these people are friends of mine," he said, "They're reliable."

Similar sightings of a "yellow-reddish" object streaking through the skies in the early morning of March 22 were reported by a dozen law enforcement officers in the valley, Riverside, and Los Angeles areas.

One deputy described that UFO as a "cigar with a light on each end."

UFO answer called 'quantum leap'

When an answer to the unidentified flying object challenge is found, "it will prove to be not merely the next small step in the march of science, but a mighty and totally unexpected quantum leap."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, 66, regarded as the world's leading authority on aerial phenomena, said he does not expect that giant step (quantum leap) to be made in his lifetime.

Hynek spoke on UFOs while at Richland last month on "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" as part of the Joint Center for Graduate Study Science Seminar series sponsored by the Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company.

He said his feelings, "have come full circle" since he first accepted a position as a civilian consultant to the Air Forces Project Blue Book in 1948.

"I thought UFOs were just a fad that would pass away in time. But unlike all the fads they have not faded away. If anything, they have become more frequent," said Hynek.

He went along with the military position of denying the existence of UFOs until an incident in March 1966 when sightings in Michigan were labeled as, "swamp gas."

Hynek says, "The Air Force and myself really took it on that one. I've got a hundred cartoons from newspapers all over the country as a result of that conclusion."

Because of that adverse publicity, "I re-evaluated my position and decided that there had to be something to all those reports."

He appeared before a congressional hearing in April 1966 — a hearing called by then Michigan Congressman Gerald Ford — and testified Project Blue Book was inaccurate and prejudiced.

Since that time he has been a leader in the investigation of UFOs as a scientific problem.

Hynek has a Ph.D. in astrophysics from the University of Chicago in 1935 and taught for 20 years at Ohio State University where he also was assistant dean of the graduate school and director of the McMillin Observatory. He was associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Harvard in 1956 where he also taught for four years.

During that time he helped develop the NASA worldwide satellite tracking system. Since 1960 he has been chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University. In 1973 he established the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

He said Project Blue Book served the military's purpose, to determine if UFOs were a military threat to the United States. Because of the way the question was handled, it is doubtful it even properly evaluated that position.

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"The military likes short, conclusive answers. If something could have been a balloon, fine, it was. It doesn't matter if it may not have been and more thorough investigation could have found out.

Of his own studies Hynek says he does not have enough information to form a conclusion on UFOs, but he does harbor some private theories.

"So many questions, even the most simple ones, have to be answered first," said Hynek. He pointed out that the time it would take to travel between solar systems, even at the speed of light, is tremendous. "Then how would another being, assuming that is what we are talking about, how would it adapt to our gravity?"

He added, "If the galaxy as we know it were put on a map the size of the United States then we would be a microscopic speck of dust somewhere in the middle of Kansas.

"With all the other microscopic specs of dust from San Francisco to New York it is nearly impossible to believe there is not intelligent life there somewhere," he said.

U.F.O.s

Some are hoaxes

Not all unidentified flying object reports are what they seem.

Three of the 107 UFO reports documented in Mid-Columbia were a hoax.

One at Moses Lake, on Aug. 21, 1964, got as far as the Air Force's Project Blue Book headquarters before it was determined the impressions photographed in the ground were made by pranksters.

Then in Kennewick on March 18, 1969, a UFO turned out to be a plastic bag with a wire frame and a candle to supply hot air and light.

A similar system, this time using a box kite and a candle, was found by officials in Kennewick on Jan. 21, 1975.

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UFO Mystery Grows: Countians Sight Strange Objects

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On Jan. 30, 1976, two Long Beach girls said they watched in frightened fascination as a domed saucer with bright, rotating "windows" flew northward over their homes.

Last April 9, an El Monte woman and her niece said a brilliant, zig-zagging ball of light followed their car down the 605 Freeway for 10 miles.

And on Oct. 28, a Fullerton family reported that they watched an object "as big as a house" float silently by their home, then fade away.

These are only three of many UFO sightings reported to the UFO Report Center of Orange County last year:

The center is a 24-hour "hotline" answering service maintained to collect information on sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) by Orange County and other Southland residents.

Although 1976 was not a big UFO-report year, either in the U.S. or worldwide (unlike 1973 and 1965-66, there was no "wave" of sightings), there were a few cases ("incredible reports by credible witnesses") involving alleged "abductions" by UFO "occupants" which are currently being investigated in Kansas and Kentucky.

Nothing so sensational was reported in Orange County last year, but many of the local reports seem intriguing as well as credible.

The persistence locally of detailed reports by credible witnesses (often several persons to a sighting, many or all of whom seem honestly puzzled and even disturbed by what they have experienced argues that there is a reasonable probability that "something" highly unusual was observed in the Orange County area skies at various times during 1976.

It also is consistent with press reports from sources all over the world which affirm through virtually daily recording of alleged UFO sightings that the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects, perhaps the most obstinate mystery in contemporary experience, is still "there," as elusive and enigmatic as ever.

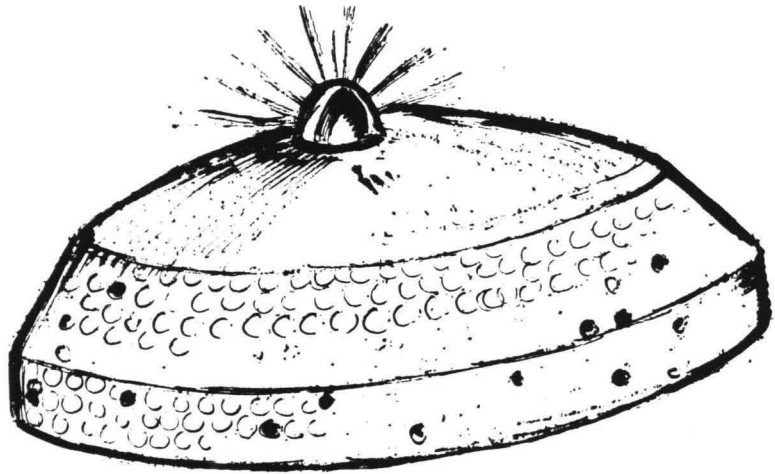
The following are summaries of some of the most interesting and puzzling Orange County area reports received by the UFO Report Center during 1976:

JAN. 30: Three independent reports were made within a period of about four hours. Although the descriptions differ and there may be no connection between them, they have special interest.

At 5:20 p.m. two teen-aged Long Beach girls said they were startled by a large, gray, domed saucer which appeared suddenly in the sky as they were walking near their homes. The object, they said, tilted toward them at a slight angle. It had at least four brightly lit "windows" rotating about it and it seemed to be surrounded by a grayish mist. The frightened girls watched the UFO, which they estimated to be about 500 feet in the air, for about 30 seconds before it disappeared to the north. They said they did not hear any sound.

At 5:45 p.m. five boys in Huntington Beach said they saw an object shaped like a cross or "plus" sign with many flashing white lights on its underside. It moved rapidly and silently toward the northwest before fading in the twilight, they said.

Nearly four hours later, at 9:30 p.m., a night watchman on the roof of a Long Beach business college said he and his



DRIVER'S VIEW OF UFO SIGHTED IN DANA POINT; IT ROTATED SLOWLY, QUIETLY AS IT HOVERED IN FRONT OF CAR

partner saw a very bright light which hovered silently in the west for five minutes before suddenly streaking straight upward and disappearing.

Anyone who is intrigued by UFOs can help with the identification puzzle, Professor Lawson maintains.

How? By becoming more informed about the subject.

First, according to Lawson, a good up-to-date source of UFO information is necessary. The most authoritative new UFO journal, he said, is "International UFO Reporter," the monthly publication of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies (924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.)

Books on UFOs tend to be sensationalized and exploitive, he points out, but a good beginning can be made with Hynek's own "UFO Experience" (Ballantine); Jacques Vallee's "The Invisible College" (Dutton), and David Jacob's "The UFO Controversy in America" (Signet).

"Once a person has acquired a reasonable fund of knowledge about this most complex subject, he may wish to become a member of one of the major UFO organizations such as CUFOS, MUFON, APRO or NICAP and receive their publications," Lawson said. The UFO Report Center of Orange County will furnish the addresses of these organizations upon request, he added.

"But," he emphasized, "an interested student of the UFO phenomenon can help most by keeping an eye on the skies and by having an intelligent plan of action ... just in case."

Lawson also offers some guidelines for persons who may happen to see something unusual in the skies. They are:

- Day or night, look carefully at what you see, noting details such as shape, apparent speed (relative to ground objects), sound, number and colors of lights, motion of the object and other noticeable details.

- Get another witness, and if you have a camera or binoculars, use them!

- Determine and make note of the exact time of the sighting and its duration.

- Extend your arm and compare the size of the object with your thumbnail (this gives a fair angular diameter estimate).

- Note the direction and nature of movement of the object (whether erratic, straight, arcing, etc.), the area of the sky (from north) it is in, and its elevation from the horizon.

- Try to draw a picture of the object. If there are two or more witnesses, draw pictures separately. Write down or tape-record a narrative description of what you saw.

- Call the UFO Report Center of Orange County. It is an easy number to remember: 897-4UFO, which is 897-4836.

Lawson points out that there are many things in the skies which may seem puzzling at first glance, and suggests that one should familiarize himself with "what is normally there, but which may seem unusual because it is not always noticed."

Chief among these, he said, may be the bright astronomical phenomena (the planets Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Mercury; and a few bright stars, particularly when they are low on the horizon). A phone call to the Orange County Astronomers' 24-hour "Starline" answering service (633-2253) may clarify what objects are currently seen in the skies, he said.

Aircraft sighted at night present distinct problems of identification, he stated. Normal small craft have flight lights (red on the left wing, green on the right), and often a strobe or other white light on the tail or undercarriage. Lawson added that commercial airliners may have, in addition to these lights, very bright landing lights, which, seen at a flat angle, may startle a novice viewer.

But the greatest single problem presented by aircraft to UFO "witnesses" may be advertising planes. There are several operating in the Orange County area, he said.

One such aircraft flies out of Fullerton Airport. It is a Cessna 180 with a 40-foot wingspan which carries a specially constructed 44-foot wire undercarriage with more than 300 small but intense lights. The lights flash messages in moving letters three feet high.

This relatively quiet, slow-moving plane, seen at a flat angle in full display, may be mistaken for a UFO.

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The Goodyear blimp oftentimes carries a spectacular array of moving colored lights. Flying slowly and low, the blimp, seen briefly while driving or while it is moving against an horizon thick with trees and rooflines, can be mistaken for something else.

Fortunately all blimp flights are carefully logged and UFO sighting reports can be easily checked against the blimp's flight log. Actually, Lawson said, the blimp has not been a significant factor in Orange County sightings recently.

On the other hand, he points out, helicopters evidently have been a source of much confusion. Copters from several military, county and city facilities in Orange County make evening flights.

To complicate the matter, certain types of light copters are relatively quiet (though not "silent"), and may be mistaken for unusual phenomena during low-level night flights. In addition, Lawson says, police helicopters from several cities carry triangular undercarriages of extremely bright spotlights which are used for security and ground observation purposes.

As a result, a helicopter may appear to an unknowing observer as a bright, low, slow-moving or hovering craft, beaming a light toward the ground as if about to land, with a red strobelight flashing on top. With all this happening in relative silence, it's no wonder so many impulsive observers think they are seeing something out of this world," Lawson said.

"Still," the professor adds "one can say that helicopters, bright planets, blimps and such are familiar to many good observers of the skies, and while these everyday objects may appear unusual at times, the detailed descriptions from multiple witnesses of UFO sighting often seem inconsistent with such mundane objects. Remember, too, that UFO reports describe a rather narrow range of phenomena; a discoid or spherical object of apparently artificial origin and capable of what seems to the observer to be intelligent behavior."

Lawson added that if one is to believe selected historical sources, UFO reports, or something very much like them, have been recorded through most of literate human history - very many years before copters, blimps or Apollo spacecraft.

"If approached in an objective spirit," he said, "UFO's may seem to be something close to a perennial mystery, rather than something exotic born of our recent space-age perspective. It would seem, then, that Orange County residents are not likely to see this vast enigma satisfactorily explained very soon.

"However," Lawson noted, "there are some positive signs. It is noteworthy that New Mexico's new freshman U.S. senator, Harrison Schmit, an ex-astronaut, favors serious study of UFOs. Also, President Carter, who has had a UFO sighting, has pledged that all official U.S. information about UFOs will be made available to serious researchers.

"Have we reached a turning point in this long, fascinating but frustrating adventure?

"Time will tell."

Evaluation: Helicopters and other aircraft seem ruled out by the reported silence, just as reported speed and self-luminosity rule out balloons. Not consistent with any natural phenomena. Multiple, independent witnesses provide credibility.

Conclusion: Tentatively judged UFOs, possibly related.

APRIL 9: At 8:45 p.m., an El Monte woman and her niece said they were driving on the San Gabriel Freeway when a white ball of light with a rapidly flashing red strobe-like light on top appeared near their car. The object, they said, was the size of a 45-rpm record held at arm's length.

The niece rolled down the car window but could hear no sound from the UFO.

The witnesses also said the light zig-zagged across the entire freeway at least four times. It must have been seen by other motorists, they felt.

The woman then reported that when she turned her car east onto the Artesia Freeway, the light appeared to follow the car, staying low to the ground. After a minute or so the light faded out. The frightened women had watched the UFO for 10 to 15 minutes, or over a distance of at least 10 miles.

Evaluation: A helicopter is suggested by the red strobe and low flight capability, though the evident closeness without sound argues against this, as does the fade-out. Lack of substantiating reports from other drivers seems puzzling, but less than five per cent of UFO witnesses bother to report. Fright of witnesses seemed sincere.

Conclusion: Tentatively judged a UFO.

MAY 5: A Garden Grove man said that while watching television at 1 a.m., a noise in his backyard prompted him to go outside to investigate. There he saw a soft shadowless light which seemed to illuminate only a limited area of his neighborhood. Looking up he saw the source of the illumination...an intensely brilliant white light which seemed to be hovering about 300 feet above his house.

He said the light was too bright to display any shape or detail but was directing a beam of light downward in a narrow cone. After a moment the man witnessed an incomprehensible scene: His yard grew dark, and he saw the cone of light gradually lift upward and retract into the overhead light, with the flat, cut-off end of the cone clearly discernible, as if the beam were a solid object.

When the cone was fully retracted, the overhead light brightened for a moment, then flew off to the northwest at a 45-degree angle. Then suddenly, he said, the light seemed to explode, with several metallic-looking fiery fragments falling from it. Then the light disappeared, he said. There had been no sounds.

Two of the man's neighbors were walking their dogs at the time and also saw the light. All three witnesses expressed puzzlement about what they had seen. The first witness added that a relative also saw the light briefly through a bedroom window.

Evaluation: The silence, apparent explosion, shadowless light, and movement argue against a helicopter or balloon. Multiple witnesses, while they don't agree on all details, strengthen the main points of the report. Weird retracting light cones have been reported in other UFO sightings, most recently in Colusa, Calif., in September 1976.

Conclusion: Tentatively judged a UFO.

OCT. 27: A private pilot with 10 years of flying experience said he was about to land at Yucca Valley airport at 8:30 p.m., when he was distracted by several groups of bright amber lights which seemed to be hovering over the airfield.

Deciding to investigate, he flew his Comanche 250 toward the lights, but despite his speed of 180 m.p.h. for 15 minutes, he could not close on the lights. They seemed to maintain the same distance from his plane.

Eventually the lights faded out, one by one, and vanished. The pilot returned to his airport, puzzled by what he said was unlike anything he had seen before.

Evaluation: Single witness, even though an experienced pilot, and similarity of lights to military flares tend to weaken this report. The Marine Corps base at 29 Palms is directly northeast of the airport where the lights were sighted, and the Marines were holding maneuvers during that general period of time. Still, the pilot's 15-minute flight at 180 m.p.h. (45 miles) would have overflown the Marine facility, indicating that maneuvers were being held over public lands, or that lights were not flares. It is unlikely that the flares could not have been overtaken, or that the described behavior fits them.

Conclusion: Inconclusive, pending additional data.

OCT. 28: A Fullerton family of four reported seeing a very bright light "as big as a house" near Harbor Boulevard and Imperial Highway at 7:20 p.m. Sighted first by the grandmother and her 7-year-old grandson while driving near the Fullerton Golf Course, the UFO was described as a slow-moving, silent, oval object with two rows of rapidly rotating yellow lights with a red light on top.

The boy's mother and sister also saw the object, which at one point dipped behind some treetops and seemed to be near the ground.

The family watched the object for about five minutes and was unable to identify it as a helicopter, blimp or other aircraft before it "faded away." The witnesses claimed the UFO was so large that it appeared to nearly fill the triangular space formed by a telephone pole and guy wire which at one point framed the object. All of the witnesses said they were frightened by the sighting.

Evaluation: Possible advertising plane which was active in that area (Fullerton airport) during late October. Still, reported size, speed, duration and silence seem inconsistent with explanation given by operators of the advertising plane. Drawings made by the witnesses in no way resemble airplanes.

Conclusion: Inconclusive, pending additional data.

DEC. (Date Uncertain): A Dana Point mother and her two children, a daughter, 16, and son, 3, were driving west on Blue Lantern Street near Pacific Coast Highway at 7:30 p.m., when suddenly they saw a huge, bright rotating object approach and hover just above their car.

The UFO, which they described as a "fat Frisbee" with a flashing red light on top and banks of thousands of computer-like, randomly flashing lights on its bottom, filled, roughly, about half of their windshield.

They said they rolled down the windows, but heard no sound. They watched in fascination for three to five minutes before the UFO moved away, making two 90-degree turns, and speeding west over the ocean. It disappeared immediately, they concluded.

Evaluation: Closeness, duration, silence and multiple witnesses rule out conventional explanations.

Conclusion: Tentatively judged a UFO.

These UFO sighting reports represent only a small percentage of the total number of calls received by the UFO Report Center of Orange County. The calls are split evenly between UFO sightings, requests for information and apparent curiosity seekers who call to hear the message and hang up.

Although most of the reports - about 80 per cent - can be explained as misperceptions of natural phenomena, aircraft, balloons or as due to other mundane causes, the remaining 20 per cent cannot be dismissed so easily. And, of course, serious UFO investigators, who call themselves "ufologists," are interested not in the IFOs (identified flying objects) but in the true UFOs.

Most people do not realize there are many serious ufologists actively investigating the UFO mystery, both in the United States and abroad.

UFO sighting reports have persisted (although not often carried by the major media) with varying frequency for the last 30 years ... ever since private pilot Kenneth Arnold's celebrated sighting in 1947.

Conversely, and no matter what anyone says, not very much has been found out about UFOs - except this one maddening fact: people keep reporting sightings!

Occasionally reports are accompanied by photographs, alleged ground markings or other physical traces, or even radar returns.

At any rate, the mystery persists with the sightings....and grows.



PM of Grenada in big flap over flying saucers

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ACAPULCO (UPI) -- Sir Eric Gairy, prime minister of the Caribbean island of Grenada, says he believes in flying saucers — and the United Nations should do something about it, or them.

He called on the UN to set up a special agency to monitor "alien activity from outer space," and told the

opening meeting of the first international congress on unidentified flying objects that "the matter is deep and urgent."

Gairy said many national agencies had deliberately held back information on the subject. "I feel the world is ready to accept the possibility of life in outer

space," he said.

Gairy said that because of experiences in his own country, where "UFO activity has been observed," he is convinced there are "other men, other forms, dwelling elsewhere in the universe, and that the world is surrounded by superior forces."

The southern United

States, with its military installations and missile bases, appeared to be a region favored by UFOs, he said. And: "It is now accepted worldwide that there are space vehicles, piloted by intelligent aliens, perhaps hostile . . . or perhaps wanting to share the technology with which they seem to be endowed."

UN is urged to establish UFO agency

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) — Grenada's Prime Minister Eric Gairy yesterday discussed with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim the possibility of establishing a UN body to investigate unidentified flying objects and psychic phenomena.

He told reporters he first made such a proposal in a speech to the General Assembly in 1975, the year after the Caribbean Island joined the United Nations.

Mr. Gairy said the first UFO international congress, held last week in Acapulco, Mexico, had asked him to renew his attempts to arrange for a UN agency to research psychic and other phenomena.

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— Spokesmen for the South Australian Astronomical Society and UFO Research Incorporated said a mysterious red light seen to float to the ground at Kersbrook, near Adelaide, last night was almost certainly the planet Venus.

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PAIR SIGHT UFO AT CITY AIRPORT

Two employees of the Vancouver weather office say they were startled by an unidentified flying object, a cigar shaped "blue flash" larger than a jumbo jet over the airport early Monday morning.

George Thrupp said he and Margaret Mancor saw the object appear from the south sky over Richmond just after their shift ended at midnight.

The two were driving through the old airport section when the "blue flash" appeared, Thrupp said.

He said it appeared cigar-shaped, orange on the top half and brilliant blue on the bottom half, with what appeared to be black portholes along the sides. It was larger than a Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

Mancor, who was driving, did not see the object as clearly as Thrupp, but verified the sighting.

Making his 'mark' on saucer spotting scene

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HAVERFORDWEST, WALES
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A 12-year-old Haverfordwest schoolboy has claimed his second flying saucer sighting in two months as the spate of UFO reports in West Wales continues.

Mark Jones says he saw the saucer on Thursday evening while he was playing with his friend, Llewellyn Edwards, also 12, on a field near Haverfordwest Grammar School.

Both boys say they first noticed a blue flashing light about 40 yards away. Llewellyn lobbed a stone at it and the light took off.

As it did so, an orange cigar shape about 15 feet long materialised beneath it. The UFO hovered for a while — then vanished.

HOVERING

Llewellyn, who lives at 29, Delapoe Drive, Haverfordwest, said they were so

frightened they ran all the way to the police station to report the saucer.

The police drove us back to the field, but they couldn't find any sign of it," he added.

Mark, of 36, Richmond Crescent, saw his first UFO just before Christmas. That one was hovering above the water authority offices in Haverfordwest, but he said the two UFOs were not a bit alike.

Roch UFO investigator Mr. Randall Pugh said he was wary of accepting an uncorroborated report from two schoolboys. He pointed out that Mark's previous sighting had been confirmed by an independent woman witness.

EVIDENCE

Mr. Pugh is currently investigating a claim by a Ferryside nurse, Mrs. Louise Bassett, that her car was im-

mobilised by a flying saucer.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if there were more sightings. There's certainly a minor flap down here."

He said the present series of UFO reports was following the usual cycle of mysterious lights in the sky, followed by sightings of cigar shapes or discs, then landings and perhaps actual contacts.

The first landing was reported by Broad Haven schoolchildren a couple of weeks ago — and Mr. Pugh is upset with television reporter Roy Roberts for suggesting that what they actually saw was part of a nearby sewage works.

He said the works wasn't even visible from the school.

"It's rubbish," he declared. Mr. Pugh, a retired vet who is West Wales co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association, now has more

evidence linking saucers with the Broad Haven area.

He has just received a report from three women who saw a mysterious light while they were driving near Walton West in December. They say the intense light was about 20 feet in the air and appeared to be on top of an object which was hidden by a hedge. It flashed four times, then disappeared.

● A Pembroke Dock schoolboy has also claimed a "flying saucer" sighting.

Graham Howells, (13), of 101 Gwyther Street, Pembroke Dock, was arriving at Pembroke School early on Wednesday when he heard a buzzing or droning noise. He spotted a bright silver metallic object hovering high over a part of Pembroke. He recalled: "It had a dome in the middle which was dark grey most of the time but flashed

U.F.O.s have become an accepted phenomena, and all around the world, sightings are reported every day. Sometimes the stories are wild and fantastic, other times less spectacular, but just as puzzling. In Tasmania, a special centre has been set up to investigate the reports, and over the past year, the centre has come up with 29 genuine sightings out of 175 reports. This report by Linda Hornsey.

U.F.O. s not really so far fetched

The red light flickered, almost beckoned to the two youths walking through the bush.

They thought it was a camp fire and walked through the bush towards it.

But as they got closer the red brilliance disappeared. And in the dark, the youths' dog whined.

It was a chilling noise, and the dampness of the night seemed to close in on them. But as they went to turn away, the light reappeared. It was a sharp bright white light, throwing no reflection out to the surrounding bush. Then it skimmed through the bush, a metre from the ground. The youths were mesmerised, as they watched the disc-shaped light disappear, only to reappear again.

It sounds like the setting for a science fiction story. In fact, you'd almost expect little green men to climb out of the compelling disc-shaped light. But don't laugh, the story related so far is true.

It happened at Bothwell, and it was the third time the same mysterious light had been seen in the area.

Admittedly, the little green men bit is a bit far fetched, but there are people who believe we are being watched by an alien intelligence.

And with the incredible number of unexplained sightings all around the world, the possibility doesn't seem so fantastic at all.

Tasmania hasn't been without its fair share of mystery lights, or Unidentified Flying Objects.

All the reported sightings are checked out by the Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre, based in South Hobart.

During 1976, the centre investigated 175 reports and something like 30 still under scrutiny from other years.

But, according to the centre's publication "U.F.O. 1977", many of the "sightings" have been astronomical misidentifications.

And some people even get so carried away, they report things like car lights on top of mountains, distant thunderstorms, and at one time, a flock of birds.

Still, those people with vivid imaginations certainly don't detract from the number of genuine unidentified flying objects seen in the skies over Tasmania.

Last year, there were 29 U.F.O. sightings.

And the centre is investigating a further 19 because of insufficient information.

Of the 175 reports for the year, the centre quickly put down 61 of them to astronomical phenomena.

In the publication, this didn't go without comment. "It is disappointing to find so many people with little grasp of the night sky, being tricked by scintillating stars and objects near the horizon".

Some of these "tricky objects", included aircraft (24), satellites (18) and car or beacon lights (5).

The T.U.F.O.I.C. has been investigating reports for a number of years now, and these are the statistics it has compiled:

Year	Reports	Unidentified	U.F.O.
1971	91	19	21
1972	64	13	20
1973	132	23	17
1974	155	50	32
1975	163	38	23
1976	175	29	17

While the number of U.F.O.s sighted hasn't increased, people certainly

seem to have become more aware of the phenomena.

The centre's publication points out that the bulk of last year's sightings occurred in February and March.

And 14 of the U.F.O.'s were seen in the Maydena, Derwent Valley areas.

But the North-West Coast hasn't been without its U.F.O.s either.

About three years ago, probably one of the centre's most spectacular, and puzzling, sightings occurred at Latrobe.

A young couple, in a car, was followed by a mysterious big light along the Moriarty Rd.

Not only was it spectacular, but quite frightening.

The massive light was accompanied by the humming noise.

The couple's report was vivid and detailed.

And after the T.U.F.O.I.C. heard about it, the Royal Australian Air Force was called in to help with investigations.

No one could come up with a satisfactory explanation.

That particular sighting still remains a mystery.

Maybe it was an alien intelligence, a "flying saucer"?

And it it was, that poses other questions like what is another intelligence doing here, is it passive, where does it come from?

Perhaps top, it answers some questions. It could even explain the great number of people who go missing every year, and are never traced, or heard of again.

The U.F.O. publication was sufficiently impressed with an incredible story related by three American women about how they were taken captive by a flying saucer and subjected to violent physical tests.

The story was carried by a Melbourne Sunday newspaper late last year.

Police, psychiatrists and U.F.O. experts all believed the story, which was related only under deep hypnosis.

The women were on their way home from a late supper when an enormous disc-shaped object "as big as a football field" hurtled into view.

It stopped in front of the women's car, then circled it.

Their last memory of the incident was an "awesome force" dragging the car backwards.

Their next conscious memory was seeing the street lights as they arrived home — some 13 kms (eight miles) from where they saw the U.F.O.

Under hypnosis, each of the women related how they were forced to undergo painful examinations before being released from the U.F.O.

Pacing cars seems to be a favourite ploy of U.F.O.s.

Early last year, two Tasmanian trucks drivers had this experience as they drove from Nive Hill to Berriedale — a distance of 90 km.

As Ron Wilson approached Black Bob on the Lyell Highway, he saw a bright object through the trees early one morning.

It appeared to maintain its position, and Wilson woke his companion, Phil Fazackerley.

Fazackerley had a glance at the object, then went back to sleep.

When he awoke again at Ouse, the U.F.O. was still with them.

Later on, it appeared to pass in front of distant hills, but kept its position no matter which way the road turned.

It was last seen near the Berriedale Caravan Park about 6 a.m.

It had kept company with the two truck drivers for about 2½ hours.

In another early morning sighting about the same time last year two Magra residents reported hearing repeated whistling noises from over Denmark Hill.

Two days later at dawn, two H.E.C. linesmen saw a U.F.O. over the same hill — this time there was no noise.

It was a powerful rectangular white light flanked by two red lights moving in from the north-west.

The linesmen's story, in the U.F.O. magazine continued: "The lights were moving only

slowly and then became stationary near power lines over Denmark Hill.

"After two minutes, Brian Wooley was surprised to see two red lights appear above the main white light, the configuration of the lights covered a triangular area.

"Then red, blue and green lights flashed on and off down the sloping sides of the triangle.

"The lights pulsed on and off in sequence from top to bottom with the two larger flanking red lights at the base completing the sequence".

Wooley watched the process for about six minutes.

The reflection from the lights was so bright that he could see a silver-coloured metal surface making up the body of the U.F.O.

Quickly, the object disappeared off towards Strathgordon.

Ten minutes later it returned.

This time Wooley drew it to the attention of his mate, and they watched it go through the same sequence, only this time it didn't come so close.

They watched for another eight minutes, then some their flashlights in its direction.

Immediately it took off again, this time in the direction of Wayatinah.

The observations fit classic descriptions of flying saucers and certainly, they provide meaty stuff for the U.F.O. people to investigate.

According to the president of the T.U.F.O.I.C., Mrs J. Bigwood, their interest is being supported by scientifically-minded groups.

As the investigations go on, the sightings are given more credence, and less people associate the word "crank" with U.F.O. followers.

So, if you're confronted with a puzzling experience like the ones related here, give the information to the T.U.F.O.I.C. — either through Mrs Bigwood, the State secretary, Keith Roberts, or area representatives in the North, North-West and West Coasts.

"MARK JONES"
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to a dazzling white about every five seconds.

"It resembled a plate with a burnt fried egg on it. Around the rim of the 'plate' it had greeny-yellowish lights and what seemed to me to be retro-rockets. The 'plate' seemed to be revolving as well".

CLEAR VIEW

The object was angled so that he was able to see the top of it, but he added: "Looking at the whole thing from the side, it would probably appear cigar-shaped".

It was a misty morning but Graham is adamant that he had a clear view of the object, although he was unable to estimate its size of distance from him.

He said: "Even though it was foggy, I'm sure it wasn't a helicopter or a weather balloon because it stayed completely still all of the time I was looking at it.

"It couldn't have been smoke from the power station because it flashed and I had quite a good view of the thing".

TRANSLATIONS:

- 1) City and country of incident: Övre Soppero - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: February 27, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Norrländska Socialdemokraten, March 8, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Luleå, Sweden

DID HE MEET SPACEMEN IN THE REINDEER FOREST?

Nils Tomas Labba, 51 years old, is reindeer keeper in Övre Soppero. February 27 he was out in the forest with his scooter. At 10 a.m. he had come to Pojiojaure about

- 1) City and country of incident: Borgholm - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: March 7, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Östra Småland, March 9, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Kalmar, Sweden

STRANGE PHENOMENON

At 3 a.m. two families on different places saw an object that was large as a full moon and shone with a yellow light. It flew up, down and sideways. It changed size, disappeared sometimes to return later. Several times a light beam was emitted towards the ground.

- 1) City and country of incident: Laxsjö - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: April 10, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Länstidningen Östersund, April 12, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Östersund, Sweden

NIGHT SUN SHONE OVER LAXSJÖ

The brother and sister Martha and Olof Eriksson in Flykälén, Laxsjö saw at 2.30 a.m. a round object bathing in light and after it hung a textile like thing that he estimated to 100 feet long and wide. The first object had a yellow clear light, but the "textile" was red. It came from south and disappeared towards north and Öjarn.

- 1) City and country of incident: Backe - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: January 29, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Nya Norrland, February 2, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Sollefteå, Sweden

LIGHT PHENOMENON OVER BACKE. LEAKING WEATHER BALLON?

It was at 6.30 p.m. that the light was discovered. In the west sky, almost over Fjällsjö River, an intensive shining object hovered. Bjarne Engholm was buying evening newspapers when he discovered the light and when he looked at it, it seemed to be swinging in the air. The ball also seemed to send out light rays. He took photos of it with his small picture camera with 400 mm objective and 135 mm objective, and 6 times 6 with a normal lens to get another perspective on the light phenomenon.

- 1) City and country of incident: Tranås - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: April 11-12, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Smålands-Tidningen, April 13, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Eksjö, Sweden

SPACE PHENOMENON OVER TRANÅS

A farmer was on his way back to the living house when he heard strong vibrations from above. He then sighted a "cigarr" and a light. The cigarr that was surrounded by light traveled with a very high speed and the man's wife told that he seem to be in a chock when he came in and told about the incident.

- 1) City and country of incident: Adak - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: February 13, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Norra Västerbotten, February 15, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Skellefteå, Sweden

SAW MYSTERIOUS LIGHT

Three persons from Adak (outside Skellefteå) saw at 9.30 p.m. a light over Hundberget. The light was strong, much stronger than a star and oblong. The light circled for about a quarter over the village pulsating, before it disappeared.

- 1) City and country of incident: Öland - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: March 5, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Oskarshamns-Nyheter, March 17, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Oskarshamn, Sweden

"AN AIR CIRCUS WITHOUT LIKENESS"

Three persons made an one hour long sighting of a very large cigarr shaped object on high height. It turned and moved in different directions. When it dived down the speed slowed down and a thick brown smoke was emitted from the behind.

Suddenly the three witnesses spotted a white cloud and out of it a smaller egg-shaped object came. No sound could be heard and the speed was estimated to twice a jetplane's.

- 1) City and country of incident: Åmål - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: March 10-13 ?, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Provinstidningen Dalsland, March 15, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Åmål, Sweden

FLYING OBJECT THAT CHANGED COURSE

A couple of persons were strollin' at Nygård at the end of the week when they spotted a large shining ball, that sank towards them, stopped and went right up again. The event lasted a few minutes.

- 1) City and country of incident: Nyland - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: March 20, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Nya Norrland, March 23, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Sollefteå, Sweden

MYSTERIOUS LIGHT PHENOMENONS IN NYLAND

The married couple Greta and Jonas Johansson in Lo, Nyland saw a red ball straight towards north. It hung over the treetops for a long while. Suddenly the large and fire red ball seemed to explode in many colors. Then it disappeared with a colored tail behind it.

- 1) City and country of incident: Frösön - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: February 12 & 13, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Länstidningen Östersund, February 14, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Östersund, Sweden

MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENONS SIGHTED IN WEST

Both Saturday and Sunday night at 8 p.m. reports of light phenomenons came from Frösön och Rödön. From Frösön the light body was seen towards the mountains, between Oviksfjällen and Åreskutan. One of the witnesses Sunday looked at the object through field glasses and it was "shaped like an egg with a blue light around."

- 1) City and country of incident: Nyköping - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: January 28, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Södermanlands Nyheter, February 1, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Nyköping, Sweden

EIGHT YEARS OLD KIDS SAW FLYING OBJECT

Two eight years old kids Magnus Enell and Ulf Westerlind, saw between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. four strange objects in the sky. They thought the objects were round, with two points or antennas on the side. They objects left a smoke tail behind them.

- 1) City and country of incident: Rosvik - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: February 20, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Piteå-Tidningen, February 21, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Piteå, Sweden

SKY PHENOMENON SEEN IN ROSVIK

The married couple Martina and Erik Pettersson, Rosvik, saw at 8.30 p.m. a light that moved from northeast in over Rosvik and then disappeared straight up. They were watching TV when they through the window saw a strange fiery light. When they opened the window the spotted a pine apple shaped object with a lenght of 10-13 feet on maybe 17 feet's height. Its color was like "sharp sunset glow" with a little changing light. Towards the ground a clearer light that was half the lenght of the object was beamed. After they had studied it for about 2,5 minutes it disappeared straight up. It moved very slowly all the time.



Mystery Footprints

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Weird Evidence Studied

Huge footprints found in a wilderness area near Eatonville appear to have been made by a creature eight feet tall, taking eight-foot seven-inch strides, on feet 16 inches long not including the toes.

If these footprints were made by a legendary sasquatch, "Bigfoot" must weigh at least 300 pounds.

The mysterious footprints were studied by a P-I team in a forest area southeast of Eatonville where they were found by employees of a state agency.

If these footprints are the work of a

prankster, then someone went to the trouble of carving a huge foot with an instep, a well-formed heel, toes and an expanded "ball," then pressing footprints into a trail so remote only a sheer accident resulted in their being found.

Exact location of the mysterious footprints cannot be revealed because they are not on public-access land, and managers of the forest do not want to encourage a horde of curious people to seek them in the rugged wilderness.

However, the footprints were found approximately eight miles from the point where a Ft. Lewis soldier report-

edly was overcome by the sight of a Sasquatch 18 days ago.

That sighting was in the vicinity of Northwest Trek, an outdoor wildlife park near Eatonville between Mt. Rainier and Seattle.

Judging from the location of these mysterious footprints, Bigfoot likes to sun himself in clearings on high hills where he has a view of the lowlands and can see approaching creatures not of his species.

He's obviously quite intelligent, for he prefers to stroll on a remote pioneer wagon trail which is grown over and

Big foot?

shows no signs of use by humans who travel in vehicles.

Sounds unbelievable? The footprints are there, they have been viewed by a half-dozen witnesses, measured by a P-I reporter, and carefully photographed.

Last month, a Ft. Lewis soldier was sent into shock by the sight of what he believed was a Sasquatch near Northwest Trek.

A doctor at Madigan Army Medical Center said the soldier was "very upset," and "quite certain he saw Bigfoot." The soldier declined to be identified because of fear he would be publicly ridiculed.

The doctor told newsmen the soldier was in shock and "too unstable" to be questioned about the incident.

Previous to that, a Madigan ambulance driver, Don Durden, said he had come across giant footprints in the forest while hiking near Northwest Trek.

He described the footprints as being 18 inches long and eight inches wide. (The footprints measured by the P-I reporter would have been about 18 inches long if the toes were included. However, heavy rain had all but obliterated the toe impressions.)

The footprints measured and photographed by The P-I were reached by traveling deep into a forest southeast of Eatonville on a logging road, then disembarking from the vehicle and hiking about a mile, through a thick forest, then up an open, pasture-like hillside.

They are located at the top of a forest clearing, on what appears to be an old wagon road now grown over with grass and weeds. Deer and elk have obliterated

most of the footprints, but one is still plainly visible, and others can be made out.

From this old wagon road, which forms a bench on the wilderness hillside, there is a view of Eatonville below in the distance, and also a view of all approaches to the area.

It would be impossible to surprise anyone here.

The footprints were discovered by a crew "measuring grade" for a proposed forest access road. They did not immediately report the find to anyone, but later one man asked a photographer to take pictures of the footprints.

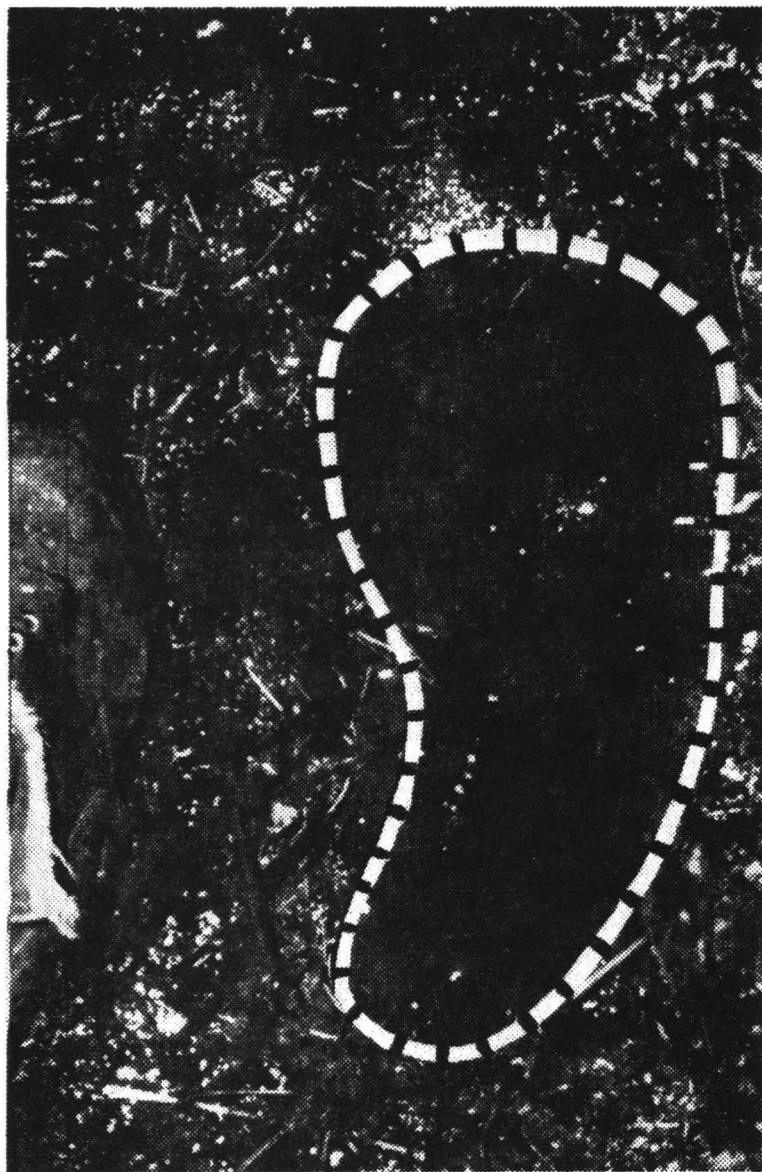
The photographer, Roy Goodall, reported the footprints to The P-I.

The estimate of Bigfoot's height was made by measuring his eight-foot seven-inch stride against the reporter's stride. This indicated that Bigfoot's legs were about one-third longer than the newsman's legs, and this would make him about eight feet tall.

His weight was estimated after the reporter tried to push an impression of his feet into the surface of the old wagon road. An estimated 300 pounds of weight would be required to press footprints into the surface as deeply as those that were found.

The footprints appear and vanish on the old road. The creature, if there was one, apparently was headed up the slope, deeper into the forest, when his feet left the old road.

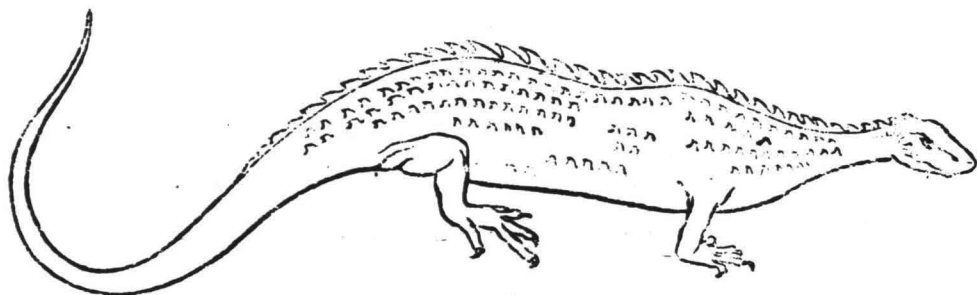
If the footprints are not those of a legendary sasquatch, then they are the work of a prankster who strangely chose a remote and inaccessible area in which to create "life-like" footprints designed to alarm the public.



—Photos by Ray Goodall

OUTLINE OF FOOTPRINT NEXT TO SIZE 10 BOOT
Mysterious print was 16 inches long, not including toes

Divers plan monster hunt



WITNESS' sketch of creature reportedly lurking in Quebec lake.

Talk about unusual working holidays.....

How about a trek this summer to eastern Quebec to help track down and film a gigantic sea creature which rivals the Loch Ness monster?

The man to see is Robert Murray, 30, an adventurous professional scuba diver from Pickering who is determined to "capture" the "monster" on film.

Witnesses have been reporting sightings of a mysterious creature in Lake Pohenegamook, 300 miles north of Mon-

treil, for the past 20 years.

Murray, a diver for 10 years, says he became interested in the monster last month after reading a story about it in the National Enquirer.

Since then, he has rounded up six other divers and underwater photographers interested in donating time and equipment for the monster hunt.

What he needs now, says Murray, are 20 to 30 men and women aged 18 and over to help finance the expedition and to work in boats

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and on the shore during the search. (He can be reached at 630-2590.)

Murray says with the more than \$20,000 worth of photographic and radar scanning equipment at their disposal, proving or disproving the monster's existence should not be difficult.

Dr. Vadim Vladikov, a professor emeritus of biology at the University of Ottawa, who visited the lake at the request of the Quebec government, is quoted as saying:

"There definitely is a strange, large animal living in Lake Pohenegamook. Witnesses told me they saw a creature that looked like an overturned canoe moving across the water.

"It had saw-toothed fins on its side and a series of plates on its back."

Murray says a study of the lake indicates there is plenty of food to sustain such a creature.

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Bigfootus Benignus

The Pacific Northwest will owe a great debt to Rep. Ted Kulongoski of the Oregon Legislature if his term "Homo Nocturnus" sticks as the formal way to refer to a Sasquatch and-or Bigfoot.

Sasquatch has always sounded like a vegetable dish and Bigfoot rings of tavern lingo. Homo Nocturnus dignifies this area's premier citizen and tames the emotional response on first seeing a hairy, eight-foot giant loping through the clearcuts.

Kulongoski uses the new name in a bill to make it illegal in Oregon to molest or shoot a Homo Nocturnus. Our state could use such a law. It's whispered, after all, that in our Legislature serve several Homo Nocturni in mufti.

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There's a monster and it's friendly

The Sun has sent its intrepid reporter John Cosway off on a wild monster chase in Lake Pohenegamook in eastern Quebec. This is his first report.

By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

ESTCOURT, Que. — If there's a large sea monster lurking in Lake Pohenegamook here, it's friendly.

Elzeor Sirois told me so yesterday through a French interpreter as he stood on the shore of the 6½-mile long lake.

Sirois, 63, is the local historian of this eastern Quebec community where he's lived for 60 years.

What's more, he's a believer.

"I've seen it three times," says the retired logger. His first sighting was in 1944 and his last sighting was 20 years ago.

Sirois is a colorful storyteller for tourists, schoolchildren and an increasing number of newspapermen interested in

the annual sightings of the mysterious creature.

He tells of one woman who watched "it" through binoculars from the shore for five minutes and said the creature's head resembles "a cow or a horse." She wasn't sure.

The first sighting apparently occurred in 1874, the year the first church was built in this scenic mill town located 600 miles from Toronto on the Maine border.

The last sighting was last September when a woman waterskiing noticed parts of the creature skimming through the water.

Sirois says that from eyewitness descriptions and from what he has seen, there is no evidence whatever that the creature is aggressive or any danger to people using the lake.

"It's a peaceful monster. It has never shown any aggressiveness. I would not like to see it harmed," Sirois said.

Although the sightings have been made over a 10-year period there have been

no scientific tests of the lake or in-depth research into the possibilities of what the creature really is. Estimates of its length range from 30 to 80 feet.

"It's just like the Loch Ness monster," Sirois said.

Lake Pohenegamook is a clear body of water up to 225 feet deep and is considered by scuba divers in the crew of Bob Murray, 30, of Pickering, as a cinch for determining the existence or non-existence of the sea creature this summer.

There was a rash of sightings in the 1950s when speed boats on the lake became popular but revenue-conscious people in the community played down the "monster" reports for fear of losing their tourist business.

Estcourt boasts a popular year-round fresh air camp which last year attracted 35,000 vacationers without the slightest promotion of the "monster."

But monster promotion it is now getting. And the believers in this town are convincing.

World hungers for sea monster

The search for a monster in a remote eastern Quebec lake is developing into an international race.

A Japanese TV crew has announced it wants to explore Lake Pohenegamook for a large creature apparently similar to Scotland's elusive Loch Ness Monster.

"Jun-Inchi-Yaoi of Nippon TV wants to film it this summer," says Michael Bradley, an official of the New Jersey-based Society for Investigation of the Unexplained.

"There's no way they are going to get in ahead of us," says an excited Robert

Murray, 30, a Pickering scuba diver who is organizing a month-long filming expedition.

Murray, who says the response to his expedition — reported this week in the Sun — has been overwhelming, will begin his search in June instead of July if necessary.

The professional diver and a couple of members of the search team leave today for Estcourt, Que., on the Maine border, for preliminary work.

Murray believes Canadians should have first crack at tracking down the creature, which was first reported back in 1874.

"The Canadian government should have a say in who is first because it's a case of nationalism."

Monster, eh?

Something's fishy...

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ESTCOURT, Que. — There are definitely some "monstrously" fishy things going on in the clear, blue waters of Lake Pohenegamook.

My tongue was warming my cheek during the 600-mile ride from Toronto to report on this community's legendary monster.

But holy monsters, you should hear the tales townsfolk have to tell when asked about the mysterious happenings in their 6½-mile-long lake.

When given the P.Q. (Pohenegamook Quiz) through Jocelyn Dubois, a French interpreter, believers among the 6,000 inhabitants of the area told some mighty strange stories.

Stories which raise some chilling questions:

— What is in the 225-foot deep lake with an appetite monstrous enough to frustrate the annual efforts of conservationists to maintain lake trout and salmon stock?

— Why have sightings of the monster increased since noisy speed boats started to appear on the lake in the mid-1950s? Is it a lonely monster looking for companions?

— Because of the range in estimates of the monster's size — 30 feet to 80 feet — could there possibly be a "baby" monster?

— Is the strong undercurrent in the centre of the lake, where most of the sightings have occurred, a

link to the St. Lawrence Seaway to the north?

These mysteries of the deep add credibility to the accounts of eye-witnesses who have watched, with awe, the surfacing of "the unknown."

It's not clear to people here what the Indians had in mind when naming Lake Pohenegamook, but they interpret it as either "winter refuge" or "sleeping man."

But it is clear to them that the monster — most often described as resembling an over-turned canoe with saw-toothed fins down the back and a head similar to a horse — will be seen again.

"I'm not going to be without a camera next time," says Gaston Pain-

chaud. He says he saw the monster in 1957 from his balcony.

Painchaud is not alone in wanting to photograph the monster, which has so far eluded "capture" on film. There is a renewed interest in solving the mystery.

A Japanese TV film crew, possibly interested in new footage for the country's output of monster flicks, will be there this summer. So will Bob Murray's scuba diving team from Toronto.

They hope to have better luck than the Loch Ness investigators who have spent millions trying to track down Scotland's monster — first sighted 1,400 years ago.

Birds Terrify California Family

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ANDERSON, Calif. — (UPI) — For Mrs. Russ Sherlock and her family, the bizarre assault by several thousand swallows was straight out of Alfred Hitchcock's horror movie "The Birds."

"I saw it in the Hitchcock movie several years ago and all I could think was they are going to attack us," a shaken Mrs. Sherlock recalled as firemen, using buckets, attempted yesterday to remove the last of the berserk birds from her fireplace chimney.

In an unexplained frenzy, swallows dive-bombed the chimney Monday night, terrorizing the Sherlock family.

"They acted like they wanted to attack you," Mrs. Sherlock said. "It was just weird. That only happens in the movies."

The Hitchcock movie was filmed at Bodega Bay, Calif., on the northern coast southwest of Anderson. It depicted a town being taken over by birds.

A similar attack on a house by swallows was reported last week when about 2,000 birds flew into the chimney of a house in Redding, just to the north.

Mrs. Sherlock, her husband and son, Ben, 11, were watching television when she heard a "squeaking noise" from a fireplace. Her husband investigated in the next room and "found soot flying all over the place, like we had a

fire going."

"My God, there's something in the chimney!" he called out.

They tried to open the fireplace damper, but couldn't because of the weight of several thousand birds.

"We went outside to see what was going on. Over the top of the house it looked like a big black cloud of birds circling," said Mrs. Sherlock. "Then, 30 or 40 would peel away and dive into the chimney full force like a dive-bomb."

Ben easily caught two in his hands simply by picking them off his clothing and hair.

"They were all over him," his mother said. "They just landed on his head and shoulders. They didn't peck or bite. He brought two into the house and I said, 'my God, get those birds out of here.'"

Firemen lowered buckets attached to ropes down the chimney. As fast as the men scooped up the birds, they would return to land on their clothing.

Several hundred dead birds remained in the chimney yesterday and firemen mapped plans to suck them out with a vacuum cleaner.

An official of the Audubon Society speculated that swallows could have been searching for a nesting habitat and "might have assumed that the chimney was a cave."

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Bermuda Triangle study set

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union and the United States will co-operate on a study of the Bermuda Triangle, a patch of the Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda noted for ship and plane disasters, Tass reported Monday.

The agency said nine Soviet vessels will participate in the joint project, to be

called Polymode, starting this June. The project follows a Soviet expedition in 1970 that found whirl formations in the region.

The formations, Tass said, range up to several hundred kilometres in area and resemble cyclones in the atmosphere in their structure. They reach to a depth of several thousand metres.

Tass said U.S. scientists researching the region have discovered similar formations.

The Tass dispatch said the U.S.-Soviet effort will be aimed at making "calculations and forecasts of the interaction of the ocean and atmosphere in shaping the weather and the climate."

Roaches, Snakes Predict Quakes?

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — (AP) — Scorn not the lowly cockroach. It may be more sensitive to approaching earthquakes than the most advanced scientific instruments.

That was the message from David Stewart, director of the MacCarthy Geophysics Laboratory at the University of North Carolina, to a Geological Society of America meeting on earthquakes.

Stewart said a study by the national Earthquake Information Service indicates that restlessness and cockroach-

es can foreshadow an earthquake.

But he conceded that scientists haven't figured out why it is that a wide range of animals apparently have earthquake-predicting ability. He cited reports of earthquakes being preceded by such events as

catfish leaving muddy river bottoms, rats fleeing houses and horses refusing to go into their stalls.

Whether the animals are reacting to physical changes or some kind of extrasensory signal, Stewart said, perhaps

scientists can use them to do what their instruments can't — pinpoint the timing of a quake.

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'Triangle' pyramid larger than Cheops, U.S. author claims

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(Agence-France Presse)

MEXICO CITY — American author Charles Berlitz says that a pyramid he claims to have discovered on the bottom of the sea in the notorious "Bermuda Triangle" is larger than the famous Cheops Pyramid in Egypt.

He said the pyramid he had found at a depth of nearly 3,000 feet had the same angle as the Cheops Pyramid, and that, curiously enough, the two structures are at the same latitude. Berlitz, author of a book called "The Bermuda Triangle," announced his discovery

last week, saying that it shows a highly developed ancient civilization may once have existed in the area.

Dozens of ships and planes have reportedly vanished without a trace in the "Triangle", at the junction of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

Berlitz's announcement caused considerable surprise in scientific circles, especially in the United States. He reported that the structure is 600 feet high, but refused to say exactly where it is located—adding with a laugh that he did not want French

explorer Jacques Yves Cousteau to be in on the secret.

Berlitz, 60, is a writer, linguist, and explorer of the ocean depths. He is the nephew of the founder of the Berlitz language schools.

He said he was preparing a submarine expedition to leave within three months to try to photograph the pyramid and determine whether it is made of stone. He added: "If we obtain full information on the nature of this pyramid . . . we will have proven the existence—if not of Atlantis—at least of a civilization that is now submerged."

'Bigfoot' grateful to solon

Salem, Ore. (AP) — State Rep. Ted Kulongoski 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."

Kulongoski offered a resolution last week to make it unlawful in Oregon to "harass, annoy or intimidate" Sasquatch.

Seattle boat's wreckage found

Chunks of debris, scattered over a two-mile area of water near the mouth of the Strait of Juan De Fuca, may be the only remains of a small Seattle fishing vessel last heard from Thursday, the Coast Guard said last night.

Air and water search crews were looking for possible survivors of the Bob Ed, a 36-foot wooden fishing boat. The debris was centered around a point 10 miles northwest of Cape Flattery, the most northwestern point of the state.

A Coast Guard ship investigated and found debris bearing the name of the Bob Ed.

The search was to resume at daylight today. Coast Guard aircraft and boats are being aided in their search by craft from the Canadian military.

A Coast Guard spokesman said two men were known to have been on board. They are Bob Waters, 12253 Third Ave. N.W., a commercial fisherman who owned the vessel, and Glen Engelson.

Engelson's address was not immediately known, although Waters' relatives said he is a Seattle man who occasionally fished with Waters.

The two had been out about a week, and fueled last on Wednesday at Neah Bay, the Coast Guard reported. Neah Bay is just inside the mouth of the Strait, east of Cape Flattery.

The Coast Guard spokesman said the first word of an accident came when a fishing vessel reported "a large amount of debris in the water," about 9:30 a.m. yesterday.

The cause of the accident is not known, the spokesman said.

The wreckage was "relatively fresh," the spokesman said. "There was no algae or mold, which usually forms after a couple of days."

Tall, Dark and Hairy!

Sasquatch (?) Sighted in B.C. Boondocks

MISSION, British Columbia — (AP) — A Pacific Stage Lines driver and four of his passengers reported to Royal Canadian Mounted Police yesterday that they saw what they believe was a Sasquatch crossing Highway 7 early in the day.

RCMP Constable Millie Norry said the creature was reported to have crossed the highway on the north bank of the Fraser River about 15 miles east of this Fraser Valley community.

Mission is about 35 miles east of Vancouver.

Constable Norry said the five witnesses, who wished to remain anonymous, described the creature as being more than seven feet tall and being dark and hairy.

She said RCMP took pictures

of footprints that measured about 14 inches in length and estimated the weight of the creature would be about 300 pounds.

The driver pursued the creature down a dry creek bed but soon lost sight of it in the bush, said Constable Norry, and he later described it as smelling like old garbage, dead meat and old machine oil.

The driver said he came within 12 feet of the creature during his pursuit of it.

RCMP had no success in trying to track the creature.

Bill Cholodylo, a civilian dispatcher at the Mission detachment, said footprints were found in gravel in the creek bed and prints found in wet compact sand were very legible.

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