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Soldier loses 5 days to UFO

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SANTIAGO, Chile
— A Chilean soldier is still in shock after a weird, five-day ordeal with a UFO.

This is his story.

It was 4:15 a.m. in Chile's far north desert country.

Six members of an army patrol were bedded down around a campfire while two men stood guard. Suddenly, two bright objects began descending from the sky.

One dropped into the Andes foothills out of direct sight, but the men in the patrol, now fully awake, could see the glow of its light.

The second, they said, lowered almost to the ground about 500 yards away from the camp. The men said it shone with a violet light with two points of intense red.

Cpl. Armando Valdes, the patrol leader, ordered the soldiers to take

Mystery baffles space experts

up their weapons. Then he set out alone to investigate and, according to the men, simply vanished. Fifteen minutes later, they said, he reappeared, tried to speak and passed out.

They said he regained consciousness about 7 a.m. but that his watch showed only 4:30, the approximate time he reappeared. They also said the date on the watch had been advanced five days, and that Valdes now had about a week's growth of beard.

According to his comrades, when Valdes was beginning to regain consciousness he said: "You do not know who we are, nor where we come from. But I tell you that we will soon return."

Skeptics

This purported sighting occurred April 25, and since the soldiers' tale was publicized dozens of other unidentified flying objects have been reported up and down the 2,700-mile length of Chile.

Valdes says he does not recall anything that happened during the 15 minutes he was missing. Some skeptics said the soldiers may have seen a desert mirage. But other sightings have been reported on the outskirts of this capital city, in the rainy lake region about 600 miles to the south, and over the Straits of Magellan at the cold southern tip of the continent.

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the University of Chile jointly operate a space tracking station a few miles north of Santiago, but officials at the station had no official comment on the reports.

A source at the station who asked not to be identified said he felt some of the previous UFO sightings in Chile were satellites or airplanes. But he said the most recent sightings, made at relatively close distances, did not appear to be satellites.

Oscar Bravo, a radio announcer at Punta Arenas, the major town on the Straits of Magellan, said he awoke about 3 a.m. one night and went to the kitchen for a glass of water.

Speed

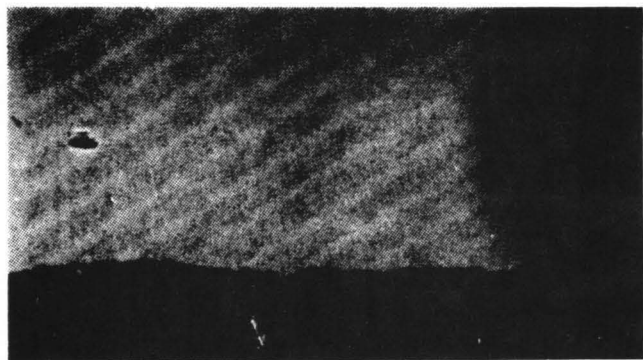
"First, I noticed the sky was bright," he said.

"This caused me to open the curtains, and I could see these two things suspended in the air emitting a strong light, bright and orange.

"The light went out but returned, with a violent color. Then these two things, of oval shape, moved at a rapid speed, opening themselves like a 'v' and closing at a higher point in the sky." They finally disappeared over the straits, he said.

A few nights later, passengers on a bus going from Puerto Montt to Puerto Varas in southern Chile said they saw something similar about 100 yards above them in the sky.

Several people who have seen UFOs recently estimated their size at about 12 feet in diameter. Most say they are round or oval—"like a huge wagon wheel," said one woman.



Man says he saw a UFO at Silver Lake

John Dunaway Jr. of Marianna said he didn't believe UFO's (unidentified flying objects) really existed...until Easter Sunday.

He, his twin brother Jeff and a group of friends were at Silver Lake for a fish fry that day when John, a "shutterbug," ventured down to the lake to take some photographs. It was a beautiful, clear day, he said, and the water was azure and sparkling. Dunaway said he found a good spot and prepared to take a picture. As he looked through the lens, he said he saw a "silver, whitish streak" so he hurriedly pressed the button.

After taking the picture, he looked over the lake and could see "no UFO, no plane, nothing." He didn't mention it to his friends because he thought he must have been mistaken, he said, but after getting his pictures back, the object was clearly visible. There is also a dark spot in the water that resembles a shadow off the object, and a thin, white haze surrounds the UFO, which Dunaway guessed to be "heat or radiation given off."

Dunaway said the object made no sound of any kind. "I know there will always be skeptics," he said, "but I know what my eyes saw and what my camera proved to me."

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Colombian Pilot Says He Was Blinded By UFO

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BOGOTA, Colombia — A Colombian pilot who claimed he was blinded by an unidentified flying object circled Bogota for two hours Fri-

day in his single-engine plane before being helped to a landing and taken to a hospital suffering from shock.

"I've lost my sight and don't know what to do," the pilot, Manuel Lopez, kept repeating.

Four planes were sent to help guide Lopez to a safe landing at Bogota airport.

Spacemen touch down in W. Pitt

Three 14-year-old boys who say they saw a "flying saucer" in a field near West Pittsburg are ready to take a lie detector test to verify the tale, deputies say.

The deputies quoted the boys, Lenny Young and Pat Morrison, both of 90 Bayview Ave., West Pittsburg, and George Ferreira, of Pacheco, as saying that three "human shaped" figures shrouded in a fog-like substance materialized from the craft.

The incident, the boys said, occurred about 11 p.m. Friday in a marshy field at Bayview Avenue and Willow Pass Road towards the Sacramento River.

The boys appeared frightened, and Morrison was crying, deputies said. They described him as "extremely emotional, physically shaking and crying."

Young also was "upset," but Ferreira appeared calm when talking with officers. Deputies said the three agreed on the following version of what occurred:

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They saw the unidentified flying object hovering near the ground between the railroad tracks and the river. They continued to observe the strange craft. It suddenly took off north across the river in a burst of speed, then zoomed back, all in the space of about three to six seconds.

It moved toward them near Mallard Slough Road. They could no engines nor see anyone aboard. It stopped about 50 to 100 yards away.

Three human-like forms appeared. They were about five feet six inches to six feet tall with no other distinguishing characteristics.

The three shapes started moving toward the boys who became frightened, ran home, and deputies were called.

They described the craft as saucer shaped, about 90 feet tall and with a circumference of about 90 feet. The sides had rectangular shaped windows.

The front had a large window which emitted a "glowing" light. They saw no wheels or insignias upon the craft.

The boys agreed to take a polygraph examination to verify their account.

UFO sightings 2165 stir up Colusans

Colusa residents have been waiting for a landing by the little green men after several recent UFO sightings in the area.

The most recent sighting, according to the Colusa County Sheriff's Office, occurred about 9:25 p.m. Wednesday. Gregg Dowden, of Colusa, told deputies he saw a UFO emitting a bright yellow light in the sky about one mile west of Colusa. "I went out and looked for it, but I didn't see a thing," said one Colusa County Sheriff's deputy.

A more detailed sighting occurred Mar. 22, deputies said, when a Colusa couple reported a UFO came toward them "at a 1,000 miles an hour" before it sped off to the northeast.

Bill Bryant told officers he

and his wife were at the Forry Ranch on the east side of Colusa about 3:23 a.m. Mar. 22 when they saw an oblong disc, about 35-40 feet across, flying one-quarter mile up in the sky.

The craft made no noise as it flew, Bryant told officers, and he could see a bright blue light through windows in the side. The craft emitted a bright white light when the couple first saw it, deputies said, but then the light changed to a bright blue as the UFO made a sweep towards the couple and whisked off to the northeast.

Deputies said they reported the sightings to the UFO Information Center in Seattle, Wash., although no officers apparently saw the craft.

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UFO or airplane?

Mentor residents aren't sure what they saw

By JANET COYNES
News-Herald Staff Writer

Several persons in the neighborhood around Rick Aldridge's Mentor home agree they saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Tuesday night. But a Lost Nation Airport control tower operator said it was an aircraft with unusual lights.

"I was cooking out on my grill just after 8," said Aldridge of 7114 Adkins Rd. "I saw this formation of lights from the southeast, heading northwest. When it got overhead, I really got excited because it didn't look like any plane I've ever seen and we see a lot of them down here." Adkins Road is near Lost Nation Airport in Willoughby.

ALDRIDGE said the V-shaped light formation included five orange-yellow

lights that appeared about the size of ping pong balls. The craft made no sound as it passed overhead in about seven minutes.

The control tower operator at Lost Nation Airport disagrees with the UFO classification.

"It was definitely an airplane. I've been a control tower operator for more than 30 years and I know what I'm seeing," said the female operator who refused to give her name.

An East Cleveland police captain who was in the control tower with the operator when the sighting was made could not be reached today for comment.

BUT HIS FELLOW policemen in

East Cleveland have obviously heard his tale. "You want George, the UFO man," said one policeman. "He's not here now."

When Aldridge sighted the lights, he ran to a neighbor's house and called him outdoors.

"He and his brother-in-law saw it," Aldridge said. "They agreed it was a UFO." He said four neighborhood youngsters who spotted the formation were frightened by it. "They told me they saw something just like it about a week ago," Aldridge said.

A spokesman for the observatory at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland said he knew of nothing unusual in the skies Tuesday night. "We get these reports all the time," he said. "They usually turn out to be airplanes."

Thing in the Sky Alarms Bronx

Flying saucer? Unidentified flying object? Whatever it was, dozens of Bronx residents saw what they described as a sphere of spinning lights moving across the sky around the Throgs Neck Bridge last night.

Police at the Barclay Ave. precinct said they received more than a half dozen calls from perplexed residents all of which began, "I hope you don't think I'm crazy, but..." according to Police Officer John Elio. Several others phoned The News.

Officials at LaGuardia Airport, who control the air corridors around the bridge, said they could not explain the sighting.

One of the witnesses, Mrs. Theresa Mitchell, claimed to have seen the thing from her porch at 251 Throgs Neck Blvd. "It was a large circular object, brightly lighted, spinning around toward the Throgs Neck Bridge." She added: "It looked like it had windows with lights in them."—Brian Kates

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TAILDRAGGER PILOTS ASSN. NEWS

(John's column had not come in at press time. However, John Pruitt, of Memphis, sent news of a UFO sighting in Memphis, which we MUST share with you. The story came from the Memphis Press-Scimitar, May 17th Mid-South Edition.) (TENN.)

"A monster" UFO described as big as a football field, visited Memphis last night, four policemen and a Tennessee highway patrolman said today.

Officers T. L. Todd and J. W. Jeter of the Police Tactical Squad said they saw the huge object, pyramidal in shape with red and green blinking lights on its corners while they were on I-240 near Norris about 3:45 a.m.

The officers said they spotted the huge vehicle estimated at 300 feet long, three separate times.

"We called the police dispatcher to report what we had seen and we were still on the air talking to him, when a Tennessee State Highway Patrolman called in from Collierville to report he had seen it," Jeter said.

The two officers said a team of officers from the North Precinct then broke into the radio conversation to ask if it was triangular in shape.

"Up to that time we had said nothing about it being triangular in shape," Jeter said. "So we knew they had seen the same thing we did. They said they saw it over North Memphis about 11 p.m."

Todd said he saw the airborne object first, just east of the expressway.

"It was almost standing still, and only about 200 feet off the

ground, just over the power line towers. It was in the shape of a perfect triangle, standing on its edge. It was so close, it almost looked as if I could reach out and touch it," he said. "There was sort of a white glow around it."

Tactical unit cars carry rifles with high powered magnifying scopes on them, so Jeter said he got out the rifle to get a better look at the UFO through the scope which would act as a telescope.

"I just got a glimpse of it in the scope when it took off and was gone, just like that," he said.

The police officers said if the object they saw was the same one spotted by the highway patrolmen at Collierville, it must have traveled the 30 miles in a matter of seconds.

Jeter said when the object sped away on his last sighting of it through the scope two bright red lights came on at the rear of the object but the officers could not say whether these were jet-like blasts.

Both men insisted they had heard no sound, that the object was moving completely silently.

"If it had been a jet plane, we certainly would have heard the noise," Jeter said.

"When I saw it the first time, I thought it must be my imagination, but when we turned around and both of us saw it in a different location, I knew it was real," Todd said.

Both men indicated they were a bit shaken by the experience.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol said the unit that spotted the UFO near Collierville was a one-man car and identified the officer, who could not be reached for comment.

New UFO Sightings Probed By Center

BRADFORD—The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research is investigating reports of a brilliant object that hurtled through the sky early Sunday morning and disintegrated in a shower of sparks somewhere in McKean County possibly near Rew.

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Dr. Rex said even the most trained astronomy observer has difficulty in judging height and speed. He emphasized, however, that "astronomical events" such as meteors or comets do not change direction as the witnesses in Clearfield County reported in the case of Sunday's object.

"I would say it was most likely atmospheric in nature," Dr. Rex said, due to the reports that the object disintegrated before hitting the earth. "It is not natural for that to happen. It was probably not a material, solid-type object."

The astronomy professor suggested the phenomenon could have been a traveling electrical discharge.

August Freda, PhD, Chairman of engineering at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and an amateur astronomer, agreed with Dr. Rex and said he was puzzled by reports that the object exploded in mid-air. "This struck me as strange that it would disintegrate," he said.

It is distinctly possible that it was a traveling electrical discharge," Dr. Freda said. He pointed out that an "atmospheric event" would be subject to weather conditions.

'Majesty about the whole thing'

PLEASANTON — Seeing is not always believing, according to the Robert Coffey family of Pleasanton who said they spotted a UFO hovering near Kottlinger Reservoir at 1:50 a.m. on March 13.

Robert reported the event to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. The resulting publicity triggered responses from three other Pleasanton residents who claimed they saw the same UFO near that time on that date.

Robert was a weather observer in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955. Part of his job was to track lighted weather balloons by sight at night.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Correctional Administration from the University of Arizona. His masters from that university is in Public Administration with a major in Probation and Parole.

His wife, Charlene, is a Registered Nurse. Their sixteen-year-old son, Bobby, is enrolled in a local high school. A 10-year-old daughter, Kathy, was not awakened for the sighting.

"After the sighting was over, each one of us kept trying to rationalize what we saw," said Robert. "But it always came back to the same thing — it was truly an Unidentified Flying Object. We don't know what it was but it was most interesting."

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Well, Maybe It Was A High- Altitude Balloon

An investigator of unidentified flying objects said today he does not think the UFO sighted above the Quad-Cities Sunday night was a visitor from outer space.

Allen Hendry, of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., said he ruled out the possibility that the round, orange object spotted by several persons, including a Rock Island policeman, was a star or a light plane.

That leaves a high-altitude balloon as the best explanation.

When there is a "logical natural explanation" for a sighting, investigators do not attribute the UFO to extra-terrestrial beings, Hendry said, even if the natural explanation cannot be confirmed.

Hendry said Monday the UFO might have been the Arcturus star, but he said today the 7:40 p.m. sighting meant it was too early in the evening for the large, bright star to be visible.

Hendry said air controllers at the Quad-City Airport, Moline, told him they did have a blip on their radar screen at the time of the sighting, but it proved to be a light aircraft moving from another direction.

Air traffic control centers in Kansas City, Kan., and Aurora, Ill., had no reports of high-altitude planes or balloons in the area at the time.

But Hendry said so many research balloons are released by government agencies and private industry "that it is almost impossible to track them all down."

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Law enforcement see big UFO with lights

MEMPHIS (AP) — At least five law enforcement officers reported sighting a huge unidentified flying object with red and green blinking lights over Memphis early Tuesday.

"It was almost standing still and only about 200 feet off the ground, just over the power line towers," said Patrolman T. L. Todd, who was one of three groups of officers who reported the object.

"It was in the shape of a perfect triangle, standing on its edge. It was so close it almost looked as if I could reach out and touch it.

"There was a sort of a white glow around it."

Todd and his partner, officer J. W. Jeter, were on patrol about 3 a.m. when they spotted the craft near the Norris Road exit of

Interstate 240.

"We called the police dispatcher to report what we had seen and we were still on the air talking to him when a Tennessee State Highway Patrolman called in from Collierville to report he had seen it," Jeter said.

The two officers said a team of officers from the North precinct then broke into the radio conversation to ask if it was triangular in shape.

"Up to that time we had said nothing about it being triangular in shape," Jeter said. "So we knew they had seen the same thing we did. They said they saw it over North Memphis about 11 p.m."

Jeter and Todd, members of the Memphis Police

Department's tactical squad, tried to get a better look at the object through a rifle scope.

"As we put the scope on it for a closeup view it streaked out of sight so fast we couldn't really get it into the scope," Jeter said.

Both officers said they heard no sound coming from the object and that it did not attempt to land.

James Wright, chief of the Federal Aviation Administration's control tower at Memphis International Airport, said his controllers had numerous calls about the sighting.

"But we couldn't help them," Wright said. "We had no sighting from the tower and it didn't show up on radar. . . We don't know what it was."

Like a ship suspended in air

As she was dozing off, the mother heard a humming sound. At first, she thought it was her clock radio. After a few moments, she and Robert determined the sound was coming from another source.

He got up to check. That's when he saw "blinding lights" reflecting on the glass shower doors through the bathroom window. He stepped inside the shower stall to get a better view from the window.

"The lights reminded me of strobe lights or flashes of lightning. They were intense," said the elder Coffey. "I thought perhaps the city had put some new lights on the communications tower or on one of the water towers. Then I realized these lights were way higher than any of the towers. And I noticed one light appeared to be at the top of a triangle, one at bottom

left and one at bottom right. That's when I began yelling for Charlene to get up and come see the strange phenomenon."

The two of them watched from the vantage point of the bathroom window which faces north, Robert said.

"All at once we were startled to see small bluish-green and red flashing lights along the perimeter near the bottom portion of the triangle," he continued. "As the lights began moving eastward I was able to make out a bell-shaped outline. Quite frankly, it looked a lot like science fiction or newspaper accounts of what they call flying saucers."

He said the humming sound lessened and disappeared as the object moved away.

As Robert grabbed a bathrobe, Charlene awak-

ened Bobby and all three ran outside to their front yard to watch.

All three said they noticed the huge size and silent, gliding effect more than anything else about the UFO.

"It was like seeing a 10,000 ton ship suspended in the air although I really have no idea what that thing weighed," said Robert. "It was immense. I would estimate it's length to have been somewhere between 100 to 125 feet across the base. It appeared to be 300 to 400 feet above the ground at least part of the time. The thing was so silent, clean, non-polluting and just floated along not bothering anybody. You got a sense of majesty about the whole thing. It was an exhilarating experience."

Robert said he definitely had the feeling something

or someone was in intelligent control of the vehicle.

"We were overjoyed at having the opportunity to witness this," said Charlene.

Bobby said he momentarily heard the "buzzing" sound as soon as he started down the hallway after being awakened by his mother.

He said after climbing onto a bench outside for a better viewpoint, he saw the lights and gigantic shape.

"It wasn't a bell-shaped object in my opinion," Bobby said. "It was sleeker than that. It was effortlessly gliding along just taking its time like it was sightseeing or something. Then it came to a dead stop."

"All of a sudden it turned vertical," Bobby continued. "That blew my mind."

UFO Sightings Continue But Not In Erie Area

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ERIE, PA
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"Has anyone reported any UFO's to your department lately?" the Times asked Erie Police Captain Walter Tofel, in the wake of sightings reported in Punxsutawney.

"UFO's?" Tofel said. "Naw, that's a phenomena"

Then he speculated that no UFOs have been seen in the Erie area because there has been too much ice on the car windshields.

"People always seem to start seeing them about this time of year," he said, a little more seriously. "It must be some sort of atmospheric condition associated with the season."

Robert L. Cowell, co-director of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, Irwin, Pa., disagreed.

At least one sighting in Punxsutawney appeared to have been valid and involved "a pretty bona fide UFO," he said.

The UFO was seen by Kay Bowser, a 28-year-old housewife. She had just left her mother's house in the Big Run area with a friend and her eight-year-old son when she looked toward the top of a hill and noticed what appeared to be two large headlights. Then she thought that the bright yellow light belonged to a new drilling rig, common in the area.

"But then we noticed that the lights were a lot bigger and closer together," she said. "I remember saying, 'My God, what is that?'"

She said she drove to her home, and noticed that the object was following the car. Her husband then drove her to a girlfriend's house, and the object followed the car to the girlfriend's house, then followed it back again to the Bowser home.

It hovered over the residence for some time, and state police were called.

State Police Trooper Phillip Dale confirmed that he saw the object, as did a radio technician at WPME Radio, Punxsutawney.

The UFO was described as about the size of a basketball in the sky.

"That's pretty large," Cowell said. "If you hold a dime out to arm's length, it would cover the full moon. Something appearing to be the size of a basketball had to be quite large."

Cowell said that in all, six sightings were reported in the Punxsutawney area Saturday night. On Monday, 15 to 20 additional sightings were reported. Most of Monday's sightings, he said, appeared to be only a reaction to the publicity given to Saturday's sightings.

He said that Saturday's sighting by the Bowser family appeared to be a "genuine UFO."

"It was certainly unusual," he said. "I can't imagine what

kind of conventional aircraft would go around following people."

Cowell said that Saturday's sighting was the type the federal government would investigate.

"Personally, I still believe the government is investigating UFO sightings," he said. "Several people in Pennsylvania reporting good sightings have been contacted by Air Force and government officials asking for all the information they could possibly get."

Cowell said he believed President Carter would find it hard to fulfill his campaign promise to release all the information to the public that the government had on UFOs.

"I think he's probably found he can't do that for reasons of national security," Cowell said.

The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research has been in existence for about four years.

CARTER'S UFO IS EVENING STAR

According to Robert Sheaffer, UFO debunker, the UFO which Jimmy Carter saw eight years ago on Jan. 6, 1969, was the planet Venus, otherwise known as the evening star.

He pinpointed Carter's appearance before the Leary, Ga., Lions Club (when the UFO was reportedly seen) and said that night Venus was almost 100 times brighter than a first-magnitude star and was just about where Carter said he saw the UFO.

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UFO data collection is rejected

State senators Monday took a dim view of a proposal to establish a service to collect and forward to a national center reports of unidentified flying objects.

Grand Island Sen. Ralph Kelly proposed that \$2,400 be given to Kearney State College to establish the service.

He said it would be a place where citizens and law enforcement officers could report sightings to be forwarded to a national UFO data recording office.

Kearney Sen. Ron Cope said he ordinarily favors improvements to Kearney State College but "there are lots of things they need more."

Senators voted 2-26 against Kelly's proposal. The favorable votes were cast by Kelly and Falls City Sen. Nelson Merz.

UFO center probing area reports

ERA
BRADFORD, PA.
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However, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Bradford Regional Airport disclosed that visibility was 15 miles early Sunday, there was no wind and an unlimited ceiling and the temperature was 35 degrees. Dr. Freda said that under those conditions it is difficult to understand how the object could have been manipulated.

Mrs. Martha Grossman of Smethport said she saw an object streaking across the sky early Sunday morning after taking someone home from a party. "I was so startled," she said. "It looked like a plane coming down. This was nothing like I have ever seen in the sky. It was brilliant, just like daylight."

Mrs. Grossman continued, "It was enormous and bright like a lightning flash. The trail behind it looked like the Fourth of July. To me it looked like the moon coming down."

Mrs. Marian Gleason of Smethport said she was driving on Route 46 near Crosby, with four women passengers, when she saw an object "floating down to a field, very slow at a slant, like it was gliding. Then it looked like something separated from it and I saw an explosion before it hit. There was a flash, then nothing. I hit the brakes and screamed."

Ray Arnold of 34 Maplewood Ave. was northbound on Route 219, a mile south of Lewis Run, when he saw "a huge big ball of fire tearing across the sky and it seemed to explode about 200 feet off the ground." Mrs. Lynne Verboci of Wolf Run was on her porch at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. "It was very bright out, I thought it was the moon. A minute later it was gone."

UFO shocked police captain

By JANET COYNES
News-Herald Staff Writer

An East Cleveland police captain, who is a licensed private pilot, was among dozens of persons who spotted a UFO over Lake County Tuesday night.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Cap. George Williams who was working at Lost Nation Airport Tuesday night when he saw the strange object. He is a fulltime East Cleveland police captain who works two-days a week at the airport.

"First I thought it was the Goodyear blimp. Then I knew it wasn't the blimp unless it was flying sideways.

"I RAN OUTSIDE and heard a faint sound of jet engines. Right away the phones started ringing with calls from people who had also seen it and wanted to know what we were doing out at the airport," he said.

"Anytime that close and that big would usually call in to us unless it was a military jet or something. They don't report in to airports."

He estimated the object to be about 3,000 feet in the air and moving at 50 miles an hour from the southeast to northwest.

"There were four orangish lights across it. They weren't like landing lights, and they didn't put out a beam. As it went past me and I was looking at what was probably its rear the light on the far right turned red.

"We called Cleveland approach control radar and they told us they were tracking a target, but had no radio communication with it. They said it was at 24,000 feet and moving at the speed of a large jet."

WILLIAMS SAID his sighting occurred

at 9:20 p.m., more than an hour after an Adkins Road man told The News-Herald he spotted the UFO the same night.

"At 10:50 a fellow in a twin engine plane landed at Lost Nation and told me he had seen the object. He described it the same way I did. His passenger said one of the lights moved away from the other while she watched it. He estimated the height at 7,000 feet and said he'd been flying at 3,500 feet."

"If it was a plane, it sure is the biggest one they ever built," Williams said.

GEORGE BEAM of 9471 Hoose Rd., Mentor, said he saw the object at about 10 p.m. Tuesday night flying northwest to southeast — the opposite direction of other sightings.

"The right side kept changing to a reddish color," he said. "I talked to the neighbors to see if any of them saw it. One of them told me they hadn't been out Tuesday night, but on Wednesday afternoon they saw two military jets flying very slow at tree-top level like they were snooping around."

"They were just poking along looking for something," Beam said.

MRS. GEORGE GURA of Adkins Road said her five children, who are between 8 and 16, all saw the object Tuesday night. "They are so terrified they taped their window shades to the windows and all slept in one room the other night," she said.

Her husband went outside to see the UFO when neighbor, Rick Aldridge, 7114 Adkins Rd., spotted the unusual lights about 8 p.m. "It looked like a boomerang with lights on it," Gura said. "We watched it for 10 to 15 minutes, and it sure wasn't any plane."

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Growing Conflict Stirs the World of U.F.O.'s

ACAPULCO, Mexico, April 24—Scientists who study unidentified flying objects are in growing conflict with the self-described experts on the mysterious phenomena.

The handful of scientists who admit to studying U.F.O.'s 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, are likely to describe the bulbous eyes, dome-like head and tiny ears of the extraterrestrial beings that are supposedly bringing "divine intelligence" to earth.

The First International Congress on the U.F.O. Phenomenon, which ended here yesterday, brought the two groups uncomfortably together, and, after a week of heated debate, a single theory of ufology seemed further away than ever.

Muddying the Watre

"The religious nuts muddy the waters for everyone," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, EF n7 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 1/4 professor of astronomy at Northwestern University. "People are looking for pseudoscientific explanations for God. There is a great urge to believe that U.F.O.'s are proof of extraterrestrial intelligence."

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

Both approaches seem to be gaining support. The numerous lay groups advocating "belief" in the phenomena are growing in membership, while interest is also rising within the scientific community.

The 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society were recently polled on their attitudes toward U.F.O.'s and of 1,356 members who replied 53 percent said that U.F.O.'s deserved more scientific research and 75 percent said they wished to know more about them.

Yet astronomers are still worried by the ridicule associated with U.F.O.'s. Only two of those responding to the survey agreed to waive anonymity while other interested scientists are clearly embarrassed by the sensationalist and cultist approach of some civilian groups.

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

But those scientists who did show up 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 in the study of U.F.O.'s. "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 went on. "We have no proof that U.F.O.'s have anything to do with civilizations from outer space."

Dr. Hynek said he too was satisfied that a U.F.O. 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."

A Pattern in Sightings

On the basis of U.F.O. reports that have not been shown to be misperceptions or hoaxes, Dr. Hynek and Dr. Vallee have established a pattern for sightings: U.F.O.'s tend to be seen between 8 P.M. and 11 P.M., in uninhabited regions, in clear weather and by persons of all ages and professions; at night, they usually appear as fast and erratically moving lights, while in the daytime, some disc or cigar-like form is frequently discerned.

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

"I haven't found anyone who said he had been taken on a trip by a U.F.O. 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, accepted the view that "humanoids" occasionally emerge from U.F.O.'s and temporarily abduct human beings. The sworn testimony of those supposedly contacted, frequently supported by polygraph tests and questioning under hypnosis, has resulted in artistic renderings of extraterrestrial beings, most of which appear about four feet high, with a trunk, two arms and two legs, and a misshapen head.

One case involved Travis Walton, a woodcutter, who with six colleagues reportedly saw a U.F.O. landing near Heber, Ariz., in November 1975. Mr. Walton said he approached the U.F.O. and was struck by a ray of blue light, which caused his companions to flee. Mr. Walton was missing for five days,

supposedly in the hands of "humanoids."

The Spanish ufologist, Antonio Ribera, said he believed that these humanoids probably came from Mars, adding that U.F.O. activity usually increases when Mars is closest to the earth.

On the other hand, Maj. Colman Von Kevicz, director of the New York-based Intercontinental U.F.O. Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytical Network, maintained that "our mother earth has been under surveillance by task forces of galactic powers for many years." He called for "direct and official communication with the exploring forces."

U.F.O. Buffs Want U.S. Help

ACAPULCO, Mexico, April 20—Frustrated by the lack of progress in their research, scientists and other students of the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects are pressing the United States Government to open its files on the subject.

Americans attending the First International Congress on the U.F.O. Phenomenon here maintain that the Central Intelligence Agency and the United States armed forces are suppressing information on sightings of flying saucers and other inexplicable aerial objects.

"The C.I.A. says it hasn't worked on U.F.O.'s since 1953 and the Air Force says it stopped its project in 1969," said William H. Spaulding, director of Ground Saucer Watch, "but we have evidence that both are still working on the subject. We want Congressional hearings to obtain the release of all information on U.F.O.'s obtained by American intelligence agencies."

The so-called "ufologists," who range from qualified astronomers and aerospace engineers to enthusiastic laymen, have been encouraged by reports that President Carter sighted a U.F.O. at Leary, Ga., in 1969 and by rumors that the Carter Administration might adopt a more open policy toward information on U.F.O.'s.

"Until now, the whole idea of the Government has been to ridicule us," Mr. Spaulding said. "The Air Force's Project Blue Book, for example, was just a public relations effort to tell people they hadn't seen what they had seen."

Project Blue Book was carried out by the Air Force from 1952 to 1969 to record and study reports of U.F.O. sightings. In that period, 12,000 sightings were registered, although the Air Force never accepted that inexplicable phenomena could be of extraterrestrial origin.

"Blue Book was almost a cover-up," said Dr. Allen Hynek, a 66-year-old astronomy professor at Northwestern University in Chicago who was a consultant on the project. "There was no scientific approach to the problem. The party line was that all sightings were misperceptions. An initial report might say that a sighting was a possible balloon or a probable aircraft, but the words 'possible' and 'probable' would be dropped in the final report."

Dr. Hynek said he had no evidence that the United States Government had information about U.F.O.'s that would represent a major breakthrough. But he and his colleagues nevertheless want to study confidential official reports on sightings, above all those that have been tracked by radar or aircraft.

"We know the Air Force scrambles every time a U.F.O. is sighted," he said.

Charles Huffer, a mathematics teacher at American High School in West Berlin, has been pressing the armed forces to open their files through the Freedom of Information Act.

"They've been giving me the run-around," he said. "The Army said the Air Force had an ambitious research effort on empty-gravity propulsion, then the Air Force denied it. The Navy, though, still has orders to report U.F.O.'s and has a placard pinned on all ship bridges with a drawing of a flying saucer."

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Silvery Disc Is Spotted

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (UPI) — Law enforcement officers and a radio station reporter watched an unidentified flying object — described as a silvery, oblong disc with a fluttering tail — move slowly through the air over this northeast Missouri town about dawn Sunday.

"I can't tell you what it was," said police officer Robert Russell, the first to spot the object. He said it seemed to be twirling and was pointed slightly downward.

"It was like a big comet, bright, silvery, with a long tail," said Doug Mooney, a reporter for station KIRX.

Larry Biehl, a dispatcher for the Adair County sheriff's office, watched the object from outside the office. He said it was moving toward the east silently and finally disappeared from his view.

LIGHT
SAN ANTONIO, TX.
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UFO sighted

An unidentified flying object was sighted by Jackson Policeman Lloyd Laker last Sunday morning in the sky northwest of East Gros Ventre Butte.

Laker saw the U.F.O. as it was hovering motionless in the light of the rising sun. A call to the Idaho Falls Flight Service determined the object to be a balloon which was released in Aberdeen, South Dakota. The balloons, which are released periodically, can be seen floating at 50,000 to 80,000 feet.

GUIDE
JACKSON, WY.
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UFO Viewed In Pinedale

Pinedale residents observed a luminescent, oblong-shaped UFO in the skies above Fremont Lake for over 40 minutes Saturday night.

The unidentified flying object, first sighted at about 8 p.m., hovered over the lake at an altitude of 10,000 feet, according to Dick Forsgren, a Rock Springs resident staying in Pinedale.

Forsgren, who said he examined the UFO through 50-power binoculars, said there was no doubt in his mind the object wasn't the planet Jupiter or a weather balloon.

Forsgren, who is a pilot, described the object as looking like "two dinner plates stuck (together)." At each end of the saucer shape he said, were two lights.

The entire object was extremely bright and luminescent, he said.

Forsgren and a friend who had just flown in, scrutinized the object for almost 40 minutes.

After that time, Forsgren said, the object "headed due east" at a fantastic rate of speed, without making any noise or leaving a smoke trail.

Forsgren couldn't say for sure how big the object was but described it as "huge."

Pinedale police officer Richard Kabe, however, describes the object as a weather balloon.

"I'm sure it was a weather balloon," Kabe said.

He said he watched the object through a spotting scope and it showed no motion at all. "It was just floating around," he said.

According to Kabe, the object dimmed to invisibility after sunset, something he attributed to the balloon no longer reflecting the sun's rays.

"There wasn't much to it," he said.

Although there is an Air Force weather installation near Pinedale, Kabe said that to the best of his knowledge, no balloons were sent aloft Saturday night.

A number of other Pinedale residents glimpsed the UFO. Mrs. Albert Toth, a Rock Springs resident in Pinedale Saturday night, said the UFO had "a round top with two bright lights on either side."

Mrs. David Gallatin, a Pinedale resident, described the same lights that Mrs. Toth saw, but said the UFO was "top-shaped" and that there was "some kind of emission" at the pointed part of the top shape.

Frank Korfanta described the object identically to Mrs. Toth and Mrs. Gallatin's accounts and said he lost sight of it in field glasses after it entered a cloud bank.

An object matching the description of the Pinedale UFO was reported in Kirksville, Missouri on Sunday morning about dawn.

Forsgren last saw the UFO heading east.

'UFO' is sighted

An unidentified flying object was reported to Waynesboro police late Thursday night by about six or eight borough residents.

The object was spotted in the southwest area of town and was sporting a combination of red, green and blue lights.

According to police nothing could be located and it was speculated the object may have been a hovering helicopter.

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WAYNESBORO, PA.
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EXPRESS NEWS
KIRKSVILLE, MO.
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ROCK SPRINGS, WY.
MAY 24, 1977

DAILY NEWS
ANCHORAGE, ALAS.
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Several Area Residents Report Sighting Of UFO

Several area residents and law enforcement agents reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object at about dawn moving toward the east.

Today U.S. Weather Service officials in Columbia and flight control observers in Kansas City, Kan. stated they had received no reports of UFO's in the Kirksville area Sunday. Nothing unusual appeared on the radar screens (which were observed) and no pilots reported seeing anything unusual.

Police officer Robert Russell stated: "I can't tell you what it was. He said it seemed to be twirling and was pointed slightly downward."

The object was reportedly bright, silverish, and had a long tail, according to another observer.

One government official told the Daily Express many UFO sightings occur near the hours of dawn and sunset; at dawn the sightings are usually in the east and at dusk in the west.

Many of the sightings may be attributed to sunlight reflecting off of aircraft or weather balloons. Other UFOs may be attributed to meteors which come into the atmosphere and are ignited by the oxygen in the air, according to one official.

Officials also report that there probably was some aircraft and possibly weather balloons in the Kirksville area Sunday morning

UFO sightings reported here

By JEANNE ABBOTT
Daily News Staff Writer

Bright objects hovering together in Anchorage skies were reported last month by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport.

Reports of the eerie sight have been confirmed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

THIS TALE OF A UFO sighting has all the elements of an arctic science fiction thriller, and was uncovered by KANC radio announcer Pat Fullerton who has been reporting on the event for the past two days.

According to Fullerton who interviewed

major witnesses, air traffic controller Terry Siegrist first spotted four objects spaced equidistantly apart on April 23. He says the objects first appeared on his radar scope about 30 miles east of Anchorage, moving slowly. They came to a complete stop, picked up speed and "zipped off to the east," Siegrist said.

Fullerton then talked to controller Harry Fluaharty who was in contact with a Northwest Orient Airline pilot shortly afterwards. The pilot reported seeing only one bright object flying at 60,000 feet and moving at a high rate of speed.

"I'LL PROBABLY BE sorry for reporting this," the pilot said, but told Fluaharty that the

object was moving faster than anything he had ever seen.

In contacting the FAA, Fullerton confirmed the reports. An FAA spokesman said, "One of our radar approach controllers did report on April 23 that he observed four blips which gyrated on the radar scope in an unusual manner. The controller saw the blips settle downward, then move across the scope at a rapid rate of speed."

The FAA spokesman also confirmed that the airline crew reported the UFO. But said the spokesman, "It might have had some natural explanation and I wouldn't overplay it. I don't want people to think that the FAA sees little green men."

Citizens on Radio CB club reports UFO sightings

By E. Z. Strange

You've heard about CB clubs set up to patrol against burglars, report drunken drivers, crack down on game poachers, guard school campuses and monitor emergencies in general. But were you aware there's now a new CB association organized solely for the purpose of gathering data on unidentified flying objects.

Citizens Radio UFO Network (CRUFON) is its name. It's a spinoff of the International UFO Registry, a private group that compiles UFO sighting reports.

What the CBers involved hope to do is use their radios to draw immediate attention to sighted UFOs, thus to get verification from several viewers instead of just one or two. There is no lack of UFO reports, they say, just too few sightings that can be confirmed by more than one person.

EVENING POST
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Was UFO hovering over city?

"I've never seen anything like it," was the reaction of Karl Gillard of City Police after he left his desk sergeant duties for a moment Wednesday night to view a peculiar site hovering in the skies above Lake Charles.

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A large, bright red "spot" hung over the city about 11:30 p.m. Gillard said. He said he received about 20 telephone calls from people in Lake Charles and Iowa who wondered what the mysterious sighting could be.

A man from Iowa said quite a few townspeople gathered in the roadway to watch the UFO until it finally disappeared behind the cloud cover.

Gillard said he had no idea what it was.

Do UFOs Fly In Colorado?

A baby UFO and its "Big Mama", a soundless, illusive flying object, have become the focal points in Logan County for a devoted audience of nighttime viewers.

Those monitoring the strange objects since their appearance in northeastern Colorado in late November include the Logan County Sheriff's Department, which views them as a new dimension of its investigation into cattle mutilations.

The unexplainable deaths and confirmed mutilation of 72 cattle in the county since August 1975 prompted Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves to pursue every possible lead that may result in uncovering those responsible for the senseless slaughter.

Reports of strange lights over Logan County began coming into Graves' office toward the end of November, about the time he found peculiar "pot marks" he attributed to "possibly an unknown type of aircraft" near the scenes of mutilations.

"These were the same type of tracks found by lawmen last September near the site of an animal mutilation in New Mexico," he said.

Big Mama, which can change shape and color, has been observed by numerous residents of the county, according to reports in the sheriff's office. Those who have frequently observed her include Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, chief deputy Tom Bohannon, deputies Bob Stone and Gary Cure; Bill Jackson, news reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate; and Jake Gronseth, news director for Radio Station KGEK in Sterling. All agree they've seen the following:

Big Mama can be likened to a pencil eraser and her little one to the size of a pin head in comparison. You can be looking at the stars and five minutes later Big Mama will be there. If she's close or low in the sky you can see one large white light underneath with red and green lights on either side of it. At a distance the lights flash white, turn green, then red, like one revolving colored light. For the most part, she just hovers.

Suddenly a stream of light bounces from beneath the large craft and the baby UFO with a single brilliant light comes from Big Mama and starts to move off slowly. As though it has kicked in an after burner, it then moves out of sight rapidly. Mama just sits there for a time, then either disappears or turns out her lights.

None of the viewers have heard either craft make a sound and no one has reported seeing the little craft go back in the big one or even rejoin it.

Graves, who exchanges information with law enforcement officials in 20 other states where cattle mutilations have occurred during past years, recently received information concerning Big Mama and her baby from Capt. Keith Wolverton of the Cascade County Sheriff's Department in Great Falls, Mont. Wolverton also has conducted an intensive investigation into all leads concerning cattle mutilation.

"He watched Big Mama on radar, just hanging there at 21,000 feet, and in 3½ seconds she had moved to 44,000 feet," Graves said. "We know of no chopper in the United States that has this much speed. The fastest one is the Cheyenne, which has a top speed of 290 miles an hour."

The lights of Big Mama are brilliant and hover in the sky from half an hour to an hour.

"If you look lower in the sky you can sometimes see from two to five of them," he said. "Suddenly, they'll all join in a group and disappear."

According to Jackson: "The undersheriff and I watched Big Mama one night when she was really bright. The light went to a pinpoint, then got larger and brighter. After awhile she wasn't there. She either turned off her lights or moved out."

Jackson and Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, who is accumulating hours toward his private pilot's license, have taken a number of night flights after spotting Big Mama in the sky in an effort to get closer to her.

"We flew up to 10,000 feet and she was further away from us than when we started," Wolever said. "We can never get close to her because she plays games. She always paces us, just so far away, or disappears altogether."

In an effort to bring her into closer range, they used infrared binoculars and star scopes.

"One night when she was considerably closer than usual we were on the ground and looked at her through a 60-power zoom telescope," Wolever said. "We could see her change shape and color. At first she was a round shape, then we lost her for 15 minutes. When she appeared again she was a rectangular shape like a pea or a tear drop. The color of the entire thing turned from white to a red, then to green and back to white again."

The first instance of unexplainable "pot marks" noted by Graves near two mutilated cattle were five feet apart, forming a triangular pattern. They were seven inches across and 2½ inches deep and looked as though made by a round bottom plate. There was no prop wash and no burn marks that might come from a conventional aircraft.

In the second occurrence of the marks they were too numerous to determine a pattern since they were found north, east and west of the animal's body, spreading out to an area as far as 50 feet from it.

The sheriff returned two days later and discovered a new set of similar tracks that hadn't been there when he first investigated the mutilation. These were three circular shaped indentations in the ground which formed a triangle with the sides of the triangle about 13 inches apart.

In all instances of the peculiar tracks, he said, reports of strange lights in the sky had been reported the night before the mutilated animals were discovered.

Another unexplainable circumstance in conjunction with an earlier mutilation, the sheriff said, involved strange skid marks that looked as though somebody had dragged a bag of feed over the grass approximately 50 feet from the animal.

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One of the more mysterious incidents reported to the sheriff involved three cattle mutilations during the first week of August 1976 in the same feed lot seven miles southwest of Sterling.

On successive nights three animals died and were disfigured with no clues left behind. Two of the ranch's cowhands decided they'd stake out the feedlot for the next two nights, sitting on the grain elevator.

The second night about 4 a.m. the feedlot was well lit and there was plenty of lighting when they saw three "human-like figures" go over the feedlot fence, they told the sheriff later adding that the figures didn't move like humans; they seemed to glide. They called the sheriff's office and within six minutes two cars of officers were there, but the "figures" were nowhere to be found, although there were no cars in the area they could have escaped in.

The ground was muddy from rain, but there were no footprints across the feedlot. In addition, there were none leading up to the fence and no mud on the fence where they had climbed over.

So far, no cattle mutilations have been reported in Logan County this year, according to the sheriff who finds that the incidences slacken off during colder weather.

"On the other hand, there could be mutilated animals lying out there," he said. "Maybe their owners just haven't found them yet."

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Messages to Outer Space

UN Sec.-Gen. Kurt Waldheim and delegates from 14 countries recorded messages yesterday for any intelligent beings the Voyager I spacecraft might run across on a trip beyond the solar system.

"I send greetings on behalf of the people of our planet," Waldheim's message said. "We step out of our solar system into the universe seeking only peace and friendship, to teach if we are called upon; to be taught if we are fortunate."

Waldheim and members of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space tape-recorded the messages, which will be transferred, along with music and natural sounds, to a copper phonograph record and will be carried aboard the American spacecraft to be launched August 20 from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

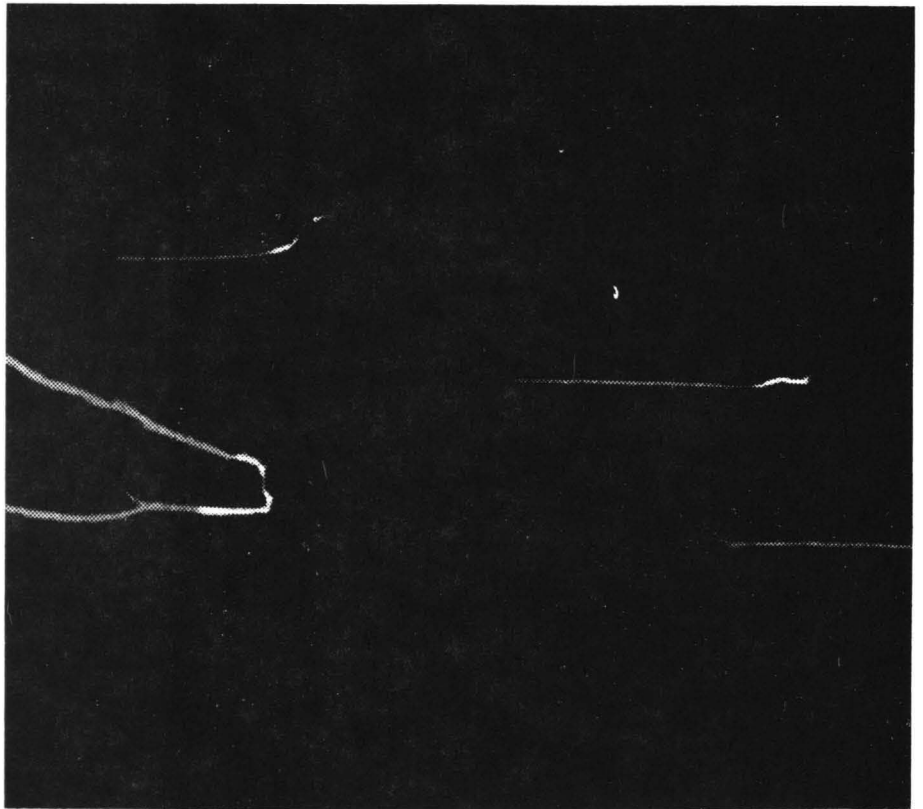


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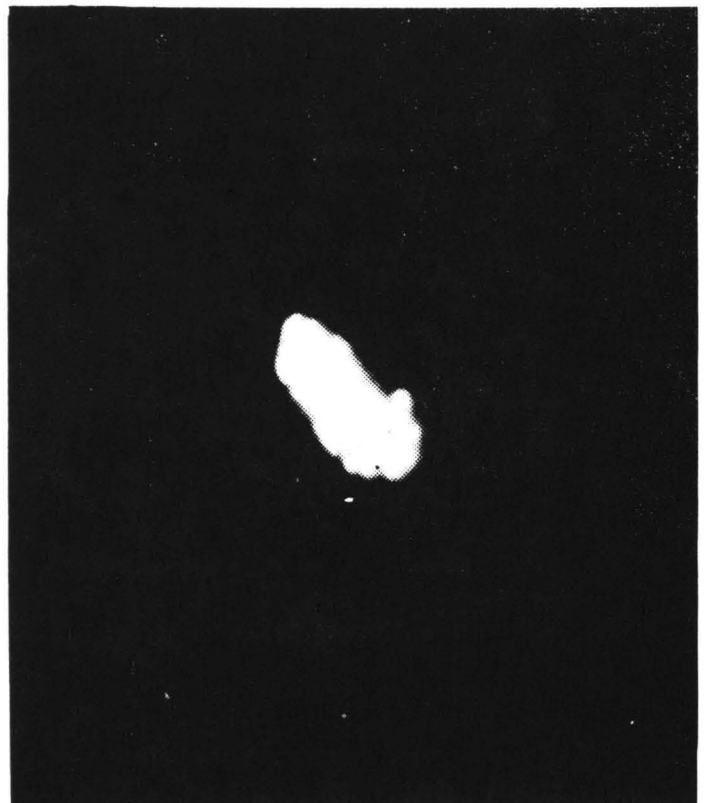
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The Logan County UFO



Bill Jackson, reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate, took these pictures for the Gazette Telegraph during December, January and February. He used a Pentax Honeywell camera SP1000 and Kodak 2475 high speed film with 1250mm and 260mm lenses with various time exposures. Above right: Big Mama creates a double streak while her babies create single lines as they move away from the area. Above left: the UFO appears as an elongated light in a 15-30 second time exposure. Left: a pinwheel effect showing the UFO's motion; Below left: the object appears as a round light, but the faint tentacled lights are only static electricity while irregular lights are unexplained; below right: still another view of the light which has been sighted frequently in Logan County.



More Than One Witnessed UFO

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By SHIRLEY LAZARUS
HARDING TWP. — A Morristown employe may have seen the same unidentified object Monday night as reported by Miss Leslie Hendricks.

Mrs. Nancy Allocco, who works in the violations bureau, reported that she was en route home to her Blue Mill Road residence in Harding Township from Drew University campus that evening with her two children Lee, 12 and Neil, 14, when they first sighted it.

"We were in front of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Margetts' house, Blue Mill Road, when I noticed a big glowing thing in the sky in the direction of Bernardsville," she said.

"It was too big and too close to be a star and it appeared to be motionless," she noted.

Mrs. Allocco said that as the car she was driving entered Van Beuren Road and James Street "we lost sight of it because of the trees."

But the threesome spotted the phenomenon again as they entered their driveway from James Street.

"We were so fascinated at the sight, that we sat in our driveway watching it — when suddenly it began moving off toward Green Village and it was gone."

Mrs. Allocco said she thought nothing of the incident until reading Wednesday's Daily Record report of the

sighting of a similar UFO by Miss Hendricks.

Miss Hendricks, 24, had described what she saw as "an oversized moon, glowing orange red," which caught her attention as she was leaving a department store in the Livingston Mall about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

She said, "It seemed to be energizing, and in about seven or eight seconds it flashed across the sky and disappeared."

Miss Hendricks had asked anyone who had seen the glowing ball in the sky or had an explanation to call the Daily Record.

Not quite sure that what she saw was really a UFO, Mrs. Allocco suggested that it was a "cloudy night, perhaps it was something distorted by atmospheric conditions."

Calling her sighting a "big monstrous glowing star," Mrs. Allocco also wondered whether there were any unusual airplanes in the area.

The UFO sighting has aroused the interest of Vestiga, a local organization that investigates any such reports.

Kathy Krogstad, Dover, who is associated with Vestiga, was delighted in hearing of the account. "Usually this reports filter down to us three or four years later," she said, as she prepared to get her accounting first hand.

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 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.

Sky's Night Lights Puzzle Witness

ENFIELD — Pat Thompson has always said she wouldn't believe it unless she saw it. Sunday night, she says she did and today she said she doesn't know what to think.

What the 17-year-old Enrico Fermi High School senior said she witnessed was a formation of 20 or so glowing objects making "strange shapes" in the evening sky. Police have classified her report as another sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Ms. Thompson said she was at a girlfriend's house on Lynch Terrace shortly after 9 p.m. when her friend, Gina Marlow, spotted the objects which she characterized as "huge glowing balloons."

The spectacle lasted only a minute or so, but she said during that time the formation of objects changed shape several times. First, she reported, the "balloons" formed a diamond shape before converging, disappearing, and reforming into an arrow shape. Then a wedge shape emerged before the objects were lost from sight behind a tree in the direction of Enfield Square.

When she tried to locate them again, the "balloons" were gone, Ms. Thompson said.

It is believed to be the first sightings of an unidentified flying object in Enfield since one was seen last July. But just a year before that report, five sightings were recorded by police between February and June of 1975.

Police, investigating Ms. Thompson's report, suggested that she had seen an ambulance on nearby Interstate 91, according to the high school senior.

But she discounted that theory, pointing out she had lived near the highway for many years and would know an ambulance when she saw one. Besides, she added, the glowing objects were definitely above the highway.

Ms. Thompson said she has been a skeptic about the existence of UFOs, though she

has kept an open mind on the possibility.

"I always used to say I wouldn't believe it unless I saw

one," she said this morning. "Now I really don't know what to think. . . I'm not nuts. I know I saw something strange."

Descriptions of those UFOs ranged from dinner plates with multi-colored lights to a silver object about the size of an air-

plane to a golf ball bouncing in the sky with a red light revolving around it.

Ms. Thompson said the glowing objects she saw Sunday were "yellow with an orange tint." Taken together, she said, the 20 "balloons" were larger than an airplane though she could not say what their altitude was.

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METEORITE POSSIBLE UFO CITY MAN SAYS

A Charleston man believes a meteorite was the "unidentified flying object" which Boone County residents and several persons in the Charleston area claim to have seen last Sunday morning between 3 and 4 a.m.

Donald Vaughan, an employe of FMC Corp., said he and his wife also spotted the brightly-lit object in the sky while they were traveling down I-64 towards Charleston early Sunday.

"We noticed a light flashing from the hillside like lightning. We were in flat country and had a good view," Vaughan concluded from his sighting that the object which frightened many people who saw it was, "a large meteorite with a big, bright tail."

"It was off to the southwest, which would put it close to Boone County," he added.

However, Dan Isaac, a science teacher in Madison said he believes Boone County residents who sighted the object may still have been seeing a UFO. Isaac has been recording sightings of UFOs for 14 years and has been collecting statements from people who claim to have seen the object Sunday morning.

Sprinkle Expects Increase In Soviet UFO Sightings

by Tom Callaghan
Boomerang Staff Writer

If Unidentified Flying Object sightings follow their past patterns, then the Soviet Union will experience a significant increase in such reports in 1977, said Dr. Leo Sprinkle, noted UFO investigator and psychologist at the University of Wyoming.

Speaking Wednesday at the afternoon "Sandwich Speakers Club," sponsored by the UAC Speakers Committee, Dr. Sprinkle told the audience the UFO sightings have moved in five year cycles, with the first being recorded in the northwestern United States in 1947.

In 1952, the largest number of sightings moved to the central United States, and to South America in 1957, said Sprinkle. The concentration was noted in the Atlantic Ocean in 1962, Africa in 1967, and Europe in 1972. The present prediction is that the concentration of UFO sightings will surface in Russia in 1977.

The study of UFO sightings has become "acceptable but not respectable," said Sprinkle. There are natural explanations for 98 per cent of all UFO sightings, he said, but that still leaves "thousands and thousands" of unexplained sightings. It is currently unpopular both scientifically and

politically to give credence to reports of UFO sightings.

There are five categories into which UFO sightings fit, said Sprinkle. The first is explained by people mistaking natural phenomenon, such as ice particles or weather balloons, for UFO's. The second is explained by people "seeing things that really aren't there," said Sprinkle. The third category covers hoaxes or jokes that are intended to make people believe in UFO's. The fourth category offers a possibility of earth made, secret, government weapons or planes as an explanation for UFO sightings.

The fifth category is the one that concerns Sprinkle, who says he has seen a UFO on two separate occasions himself. That is the belief that space craft, whether controlled by alien civilizations or by a "hidden civilization" on earth, are flying through the skies.

One theory, advanced by Sprinkle, is that the sightings are a result of the UFO's trying to "get our attention." He said that the space craft are apparently interested in contacting only individuals and not society as a whole.

"One thing is not to be doubted," said Sprinkle, "and that is that the people who have had these sightings believe that they have seen UFO's."

Sprinkle has used hypnosis to question several people who have reported sightings.

"There is more interest among individuals than government agencies," said Sprinkle. He questioned whether all of Project Blue Book, the U.S. Air Forces' investigation into UFO phenomenon, had been released to the public. The ones they were not able to explain, he said, were possible sent to Washington and kept from the general public.

This may change, though, he said. President Carter was reported to have had a UFO sighting himself and said during his Presidential campaign that if he was elected he would release all governmental information of the subject.

Sprinkle told the audience not to get their hopes up, though, for Gerald Ford had expressed interest in UFO's while still a Congressman and had not followed through when he became president.

The UAC Speakers Committee's next Sandwich Speaker will be Dr. B. Boebek, who will speak on his educational visit to Poland. Also planned are visits by the mayors of Rock Springs and Gillette to speak on impact problems encountered in their towns.

Wellsville police chief spots UFO

By MATT WALSH

The Capital-Journal State Staff

It was round, about the size of an automobile. It was bright white, like a huge light that lit up the sky. And it made short movements, back and forth and up and down, like an unidentified flying object.

And as far as Ron Orton, chief of the Wellsville Police Department, is concerned, that's what it was — a UFO.

Or was it?

A staff member at the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., says the object was the planet Venus.

Orton spotted this weird configuration about 4:30 a.m. this morning about 50 miles east of Wellsville, a town about 45 miles southeast of Lawrence, as he and another patrolman were making the rounds around town.

Orton said he watched the object about an hour and a half with a pair of nine-powered binoculars. As he observed, the object moved erratically in short distances. However, at one point, he said it moved about a mile north and then returned to its original position.

Orton also said there was a small, dim red light that looked to be about 10 miles south of the big, bright object.

Both were visible until dawn, and then they disappeared high in the sky.

The Wellsville police chief said this was the first time he had seen such an object, adding, "I hope it's my last, too."

But it may not be. The UFO Reporting Center spokesman said Venus is often mistaken for a UFO in early morning hours, noting the center receives a lot of telephone calls from alarmed observers.

From the information the Wellsville Police Department reported to the center, the spokesman said it indicated "the exact position of where Venus would have been over the horizon."

And Venus, he said, usually appears to be about four times larger than an average star.

The UFO center staff member explained Orton's claim the object moved about mile north because of cloud activity.

"It was our understanding there was a broken cloud layer moving above," he said. "If that cloud layer had been on the move, it would appear the object itself was moving."

As far as the back-and-forth and up-and-down movements, the spokesman said: "It was probably eye distortion. We do get that quite often from people who watch Venus. If they stare at the thing long enough it would appear as if it would move back and forth, especially if you use binoculars that are not stationary."

The spokesman could give no explanation for the small red light.

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UFO Rattles TV Antenna Atop Mobile Home

LAKE HELEN — It was approximately 1:30 a.m. several weeks ago that Mrs. Leonard Twidt, who was not asleep, heard the TV antenna on her home at Lake Helen Mobile Villa shake violently. She also observed very bright lights shining through the drawn window shades of her bedroom.

Rushing outside, Mrs. Twidt observed a huge round object in the sky above the villa, fringed with flashing colored lights, slowly traveling at tree-top height toward the south.

She immediately awoke her husband. He's a sound sleeper, and by the time he went outside the "thing" in the air was disappearing in the distance. He only got a partial view of the object.

Both Leonard and Helen Twidt claim the object made no noise in the air and now regret they did not call neighbors to verify the sighting. Neighbors agree that the Twidts are not excitable people, given to fabrications. Nor are they the types who would be influenced by imagination.

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UFO's Don't Seem To Like Montgomery County

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Has Few Calls

"We haven't had any calls of this nature in quite a long time," said Trooper John Bergan, of the criminal unit.

Hunsicker said a patrol car probably would be dispatched to the scene if a UFO report was received.

"Then, we would call the Pennsylvania UFO Center," he said.

Trooper Bergan said State Police follow "no prescribed policy" regarding UFO reports.

"If something appeared bona fide," he said, "we would take the pertinent information and possibly would call the Air Force or the naval air station in Willow Grove."

Unknown of Center

Bergan said he has no knowledge of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Mrs. Jeffers said the center, although not officially recognized by most police departments or government agencies, is recognized by the major UFO organizations in the country.

Persons interested in UFO research who feel they have scientific expertise to offer can write for an application to Mrs. Jeffers or Robert L. Cowell, assistant director, at 287 Colony Drive, Irwin, Pa. 15642.

The organization is staffed with 56 volunteers from many professions, including scientists, engineers, medical personnel, teachers, technicians and law enforcement officers.

'One Purpose'

"We're all working towards one purpose," said Mrs. Jeffers. "And that is to put all our information together so we might discover what they (UFO's) are and why they're here."

The organization is equipped with specialized radiological, photographic and electronic instruments to aid in the analysis of UFO reports.

And complete laboratory facilities are available to the center to analyze specimens from alleged UFO landing sites.

Founded by Stanley Gordon, Greensburg, the center began as a county organization and went statewide about four years ago. It is totally funded by membership dues.

'Write Us A Letter'

Residents who seriously think they have seen a UFO should file a report with their local police department, Mrs. Jeffers said. "Then write us a letter."

How should one handle a UFO encounter?

Mrs. Jeffers suggests writing down any and all observations as soon as possible.

"You should include whether or not there was any sound made by the object; compare its size to something, like a car; describe its shape and color; did the shape and color change; where was it located — how far from the horizon, how close to you?; did it hover or soar; if it soared, in what direction did it travel and at what approximate speed."

"Try to notice as many details as possible," she continued. "If it landed and there are tracks or landing gear marks, try to cover them so they won't be destroyed."

Observe Animals

Mrs. Jeffers said a UFO witness should also record any animal reactions, if there are animals in the area. "A big, mean dog may suddenly hide in a corner and whimper," she said.

"You should try to write down as soon as possible everything you can remember about the object," Mrs. Jeffers added. "Possibly include a sketch of it."

Mrs. Jeffers said the UFO center will reply to all serious letters with a questionnaire report to be completed and returned by the UFO witness. "If it is something truly fantastic, we would try to get somebody out there."

About 95 percent of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) reports are found to have a natural explanation, according to several sources.

But that still leaves thousands of alleged sightings on a world-wide level which cannot be explained by present day scientific knowledge.

Montgomery County, however, apparently is not a favorite among the alleged visitors from outer space. Norristown Police, State Police at Limerick, and police in several area townships all said they seldom, if ever, receive reports of UFO's.

Nevertheless, reports are frequently received by the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, based in Westmoreland County, just east of Pittsburgh.

Latest Last Week

The latest came Tuesday of last week from Clearfield County.

"I was in bed when I heard it coming. It had a high-pitched whine, like when you twirl a rope over your head." That was how Burton Woods described his first awareness of the unidentified flying object.

When he clambered out of bed and ran to his front porch, Woods said he first thought the Goodyear blimp was going to crash across from his mobile home in rural Clearfield County.

"But when I got a real good look at it, I realized it was like nothing I had ever seen before in my life," the 45-year-old Piper Aircraft Corp. employee said in a telephone interview.

His encounter, which lasted about five minutes early Tuesday, and the fact that he snapped two photographs has generated considerable interest among investigators who are also looking into a series of sightings, in the area last week.

Took Photos

The photographs were taken with a small pocket camera and the film was turned over to the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Woods, who said he did not believe in UFOs before the incident, described the object as having the shape of a teardrop, about 150 to 200 feet long.

"It was a brownish-gray color and had a bright glossy green panel on the bottom," he said. "I got so close I could have clobbered it with a baseball."

"We feel he really did see an unidentified craft," said Joan Jeffers, executive director of the group, an independent organization allied with the National Center for UFO study in Illinois.

'Man Telling Truth'

"Intuitively, I feel the man is telling the truth because most people are not very well versed on the effects of close encounters with UFOs," she said.

Among the after-effects Woods described are headaches, blurred vision and general fatigue.

"Based on information gathered over the years by other people who say they have been exposed to UFO's, these symptoms are typical," Mrs. Jeffers added.

The week before, scores of people in the Punxsutawney-Dubois area reported strange lights and objects. A number of state police officers, including one who followed an object and watched it for about 30 minutes, were among those reporting the sightings.

Acts as Clearinghouse

The center, staffed by volunteers, was established 12 years ago as a statewide 24-hour clearinghouse for UFO reports.

Working in conjunction with the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois and the Mutual UFO Network, the center studies the psychological, physical, and medical aspects of alleged UFO encounters.

Mrs. Jeffers said more than 1,200 UFO reports are on file.

"Many of them involve close encounters perhaps 50 to 100 feet away", Mrs. Jeffers said.

She admits, though, that "only five to 10 percent" are "actual" UFO's, or those which are unexplainable to the researcher.

Some are Hoaxes

"There are still a number of hoaxes too," Mrs. Jeffers said, "but much fewer than in the past."

A nurse for 20 years before entering UFO research, Mrs. Jeffers said more and more Americans are becoming "believers" in UFO's.

"According to a recent Gallup poll," she said, "about 53 per cent of U.S. citizens believe that there are UFO's."

Skeptical people say, "if they are UFO's, why haven't we been contacted by them," Mrs. Jeffers said.

"But a lot of people claim they have been contacted, many of them say they have been taken aboard a craft and examined," she said. "Some say they have received telepathic messages."

Happens Everywhere

"The people who claim they have been taken aboard probably have been," Mrs. Jeffers continued. "It happens, I believe, all over the world."

"Some of the reports are from people who say they have seen humanoids," she said. "But there aren't too many occupant sightings."

Mrs. Jeffers said alleged occupant sightings and close encounters with UFO's usually occurred between midnight and 3 a.m. and in rural areas.

Mrs. Jeffers, who claims she has seen two UFO's herself, is a firm believer of the existence of UFO's.

"UFO's most definitely do exist," she maintains.

Researchers Ridiculed

"The government for years ridiculed UFO researchers," she said. "Then it started serious research after the Robertson Panel's convincing findings in 1953."

"But then the government seemed to leave UFO investigation after an investigation in 1969 by the University of Colorado disclosed that UFO's are not a threat to our security."

The Pennsylvania center receives no government subsidies and is not officially recognized by the government but presently is seeking an official status with state and local police.

Mrs. Jeffers feels the non-profit organization provides a "service" to the public and police departments.

"We believe we are providing a service to the general public as well as law enforcement agencies, who do not always have the time and personnel to properly investigate an alleged UFO encounter," she said.

Seeks Police Aid

"We do encourage police departments to personally investigate reports from citizens, as well as notifying us of the event," she added.

Mrs. Jeffers feels police departments in the past few years have taken UFO sightings more seriously.

"Perhaps this is because UFO sightings by police officers have increased steadily," she explained.

Norristown Police said UFO reports are a rarity.

"We haven't even had one UFO report in the past two years," said Sgt. Theodore Hunsicker, community relations. "And very few before that."

State Police at Limerick can't even remember the last time a UFO report was received.

What Is Known About UFOs?

By MILTON ROCKMORE

PETER A. STURROCK, Ph.D., Professor of Space Science Astrophysics, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. — In my experience, the longer a scientist studies this question, the more convinced he becomes further investigation is required. Only those who examine it superficially dismiss it with simple explanations.

Of the more than 2,600 members of the American Astronomical Society recently surveyed by me, 53 per cent, or 1,356, responded. About 80 per cent of these felt the UFO problem "certainly . . . probably . . . or possibly . . . deserves scientific study."

Sixty-two scientists had witnessed or obtained records of events they could not identify which could have been related to the UFO phenomenon. Although the Air Force dropped its investigation of UFO's based on the Condon Report published in 1968, careful scrutiny of the report reveals discrepancies between case studies and Dr. Condon's conclusion.

I believe that UFOs are an important subject that needs continuing intensive study.

CARL SAGAN, Ph.D., Director, Laboratory for Planetary Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. — The idea of visitation from another planet cannot be dismissed. There's nothing ridiculous about it. We have already launched Pioneer 10, an interstellar spacecraft.

However, my answer is based on the quality of reported sightings thus far. There is no case where an object from a spacecraft has been produced. We have only eyewitness testimony; now a captain's log, that would really be worthwhile.

Two things are essential when an important claim such as this is made: 1) Indisputable proof; there can be no doubt about authenticity. 2) The report is so exotic it defies human contrivance. I've spent a great deal of time on this and as far as I can tell there is not a single case with concurrent high reliability and exoticness. There is no evidence to support the existence of UFO's, although the likelihood exists.

PHILLIP MORRISON, Ph.D., Institute Professor of

Physics, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. — There are a lot of things up there and we don't know everything that's happening. They could be flying saucers, but I doubt it.

I make the comparison with meteors. For hundreds of years, astronomers denied their existence. And, as we know now, they were wrong. Possibly like UFO's, most reports were pure nonsense and a few might have been true.

But the world was convinced of the existence of stones from heaven when a gigantic meteorite fell on two French villages in 1802. It broke into thousands of fragments and there it was: visual proof positive.

Until I see a matchbook or something from a UFO spacecraft some claim to have boarded, or other hard evidence, I'll just have to sit it out waiting for the right case.

J. ALLEN HYNEK, Ph.D., Professor of Astronomy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. — When I began investigating the subject in 1948 at the request of the Air Force I would have bet it was just a passing fad. But it's persisted all over the world.

You can either say that thousands who have reported seeing something are just plain crazy or that there is something going on. We can't yet prove visitors from another solar system but we know it's more than fools the eye or deludes the fool.

A hundred years ago we didn't know about the solar wind and charged particles from the sun to explain the northern lights (aurora borealis). Maybe we don't know enough yet to understand UFO's.

For UFO information sources, send stamped, addressed envelope to: Center, UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill. 60202.

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Two Report Seeing UFO

At Kirksville, Mo., law enforcement officers and a radio station reporter watched an unidentified flying object — described as a silvery, oblong disc with a fluttering tail — move slowly through the air over this northeast Missouri town about dawn yesterday.

"I can't tell you what it was," said police officer Robert Russell, the first to spot the object. "It was like a big comet, bright, silverish, with a long tail," said Doug Mooney, a reporter for station KIRX.

Officer Calls UFO 'Work Of The Lord'

TAYLORSVILLE — Officer Steve Sasser of the police department here says he is still shaking after seeing the strangest sight of his life this morning.

Sasser, who has been on the force about eight months, was one of several men who saw an unidentified flying object before dawn today near the intersection of Miss. 531 and 28 at the Leaf River Bridge.

"I think people out ought to straighten up," said a shaken Sasser. The object is "the Lord's work."

Sasser gave this story:

Charles McKinley of the Taylorsville Police Department received a message about 4:30 a.m. today from a wrecker-truck driver who was pulling a vehicle to Laurel.

The wrecker's driver, obviously upset, said he saw something out by the Leaf River Bridge that he wanted the police to investigate.

Sasser went to the area, about 1½ miles outside town. When he arrived the truck driver, whose name was not immediately available, met him and pointed to an object in the sky.

"It was about 100 feet above the ground," said Sasser, and off to the left of the highway. "The driver of the truck had said when he first spotted it, the object was about 50 feet high, right over the highway pavement."

Sasser said he and the truck driver stared at the object for a few seconds, maybe a couple of minutes. And then it started toward them.

Sasser said it was oblong and gave off a whitish glow. There was no sound and the object moved quickly up and down. He said he could see no windows, only a glow of light and a little of the outline.

"I got back in the car and told headquarters it was getting pretty close," Sasser said. "I remember that incident at Pascagoula (where two men said they were taken aboard a UFO) and I didn't want that. It scared me."

"We called the chief (Tony Blakney) and he came out and we tried to take some pictures but they did not turn out."

"Then it moved away and went up higher in the sky and just stayed there -- about one hour and 20 minutes."

"We went back to headquarters and we could still see it for a while and several people in town saw it," said Sasser.

"Then we looked and it was gone."

Sasser said he did not believe in UFOs before today.

"But now I do believe," he said. "And I hope it's the last time I see one."

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Fourth dimension may explain UFOs

This world in which we live and think we understand is of three dimensions, namely length, breadth and thickness. There is, however, a school of thought that assumes there may be a fourth dimension, a sort of a superstate which we cannot conceive or visit, but existing right alongside our own existence. This school of thought defines this fourth dimension as the "relationship of matter in space to time," an explanation incomprehensible to most of us, but it could explain such things as UFO's and much that is now attributed to intuition, instinct, extrasensory perception and the supernatural. Who knows but what the creatures that presumably travel in the UFO's now so often reported in our nighttime skies, have broken away from their three dimensional outlook of we terrestrials and have found the key to the door of this fourth world of mystical, mathematical hypothesis.

It has been said that in order to break away from the three dimensional world, man must develop a new space consciousness and recognize the fourth

dimension whose relations with the other three dimensions are mathematically soluble. With this recognition, say the mathematicians, will come something akin to that "sixth sense" so often heard about and will open up a startling new understanding of the universe.

At the sight of a piece of paper or some other inanimate object blowing in the wind, a horse, unable to interpret what it sees, will sometimes bolt and throw its rider. For the same reason that a horse may not correctly interpret the phenomena of physical life, man's interpretations may be limited in the same way when it comes to things beyond the third dimension.

The story of Plato's "Shadows" and the quotation from St. Paul, "Now we see as in a glass, darkly," further explains our inability to always accurately interpret what we see. As these two great mystics, along with the Russian mathematician, Ouspensky, whose arguments support the idea of another existence, would have us believe, life as we know it, may indeed

be but a shadow of the real life that dwells or coexists somewhere in the beyond.

So if you ever see a UFO, a ghost, or have a loneliness for a person you know not whom, a nostalgia for a place you know not where, or a yearning for a time you know not when, you may be sensing the fourth dimension, if not exactly seeing it.

Research may eventually find the key to the invisible world, or at least reveal some of the answers to questions about this fourth dimension.

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Earth invaded by G.I. Joe

NEW YORK (AP) — The two policemen, checking out a 6:30 a.m. report of a disorderly crowd in upper Manhattan, found a metal object shaped like a cone, a circle of yellow powder around it, and what looked like a tiny, humanoid body lying dead nearby.

About a dozen persons were standing around, seemingly transfixed by the capsule's blinking lights and gurgling noises.

Cautiously, the policemen moved forward. As they crossed the yellow circle, the lights began to blink faster and the noises got louder.

They retreated quickly.

After a moment or so, they moved on the capsule again and seized it.

They took it and the body back to the 34th Precinct police station, where an autopsy on the creature revealed it to be ...

A G.I. Joe doll wrapped in clay.

The capsule, dismantled, became two tape recorders and a lot of wire.

Police didn't say who they thought might have perpetrated such a hoax.

But they noted that this UFO landed across the street from Baker Field, an athletic area for students at Columbia University.

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UFO Was Seen Here By 11 People On Same Evening

Path Of Lights, Humming Sound, Is Traced

March 10 is a night at least eleven Harford county residents will not quickly forget.

At approximately 9 p.m. on that clear Thursday night, Thelma Maisenholder was traveling with her daughter up Bel Air road to their home in Fallston.

She spotted four objects in the sky, one red and three white, they were flying very low to the ground.

"I never saw a plane fly that low," she said. "I thought they were going to crash right on top of us."

But the flying objects didn't crash. They kept a steady pace, low to the ground, and headed North.

Then Mrs. Maisenholder began to think about what she saw. "It couldn't have been a helicopter," she claimed.

"I'm 39-years-old and I've seen enough airplanes in my life to know that the position of those lights could not have been on a plane." The lights were positioned; one red with three white to the right.

Approximately 15 minutes later, Norman Turner was driving home on Old Joppa road when he reportedly saw the same

four objects.

He reached his home and called his wife and a neighbor to witness the strange sight.

"There was no noise," said Mr. Turner, "except when they (the lights) were in front of us. Then there was one big humming sound that lasted a couple of minutes." He claims the noise was definitely not that of an airplane.

"What we heard from the four objects was a humming rather than the roar of jets."

Mr. Turner also said the objects were flying too low for an airplane. And the lights, which flashed occasionally, were not situated as normal airplane lights.

"I didn't believe in flying saucers," said Mrs. Turner, "but if there ever was a flying saucer, I saw one."

The Turners and their neighbor watched the four strange lights glide across the sky until they disappeared in the North.

Near 9:30 p.m. the same night in Fallston, Mrs. George Johnson and her two daughters claim to have seen the same four lights.

"I know it wasn't a helicopter," she reported. "They were too low and made no noise."

"I didn't tell anybody (at the time) because they'd think I was going out of my mind. But I definitely saw them."

"They flew together, then

separated. They went off in different directions very swiftly."

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

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

All eleven Harford county residents described the four lights exactly the same. All reported seeing the low-flying objects within the same hour, but at different points in the county. And all claim the red and white lights did not belong to a helicopter or an airplane.

The only official explanation of the strange event was given by the Maryland State Police.

"A sergeant there told me that there was a wreck on Route 7 that night," said Mr. Turner. "and that the lights were from a helicopter flying from the accident."

"But what I saw was four individual vehicles, and they were moving in the opposite direction from which the helicopter should have been."

Both the Johnsons and the Turners claim the four objects were UFOs and fit into their preconceived definition of flying saucers.

Mrs. Maisenholder said, "I don't know what I saw, but whatever it was, it has to be more intelligent than I am."

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Tusseyville Resident Reports UFO Sighting

A Tusseyville man reported the sighting of a UFO near his home along Rt. 322 on Saturday at 9:55 p.m.

He said he pulled into his driveway when he noticed a very bright light traveling very fast about 100 feet from the ground. As it headed for a hill near his home, the six-foot round object turned blue as sped out of sight, he reported. He said his wife also saw the object from the car.

Bright red object over South Bay

The callers agreed on only one thing: Whatever was in the sky over the South Bay area around 5 o'clock this morning was bright red.

After that, said Santa Clara County sheriff's deputy Martin Warych, one caller described it as oval-shaped, another caller as tree-shaped, and another caller reported it was round and emitting white lights.

UFO sighting centers in the area, said Warych, could not confirm any presence in the pre-dawn sky, though pilots, flying from the Reid Hillview private airport in San Jose, also reported they saw "something."

Warych said his office received "several calls." He said the sheriff's office in Alameda County as well as the Los Gatos Police Department also was called.

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Many UFO Sightings In 4 State Area Investigated

Fawn Grove 'Landing' Draws More Attention

Four Eastern states, including Maryland, are experiencing a mild wave of Unidentified Flying Objects, according to Robert D. Barry, director of the 20th Century UFO Bureau.

During the month of March, UFO sightings were reported in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, according to Mr. Barry whose headquarters are located in Collingswood, N.J.

UFO's were reported by at least eleven Harford county residents on the night of March 10. UFO's were described as having four lights, one red and three white. They were said to be saucer shaped and flying close to the

ground.

Another UFO, described as a burning ball of fire, was reported near Fawn Grove, Pa., on March 5.

Mr. Barry believes new evidence further indicates the burning ball of fire was a UFO taking off from the property of Robert L. Brown, located near Fawn Grove.

There was a fire on Mr. Brown's property, the same night the burning ball of fire was reported by neighbors.

The fire covered an area of approximately 50 square feet. In the center of the burnt area was a triangle of unburned grass. This triangle was outlined by three small indentations in the ground.

Mr. Barry believes a UFO may have landed on the property, making the indentations in the ground.

A Geiger counter reading was

not taken until one week after the fire. According to Mr. Barry a normal Geiger counter reading is between 0.2 and 0.4.

The center of the burnt area had a reading of 1.5, he said. Two hundred feet away from the burnt patch, the reading was between 0.6 and 0.7.

A military helicopter also landed near the Brown property the day after the UFO was reported, said Mr. Barry.

"They must have landed to investigate for some reason," he said. "There were guards around the helicopter."

Mr. Barry also stated that two more burnt areas with the three indentations in the ground have been found near the vicinity of the Brown property.

Police and Fire officials have not been able to determine the exact cause of the fire on Brown's property, March 5.



MORE UFO SIGHTINGS

Chased by a flying football

Why are beings from Outer Space so interested in Josephine Hewison's greenhouse?

And why were Pauline Coombes and her family chased for more than a mile by a flying football?

These are the questions on the mind of local UFOlogist Randall Pugh this week as he probes the latest in the bizarre series of flying saucer sightings in Pembrokeshire.

The new sightings both occurred less than three miles from the Broad Haven primary school, where 14 children saw the best publicised of the recent crop of saucers.

And Mr. Pugh, the West Wales co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association, says they fit in well with the pattern which is emerging.

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Mrs. Josephine Hewison is a bachelor of science, down-to-earth farmer's wife and a person not given to imagining things.

And she is positive that she saw a 40-foot flying saucer parked next to her greenhouse at Lower Broadmoor Farm, Little Haven.

Mrs. Hewison was in her bedroom 100 yards away when she noticed the shiny, silver

object. It annoyed her to think someone had parked by the greenhouse. Then it dawned on her that this was no ordinary vehicle.

She watched her unearthly visitor for more than two minutes. Then it vanished in seconds while she was trying to get a closer look.

"When I realised it wasn't from the farm, I thought it must be a UFO," she said. "I don't think it could have been anything else."

IDENTICAL

The saucer Mrs. Hewison saw was virtually identical to the object described by the Broad Haven schoolchildren.

"One of my children thought he saw it, but he jumps on any bandwagon," she said. "My first reaction to the children's story was that it was good for a laugh, and that's all."

"I didn't believe in flying saucers then, but I'm decidedly less sceptical now."

Mrs. Hewison wasn't frightened by her saucer. In fact, she'd like a chance to see it again.

According to Mr. Pugh, it's unlikely that she will. He says the odds against seeing even one UFO are 12,000 to one.

But farmer's wife Pauline Coombes claims to have seen three UFOs this year. According to Mrs. Coombes,

they are so interested in her that they even follow her car.

Mrs. Coombes was driving near Little Haven with her three children when 10 year-old Keiron spotted a strange light dropping out of the sky towards them.

His mother put her foot down and accelerated under the falling object. But Keiron, watching through the back window, saw the thing stop in mid-air and begin to follow the car.

TORCH-LIKE

He described the UFO as a yellow ball, about the size of a football, with a torch-like beam from its base.

It kept hedge-hopping alongside the car for more than a mile. Then, just as the family reached their home — Ripperston Farm, Dale — the engine and lights suddenly died.

Mrs. Coombes, Keiron and her twin daughters Layanne and Joanne, aged eight, dashed into the house to fetch her husband, Bill. But by the time he came out, the flying football had disappeared.

"We were all very frightened, especially the children, who were in tears," said Mrs. Coombes.

Yet another UFO has been spotted by bloodstock breeder Mr. Peter Burford of Glasfryn, St. Clears.

HUGH TURNBULL REPORTS

"My wife first saw a thin orange-red light on the horizon," he said. "It seemed to be pulsating, but for two minutes remained quite stationary."

Mr. Burford watched it for about 20 minutes as it silently left its position and moved towards Carmarthen.

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UFO just a lot of hot air

A WEATHER balloon is believed to have caused an unidentified flying object sighting over Hawthorn yesterday.

The object was seen by Mrs Fay Anderson, 43, of Glen St., Hawthorn, when she was collecting her son Craig from school about 4 p.m.

She looked at a helicopter flying above and saw beyond a strange object.

"It was much higher than the helicopter," Mrs Anderson said.

"It was at a tremendous height, but I could see it because the sky was so very clear. It made no sound, but didn't appear to be a balloon shape."

Mrs Anderson and her husband Ian had recently been talking about UFOs, so she sent her son to tell neighbor Geoff Bell.

"I thought I just had UFOs on the back of my mind," she said.

Mr Bell, a freelance photographer, looked at the object through binoculars and set up his camera.

He described the object

By PATRICK LYONS

as either metallic or clear.

"It's got to be a balloon, even though it did not look like one," he said.

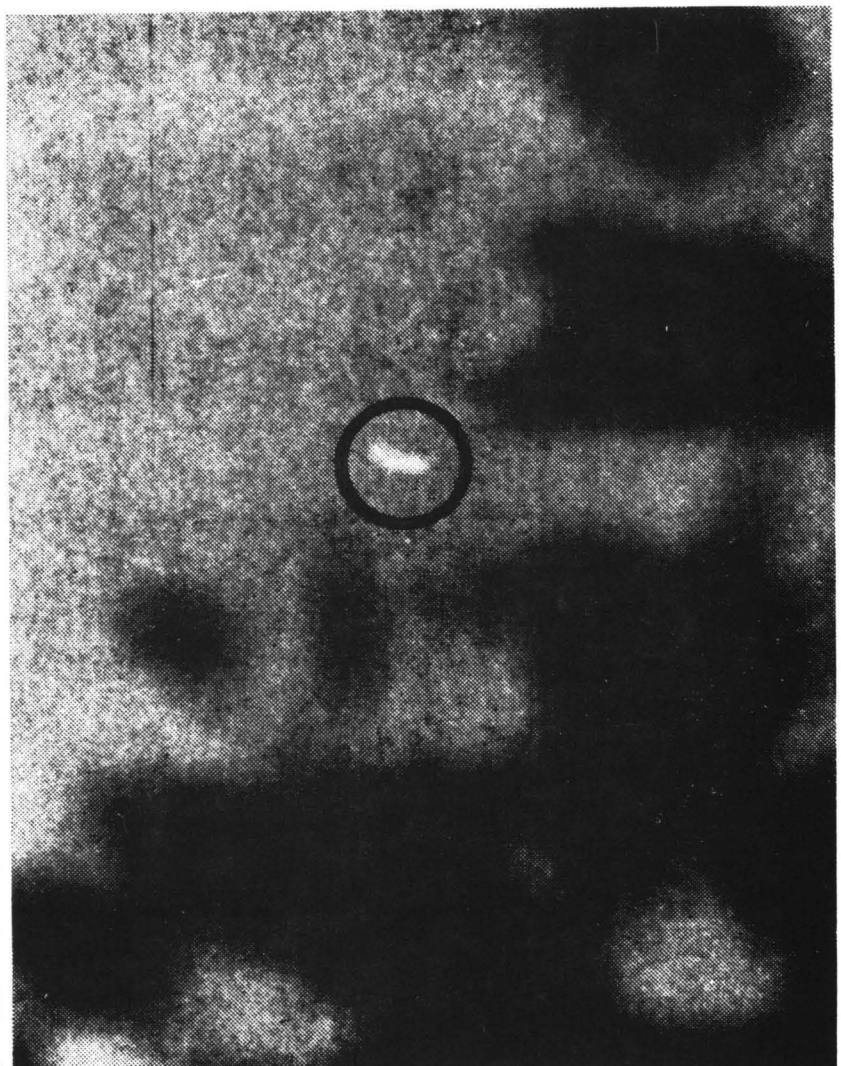
"It appeared to be rectangular with ripples in the side of it. It was travelling at a steady rate and appeared to tumble a couple of times."

Both Mr Bell and Mrs Anderson saw flashes of bright light from the base of the object.

• A Weather Bureau balloon was sent up from Laverton at 3 p.m. yesterday.

A spokesman said that with yesterday's south-south-west winds and extremely good visibility, the balloon could "quite possibly" have been seen over the Hawthorn area.

Melbourne's Channel 9 screened two shows about UFOs last night lasting nearly four hours.



• THE mystery object (circled) photographed by Mr Geoff Bell through the trees in his backyard in Hawthorn yesterday.

WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER SAW A FLYING SAUCER

WHEN a group of American schoolboys set foot up Blueberry Mountain, in Connecticut, one day in summer they expected a spectacular view from the top. But nothing so spectacular as what they saw.

Above them, through a gap in the trees, a strange object hovered in the sky.

It looked like a flat-bottomed saucer. The surface was opaque, the colour of metallic silver. A red dome glowed on top and the whole — some 20 ft. in diameter — was surrounded by a purple haze.

Hikers

The 13 teenage hikers and their leader watched dumbfounded. There was a high-pitched whine and the object vanished vertically into space.

The youngsters fled back to camp interior. Then, as fear turned to excited speculation, the entire camp buzzed with their mysterious tale.

Next day the story died, as suddenly as it had begun. Camp authorities feared their summer school would be harassed by Press and other investigators.

The incident couldn't have happened. Therefore it had not happened. Any question of it was closed.

American astrophysicist Dr. Allen Hynek, 66-year-old director of the Centre for UFO Studies, in Evanston, Illinois, calls this attitude typical and shameful.

He says stacks of evidence are being suppressed through fear of scorn, ridicule, interference and disbelief.

Contact

"I know from personal contact with many airline pilots that under no circumstances would they officially report their experiences," he told me in London.

"They know better. Some have informed me that they wished to forget the whole thing ever happened."

When a group of air force men in Ohio compiled a UFO report and sent it to the Pentagon just after the war, it was flatly rejected. They had no 'hard' evidence. And all copies of the document were destroyed.

Now another report has come up for scrutiny. Only this, the Blue Book Report, was prepared at the request of the U.S. Air Force.

Conducted by Dr. Edward Condon, of the University of Colorado, it has taken two years, 140,000 pages and £200,000 to prove that flying saucers don't exist.

Dr. Condon said: "It is regarded by scientists today as certain that intelligent life elsewhere exists, but with no possibility of contact between the communities on planets associated with different stars."

"We therefore conclude that there is no relation between life on other solar systems and UFO phenomena as observed on earth."

So once again the case was closed.

But the Blue Book Report has been made available to the public and Dr. Hynek intends to reopen the case with his own analysis of the report, which will be published shortly.

How, he asks, can such an enormity of evidence be dismissed as "taradiddle"?

He is the last person to be fanciful. He set out as a disbeliever in UFOs and is the first to admit that at least 90 per cent of the sightings are explainable.

Most are honest mistakes. Flocks of birds, distorted images of the sun, moon and planets, aircraft seen at un-

by Alison
Beckett

usual angles, weather balloons, meteors and falling satellites have all been mistaken for strange craft.

A few sightings can be attributed to mischievous hoaxers and sheer invention.

Yet a weight of detail of something beyond normal scientific explanation remains among the "quagmire of non-sense," said Dr. Hynek.

"The majority of those who have witnessed truly puzzling UFO sightings generally are people who are quite sane, respected in their communities and often are well above average in education and technical training."

Jimmy Carter claimed to have witnessed the appearance of a UFO in Georgia. He said: "It was the darndest thing I've ever seen." Then he said little else, for fear of

upsetting his run for the presidency.

General Carlos Cervero, commanding officer of the Spanish Air Force in the Canary Islands, risked disciplinary rebuke—UFOs are not officially recognised—when he admitted seeing one hovering over the village of Sabada in a remote part of Eastern Spain.

Yet whatever part of the world the reports come from, they usually bear surprising similarities.

Iranian Air Force pilots recently succeeded in intercepting a mysterious round multi-coloured object before it sped away at several times the speed of sound.

A Portuguese Boeing 707 airliner had to change course to avoid collision with a saucer-shaped object before it dematerialised into space. In Argentina meteorologists

reported two brightly shining UFOs performing fantastic manoeuvres at high speed in the pre-dawn skies over Gobernador Castillo Airport.

Then there are the cases where physical traces have actually been left.

Mystery

Like the mystery of Montauroux, a rural commune near Grasse in Southern France, where more than 300 square yards of land were left flattened after strange sightings. Police and scientists remain totally baffled.

Yet when we can't solve them we seem to try and bury these unsolved riddles, claims Dr. Hynek.

Why? Because of a "built-in mental censor that tends to block or side-step a phenomenon that is 'too strange' and to take refuge in the familiar," said Dr. Hynek.

"The history of science is replete with explanations away to preserve the status quo."

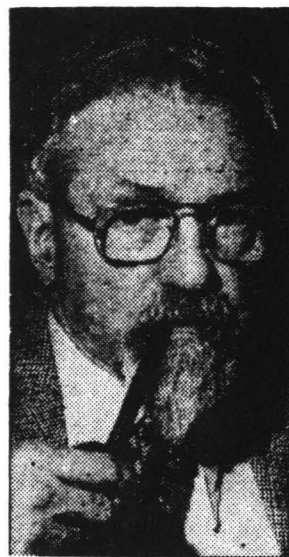
An example is the carefully compiled dossier on a multiple-witness occurrence at Beverly, Massachusetts. A

"luminous platter" descended silently over a school, coming so low that reporters, including two policemen, feared it might crash on them.

Official

The Condon committee rejected the report because they said it did not reach them through official channels.

Said Dr. Hynek: "Maybe in 100 years' time people will laugh at how we buried our heads in the sand. UFOs will



Dr. Allen Hynek

have been explained and be commonplace.

"After all, 100 years ago who would have believed in satellites and television"?

Now Dr. Hynek has been called in to advise on a new film written and directed by Steven Spielberg of Jaws fame.

Dr. Hynek describes the film — CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND (Columbia Pictures)—as part fact, part fiction.

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Strange object over village

HAS a flying saucer or any other flying object been hovering over Watton-at-Stone?

A reader living at Great Innings South in the village says that recently on a Friday evening, just as it was getting dusk, she saw a strange object in the sky.

"It didn't look like a plane—it was more round—and it glittered ever so brightly," she said.

"I told my daughter and she said her boyfriend and his pals had seen it, and she had seen it the day before."

"We can't all be dreaming, can we?"

She added that she didn't believe in things like flying saucers—"but I have my doubts now."

She did not sign the letter, and explained: "If I do someone might say I'm going crackers in my old age."

THREE MEN SEE UFO

Three men on their way home by car from Wagga reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the western sky early yesterday morning.

They said the object was visible for almost 30 seconds and travelled from south to north across the horizon.

It was not moving quickly and trailed a short flame, they said.

The men said the object appeared to be surrounded by a series of lights and disappeared over the horizon.

The men were on their way to a property at Bulgary Siding and were about 50 kilometres west of Wagga on the Sturt Highway when they saw the object.

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The Dover Demon

Loren Coleman, coauthor of *The Unidentified: Notes Toward Solving the UFO Mystery* and of the forthcoming *Creatures of the Outer Edge*, telephoned last week to tell me about the creature that has been spotted in Dover. "It's three and a half feet tall," he said, "with a very skinny body and arms, and a huge watermelon-shaped head with no mouth and no nose . . . Are you interested?"

Two days later I called on Coleman at the Walker School in Needham, where he is a child-care worker. UFOology and unusual creatures, he explained, are not his full-time job. "But I've been doing this stuff for 17 years, ever since I was 12. I just started reading a lot, and all of a sudden I got very interested in the Abominable Snowman. In 1962, I found what has become the prototype of the Southeastern Ape footprint outside Decatur, Illinois."

"The Southeastern Ape?" I said.

"Have you heard of the skunk ape in Florida?" Coleman asked. "Since 1965, most newspapers have called everything 'Bigfoot,' but there are regional differences. The Southeastern ape is more like a chimp. It goes on all fours. Bigfoot is bipedal." He stopped and dug out a copy of his 1962 photograph, which showed what looked like an ordinary footprint except for a large toe jutting out perpendicularly to one side.

"It very well could be an ordinary footprint," he admitted, "but it fits with other evidence. There have been a lot of sightings in central Illinois going back to the 1940s."

After leaving Illinois, where he got a degree in anthropology from Southern Illinois University, Coleman eventually moved to San Francisco, where he had a radio show on KSN "in between hunting Bigfoot." He was also working on *The Unidentified*, which links contemporary UFO sightings with earlier cultures' sightings of fairies, leprechauns and other supernatural creatures. Borrowing from Jung, he says, "We look at this area as a psychic projection of the collective unconscious."

Here in Massachusetts, Coleman had had little opportunity for firsthand experience with sightings of any kind until he visited the Dover Country Store in late April and heard people talking about the Dover creature. "I call it the demon of Dover," Coleman said, "because I like alliteration. . . . The way it was described at first was something like a monkey, so I thought it might fit into the Southeastern ape category. Then I saw a picture one of the witnesses drew, and it boggled my mind. If people wanted to make something up, I think they'd pick something like a Bigfoot or a phantom panther — one of the conventional categories — but this was weird. It was so weird it made me think there was something there."

We were on our way out by this time — Coleman had made appointments for us to see two witnesses — but he paused to add, "Sometimes I'm ambivalent about going too deeply. My main emphasis is that I'm a reporter. . . . I hope I never see the demon myself. It would take away a little of my objectivity. I really like to go into all these reports as a skeptic."

An hour later, after a stop at the Dover police station, where Chief Carl Sheridan sucked on his pipe and said he was keeping "an open mind" about the demon reports, we arrived at the comfortable suburban home where Bill Bartlett lives with his family.

Bartlett is a red-haired, 17-year-old high school junior who, at 10:30 on the night of April 21, was the first person in Dover to see the demon. "My mother thinks it's some weird thing," he said as he drove us toward the site of its appearance in his Volkswagen.

"She thinks it's an amoeba, no, not an amoeba, an *embryo* that kind of grew up. . . . I think it lives in the river. Last night I went looking for it with some other kids. We looked all over, but we couldn't find it."

Bartlett turned onto Farm Street and, not far from the residence of former Governor Frank Sargent, pulled over by a stone wall at the side of the road. A pleasant green field stretched out beyond the wall and in the distance we could see some of the semibaronial estates that mark Dover as the wealthiest town in the state. "This is where I saw it," Bartlett said.

"I'd picked up Mike Mazzocca at the gas station where he works in Norwood and Andy Brodie at his house. We'd been to a party for a little while and we were just driving around. I was coming down here, going about 40 or 45, when I saw something. I thought it was a cat climbing on the wall. Then I thought, 'That's pretty strange looking.' It had grabbed onto a rock and it turned and looked at me. My headlights got it right in the eyes and it stayed looking at me. It had two eyes, perfectly round. I didn't notice any eyelids. That really struck me as being strange. Most things have eyelids. Its skin was an exaggerated skin color, like Fred Flintstone in the Sunday comics, and it had no nose and no mouth. That was another strange thing."

"I really flew after I saw it. I took that corner at 45, which is pretty fast. I said to my friends, 'Did you see that?' And they said, 'Nah, describe it.' I did and they said, 'Go back. Go back.' And I said, 'No way. No way.' When you see something like that, you don't want to stand around and see what it's going to do."

"They finally got me to go back, and Mike was leaning out of the window yelling, 'Come on, creature!' And I was saying, 'Will you cut that out?' Andy was



above: Bartlett's drawing of the creature they saw

yelling, 'I want to see you!' I was trying to get them to shut the windows . . .

"As soon as I got home, I went down to the basement, turned on the TV and took out my sketchpad. . . . I draw a lot. I train myself to remember what I see as soon as I see it. . . .

"Now everybody knows about it, I can't believe it. When I walk down the hall in school, kids come up to me and ask about it. Kids who don't know me don't believe it. Kids who do know me do believe it. I went to a party that Saturday night and was trying to prove to people that there was a creature, and they were saying, 'Let's go out and catch it and run it over and bring it back.' Every weekend night people are out looking for it. I'll be probably out again tonight myself."

Bartlett dropped us back at his house, and Coleman and I drove over to meet John Baxter, a 15-year-old high school student who claims to have seen the demon about two hours after Bartlett did. (The third and last person to report seeing the thing, also a high school student, was out of town.) Baxter had told Coleman that he had his encounter while he was

walking home from his girlfriend's house on Miller Hill Road. He spotted a shape coming toward him and thought it was a kid he knows named M.G. He called out, "M.G., is that you?" There was no answer. When he got close to the shape he saw that it was a strange creature, although all he could see was its silhouette. He, like Bartlett, made a drawing of what he saw. He says he made it as soon as he got home, before he even knew that anyone else had seen the thing. The drawing corresponds to Bartlett's exactly.

When we arrived at the Baxter home, John was out, but we met his parents. His mother said she doubted the creature existed. His father said he didn't believe that John had made the story up. "The only thing that bothers me a bit," he said, "is that he's an avid science fiction fan."

A few minutes later, we went and picked up Baxter at a friend's house. He was less talkative than Bartlett, and we rode mostly in silence as we headed for Miller Hill Road and the spot where he'd seen the creature.

"Seems like a nice town," I finally ventured.

"Yeah," said Baxter, "but it's pretty boring."

Police seeking 'vampire'

LAUDERHILL, Fla. (AP) — Someone dressed like a vampire — cape, fangs and all — is scaring elementary school children. And local officials' blood is boiling

"Evidently, he runs out and puts the cape up over his arms and bares his fangs at them," said Det. Eugene O'Neill. "They run home crying."

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O'Neill and an assistant have been searching for the man. School officials have been placed on alert, as well.

The man, described by police as 6-foot-4 with long hair, reportedly has been seen by children near Castle Hill and Paul Turner Elementary Schools, Lauderhill Middle School and even a high school.

It's . . . It's 'Monsterous'

Sasquatches Head the Agenda

By FRED BRACK

Dr. Carlton Coon, retired from the University of Pennsylvania, will be there. He'll read a paper, "Why there has to be a Sasquatch."

("To take our minds off all the trouble in the world.")

Dr. Louise Jilek Aall of the psychiatry department of Vancouver (B.C.) General Hospital will be there. She's Norwegian and she'll read a paper comparing Scandinavian trolls with the Pacific Northwest Sasquatch.

("One has a tendency to fill forests and mountains with living beings to make them more liveable and familiar.")

Dr. Grover Krantz of Washington State University will be there. He'll read a paper, "Is a Sasquatch a living Gigantopithecus?" — the large human-apes whose jaw fossils have been found in China and India.

("I'll make an educated guess and it will be in the affirmative.")

And of course Dr. Majorie Hal-

pin, curator of the University of British Columbia's museum of anthropology will be there.

She's the one organizing the academic world's first conference on monsters, in which our own Northwest Sasquatch will play a leading role.

The conference will be sometime next March at the University of B.C., and the public is invited. It was to have been this month, Halpin said yesterday, but she wasn't able to raise enough money to get the Russians over here.

The Russians are Dmitri Bayanov and Igor Bourtsey of the Darwin Museum in Moscow. They're important, Halpin said, because they have analyzed the so-called "Patterson film" shot in Northern California in 1967 (and subsequently displayed in theaters around the world), apparently showing a living Sasquatch hightailing across an open space toward a thick forest.

The Russians ("They would be called 'Dmitri and Igor,'" Halpin said) are going to say the film is authentic, if Halpin can raise their plane fare.

Halpin said she is staging this conference because there is a "serious interest" in monsters and it's time academics took notice. About 30 or 35 of them will show up at her conference, Halpin said, including Dr. Frederick Aldrich of Memorial University in Newfoundland, who will describe the Newfoundland giant squid.

The squid is important to the conference because scientists doubted its existence — until several were actually found.

The existence of a Sasquatch "is possible," Coon said yesterday, "but I don't believe a registered scientist can say a thing exists until he actually sees it."

Coon is 73 and has spent a lot of time looking into reports of Abominable Snowmen and such. The conference is not going to solve the question of whether the Sasquatch exists, Coon acknowledged, but, "It should be a lot of fun and I look forward to meeting a lot of people. Can't we all have a little fun?"

The conference is no joke to Halpin. She said she is willing to put up with the ridicule that goes with this kind of

inquiry because she believes "there is a phenomenon there to be explained."

She asks us "to stretch our minds" when thinking of the Sasquatch, and if you press her as to what she means, you learn she means the Sasquatch could exist "as physical, psychic or psychological" phenomena.

That definition might stretch to cover the Sasquatch that crossed the highway in front of a bus near Mission, B.C. east of Vancouver 10 days ago.

The driver and four passengers saw it. The driver followed on foot until he lost it in the bush. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("we always get our man") photographed the footprints. And the newspapers and televisions of Canada were filled with quotations from the witnesses, who were said to be pale and shaken.

This week, three lads from the town of Coquitlam, B.C., called a radio station and announced they had perpetrated a hoax with a big hairy costume equipped with big feet. And, lest anyone ignore their efforts, they said they had placed one of their number on the bus so he could shout, "Look! There's a Sasquatch!"

Dr. Jilek Aall, the psychiatrist, said she likes the Sasquatch. "They make it more interesting to live in B.C."

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Sasquatch sighting was elaborate hoax

VANCOUVER, Canada (AP) — A bus driver and several passengers who reported seeing the legendary man-beast Sasquatch were tricked by four practical jokers using a \$200 monkey suit and shoulder pads, according to the hoaxsters.

"It was just a good practical joke, we thought it might fool a few people," said Ken Ticehurst, the 5-foot-11, 165-pound man who dressed up in the gorilla costume. "I was running like O. J. Simpson."

The pranksters said the hoax took three weeks to prepare, including buying the suit from a costume shop, manufacturing a foot to make a footprint, checking bus schedules so enough people would see it "to make it more believable," and planting a phony witness on the bus to make the first move and get passengers excited.

The reported sighting occurred on May 15 as Pat Lindquist was driving a Pacific Stage Lines bus westbound on the Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia-to-Vancouver run when he and several passengers saw what they thought was a Sasquatch lumber across Highway 7 about 35 miles east of Vancouver.

Lindquist stopped the bus and pursued the creature into the bush.

"At first we thought it was a prankster in a fur suit," said Lindquist, a 28-year-old reserve Vancouver city policeman, at the time of

the incident. "It had flat, flared nostrils like a monkey and large white eyes. It didn't make any sound except heavy breathing."

Lindquist was unavailable for comment on the hoax report.

Ticehurst, 24, of Port Coquitlam, revealed the sham Thursday in an interview on a radio talk show along with Don Ticehurst, 26, and Rene Quesnel, 19, of Port Moody. The three said they planned the stunt along with Gordon Jacobi, 26.

They said they based their pattern for a resin-cast Sasquatch foot on a book about the creature by Don Hunter and Rene Dahinden.

Don Ticehurst, one of six passengers on the early morning bus, said he "had to act pretty excited. Some people were asleep."

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Bob Eyford, who did some independent investigation, said he's convinced the pranksters are telling the truth.

For years, stories have persisted that the gorilla-sized Sasquatch, North America's version of the Abominable Snowman, lives in the woods of the Pacific Northwest.

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Bigfoot Lobbies His Case

SALEM, Ore. — (UPI) — The House voted yesterday to try to provide some protection for Bigfoot, and the legendary creature was so impressed he showed up to watch the proceedings.

Rep. Ted. Kulongoski, D-Junction City, sponsor of the resolution, struggled to regain his composure and speak on behalf of the measure while Bigfoot, or someone purporting to be the normally elusive creature, sat at Kulongoski's desk on the House floor.

Kulongoski delivered his arguments, in the form of a poem about Bigfoot's origins, and then responded to some not-too-serious questions and the issue was put to a vote. The resolution passed, 33-19, and now goes to the Senate.

The measure urges educational institutions in Oregon to try to document the existence and habits of Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, and urges state agencies whose personnel are likely to encounter the creature, to establish procedures in the event of such an encounter. The public is urged to afford caution and care for insuring the preservation of the species.

Shortly after the vote, Bigfoot left the floor, presumably to begin lobbying members of the Senate.

Kulongoski, an attorney who has received mail and calls from around the nation as a result of the resolution, denied that the measure was the "cornerstone of my legislative program this session."

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Academia To Discuss Sasquatch

VANCOUVER, B.C. — (AP) — The University of British Columbia, convinced that "it's time the academic community came out of the closet and seriously addressed the question of the Sasquatch,"

has scheduled the world's first academic meeting on monsters.

Dr. Marjorie Halpin, curator of the university's museum of anthropology, says the museum will sponsor the conference to be held in March, 1978.

Canada Council financing will provide transportation for Canadian scholars, Halpin said, but more money is needed to bring in experts from the United States and the Soviet Union.

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No clear evidence Bigfoot searchers probe Sites farm

By DAVE SHELTON
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WANTAGE — Some new evidence has been turned up by investigators from two groups who are apparently clashing over the investigation of a "Bigfoot sighting" last week in Wantage.

Six members of a Wolfpit road family contend that they saw, and shot at, a seven-foot-tall creature with long hair and red, glowing eyes.

On Tuesday, two investigators from the Columbia-based Society for the Investigation of the Unknown (SITU) interviewed members of the Sites family. Marty Wolf, the investigator, said six dead rabbits allegedly killed by the beast were dug up from their graves.

Wolf concluded that "their deaths didn't seem bear-like" as State Police investigators determined. He said, "There was surprisingly little in the way of physical damage to the rabbits. One's head was apparently twisted off, but others looked like they just died. There didn't seem to be any broken bones."

Wolf said he "can't imagine what kind of wild animal would break into a building, kill all these little animals and not take them away with him or at least eat some of them here."

Shortly after Wolf left, Robert Jones of Byram, representing a splinter group from SITU called Vestigia, interviewed the family.

On his investigation of the Sites' report, Jones said, "I saw the (dead) rabbits. One had its head twisted off; that is a characteristic of Bigfoot." He said the alleged creature reportedly consumes small rodents and rabbits.

Wolf said a search of a field behind the Sites' farm turned up several "very interesting spots where the grass had been crushed, apparently by some large animal sleeping there."

Some hairs were found in the field, Wolf said, but a preliminary examination indicates they may be from small animals. He said they will be submitted to a laboratory for positive identification.

Both Jones and Wolf said the "best evidence" is the credibility of the Sites family.

"I believe they saw something," Wolf said. "They were apparently pretty close and they had good light."

Bullet for Bigfoot?

Researcher Foresees Legend's End

SEDRO WOOLLEY, Skagit County — Someday a squeeze of the trigger, the explosion of a gun, and the thunk of a heavy carcass on the forest floor will end the mystery of Bigfoot, a Sasquatch researcher claims.

"Some elk hunter or deer hunter is going to be at the right spot at the right time someday and BANG! BANG! the mystery will be over," says Dennis Gates, 43, who has compiled stacks of material about the tall, hairy, rancid-smelling apparition called "Bigfoot" or "Sasquatch."

Some people believe the lumbering, sad-faced ape-man has prowled the Pacific Northwest's thick, dark forest for centuries.

The first Bigfoot fatality will bring a cry for more bodies for science, says Gates. "Every scientist will want a Sasquatch on his dissecting table. They'll want blood and guts."

People should search their souls if they ever get a chance to gun down Bigfoot, he says. "Do whatever you think is best. I don't know if I could harm one. I'm not that desperate. Let your conscience be your guide."

Gates, a life-time bear hunter, has researched Sasquatch full-time since retiring from the phone company because of a back injury three years ago. He has never seen a Bigfoot, though he has made casts of footprints. Until that first Sasquatch is slain and propped on a dissecting

table. Gates vows to continue his lonely research.

A Bigfoot sighting by bus passengers near Mission, British Columbia, about a week ago was not a hoax, Gates says. Plaster casts taken of footprints reveal a flexibility in the toes, a feature disproving a prank, he said.

"I get ridiculed," he acknowledges. "When people laugh, I say they know nothing about the Sasquatch and I know everything there is to know at this point." He works with John W. Green, a former editor of a Canadian newspaper, and Rene Dahinden, another Canadian.

Green and Dahinden have studied the Sasquatch phenomenon for nearly two decades. Gates has a high school education and provides most of the legwork for the two.

Actual Bigfoot sighters have to put up with some hecklers, he says.

"How would you have liked to be the first European to come back from Africa and try to describe a giraffe or elephant. They'd laugh you out of town."

He says of the researching trio. "We aren't Bigfoot hunters. We are researchers. As researchers, our first job is to look for a hoax. I'd say 80 per cent of the stuff we get is a hoax."

But the remaining evidence is persuasive for Gates.

"I'm 98 per cent sure it exists. For hundreds of years, something's been leaving these damn footprints around and I'd like to know what it is."

Florida protects 'skunk ape'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — "I felt like putting the bill through because we've got just as much of a legend to protect as Washington state," explained state Rep. Paul Nuckolls, sponsor of the "skunk ape" protection measure.

The skunk ape is Florida's version of the "bigfoot" or "sasquatch" creatures that are occasionally reported sighted in the Pacific Northwest states.

Florida residents say their humanoid lurks along the state's southwest coast.

Nuckolls' bill, which cleared the House on Friday with nary a discussion, makes it a misdemeanor to take, possess, harm or molest a skunk ape. He said Washington state has passed a measure to protect its sasquatches.

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Does Newaygo County lake harbor sea monster?

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BITELY — Who knows what evil lurks in Nichols Lake?? Lydia Briggs thinks she knows.

Mrs. Briggs believes she saw a 30-foot creature in the 160-acre Newaygo County lake five years ago. She didn't report the incident to authorities then, but now she wants a search to prove that her story isn't all wet.

"It is there, and it would really make history if it was captured," Mrs. Briggs said.

It sure would, say conservation officials. But they maintain that there is no chance that a Loch Ness-type monster could exist, especially in an inland body of water the size of Nichols Lake.

"We can call it 'Newaygo Nessie'," joked wildlife biologist Bill Irvine of the U.S. Forest Service.

According to Mrs. Briggs, she spotted the creature about 80 yards from shore on the northwest side of the lake. She said she went to the lake by herself that spring afternoon to see if the suckers were spawning.

By her description, the creature had a long black neck extending six feet above the water and two humps, each about four feet in diameter. She said it suddenly disappeared under the lake's surface when she moved closer for a better look.

Mrs. Briggs — a former Bitely resident and supervisor of Lilley Township — said she is willing to risk being called a crackpot because the incident still haunts her. "It's always bothered me, but I never knew what to do about it."

She hasn't reported it to police, but she has told her friends and neighbors — including Marshall Wilkinson, a Newaygo County commissioner from Bitely.

"It's possible, but I've been here for 60 years and I haven't seen it," said Wilkinson.

The county commissioner said Mrs. Briggs is not the type to tell fish stories: "She's not a flighty person. She wouldn't be fibbin' and she wouldn't imagine it. But pranks are quite popular up here."

Wilkinson said he vaguely recalls similar sightings on the lake in the past, but none has received much attention.

"This is a new one on me," said Bill McClay, a fisheries biologist for the state Department of Natural Resources. "We've been deluged with reports of a Bigfoot, but no sea creatures."

"That's a pretty big creature for such a small lake. One would expect it to be sighted more often," McClay said.

It may not be an open and shut case, however. Although government surveys list the maximum depth of Nichols Lake as 57 feet, Wilkinson said the lake is more than 100 feet deep near the spot where Mrs. Briggs claims she saw the creature — which would give Newaygo Nessie a better hiding place. The site is also on a remote part of the lake, which could explain why officials have not been up to their gills in sighting reports.

If there is a Nessie in Nichols Lake, it may show up on a radar screen in about a week. The U.S. Forest Service is scheduled to survey the lake with electronic detection equipment to find the composition of the lake's fish population.

"We'll let you know if we find any monsters," Irvine promised.

Lowell Man Flees Hollis After Sighting 'Monster'

HOLLIS — Police here are awaiting the return of a Lowell, Mass., man, identified only as Mr. St. Louis, after he reported seeing a 10-foot-tall hairy monster Saturday night at the Hollis Flea Market.

Chief Paul Bosquet said the man came into police headquarters at about 10:30 Saturday and reported the strange incident.

St. Louis told the dispatcher that he, his wife and two sons were sleeping in their pickup truck on the flea market grounds, when they were awakened by the shaking of their truck. The man said he looked out and saw what he described as a 10-foot-tall hairy animal with "human-like" features, shaking the truck.

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The Lowell man quickly started his truck and sped off to the police station where he reported the incident. Police went to the scene, but could find no evidence of the animal. Bosquet said the area in which the truck was parked was covered with pine needles, and no foot prints could be found.

St. Louis was scheduled to set up an area in the flea market Sunday, Bosquet said, but he did not return on that day, and left a trailer at the site. He has not been seen or heard from since.

The Hollis chief said the animal may have been a bear that came out of nearby woods in search of food from a nearby rubbish container.

Boat Sinks, Man Missing

By BILL JAHN

A 23-year-old Lynnwood man was missing and his wife was hospitalized yesterday after their pleasure boat rapidly sank near Mukilteo.

The woman, Sharon Echelbarger, was pulled from chilly waters near the point where the 12-foot outboard boat sank.

An extensive search was conducted last night for her husband, Dana, who disappeared in the 40-degree waters.

Mrs. Echelbarger told authorities that the boat's engine had stalled, and then the boat sank almost immediately.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the boat sank 200 to 300 yards west of the state park at Mukilteo, near the ferry terminal.

A pleasure craft, one of several which joined the search, rescued Mrs. Echelbarger. She was taken to Providence Hospital in Everett for treatment from exposure and chill. She was listed in satisfactory condition.

Helicopters from the Coast Guard and Snohomish County sheriff's office searched the area until they ran low on gasoline, authorities said.

The Coast Guard said a 41-foot cutter joined the search for the missing man last night.

A RECORD twenty-three unexplained objects were reported last year in Loch Ness, the highland lake in Scotland that's famous for the monster said to live in its waters. Officials of the Bureau for the Investigation of Loch Ness Phenomena said the sightings ranged from humps, fins, and shadowy shapes to "a kind of sub-periscope" and strange waves in waters that were otherwise calm. But no monsters were mentioned. Loch Ness is in Inverness County in northwest Scotland. It is twenty-three miles long.

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