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#### UFO SIGHTING CLAIMED—

## 'Like A Boxcar Without Wings'

Larry Worke believes in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). And he is convinced he saw not one but three Sunday night.

Worke and Theresa Erickson, proprietors of The Cubbyhole in Blooming Prairie, were returning to Blooming from Faribault at 11:20 p.m. when the sighting happened. Worke and Erickson both said the object "was obvious" in the sky, which was "dark and clear." Worke gives the following account:

"We saw it over Richardson's gas station in Bixby. I stopped the car, got out and turned off

the car lights. The object was directly overhead about 500-1,000 feet high."

Worke said the object made a "humming sound" and was shaped like a boxcar without wings and had blinking red, white and blue lights."

Worke said they followed the object when it started back toward Owatonna. Soon, said Worke, "it seemed to join up with another one that came out of the horizon."

Worke and Erickson, who followed the objects for a total of one and one-half hours, also said they saw a third similar object appear to drop down in-

to a field.

Worke said the objects would do "weird things" such as "accelerate, drop and raise up." He also said the lights would change color and, once in a while, disappear.

The Owatonna Airport spokesmen Tuesday morning said they had no reports of similar sightings Sunday night.

And now for the obvious question. Was there any, uh, drinking involved?

"No," Worke said flatly.

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### Did you see it?

Tom Hamby, publisher of The Times Democrat in Flemingsburg, phoned this newspaper last night asking if we had heard reports of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Hamby and his family saw an object in the sky at about 7 p.m. while en route to their home in Ewing. "We stopped by Jabetown Mill and watched it for five or 10 minutes. It wasn't real high in the sky — maybe 30 degrees from the horizon. It was white, fairly long, had a round-type head and a fairly long tail," Hamby said.

Did anybody else see it?

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### Unidentified Objects Cited In County

Tuesday night just before 8 p.m., three unidentified objects were cited in the County near Noland's Ford by Mrs. Velma Smith and her son, Jack.

Mrs. Smith stated she had gone out to the truck with her son when they spotted the objects flying low above the tree tops over the bean fields. She says there was no sound like an airplane, they were in an arrow shape and that they were covered with lights. Some of the lights were real bright and some were blinking.

The three objects were travelling from east to west at a slow rate of speed.

## Skywatch

### Unidentified lights intrigue viewers Thursday night

by Dona Rains

Lovers and dreamers weren't the only ones gazing at the sky Thursday night. That night the sky, in fact, held the attention of the Kentucky State Police in Anderson and Franklin counties for about an hour.

Intriguing several people were numerous lights which we will call, for the lack of a better term, UFO's (unidentified flying objects).

People who saw them say they were not airplanes, helicopters, shooting stars or any other recognizable objects.

Brad Caron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Caron, Mudlick Road, called Kentucky State Police at about 10 p.m. to report what he, his brother, and his mother had seen just

outside their window.

Mrs. Caron described it as a very fast-moving, brightly lighted object that sometimes weaved back and forth and sometimes hovered in her family's view for at least one-half hour. She said the lights changed colors from blue to red but did not blink.

After they reported the object to the Frankfort post of KSP, a post official called them back to tell them two KSP units had spotted it but had not identified it.

State Trooper Steve Cornish went to Mudlick Road to check out the report and verified seeing four different lights in the sky at about 10:45 p.m. He said he watched them about 15 minutes and they stayed in the same general area.

Trooper Cornish was delayed in getting to the area because of a coincidental accident on Mudlick Road. Mrs. Caron had reported it to the KSP post. When she and her family were outside watching the unidentified lights they heard the crash.

Their neighbor, Robert Steele, had run off the road in his pick-up truck and struck a tree. Mrs. Caron said she did not ask Steele if he had seen the lights before he wrecked. He sustained facial injuries.

Others seeing strange things in the sky Thursday night were Ricky Doss, who saw a bright white light with a yellow tail behind it from the Fairgrounds, and Deputy Sheriff Craig Birdwhistell, who identified what he saw as a meteorite west of Alton.

Doss said what he saw was not a comet because it was too close to the ground. Mrs. Caron said she watched the lights long enough to know they were not on an airplane because they did not blink and the object was flying too low and too close to her home.

"I didn't want my son to tell anyone about this because I knew no one would believe it. I've never believed in UFO's myself, but seeing what we did really would make you believe it," she said.

"We're not an excitable family," she added.

After Trooper Cornish reported what he saw, troopers in Franklin County reportedly watched the strange lights for about an hour, while the lights hovered over Frankfort. The objects were never identified.

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# Priest who waved at UFO isn't one of those loonies

By Bob Wenealey

The Rev. William Gill breezed through town Wednesday, and another stereotype went down the drain.

Gill is an Anglican priest — a one-time missionary in the jungles of New Guinea, now a chaplain at a boys' school in Melbourne, Australia.

Those are his professional credentials, his character references.

But his claim to fame is that he is a man who's sure he's seen a flying saucer — not once, but twice — and has waved to the occupants, who waved back.

Now the stereotype of a saucer-seer conjures up, in the minds of many, a wild-eyed loony who hears voices in empty rooms, sets extra places at the table for the little green men who are coming to dinner and believes he still can buy something for a nickel at a five-and-dime.

Include Gill out, as Samuel Goldwyn used to say.

## Good Enough Bay

Gill — a rumped, fiftyish fellow with unruly brown hair, heavily rimmed spectacles and a patiently serious mien — is diffident, almost apologetic, about his experience.

The thing that happened 18 years ago on the shores of Good Enough Bay, on the northeast coast of New Guinea, has cost him some sleepless nights and, for a time, an acute attack of what he calls "flying saucer indigestion."

But, he says, it happened. He knows it was a UFO because it was an object that flew, that to this day remains unidentified.

Beyond that, he doesn't care to hazard any guesses.

Gill came to Des Moines to visit with students at Drake University and to lecture about the incident.

It's his first visit to the United States, and he's just passing through on his way to England and an educators' conference at Oxford University.

He's making the trip eastward, rather than westward over the Indian Ocean, because Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University had wanted to meet him, to talk about the UFO sighting.

Hynek was the U.S. Air Force's consultant on UFOs during the 1960s, and the two got together earlier in the week in Chicago.

Gill took a few minutes out of a whirlwind schedule Wednesday afternoon to tell his story for the umpteenth time.



The Rev. William Gill

## Glowing disc

It all began Friday evening, June 26, 1959, when he stepped out of his mission house — mildly interested in catching a glimpse of the planet Venus, which was especially bright that time of year in the Southern Hemisphere.

"I saw Venus, but I saw something else, as well," he recalls.

What he saw from the palm tree-walled clearing was a disc-shaped craft about 450 feet away, hovering perhaps 200 feet above the ground.

The main body of the disc was about 35 feet in diameter and "the superstructure" — the top deck — about 20 feet in diameter.

The disc glowed, "but not brilliantly enough to make it difficult to tell the outline," he says.

A "pencil thickness of blue light" angled off the craft, and he could clearly see the silhouettes of four figures on the top deck.

The craft maneuvered up and down for about four hours and then was gone.

There was another sighting the next night, Gill says, and it lasted only about half the time of the first incident.

There were 38 mission teachers and students who witnessed the scene, Gill says. And, no, the students were not primitive people "but third-generation educated New Guineans."

They waved to the "men" on the top deck and the figures waved back, he recalls.

The word "men" is Gill's. From a distance, he explains, they appeared to be men wearing tight-fitting uniforms, something like skin-divers' wet suits.

The next night, Sunday, the mission group saw what Gill thinks looked like a number of discs off in the distant sky. And that was it.

Later, four of the mission people who had seen the craft Saturday night went to different corners of a classroom, drew sketches of what they saw, and the sketches were basically the same, Gill says.

## From outer space?

So what did he think at the time?

"I thought it was some sort of strange man-made craft I had not seen before — that somebody was out there testing it."

And does he believe now that the saucer came from outer space?

"Nooooooo! I don't have any fixed opinions. This is the kind of thing people read into my remarks, putting me on . . . I find it very difficult to accept stories of men from Mars."

Then, he adds: "It would be a good story to say that the craft whizzed around the sky and did extraordinary things. But ours didn't do that . . . I didn't get the impression that it was ethereal, or that it had come from outer space."

So what was it, then?

Gill simply shakes his head and says he has "developed no philosophy as to where the thing came from."

Gill left the mission later in 1959 and took his family to Melbourne because the jungle's not much of a place to raise nine children.

And ever since he's wondered what he really saw that weekend on the shores of Good Enough Bay.

"Someday," he says, "somebody's going to find out . . ."

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## Russians confirm reports of UFOs

GOODLAND (HNS) — They're seeing things in the skies around here again, and although it comes from an unlikely source, there is confirmation for the latest reports from Russia.

Two sightings were reported here last week. Both reports concerned a bright light that filled their bedrooms early one morning. The source of the light was "something floating," described as about the size of a door, which sped off to the south trailing many colors.

Credence was lent to those observations by a report from the Soviet Union. The report said scientists were baffled by a huge jellyfish-shaped mass of light that hovered in the skies about the same time the lights were seen here. It emitted streams of light, the report said, which appeared like "a torrential rain of light."

The jellyfish mass formed a semi-circle for several minutes before speeding off to the south.

Corona Del Mar, Calif.  
Newport Harbor Ensign  
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## 'UFO' SIGHTING IS REPORTED IN C.M.

Chris Veske, 14 year old Costa Mesa lad, reported seeing mysterious objects in the sky at 8:48 p.m. Sept. 23. His brother, Mark, age 12, also was a witness. Chris described the "UFO" objects as green, with rotating lights, traveling westward at high speed and high altitude. Costa Mesa police reported no other reports of sightings.



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# UFO sighting reported locally

Three area men have reported sighting two unidentified flying objects just east of Barkeyville shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday night.

The men, Richard Offutt and Jeffrey Pierce of Grove City and Sam Gianetti of New Castle, claim to have watched the two lighted crafts hover for nearly five minutes before leaving the area.

The incident occurred along Boyers-Forestville Road on what the men described as an extremely clear night.

Pierce described the incident as follows: "We were driving down the road when all of a sudden we noticed two sets of lights angled down at the ground. They seemed to be hovering and moving very slowly.

"We stopped the truck and observed a series of lights along what appeared to be the sides of two objects. We couldn't make out any distinct forms however.

"We shut the engine in the truck off and heard a sound like that made by a diesel engine, only much smoother, like a real low hum. We thought they might be army helicopters, but no helicopters could make the turns they were making."

The men estimated that the crafts hovered about 800 feet off the ground, about half a mile away from them. After five minutes or so, the crafts began moving away, according to Pierce, slowly but steadily, never changing elevation.

Gianetti reportedly saw the same lights on his way home later that night.

The men reported the sighting to the Tri-County UFO Study Group in Warren. The agency plans to conduct an investigation of the incident.

Although Gianetti had reported two other sightings during recent years, Pierce had never seen a UFO.

"I've always been skeptical about them," Pierce remarked, "but now I'm not so sure."

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STEVE BLESENER (left) and his father, Chuck. They claim that whatever they saw was hovering over the Windslope apartments.

# Bleseners muse over flying 'Ferris wheel'

Chuck Blesener and his son, Steve, were heading home on East-West Parkway through The Preserve about 8:30 Wednesday night when they saw something nearby in the sky.

"It looked like a circus Ferris wheel and just as bright," Mr. Blesener said.

It was round, they testified, and was rimmed by white lights that rotated. In the middle was a red light "like the top of an ambulance," Mr. Blesener said. And it was hovering over the Windslope apartments.

They stopped the car and got out to take a better look. The thing just sat there and hovered, they said, moving down a bit closer to the Windslope roofs and then back up again. It was totally silent, they said.

Because it was dark, Steve said, they neither could tell how high it was nor how big it was.

The Bleseners live nearby on Franlo Road, so they jumped back into the car and headed for home to tell Mrs. Blesener, an admitted UFO enthusiast.

But as they headed for home they noticed that the thing was moving off, heading northeast over Anderson Lake. By the time they rushed in the house to tell Mrs. Blesener and look out over The Preserve they could only see a red light in the distance, moving away toward Bloomington.

"It couldn't have been an airplane," Mr. Blesener said. "Not unless it had a Ferris Wheel on top."

"What really sticks in my mind is that it was so bright, but it didn't radiate any light," Steve said.

Blesener, who works for the Toro Co., said he took a lot of ribbing at work when he told the story.

"I've never been interested in UFOs, but last night...that was for real."

There is no evidence that anybody else saw it—whatever it was. Eden Prairie and Bloomington police, Flying Cloud Airport and members of The Preserve Homeowners Assn. say they have had no reports on strange flying objects.

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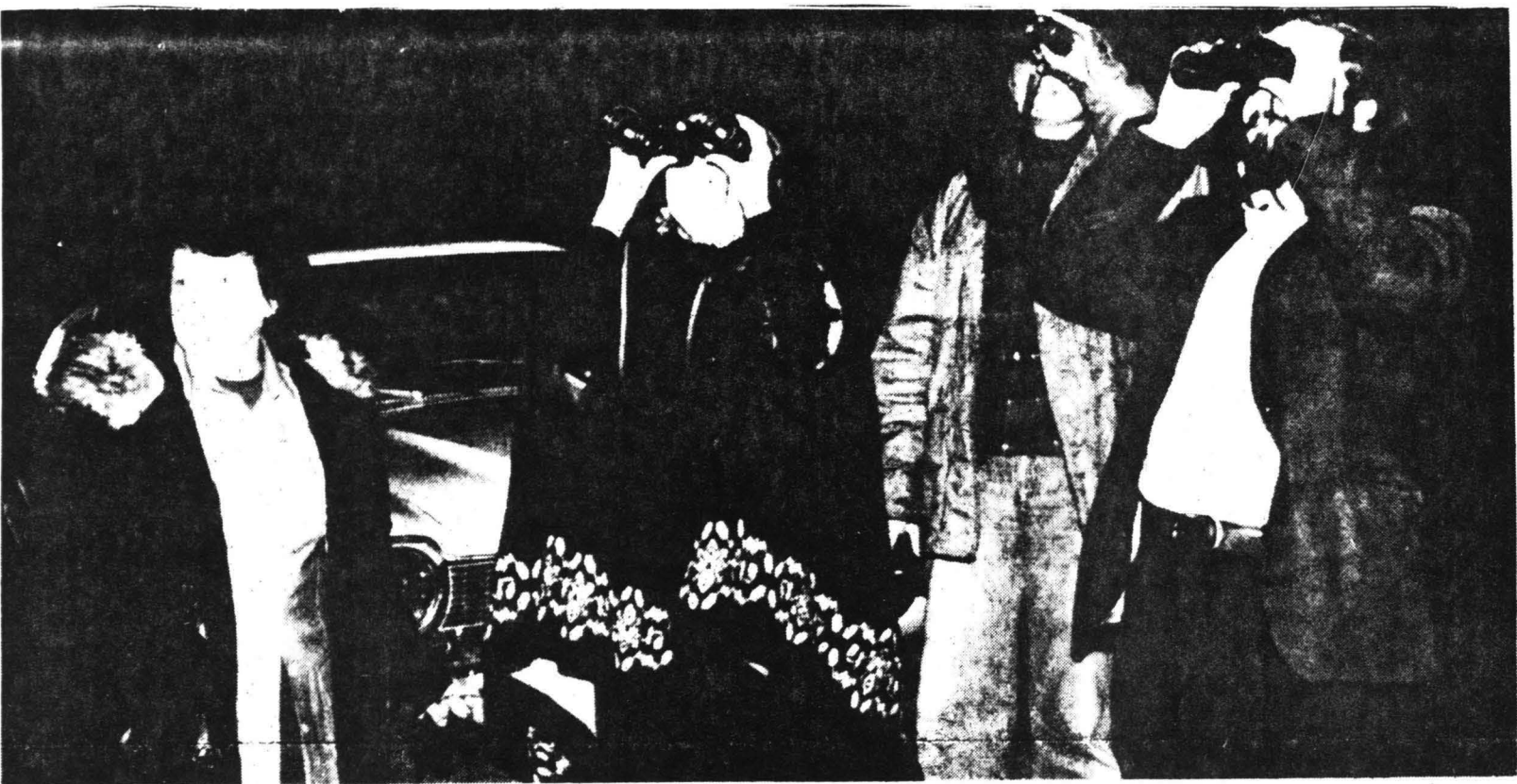
MARTINEZ—A Walnut Creek man reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object over his Bagwell Lane residence Thursday night at 9:40 p.m.

Timothy Moomey told sheriff's deputies that the UFO was shaped like a child's top, round with an oblong shape. There were flashing bright lights coming from the objects and it was surrounded by a ring of bright blue.

The UFO hovered over Moomey's house who called to his friend Patricia Register who then came out of the house and also reported seeing the object.

Moomey said the UFO made a high pitched whining sound and hovered over his house for half-hour at about 300 feet before moving off at a high rate of speed.

Sheriff's deputies have suspended investigation.



UFO watcher Betty Hill of Portsmouth (left) looks on as a UNH graduate student, his wife, and a friend at an undisclosed loca-

tion near Kingston search the heavens for spacecraft.

(Democrat Photo—Burke)

# Trio Keeps Vigil in Cornfield

By GEORGE BURKE  
Exeter Bureau Chief

KINGSTON — Betty Hill of Portsmouth wasn't the only person out looking for UFOs this weekend.

A Democrat reporter and a newsman from the Associated Press accompanied her to a cornfield less than five miles from Kingston which, Mrs. Hill says, is used as a "landing pad" for UFOs from another star system.

The trio also met a University of New Hampshire graduate student, his wife, and another couple who were out searching for alien spacecraft, despite frosty temperatures.

Mrs. Hill and her late husband Barney made world headlines in the mid-1960s when they revealed, under hypnosis, that they had been captured by alien beings in the White Mountains and given physical examinations before being released by the spacemen.

Mrs. Hill, 57, agreed to take reporters to the landing site (on the condition that its location remains a secret) after she said in a Democrat interview last week that UFOs land in the cornfield on a regular basis.

The reporters arrived at the remote site about 8 p.m. and found David Leuser, a UNH graduate student and psychology instructor, his wife Maria, another couple, and two children staring at the heavens.

Leuser said he and his wife visited the landing site with Mrs. Hill a week ago.

"We saw some very strange pat-

terns of light," he said. "We saw what looked like spotlights coming from the ground and shooting up into the sky. I've never seen anything like that before. They seemed to move around."

Leuser, who met Mrs. Hill when she delivered a lecture in one of his classes, admitted, "I couldn't say it was a UFO, but I don't know what caused it."

Maria Leuser recounted for reporters another sighting that had occurred on the Leusers' earlier visit. As the group was planning to leave the landing area that night, Mrs. Leuser said she and Mrs. Hill "saw what looked like a streetlight illuminating the road behind us.

"I said something about it and Betty turned around and looked through the car's rear window and said it was a UFO beaming down at us and we should leave," she said, "So we did."

David Leuser said he was driving that night and couldn't see behind the car too well. "But, he said, "Betty and Maria said it seemed that the light was following us down the road."

The group returned to the area a short time later and, Leuser recalled he was surprised to find that there were no houses or streetlights that could have produced the light. "There was no way to really explain it," he added.

Mrs. Hill said the area, which is a cornfield surrounded by swamps and woods, used to be a favorite parking area for teenagers. "But they don't come here anymore," she said, "They've been put out of there by too many UFOs that swoop down on them and scare the life out of them."

The two reporters saw many lights

in the sky during their visit to the site this past weekend, but none of the activity was unusual enough to be considered UFOs by the pair.

At one point, while driving to check out a light in the woods that turned out to be an electric bulb next to a barn, the reporters saw three lights that moved in an erratic manner in the sky above the treeline.

About an hour later, at 9:30 p.m., the newsmen saw what they considered to be the most unusual activity of the evening. A reddish-looking object with a bright white light appeared in the distance, approached the landing area slowly, and then apparently vanished, while it was still quite a distance away. Both reporters agreed they had seen the object, but neither would admit it was a UFO.

But Mrs. Hill said she was sure. In fact, she said she saw at least eight UFOs during the course of the evening, although some looked like airplane lights and other sightings were not shared by the reporters.

Mrs. Hill wasn't fazed by the reporters' cynicism. "Do people tell you that you are nuts?" they asked.

"Oh sure they say that," she responded. "But I don't care. I feel that I know what I am seeing. I'm not trying to convince people, anyway, because that would be more competition for me."

Mrs. Hill dropped the reporters off at their car around midnight. As the newsmen left, they spotted Mrs. Hill turning back onto the road that leads to the area where, she says, the spacemen park their crafts at night.

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# UFO Investigator Refutes Betty Hill's Recent Claims

By GEORGE BURKE  
Exeter Bureau Chief

EXETER — An investigator for the Illinois-based Center for UFO Studies says a cornfield less than five miles from Kingston is not a "landing pad" for unidentified flying objects.

Investigator John Oswald of North Hampton refuted claims made last week by Betty Hill of Portsmouth that alien spaceships were landing in the Kingston area on a regular basis.

Mrs. Hill and her late husband Barney attracted worldwide attention in the mid-1960s when they claimed under hypnosis that they were taken aboard an alien craft in the White Mountains

and given physical examinations before being released. Mrs. Hill now says she sees as many as six or eight UFOs a night at the Kingston site, which she has visited on an average of two or three times a week for the last six years.

Oswald, who has investigated UFO sightings in southeastern New Hampshire for eight years and has been affiliated with the UFO center in Evanston, Ill. since 1973, told the Democrat that he has visited the Kingston site with Mrs. Hill on several occasions, the last being on April 15.

"Obviously Mrs. Hill isn't seeing eight UFOs a night,"

Oswald said. "She is seeing things that are not UFOs and calling them UFOs." On the April 15 visit to the sight, Oswald said Mrs. Hill couldn't "distinguish between a landed UFO and a streetlight."

The 37-year-old investigator, who holds a master's degree in chemistry and works as a quality control technician for the Milliken Co. in Exeter, says he believes UFOs exist and feels they are "apparently space craft of some sort occupied by some sort of alien manifestation. UFOs seem to be space ships and they seem to be piloted," he added.

But he doesn't buy Mrs. Hill's claims. "Very few UFO sightings are made in any one given area," he said.

"They tend to stay in particular areas for only a brief time so it is extremely improbable that Mrs. Hill sees the same UFOs night after night."

Oswald says he has been actively looking for UFOs in southeastern New Hampshire skies for more than eight years and he has seen "only one object that could qualify as a good maybe" in terms of being a UFO. He says there have only been 100 or 200 sightings in the area during that last 15 years that could be considered possible UFOs.

The investigator has interviewed hundreds of area residents concerning UFO activity, but says many of the alleged sightings turn out to be airplanes or electric lights of some sort.

Oswald says reliable investigators check out every available conclusion when looking into a potential UFO sighting before determining that a possible sighting occurred. Mrs. Hill's sightings, he added, are not backed by any scientific documentation.

But Oswald says he does believe the Hills were probably abducted by alien beings in the mid-60s "because we can't break the case or disprove it."

He has worked for the UFO center since its inception in 1973. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the center, served as a UFO consultant for the U.S. Air Force for 20 years on Project Bluebook before opening the center in Evanston.

A spokesman for the center said the organization "is a clearing house for people to report UFO incidents without fear of ridicule or publicity." The center, which operates primarily by public donations and is staffed mainly by volunteers, keeps computerized files of investigated sightings and promotes UFO research by acting as a publishing source for such data through several newsletters, including International UFO Reporter.

## UFO encounter near Neillsville

NEILLSVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Clark County authorities reported Wednesday night they were investigating what one man called his second encounter in a week with an unidentified flying object.

The sheriff's office said it had statements from 11 persons who provided virtually identical descriptions of an object with white, green and yellow lights, ports that looked like windows, and a red light on a pointed tail.

Mark Grop, who said he saw the object a week ago while returning home from choir practice, reported having been among several frightened persons who saw it for about five minutes Wednesday about 8 p.m. at tree-top level west of Neillsville.

The sheriff's office said it thought at first it might have had something to do with military exercises underway at Fort McCoy about 40 miles to the south.

But inquiries failed to link the Neillsville account to the Army installation, a deputy sheriff said.

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In Wood County, the neighboring county to the east, a flashing light described as a possible unidentified flying object was reported to have been sighted about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Cliff Borden, news director for Wisconsin Rapids radio station WFHR, said he and WFHR sports director Terry Stake were leaving a marsh at the Mead Wildlife Area seven miles northeast of Auburndale after duck hunting when they saw the light.

He said the light, spotted to the east, was high in the sky but not high enough to be a satellite. It was flashing similarly to a strobe light, standing still and then moving erratically, unlike either an airplane or a helicopter, he added.

Borden said that the light moved out of sight to the east after several minutes. He said it was the first time he had sighted a possible UFO.

The spotting of Unidentified Flying Objects in Simi Valley, or by Simi Valley residents in other local areas, play prominently in a pair of independent UFO researchers' summary of summer '77 sightings.

Researchers Donald Weitzel, Canoga Park, and Walter H. Greenawald, Woodland Hills, noted in their summary, "A series of UFO sightings of an apparent higher density than normally seen appears to have resulted in the northwestern suburban area of Los Angeles. Affected were the western end of the San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley and the Thousand Oaks vicinity."

Their log of sightings:

—June 26, Mr. Jim W., an amateur photographer from Van Nuys, took a set of six color slides of a pair of bright lights, far away, displaying erratic motions. Early evening.

—July 6, Mrs. Ellie T., successful businesswoman, was awakened during the early morning hours by a coded beeping sound. Arising, she noted the interior of her house was bathed in a blue light. From the bedroom she saw a UFO which hovered for hours nearby. Witnessed also by her husband. At one point a police helicopter appeared to have investigated the object. She claims to have communicated with the strange device by telepathy.

—Aug. 2-26, series of strange sightings by a young security guard at a remote housing site in the Thousand Oaks area...usually after midnight and before dawn. Wandering lights and humming "hovercraft." Bright light flashes noted by him and others.

—Aug. 5 and 7, two sightings by a 13-year-old Simi Valley girl of low flying glowing balls of light. Parents somewhat skeptical and uncooperative.

—Aug. 8, two members of a Dixieland Jazz band, both aerospace engineers, witnessed a bright white-gold hovering light at 9:45 p.m. from the patio of a hillside restaurant in Burbank. Object was five times brighter than stars and was motionless for 15 minutes.

—Aug. 13, spectacular display of UFO over Simi Valley seen by eight members of the Simi Valley Police (Department) and an estimated 20 citizens at 11 p.m. High speed chase on freeway. Photos taken by police and citizens. Device not believed to be airplane.

—Aug. 17, the daughter of one of the civilian sighters in the Simi Valley sighting of 13 August reported that the following Wednesday she saw strange lights near Thousand Oaks. Also seen by other families. Case still under investigation.

"To come up with seven separate UFO-related incidents in a three-month period, for two investigators who ordinarily may hear about one in six months, seems to constitute a real UFO sighting flap," Weitzel and Greenawald said.

They placed a classified advertisement in The Enterprise, inviting UFO spotters to contact them, and received one phone response. The woman who called, investigators said, was reluctant to discuss the sightings by her daughter, age 13. The girl was on another extension, they noted, and would not talk much.

"We frankly could not understand why she called," Weitzel said. "When we pushed for an interview the mother would not allow it. The child evidently saw a three sphere shaped thing in the sky glowing gold in color on the night of Aug. 8, somewhat in the middle of the sighting flap.

"Two nights later she saw something in the sky while driving with her father and was apparently not believed by her dad," he added. No description of the second seen object was obtained.

As an aside, the researchers told of an experience they had in Simi Valley:

As they were leaving the Simi Valley police station, after talking to an officer on the department, their conversation about a "flying saucer" incident was overheard by two young ex-Marines from Simi Valley.

In the parking lot, the conversation settled into a serious discussion, and one of the Marines mentioned a tremendous flash of light that occurred one morning as he and some young friends were having a pool party. For one very brief instant the sky was lit as bright as day—like the sun was turned on for a second.

This type of phenomena has been reported during UFO flaps in other parts of the world, Weitzel and Greenawald noted.

Of the Saturday, Aug. 13, sighting by Simi Valley police and residents, the investigators reported:

Several members of the Simi Valley Police Department reported sightings of an Unidentified Flying Object on Saturday night, 13 August 1977, between the times of 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. (estimated).

The object was first reported over the eastern end of the valley—near the Hummingbird Ranch—by citizens who called the police. Detective Mel Stewart, in the area, was notified to watch for the strange object which initially appeared to be an aircraft in distress. He described a cone shaped device, point down, which appeared to be dropping burning fuel or like globules from a burning flare. The object disappeared from view.

The next sighting was from a citizen near Sycamore and Los Angeles streets, and the object was spotted by two police cruisers. The object took off in a westerly direction between the Simi Valley Freeway (east and west) and Los Angeles Avenue (east and west) and about one mile apart.

At this time, Weitzel and Greenawald continued, a citizen who was listening to police conversations via his police monitor radio, stepped outside to catch sight of the strange device. He was able to see, only for a few seconds, the glowing conical thing described by Mel Stewart...also describing the fire-dripping phenomena.

From what this witness remembers, the police conversation went like, "What is it? It's not an airplane or a helicopter!"

"I'm doing 80 miles an hour and it's pulling away from me. I'm sounding the siren and it's making right angle turns."

Another officer noted the object responded to the red lights and siren from his cruiser.

At First Street, the officer traveling along Los Angeles turned right onto First Street and traveled a block or so then stopped, commandeering citizens nearby to corroborate his sighting. This officer said the device appeared to be several blocks away. It stayed around only for several minutes and then took off straight up at a very fast rate, investigators learned.

The officer who was traveling west on the freeway also stopped at First Street (offramp) and soon collected a sizable number of citizens who stopped at all the excitement, Weitzel continued.

Conversations with police and citizens have led investigators to believe this group of witnesses somehow lost the object seen by the officer on Los Angeles Avenue, and it appears they locked onto the star Arcturus — which scintillates with the same colors noted by police and citizens.

According to Weitzel and Greenawald, Officer Stewart thought the object was over a college nearby; however, the private citizen who heard the commotion over his police monitor radio jumped in his car and headed west to see exactly where the object was.

After traveling several miles, the citizen got out of his car and after viewing the object with binoculars from the new vantage point, concluded it looked like it did back at First Street. This has led investigators to believe the object was, indeed, the star Arcturus.

"The amazing part of the investigation," Weitzel emphasized, "is the lack of private citizens who have stepped forward for questioning."

He also said, "One aspect of this case is the fact that several of the police are aware of the previous UFO activity in this area, but one gathers they don't want to discuss any of it on an official basis."

Two previous sightings in this same locale, investigators said, are Gary Chopic's humanoid sighting in October 1973 and a case known as the Fair-Gonzales red disc-close encounter in June 1974.

"This case appears to be an 'unknown' of the nocturnal light variety and having one peculiar detail not ordinarily reported — that of the burning fuel or globules of falling molten material," the pair said of the Aug. 13 sighting.

Weitzel and Greenawald said the nature of this summer's UFO flap (events highly charged with excitement), prompt a need for expertise in psychological analysis and related fields and in photographic analysis.

Simi Valley police have reported that a citizen's photographs of the mid-August "UFO" here definitely did not produce printable negatives. A definite outcome of police-taken photographs of the same objects has not been announced.

Both the police and private citizen's film were sent to the Ventura Sheriff's Department crime lab for processing.

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Enterprise Sun & News

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# UFO researchers zero in on Simi



# UFO Spotted in 2 Communities

EAGLE, Reading, PA, Oct. 30, 1977  
CR: O. Wilson

ERIE, Pa. (UPI) — An oddly-lit, cigar-shaped unidentified flying object, which failed to appear on radar instruments at the Erie International Airport, was spotted Saturday by police and residents in the nearby communities of Northeast Borough and Millcreek Township.

At about 2 a.m., Millcreek Township police received two reports of a pulsating light in the sky. At about the same time, a dispatcher and three police officers with the Northeast Borough Police Department spotted an object surrounded by a blue light revolving in the sky.

Dispatcher Sharon Chesley said the object kept going around in tight circles.

"It had a blue reflecting light off it. It kept going around in a stationary spot," Mrs. Chesley said.

Saying it was "quite high in the sky," Mrs. Chesley said she still did not believe it could have been a star.

"I have never seen a star going in a circular motion like this one did," she said.

The next UFO report came at about 7:30 a.m. when another Northeast Borough police officer spotted "a dark cigar-shaped thing with a raised back of some sort."

"I didn't see any wings on it of any kind. It was moving very smoothly in a lateral northeast to southwest direction," the officer said, adding that the mysterious object "was making no loud noises at all."

Don Morgan, who was on duty at the control tower of the Erie International Airport, said a weather balloon was released from the airport at about dawn on Saturday. But Morgan said the balloon was about 20 miles from the spot where the Northeast Borough police officer saw the dark, cigar-shaped UFO when that sighting occurred.

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## Lights in the sky

Two Simi Valley girls became the latest local residents to spot UFO's when they saw three golden colored lights in the sky Wednesday.

The two, Taleah Borders, 14, and her friend Anna Knee, 11, said they saw the lights, maybe two telephone pole lengths into the air, hovering over Mountain View Elementary School at about 8 p.m.

The lights are the latest in a series of local UFO sightings, including one sighting by several Simi Valley Police officers.

GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE, Green Bay, Wis.  
Oct. 20, 1977 CR: R. Schiller

## UFO Sightings

Sheriff's officers in Wisconsin's Clark County are investigating the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Authorities say they have statements from 11 persons whose description of the UFO are virtually identical. All the witnesses described an object with white, green and yellow lights, ports that looked like windows, and a red light on a pointed tail.

One witness, Mark Grop, said he saw the UFO a week ago while returning from choir practice. Grop was among several other frightened people who again saw the object Wednesday at about 8 p.m. as it hovered above the trees near the town of Neillsville.

At first, the sheriff's office thought the sightings may have been related to military exercises being held at Fort McCoy about 40 miles from the town. However, no link could be made between the Army base and the sightings.

EAGLE, Reading, PA, Nov. 3, 1977  
CR: O. Wilson

## UFOs 'Sighted' In Erie Area

By Steven Prokesch  
United Press International

Two of the four unidentified flying objects sightings reported in Western Pennsylvania recently may be genuine, the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., said Wednesday.

Reported UFOs were seen at three different times Saturday in Erie County. Another was spotted Monday night near Indiana, Pa.

At about 2 a.m. Saturday, police and residents in the Erie County communities of North East Borough and Millcreek Township saw a blue revolving light in the sky.

But Alan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, said the object apparently was a star.

"The majority of the sightings at about 2 a.m. we believe were caused by the same stimuli which caused the single largest category of reports received by the center," Hendry said.

"Those are namely stars which are observed to change different colors — red, green and blue — and exhibit slight changes in position due to effects of the earth's atmosphere."

But two UFOs spotted later Saturday near Erie could have been genuine.

"We have learned of a number of incidents that seem unrelated to the star calls and might be of interest to us," Hendry said.

The earlier incident occur-

red at about 7:30 a.m. when a North East Borough policeman saw a brown UFO flying near the northwest edge of the borough.

Officer Gary Rogers, 26, described the UFO as a "cigar-shaped thing — like a plane, only broader — with a raised back of some sort."

Rogers said he viewed the UFO for five minutes as it came towards him from the northeast, made a 45-degree turn towards the southwest and then faded in the distance.

He said the craft made no noise, although it was close enough that engine sounds should have been discernible.

The latest Saturday sighting investigated by Hendry occurred in North East Borough at about 7:45 p.m. when two teen-agers saw "a pancake-shaped object with a light on top of it" in a field across from their house.

The girls called local police. As an officer was arriving, he saw an object with a light take off.

After police left, the girls said the craft returned. They then notified the state police. But the UFO again departed before authorities arrived, the girls said.

At about 11:30 p.m., the girls saw the light return and a disk-shaped object rushed towards the house, change course, flying rapidly to the north and out of sight.

Hendry said the Erie Air Traffic Control and the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Cleveland recorded "nothing of an unusual nature Saturday. But it isn't unusual for UFOs not to appear on radar."

He also said a weather balloon launched from the Erie International Airport Saturday could not have been the UFOs sighted by Rogers and the girls.

Hendry said the center planned to investigate a UFO spotted Monday night near Indiana, Pa., and described as a bright light which flew from one end of the horizon to the other.

EAGLE, Reading, PA  
Nov. 1, 1977  
CR: O. Wilson

## UFO Sighting Reported

INDIANA, Pa. (UPD) — State police at the Indiana barracks said they received several calls Monday night from persons who claimed they saw an unidentified flying object about three miles west of here.

State police said the UFO was described as a bright light in the western sky which flew from one end of the horizon to the other and made two right turns before leaving with a three-plane posse on its tail.

One state police officer joked that "maybe it was a character from 'Star Wars' checking us out."



Dr. Harley Rutledge  
... once a skeptic

## UFO reports continue in Cape area

By CHARLES J. OSWALD  
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Those strange UFOs continue to be seen zipping over southeastern Missouri, according to Dr. Harley Rutledge, chairman of the physics department at Southeastern Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

The most recent sighting was about 7:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, about five miles north of Jackson, Mo., where witnesses watched a bright white object being chased by a military fighter plane, Rutledge said.

Rutledge said one of the witnesses, John Hickam, a former Air Force electronics expert watching through a rifle telescopic sight, gave this account:

**THE BRIGHT LIGHT** appeared to move north-erly, following the route of Interstate 55. It was very bright, made no sound and appeared to be about 5,000 feet high. The object dimmed considerably about the time a commercial airliner passed overhead.

Seconds later a jet fighter which sounded like a McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom went into after-burn and cracked the sound barrier while pursuing the light.

Both flew out of sight over Illinois. The fighter then returned and made a figure-eight search of the area and flew east.

Rutledge, originally a skeptic, started a scientific UFO field investigation program called **Project Identification** after strange lights were reported over Piedmont, Mo., in April, 1973.

**THE INVESTIGATION** was partially financed with a donation from The Globe-Democrat.

"Not only have I seen strange vehicles and lights both by day and night, but they appear to be intelligently controlled and seem to interact with human beings," Rutledge said.

One of the most significant sightings took place from the second floor window of Rutledge's campus office on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1976, he said.

"I turned to look out the window and a glint of reflected sunlight revealed a disc shaped object hovering at a 60-degree angle a distance away," he said.

Little Rock, Arkansas

22A • ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Friday, Nov. 18, 1977.

## Aliens Sack Town, Article Says; Residents Missed It

CHESTER, Ill. (AP) — If this quiet Mississippi River town of 5,300 was sacked by aliens last summer, the invaders covered their tracks well. No one remembers any invasion.

Yet, a headline on an article in a magazine called *Official UFO* tells of the looting and burning of Chester.

Chester's "sheriff," Luke Grisholm, writes in the magazine that he tried in vain to get Chanute Air Force Base at Rantoul to send Strategic Air Command jet fighters to repel the invaders.

The article says Chester television sets went blank and then registered the image of an alien figure.

As most everyone in town knows, Chester has no city sheriff, but there is a chief of police named Harold Howie.

"Believe me, I'm not a writer," Howie says. "I didn't have a thing to do with that story."

The magazine says the facts were suppressed by local officials.

"I wondered what the hell I was covering up in Chester," Mayor Stanley Macieiski said. The mayor in the article was identified as Uhlan Moulton.

"I think somebody nearby

really wrote the story," the real mayor said.

*Official UFO* is printed at Spartan Printing at Sparta, a city near Chester. Circulation figures for the magazine, which is distributed throughout the United States, Canada and overseas, were not available.

Editor Jeffrey Goodman said from New York that the article had come from a free-lance writer who asked to remain anonymous. He said the magazine staff had tried to "check out" the article as best it could.

An editor's note beginning the article says that in the last several weeks, Goodman's office has been flooded with reports from Chester residents, all relating to the same incident.

Looting and burning of Chester? Mayor Macieiski said, "The thing that's really funny is that we didn't have a report of a single fire on August 2."

Little Rock, Arkansas

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Saturday, Nov. 26, 1977. • 3A

## Burning Object in the Sky Prompts Jefferson Search

From the Associated Press

**PINE BLUFF** — Several Jefferson County residents told authorities Friday they saw a burning object fall from the sky about 5:45 p.m. Thursday. The Jefferson County sheriff's department said the object was not a plane and speculated that it was a parachute flare shot into the sky.

Authorities and volunteers searched the area Friday, but found nothing.

A spokesman said there had been reports in the past of burning flares falling in the area. The police suspect "kids had some flares rigged somehow to shoot them up in the air," he said.

Some Scott Road residents said they saw a burning object about the size of a basketball land in a field, then immediately go back into the sky.

About 70 to 90 policemen and volunteers and three planes searched for the object.

**RUTLEDGE SAID** the object almost immediately shot upwards at a steep angle, accelerating with great speed and backing away almost instantly.

Rutledge, who said he has made more than 140 UFO sightings since 1973 and classified 25 as "incredible," will speak on his research at 1:15 and 2:45 p.m. Thursday at the Missouri State Teachers Association Convention in room 272 of the St. Louis Gateway Convention and Exhibition Center.

He is working on several papers on the subject of UFO research.



# Doctor Seeks Rational Explanation For 140 UFOs

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Dr. Harley Rutledge, chairman of a university physics department, is attempting to find a rational explanation for the more than 140 UFO's he says he has seen.

"One hates to admit he's seen a flying saucer," Rutledge said Thursday. "That has terrible connotations. But I've seen a couple of them."

"If I had to make a choice, I'd say they're man-made," he added. "But too many people are troubled with that. We'll just have to get scientific evidence and let it go at that."

Getting scientific evidence to define the source of UFOs has been Rutledge's pet project at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. He started a field investigation program called Project Identification after strange lights were reported over Piedmont, Mo., in April 1973.

Using cameras, telescopes and other sophisticated machinery, Rutledge has spent many nights watching the skies over several areas in the southeast part of the state.

If a UFO is spotted, Rutledge has equipment which will photograph it, measure it, listen and record any sounds from the object, detect its magnetic field and check it for radiation.

Rutledge is aware of the questionable field he is entering.

"I worried a great deal about my career. I vacillated quite a bit," he said. "But many people were seeing these things and I wondered why. There were too many to classify it as a coincidence."

"When I went down there in April, I found a great deal of apprehension," Rutledge said of his first visit to Piedmont. "Women were carrying firearms, pistols, at night. When I first started, I didn't know what I was looking for."

Rutledge now has assembled a series of slides of objects he has seen during the last few years. In a discussion at the Missouri State Teachers Association convention, Rutledge showed pictures of strange lights in the night sky and objects which appeared to be moving in patterns across the horizon.

The most spectacular slide clearly showed a saucer-shaped vehicle about to land in a hilly area. But Rutledge quickly

put a disclaimer on that slide, saying it was sent to him by a woman in Oregon and he couldn't vouch for its integrity.

However, Rutledge said, "Not only have I seen strange vehicles and lights both by day and night, but they appear to be intelligently controlled and seem to interact with human beings. These aren't blurry; they're real as anything, well-defined."

Of his more than 140 sightings, Rutledge classifies 25 as "incredible."

"That means they have some property which seems to defy our technology — great speed or maneuverability, changes in shape — some physical property which isn't right."

"Why do I see so many?" Rutledge said. "I wonder why. Maybe it's because I look."

## Question Man

### Have You Ever Seen A UFO?

By O'Hara

(Asked on the waterfront and at the Pyramid)

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**Daniel Dominguez, shoe salesman, Hyde street:**

Yes, but don't laugh. I was walking home and this big round disc with a lighted dome pulled up. I couldn't believe my eyes and then I read this sign "Vote for So and So." It was really a good copy of a UFO.



**Richard Roudebush, warehouseman, Larkin street:**

Oh, sure, lots of times. I even made one once. It was a helium air contraption that rose to where you couldn't see it anymore. It made the L.A. Times. They wrote it up and it freaked everybody out.



**Debble Golding, drama student, Hyde street:**

Almost. I mean, I thought I did but it was the Goodyear Blimp. I didn't know the Goodyear Blimp was going to be in town and I let out a scream and then felt silly.



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**Eva Zehm, student, North Point:**

Yes, in Carson City, Nevada, our whole family saw this shining disc. We called the police but they said it was a weather balloon. It was silvery and shaped like two plates glued together.

**Nancy Mello, student, Polk street:**

I think so. We were at a drive-in and I just happened to look up and saw these green lights. It was long and shining and the lights flashed on and off. I told everyone but no one paid any attention to me.



**Mark Butler, student, Clay street:**

I've never seen one but my father has. He was driving across the Golden Gate Bridge and he looked up and there it was. It was just like the UFO's you hear about. He came home and told us all about it.



**Susan Shaw, writer, Larkin street:**

Yes, I saw one when I lived in Georgia. I was all alone walking along a country road and saw this very bright light in the sky. At first I thought it must be a plane and then it stopped completely and just hung there.



# Skeptical professor

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The pursuit of "flying saucers" can be a difficult thing for a scientist, especially if he becomes convinced he has found what he was looking for.

"It's changed my life completely," Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, physics department chairman of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, said. Colleagues call him a man not prone to exaggeration.

Rutledge began as a skeptic in 1973 when it was suggested that he investigate a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects in southeast Missouri. Now, after more than four years of firsthand research and observation, he has reluctantly admitted he cannot debunk the stories.

The information gathered by Rutledge, including more than 700 photographs, resulted from hundreds of

nights spent in the air, in fields and on hillsides, accompanied, always, by other observers and equipment which includes telescopes, cameras and a spectrograph.

At 51, married, with five children, he is laying his reputation and career on the line and saying that there really is something up there that cannot be explained by conventional logic.

"Now I know they are up there. What they are or where they came from, I have no way of knowing. But they are there," he said in a recent interview.

Rutledge himself has made more than 140 sightings, both in broad daylight and at night. At least 25 of those sightings he labels as "incredible."

Three of the most convincing sightings occurred within two weeks of each other in May 1973. The first, from the air, involved what he calls "a 45-second metamorphosis" involving 10

balls of light that had no business being where they were, in the air near the small town of Piedmont, Mo.

The second and third sightings, which he believes to be conclusive because he was so close to the objects, were made near Farmington, Mo., about two weeks later. On the night of May 24 Rutledge and several other observers spotted an object with a triangular shaped light pattern passing over them. Rutledge tentatively labeled the object as an airplane, but said later evidence discounted that possibility.

The next night, he said, he and his colleagues observed a huge object that had nearly passed over them before they spotted it.

"It had four lights, two red and two white," the professor said. "It was close enough that I could see parts of it through my 80-power telescope. It had a metallic

## now a believer in UFOs

skin and I could make out a ribbed pattern in the red lights."

Because of the delicacy of his position, Rutledge said he has been reluctant to talk about the phenomena. Now, he said, he believes he can survive the scoffing he will hear — and he says he believes he has an obligation to tell the public what he knows.

Rutledge's colleagues point out that he is an intense man, but rational and conservative.

"Anything he does has lots of effort put into it," said Dr. Donald Fromsdorf, dean of the College of Sciences at SEMO. "Everything is done professionally, scientifically."

"I have no qualms about his professional integrity or the way he goes about things. But he has taken on a monumental task."

Much of the work has been funded

through grants from the university and a special grant from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Rutledge reviews, but will not include in his research data, reports from laymen. He also refuses to associate with amateur UFO clubs, which he says he has learned are usually run by persons seeking no more than cheap thrills or publicity.

"I really didn't ask for the position in which I now find myself," Rutledge said. "But now, if I am to perform a service, I suppose it must be to prepare people for the various possibilities."

The professor emphasizes that he does not know the origin of the objects he has seen. But he does say he has documented evidence that they have performed aerial gymnastics that seem far beyond what any known manmade aircraft can do.

"Not only have I seen strange vehicles and lights by both day and night," he said, "but they appear to be intelligently controlled and seem to interact with human beings."

Have the experiences frightened him?

"I don't like the word frightened," he said. "They have made me uneasy. When I returned from Piedmont after the first conclusive sightings, I was in the dumps for about two weeks. But I got a lot of support from the university and from my family and I was finally able to say, 'If this is the worst, well, then we're all in it together.'"

"But it has changed my life. I have no social life to speak of because of the time required for the research. But I guess I can't stop now. I feel I must try to make people gain a little better understanding of it."

POST-DISPATCH, St. Louis, MO  
Nov. 6, 1977 CR: R. Nelke

## Spacecraft May Have Crashed In Siberia, Scientist Says

MOSCOW, Nov. 4 (UPI) — A powerful and mysterious explosion that shook Siberia nearly 70 years ago — and was recorded as far away as Washington — may have been the crash of a spaceship from another world, a leading Soviet physicist says.

Scientist Alexei Zolotov told the Moscow magazine *Turist* that the Tungus explosion of 1908 cannot be definitely identified as a meteorite or comet.

"It cannot be excluded that the Tungus meteorite was an artificial body from other worlds of the universe," the magazine said.

Zolotov said the explosion was accompanied by nuclear reactions, which are reflected in the radioactivity of tree ring growth of that year.

Scientists have puzzled for decades over the origin of the Tungus explosion in central Siberia on the morning of June 30, 1908.

What is known is that the sound of the explosion was heard over 740 miles away and the earth shuddered so violently that horses pulling plows 240 miles away were knocked to the ground.

The blast shattered windows 60 miles away and its shock wave was registered on seismographs in Washington.

When investigators reached the isolated site, they found no crater and no meteorite fragments.

Zolotov cited the stories of witnesses who said the cosmic body apparently changed its luminosity, altitude, velocity and even the trajectory of its flight.

The Soviet scientist said that on the basis of his calculations, the cosmic body was about 550 yards long and 60 yards wide.



Bob Greene— Tennessee

# UFO Sightings Get More Down To Earth

Suddenly Americans — respected, sober, educated Americans — are talking about unidentified flying objects and creatures from other planets in the most serious of terms.

The upcoming motion picture "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which deals with UFOs and alien creatures, is receiving unprecedented publicity. That theory — the theory of "close encounters" — is not something invented by the movie-makers. Dr. J. Allen Hynek — founder-director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., formerly UFO consultant to the Air Force and considered the world's leading expert on UFOs — originally conceived the theory as part of his scientific research. Dr. Hynek served as technical consultant for the movie, and in an inter-

view he explained the title and the thinking behind it.

"Fifteen million Americans say they have seen UFOs," Dr. Hynek said. "Those aren't my figures. Those figures come from the Gallup Poll. Now a great many of those people are bound to be mistaken. But the fact is, 15 million people believe that they have seen UFOs."

"Here is my breakdown of 'close encounters.' A close encounter of the first kind is a sighting of a UFO from a few hundred feet, where the UFO is observed but nothing actually happens. A close encounter of the second kind, which is the most common encounter reported, is when the UFO is seen and physical traces of the UFO are also left behind. Here we're talking about holes in the ground, broken tree branches, people who have been burned, people who have suffered temporary paralysis."

"And then we come to the close encounter of the third kind. A close encounter of the third kind is when creatures are actually seen face-to-face. Contact is made."

The advertisements for the movie say, "We are not alone." Dr. Hynek agrees.

"Absolutely, we are not alone," he said. "The chances of life elsewhere in the universe are enormous."

He said that a computer data bank at the Center for UFO Studies contains 60,000 entries for UFO sightings. Of these sightings, 1,000 are close encounters of the third kind.

"But it is very interesting," Dr. Hynek said. "These close encounters of the third kind have been reported from all over the world. And yet more than 50 per cent of the people who report that they have seen creatures report seeing the same type of creature."

"Basically, the creatures are reported as looking like overgrown goblins. They have large heads and spindly bodies. Over and over again, this is the kind of creature we are told about."

Dr. Hynek said that reports of UFO sightings "tend to come in waves," and that the Center for UFO Studies usually receives about three UFO reports a day from different parts of the country. He is convinced that, once "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is released, the number of reported sightings will pick up enormously.

"Most of them will be false reports," Dr. Hynek said. "We realize this. But one beneficial effect the movie may have is to convince people who have seen UFOs in the past, people who have been afraid or embarrassed to talk about it, to come forward and tell us what they have experienced."

"There are dozens of sightings for every one that is reported to us. What we are most interested in is not the rash of nonsensical reports that are bound to come after the movie is out, from people who start looking up in the sky for the first time. What we are most interested in is the people who, because of fear of ridicule, have seen things in years past and kept quiet about it. There is a huge reservoir of unreported information out there."

"The people who come to talk to us at the Center for UFO Studies are tremendously frustrated. They're reluctant. They think that we'll think they're crazy. It takes a little time to develop their confidence. I tell them that this is not new to me. I assure them that I recognize their status in their communities, that they have good jobs, that they are well respected, that they wouldn't be telling me these things if they didn't believe them."

"So many people go to great lengths to point out to me that they had not been drinking at the time of the sighting. They have been afraid to talk. And they become quite happy when they find that they are able to talk to someone who is sympathetic to them."

Dr. Hynek said that he expects volunteers will be needed at the Center for UFO Studies.

"We're not going to be able to handle all of the inquiries we receive after the movie comes out — not with our present staff. We're going to need people to help us take names and depositions. From a scientific standpoint, science depends on getting data. And we are interested in collecting this data."

Dr. Hynek said that he feels a kind of vindication, after all these years of research, to find that people are finally taking the idea of UFOs and alien creatures seriously.

"There may be civilizations out there very much more advanced than ours," he said. "Heaven knows what they know that we don't. Undoubtedly, out in another solar system, there are creatures right now discussing whether there is life on Earth."

Little Rock

6A—Arkansas Democrat—Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1977

## U.N. opens debate on UFOs

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Prime Minister Eric Gairy of Grenada opened the first U.N. debate on UFOs, then led diplomats to the movies Monday night to see "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"This is the fulfillment of my very high expectation...The world is looking on," the leader of the 12-by-21-mile island in the Caribbean told the General Assembly's special political committee.

After his brief talk, Gairy and his party saw the movie, Hollywood's latest foray into the world of unidentified flying objects.

Little Rock

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1977.

Wellington Friday, Grenada's ambassador to the United Nations, was greeted with silence by the General Assembly after a 90-minute speech in which he urged the world organization to investigate reports of UFOs, charging that the "superpowers for years have concealed evidence of the extent of UFO sightings."

# NASA Resists Carter Move To Reopen Probe of UFOs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House, whose chief occupant once saw a strange glowing blob in the sky, wants the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to look into reopening the government's inquiry of unidentified flying objects.

NASA officials are not eager to do it without some solid evidence such as a "little green man" or at least a piece of metal from a UFO.

## 'Not Measurable'

"We're not anxious to do it because we're not sure what we can do," Dave Williamson, NASA assistant for special projects, said. "It's my personal opinion that it's not wise to do research on something that is not a measurable phenomena. Spending public money for such research is questionable."

"There is no measurable UFO evidence such as a piece of metal, flesh or cloth. We don't even have any radio signals. A photograph is not a measurement \*\*\*."

"Give me one little green man — not a theory or memory of one — and we can have a multimillion-dollar program. It's a scientific dilemma. How do you prove something that doesn't exist?"

"It's like the Loch Ness monster revisited. Everyone sees it, but there is no physical evidence."

## Studying Request

Williamson heads a group of technical experts who will recommend by the end of the year what NASA should do about a White House request that it establish a UFO panel of inquiry. The panel would take up where the Air Force left off 10 years ago when it closed its UFO investigation, Project Blue Book.

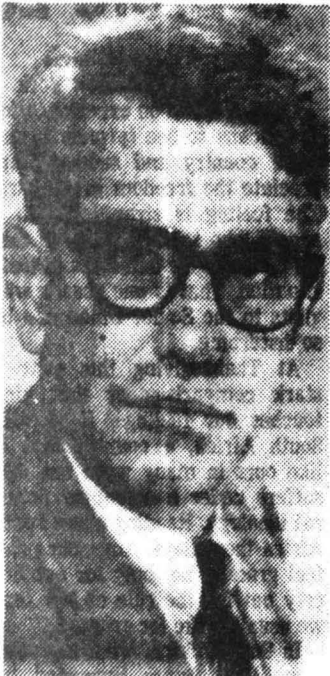
The Air Force concluded after a decade of study and considerable expense that, in the absence of significant findings, continuation of the project was unwarranted.

Williamson will make the recommendation to NASA administrator Robert A. Frosch, who then will pass along his own decision to President Carter's science adviser, Dr. Frank Press.

Dr. Press, in a letter to Frosch, asked that NASA become the government's focal point in a "national revival" of interest in the reports of UFO sightings. Frosch said setting up a panel of inquiry would cost a lot of money and suggested his technical staff make a study to see if it is justified.

## Letter Surge

Dr. Press said his office had received an increase of letters, especially from young people, asking about UFOs. Williamson said he expects even more interest because of a newly released,



—AP Wirephoto

## DAVE WILLIAMSON

highly publicized film about contact with extraterrestrial beings.

Dr. Press said his staff was too small to answer all the letters and assigned the job to NASA.

A NASA official said the letters average two or three a day. He speculated Dr. Press might have acted because some of them suggest that Mr. Carter carry out a campaign promise to investigate UFOs.

A White House spokesman said he vaguely recalled Mr. Carter making the promise but could not pinpoint the time or place.

In 1973, when Mr. Carter was governor of Georgia, he reported sighting a UFO near Griffin, Ga. He described the object as "bluish at first, then reddish, then luminous but not solid."

"I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they have seen UFOs because I've seen one myself," Mr. Carter was quoted as saying.

## Standard Reply

NASA answers the UFO letters with a form letter that cites the main findings of the Air Force investigation:

- ★ There is no evidence UFOs pose a threat to the United States.
- ★ There is no evidence they represent a development beyond known technology.
- ★ There is no evidence of extraterrestrial vehicles.

NASA is considering several actions it could take if it decides to pursue the matter in some form. They include:

- ★ Asking the private community of UFO specialists to supply the five best examples of sightings or encounters for official study.
- ★ Urging the public to send NASA all material on UFOs and maintaining an open file.
- ★ Holding a national symposium on the subject.
- ★ Announcing that NASA stands

Little Rock

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Monday, Nov. 28, 1977. • 7A

# Mystery 'Voice of Asteron' Pleads for Peace

SOUTHAMPTON, England (UPI) — "This is the voice of Asteron," began the mysterious broadcast that interrupted television programming and startled thousands of viewers in southern England. "I have a message for the planet earth \*\*\*."

As hundreds of alarmed viewers dove for the phones and television technicians scrambled to find out where the message was coming from, the male voice delivered a three-minute plea for peace on earth.

The Saturday night incident, which a television spokesman called "a pretty sick hoax," recalled Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast in the 1930s that touched off fears of an invasion from outer space.

The source of the voice remained a mystery Sunday.

It began when a series of bleeps gradually overtook normal sound toward the end of Southern Television's evening news program and viewers heard a voice say:

"This is the voice of Asteron. I am an authorized representative of the intergalactic mission and I have a message for the planet earth. We are beginning to enter the period of Aquarius and there are many corrections which have to be made by earth people."

"All your weapons of evil must be destroyed," the voice said. "You only have a short time to learn to live together in peace. You must live together in peace — or leave the galaxy."

The police in the region said they said Southern Television received hundreds of frantic telephone calls.

"Most people took it quite seriously and some were frightened," a police spokesman said. "We had to send a patrol car around to calm the elderly women."

"Our engineers are trying to discover exactly what happened," the Southern Television spokesman said.

"We can't imagine how it was done, but it appears someone must have managed to transmit a signal over ours. The equipment used would need to be fairly sophisticated and expensive."

Viewer Rex Monger reported, "The man seemed to suggest that he was speaking from a spacecraft traveling within the vicinity of earth. He sounded pretty fed

up with the way we are running things down here."

Another viewer, Mrs. Janet Stewart, said, "First the sound went funny. Then we heard a man's voice announce, 'This is the voice of Asteron.' My little girl,

Donna, was frightened."

The "Voice of Asteron" was heard in all parts of Hampshire county and as far north as Reading in Berkshire and Witney in Oxfordshire.

The station flashed an apology

on the screen saying the mysterious interruption was being investigated.

Viewer David White said, "I assumed it was a message from outer space. It scared the wits out of me and my wife."





## UFO's Over Irazu?

Two unidentified flying objects, (UFOs, or OVNI in Spanish) were spotted over the crater of Irazu Volcano Wednesday night, and another was seen over Poás Volcano the same evening.

Civil guards permanently stationed at Irazu said they saw the two objects at 7:15 P.M. The UFOs were reportedly hovering over the crater, occasionally dropping down to barely 100 meters above the ground and then going straight up again. The guards watched for 10 minutes until the objects took off the north.

They immediately radioed the guard house at Poás Volcano to report their findings, but were told that a UFO had been spotted there too, at about the same time. The Poás guards said it hovered over the area for a few minutes and then disappeared.

Spokesmen said this was the first time that UFOs had been spotted in these two areas.

THE TICO TIMES, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Sept. 9, 1977 CR: J. McCampbell

## 'UFO' sign in paddock

PERTH. — Farmer Philip Drage pointed to an almost-circular patch of bare ground in one of his paddocks yesterday and reluctantly said he thought a UFO had landed there.

"I have never believed in UFOs, so I don't like to go that far... but what else can I think," said Mr Drage, 37, of Mt Barker, near Albany.

The bare patch, three metres in diameter, is in the middle of 15 hectares of lush green pasture.

In the centre of the patch is a neatly-soured circular hole half a metre wide and 22 cm deep.

Three shallower indentations are almost equidistant apart, around the perimeter of the patch.

Mr Drage, whose mixed farm is 30 km west of Mt Barker, said he was embarrassed to admit his suspicions about the discovery, but felt he had no alternative.

"When I found the patch on Friday, I first dismissed it as possibly the work of pranksters," he said.

"But then I started to think about it, and found it hard to imagine anybody going to such a remote paddock — one which is not visible from any of the surrounding farms.

"Then there's the neat spacing of the three tripod-type marks and the smooth hole in the centre, from which the earth has been removed."

Soil samples from the clearing will go to a Perth UFO research group.

SUN, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia  
Sept. 26, 1977

BURNLEY EVENING STAR, Lancs., England  
Oct. 5, 1977

## LORRY DRIVER 'DRAGGED INTO SPACECRAFT'

A 33-YEAR-OLD lorry driver who claims he was dragged into a flying saucer has doctors in Rio de Janeiro baffled.

For his body temperature keeps soaring above 107 degrees, which should kill him. Normal temperature is 98.6.

But as the experts gather round—refusing to comment — Antonio Larrubia stays obstinately alive and eager to tell his story to radio and television.

### Fear

He said that he was strolling near his home in the Rio suburb of Paciencia when he saw a flying saucer land in the square.

Two short but broad-shouldered beings pushed him into the spacecraft, in which there were about 50

more of the creatures, he claimed.

When he cried out in fear he was hit by "a sort of bolt of lighting" which made his body feel as if it were on fire.

He found himself lying dizzy in the square again, about an hour later. He thought he had been burned alive and asked to be drenched with water at a nearby garage.

"His clinical condition remains astonishing," said Nelly David, a doctor who examined Mr Larrubia.

"I have never seen a case like it."

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Kettering, Northamptonshire, England  
Oct. 6, 1977

## Space fan in 'UFO' mystery

A SECURITY man thinks he may have seen a UFO.

Mr Charles Henderson of 33 Peversey Walk, Corby was on duty at Burton Latimer Westabix factory.

He said: "At about 1am on Sunday there was a sudden flash of brilliant light in the sky — it seemed to be behind me.

"I turned round and saw a long silver line in the sky, like a streamer. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a plane.

"There was a light aircraft heading towards Corby which was going across the path of the object — I think the pilot may have seen it too.

"I used my radio to call the other security men but by the time they got there it had faded away — it only lasted about five seconds.

Mr Henderson said: "I have always been interested in space — with working at night I see a lot of shooting stars — but this is the first thing I have seen which I can't account for. The other guards were sceptical about it, so I'm trying to find out if anyone else saw it."

BASILDON RECORDER, Essex, England  
Sept. 30, 1977

## UFO couple 'converted'

THE MEN from Mars have been hovering over Pitsea... according to Julian Ashwin.

He and his wife Florence, of Gordons, Pitsea, saw an Unidentified Flying Object near their home last week.

Mr. Ashwin, 55, said: "I have heard a lot about flying saucers but have never really believed in them. Now, I've been converted.

"I saw a round-shaped craft hovering over Pitsea. It had coloured flashing lights and was about the average height a plane flies at.

"My wife and I saw it together so we know our eyes weren't deceiving us."

## Town is sky-eyed over the UFOs

A TOWN is busy watching the sky at night ... for UFOs.

In recent weeks a spate of sightings has been reported in Ashford, Kent. Descriptions vary slightly, but most people agree the mysterious flying object is red or orange, and has black, window-shaped holes at the front.

The police have been surprised by the sudden rush of reports.

Mrs. Joan Austin, of Wheeler Road, Charing, near Ashford, was with two friends when she saw the strange object.

### Rocket

"It was a bit like a rocket with flames coming out of it. We all saw the same thing. It lasted for about 10 minutes," she said.

"I don't believe in little green men, but I can't explain what I saw other than saying it appeared to be some sort of craft."

Saturday is the favourite night for sightings. That is when 27-year-old David Bance, and his wife Pamela, of Sevenoaks Road, Borough Green, came across the UFO.

"It was up in front of us. A massive orange-red object with two black holes at the front," David said.

EAST KENT GAZETTE, Sittingbourne, England, Oct. 6, 1977

## Riddle of humming spaceship

SITTINGBOURNE may be about to be invaded from outer space — on Friday night four people claimed to have seen a U.F.O.

It was first seen by a couple in Breach Lane, Newington. Then two young men saw it fly over Sittingbourne High Street.

Mr. Alan Howard (30) and his wife Dianna (23), of Breach Lane, said they saw a large craft take a sharp turn towards their car at 8.30 p.m.

They stopped and got out to get a closer look.

Mr. Howard said: "It was an irregular shape, elongated with continuous white beams of light from the front and red and green lights dotted around the base of it."

The couple say it was in view for no more than a minute, but that when it came right above them they had a fairly good view of it.

Mr. Howard said: "Everything about it was unusual. It emitted a humming sound much like a vacuum cleaner and had a greyish metallic belly."

He said it was about 1,000 feet above the ground. It was much bigger than a conventional aircraft and moved steadily over the

railway lines towards Hartlip. It then deviated towards the car as though it were attracted by it.

The U.F.O. was also sighted by two young men in the Classic Cinema building.

Andrew Back (18), of Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, was walking down the stairs when he saw the object flying low in the sky. It crossed the High Street, level with the National Westminster Bank.

He said it cast out a beam of bright white light.

He said: "I watched it out of the window. It sent out a beam like a car's headlights."

I called Bob who watched with me as it came straight above us. We crossed to the other side of the room and heard a low humming noise."

He said he was certain it was not a aeroplane. Underneath he noticed a circle of red and white lights.

"I've never seen anything like that before," he said. "I was very dubious about U.F.O.s before, but now I am convinced."

A spokesman for R.A.F. Manston said: "We have no knowledge of this at all. Our movement records do not show any aircraft from Manston over Newington at that time."

NEW SWAN-HERALD, Chelmsford, Essex, England, Oct. 11, 1977

## UFO sighting -inquiry

POLICE arrived two minutes after a group of five people said they watched an unidentified flying object fizzle out "rather like a light bulb" on Thursday.

After the incident, Mr. Bill Eden of the Essex U.F.O. Survey Group was called by Saffron Walden police to investigate the incident.

The five people told him the object looked like car head lights to begin with, but changed shape and crossed the sky.

It stayed above the town for about 40 minutes, looking like a comb with bright red lights along one side and then took the form of a shuttlecock with two beams of light shining from each end.

One of the witnesses said it moved "rather like a pendulum" Mr. Eden said: "This is quite common with U.F.O.s."

## PAIR SEES UFO

HERDSMAN Derek Clifford should have been seeing cows as he walked to work on Tuesday morning. Instead he saw a flying saucer — but there was no milk in it.

He was so surprised he dashed back home and got his 22-year-old wife Lorraine to convince him that he wasn't "seeing things."

As they watched the object, which emitted a strong orange glow as it hovered in the sky above Broad Town near Wootton Bassett, kept changing its shape.

"It would be almost circular and then the sides seemed to go in as it elongated downwards. I watched it for about 15 minutes and then heard a plane coming. As it approached the object the light faded and the object disappeared."

"The plane then went away. But as it did the object re-appeared and moved in the direction of Marlborough for about another 15 minutes before

finally disappearing," said Mrs Clifford on Tuesday at her home in Marlborough Road, Broad Town.

"I have always been sceptical about these things but don't care what people say. This was definitely no natural phenomenon."

A spokesman at RAF Lyneham confirmed that they had received a report of the UFO but denied they had sent a plane up to investigate it.

"A plane left Lyneham at 4.25 a.m. for a destination in the UK but was not sent up to investigate anything. In any event the timing is all wrong."

"It would have been well clear by the time you say Mrs Clifford saw the object at 5.30 a.m. The trouble is people assume any aircraft round here are all from Lyneham,

WILTSHIRE GAZETTE, Devizes, England, Oct. 13, 1977

## Mystery over UFO sighting

A Stockton family were mystified today over two "UFOs" hovering over the Fairfield area last night.

Mr. William Thompson, 49, his wife, Emma, and sons Kevin, 19, and Stuart, 11, say they saw the two objects hovering over Bishopton Road West about 9 p.m., emitting "weird" noises for about 20 minutes.

Said Mr. Thompson: "One had red, green and white lights. I never believed in UFOs before now. A spokesman for Cleveland police said today there had been no report of the sighting in Fairfield or anywhere else."

EVENING GAZETTE, Middlesbrough, England, Oct. 11, 1977

KENT & SUSSEX COURIER, Tunbridge Wells, England, Oct. 14, 1977

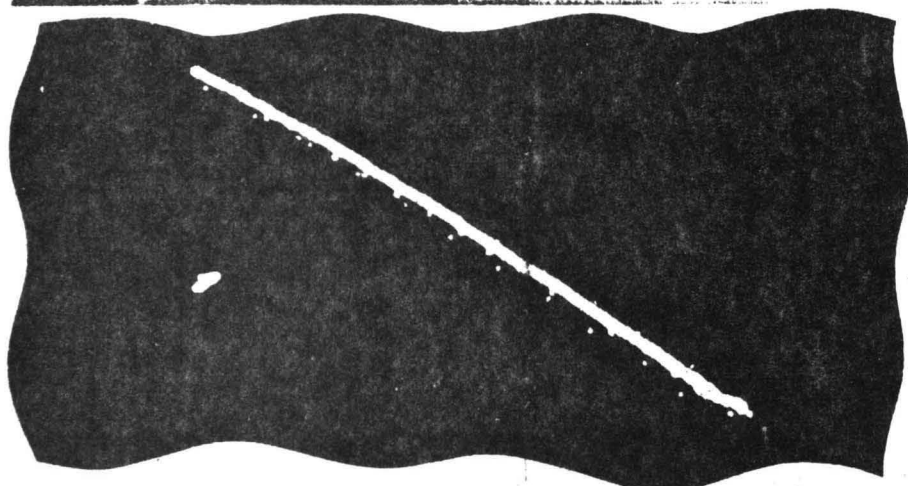
### UFO?

ON WEDNESDAY of last week as I was approaching Hildenborough, I saw a strange object, hovering high over the town. It was rather like an ice cream cone, but its length was only half its diameter. It must have been as big as a double decker bus. I could not tell what it was, until I realised that it must have been a "flying saucer". I watched the thing from my car, until it was lost to sight behind some trees. Whatever it was, even if it was not a spaceship, it could not have been an aircraft.

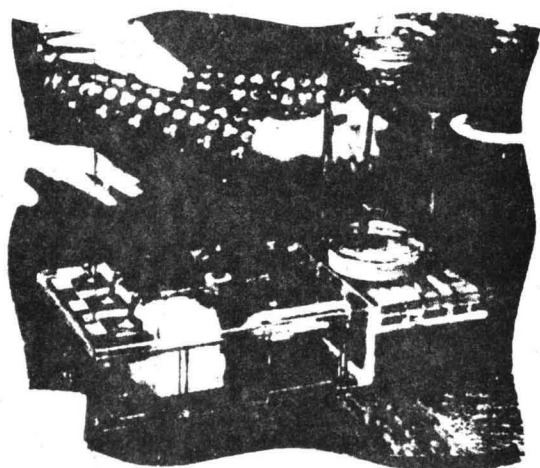
PATRICIA CASTEL

50 Workshop Road  
Potters Bar  
Middlesex





■ FLASHBACK . . . to September 1968. This "UFO", however, was later identified as an aircraft from the Radio and Space Research Station at Slough.



■ FLASHBACK . . . to August 1971. A fiendish-looking "UFO detector" built by Rodney Lloyds of the South West Aerial Phenomena Society.

# Suddenly, UFOs pop up everywhere

THE skies over the Thames Valley have been alive with Unidentified Flying Objects lately, according to one of Britain's top Ufologists.

In fact, there were more sightings in the triangle bordered by Reading, Basingstoke and Yateley than anywhere else in the country.

Mr Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, called the sighting a "UFO flap".

Now, two more Basingstoke housewives have testified that unknown objects have been whizzing over the town.

Mrs Hilda Downes, of Wilmott Way, saw a mystery object "like a flying dustbin lid" hurtle over Winklebury and vanish in the direction of the Lansing Bagnall factory.

And her near-neighbour, Mrs Peggie Nevill, said that earlier this year, she saw a light hovering over the town, getting alternately dim and bright for five minutes before suddenly disappearing. She said she was certain it was not a helicopter, as it made no noise.

Mrs Downes' "dustbin lid" was spotted at 11pm on Saturday August 27 as she was putting out her milk bottles. She glanced up at the sky and saw what appeared to be two stars, one larger than the other.

"The larger one seemed to split into two," she said. "As it did so, I thought it was a shooting star, but it

## Couple sight 'sky object'

A WILTSHIRE couple have reported an unidentified flying object — and the description matches an earlier, unconnected sighting.

## Schoolboys admit UFO was hoax

BRACKNELL schoolboy Simon Carter has confessed to hoaxing most of Berkshire's Press and TV reporters. Last week, Simon, of the Berhambourne, Wiltshire, used pictures and a description of a UFO sighting.

■ A UFO that was not disproved — and one that was

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formed what looked like a ball of condensed smoke. The other half disappeared.

"The ball dropped until it seemed like the size of a football, then it veered off towards Lansing Bagnall, by which time it was like a dustbin lid."

"As it was moving, the moon broke through and I saw that the object was dull grey and metallic — rather like the colour of wartime barrage balloons."

Mrs Downes said that when she first spotted the star-like object it

was stationary. It was "much bigger and brighter than any star." The forming of the "football" and its disappearance happened in seconds, she said.

"I went to bed at 1.30am on August 28 and, shining over Basingstoke Industrial Estate was a star similar to the one I'd seen earlier."

These were not Mrs Downes' first "sightings".

She said that in April this year a searchlight stabbed down from the sky over Winklebury.

Said Mrs Downes: "It was a

Thursday night at 7.30, and lots of other people must have seen it, as there were many people about, including children playing.

"A few stars were shining, then I noticed a very, very large star which seemed to have six or seven points. Suddenly a big beam, like a blueish-green searchlight, came on from just below this star right down to just above the trees at Winklebury. It was the same colour the sea sometimes goes.

"After a second or two it went out, although the star remained for half an hour before disappearing."

Just along the road, Mrs Peggie Nevill recalled the spring morning she was in her bedroom when she saw a "very bright light" over Sainsbury's.

It was 10am, but she saw no shape or aircraft — just the light.

Said Mrs Nevill: "It got very bright, then went very dim. This happened about four times before the light vanished. There was no noise and no aircraft to be seen."

"This happened on a Thursday. The following Sunday at 6.30am I saw the same thing over the Crooks premises. Both lights remained stationary for five minutes before going."

EXPRESS & STAR, Wolverhampton, England, Oct. 7, 1977

## 'UFO' caught in act

Schoolboys Peter Roden and Stephen Hitchins hope they have "snapped" a UFO . . .

They spotted three silvery objects flying high above an old reservoir near their homes at Cheslyn Hay, Cannock.

And the quick-thinking

pair manage to snatch a picture with Stephen's camera.

"We are now sending the film away and keeping our fingers crossed that something will come out," said Peter, aged 14, of 6 Woodland Drive.

The boys say a number of mysterious objects have been seen over the village

during the past few weeks.

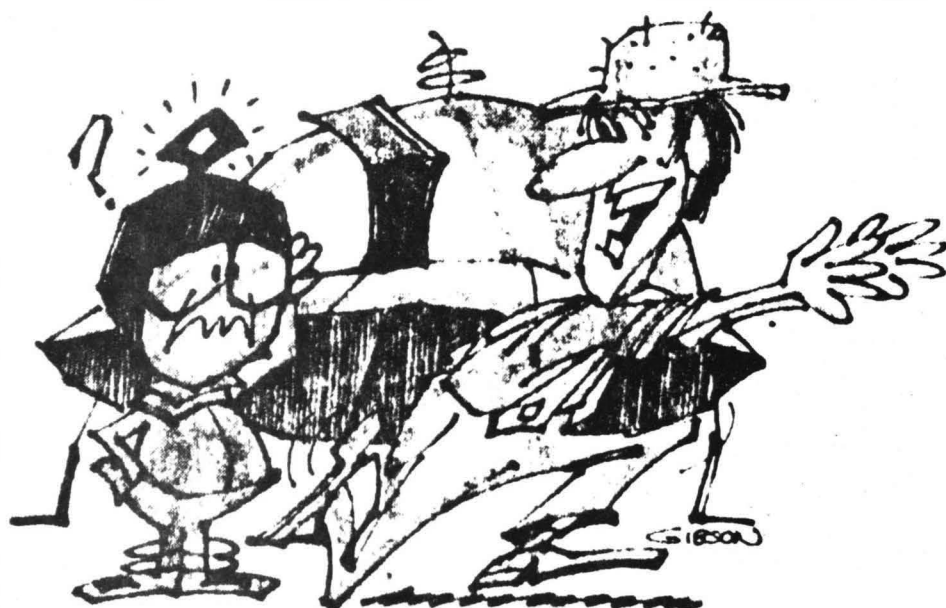
"They could well be satellites, but have certainly become a big talking point at school," said Peter.

Peter is a pupil at Great Wyrley High School, and Stephen, aged 13, also of Woodland Drive, goes to the new Cheslyn Hay High School.

DAILY TELEGRAPH  
Manchester,  
England  
Oct. 13, 1977

## POSTMAN SEES UFO

Mr John Leedham, a postman, yesterday reported the latest recent sighting of an unidentified flying object in North Yorkshire. He said he saw an object "like two brilliant yellow tubular lines" hovering over Rombalds Moor, near Skipton.



# It's UFO season ...sight to behold

By JOHN COSWAY  
Staff Writer

Don't look up, something may be looking back down at you.

This is, after all, one of the best years for UFO sightings.

Just yesterday, an oddity-lit, cigar-shaped, unidentified flying object was sighted over Pennsylvania, though it failed to appear on radar screens at nearby Erie International Airport.

And, for the last few weeks, Middlefield, N.S., and neighboring towns have been spotting strange, fast-moving lights in the night sky. Children checked out the area and found strange burn marks in grassy fields.

The eyes of policemen near Erie, Pa., were glued to the skies yesterday, after 2 a.m. reports of a pulsating light over two communities — Northeast Borough and Millcreek Township.

A dispatcher and three policemen all saw an object surrounded by blue light revolving in the sky.

"It had a blue reflecting light off it and it kept going around in tight circles in a stationary spot," says Northeast Borough police dispatcher Sharon Chesley.

"It was quite high in the sky. I have never seen a star going in a circular motion like this one did," she said. She

doesn't believe it was a star.

The peculiar happenings over Pennsylvania continued all night and, at 7:30 a.m., Northeast Borough saw "a dark, cigar-shaped thing with a raised back of some sort."

"I didn't see any wings on it of any kind. It was moving very smoothly in a lateral northeast to southwest direction and was making no loud noises at all."

"That was one of the unusual things about it," says the cop, who thinks he was close enough to have heard any engine noises.

Radar picked up no objects fitting the description.

Meanwhile, folks in Middlefield, 100 miles east of Halifax, are talking about several recent sightings of strange lights in the sky.

"I couldn't wait to get into the house," says Sylvia Price, who spotted a flashing, fast-moving light in the skies above her home.

"They have been seen here for several years, off and on," says Jason Kempton, a grocery store owner. "I haven't seen one, but I wish I could."

During the past five years, the area has had several reports of bright, glowing red balls, burned grass in a circle and strange UFOs in the skies.

WESTERN INDEPENDENT, Plymouth,  
England, Oct. 2, 1977

## Well, is someone up there watching over us?

THE year is 1500. The place, Rumania. The people are shouting and pointing to the sky.

Strange, saucer-shaped objects were hovering about 100 feet above ground. The people were afraid.

And today, said Robert Wyse, of the new Devon UFO Centre at Torquay, many people still do not believe that the Earth is being watched by un-Earthly creatures.

But he added: 'We have now had phone calls from 60-year-old people who saw UFOs in their youth. Until now, their sightings have been laughed at.'

Mr. and Mrs. Wyse and their 19-year-old son John, head of the centre, have given over a room in their Market Street house to equipment, maps, diagrams and models of UFOs.

When someone rings in with a sighting, John records it on the map and in the filing system and tries to confirm it either with his own eyes or through other informants.

More than 70 red-headed pins on the map of the British Isles show the number of sightings made this year, 15 of them in the South West.

The Wyse use a metal detector to hunt for anything a landed craft may have left behind and check the soil, and any branches that have been lopped off nearby trees, for radiation with an unexposed film.

And they spend about four hours a week watching for fast-moving lights in the sky which stop or change direction suddenly.

The centre's drawings of UFOs show landing gear, portholes and entrance and exit areas.

Usually, the craft are not hostile and the only reports the centre have had of unfriendly UFOs are those when people have shot at them or showed other signs of aggression.

The Wyse family, Scottish by birth, set up the centre because there was such a demand after John advertised for UFO informants.

John Wyse said: 'At least ten governments have admitted UFOs exist, but there are political and military problems in giving them formal recognition.'

But the family's evidence from recent sightings — and the mysterious deaths of 15 Dartmoor ponies — proves to them that the study is a genuine one.

Sara Rust

## UFOs 'pay regular visits to Rochdale'

MICHAEL BURT, organiser of the Rochdale UFO Society, thinks unidentified flying objects from outer-space are regular visitors to the sky above Rochdale.

Mr Burt of 13 Well 'i th' Lane, bases his claim on the large number of reported sightings between Rochdale and Burnley. He connects the appearances with the "strange forces" surrounding ancient burial grounds.

Mr Burt, a night foreman at Edwards and Bryning, founded the society after he and a friend last December sighted "a very bright ball of light—a headlamp with no beam."

He said that police had that night tracked a light from Accrington, across Rochdale to Owd Betts.

Since the first meeting of the society in June, 60 people had joined, and they met every three weeks at a public house.

In August, 20 members went to Warminster—the "UFO" centre of England.

He said two group members saw the "light" over Burnley on 27 August and contacted a local newspaper, whose story prompted others to report seeing the same thing.

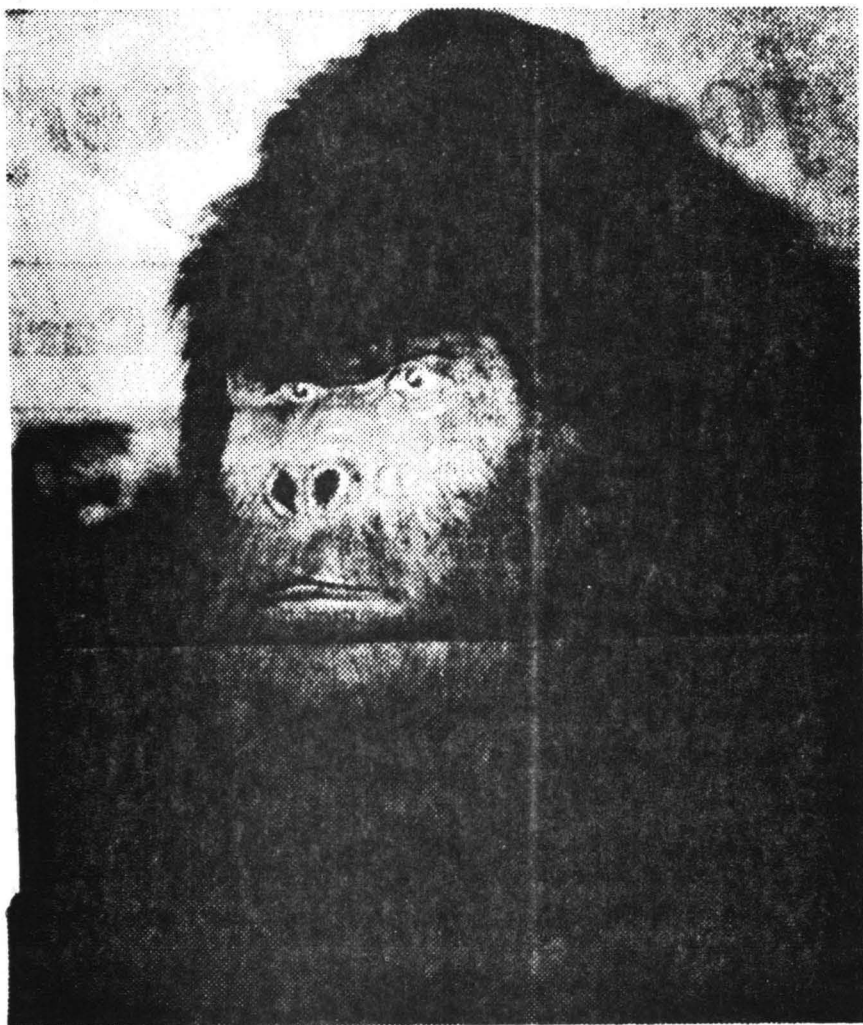
ROCHDALE OBSERVER, Lancs.,  
England, Sept. 24, 1977





Tulsa Tribune  
Tulsa, Okla.

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7-Foot-8 version of Bigfoot (Tribune Photo)

## Bigfoot appears at fair

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### Believers work at convincing public

By JIM GIPSON

Cliff LaBrecque says he has quit trying to prove to skeptics that the alleged Bigfoot exists and instead has turned his efforts toward informing the public and studying the legendary man-ape creature.

LaBrecque and associates have set up a display on the Midway at the 1977 Tulsa State Fair which features a lifelike representation of the controversial creature.

The fur-covered statue is posed in a walking position. It weighs 600 pounds, and is 7-foot-8. Its face was constructed in Germany, and, like the rest of the body, is finely detailed.

It costs 50 cents to see.

"We are not in this for the money," said LaBrecque, a native of Iowa who claims to have spent the past 15 years studying the creature.

LaBrecque said recent reported

sightings in Oklahoma of a creature said to look like Bigfoot were passed on to him and after learning details he "dismissed them as false."

"For one thing, the creature would not look through a window at a teen-aged boy," he said. "For some reason the creature seems interested in women and small children."

LaBrecque also said Bigfoot does not seek people.

"It eats everything from garbage to livestock, but does not like to be around man because it knows man carries guns."

He said he is planning to consult with experts in Iowa in an attempt to determine why the creature also has a dislike for rabbits, dogs and goats.

LaBrecque, like others who believe to have seen something strange such as UFOs or the Loch Ness 'monster' but have not been able to prove it, has the answers to questions.

Why hasn't anyone caught Bigfoot if there are 3,000 of them on the North American continent as you claim?

"They are extremely smart animals," he said. "Most times, they are gone before people can get close to them. They don't get into closed-in places and always leaving themselves several routes of escape," he said.

Roseburg, Oregon  
News Review

SEP 30 1977

## Did he see a Bigfoot?

ASHLAND — A Winston man swore he saw Bigfoot near here Tuesday night, but state police say they were unable to find the legendary creature.

James Martin telephoned police at 10:51 p.m. to say he saw an 8-foot-tall, ape-like animal dart across the road at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 66. Martin said he was driving on Highway 66 when the creature ran in front of him and headed toward the freeway.

Troopers took no action because they were unable to locate the animal.

ENGLAND

Wolverhampton Express & Star

- 8 OCT 1977

## Look Ness . . .

Ten Italian divers are to investigate the Loch Ness monster next week. Giancarlo Bacchini, head of the group, said they would explore the loch for 20 days with dives up to 160 feet deep. The Italians expect to face competition from Japanese and American expeditions also due to explore Loch Ness at about the same time.

Since the smallest Bigfoot ever sighted was estimated at over six feet tall, where are the young ones?

"We feel the young ones are very, very heavily guarded. They probably aren't let out of a cave or cavern where they are kept until they are 12 or 14 years old," he said.

What about the bodies of dead ones?

"There is a feeling they revere the dead. They may bury their dead in swamp areas or push them off into craggs or caverns," he said. "Searchers have had trouble finding the remains of the silver gorilla."

What species, or combination of species, do you think Bigfoot is?

"We don't think he is a combination of any," LaBrecque said. "He is a species of his own."

"He is not human, though, he does not have the ability to reason," he said.

It sure is smart for not being able to reason, isn't it?

"He sure is," LaBrecque said.

# Footprints abundant, but no monster

ARGUS LEADER  
Sioux Falls, S.D.  
Oct. 15, 1977

By TOM HASNER,  
Argus-Leader Staff Writer

LITTLE EAGLE, S.D.—Seven horsemen combed the river brushland east of Little Eagle Friday in search of the McLaughlin Monster and Elvis Flying By, the 17-year-old boy who has been missing for nearly two weeks.

Four other men in two four-wheel drive vehicles scanned the area from atop nearby hills.

But neither the boy nor the monster were to be seen.

Several impressions of what may have been the monster's footprints were found in the soft earth along the Grand River, although none of the prints were as easily distinguishable as those found in the past.

A daylight sighting of the monster was reported early Thursday afternoon. Albert Dog, in his late 60s, claims to have given chase to the monster after it appeared from a stand of trees to surprise Cecilia Thunder Shield and Dan Uses Arrow. The two were picking mushrooms near Little Eagle.

Dog said he got only a glimpse of the as it re-entered the thick river brush. The chase was taken up by a dozen men on foot and in four-wheel drive vehicles. The monster was not seen by the search party but fresh tracks were found and something could be seen pushing the brush aside.

A strange shrieking noise was also heard Wednesday night in the area around Little Eagle and there were reports of dogs howling all through the night.

"My dogs were howling all last

night; probably at Coyotes," said Lyle Maxon, 48, of Little Eagle. "But I did hear a funny scream about 1:30 a.m. It was definitely not a coyote that I heard. It was either a bobcat or the creature."

Maxon appeared at the Little Eagle trading post Friday morning to listen to a tape recording of the monster shrieking. The recording was obtained from Saga magazine. He listened several times to the tape, which sounded something like an elephant trumpeting, horse whining or a high-pitched vacuum cleaner being clicked on and off. Afterwards he admitted that the tape was similar to the sound he had heard.

The tape was reported to have been recorded in Pennsylvania.

"I'm convinced he (the monster) exists because of all of the prints around here and similar prints in other parts of the country," Maxon said. Maxon then demonstrated his convictions by spending several hours searching for the monster on horseback later in the day.

Maxon's cousin, Milo Maxon, 52, also of Little Eagle, was a little more skeptical. "I don't know," he said. "I've never paid much attention to it. My dogs have been barking every night and I've heard squealing, but I thought it was a coyote."

Gary Alexander, owner of the Little Eagle Trading Post, claims to have heard the noise several times. He said the sound is definitely not that of a coyote.

In addition to the fairly well substantiated sighting early Thursday afternoon, reports filtered into the trading post of other Thursday sight-

ings. Two sightings were reported near Little Eagle and rumors had the creature roaming as far east as Aberdeen.

Neither of the other two persons who reported seeing the creature near Little Eagle could be located for questioning on Friday.

The sounds, the tracks and the sighting all seem to be coming more frequently.

Most monster buffs say they now believe several of the creatures may be in the area. The wide geographic range of sightings and variations of tracks lend credibility to that theory.

What are considered credible sightings have been reported from at least 30 miles in all directions from Little Eagle and well into North Dakota.

Also, recent tracks, while about the same size (18 inches long) and shape as earlier tracks, lack the large side spur which characterized those earlier tracks. Albert Dog, also reported the monster to be less than six feet tall. However Dog said that he had only a glimpse of the creature from a distance of several hundred yards and that the creature may have been hunched over at that time.

Earlier reports generally put the monster at about eight feet tall.

The number of skeptics is dwindling, but to some the rash of sightings has weakened rather than strengthened the credibility of the reports.

"I ain't sure," said one man with obvious tongue in cheek. "Everybody else has seen him but me."

## Horse Mutilator Has Price on His Head

TACOMA — (AP) — A group of Parkland horse owners has begun a fund to raise \$5,000 they hope to offer as a reward for the capture and conviction of the person responsible for animal mutila-

tions in the area.

"We want to remain anonymous because we all have horses, and we're afraid of reprisals," said the chairman of the group. The fund has been established at a local bank.

About a dozen horses and dogs have been mutilated in a two-square-mile rural area since 1975. Most have been castrated or suffered amputation of sexual organs, and several have died or had to be destroyed.

"We want this flake stopped before things get out of hand," said the spokesman, who raises horses in the area. "I know for a fact there are vigilantes out prowling around, and somebody's going to get shot accidentally some night."

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## Sheriff Confirms Cattle Mutilation

STERLING, Colo. (AP) — With the Oct. 5 death of a two-year-old heifer, Logan County Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves says there are now 85 confirmed cases of cattle mutilation since August 1975.

Graves says the northeastern Colorado county is the hardest hit of any in the state. Elbert County in eastern Colorado has recorded 78 unusual animal deaths.

The sheriff said he arrived at the mutilation scene 13 miles southeast of Sterling only hours after the 800-pound animal died.

The animal's left eye, left ear, half of its tongue, upper left lip, part of its nose and three teats from the udder were severed with what appeared to be surgical precision.

"Generally, the mutilators remove the rectal area, and sometimes the reproductive organs, but these were not touched," Graves said.

"The blood was still in the critter's body - an unusual situation since the mutilators generally remove all the blood from the animal," the sheriff observed.

No tracks were found near the animal and there were no signs of a struggle or puncture wounds to indicate it had been shot, Graves said.

"We're still stumped," he said, commenting on the cause of the mysterious deaths.

He noted that at about the same time the Angus was killed, there were two separate reports of large brilliant lights that suddenly appeared and reportedly followed four residents of Logan County.

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## Farmers Report Mutilations Of Their Cattle

By Charles R.T. Crumpley  
A Member of the Staff

PECULIAR, Mo.—A rash of what some farmers are calling cattle mutilations—complete with severed parts, no tracks and no signs of blood—have been reported here.

The cattle were not examined by a veterinarian, however, and the cause of death has not been determined, Bill E. Gough, Cass County Sheriff, said. "We have never had one freshly killed so we can go and examine it or get a veterinarian right out there, so this is our problem," he said.

But three farmers, who each lost one of their cattle in recent weeks, say the mutilations have most of the earmarks of thousands of similar reported cases, which have baffled officials in Midwestern and Western states since 1973. The left ears of the cattle had been severed neatly, parts of the genitals had been cut away, the carcasses apparently did not bleed onto the ground and little or no evidence of a struggle was present. Two of the farmers said the parts had been neatly severed, as if cut with a sharp knife.

Raymond R. Welch, a farmer who lives about 1½ miles northwest of Peculiar, said he found a 5-year-old Black Angus cow dead Sept. 25 in a pasture about a half-mile from his house. He described the left ear as being "cut off smooth and they just done an excellent job."

No blood was found, he said. "They must've taken the blood out of her, because there wasn't any blood around her at all," he said. Predators had not bothered the carcass, he said.

John D. Rice, a part-time farmer who lives about 2¼ miles southwest of Peculiar, said his 5-month-old steer was similarly mutilated. He found the animal Sunday about ¾ of a mile from his house.

There were no signs of a struggle except for a sapling about 3-inches in diameter that had been broken at the base and was resting on the neck, he said.

The third farmer, Harold Cowger, who lives about a mile south of Peculiar, found a female calf about 10 days ago but buried it with a bulldozer before inspecting it.

The tongue was missing and he believes the left ear was cut off. "I don't know. I really wasn't paying attention to it then," Cowger said.

Only after he buried the calf did he realize "that it looked a little suspicious."

Sheriff Gough said he is not convinced that mutilators are causing the deaths and said some cattle in the area have been dying of a pneumonia-like disease.

Officials who have investigated the cattle deaths in recent years have theorized that the mutilators, if they exist, could be anything from a group of pranksters to a Satanic cult which uses the cattle parts in a ritual.

## Animal mutilation reported

Linn sheriff's investigators declined to speculate today on an animal mutilation case reported by Raymond Whittle, Route 1, Fairfax.

Deputies said Whittle's nine-month-old half Holstein and half shorthorn bull calf was found dead Sunday. Tuesday night Whittle told Linn sheriff's authorities the tongue had been cut out of the calf's mouth. The tail and testicles were cut out, and the rectum had been cut out.

Whittle was not available for comment today. Officials said Whittle first noticed the bull calf missing Oct. 23. That was just a couple of days before officials in Black Hawk County discovered another animal mutilation case north of Waterloo.

In the Waterloo case, a calf's throat had been slit, hooves, forehead and nose mutilated and a patch of skin taken. It seemed like someone had been taking samples from the animal.

Officials began the investigation into the Linn County case today. No additional information was available.

## WOODCUTTING PASTOR GOES FOR AX

# Preacher Meets Creature; Fur Almost

# Flies

Ocala, Fla. (UPI) — A 67-year-old Baptist minister reported Monday that he saw a hairy, 7½-to-8-foot-tall creature while cutting wood in the Ocala National Forest.

"It was standing upright, in the middle of some palmetto bushes, and that sapsucker was at least 7½, maybe 8 feet tall," said the Rev. S.L. Whatley.

The Rev. Mr. Whatley said that at first he was reluctant to discuss the creature, which he spotted three weeks ago, because "people would just laugh at me."

But people who know Whatley, pastor of Fort McCoy Baptist Church, attested to his credibility and encouraged him to tell his strange tale.

"Rev. Whatley is a sober, level-headed man," said Bill Martin, who runs a fishing service for bass enthusiasts.

The Rev. Mr. Whatley said he was cutting firewood several miles off Florida 19 about 2 p.m. "After a short while, I got in my truck and drove about 300 yards down a dirt road — and then I saw it," he recalled.

"It was less than a city block away, standing three-quarters of the way away from me, but it was kind of turned looking at me."

He said the creature "had dark, lighter-than-black hair on its head and chest, not much on its arms, and none on its face."

"It had kind of a flat face, a flat nose. Its eyes were sunk in its sockets. I couldn't see the hands. They seemed to be hanging down. From about where you would wear a wristwatch was concealed by the bushes."

Man and beast stared at each other for 30 seconds, according to the minister's estimate, and all the while he was thinking to himself, "If it thinks I am afraid of it, it's got another think coming . . ."

"I went to the bed of the truck to get out my ax. Me and that creature was going to mix it up," he recalled.

But by the time he removed the ax and stepped to the other side of the truck, the creature had disappeared.

The minister, who said he hasn't had a drink in 40 years, is not sure if the creature was man or animal.

"I tell you one thing," said the Rev. Mr. Whatley, who has been hunting in the north-central Florida forests since the 1940s, "if I'd had a double-barreled shotgun, we would know for sure."

# Now who's laughing at Big Foot?

By RAY CRIPPEN

LITTLE EAGLE, S.D. (Special) — It was night in lonely, rugged country four miles out of town. Nov. 2. Lt. Verdell Veo of the Bureau of Indian Affairs had spotted the big-footed creature at the bottom of a hill through the infra-red scope on his rifle. It was the fourth time he had seen the creature.

Should he shoot it? Try to kill it? Try to wound it?

Veo told his son, Jeff, and two other officers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to remain at the top of the butte with the pickups. It seemed The Big Foot had not sensed their presence. Veo would try to edge closer; he would decide later what to do.

He disappeared in the dark. The trio on the hilltop tried to follow his progress. They, too, peered through infra-red scopes.

At first they couldn't believe it. Two creatures! The one, far down, which Veo was stalking. And a second, larger one stalking Veo.

Jeff and the other two officers began to shout at Veo to alert him. They honked the horns on the pickups. The creatures scampered away and the lieutenant, alarmed, ran back to his companions.

Walter Chasing Hawk and his wife were driving along a dirt road in the rugged country of the Standing Rock reservation. It was night. The beams of the headlights picked up two green eyes in the brush ahead.

Chasing Hawk said he wasn't even thinking of big-footed creatures. He thought he saw a deer, which reservation residents may shoot at any time.

He stopped the pickup, grabbed his rifle.

"Maybe it's a cow. Or a bull," his wife said. "Better not shoot it until you know for sure what it is."

And then they saw it. The eight-foot-tall hairy creature.

Chasing Hawk summoned the police with his two-way radio but there was nothing to be seen when officers arrived.

Chasing Hawk and his wife had only the memory of the eyes. And the scream.

"That screaming noise — everyone knows that screaming noise — it's something like a coyote only longer and lower," says Merle Lofgren, publisher of the *McLaughlin Messenger*. "I can't tell you how many people have heard this thing by

now."

Sightings have become somewhat commonplace, Lofgren says. "I don't know. There are 30 or 40 people who say they have seen it by now. Many more have heard it. Sometimes it's the scream. Sometimes it's more of a howling, growling.

"It all could be hallucination, I suppose. But you should see the tracks they've found out here in the brush by now. Tracks along the creeks and roads. You should see all the plaster casts people have made from tracks. You should see all the photographs.

"One thing, I know Lt. Veo is convinced it's out there. Two of them are out there. He's had four sightings himself. He's out night after night after night. All night.

"Now he drives all the time. He used to go around a lot on his horse. But he says you couldn't get that thing with a horse. He says it would throw a horse. He says his only hope of ever getting it is with a truck.

Lofgren says he, too, is receiving calls regularly at the *Messenger* office. Anthropologists call. News people call. People who are just curious.

"I tell them what I hear. I bring them up to date. We've had Indian police on 24-hour duty since Sept. 16. There are people who are afraid and everybody would like to have something done."

Newsweek had a report, "Bigfoot Is Back," in the issue of Oct. 31. That served to direct the attention of anthropologists from around the world to the Standing Rock Reservation on the north central South Dakota border.

Known to the Indians of the Pacific Northwest as Sasquatch, he-she-it with the big feet has been reported at least 750 times in the past century from Canada to Mexico and from the Pacific Coast to Michigan. Everywhere there is the same imprimatur, the giant footprints ranging from 16 to 18 inches in length and seven inches in width.

Sasquatch — Bigfoot — never had been reported in South Dakota previously. But it found the kind of site which is to its liking in the barren, rolling, stoney lands of the Standing Rock Reservation. There is brush sufficient to give it cover, streams to provide it with water. The local people say they believe it is living on frogs, roots and berries.

There is more than a trickle of tourists each weekend, hungry tourists, tourists who need gas and film.

There is talk of making pillows in the shape of a big foot, there is talk of T-shirts and talk of a bumper sticker, "I Saw Bigfoot."

It was snowing at McLaughlin and Little Eagle this morning. Not a heavy snow. But the forecast was for more.

Lt. Veo, who now has organized a seven-man posse, was out and keeping watch.

"There has been a lot of speculation that winter will bring this thing to a head one way or another," publisher Lofgren said today.

"For one thing, with a snow cover there would be a possibility of tracking the things.

"Most people don't think they could live out there after everything freezes and we get a snow cover. They will have to get out of here or come out of the cold."

One thing that troubles everyone: What do you do with a Bigfoot if you get it?

"The smell is something fierce," Lofgren says. "The people here say it smells like a dead cow. *Newsweek* said it smells like 'sulfur-ammonia, foul and sour.'

"Nobody really wants to get close to the thing.

"We'll have to see what happens."

## Little Rock

### Fumes Fell 26 Workers

AURORA, Ill. (UPI) — At least 26 employees at BRK Electronics, a smoke alarm manufacturing firm, were overcome Tuesday by mysterious fumes and taken to a hospital. This was the second occurrence in four days.

Friday two women collapsed from the fumes. Fifty persons were treated at hospitals Friday and seven were admitted.

Company spokesmen said Saturday that they were 95 per cent sure carbon monoxide fumes had been accidentally sucked into the company's fresh air ducts, but the theory was not proven by blood tests conducted on those who had been felled.

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