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Eerie, hovering light puzzles West Jeff man

By CYNTHIA LIPOWITZ

A fishing expedition on Big Darby Creek Wednesday night turned into an experience Jim Chenault will never forget.

Chenault, who lives just off Heath st. in West Jefferson, saw a UFO south of US Rt. 40 at 10:39. He remembers the exact time, he said, because he checked his watch.

"I saw this rascal on the right edge of John Galbreath's property. I was 20 feet out in the water."

He said that just prior to the appearance of the object he was having good runs with the fish and also had caught two huge turtles. He let the turtles go and started to fish again. "I picked up my pole, took up 10 to 15 feet of line and the fish quit hitting. Then I saw this brilliant light coming through the trees and just as it cleared the trees I saw the bright light."

"It was 20 to 30 feet and round like a basketball, chrome in color or nickle plated. I could see the first two-thirds. It has a brilliant red circle, like fire, then two white flames dancing off the end of it. This thing traveled level."

Chenault said the incident took about three to four seconds or less. "It was in full view after it crossed the creek then slowed its speed almost like it stopped dead, but it was still moving. It hovered there and abruptly took off again."

After Chenault arrived home about 10 after 11 p.m., he said, he called the State Highway Patrol. "I talked to one of the officers and got the impression that she didn't believe me and thought I was a crackpot, but she put a male officer on and he listened to what I had to say." After this Chenault said he was referred

back to the female officer and she reported to him that the Madison County Sheriff's Department had gotten several calls on it and that one person who saw it described it as a falling star. Chenault, questioning his experience, asked, "Why would a falling star do that?"

He said he felt the patrol was treating it too lightly and said he had heard that Rickenbacher Air Base called it a meteor. However, Chenault said he didn't believe that. "I've read stories on this stuff and I always treated it lightly, but by thunder, I saw it with my own eyes. And I believe it was the real McCoy. You might live a whole lifetime and never see anything like this. It scared me but not to the point where I felt like running."

The object was without sound, according to Chenault. "There was no sound coming at me or going away. It couldn't have been more than 300 yards from me."

Chenault would like to compare notes with someone else who saw the object. He also would like some action taken on the incident. "I don't think anyone is doing anything. The Defense Department should set up some kind of observation posts to get pictures or movies of these things. Maybe they can get something up to defend ourselves, if we need to. What I saw last night (Wednesday) is authentic. I told you exactly what I've seen. I don't hallucinate or imagine things - at least until last night. I'm not so sure I want to see it again."

The State Highway Patrol reported that they received a call from the Madison County Sheriff's Department on the incident, but according to Deputy Sheriff Warren Jones, "There was nothing on it."

MADISON PRESS, London, OH - Sept. 8, 1978

UFOs seen in Neshanic

FRONT PAGE STORY

HILLSBOROUGH — The Neshanic section is becoming an attraction for visitors from outer space — or so it seems.

Police yesterday logged another report of UFO sightings over that southwestern corner of the township.

The report came in from Barbara Kulasinski of Wertsville Road. Last Tuesday two sightings were separately made by Richard Tippet, also Wertsville Road, and a guard at the Doris Duke estate who asked police not to reveal his name.

Ms. Kulasinski, who could not be reached for comment at work today, told police that two days after Tippet and the guard made their sightings she saw two, huge white objects with blue and red lights hovering in the sky for about eight minutes before they zoomed away. That was at 9:30 p.m.

A former Manville resident, Ms. Kulasinski said she saw two similar objects at 12:30 a.m. yesterday morning for about four minutes.

Tippet and the guard made their sightings at 5 a.m.

"She (Ms. Kulasinski) was really upset and frightened," said Joyce Platt, with whom Miss Kulasinski lives.

"I told her she imagined them because she had read about Mr. Tippet. But she denied reading about his report."

"I looked out when she came in the first night at 9:30 and saw a strange object but thought it was a helicopter," Ms. Platt added.

"I really don't know what it was," she added. "I am a skeptic about flying saucers. But, I tend to believe there is life out there and if there is, I would like it to come here in my lifetime."

HOME NEWS, New Brunswick, NJ - Sept. 11, 1978

The 'UFO' is back

By BRYAN McNULTY
Staff Writer

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — According to two area police departments, last week's "unusual pulsating lights" are back again, this time one town south.

"This time I saw it," said Cape Elizabeth Dispatcher Greg Tinsman. "It was red white and green, it was round, and it was far up in the air."

According to Tinsman, Old Orchard Beach police sighted the mysterious something off the coast about 3:10 a.m. Thursday and called Scarborough police to have them take a look.

At 3:25 a.m., Scarborough sighted "it," and called Cape Elizabeth police to see if they could also see it, Tinsman said.

Two other Cape officers confirmed Tinsman's sighting. The Scarborough dispatcher said Thursday night he had no listing of a UFO, on the log, and the officers on duty Wednesday were not on duty Thursday night.

The Old Orchard Beach police dispatcher, who refused to identify herself, said that two of their officers did sight "an object glowing with green, red and white lights," in the sky, and did call other area police departments.

"Nothing was logged," she said. "I don't understand why."

She refused to disclose the identity of the officers.

"It's policy not to give out names of officers," she said.

A Coast Guard spokesman said they did not investigate this report as they did a report from their lighthouse keeper off Portland Head Light last Friday morning.

Those "unusual pulsating lights" were sighted by lighthouse keeper Gregory Clark near the water off Rams Island Light, and then high in the air by Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph P. Lombardo Sr.

But Tinsman claims he was monitoring the Coast Guard frequency, and they did send a boat out to check on Thursday morning's strange lights.

"It was visible from 3:15 to 5 a.m.," Tinsman said.

Come on now, couldn't it have been lights shining from the surface, or perhaps a star?

"No," Tinsman said. "Because of the pattern it was following. It was heading west to east. Then when it got up to here, it was going due south, before we couldn't see it anymore."

"Old Orchard Beach saw it. Scarborough saw it. We saw it."

"A lot of people are going to come out tonight to look for it."

PRESS HERALD, Portland, ME - Sept. 15, 1978
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Extraterrestrial visits? Local man wonders

By GARY CARTER
Staff Writer

Dillard Sizemore recently ringed his land with a host of "No Trespassing" signs in an attempt to discourage overzealous dove hunters from spraying shot around his Unionville home.

However, he's now having second thoughts following two mysterious happenings that have left him baffled, worried and wondering if his problem is now extraterrestrial intruders.

Last Thursday morning, for the second time in less than a week, Sizemore's driveway, yard and adjoining land were crisscrossed by a multitude of long, deep ruts. Running pell-mell across the landscape, the ruts are most visible in the driveway, where they carve triangular slices through the gravel and into the hard clay underneath.

The mysterious designs zigzag for several hundred feet down the driveway, marking the dew-covered grass and encircling the white frame house, located just off C.J. Thomas Road in northern Union County. Sizemore found more in his garden, in his barn and even under his parked car.

His son's basketball, laying in the yard, was also victimized. A small, nearly perfectly shaped hole marks where the ball was deflated.

Sizemore has no ready answers. "This is the first thing that's happened in my entire life that there wasn't some kind of partial explanation for," Sizemore says, shaking his head. "I have no idea who or what did this. Beats anything I ever heard tell of."

Sizemore, a retired truck driver now employed by Teledyne Allvac, does not seem the sort given to wild flights of fantasy. He doesn't want to believe it was something supernatural or extraterrestrial, but discounts pranksters. "There ain't no human being who's going to come out here at four in the morning and do this over 40 acres and not leave a mark on the ground," he explained.

"There's nothing but those marks of whatever it is. No human tracks. No animal tracks. Not even in the dew."

Sizemore walks around his land and points out the marks. At one point, a rut comes within an inch of a telephone pole. Another encircles his house, coming within inches of it. Another points straight at the front door, branching off into two.

"If that thing had come in the front door, I'd have probably tore the back door down getting out," Sizemore admits, explaining that the mysterious nature of the happenings is making his wife and sons ner-

vous. "It might be that a human being could walk out here while this thing is doing all this and get killed dead as a hammer."

Sizemore admits he has begun to think that perhaps something out of the ordinary is responsible for the marks. "I've never seen a UFO or anything, but too many other folks have for there not to be some truth to it," he said. "I don't know what's going on. I've thought of so many things it could be, but none seem reasonable."

"Some folks will say, 'Aw, it looks to me like somebody's been dragging something around.' But I still say that no human being is going to cover all this area and not leave a trace. My dog hasn't even barked."

Sizemore shakes his head. "People are starting to treat me like I'm crazy," he says. "I've told a few folks about it and they kind of look away and laugh."

"I might never find out what caused this, but I hope it stops."

He called in the Union County Sheriff's Department on both occasions, but investigating officers were unable to offer Sizemore any explanation. "Maybe this has happened to somebody else around here," he concludes. "If it has, I hope they'll let me know."

SOMERSET MESSENGER, Somerville, NJ
Sept. 14, 1978

Are flying saucers your cup of tea?

HILLSBOROUGH — If flying saucers are your cup of tea, Hillsborough may be the place to go.

It's old hat by now, what with all the UFO sightings here recently, and residents probably don't get excited as they did, say, two weeks ago, before the celestial whatever's began cropping up regularly.

The most recent sky-sights were reported by Barbara Kulasinski of Wertsville Road.

According to police, Ms. Kulasinski reported seeing two UFO's on the nights of Sept. 7 and 10, the first for about eight minutes beginning at 9:20 p.m., the second for four or five minutes beginning at half-past midnight.

She described the objects as "bright white with blue and red lights," noting that they were seen about 500 feet from her home.

Richard Tippitt, also of Wertsville Road, reported sighting something on Sept. 5, at the same time that an unidentified security guard at the Duke Estate did.

Police have discovered nothing, and Orson Welles hasn't been seen in the township lately. But if you're one of the few who hasn't seen a UFO, try driving to Hillsborough some clear night and then look skyward.

—Doug Shuman



Staff photo, Rick Crider

Dillard Sizemore

... Points to mysterious marks

Renne's UFO sighting receives high priority

By Jana Miller

The sighting of an unidentified flying object by a private pilot from Lincoln has been given high priority by the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Richard Renne of Lincoln said he was flying his single-engine, four-passenger Bonanza aircraft over Arkansas Sunday night when he saw a bright light off his right wing.

He estimated the source of the unexplained light to be about one and one-half miles from his aircraft, but, he said, the air traffic control center in Memphis, Tenn., reported no aircraft within 100 miles on its radar screen.

Renne, who was flying on private business from Lincoln to Memphis at the time of the sighting, said he notified the Memphis control center and was told to contact the reporting center in Seattle. The Memphis control center said a Southern Airlines pilot also had reported seeing a light in the same skies.

Robert Gribble, a spokesman in Seattle, said the center had received no other reports of unidentified flying objects in the Arkansas-Tennessee area Sunday night. He said staff members, following standard procedure, will get in touch with people in the area to determine whether anyone saw the bright light

from the ground. If not, he said, Renne's report will be filed as a single-witness UFO sighting.

Renne told the Journal he first saw the mysterious light about 8:30 p.m. to the rear of his airplane. There was no form or shape to it, he said, and it darted around his plane 45 minutes.

"I had the feeling it was observing me," he said, adding that he was flying alone.

Renne, who has been a licensed pilot four years, said he doubts the light could have come from another aircraft because of its strange maneuverability. Furthermore, he said, it is required that all airplanes be equipped with a distinctive lighting system, making them recognizable in the air.

Gribble said business has been "very, very slow" lately at the Seattle reporting center. About three or four UFO sightings are reported each week, he explained, a far cry from the 3,000 sightings reported in 1973.

Renne's report will be given high priority, Gribble said, because of the pilot's experience in the air and his scientific background. Renne, 29, is an analyst with Medical Management Systems Inc., a Lincoln group that helps manage physicians' group practices.

Sandersville Woman Spots UFO

LEADER CALL, Laurel, MS - Sept. 13, 1978

"The dogs were barking so I looked out the window and saw it in the field," said Mrs. Stella Hodge, Sandersville. "It was a big red ball, about as big as a table and it was off the ground... as high as the trees."

This was the report of a Sandersville woman who reported sighting a UFO in the Jones County area Tuesday about 9:05 p.m. Mrs. Hodge said that as she called for her son to come to the door the glowing red globe "moved away real fast."

The Hodge, who live in the Red Hill area of the county, had been having problems with people hanging around their land and when the dogs were barking Mrs. Hodge quickly looked out her window. "I screamed and said, 'My God what is that,' " she added. "It took off toward Laurel."

Jones County deputies near the sighting said they saw nothing different in the sky at the time, however Heidelberg authorities said that the sky in their area had been unusually red Tuesday evening, according to the Jones County Sheriff's office.

No further investigation was ordered.

Teenager Reports UFO Sighting

FRONT PAGE STORY

A 15 year old Vineland girl reported seeing a UFO last night.

Dina Freedman, 1156 new Pear st., told police that she was standing at the intersection of new Pear st. and Sutliff ave. at 5:30 p.m. when she observed an oval object in the sky traveling north.

Ms. Freedman said the object was silver in color and appeared to be rotating as it traveled at a moderate speed. She said there were no lights on the UFO, that it made no noise and was bigger than an airplane.

Police advised UFO Central in Chicago of the sighting.

COURIER-GAZETTE, Rockland, ME - Sept. 21, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

Mysterious Yellow-Orange Light Hovers Over North Haven Harbor

NORTH HAVEN — An unusually bright yellowish light hovering in the sky caught the attention of several North Haven people on Tuesday night. The light was first noticed by June Hopkins, of North Haven and Rockland, while riding with her husband in their car.

According to June's husband, Bill, they had been cutting wood on some land at Southern Harbor and were returning to their home at approximately 7:40 p.m. when June saw a light low on the horizon over the harbor. At the time Mrs. Hopkins mentioned to her husband that she felt it was odd for an airplane to be flying so low in that area.

"At first," Hopkins said, "I didn't look because it was hidden from my view while I was driving."

But as the Hopkins drove along they were able to observe the object from three different directions and realized that the light was not moving.

Hopkins said that he then presumed that it was a helicopter and stopped the car and turned off the engine. When he got out to listen, instead of hearing the sound of a helicopter engine, he heard nothing.

The Hopkins stayed for a moment to observe the object, and then went to the home of William and Elsie Rice, located

at Southern Harbor. From the Rice home the object could not be seen due to surrounding trees, so all four persons went to a position where there was a clear view of the harbor.

Bill Rice, who works making lenses for telescopes in Boston, described the light as orange-yellow and intense, occasionally with an extremely bright center.

Rice said that by the time he and his wife came on the scene at approximately 7:45, the light was located over the harbor and stayed for another eight to ten minutes. Eventually, he said, there seemed to be a very slight motion of the object toward the east in the direction of Rockland.

Nina Mendall, a teacher at the North Haven Community School, also stopped to observe the object with the others.

"At first glance I would have thought that it was Mars," Mendall said. "But it was much closer."

The general color description of the light seems to vary from a yellow-orange to an orange-red. Everyone seems to agree, however, that the light was much more intense than that of a star.

Finally the object went behind the horizon and was not seen again, they reported.

Hopkins said that he contacted the Rockland Coast Guard Base that same night. Coast

Guard officials gave him a toll free number to call and report

Hopkins said that he tried several times to get through to that number Tuesday night, but gave up after getting a busy signal each time. On Wednesday morning he tried again and still got the same results. Finally Hopkins called the operator and got a different number. He then called and reported the incident to Phenomena Research in Seattle, Wash.

Early Wednesday afternoon, in a telephone conversation with Robert Gribble, a member of the staff at that organization, it was confirmed that the UFO reporting center had received a call from North Haven.

When asked if that particular type of description was common in a UFO sighting, he replied, "Yes, that type of description is very common." Gribble also mentioned that the center receives very few calls from the State of Maine involving reports of UFO sightings. "We don't know if it is due to a lack of things appearing in the sky in that region or if the people there are just reluctant to talk about them," he admitted.

Phenomena Research is planning to investigate the situation, however, and plans to let the Hopkins know if they find out anything.

DAILY NEWS, Indio, CA - Oct. 3, 1978

UFO sighted over Indio?

The Indio Police Department received a report from four witnesses of an unidentified flying object hovering over the National Date Festival Fairgrounds early this morning.

Officer Tony Kitchens filed a brief report on the incident.

One witness, identified only as Mike Atkins, described the UFO as "round with points and many lights." The four witnesses spotted the object at about 4:42 a.m.

According to Kitchens, the UFO was gone by the time he arrived on the scene.

A mystery on the Allagash

By GENE LETOURNEAU
Wildlife Writer

The starlit night of September second in the most remote part of the Allagash region will be remembered as having produced strange and unexplained phenomena.

It was an extremely dark night, despite the stars, some of which were reflected in the quiet waters of the lake. The moon was new and there was no evidence of Aurora Borealis.

Lou was reading the final chapters of a book when we stepped outside the camp to gather another visual memory of the quiet scene. It was 9 p.m.

Suddenly a bright flash spread over the wilderness east of Ross Lake. It was like a gigantic, explosive light such as a carman might use to catch the panorama of a stadium.

Believing we had seen a meteor, we summoned Lou to the porch, expecting perhaps a repeat performance. But then, equally as unexpected as the flash, a strange, slow-moving aerial vehicle appeared about five miles south.

IF THE vehicle was making any noise we couldn't hear it. Appearing to move slowly, at low altitude, it was traveling in an easterly direction. Being familiar with the country we estimated that an average float plane would have covered the distance from Ross to the Russell ponds in about ten minutes. But after 20 minutes had elapsed the flying object rimmed with red, green and white lights, was still in sight.

Both of us watched the vehicle through binoculars. To this agent it seemed more boxlike than a helicopter. We disagreed about the position and number of lights but noted that they were not flashing. The vehicle had disappeared before either of us volunteered a guess as to its identity.

Reaction to UFO report

BY GENE LETOURNEAU
Wildlife Writer

Reaction was mixed regarding the report here of the sighting of an unusual flying object in the Allagash region on the night of Sept. 2.

It ran from a fellow worker's admonition to get a fresh eye exam before the hunting season opens to unexpected corroboration of the sightings by two parties in the same area.

In reporting the sighting in a column Sept. 13, we noted that wife Lou also watched the flying object travel eastward from Crescent Lake to disappear over the ridge near the Russell ponds. The sighting had followed a sensational flash five miles north which I had seen.

Crescent Lake is about nine miles south of Ross Lake from where Lou and I saw the object. It appeared to be moving slowly and noiselessly at a low altitude. It was rimmed with green, white and red lights and appeared to be boxlike.

Corroboration of the sighting came from Richard Labbee of Oakland who was tenting at Crescent Lake with his son Michael, the latter's wife and their three children and Wilmot S. Dow of Waldoboro who was at Harrow Lake, east of Crescent but almost directly in the line of flight the object was traveling.

"We were amazed that it did not make any noise," Labbee reported. "It looked to us exactly as you described it and it was on the same course." Labbee also stated the sighting occurred around 9 p.m.

Labbee, who is familiar with that part of the northwest Allagash region, said that he and his family were sure what they saw was not a conventional seaplane or helicopter.

Dow wrote: "I was on Harrow Lake (about 30 air miles east of Crescent Lake) the night of Sept. 2. I also stepped out on the camp porch to enjoy the vast silence. I saw no flash but I did see a soundless, slow moving aerial vehicle well lighted, moving in a southwesterly direction. I rushed into camp for the binoculars but returned just in time to see it disappear behind Harrow Mountain. I give it no more thought. Then I read your column and now I wonder. Harrow Mountain was less than two miles from camp but

Was this an unidentified flying object? Was its flight linked in any way with the flash that had occurred five miles north? These unanswered questions have bugged us both ever since. The reported sighting of an unidentified object, off Portland five nights later, only added more to the puzzle.

As a reporter we chased many reports of UFO sightings and know that honest, reliable persons still insist they see such objects. Now, even with tongue in cheek, we must share their lot. However, thanks to a veteran pilot who has flown most everything from trainers to jets there can be avenues of conjecture.

It is no longer guarded or censored information that Maine's wilderness areas are used for war games. Bush pilots have to cope with low-flying missions, aware that collisions can occur. Comparatively few of the latter pilots fly at night which lessens the hazard. The fact that no such collisions has occurred over Maine indicates the odds against them are great.

THE PILOT ventured some possibilities as to what we saw. The white flash, he said, may well have been part of a night reconnaissance training mission, the flash caused by a magnesium-loaded flare synchronized with an aerial camera.

The pilot doubted there was any link between the flash and the object we saw at the south end of the lake. While he was nonplussed that neither of us had heard any sound from the vehicle, he explained that any mechanically produced sound from anything in flight can become inaudible at a very short distance, even when only a light wind is blowing.

(Persons sighting the object off Portland noted they could detect no noise emanating from it.)

The pilot ventured the possibility that the object we saw could have been an ordinary plane or helicopter flying at low level on a dope smuggling junket. There was no reason, he added, for any of the services with which he is connected to be flying anything in that particular area that night.

The pilot made it clear that he was in no way aware of aerial smuggling between Canada and Maine but added that the possibility exists because of the different means taken to traffic in drugs.

THERE WAS no further unusual incidents in the wilderness area over the long weekend. Aerial games apparently were suspended during the daytime hours as we didn't see or hear the usual number of assorted planes.

Whether the big flash upset the fish was undecided but it helped us explain the lack of action which followed and provided an alibi for an almost empty creel.

no sound came from the vehicle on that very quiet night.

"Several years ago I saw another object flying noiselessly north over Big Pleasant Lake (same general area) and that turned out to be a satellite. . ."

A veteran combat and observation pilot we contacted following the sighting said there were no aerial maneuvers scheduled that night in the area, where war games are often held. He said there might be aerial drug smuggling taking place between Canada and Maine but that any type planes used for that purpose certainly would be heard from distances as close as those from which the sightings occurred.

Several persons also contacted the writer following the original report, asserting that they had seen strange flying objects but were reluctant to say anything about the experience.

One such person said that an object similar to what we described flew over Brassua Lake. What impressed him most was its slow speed and lack of noise.

Allie King of Fairfield informed that his family saw a strange flying object the same night as the one over the Allagash was seen. His son, spending the weekend home from college, attempted to follow its course by car but was unable to do so.

Bernard Morton of North New Portland reportedly watched a flying object of similar description flying over Hancock Pond. It was moving slowly and traveling after dark.

Woodsmen in the Cliff and Clayton lakes region, north of Crescent, claim to have seen "terrific flashes" in the area after dark. These lakes are within the war game theater and the flashes probably were associated with aerial reconnaissance missions. . .

They also noted that falling stars are almost common at certain times of the year in that area but what they have been seeing has nothing to do with nature's function.

Unidentified flying objects, UFO's, have been reported seen in many parts of the country and by reliable persons. During the same weekend of the Allagash incidents, there were reports of such objects being seen off the Maine coast in the Portland area.

Perhaps the most impressive feature of the reported sightings is that every "object" has been noiseless, lights around it described exactly the same by everyone who contacted this writer.

Woodsmen once were generally superstitious. But today there are so many strange things going on on the ground and in the air they say nothing startles them. Except perhaps a bear trying to rob them of their lunch if the job takes them too far from the wanigans.

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Highway Patrolman Claims 'Close Encounter' In SW Wyo.

EVANSTON (Special) — Wyoming Highway Patrolman Eugene Mallory doesn't believe in "flying saucers" but his skepticism took a mighty thump Saturday.

After dealing with a transient at the Kemmerer exit in the early evening, who claimed he'd been kidnapped by flying saucers 20 years earlier, Mallory came into town to pick up a teletype. A call was coming in from Utah state troopers in the Monte Cristo area and the Bear Lake areas of Utah warning of two flying objects blinking red, green, and white. The objects were reported flying north toward the Montpillar and the Woodruff and Randolph areas of Utah. Then Montpillar reported seeing the objects.

Mallory didn't believe the reports as he drove out of town. He stopped at Wellingford to speak to a friend about the "wacko" reports. Looking and pointing to the direction from where the objects were expected to come, he saw the objects blinking red, green and white.

He called the communications center in Evanston and said he was going out to the point of entry west of town then he and his companions decided to go northwest on Wyoming 89 because the whole thing was just an illusion caused by the lights of the city.

As they traveled the unlighted road they noticed and watched one of the objects traveling with them, they said. It traveled the same direction as the two cars, staying above the mountains just ahead of them. It stopped when the men were about 12 miles out of town.

They stopped and reported seeing a V-shaped object through the binoculars. Then the object disappeared and others appeared.

They called the Cheyenne office of the Highway Patrol which called Utah to alert radar. They saw four or five lighted objects moving and one that hovered.

Trying to reason their way through the experience they decided the objects could not be

stars because they were moving. They thought they might be planes until they saw one go over head and the objects failed comparison to aircraft.

The hovering object blinked on and off and appeared to rotate. He said he saw a beam of light from a large object to a smaller one. He could not be sure it came from the object but his companion said the beam was actually directed from the larger to smaller object. The smaller object then appeared to vibrate and return the beam. This report continued for five minutes.

In the meantime, Washington had called Cheyenne to talk to the officers who had reported the UFO sightings. Mallory went into town to return the call. He said Washington officials didn't appear to be interested until he mentioned reports had been made by many law enforcement officers. Reports had come from Utah state troopers and others.

They contacted Kemmerer but they never saw the objects. When the objects moved they appeared to move northwest from the direction they had come.

Mallory said that stars do disappear into the west but when these went beyond the mountains they went too fast and at a faster rate than the stars around them.

While the officers glanced to the west one of the objects from the east moved twice as high on the horizon than it had been. No star could ride that fast concluded Mallory. The objects would become very bright and then dim as if moving closer and then moving away.

On Sunday Mallory heard from his wife that four of the objects were squared above Evanston. Thinking that if the objects were stars he could expect the same formation in Afton that could be seen from Evanston, he searched for two hours and could find nothing in the sky but stars.

Another sighting Sunday was made by a man who chuckles and says "I didn't see nothing" then hurries to tell you what he didn't see.

About 9:30 p.m. he saw four lighted green, red, and white objects lined up loosely on the

east sky, one over the butte north of town, and one over Woodruff northeast of town.

One of the objects east of town made a slow path past another one and then took off rapidly for a distance the length of Evanston.

He says he thinks it was just the Air Force doing some "mickie mouse stuff". He said the Air Force has a jet that hovers and surmises it was a test.

R. Leo Sprinkle, P.H.D., director of the Division of Counseling and professor of Counseling Services at the University of Wyoming who is actively involved in research and documentation of UFO sightings said Tuesday that he does not know what people are seeing but that the reports from a variety of persons indicate similar observations from a variety of states and countries from throughout the world.

Many shapes and colors are reported with common colors of red, green, white and sometimes blue, reported. The most common sightings are long or circular daylight discs and nocturnal lights.

On Sunday evening one woman reported seeing a triangular figure over Evanston with possibly a smaller object nearby.

At about 10:30 another woman reported seeing a square formation above Evanston. Dr. Sprinkle said that often a triangular shape is reported. The objects are reported to have moved without sound according to Dr. Sprinkle. He said Evanston sightings are similar to what is being reported. One woman who observed the objects Sunday night with binoculars, then without binoculars, said the object appeared very bright. Depending on which binoculars she looked through, the objects appeared to be glass balls with pulsating changing colors while surrounding stars appeared to be star white. While the surrounding stars appeared to be pinpoints of light, the objects in reports appeared to be tapered bars with green, white and red.

As for Mallory he still doesn't believe in flying saucers but now in UFO's.

Two men on Smith Road report UFO

HEALD, Bellingham, WA - Oct. 8, 1978

A Whatcom County man reported seeing an unidentified flying object Friday evening.

Russell Simonson, 1184 E. Smith Road, said he and another man, a schoolteacher, saw the object about 6:30 p.m. in the sky southeast of Smith

Road.

Simonson said he called the Blaine Air Force Station to report the object, but was told such reports weren't taken by the station. Other agencies, including the Washington State Patrol, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and

Naval Air Station at Oak Harbor, said they had received no reports of UFOs in the area.

Simonson said the object, about as large as an automobile from a half mile away, at first was round, and looked like a white balloon. It was moving

south, he said. Surface winds were from the southwest, while clouds were moving very slowly from the northeast.

As the object moved south, he said, it appeared to flatten out, and began to look like an airplane, except that no wings were visible.

Group From NMSU Reports Seeing UFO

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reportedly seen over the weekend by a group from NMSU who were out in the country east of Kirksville on a hayride.

According to one of the observers, who served for some years in the Air Force, an orange light appeared, hovering in the sky. Then a ray of light seemed to come from the orange UFO. The ray of light quickly disappeared, followed by the orange light itself.

The Air Force veteran said the orange UFO reappeared later that night in exactly the same place as before.

DAILY EXPRESS, Kirksville, MO
Oct. 24, 1978 CR: J. Brill

RECORD EAGLE, Traverse City, MI - Sept. 30, 1978

UFO reported over Central Lake

CENTRAL LAKE — Ray Czap and some of his friends have been seeing an unusual lighted object in the sky, and wonder if others in the area have noticed it.

Czap said he was alerted to the flying object by friends, Louis and Carol Severt, who had spotted it between 8 and 10 on five consecutive nights. The Severts made their observations from an area near Wilson Lake just north of the village of Central Lake.

Czap said he looked at the bright flying object with the aid of binoculars, and reported that it was visible Thursday evening for nearly an hour.

He said the object moved in a westward direction and that it had what appeared to be a flashing red light below it. Czap said it sometimes seemed to be moving in a zig-zag pattern at very high speed.

Cove woman reports UFO

COVE — A UFO equipped with what appeared to be powerful searchlights hovered behind Mount Fanny in the early hours of today, according to a Cove woman.

Diane Willey, Route 1, Box 1, Cove, told The Observer she saw an intense white light coming from the Horseshoe Basin area on Mount Fanny's east side at about 2 a.m.

The light looked "like many spotlights coming from one source" and one beam extended Elgin and disappeared, she added.

Willey and neighbors drove to Moss Springs, on the edge of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, and to the summit of Mount Fanny, but never glimpsed the source of the light, she said. It finally moved north behind the mountain toward Elgin and disappeared she added.

"We stayed up there for two or three hours. By 5 o'clock there was nothing more.

"All that is up there is the wilderness. The Northern Lights are seen in the north, and they have got some color in them," she added.

Willey reported the lights to the Union County Sheriff's office. Deputies said hers was the only report received about the incident.

OBSERVER, LaGrande, OR - Sept. 29, 1978

'Bright light' passes over area

At 8:15 last Friday evening, just as the rain stopped, Joel Ward and Mike Dresen stepped out into the Dresen's front yard at 8048 Mineral Point Rd.

Joel and Mike, both age 12, weren't looking for anything in particular. What they apparently saw, however, was rather interesting.

Mike turned his attention to the sky and saw what he thought was a falling star. He and Joel then watched this "really bright light" pass slowly from east to west across the sky. Three minutes later as it reached the top of a nearby hill, it seemed to turn, according to

Joel, and the light source broke into three distinct sections. "The outer two lights were brighter and the middle one was smaller," he stated Tuesday.

It then passed behind the hill. Unsure of what it was, Mike climbed the hill and told Joel the object seemed to bob up and down before settling out of sight into a swamp on the corner of Mineral Point Rd. and Timber La.

That was the last either of the two boys saw of the unidentified object. The Middleton Police Department reports that no other sightings of a bright object were brought to their attention.

LAKE COUNTY NEWS-JOURNAL, Black Earth-Mazomanie-Cross Plains, WI - Oct. 5, 1978 CR: F. Heiden

INDEPENDENT, Grand Island, NE - Oct. 18, 1978

Ord teenager reports UFO

ORD (Special) — The Ord Quiz has reported a claim by a local tenth grader that a flying saucer has landed near here.

Deanne Kearns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Kearns, said she saw the object about 2 a.m. last Sunday about two miles north of the North Loup River bridge.

Miss Kearns was quoted as saying the vehicle was in the shape of two dinner plates, one turned upside down and placed on top of the other, with a spire on top. It was gray, she said, and had a series of observation windows and red and green flashing lights. She said it was about the size of a three-story house.

She said the object touched the ground about 300 feet from her, then went back into the air about 200 or 300

feet above the ground, hovering there about 10 minutes. A loud buzzing came from the craft, Miss Kearns said, somewhat like an electric generating plant.

The teenager said two individuals came down from the craft on a beam of yellow light. She described the creatures as five to six feet tall, but said she could see no distinct features.

Miss Kearns said the creatures took earth and plant samples, then returned to the craft on the beam of light. Then, she said, the vehicle shot straight up and disappeared.

Since making her report to the Quiz, Miss Kearns' parents have not permitted her to speak with members of the press. Apparently no official report of the incident has been made.

STATE JOURNAL, Lansing, MI - Oct. 13, 1978

Lansing UFO sighting claimed

Unidentified, flying objects are apparently in vogue again.

Following a rash of sightings near Lake Michigan over the past few months, a south side Lansing woman reported seeing an object Thursday night "the shape of a shoebox, but very large," said Dan Wright, of the UFO Network in Grand Ledge.

THE WOMAN, who was not available for comment, was referred to him

by Lansing police, who received a call shortly before 8 p.m., Wright said.

He said the sighting was near Pleasant Grove Road.

According to Wright, the woman's 10-year-old son spotted the object first.

"THEY COULD not make out much detail because it was after dark, but they did say there was a series of red and green lights blinking simultaneously," Wright said.

"They said the object moved slowly and laterally just above the treetops and when they saw it last, was moving off toward Logan Street," he said.

Wright theorized the UFO may have some connection with objects recently seen near Lake Michigan.

RAY KERWIN, tower chief at Capital City Airport, said the airport received no UFO reports Thursday night.

NEWS, Jacksonville, AR - Oct. 28, 1978

UFOs again

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (UPI) — West Virginia is becoming "almost heaven" for UFOs.

For the fifth day in a row, a resident has reported a sighting.

Joyce Dehner, 20, a Fairmont State College student, said she saw a UFO while driving to school. She described the object as oblong with a bright, red light. She said it glided toward her car soundlessly, then flew straight up into the air.

"I asked her if it was the sun's rays or a helicopter," her mother said Thursday.

"She said she was sure it wasn't sun rays and added that it had no propellers or motors. She seemed quite alarmed and still feels shaken about it."

Miss Dehner's brother, Bob, is an assistant news editor with The Huntington Herald Dispatch.

"I never believed in UFOs, but now I don't know," he said.

"Joyce is a very low key, sensible person. If she said she saw something, she saw it. I just don't know what."

EVENING EXPRESS, Portland, ME - Sept. 15, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

Strange lights seen again

Police in Scarborough, Old Orchard Beach and Cape Elizabeth reported sighting "unusual, pulsating lights" in the sky early Thursday morning, less than a week after a Coast Guard lighthouse keeper at Ram Island reported a similar phenomenon. Cape Elizabeth police dispatcher Greg Tinsman said the UFO, which he described as "red, white and green...round and far up in the air," was visible from 3:15 to 5 a.m.

UFO SPOTTED

twice in Whatcom County was quite a remarkable flying machine. Russell Simonson accepts UFO reports, even though the Blaine Air Force Station and the State Patrol don't.



A lifelong resident of Whatcom County, Russell Simonson farms on the Smith Road. He was a skeptic about UFOs until 12 years ago when a trusted neighbor reported sighting one. Since then, he has been interested in the subject.

By RUSSELL SIMONSON

Could I add a little to the Herald's Sunday report of an Unidentified Flying Object sighting made by myself and another man, a high school teacher?

As the Herald reported, the UFO first appeared to be a white balloon and then seemed to flatten out and looked like a plane when viewed directly from the side. In this position the UFO had an aluminum-like color and seemed to shimmer.

Before the UFO disappeared behind a cloud, it changed shape again and was a perfectly round object as it was lost from sight.

We came to the conclusion that the UFO wasn't a magical balloon which

could change shape, but was simply a common old flying saucer, which are reportedly seen somewhere in the world nearly every day.

When first seen the saucer was apparently standing on edge in the sky and showing us either the top or bottom face. It tilted as it moved across the sky at a steady rate until we were looking at the saucer directly from the side. Before it disappeared, it had tipped up and appeared to be a perfectly round object again.

It was hard to estimate the size of the object because there was nothing to compare it with.

My first thought was that it was a weather balloon about six feet in diameter at a height of about a quarter mile over a point about a quarter mile east of us.

The best clue to its size was when it disappeared into or behind a cloud. On Friday afternoon, Oct. 6, there were clouds drifting from the northeast over the mountains. We assumed that these clouds were about two miles high. Mt. Baker was visible beneath the clouds. Since the saucer was at about a 45-degree angle from the surface of the earth, I figured that it was about three miles away in a straight line. I would estimate that a balloon 75 feet in diameter would cover as much sky as a six-foot balloon at one fourth mile. A trigonometry student could figure this out exactly.

We had no way of knowing whether the saucer went into or behind the cloud. It could have been 10 or 15 miles away or more, in which case the saucer would have been several hundred feet in diameter.

Regardless of the size of the object, it was quite a remarkable flying machine. I'm sure that it would meet all federal regulations for noise and smoke emissions (there was none of either), but by human standards it

seemed to be giving the passengers a rough ride with all the tilting up and down.

As reported in the Herald, I called the Blaine Air Force Base and was told that they don't take UFO reports. I'm sure that they must have tracked the UFO as it crossed the county. From my experience as an electronics technician in the Navy many years ago, I know that when the saucer was facing Blaine AFB, they should have been getting a blip on their radar scope that would knock your eyeballs out.

Of course it may be possible that saucers "eat" radar beams so that there wouldn't have been a reflection back to the radar station. Saucers are reported to cause trouble with automobile ignition systems, TV reception, etc., so I expect they could also upset radar.

The Blaine AFB suggested that I call the State Patrol. I figured that the patrol would have a hard time intercepting the UFO so I didn't bother them, but called in the report to the Herald the next morning.

I received a call from a Bellingham area couple Sunday evening who had sighted a similar object that morning. It appeared to be a blimp hovering in the sky in the Sumas area. They observed it for two or three minutes and then it suddenly vanished.

It sounded to me as if they had seen another pesky flying saucer standing on its edge, and they lost sight of it when it tipped over so it was parallel to their line of sight. They reported it to the

state patrol and were told that the patrol doesn't take UFO reports. When they got back home they noticed the report of our UFO sighting in the paper and called me. I accept UFO reports.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Oct. 13, 1978

Saw UFOs Over Lake Michigan, Coast Guard, Deputy Maintain

LUDINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Sightings of flickering, fast-moving unidentified flying objects over Lake Michigan were reported Thursday by the Coast Guard and a sheriff's deputy.

The sightings occurred during 10 days, Coast Guard officials said, with the most recent report coming from the Oceana County sheriff's office Tuesday night.

Filmed Incident

Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson of the Ludington Coast Guard Station said he shot motion picture film of an October 1 sighting and sent it to district headquarters at Cleveland, where officials declined to discuss the matter.

That was the same night the Coast Guard sighted three others

at about the same time, and sheriff deputies Dave Waller and Frank Steiger spent 30 minutes gazing at a strange, fast-moving object flashing dazzling green, white and red lights while hovering about a mile off shore.

"Whether it was something from another planet or something from another country, I don't know. But it sure made a believer out of me," Waller said.

"The lights were tremendously bright," he said. "They made you dizzy to look at them."

"From now on, my partner and I are going to carry a telescope with us in the squad car."

Fast Lights

Richardson said he and his men saw lights in the sky "moving at a high rate of speed, horizontally, then stopping, then moving verti-

cally and stopping."

Asked for his opinion of what he saw, Richardson said, "I think we're crazy not to think there's more intelligent life than us, though that's just a personal belief."

The most recent sighting was reported by Sheriff John Simmons, but not confirmed by the Coast Guard. Simmons said he had seen earlier unidentified flying objects — including the one sighted October 1 — but kept quiet until he heard the accounts of others.

The weekly newspaper at nearby Hart received several calls Tuesday night about sightings over Silver Lake, which is adjacent to Lake Michigan, "but our photographer couldn't get there in time," publisher Lowell Rinker said.

'Strange Lights' Seen Over State Are Unexplained

ARDMORE (UPI) — Strange, blinking lights that changed colors flitted across the sky over southern Oklahoma and North Texas early Tuesday, and authorities said they were unable to explain the sightings.

Several sightings were reported by police and other officers, and some by private citizens.

"At first, I thought it was a falling star, but it kept changing directions," said dispatcher Mike Bracken of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol's Ardmore district headquarters.

Bracken said the light, which appeared on the horizon to the southeast about 3 a.m., "seemed to be moving too fast for a plane."

Bracken said Linda Panic, a police dispatcher, also saw the strange light.

In Tishomingo, Police Officers Jackie Hamilton and Lonnie Woolly reported a similar sighting east of the city shortly after 3 a.m.

Other sightings were reported near Durant and in Texas near Denton and Gainesville, authorities said.

WORLD, Tulsa, OK - Oct. 18, 1978

Whether weather or not, odd lights kept phones busy

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Bright objects zipped about the skies of West Virginia this past weekend and were observed on radar and by law enforcement officers, who were at a loss Monday for an explanation.

"I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that. I'll tell you," said Cpl. Don Sharpe of the state police, who said he watched seven objects for about 30 minutes Friday night.

He was one of at least three state troopers and a number of other law enforcement officers who sighted the flying objects.

ONE TROOPER took color photographs of the objects, but the results were less than satisfactory.

In Kanawha County alone, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of sightings. Viewers described hovering or slow-moving objects that displayed green, blue, white and sometimes red or yellow

lights. Most reports indicted at least three objects traveling together.

Sharpe said they would zip across the sky at the speed of a meteor and then abruptly slow down. "If an airplane went over, the lights would dim down till you couldn't see them," he said.

BILL GIVENS, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha Airport, said there were unidentified objects on his radar set all weekend. He said it appeared that the objects sighted Sunday could have been weather-caused radar phenomenon.

Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, also cited weather as a possible explanation.

"This is the type of weather, hot and clear that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings," he said. "There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

CR: S. Gordon

Chestnut Ridge

'Objects' Spotted By Area Couple

"I know this must sound crazy, but doggone it, I saw something out there."

It sounds like the dialogue from one of Jack Webb's "Project UFO" scripts and basically that's what it amounts to, only this report was allegedly not scripted and didn't take place in the Louisiana swamplands or some other distant site.

This observation was made right here in the area—near the Derry Ridge to be specific—and the observer was more a skeptic than fanatic. At least, he used to be skeptical, until about 12:05 this morning.

That was about the time that Mark Withrow said he turned off his television set and started for bed.

His trip was interrupted, however, by the sound of his German Shepherd growling. Withrow, who trained and handled German Shepherds during a stint in Vietnam, said it was an unusual growling sound; one he'd never heard before from his dog.

"German Shepherds will growl one way when they're confronted and are ready to attack, but they growl a different way when they're scared or confused. That's the kind of growl this was."

Withrow said he decided to check the situation outside his house. He lives on a hill, along Lee Valley Road near Keystone State Park.

It was a clear night and from the vantage point of his house he could see a straight line across Keystone Lake, Latrobe Elks and Mechesneytown, all the way to the Derry Ridge.

Looking toward the ridge he said he spotted six red, round-shaped lights in the distant sky.

"At first I thought they were airplanes and I was wondering what they were looking for," Withrow explained. "But they weren't moving, they were stationary."

He called to his wife to come and take a look and at the same time got his binoculars from inside the house.

Withrow said it appeared as if three of the lights were connected somehow, although he couldn't make the shape of any objects, other than the

lights, because of the distance.

One of the other lights was hovering above the three, one was below and one was moving around. He said the third one dipped down from the others and went behind one of the hills out of sight, before rising back up again to join the formation.

All six lights then took off, traveling west to east, until they were gone.

"They didn't fly away at any great speed or anything," Withrow recalled. "They just went along very slowly."

All of this activity encompassed about a minute's time, according to Withrow, but it was time enough for all kinds of thoughts to pass through his head.

"The first thing that popped into my mind was that they were airplanes, dropping flares, but they were stationary in the sky. And they weren't like airplane lights. These were odd-shaped and they weren't blinking."

Withrow said when the thought that they might be UFO's finally entered his mind, he immediately thought of the reports in yesterday's newspapers about sightings in Australia and the mysterious disappearance of the young man who had been piloting a small engine craft in the vicinity.

Wife Scared

"I started to wonder what the heck was going on here?" Withrow added that his wife became a bit frightened by the incident.

Following the sighting, Withrow called state police and was told that someone would be dispatched to the area to investigate.

However, state police reported this morning they received no calls about UFO sightings—not even the one from Withrow.

Withrow said he was hoping that someone else saw the lights in the sky last night to verify his story. He was reluctant to give his name because, "The first thing people always think about those kinds of reports is that it must be some kind of crackpot who made it."

"But, doggone it, I swear I saw something."

OBSERVER-NEWS-ENTERPRISE, Newton, NC - Oct. 24, 1978

Halloween Scare Comes Early To Maiden Woman

Halloween came early to two area residents on Monday night, October 16, at 10:25 when Mrs. Betty Morrow of Lincoln and Mrs. Luther Stroupe of Route Two, Maiden encountered the unknown near the Lincoln County Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation sub-station on the Spooky Hollow Road.

Mrs. Morrow was driving her car to her third shift job at the Maiden Knitting Mills, Inc., while Mrs. Stroupe was getting ready to leave home for her similar job with the same company.

Just after Mrs. Morrow's car passed the sub-station at the bridge on the 321 By-Pass she noticed a brightly-lighted orange patch of light on the ground in a wooded area near the sub-station. Suddenly her car radio began to make an awful "beeping and roaring sound" as if it was going to tear apart. And just as quickly, the startled motorist noticed a brilliant white oval UFO shoot up into the air and move towards Maiden. The UFO estimated to be the size of a Volkswagen was very brilliant.

At approximately the same time, un-

known to Mrs. Morrow, the television set in the home of Mrs. Stroupe, not very distant from the sub-station began to act up in a strange manner, suddenly with a static effect and also making a beeping, roaring sound similar to those being experienced on Mrs. Morrow's car radio.

While working at the Maiden Knitting Mills, Mrs. Morrow found out for the first time about Mrs. Stroupe's experience.

UFO investigator George D. Fawcett of Lincoln, a UFO hobbyist, interviewed the witnesses and then checked with power company officials.

When contacted, Charles Morgan, area manager of the Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation said, "we have received no reports of power drainages or failures at the sub-station at our Cherryville office."

J. W. Howard, engineering assistant at the Duke Power Company in Lincoln replies, "we've had no reports of power failures, transformer blowouts or other difficulties and no repairs have been initiated near the sub-station during this period of time."

Hovering UFO seen in county

PORT ALLEGANY (EC) — The members of the Kenneth Howard family thought they saw some kind of normal aircraft hovering in the skies above their rural home.

But they reported it to the county sheriff's office and before the night was through their description had been linked to a host of reports of sightings across the state which describe the same hovering craft with red or blue lights and at times a spotlight shining to the earth.

"Last night and tonight we've received a lot of calls," said an excited Robert Cowell, director of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Irwin. "We've been receiving calls in north central Pennsylvania tonight, but it started last night near Parkersburg, West Virginia, and came up through the state."

Cowell said that earlier in the evening Wednesday calls had come from near DuBois and later near Emporium, both describing an object very much like the one Mr. and Mrs. Howard, their sons and another person saw along the ridge near their Two Mile home just north of Port Allegany.

Before hearing of any of the other sightings, Kenneth Howard Jr. described to The Era an object that his family watched — two of them for nearly 10 minutes — hover and shine lights to the ground. He said the red, blue and white lights seemed to change position and color.

"I could hear a noise but it wasn't a roar. It hovered, but there was no noise like a helicopter," said the younger Howard.

"That's exactly one of the characteristics," said Cowell. "There is more of a humming noise and the lights seem to change and move around. It may be four objects," he said.

Mike Lebhaft of the Federal Aviation Administration at Bradford Regional Airport said that at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday northbound military jet aircraft were carrying out normal refueling above Port Allegany.

"If they see a number of lights, that's what it is," Lebhaft said.

But he said those aircraft were traveling at about 300 knots at an altitude of between 20,000 and 22,000 feet,

and the cloud ceiling at 10 p.m. was 4,100 feet. He explained that no one on the ground under those conditions could be able to see any lights above that height.

Lebhaft said that to his knowledge there were no helicopters in the Port Allegany area Wednesday night. Refueling operations are normally carried out with a tanker and smaller jets.

According to the Johnstown Tribune Democrat several persons — including a police dispatcher — reported a similar, slow moving object moving west to east, late Tuesday.

CR: J. Jeffers

NEW TIMES, Syracuse, NY - Nov. 5, 1978 CR: R. Barrow

Close Encounters

A recent rash of UFO sightings has occurred around the world, and Central New York is no exception. A Verona man says he witnessed three unidentified flying objects hovering over a U.S. Air Force communications test area on the night of October 23.

David Williams (not his real name, at his request), a resident of Germany Road in Verona, says he was watching television at about 9:20 p.m. "When all of a sudden I heard this noise coming from my backyard. I went outside to see what it was and I say these lights in the sky that appeared to be the source of the noise." Williams says he saw three oblong-shaped objects with "flashing yellow and orange lights" in a V formation "hovering about 65 degrees above the horizon."

After several minutes of watching, Williams says he observed what he thought were jets from nearby Griffiss Air Force Base approaching the objects. The UFO's, he says, then moved off "a lot faster than the jets," only to return after the planes had left the area.

Williams said that he sought out several other people to witness the phenomenon "so nobody would think I'm nuts." He says four other persons also saw the unidentified objects, which he said were visible for about one hour and 20 minutes.

A check with the Oneida station of the New York State Police showed that the incident was reported to the troopers. A police spokesman said that there were no other reported sightings in the area at that time that he knew of.

Griffiss AFB spokesman Lawrence Clavette said that he could offer no comment beyond the Air Force's official position that "we don't believe in UFO's."

Richard Garcia, a spokesman for the Rome Air Developmental Center at Griffiss, said that the area referred to by Williams is part of an Air Force troposphere scatter network that transmits microwave signals from Verona to Buffalo, and back. He said that at the time in question, there were no Griffiss AFB-related flights over that area. Garcia said that the Air Force did not engage in any type of airborne testing in that area.

According to Williams, "there's a lot of radar and microwave activity" at the site near his house. He said he had heard stories of previous sightings in the area from other residents, but that it was the first time that he had personally witnessed anything. Williams said he and his wife have lived in the area for about one year. "The whole thing was right out of *Close Encounters*," he said.

—Paul Farmer

Strange objects in sky

VALE — Tuesday night a Vale man and his family noticed a star that appeared to be moving closer and closer to them.

The object came so close that the Lincoln County residents could see that it was shaped like a cup turned upside-down on a saucer with red lights on the top and bottom.

They reported the object hovered for a few seconds and then shot straight up in the air and disappeared.

Later that night about 10 p.m., three round, orange objects were sighted near a power line. Residents in the area reported that dogs barked hysterically for no apparent reason.

The mysterious objects left, but there was an orange glow in the sky for 15 to 20 minutes after they disappeared.

A Route 2, Maiden woman noticed a round orange ball of glowing light near an electrical substation Tuesday night a week ago while she was driving to work at a Maiden knitting plant.

The light appeared to touch down on the ground behind the power station on the Lincoln U.S. 321 by-pass and then suddenly shot up in the air and disappeared. She said there was loud static and beeping noises on her car radio.

A Lincolnton woman who lived near the substation noticed a tremendous electrical disturbance on her TV set and other residents reported hearing dogs barking for no known reason.

For George Fawcett of Lincolnton, these reports are definite signs that UFOs (unidentified flying objects) are hovering over Lincoln County and have been since August.

"I've been in Lincoln County for four years and we've been getting more reports since August than at any other time during that period," said Fawcett, a UFO investigator and state director of the Mutual UFO Network, a national organization to investigate UFO sightings.

"These reports seem to indicate that there are objects in Lincoln County flying at a low altitude, are under intelligent control and are of unknown origin."

While Fawcett is reluctant to say Lincoln County has been visited by "little green men," the implication is that residents here have experienced close encounters with extraterrestrial beings. There doesn't seem to be any other explanation.

"These reports do not come from natural phenomena and have nothing to do with psychology," Fawcett said. "UFO sightings have certain characteristics in common and these recent sightings seem to be following those same characteristics."

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - Oct. 28, 1978 CR: G. Fawcett

UFO Sightings in Area

By BOB MONELL

Ever since the modern era of UFO sightings began with pilot Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting of nine disc-shaped UFOs in Washington state, skeptics have predicted--and hoped--that the mysterious phenomenon would die down and eventually go away. Due to sporadic press coverage, scientific apathy and disdain, and worst of all, public fear, it seems that UFOs have indeed drifted comfortably to the periphery of what we call "reality." However, on Oct. 21, 1978, the subject of UFOs came back with a vengeance.

It started with an odd occurrence half way around the world. Pilot Frederick Valentich, 20, was on a solo training flight from Melbourne, Australia, to King Island across the Bass Strait. Sometime after 7 p.m., he and his Cessna 182 disappeared, shortly after he had signaled air traffic controllers on the mainland that he was being pursued by a large UFO with a number of green lights on it. His last words over the radio were, "It is not an aircraft," followed by a metallic scratching sound. Frederick Valentich has not been heard from since. An intensive air, sea and land search was called off a few days later, after a few thousand square miles were combed by the Australian Air Force. Not a trace

was found of either Valentich or his Cessna. Eleven reports of UFO sightings from witnesses along the Bass Strait then cropped up, and the incident has since achieved international publicity.

Last spring local complacency about UFOs was shattered during a rash of sightings which occurred in and around Central New York during the months of March, April and May. Although nothing quite as dramatic as the recent Australian incident took place, there were, nonetheless, enough major sightings and attendant phenomena--such as mysterious power outages--that many citizens, local UFO investigators and local authorities became seriously concerned. The Sheriff's Department tried to explain many of the sightings with a balloon theory which later proved to be a dead end; the Syracuse Police Department became enmeshed in a well-publicized quarrel over a controversial UFO poster; and the regional air bases had no comment whatsoever. All of these factors probably led to the generally patronizing attitude whenever the subject of UFOs came up in the weeks and months following the activity. Forgetting about, or laughing at, any phenomenon as long-lived and widespread as UFOs will not make it go away, however, and, as Dr. J. Allen Hynek has recently pointed out, perhaps the sociological and political effects of UFOs are as important as their scientific ramifications.

The local director of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Anthony Nugent, believes that there must have been many more than the 75 reported UFO sightings. He points to the fact that he has uncovered 14 confirmed, independent, multiple-witness sightings on the night of April 7 alone. It is still unclear exactly how many local people experienced close encounters during those March, April and May nights. Two apparent "landing" cases seem especially interesting: an incident on March 31 near a school in Mattydale and a case where burn marks were allegedly left after a UFO was seen landing near a farm in the Jordan-Elbridge area. Nugent came across both of these cases months after they actually occurred.

Included below are several local sightings which have received little or no press coverage. They include incidents from April, September and October of this year, as the UFO "flap" seems to have resumed after a lull during the summer. Some of the witnesses' names have been omitted or changed at their request.

- A Vietnam veteran and his companion pulled over on Route 31 near Cicero to watch a strangely shaped UFO maneuvering over some treetops only a few hundred feet from the road. The witnesses watched for about 10 minutes as the UFO dipped, turned and finally shot off straight up into the air. The object was later described as rectangular with a diamond-shaped structure jutting out of the back. The witnesses also noted a panel of multicolored blinking lights from a hump shape on the underside, as well as four bright white spotlights shining down on the ground from the front of the UFO.

- An equally interesting sighting took place two nights later on April 7. Around 9 p.m., five people in two separate houses in South Onondaga seem to have had simultaneous sightings of what was described as a "huge

half-saucer with multicolored light panels radiating around the rim." Shirley Coyne of Cole Road first noticed the object with her daughter and a friend and immediately telephoned friends Joe Natoli and Angela Pederson on Abbey Road, just north of Cole Road, to watch the UFO. Both Coyne and Natoli watched the UFO through binoculars about 10 minutes. The UFO passed almost directly over both of their houses as it continued in a northerly direction until it disappeared over Onondaga Hill. Natoli seemed to get the best view of the object and later described four long, round fuselage-like extensions which were connected to the half-saucer shape. "It was huge, possibly the size of a football stadium," he later commented. Both sightings also involved a low humming noise heard by both Coyne and Natoli as the UFO passed overhead.

- In a possibly related incident at the same time and on the same night, several southwest side youths snapped pictures of an orange glowing disc flying over the Tenterden Drive area. The photos were later sent to the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz., by local field investigator Robert Barrow, but the subsequent analysis proved inconclusive due to a lack of reference points on the pictures.

- This Sept. 7 was the beginning of a new rash of local sightings. On that night two separate cases were reported in the Baldwinsville area. The first involved a glowing lens-shaped object seen moving in an elliptical pattern near West Sorrell Hill Road, not far from the sites of several significant sightings in April. The second sighting, occurring around 11:30 p.m., was a "close encounter of the second kind" which took place near the banks of the Seneca River. This sighting, seen by a mother and daughter, involved a large, orange, glowing disc which a pinkish cloudlike "afterimage." This UFO also emitted a high-pitched screech and seemed to cause the witnesses' house lights to flicker.

- Almost a week later, on the night of Sept 13, a Lysander area housewife, her 10-year-old daughter and a neighbor had an eerie encounter. A "boomerang-shaped" UFO hovered over their houses, emitting a strange humming noise which the witnesses later described as "sounding mechanical." The witnesses, who were quite shaken by the experience, later contacted the Sheriff's Department and a helicopter was dispatched to look for the UFO, which seemed to have gone down in a nearby swamp. Nothing was found.

- The most recent nearby UFO incident took place in Verona, N.Y., on the night of Oct. 23 in the vicinity of the Rome Air Developmental Center. Between 9:20 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. David Williams and several other witnesses viewed what Williams described as "three egg-shaped UFOs" being pursued by several jets. Williams said the UFOs "glowed yellow-orange," and that one had a V-shaped configuration of red lights on the bottom of it. No confirmation could be obtained from nearby Griffiss Air Base of any radar contact or jet activity.

Nugent is still involved in the investigation of these and many more local UFO sightings. Nugent has been a field investigator since 1973 and was recently appointed state section director. Nugent believes that the local spring

Mysterious holes puzzle town

TORONTO, Kan. (UPI) — The mysterious holes of Walnut Creek bottom lands have Woodson County residents puzzled and their horses terrified. "We can't figure out why the horses won't go near it," City Councilman Jim Shively said. "Maybe they know something we don't."

The "holes" were discovered about a month ago by high school student Jim Smith while riding horseback in the Walnut Creek bottom lands about two miles southwest of town. There in the hard-packed silt were six circular depressions — forming a hexagon — with a much larger circular hole in the center. The 485 residents of the town about 90 miles east of Wichita, Kan., don't know what to make of them.

"It's got us stumped," Shively said. "No one is scared or anything but it's really weird." The center hole is exactly 13 feet in diameter and 30 inches deep. At precise intervals around the center hole, but concentrated within an area 50 feet in diameter, are six smaller depressions, each 10 feet in diameter and 18 inches deep. No appearance of digging in the area has been found, and no tracks are evident.

"It just looks like something awfully big and awfully heavy sat there and pushed the ground down," Shively said. Small core samples from each depression are being tested, but no results have been released. Tests for radioactivity were negative.

Shively said innumerable theories have been advanced — the holes were caused by a flying saucer landing, by buffalo wallowing, were an old Indian campsite or the result of dynamite blasts — but none seems to fit. "We simply don't know what did it," Shively said. "But, it's too perfect to be accidental."

FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

CORRECTION: The article, "Mysterious U.P. Light...", #111 UFONS, p. 19, should be dated Aug. 20, 1978. — Comments, pro or con, regarding reductions of material (pp. 14-15, #111 UFONS; pp. 12-16 of this issue) will be appreciated. This is an attempt to provide more reports without an increase in pages (and, therefore, a postage increase). I realize the translations in this issue are very small, so bear with me until the copying and printing "experiments" are completed. Do you want to see additional reductions of clippings or should this only be done with the translations of foreign reports?

UFO "flap" was "fairly intense and significant," Nugent, now completing a doctoral thesis on UFOs, thinks that only a small percentage of the local sightings have been reported. "especially those involving close encounters of the second [interaction with the environment] and third [occupants seen] kind." He attributes this reluctance to the "highly strange" nature of these types of encounters. Nugent is very much interested in hearing about any type of recent, local UFO encounters. He assures confidentiality and can be reached at 479-5126, or 906 Maryland Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., 13210 ■



Oil Workers Report Seeing Flying Saucer; First For Kuwait

Kuwait (UPI) — The first flying saucer reported in oil-rich Kuwait came without sound, was as big as a jumbo jet, cylindrical in shape, and had a huge dome and a flashing red light. After seven minutes in a Kuwaiti oil field, it took off without a trace.

That is the testimony of seven Kuwait Oil Co. technicians, including one American, who said they saw the saucer.

The mysterious object reportedly landed Friday about 90 miles from the capital at Umm Alaiish, causing temporary disruption of telecommunications and the operations of an oil pumping station about 250 yards from the landing site.

As soon as the object took off, the oil pumping equipment started working again, the witnesses said.

They said they were "frozen with horror" at what they saw and hesitated to approach the flying saucer, but they were certain that there were no human beings inside.

It made no sound on takeoff or landing and left after seven minutes on the ground without leaving a trace. The technicians said it definitely was not a helicopter.

Kuwaiti police are investigating the incident.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Nov. 14, 1978 CR: C. Jones

STOCKPORT ADVERTISER, Cheshire, England - Sept. 14, 1978



The object Neil says he saw from his window—"black, with a spike at the bottom." Experts are now studying this and other pictures he took.

SCHOOLBOY SAYS 'I SNAPPED A U.F.O.'

A TOP skywatch group in analysing three dramatic "UFO" photographs which a Romiley schoolboy says he took from a window in his home.

POST-INTELLIGENCER, Seattle, WA - Sept. 17, 1978 CR: D. Johnson

Hundreds See UFO in Brazil

DOURADOS, Brazil — (UPI) — A brilliantly colored, fast moving unidentified flying object was spotted twice this week by residents of Dourados, 600 miles west of Rio de Janeiro, a local policeman said yesterday.

Policeman Antonio Jose da Silva said hundreds of the city's 80,000 residents and much of its police force saw a disc-shaped ob-

ject emitting bright flashes of red and blue lights and moving rapidly above the city Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The local newspaper "O Progresso" published a photo of the mysterious object Thursday.

Da Silva said other residents, local policemen and Matto Grosso state policemen sent to Dourados were on the streets when the ob-

ject appeared for a second time Thursday.

"They all saw it," da Silva said.

On Thursday, a crowd of 200 persons gathered outside a popular bar to discuss the incident when the UFO appeared again, he said. It reportedly hovered over the city five minutes, appearing to draw closer and fall back several times before it disappeared.

The pictures show a strange shape hovering above the housing estate—and 11-year-old Neil Ward, of Eastover, Bredbury Green, insists that he did not fake them.

"I was sitting in the front room watching a sports programme on the television, at about noon. I looked out of the window to see if any of my mates were around, and I noticed the object floating in the air," he said.

"It was black with a spike on the bottom, and not shining or reflecting any light. I was frightened because I had never seen anything like this before, and it was so clear."

Neil says he then took the pictures. "It must have been hovering there from between two and five minutes. Shortly after I had taken the pictures it shot off vertically into the clouds."

AMAZED

His mother, Mrs. Patricia Ward, said: "Neil is not the sort of person who would tell deliberate lies. My husband questioned him closely, and he has not changed his story."

"I was amazed when the photographs were developed. After seeing them, I now believe that the UFO's exist."

The photographs have been studied in detail by the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team. Spokesman Mr. David Rees said: "They are very interesting photographs and we do not consider it to be a hoax at this stage."

"The object is certainly not a bird, plane or helicopter, and we have photographic experts to see whether it can be defined more clearly."

"There have been other sightings in this area in the past and we will carry out a full investigation."

EVENING POST, Bristol, England
Sept. 6, 1978

Magnetic power of a 'saucer'

I was interested to read the article on UFOs in the Post last week, but surprised to read that the Bristol Flying Saucer Bureau has rarely heard of saucers over Horfield.

About 9-10 years ago I was riding up Muller Road on my motor scooter when a "saucer" appeared just in front of me and about 20ft above the road. Normally I used to turn into Ralph Road, but this time it was as though I was being drawn by a most powerful magnet — or hypnotised — as I was unable to do anything

except follow the "saucer". It was before the days of traffic lights on the corner of Downend Road and the Congregational Church, and to this day, I do not know if there was any traffic about, or not. All I know is that I just kept going — even at the traffic lights with Filton Avenue. When I reached Horfield Common it was just as if I had blinked, because the "saucer" had disappeared as suddenly as it had come.

I expected to read reports in the next days paper, of many sightings of the UFO, but saw none, and wonder if, like me, other people seeing it thought others would ring up the Post.

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St Andrew's Park, Bristol 6

KENTISH INDEPENDENT, Woolwich, England
Sept. 21, 1978

Strange ships spotted in sky

p.m. on Wednesday last week when she was in the garden. She called her two sons, Graham (14) and Paul (12). "The boys first spotted the second one, which followed right behind. "They were heading in the Woolwich and Greenwich area," says Mrs. Mann. Before her "close encounter," the latest in a recent spate of sightings, she thought that U.F.O.'s were nothing more than a joke. "I believe in them now though," she says.

ANOTHER report of a U.F.O. sighting has come this week from a woman who saw flashing bright lights over Plumstead Common.

Plumstead mother-of-two, Mrs. Sheila Mann, of Flaxton Road, says she saw two large, circular flying ships, with lights all round them. "They both moved slowly, made no noise and left a trail of blue-grey smoke," she says. Mrs. Mann spotted one of them at 8.30

Conditions on Saturday night and all day yesterday were ideal, with fine weather, a mild westerly breeze and almost unlimited visibility.

The missing aircraft was carrying a lifejacket and a "black box" radio survival beacon transmitting on a high distress frequency.

The Australian Coastal Surveillance Organisation in Canberra has alerted all shipping and three crayfish boats equipped with radio are working their way up the west coast of King Island and toward Cape Otway on the Cessna's flight path.

The department of Transport was looking at the possibility that the pilot became disoriented and was flying his Cessna 182 upside down during the conversation with ground control.

"It is possible the pilot was seeing light reflected off cloud from the Cape Otway lighthouse and one at King Island as he flew upside down in the early evening light," a spokesman said.

Possible

However, he did not discount the possibility of an unidentified flying object.

Valentich has flown for three years with the RAAF Training Corps.

Saturday night's flight was intended to build up night flying hours and to pick up crayfish from King Island. - NZPA

Search

Light aircraft began a visual and radio search when the plane failed to turn up at King Island on arrival time of 7:29pm.

An RAAF Orion from Edinburgh, South Australia - a long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft - spent all day yesterday searching the area of Cape Otway where the plane disappeared. The pilot later reported having seen an oil slick in the area.

The Orion's navigator, Flight-Lieut Bill Sigston, said: "We've planted a marker buoy at the spot, about 15 miles north of Cape Wickham. Our aircraft will be able to fly direct to the spot tomorrow morning."

Ideal

But the rescue co-ordination centre conducting the search from Melbourne remains mystified by the disappearance.

UFOs Seen By Others In Australia

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) - The UFO plot in Australia thickens.

Now, the father of a young pilot missing in a small aircraft since Saturday night says he believes his son is alive and captive, and a rash of other UFO reports in the area have been received.

The father had not believed the UFO story originally.

"I have a very strong feeling that my son is still alive and is being held by someone from another world," Guido Valentich said in his home in Melbourne.

His son, Frederick, 20, vanished Saturday night on flight from Melbourne to King Island, 130 miles to the south. His radio went dead at 7:12 p.m., shortly after reporting earlier that a mysterious object was hovering over him.

"They may want to hold him for a week or so before returning him," the elder Valentich said.

The younger Valentich had said in the radio conversation that the large object appeared to be "playing games" with him, that it had green lights and a type of metallic light on the outside. Just before the radio silence, air traffic controllers heard a loud metallic noise.

The older Valentich said that despite an intensive air and sea search, no trace of his son or his Cessna plane had been found.

"I have no idea why they would want to take my son, but strange things do happen."

Officials said weather conditions at the time Valentich disappeared were ideal, with almost unlimited visibility and a mild breeze. They said Valentich had been flying for 18 months and was compiling hours for his pilot's licence.

Bank Manager Colin Morgan and his wife reported seeing a large glowing star-shaped object hovering in the sky for nearly one hour Saturday night near the town of Geelong, 35 miles southwest of Melbourne.

"It seemed to be cruising almost above us as we drove down a highway," Morgan said. "It was bright and had green flickering lights at one end."

Residents of King Island have reported sightings of strange bright and trailing lights over the past six weeks.

Mrs. Barbara Bishop of Queenscliff, a suburb of Melbourne, said she briefly saw "what appeared to be a ferris wheel" with lights in two concentric rows spinning in an unlikely position in the western sky about 8:40 p.m. Saturday night, less than two hours after the plane disappeared.

A Royal Australian Air Force spokesman said they had received 11 reports of sightings in the past four days but they would be investigated later.

Another UFO sighted

USAKOS: Yet another UFO has been sighted, this time by Mr Solly van Rensburg. Mr van Rensburg said that after noticing an unnatural light he went outside his house and saw a "huge glowing round object." It remained motionless in the sky, glowing purple and then moved away rapidly towards the east.

CR: J. Brill

Hint Aussie coverup of UFO tape

Special to The Post

SYDNEY — The mystery of the pilot who disappeared soon after he radioed he had encountered a UFO deepened yesterday with the refusal of Australian aviation authorities to release full details of the pilot's last conversation with aircraft controllers.

Only six minutes of the tape recording of the conversation have been released.

According to authorities his last words were: "It's not an aircraft. It's... [Break in transmission.]"

But a source today indicated there was no break in transmission and that the pilot went on to describe the UFO in detail.

The transport department spokesman said the full text of the tapes could not be released before an official inquiry.

The spokesman said a "long metallic noise" which ended radio contact was still a mystery. It is understood that the pilot's voice on the tape was normal.

There is no hint of panic.

The Federal Minister for Transport Peter Nixon added further mystery to the disappearance when he told the Australian Parliament what the incident "looks like remaining a mystery."

He said that it was quite clear there was a perfectly rational and normal conversation held between the pilot and ground service facilities at the point of disappearance.

A massive sea and air search has failed to find any trace of the pilot who vanished over Bass Strait, off Victoria.

The pilot, Frederick Valentich, 20, of the Melbourne suburb of Avondale Heights, was on a flight from Melbourne to King Island in the Bass Strait when his dramatic radio call was received last Saturday night.

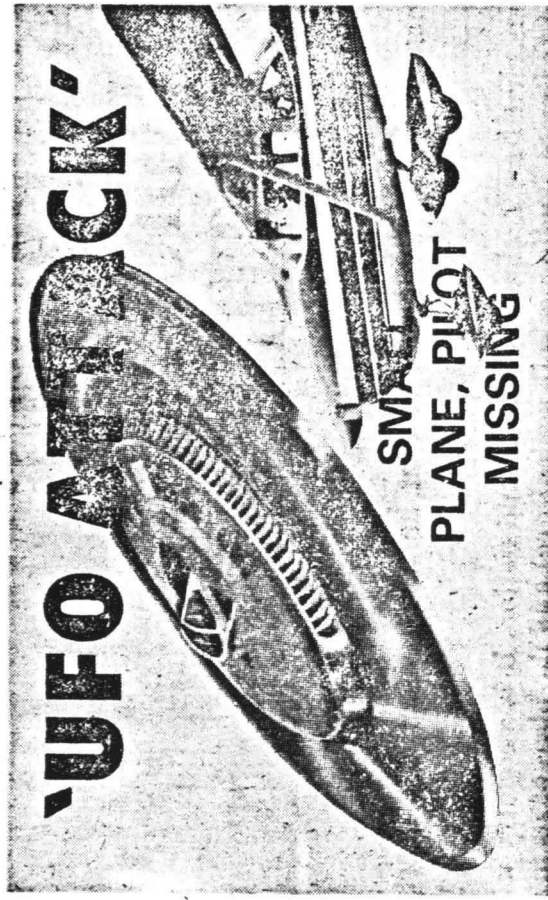
Since then no trace of him or his \$43,000 single-engine Cessna 182 has been sighted.

Fears that the disappearance of the aircraft and the pilot could be linked with a mystery UFO are growing.

The pilot's father, Guido Valentich, said he thought it was quite possible that his son and the aircraft had been taken by creatures from another planet.

He said his son was a calm, level-headed young man who would not imagine things.

"He must have seen something very strange and odd before he vanished," Valentich said.



It was on top of me also. It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside. Aircraft then said the object vanished.

FSU: Confirm it has vanished.

Aircraft: Affirmative. Do you know what sort of aircraft I've got? Is it military?

FSU: No military traffic in the area.

7:12 pm. Aircraft: Engine arbing and the thing is orbiting.

Aircraft: 4500 feet. FSU: Can you confirm you can't identify aircraft?

Aircraft: Affirmative. 7:09pm. Aircraft: It's not there any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity.

FSU: Negative.

Aircraft: Melbourne, it's approaching from the east towards me. It seems to be playing some sort of game. Flying at a speed I cannot estimate.

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Unknown

The Department of Transport in Melbourne reported that Valentich had radioed air traffic controllers at 7pm on Saturday reporting the sighting of "an unknown aircraft."

Valentich had told ground control the craft "seems to be playing some sort of game... flying at a speed I cannot determine."

The pilot was on a flight from Melbourne to King Island in a single-engine Cessna 182 on charter. Only the pilot was on board.

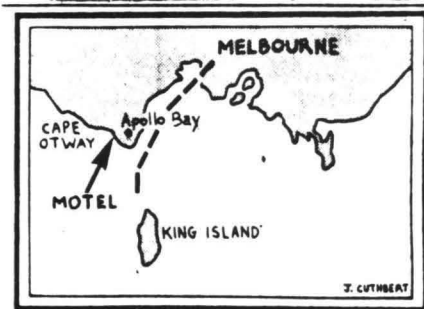
In his last minutes of radio contact near Cape Otway, Mr Valentich told Melbourne controllers he was being followed by a large aircraft with four bright lights travelling at high speed.

The Department of Transport last night released the following tape recording of the ground-air conversation between Melbourne Flight Service and the missing aircraft.

This is the transcript: 7:04pm: Pilot asked Melbourne Flight Service Unit whether there was any known traffic in the area below 5000 feet.

Sunday's People

By Sam Heilner



A rumor is floating around Melbourne, Australia, to the effect that Fred Valentich, a young man who vanished after he said a UFO was pursuing him, actually is alive and well and hiding in a motel in Apollo Bay, a coastal town along the route Valentich was flying when his radio transmission ended abruptly. Valentich, 20, was heading down the coast and across a small strait toward King Island when last heard from. His girl friend, Rhonda Rushton, 16, said he is alive "but it is still all top secret now."

GLOBE, Boston, MA - Oct. 29, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

UFOs

Reports of the "outer space reconnaissance" have flowed in from Edenvale, Vanderbijlpark, Kyalami and Craighall Park.

All agree it was no pie in the sky, and that they saw a huge ball shining bright against the Spring clouds.

Kyalami chicken farmers saw the orange ball silently creeping up on Pretoria, suspected something sinister in the air and phoned their neighbours to confirm.

Mr Harold Philips, from Kyalami, said he saw port-holes on the ball "traveling further and further away, ever so slow."

"Then it suddenly tipped on its side. Amazing," he said.

Mr Lionel Lawrenson, from Vanderbijlpark, said the orange ball seemed to be hovering over the rooftops, a red light constantly flickering from its belly.

Families having an after dinner chat, lovers looking for Venus in the sky, they all saw the Big Orange and wondered.

RAAD DAILY MAIL, South Africa - Oct. 3, 1978 CR: J. Brill

WINDHOEK ADVERTISER, South Africa - Oct. 3, 1978

No Trace Of Aircraft After Strange Report

MELBOURNE.—The search for a pilot missing in unusual circumstances over Bass Strait was extended late yesterday to cover a large area of Victoria's west coast.

Hopes of locating the pilot, Frederick Valentich, rose for a short time earlier in the day when crew of an air force Orion aircraft reported "wreckage" about 25 nautical miles off Cape Wickham, King Island.

The boat from King Island sent earlier to collect samples of an oil slick sighted on Sunday revealed the "wreckage" to be nothing more than partly submerged cardboard fruit cartons and plastic bags.

A Department of Transport officer said the oil sample taken by the boat crew will be brought to Melbourne in an attempt to determine if it is aircraft fuel.

Radio contact was lost with Valentich on Saturday night after he reported that an unknown aircraft was hovering over him and the plane's engine was running roughly while off Cape Otway.

Departmental officers said they believe Valentich became disorientated and saw his own light or the lights of Cape Otway and King Island while flying upside down. A departmental officer said

he believes a tape of the conversation between the pilot and the air flight service at Tullamarine will be examined by air safety experts.

But he said it is being given secondary priority to the finding of the pilot.

A Nomad aircraft yesterday scoured an area from Warrnambool to Cape Otway on the State's south-west coast, while the air force Orion covered the likely Bass Strait route, and a Cessna covered the King Island region.

The officer said the air safety experts will begin examining "all facets" of the mystery disappearance if wreckage is not soon sighted.

The radio of Valentich's single-engine Cessna 182 cut out at 7.12 p.m. on Saturday, only seconds after Valentich told air traffic controllers that a large object was hovering above him and that it was "not an aircraft."

Four minutes earlier, Valentich radioed that the mystery craft was flying towards him and "seems to be playing some sort of game... flying at a speed I cannot estimate."

Valentich said: "It's not an aircraft, it's... before his radio transmission broke briefly."

Asked by air traffic controllers to describe the object, he said it was a long shape. "It has a green light and a sort of metallic light on the outside."

He said he was orbiting, "and the thing is orbiting on top of me."

Two minutes later he said his engine was "rough idling and coughing."

He added: "Unknown aircraft is hovering on top of me. It is not an aircraft." The Melbourne flight service heard a long metallic noise, then silence.

UPSIDE DOWN

"He wasn't very experienced and could easily have accidentally turned the plane upside down and seen his own light," one transport authority spokesman speculated.

The Department of Transport spokesman said "inverting" the plane is easy to do, especially if a pilot is inexperienced.

"It would have been easy for Valentich to become dis-

orientated," he said. A pilot spokesman who confirmed this theory, said: "It was dark and Valentich could easily have lost himself."

"You must remember he didn't have an instrument rating, either."

Your maps and books and other material are usually tucked in pockets, so nothing falls in the cockpit to let you know what is happening. And it is especially easy to do at dark."

However, another commercial pilot said it was unlikely for Valentich to have mistaken his lights for a UFO.

"I can't understand him describing it clearly if he was upside down," the pilot, Mr Arthur Schutt, of Schutt Aircraft, said.

"If he was disorientated there would have been more panic."

"I could understand him mistaking the lights if there was cloud around. But it was clear and not too dark."

UFO got him says missing pilot's father

CR: R. Poole

NZ PRESS ASSOCIATION

MELBOURNE, Monday. — The search for a pilot who disappeared after saying a large object was hovering above his plane was stepped up late today.

And the pilot's father said he feared his son was the victim of a UFO — unidentified flying object.

The search for Frederick Valentich, 20, who vanished over Bass Strait on Saturday night, was extended this afternoon to cover a large area of Victoria's west coast.

Hopes of locating Valentich rose for a short time when crew of an air force Orion reported wreckage about 40 km off Cape Wickham on King Island.

But a boat sent from King Island earlier to collect samples of an oil slick sighted yesterday revealed the "wreckage" to be partly-submerged cardboard fruit cartons and plastic bags.

The oil sample taken by the boat crew will be taken to Melbourne in an attempt to determine if it was aircraft fuel.

Valentich was alone in the Cessna 182.

Department officials say they believe he became disorientated and saw his own light or lighthouses while flying upside down.

One official said a tape of the conversation between the pilot and controllers at Melbourne Airport would be examined by air safety experts.

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The pilot's father, Guido Valentich, said today he believed his son could have been taken by a UFO.

Mr Valentich said Frederick wanted to be an airline pilot. He had been flying for about two years and had held his unrestricted private licence since February.

Saturday's flight was to build up his night-flying hours.

Frederick was "very positive and doesn't talk nonsense," Mr Valentich said.

"He believes in UFOs and he told me he had seen classified material at the Sale RAAF base which confirmed his beliefs."

Long

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The plane was the second in nine years to disappear without trace near King Island.

Journey to space?

Controversy

THE girlfriend of pilot Fred Valentich, said to have been taken by a UFO has come out of hiding — and says she is waiting for him to return.

Sixteen-year-old Rhonda Valentich revealed that Valentich had discussed UFO's with her. "He once told me that if a UFO did come to earth he'd go back with it," Rhonda said, "but not without me."

But Rhonda believes Valentich landed in rugged bushland near Cape Otway and is alive.

The girl's beliefs add intrigue to what is becoming one of Australia's great mystery stories.

Other points to emerge: • The pilot's father, Guido, reacted angrily to suggestions that his son's disappearance was an elaborate hoax and the young man would soon return to write a book about the family's feelings. "What about my son's career?"

"It is outrageous to suggest that he is hiding somewhere. I believe he was sucked up into the air by a UFO and then forced back to earth somewhere — perhaps in Central Australia."

The last person to talk to Fred Valentich said he was shocked by the man's disappearance. "I had to force myself to stay as calm as possible," said flight controller Steve Robey. "I was stunned but I had to handle it."

Robey was at the other end of the radio when Valentich described being buzzed by an unidentified flying object, a long shape with a green light.

"Unknown aircraft now hovering on top of me," Valentich said to Robey. They were his last words.

Robey is haunted by the conversation. "Department of Transport officials still believe Valentich crashed into Bass Strait, but Rhonda denied that she

had gone to Apollo Bay, near Cape Otway, for a motel rendezvous with her boyfriend.

"I only went there to see what the bush was like where he might have landed," she said.

"I think he's still alive and we won't stop searching for him until we know for sure what has happened."

Valentich spoke his last words to Robey from a blue and white Cessna, Delta Sierra Juliet, at 7.12 pm. He said he was over Cape Otway and below 1500m. He was due at King Island at 7.28 pm.

A friend of Valentich, who would not be named, said near Cape Otway "Freddie was too good a pilot to go down in the drink."

"We believe his radio failed and he must have turned back to land."

The Valentich family — Guido, mother Alberta, 12-year-old brother Richard and twin four-year-old sisters Olivia and Laura were relatively calm earlier in the week. Mr Valentich said they were very worried. Later he said Fred had told him he had seen classified documents on UFOs at the RAAF base in Sale while his son was in the Air Training Corps.

But RAAF spokesman at Rhonda denied that she

Nor have police on King Island found anyone who had arranged to sell crayfish to Valentich — the stated reason for the flight.

Rhonda and Fred met at a dance six months ago.

"He was a very happy person and had lots of friends," she said.

"We talked about UFO's but he wasn't as keen on them as some people have said."

Search Ends For Pilot Lost In UFO Incident

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) — Australian authorities Wednesday called off a ground, air and sea search for a pilot who vanished after radioing that his light plane was being pursued by an unidentified flying object.

A Federal Transport Department spokesman said eight civil aircraft and an air force reconnaissance Orion plane had searched 1,000 square miles of ocean without success for Frederick Valentich, 20, and his Cessna 182.

The spokesman said ships and planes crossing Bass Strait between Victoria and the island of Tasmania would be asked to watch for wreckage.

Valentich was flying the single-engine aircraft from Melbourne's suburban Moorabbin Airport to King Island, 130 miles south of Melbourne, when he told air traffic controllers he was being followed by a strange craft.

He asked the Melbourne flight service unit whether there were any other planes flying below 5,000 feet in the area. Melbourne said no.

Valentich's "UFO tape recording" held by the Transport Department will be reproduced to include, as a spokesman said: "Every hiss, crackle and metallic



Valentich holds picture of son.

noise" recorded in the 53 minutes from the time Valentich took off from Moorabbin until he reported what he said was interference from an "unidentified flying object."

Transport Department spokesman Kenneth Williams said that a few minutes later the pilot reported his engine was choking and rough-idling, and the object was hovering overhead.

TRANSLATIONS: Credit – Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Mendoza, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: July 6, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - August 30, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs, NOW HYPNOSIS

Mendoza, 29 (From our correspondent) - Two men (father and son), who claimed having had a strange experience "being taken to an unknown city, apparently by a UFO" will be submitted tomorrow to a hypnotic session.

The event, which was only disclosed now, and always according to the testimony of those who claim "having travelled to the unknown", occurred on July 6th this year. The protagonists were Francisco Núñez and his son of the same name, 24, both living at Chacabuco 266 of this city.

They recounted that that day, around 2100 hrs, they went through an unexplainable circumstance "while they were travelling along the southern access avenue towards Luján", a city some 18 km south of this capital.

They declared having noticed that something strange was happening, when "the pickup that was in front of their 1930 model faded from view as if by magic". "At first -they continued- we thought that, in fact, it was the other pickup which had disappeared, but it was really ours which, gaining an unusual speed, had left the route and was entering an enormous unknown city".

The Núñez's declared that, always at great speed, they rode "along a wide five-lane route, surrounded by very tall buildings. We did not see the buildings' roofs nor the end of the route -they assured- and looking at the sky we saw it was red, while before, when we were on the access avenue leading to Mendoza, it was clear and starry".

The narrators of this strange adventure say they finally appeared in Remedios de Escalada street, in the Guaymallén department, looking in the opposite direction, at a railroad crossing.

The Núñez's, at the request of professor Victorio Corradi and Mr. Gerardo Blanco López, decided to submit tomorrow to a hypnotic session at the consulting office of a well known local physician. Thus, science will try to clear up this curious event which has given rise to all kinds of comments in the province.

- 1) City and country of incident: Mendoza, Argentina - Córdoba, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: July 6, 1978 - August 29, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - August 31, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO: THE ALLEGED TELEPORTEDS SLEEP

Mendoza, 30 (From our correspondent) - Results of the scientific test which was voluntarily accepted by those allegedly teleported by a UFO to an exotic and unknown city, are expected with eager interest. Francisco Núñez, 66, and his son of the same name, 23, both mechanics, began today at 2000 hrs an hypnotic session, through which it is expected to obtain from them a subconscious version of the extraordinary experience they claim having gone through. The session takes place in the consulting room of a distinguished local professional.

As is known, Francisco Núñez father and son, claimed that on July 6th, while driving from the city of Mendoza to nearby Luján de Cuyo, they saw with awe and amazement how the Chevrolet they drove was slowly lifting, as if gravity had been annulled. The ascension -they said- was "serene" and the engine stopped, not so the stereo system. (In this regard please note that during an interview on Channel 11, the witnesses were asked how come that such an old car should have such advanced and modern devices, and the son replied that since they are mechanics, he himself specializing in electricity, they had installed in their car the stereo system, as well as a heating system. - J.T.) (These old models are very common in the provinces, and are very well cared for. J.T.) They coincided in declaring that at that time they felt nice sensations, and even I -said the father to the reporters- deaf as I am, could hear my son's words without any effort. (During that same TV interview, held over two consecutive Sundays, I could personally note the father's difficulty to hear the questions that the interviewer posed to him. Both father and son are very simple people of an apparently quite low intellectual level, and consequently very timid. J.T.)

A few minutes after the ascension they felt very cold and were practically blinded by red lights. A short time afterwards they saw through the car's windows a surprising picture: an unknown city, reddish, with tall buildings joined one to another, among which ran a wide, very illuminated avenue.

- In Córdoba

Córdoba, 30 (From our correspondent) - Neighbors of the Gómez district sighted last night an oval object with reddish flashes which moved at relatively low altitude in the proximity of the observatory. Witnesses have discarded a plane or another recognizable flying object.

- 1) City and country of incident: Mendoza, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: July 6, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, September 1, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE FANTASTIC ADVENTURE OF TWO MENDOCINES HAS BEEN VERIFIED

NO UFO ; THEY WERE TELEPORTED

Mendoza, 31 (From our special envoys) - There are no longer any doubts or attempts to dissimulate what happened, presenting it as something shameful. Francisco Núñez, 66, and his son of the same name, 23, agreed to answer questions. Although obviously, bearing in mind the recommendations which evidently doctors and investigators have made with whom they have been in touch in the last hours.

No sooner had we arrived at the Núñez's house -Chacabuco 276 in this capital- (other papers and reports indicate Chacabuco 266, also some said the car was a Chevrolet 1930, while later reports indicate the car was a Chrysler 1933, which was also mentioned by the witnesses in their TV interview in Buenos Aires-J.T.), that we met with some kind of resistance. It is don Francisco's wife who, after an empty dialogue, informs us that her husband and son are about to arrive, since they went to see the doctor. Through other sources we learned that the professional is none other than doctor Carlos Federico Wittenstein, who submitted both of them to his treatment of deep electrodream, and in a hypnotic state he could discover that the account we advanced in our yesterday's edition, is real. The doctor remarked that the Núñez's are not motivated by "economic interests of any kind" and that during the hypnotic session "there were no contradictions", although, given the low intellectual level of the father, it was the son who provided more precise and abundant data.

HYPNOSIS AND ACCOUNT

Doctor Wittenstein said that "when both were driving towards this capital along the south access avenue, behind a green pickup, the vehicle they were in began to rise, apparently attracted by a force of gravity, the engine stopping. Both coincide in that they felt agreeable sensations while quietly rising, but at the same time they felt very cold, and were suddenly blinded by reddish lights which could be seen through the car's windows.

"They could see that they were in a city unknown to them without apparent signs of life, with tall buildings joined one to the other, and with a wide avenue of approximately five lanes". In another passage of the electrodream they said they had seen "no movement in the street along which they went, but saw on the buildings' façades formations like stripes or veins through which glares of the same color could be seen". Those same colors "were seen at the tops of the buildings, although their fronts were brown, and apparently the strong reddish shade came from an intense light which projected itself from an indefinite place over the vehicle in which they were, which moved at great speed until finally they lost sight of the strange red city.

Both assured they felt no fear, and at the end of the account they expressed that they were conscious of landing in a determined place which turned out to be the same route of the south access, but some 9 km further on, at a railway crossing of the Godoy Cruz department. At that time the engine started up again and they then returned home, to Chacabuco 276. No sooner had they arrived that they felt the compulsion of washing the car and young Núñez also took a bath". (During the aforementioned TV interview, young Núñez said that it was his father who, following old sayings relating to spirits, decided to wash the car and take a bath, but that he himself did not take a bath as he did not believe in such things. - J.T.)

Dr. Wittenstein, a specialist in telekinesis research (antimatter theory) (sic-J.T.), after submitting them to intense analysis and tests through electrical discharges, stated that "it is a veridical case", but "I cannot explain the phenomenon".

- TELEPORTATION

Professor Corradi -who accompanied the Núñez's when they interviewed Dr. Wittenstein- stated that "everything that was told is true, absolutely true. There was no UFO this time, but what happened is transcendental as an example of teleportation. The way in which the truth of the adventure could be verified is fundamental, because it does not admit any doubts as to its veracity".

(Under the photograph it says: The protagonists of the fantastic extra-terrestrial adventure, recounted to Crónica's envoys their "teleportation". Two doctors corroborated their sincerity.

- 1) City and country of incident: Mendoza, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: July 6, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, September 2, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A SCIENTIST WITH EXPERIENCES THAT SUBSTANTIATE THE UFO PHENOMENON

Mendoza, 1st (From our special envoys Eduardo Fúlguez and Eduardo Ameri) - The extraordinary space adventure experienced by Francisco Núñez and his son, who live in this capital and who described a strange red city to which they were teleported in their car, has permitted us to meet Dr. Carlos Federico Wittenstein -cardiologist and a specialist in parapsychological subjects, ex professor of the National University of La Plata, ex flyer and parachutist- the professional who scientifically corroborated the truth of the case and who now makes sensational revelations: in five years he has examined approximately a 1,000 people who claimed having seen UFOs; 200 of them were protagonists of experiences which were undoubtedly true, and in this situation are an engineer and a doctor who a short time ago had a contact with an extraterrestrial creature.

Dr. Wittenstein's statements are attested, as is obvious, by a solid scientific formation and a wide knowledge of the physiological, psychological and parapsychological phenomena, and at the same time, by a serious experience in atmospheric phenomena and the responsibility he has earned as a university man. Thus, his statements may not be impugned and allow us to conjecture on the imminence of "close encounters of the third kind" transcendental to mankind, when he told us that a few hours ago he submitted to severe technical tests two local professionals who claimed having seen a being from outer space while they were driving along route #40, between this city and San Juan province. According to the referred engineer and doctor -whose identity is not disclosed for the time being, as is logical- the event happened only two days before the UFO appearance which thrilled residents of the San Juan locality of Ramblón, and Dr. Wittenstein will make his conclusions on the case known once he has the final results of his tests.

The expert parapsychologist also disclosed that on August 29th at 1100 pm, two UFOs appeared in the skies of Mendoza, which at a given time moved over this capital at a speed of 6,000 kph and at an altitude of 30,000 to 40,000 meters, at which time they were photographed with special cameras and techniques.

According to reports from Chile, two objects of similar characteristics passed the same day over the transandean country. Dr. Wittenstein states that there is in the country a strip, known by all pilots, which extends from Bahía Blanca to the Cerro Negro in the San Juan locality of Calingasta, where phenomena of magnetic flexion are recorded, and which is much used by UFOs. Along this zone planes' instruments run wild. This is one more fact to add to the already profuse information on these appearances and to excite not only the imagination, but also scientific interest.

Apart from any extraterrestrial interpretation, or preferably, one related to the "unknown dimension", it is obvious that a series of events duly verified by science with the elements presently available, attest to the existence of the UFO phenomenon.

Something has been happening for many centuries all over the world and there are no valid explanations under the current physical laws. Are they extraterrestrial beings? Is there an unknown dimension with other worlds and other beings? Could there perhaps exist a fantastic and complex world of inhabited antimatter? All queries are valid until the exact answer is known.

- 1) City and country of incident: Córdoba province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: September 6, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 8, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO SEEN IN CORDOBA

Neighbors of the South Yofre and Palmar districts had the opportunity of seeing a UFO. According to their report it was 2 or 3 meters wide by 4 meters long, gave off red and blue sparks and after silently turning, started to emit a high-pitched whistle. The electric flow was interrupted along its path. It then joined two or three other objects with an undulating motion to fly off at great speed. "It was something impressing but fascinating".

Córdoba (From our agency) - A vast and densely populated sector of this city was the witness of the fast path of the UFO. According to news reports from some neighbors of the South Yofre and Palmar districts, several people could see a luminous object which gave off blue and red flashes, and a few moments before it had caused a blackout in the area, moved from east to west and back. According to their statements, the strange body appeared around 23.15 the night before last and after a few minutes of being seen it joined two or three others and moved off in a "V" formation at great speed. One of the witnesses, Mr. Leovino Cayo, told one of our newsmen that "it was an impressive show, something fascinating. I was at home when I saw a luminosity outside. Out in the patio I saw a luminous object in the sky with an undulating trajectory which moved at a fantastic speed". After this, Cayo added: "This was no surprise to me because last week I saw something similar. Although at that time there were several luminous objects". On the other hand, Oscar Luis Almada, a worker at the Palmar plant, living in Vélez Saratfield South street, expressed: "I start work at 6 am and that is why I was getting ready to leave at 5. I suddenly saw a brilliance towards some nearby trees and on lifting my head was surprised to see that over a felling that lies some 10 meters from my house was a bright object that gave off red and blue sparks and turned silently, without moving. I got scared. The object was some two or three meters wide by some 4 meters long. After some minutes I saw that the luminous object started to whistle and climbed rapidly, the same as planes on take-off, but much faster. It immediately disappeared from sight. After that I went to turn on the light in my room but there was no current. I also learned later that in other nearby houses there was no light either. On arriving at the plant I found that the electric flow had also been cut. The lights came back on around 0600 am".

- 1) City and country of incident: Málaga, Spain
- 2) Date of incident: September 8, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 9, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MOTHER SHIP IN ANDALUCIA

Málaga, Spain (EFE) - a UFO - possibly a "mother ship" - was seen last night over the city of Málaga, in southern Spain, reported today "Sur". At the paper's office phone calls were received informing about the presence of a very strong luminous beam in the Capuchinos district, which turned stronger for some minutes. The "Sur" informants claim that towards 1130 pm of Friday the beam divided itself into two parts and with its own light appeared and traversed the sky.

- 1) City and country of incident: México
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 12, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 12, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THEY SAY EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS HELP US

Cuernavaca, México, 12 (EFE) - Some 500 extraterrestrials live permanently in the world on an "assistance mission", said today in Cuernavaca, México, local parapsychologist Gregorio Radim, who claimed he knows four of them.

Radim, who participates in the "First Gathering for the Scientific Study of Witchcraft" assured that space beings have a figure similar to that of humans and their stature varies from 60cm to 7 meters.

He added that the governments of USA, of the USSR and even of the Vatican, had "encounters of the third kind", and that americans as well as soviets have photographs of "entire cities" in Mars and Venus which were not published.

He then said the aliens come also from Uranus, Neptune and even from other galaxies, that mentally they are thousands of years in advance of man and, according to what his "contacts" revealed to him, there are twelve "root" races that were implanted in several planets.

On Earth -indicated Radim- the original race was black, which adopted features in accordance with their places of residence. The whites were "sown" later.

- 1) City and country of incident: Venado Tuerto, Santa Fe prov., Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: September 8, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Sept. 12, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

BLACKOUT AND UFO IN VENADO TUERTO

Rosario - On the 8th inst at 0337 am, Roberto Francisco Torres, 16, was walking along Belgrano street of Venado Tuerto city, when upon reaching the intersection with Mitre he saw several luminous posters blacking out. At the same time an extensive nearby zone lighted up intensely. (In the TV interview on Channel 11, to which the witness was invited together with local researchers who investigated his claim, he said he was walking on the street at that time in the morning because he works at a bakery. He seemed a very quiet and timid young boy, rather reluctant to tell his story in front of the TV cameras, and was so nervous that the director had to change to other subjects several times to help him quiet his nerves. This is a 7-hour program that is shown Sundays, and covers several different subjects - J.T.). (Over TV he said he was on a bi-cycle.)

Torres stated that at that moment he felt a sensation of intense heat and when he looked upwards for the source of the luminous beam he sighted an oval shape where a dome could be noticed. The object was hovering at an altitude of 50 meters and its approx. diameter was ten meters.

The base of the spaceship gave off a red light, a white glare through a series of windows also being seen. The craft oscillated smoothly. Torres then said he was surprised and terrified, running away (over TV: "cycling as fast as he could and yelling on top of his voice for someone to help him, but no one showed up until he got to the bakery where they saw his red face and his terror"-J.T.).

The Center for Cosmobiophysical Research of Venado Tuerto made some investigations on this event. It could be determined that the switch-boards of the Water and Electric Power company had registered the blackout at precisely 03.37 am, when Torres claimed having seen the spaceship over the city.

- 1) City and country of incident: Sicily and Espio islands, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 14, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 15, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO WAVES OVER THE WHOLE ITALIAN SKY

Rome, 15 (EFE) - During the whole of yesterday morning, hundreds of people saw strange UFOs over the whole Italian geography. The earliest UFO appeared for 5 minutes at 0550 am local time in the Isle of Sicily and Espio, a local petroleum refinery of CELA.

The luminous object was seen by hundreds of people and by carabinieri patrols. Almost simultaneously several people saw a flying disc over Rome: a jury guard and two workers of the "Alitalia" airline reported the UFO's features to the authorities.

These people who saw the UFO from different spots of the city, agreed in the craft's description that it was triangular. At about the same time, 0600 am, at Torre del Lago, province of Lucia near Florence, many people followed with interest the motions of a strange craft "the shape of a cigar" which flew at an approximate altitude of 500 meters.

The latter left a blue trail of light behind and gave off very powerful light beams. The craft lights went out two or three times and came on again before it "escaped" to the sky.

- 1) City and country of incident: Dourados, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 13 and 14, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 17, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs DON'T GIVE UP

Dourados, Brazil, 17 (UPI) - A policeman of this city with 80,000 residents, located some 1,000 km to the west of Rio de Janeiro, said today that the local residents had been visited by a UFO of bright colors which moved at a great rate of speed.

The UFO in question had allegedly twice overflown this city during the last week.

The policeman, Antonio José Da Silva, said that hundreds of local residents and many of his colleagues had seen the UFO, which looked like a big disc that gave off red and blue lights and overflew the town on Wednesday and Thursday shortly after dusk.

The local paper "O Progresso" published a photograph of the mysterious object on Thursday, as Da Silva said, but it was not possible to get in touch with the paper's staff to obtain confirmation and additional information.

It looked like a star and emitted blue and red light flashes, but it certainly was not a plane.

- 1) City and country of incident: Rome, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 16, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Sept. 17, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs OVER ROME AGAIN

Rome, 16 (ANSA) - For the third consecutive night UFOs returned to Rome's sky. A disc, defined as "very luminous, a large light surrounded by others much smaller", was sighted early this morning in many central spots and in the capital's outskirts.

The police department received many calls from patrols in the city reporting on "a strange thing in the sky".

Road police also received many phone advices with news about a "luminous triangle" or "a beam of greenish light" or, simply, about a "satellite".

Among the citizens who saw the "mysterious object", some tend to accept the hypothesis of an extraterrestrial craft, others a meteorite and others a satellite which in the early hours of the morning may be illuminated by the sun when the earth is still dark.

Some experts consider that since there will be a moon eclipse tonight, the luminous object may be an optical effect produced by the approach of this celestial phenomenon. But doubts and discussions continue.

- 1) City and country of incident: Lima, Perú
- 2) Date of incident: -
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - Sept. 19, 1978
- 4) Country and city of paper: Argentina - Buenos Aires

NASA DIXIT

A NASA expert claimed that UFOs exist and are the product of superior civilizations from other galaxies

Lima (EFE) - Flying saucers exist, come from other galaxies and belong to civilizations superior to the terrestrial. This is what NASA's combustibles expert Jacob Harrys claimed on arriving at Lima. He said he had gathered testimonies in that sense from American astronauts and airline pilots, which confirmed their having seen flying saucers. Harrys arrived at Perú to exchange views with specialists of Lima's agrarian university on a plaguicide he created, "Nicon". The plaguicide is taken from the seeds of oranges and grapefruit.

- 1) City and country of incident: Santiago, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: Ten years ago
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 22, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

AS A RESPONSIBLE FAMILY MAN HE DECLINED TO TRAVEL IN A FLYING SAUCER

Santiago, Chile, 21 (EFE) - A Chilean agricultural engineer assured that at one time he had to courteously decline an invitation to make an interplanetary trip, made by the crew of a UFO, informed today the local paper "La Tercera de la Hora".

The strange story was recounted by Roberto Iglesias, a current officer at the state agricultural and cattle service, and in charge of the national agricultural project.

Iglesias said the invitation was received ten years ago when he lived in the outskirts of the capital. The brilliant craft landed in his patio and beings similar to humans, dressed in fosforescent clothes, came down.

"They advanced towards the window where I was and signalled me to come out. I opened the window and we started a short dialogue", recounted Iglesias.

The engineer said the travelers spoke to him in perfect Spanish when they invited him to travel.

Iglesias said he only succeeded in replying: "I thank you, gentlemen, for having considered me among the millions of human beings on Earth. I am a father, responsible for a family and would not like to cause concern should I suddenly disappear from home".

The travelers understood his reasons and after making a short bow, returned to the UFO and disappeared in space.

- Spanish UFOlogy Congress

Lioboa, 21 (EFE) The First Iberic UFOlogy Congress to take place in Oporto next October, was announced here.

It will be demonstrated in same that the UFO phenomenon does already have a methodology that is inherent to any adult science, free of preconceptions.

- 1) City and country of incident: Route between Comodoro Rivadavia and Bahía Blanca (near Pedro Luro), Buenos Aires province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 22 to 23, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 24, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Chilean Racers and another Odyssey: without Gasoline and at 4,200 kph UFO PARTICIPATES IN RALLY!

Bahía Blanca (From our special envoys) - Although the South America Rally participants have already left this city towards Buenos Aires where they are expected to arrive Sunday morning, one racer and his companion, both Chileans, continue being the center of general interest. In spite of both not having recovered yet from their astonishment caused by the adventure they went through, the constant repetition of their account has helped them getting used to the idea, to the incredible experience: the car in which they traveled out of the competence since they had abandoned - was "enveloped by a light and carried 70 km in a minute, at an altitude of some 4 meters from the ground".

The Protagonists

The account was made public in Pedro Luro, a town distant a few km from here and the first inhabited spot the sportsmen (both chilicans) encountered after their experience. Although they resumed their trip towards this city shortly after reporting the news to the local police - one of its policemen accompanying them to Bahía Blanca, the news had spread like powder, having been transmitted over the phone so that impatient local and foreign news representatives were awaiting them.

The protagonists are driver Carlos Azevedo Ramirez from Santiago, a manufacturer known as a serious man not given to fantasies, and Angel Moya, who took the place of official companion when the first companion decided to return to Chile after Azevedo Ramirez abandoned the race in Ushuaia. The car is a medium sized Citroen model GS 1220, belonging to the "A" category and registered under No. 102.

An Impressive Account

The team, which was accompanying the race out of the competition, had left the city of Carmen de Patagones and was bound for Bahía Blanca, making some 140 km per hour along national route #3. Suddenly, Azevedo Ramirez saw a light approaching from behind in the same direction as his car. Thinking it was a truck he was surprised when he noticed that the luminosity advanced too fast, not only for a truck but even for another rally car. Azevedo Ramirez now recalls that at that time he estimated the speed of the approaching light at about 300 Km/h.

The strange brilliancy inevitably caught up with them "invading the Citroen" through the rear window and hindering any movement "when we wanted to react". "Carlos -adds Moya- could only succeed in saying: 'What will we do, what is happening to us?'. The car had risen some 4 meters from the asphalt and ran at an incredible speed. (Azevedo said in their TV interview over Channel 11 of Buenos Aires, at which time all the news media had been invited to attend and pose questions, that they first thought they were running over a road hump, and were looking out of the windows to see where they would touch down, Moya holding fast on to the car's "cage"-JT). The engine and the lights had stopped working.

"Then -continues Azevedo- the light started to fade, it seemed as if we were descending and we found ourselves on the right shoulder of the route. We could react and got off, seeing how the light moved away in the horizon, always along the route, towards Bahía Blanca. We went over the car and finally resumed our trip towards Pedro Luro where we reported our experience to the police".

(During their TV interview, Azevedo replied to many questions, Moya still showing signs of nervousness, and while Azevedo recounted their experience, Moya even closed his eyes once when the light was mentioned, and on being asked why he was closing his eyes thus, he barely could be heard saying that he was still scared, reliving the whole thing. Moya acted as mechanic on this stretch of the race. Azevedo also said they abandoned the race because they had been disqualified, but did not give the reasons for it. He further said he manufactures shoes -successfully-, and is married twice, has four children, and his first wife and children are friends with his present wife and children. At the time of his first being interviewed while still at Bahía Blanca, Azevedo had to be convinced into accepting coming over to the TV studio on his arrival at Baires, since he was afraid people would ridicule him and he said he was very serious, and only told of his experience in order to contribute to the UFO investigation. Besides, he first did not even want to advise the Pedro Luro police, fearing they would not believe him, but the police just showed him a pile of files, saying he should not worry, since cases like his happened "every day", and did not attach any importance to this. They only opened another file and wrote down his statement. Azevedo was also asked whether he had seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", replying he did, but that he fell asleep in the middle of the film.)J.T.

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To see is to believe

Bahfa Blanca, 23 (From our correspondent) - Two very significant events seem to guarantee the account of the Chilean racers. One of them is related to the distance covered in the UFOs "lap". According to the protagonists, they advanced like that some 70 m in one minute... and that is the amount missing from the car's mileage recorder (and they could take no short cut because there isn't any). The vehicle seems to have been carried at 4,000 kph!

The other detail is no less important. There was an auxiliary tank in the car with 200 litres gas. On being released by the UFO, the container was empty.

- 1) City and country of incident: Pedro Luro - Necochea, (Bs.As. province) - Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: several dates, latest Sept.22 to 23, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.25, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PRECISIONS ON ANOTHER VERY CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Bahfa Blanca, 24 (From our special envoys) - Buenos Aires police inspector Orsini, who was on watch at Pedro Luro, and who at 0510 am yesterday questioned Chilean drivers Carlos Acevedo Ramirez and Mario Moya who claimed having flown at supernatural speed in a flying saucer, confirmed to Crónica that when he tried to talk with them they were in a state of shock and that both drivers' manifestations were coherent and expressed with deep emotion (another paper says they acted the same as when one runs someone over and doesn't know what to do or where to go - J.T.)

After the strange UFO adventure, the raidists of the Citroen GS 1220, "A" category, No. 102, arrived at the gas station of Pedro Luro when their very precise chronometer showed 0447 am. The man in charge of the station advised local police after listening to the account of the flight.

Extraofficially, it was learned that in the summary prepared at Pedro Luro it was stated, after Acevedo Ramirez and Moya had lots of coffee to calm their nerves, that what most called their attention was the sensation of weightlessness felt during their flight and they estimated, on account of the time and distance covered, that they had traveled at some "3,600 kph". They also stated that some 92 km were missing from their car's mileometer, estimating those were the kilometers they covered in the oval, flattened-egg shape saucer.

Officer Orsini stated that "he had the drivers accompanied to Bahfa Blanca by one of his agents due to the "state of tremendous commotion they were in, which made him fear for their integrity during the trip". A neighbor of Pedro Luro, José Hotelli, who interested himself in the case, said that he visited the place in his pickup where the UFO had left the drivers' car on the shoulder of the road, and stated that "in fact, there are marks when they left the spot but, inexplicably, as if the Citroen had been lowered from the sky, the tire marks of arrival at the spot are missing". Everything is mysterious and has caused a lot of commotion, and many specialists in these phenomena come and go to Pedro Luro in procession. The man in charge of the gas station where the Chileans refilled their tank after finding out one of the car's tanks had been "emptied by the UFO", did not attach any importance to the event, finding it "usual".

Although in the last months there have been no teleportation cases in the region, it was learned that between July 17 and August 23rd of this year phenomena have been observed with the common denominator of the yellowish-violetaceous light like that of Pedro Luro.

In Necochea, on August 31st, the married couple formed by Manuel and Beatriz Arias saw similar lights some 800 meters from their house; Lorenzo Parrachini saw a UFO phenomenon while driving along provincial route #86 on August 31st at 2330; Ricardo Germán Safontas saw a big UFO over the Casto stream in Pigüé hovering for 15 minutes at an altitude of some 1,000 meters, and in this city, a distinguished professional sighted a flying saucer which crossed Bahfa in 45 seconds.

- 1) City and country of incident: Santiago, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Sept.27, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A CHILEAN AND HIS SON TRAVELED ON BOARD A UFO

Santiago, 26 (AFP) - A Chilean tradesman and his 13 year old son were "abducted" for 15 minutes by a UFO. The strange event published by the paper "Las Ultimas Noticias" took place in the SW sector of Santiago.

The victims of the abduction, according to the version, were trader Alejandro Hernández and his son Robinson Hernández, who were driving in that area in a modern car.

The father recounted: "Suddenly, on poking my head out of the car's window, I was surprised to see that a strange engine had stopped just over the car".

"A kind of lock gate started to open up in its underside and the car suddenly began to vibrate and started to rise the same way as a lift does", said Hernández.

He continued: "Without knowing what to make of it, we remained paralyzed until we found ourselves inside the flying machine".

"Five or six shapes with the physical appearance of a human body of around 1.80 meters and giving off an intense luminosity which gave them a hallucinatory aspect, surrounded the car", he stated.

"One of them ordered in a clear and metallic, foreign-sounding voice: Child, get out".

On the other hand, the boy at once recounted that "overcome by panic they forced him to leave the car".

The father, according to the story, had the opportunity of seeing a lot of instruments, strangely beautiful, similar to what the slot machines used in casinos would look like.

"They were machines that gave off constant lights of an intermittent shade in red and yellow", he said.

He then recounted he could talk for some 15 minutes with the strange UFO "crew".

The first thing that called my attention -he said- was the way how I was ordered out of the car: "Alejandro, get off the car".

My surprise was great in view of the fact that they should know my name, expressed Hernández.

"We want to talk to you. We know you and want to talk with someone who is just", they told me.

"I then asked -he continued- from where they were and from whom they came. Without replying they signalled upwards with their hands. They did not say a single word more".

According to Hernández, he later talked some ten minutes with the strange beings, but this is a "secret", he said.

The paper "Las Ultimas Noticias", on the other hand, interviewed several witnesses who confirmed the "abduction".

- 1) City and country of incident: Villa Carlos Paz, Córdoba province, Rosario, Santa Fe province, Argentina
- 2) Dates of incidents: Aug. 25 and Sept.22-23, resp.
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.27, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO TERRORIZES COUPLE

Córdoba, 27 (From our correspondent) - A young couple had to spend quite a while in a refuge in the highland city of Villa Carlos Paz, as they said, to the appearance of a flying saucer which terrorized them, when that neighboring city was being affected by a violent storm and they were strolling hand in hand.

The couple told their story some hours later when they returned to their respective homes and they still reflected the scare they got due to the UFO's appearance, which, strangely, was not silent as described by those who have seen them up to now, but which emitted a strange hum "like it had high speed engines".

The event was experienced by Elda Oviedo and Omar Leonardo Nieto, who live in the textile district of said town, who affirmed and swore that while they were at a circumstantial refuge to avoid the rain, they sighted a luminosity which kept approaching and growing clearer. They said this light flew at great speed in a W-E direction and produced

They stated that owing to their scare, especially the girl's, they entered an abandoned house from where, from one of its windows, they continued seeing the phenomenon while they heard that in its motions the flying saucer produced a rather high pitched hum, like that of jet turbines.

They held that the craft made two turns around the city and then disappeared. They also stated that the light given off by the UFO was yellowish with violaceous flashes and that when moving it left "a kind of brilliant trail". All this, according to them, lasted for some time and occurred under a heavy rain, wind and electrical storm, that was hitting the highlands.

Two More in Rosario

Rosario, 27 (From our correspondent) - Two UFOs were sighted last week in the city of Rosario, although the information was only learned today, because witnesses were reluctant and did not want to disclose it for fear of ridicule. However, the impressive coincidence between the versions excludes any possibility of fraud and can only arouse a deep interest.

The first case was registered on Friday at 2100, when many people saw the motions of an object that descended at vertiginous speed and then turned horizontally until lost towards the west.

In view of the strange spectacle many people stopped their cars to look at the phenomenon. This was particularly visible in the area of the Alberdi district, located in the city's northern sector, especially in the square of the same name. Among the witnesses that could be questioned are Osvaldo Aragón and Alejandro Wolkens, who coincided in the description of the events, without being able to provide a known explanation.

The other case occurred early Saturday morning when a florist, Desiderio González, noticed the swift path of a spherical object, similar to a very large moon and which at great speed crossed over the islands belonging to Entre Ríos province, in the Paraná river.

From the version given by the witnesses of both events the existence of several elements common to both can be deduced. For instance, in both cases the objects gave off a reddish-orange light and their movements included very closed turns of 90 degrees or less, impossible for a man-built vehicle.

The UFO flight over the above mentioned islands lasted for some 15 minutes, zigzagging, always emitting an intense reddish-orange light, until it finally went towards the SE to disappear. Later, it was learned that the same strange artifact had been seen by residents of nearby regions.

* Conjectures in the South

Bahfa Blanca, 27 (From our correspondent) - Several conjectures are made in relation to the abundance of phenomena where UFOs have a special participation and which have assiduously occurred in the region lately.

In almost all cases, among which stands out the adventure experienced by two Chilean sportsmen who were participating in the South America Rally, there are really surprising coincidences, especially those that refer to the shape, size and color of the objects sighted, since all were oval and gave off a violaceous-orange light which, seen from a short distance, blinded and irritated the eyes.

- 1) City and country of incident: Córdoba, Aug.25 - San Luis, Aug.30'78 Argentina
- 2) Dates of incidents: see above
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.27, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

In Carlos Paz

Córdoba, 26 (From our correspondent) - A UFO was sighted last night in Carlos Paz by a couple that was taking refuge from last night's rain and hail storm which affected a large part of the province.

The event was experienced by Elda Oviedo and her fiancé Omar Leonardo Nieto, who live in the town's textile district. They recounted that while they were under a circumstantial refuge, they sighted an object that moved at great speed from west to east, giving off an intense luminosity and making a strange hum.

Strange Account: Humanoid Invites Him Aboard, They Question Him and He Gets Off with Presents

Mendoza, 26 (From our correspondent) - The president of the Institute for Studies of Extrahuman Phenomena of Mendoza, professor Vittorio Corradi, brought to this capital from the neighboring province of San Luis, a young man who reported to the police having been taken by force inside an unknown vehicle where its crew submitted him to tests and questioning, then giving him several presents.

* They Take Him Away!

It is Miguel Freites, 23, a wood-cutter, who recounted that on Aug.30, at approx. 1630, in the town of Gobernador Dupuy near the "Ticky-Tako" ranch (estancia), and while he was taking a rest from work, he saw a vehicle that kept approaching him until it was approximately 2 meters away.

From inside -he continued- emerged a humanoid figure of which no face or lower limbs could be seen. It came to me hands forward and showing me the palms. He was completely covered in bluish lights and when I tried to escape he pushed a button on his chest and I was paralyzed. However, I could see I was being taken inside the craft".

"Voice Box"

Freites then stated that inside the craft its crew questioned him and "pricked his arms". Then, when dusk was nearing, he was freed in a difficult to reach spot some 35 or 40 km from where he worked, first receiving from the UFO crew a series of objects and "a box from which the beings' voices came out".

Although he left the box at the spot where he was freed (how very convenient! - J.T.) he said he turned the other objects over to the San Luis police when he went to submit his report accompanied by a neighbor.

Professor Corradi and Mr. Gerardo Blanco López submitted Freites to several medical analysis. Psychic tests were normal and were performed by a well known local psychiatrist. As to a handkerchief used by Freites to clean his mouth of a liquid they had smeared him with, it was analyzed by the Chief of the Toxicology Dept. of the Forensic Medical Body, Dr. Martha L. Romero Ríos, who expressed it contained a dye "similar to gentian violet", a powerful bactericide, but she cannot assure it is the same substance because the species cannot be determined. Encephalograms and X rays were normal and his IQ is very low, thus excluding the possibility of his concocting such a story.

Up to the moment, it is not known what the San Luis police did with the object Freites says were given him by the UFO crews, except for the little voice "box" which he abandoned.

- 1) City and country of incident: Comahue district, Argentina (Bahfa Blanca)
- 2) Date of incident: Sept. 26, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Sept.28, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

NEW UFO APPEARANCES

Bahfa Blanca - New UFOs have been sighted in this city in the last hours, according to accounts from witnesses to local news media.

On Tuesday night residents of the Comahue district located near the university complex of Alem avenue, sighted for 40 seconds an intense, violaceous light from which a strong white beam was directed towards the ground. The UFO remained hovering at low altitude over the university club and then took off at great speed.

Other residents sighted a similar phenomenon while traveling along route #33. It happened at 2200 day before yesterday and the observation lasted several minutes.

Meanwhile, complementary information originated at Pedro Luro, where two Chilean drivers who had participated in the International Rally claimed having been carried through the air for 107 km, stated that local residents do not doubt Acevedo and Moya's veracity, in view of the deep shock they were in at the time of their first accounts.

Police has titled the report where the statements are filed: "UFO".



SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland - Sept. 1, 1978

Scientist claims proof of creature Sonar 'sights' Nessie

By ANTHON YPLEDGER

An Australian marine biologist is convinced that Nessie, or a large hitherto unidentified creature living in Loch Ness, responds to specific sound stimuli transmitted under water, and claims to have clear sonar proof of a large animate object attracted by his system.

Mr Theo Brown, who for 18 years has been researching shark repellent methods both in Australia and Tahiti for the French Government's Institute of Medical Research and the French Polynesian Fishery Service, was asked by the World Life Research Institute, a U.S. Government-sponsored body based in California, to put his expertise to work in Loch Ness.

He arrived eight weeks ago and, but for one good day recently, was dogged by poor weather conditions.

From a small inflatable boat, he suspended underwater loudspeakers through which he relayed tape-recorded signals,

at the same time scanning the loch with sonar equipment.

"Suddenly I got lucky," he said. "I was about a mile south-west of Foyers where the loch is about 700 ft. deep when I definitely got a response from a large animal moving up from very deep water into range of my sonar. It held itself at levels varying between 200 and 215 ft. below the surface."

"I had contact with it for about one-and-three-quarter minutes and, by pure rotten luck, a large boat came along and the sound of its motor caused the creature to move off fast. I now have a clear sonar graph showing a solid animate mass between 30 and 50 ft. long and from six to nine ft. in depth, and it is going to be subjected to interpretive examination when I go home next week," he said.

He provided a copy of his graph for examination by Dr Robert Rines, of the U.S. Academy of Applied Science who is conducting annual expeditions on the loch.

During his work for the French Government, sound sti-

mull were successfully developed to attract sharks and other large marine predators. These were later refined to prove attractive to large schools of fish.

Mr Brown added: "I have a lot of taped sounds to work with, but because of bad weather conditions, I got nowhere near to trying them all. But at the time of my successful contact in Loch Ness, I was using one which works well with large marine predators."

He explained that part of the transmitted signal was infra-sonic at a frequency below the human range of hearing. A crude comparison was the sound made by a wounded fish when it moved its body to create low frequency distress signals.

"I know now there is something large living in the loch. I work on the theory there could be several groups because of the many sightings and sizes of creatures reported support a hypothesis of juvenile and adult creatures. I keep an open mind as to what they are, but I'm sure they are quite unknown to science," he said.

Ice fall baffles experts

WEATHER boffins, scientists, astronomers and aviation experts are all stumped by the strange phenomenon which occurred on a farm in the Ceres district yesterday.

A large chunk of ice, estimated to have been about 50 centimetres by one metre in size, plunged out of the sky with a crackling noise and fell close to a few farm labourers.

A few pieces were scooped up by Mrs A Bester of Perdefontein farm where the ice fell shortly after 10 am yesterday. But nobody can offer an explanation for it.

CLEAR DAY

Yesterday was a warm, clear, sunny day at Ceres.

Dr A E Carte, head of the Atmospheric Physics Division at the CSIR in Pretoria, said: "I've never heard of anything like that. Goodness knows where it comes from."

The Argus also spoke to scientists at the University of Stellenbosch and Cape Town, the Magnetic Observatory at Hermanus and the SA Astronomical Observatory at Sutherland.

Nearly all thought it could have come only from a high-flying aircraft. But, as far as could be established today, no aircraft was seen or heard there at the time.

DAILY NEWS, Rogers, AR
Oct. 9, 1978

area news

BENTONVILLE—A cow was found mutilated on the Johnny Smith farm north of Avoca, Sunday morning. The incident is under investigation by the criminal investigation division of the Benton County Sheriff's Office.

The mutilation brings to 10 the total of animal mutilations found in Benton County since April 8. Eight animals were mutilated in Bella Vista, Pea Ridge and Little Flock in April and one Angus calf was found mutilated on a ranch west of Cave Springs in August.

There has been some speculation that the mutilations might be connected with witchcraft activity in Northwest Arkansas where four witchcraft altars have been found in the past year, though Sgt. John Green of the sheriff's department indicated previously there has been no evidence to connect the altars to the mutilations.

The mutilations and witchcraft altars have brought queries from across the country, and Dr. Jacques Vallee of San Francisco, said to be one of the foremost authorities on UFO's, came to Bentonville in August to investigate the mutilations.

DAILY NEWS, West Bend, WI - Sept. 21, 1978

Man convinced Bigfoot is in northwest Iowa

CR: R. Heiden

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A man who says he has been tracking Bigfoot for 15 years says there is no doubt that at least one of the animals is in northwest Iowa.

"The animal is here," said Cliff LaBrecque of Des Moines, who last year took a 7-foot-6 fiberglass model of the legendary animal to the Iowa State Fair and other fairs in the Midwest in hopes of luring people who have seen the creature out into the open.

LaBrecque said in an interview that he visited Tuesday night in the Otteson area where residents complained last week of seeing strange things. One person, Mrs. Ann Dodrill, who lives south of Otteson, told Humboldt County Sheriff Marvin Andersen a creature recently looked in a window of her house.

Robert Newell IV, who lives north of Otteson, said he has seen the creature on several occasions.

Andersen said the descriptions given by Mrs. Dodrill and Newell matched.

LaBrecque, 39, said he talked to those two and others and also looked at physical evidence, said to include a footprint.

"All indications point to the fact that they do have Bigfoot there. They have some pretty convincing things to say," he said. "It's here and it's here in big numbers."

LaBrecque, a truck salesman, said the major problem in tracking Bigfoot is getting people to say they have seen something.

"They are afraid of public criticism — ridicule," he said.

He said he built his fiberglass Bigfoot model on the basis of his own sightings.

LaBrecque said he has tracked the animal in a number of states, including California, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa.

He said he thinks Iowa has a fairly large number of the animals.

As to why the activity in the last month in the Otteson area, LaBrecque said, "They're in the mating season now." He said that is generally August, September and the first part of October.

LaBrecque said until the recent sightings in the Otteson area, he had not been especially active in his pursuit of the animal.

"But I'm getting geared up now. I'll start really going to work on this again in the next two or three weeks," he said.

LaBrecque said he is trying to find out now what the animal does in winter.

"We know he doesn't hibernate and I want to find out where the animal stays in wintertime," he said.

However, LaBrecque said his real interest in tracking Bigfoot is the product of curiosity.

"I'll never be satisfied until I know one thing. How an animal like this is so smart as to be able to evade being spotted and captured. That is amazing to me," he said.

Reports of hairy beast, night screams have Iowa town on edge

By STEVEN KLAUS

Register Assistant State Editor

OTTOSEN, IA. — A fortnight ago Anna Dodrill froze with fear when she looked up from a load of dishes into the "burning red eyes" of a big-nosed, black-faced, hairy-headed creature staring at her through a window a few feet away.

Terror tied her tongue. Her brother, who earlier that evening thought he had seen a large and hairy arm reach out from behind a cattle shed, sat at a table with a rifle ready. But he knew nothing of the kitchen scene beyond his view.

Seconds passed — slowly, agonizingly. The creature's eyes bored in on Dodrill. Frightened as she had never been before, she blinked but could not look away.

After three minutes, Anna Dodrill screamed. The creature, whatever it was, fled into the darkness outside her farm home three miles northwest of here.

"It was the first time in my life I couldn't move," Dodrill said later.

What she saw that night may have been Bigfoot, the beast rumored since July to be responsible for eerie night screams, broken fences, stampeded cattle, chewed-up cats, mangled rabbits and the death of a dog whose neck was broken while it was chained near the home of its master.

It — named or nameless, male or female or something biologically unknown — has been seen since.

So have the terror and uncertainty.

People here don't know what — if anything — is loose in the countryside. They don't know if they should lock their doors or laugh, buy weapons or rein in their imaginations. They don't know many things about what has happened.

All they know is that something is different here. And they know, many of them, that their children will not walk alone at night until they know more.

Sighted Again

Early Sept. 12, only 24 hours after the incident at the home of Anna and Jennings Dodrill, the creature was sighted again.

Eighteen-year-old Robert Newell IV was dressing for work in a bedroom of the family home about two miles southeast of Ottosen. From out in the barnyard came a deep, whining sound.

"No horse or pig could have made it," Newell, a rock quarry worker, said later.

He looked out the bedroom window toward the barn, located about 35 feet south of the house and illuminated by yard lights.

Newell said he saw a tall, hairy, hunchbacked figure go into the barn. It jumped sideways into a manure spreader, got out and stood for a moment, then got into a grain spreader. Newell said the creature appeared to be looking for food. It then stood in front of the barn for a short time, walked around a grain silo



One researcher's impression of Bigfoot.

and headed south into a recently harvested cornfield.

The whole episode lasted about 3 1/4 minutes.

Newell said the creature was between six and seven feet tall, had black hair and walked quite fast on its hind legs.

The experiences of Dodrill and Newell are the latest in a rash of such sightings that have occurred in and around Ottosen during the past two months.

Since mid-July, the Humboldt and Kossuth county sheriff's offices have received numerous complaints from farmers and residents in the Ottosen, West Bend and Humboldt area who either have seen a large, hairy creature or have been awakened by strange screams and an eerie, high-pitched whistle.

Many in this area believe the creature — or creatures — is Bigfoot, a legendary, nocturnal primate that has been reported throughout history as occupying a position between ape and man. It is also known as Sasquatch, Yeti and the abominable snowman.

Credence

The existence of Bigfoot gained a measure of credence last spring when Soviet scientists attending a convention at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, delivered a paper stating the existence of Bigfoot "is as valid and obligatory to us as the fact that the world is round."

Among those who subscribe to the Bigfoot theory is Kevin Cook of Des Moines, who recently established the Iowa Bigfoot Information Center in his home.

Cook, 25, has been tracking Bigfoot and collecting information on the phenomenon for several years. He has visited the Ottosen area twice since mid-July. He said he has not yet found enough evidence to say the creature there is definitely Bigfoot. But if it is, he said, there could be as many as three of them since the animals apparently travel as a family of two adults and a youngster.

Hoax

There are those who adamantly disagree with the Bigfoot theory and

explain the sightings as either an elaborate hoax or the figment of fertile imaginations.

Whatever the case, the sightings have brought unusual pressures on this close-knit Humboldt County town of 135 persons.

Alberta Bennett, wife of Ottosen Marshal Tom Bennett, said the situation has created a division in town between believers and non-believers.

"It's left a strange feeling in town," she said.

There has been the usual humor that accompanies such sightings.

Someone recently tacked a second sign beneath the Ottosen sign on Iowa Highway 222, which skirts the town. The new sign reads, "Big Foot Country." A letter received last week at the post office was addressed to "Big Foot Country." Then there was the fellow who walked into the post office wearing a monkey mask.

Strange Footprints

But the humor is checked by the stories related by those who gather at Twig's grocery store here. There, in addition to stories of mutilated animals, residents talk of being awakened by eerie screams in the night; of strange footprints two-hands wide by three-hands long; of unusual feces found in Marilyn Schumacher's lean-to; and of children so terrified by what they saw that they cannot sleep and who for days wouldn't walk the town's streets — even in the daytime.

One man who has heard all these stories is Humboldt County Sheriff Marvin Andersen.

"I tell you, if you're a nonbeliever, after you talk to a few of these people, you have to believe there's something there," he said. "I think those people have seen something, but I don't know if it's this Bigfoot connection they're talking about."

Andersen was first called to Ottosen in July when three boys, ages 10 to 12, came home terrified from something they'd seen near the sales barns at the edge of town.

The boys had spied a cat that was bleeding and chased it up a tree near a barn.

"We heard this scratching noise come from in one of the small buildings, like something rubbing up against something," one of the boys said later. "We tossed a rock into the building."

When the rock cracked against the floor a face appeared in a window, then quickly disappeared. The boys told the sheriff it had a big, square, black head with a flat nose and broad shoulders.

The boys bolted for home and the creature took off into a cornfield, they said.

When Sheriff Andersen arrived in Ottosen he learned that this was not the first such incident.

Days earlier, one of Jan Henkins' daughters left home about 11 p.m. to go to her grandmother's house about a block away. When the girl walked out of her grandmother's backdoor, she heard a noise and found herself face to face with the beast. She screamed and retreated into the house, where she told her two uncles about the incident.

About a half hour later another of Henkins' daughters rode her bicycle uptown with two other girls. They beat it back home when they spotted a figure five feet tall standing in front of a vacant lumber building.

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 "Reports of hairy beast...",
 SUNDAY REGISTER, Des Moines,
 IA, Sept. 24, 1978 - CR: K.
 Conlon.

Henkins said she and a friend, Pat Young, went up to the main street to see what had frightened the girls and saw a hairy head looking out from behind one of the buildings.

They quickly returned home and sent Henkins' brother and a friend uptown with a dog. As the two men neared the building, they glimpsed what appeared to be a large animal. Yelping, the dog charged out from behind the building headed for home.

Henkins said she saw the creature the following night when she and Young left Young's house to learn why the dogs were barking and saw the creature about one-half block from the home. When the creature took a step toward them, they retreated into another home.

After that experience, Henkins sent her daughters to stay with a sister in Livermore for a couple of nights.

"My oldest daughter would wake up and just be shaking," she said.

Deluged With Hunters

For several nights after the reports of those sighting were publicized, Ottosen was deluged with hunters and curiosity seekers from as far away as Davenport. At night, the traffic on normally quiet streets was so heavy one woman complained to the sheriff's office that she couldn't cross the street in front of her home.

Sheriff Andersen, who sent two deputies to patrol the town for a few nights, said at least one pickup load of gun-toting hunters was sent home.

That situation and the ridicule many have received from skeptics have left Ottosen residents reluctant and embarrassed to discuss the sightings.

"People are afraid to say anything anymore," said Henkins, whose children and others have been ridiculed by classmates.

But those who claim to have seen the beast remain adamant.

"I'm not a nut and I know what I saw," said Dodrill.

Newell agreed:

"They'll ridicule about it until they're unlucky enough to see it themselves," he said.

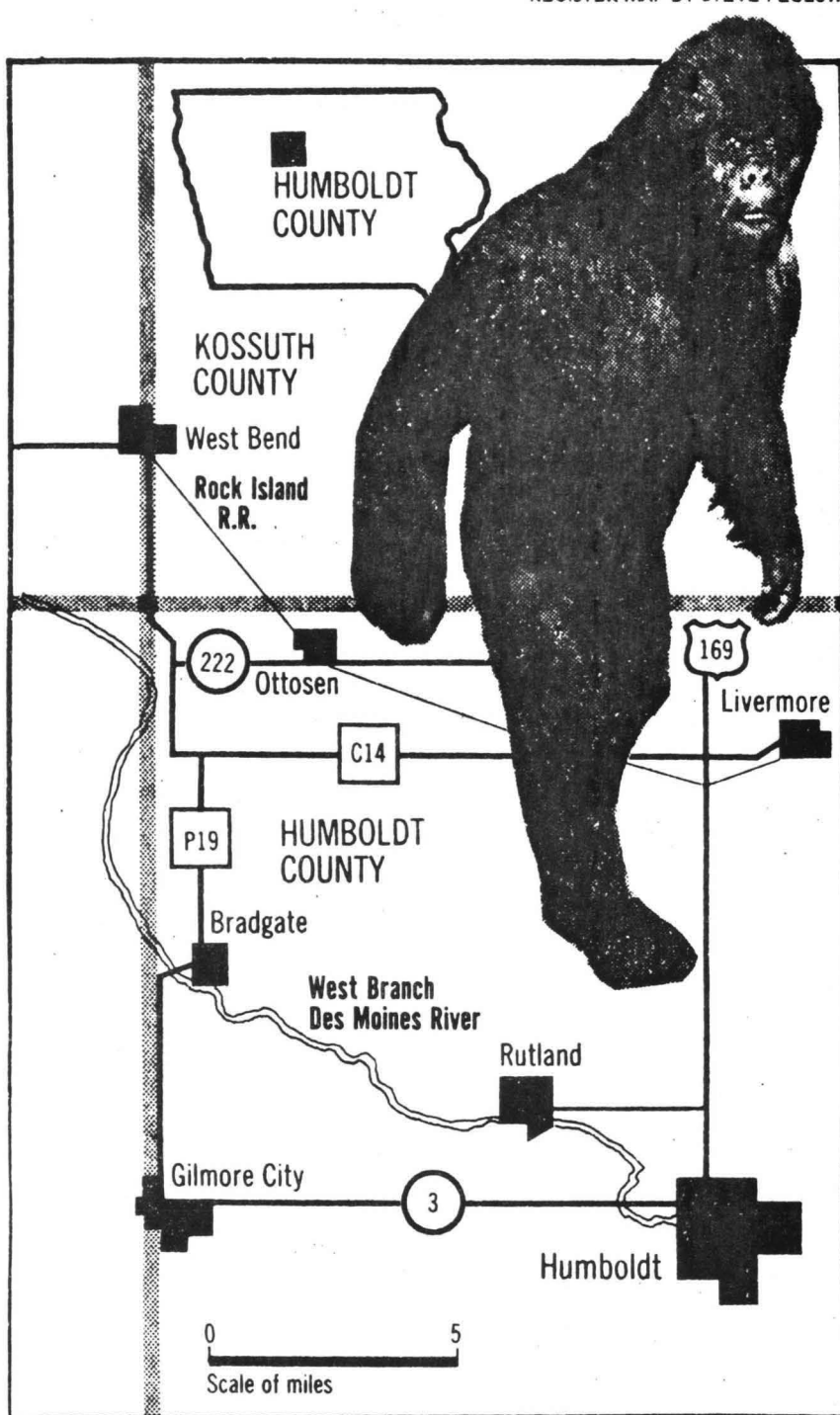
This past week reports of unusual animal sounds were filed with the sheriff by two farmers east of Ottosen and by a family that lives northeast of Humboldt. In each case, farm dogs became restless but would not leave their yards to investigate.

Cook, of the Bigfoot Information Center, says he believes the Rock Island Lines Railroad tracks that parallel the West Fork of the Des Moines River in this area may play a significant role in Bigfoot's travels. Thus far, all of the sightings and all but one of the other reports, including some large footprints found by a fisherman near West Bend, have occurred near the tracks.

Postmaster Edna Kampen, who has neither seen nor heard the animal but sees and hears most of Ottosen's residents on a daily basis, summed up local opinion this way:

"At first they thought it was a hoax, I think. But now there's been so many classes of people — farmers, townspeople, etc. — who saw it, that they're taking it more seriously."

REGISTER MAP BY STEVE PEGLOW



NEWS, Taos, NM - Sept. 21, 1978 CR: T. Adams

Bull mutilated on Rodarte farm

RODARTE — Officials are puzzled by the mutilation killing of a bull, found dead Sunday (Sept. 17) at a farm near this remote community.

The 1,200-pound bull, minus its eyes, genitals, anus and tongue, was discovered lying dead in a field by its owner, George Maestas.

All the mysteries of mystery cattle mutilations in other rural areas of the state — including lack of footprints and lack of blood from the dead animal — surround the Rodarte incident, according to sheriff's deputies, though they do not suspect it was the work of men from outer space.

Deputy Joe Gonzales, called to the scene, said the bull's organs were apparently removed with a sharp knife. The animal had lost some of its hair in a heart-shaped area on its chest and another area on its head.

Gonzales said he could discover no footprints on the ground, heavily

trampled by grazing cows, and that the field, lying behind Maestas' house, is inaccessible except on foot or by four-wheel drive.

The ranch is one-half mile east of State Road 73.

Vultures and crows refused to go near the dead bull. Gonzales said, though the rest of the herd grazed peacefully in nearby fields.

The deputy said the Maestas family reported no unusual nighttime noises during the weekend when the mutilation is believed to have taken place.

Gonzales, a sheriff's deputy for only three months, was puzzled over how to file a report. "I've never seen anything like it," he said. "There's not much we can go on."

Sheriff Felipe Cordova said Tuesday the investigation has been turned over to the state brand inspector. The inspector was unavailable for comment.

Prehistoric hominoids believed to exist in tropical Kenya bush

Agence France-Presse

NAIROBI — There is convincing evidence that prehistoric hominoids, not animals but not quite humans, still exist in the depths of the tropical bush of Kenya, says French sociologist Jacqueline Roumeguere Eberhardt.

Numerous eyewitness accounts of encounters with the creatures, which she calls "X", have convinced Roumeguere, a research scientist at the French National Centre for Scientific Research, of the existence of hominoids, who were already living in Kenya 500,000 to three million years ago.

One Kenyan described his encounter in the forest with an "X" who kept him prisoner more than an hour. "His eyes, his nose, his mouth were those of a man, and his face was not covered with hair, but his forehead was very low, rather like that of a baboon," he said.

Roumeguere, who has been living in Kenya since 1970, first came here in 1966

to study the social structure of tribes like the Masai and the Samburu. But soon after her arrival she heard tales of encounters with strange creatures from herdsmen who lived on the edge of the forest and from hunters who occasionally went into the jungle.

According to evidence that she has collected, there are four different types of "X." Three are tall, solidly built. The fourth type, on the other hand, is pygmoid, sturdily built but with a heavier head in proportion to its body.

With the exception of a reported tall, thin, light-skinned individual with black, curly hair, the creatures are allegedly covered with greyish hair. "Grey like a donkey," said one witness.

Another witness said the hair of one creature "nearly fell to his heels."

"He had so many stones and twigs in his hair that, if he had not moved, I would have taken him for a rock."

The French scientist is reticent to give more information on the location of these encounters for fear that the "Xs" may be driven from their haunts by hastily organized expeditions. But creatures of this type have been reported before from Kenya, and several scientific expeditions have been organized in the past to find more about them and to try to establish contact. All were unsuccessful.

Kenya National Museum Director Richard Leaky — the discoverer of some of the major paleontological finds in the country — says categorically that such creatures simply do not exist. They are quite mythical, he says, and rank alongside "the abominable snowman" of the Himalayas or "the big foot" of North America.

But Roumeguere is convinced that her Kenyan sources know what they are talking about. So is her assistant, Metamei Ole Kapusia, a Masai who claims

that several of his companions have met such creatures.

The French sociologist says she has personally interviewed 17 people who have had encounters with the "X," and a great many people close to those who have met the creatures.

She has a record of 33 encounters in 11 forests, some of them separated by a distance of more than 60 miles.

Some of the "Xs" encountered were women, some were children.

The details are so varied and so precise — the witnesses have noticed that the males are uncircumscised and their ears are not pierced — that it is impossible to dismiss the tales as simply legends told over a night fire.

There is only one possible way to solve the mystery, says the sociologist: to organize an expedition which will bring back irrefutable proof that the *homo habilis* and *homo erectus* of prehistoric remains still exist.

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Resident Reports 'Bigfoot' Sighting

A Southern Curry resident, Barbara Megli, says she saw "Bigfoot" Monday, Sept. 25, near her residence east of Thomas Creek. Miss Megli reported the incident to the Curry County Sheriff's Department and Ted Hawkinson, animal control officer, investigated but found no clues.

The ground was soft, but there were no footprints, not even a bear's, Hawkinson reported.

He has orders from Sgt. Errol Downs not to shoot Bigfoot if he finds him, but to handcuff him to a tree so he (or it) can be interviewed.

The most recent previous sighting of the mysterious, monstrous, bear-like creature in the coastal area was in October

of 1974 when a Smith River man described seeing a similar animal in the Big Flat area. His description is similar to Miss Megli's.

The animal is described as being the height of a tall man, similar to a bear walking on his hind feet, but without the bear's snout.

Miss Megli said she heard her chickens making disturbed noises at 7:35 p.m. Monday. She went outdoors and saw a pony and horse running toward the barn as if they were frightened. She then saw Bigfoot standing in a clearing some distance away.

She reported she had seen Bigfoot several times when she lived in Williams, Ore., before moving to the Southern Curry area.

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mutilations continue

BENTONVILLE — Animal mutilations in the Northwest Arkansas area continue to be a problem for local farmers and ranchers. Two calf mutilations were reported to Benton and Washington County Sheriff's office this week.

A total of 15 such incidents have been investigated by county law enforcement officers since two calves were found on a Bella Vista ranch April 8.

Benton County authorities Monday received a report of a calf mutilation on a farm northwest of Cave Springs. It followed the same pattern of earlier mutilations, a sheriff's department spokesman said, with the tongue, eye and sex organs missing. No trace of blood, footprints or signs of struggle were found in the area.

A Washington County Sheriff's office spokesman said the mutilation of a calf near the Brush Creek Community in the northwest part of

Washington County, about a half mile from the Benton County line, was reported Sunday.

Washington County officials said the calf there may have been attacked by an animal. It apparently differed from other reported mutilations in that the tongue still remained, though one side of the head and the flesh on the head was gone.

There has been speculation that the mutilations might be connected with practice of witchcraft. Four witchcraft altars have been found in Benton County in the past year. Dr. Jerome Rose, a University of Arkansas professor of anthropology has said that in "witchcraft in the European tradition," certain parts of animals are used in witchcraft ceremonies.

No evidence to connect the altars to the mutilations has been found, however, according to Sgt. John Green of the Benton County Sheriff's department.

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