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Local woman gives details of Sunday night UFO sighting

A large number of local residents sighted the UFO that flew over the city early Sunday evening. One of the residents, Mrs. Bethel Osier, 802 N. Jackson St., had the opportunity to get a good view of the object and wished to share her experience with others.

"I experienced the sighting of the UFO that went over our city Sunday evening about 6:45. A short while before that I heard the ambulance siren as it went north on Main Street. Later I was watching TV and I noticed a red flashing light outside the window and thought it was perhaps the ambulance coming down North Jackson, but the red flashing light got brighter and brighter until it made everything outside look red as fire.

I went to the south window expecting to see a house on fire. The snow was red, the trees and houses and cars were red. I looked up and saw the large red ball. It was flashing as an emergency light and had a vapor or smoke stream behind it. It didn't look to be much higher than the tree tops. It was just above Hulin Street and was going from west to east.

It wasn't long before I couldn't see it out the south window anymore so I went to the east window and watched it. The color faded away as it moved eastward, but I could still see the vapor streak. It was moving in a straight line and wasn't falling or going up.

It certainly wasn't a leftover 4th of July skyrocket nor was it a parachute flare. It went southwest out of town, it went over town and was moving as straight as an airplane would fly, but a lot lower than they are allowed to.

It was quite a sight and if it hadn't been so low perhaps more people would have seen it too. I hope some day we will find

out what it was. Perhaps it burned itself out and fell somewhere between Charles City and New Hampton and will be found after the snow is found."

The Charles City Police Department reported 18 phone calls concerning the sighting on Sunday night. A number of individuals said they saw a bright orange and red ball with a trail of smoke behind it. All agreed that the object moved in a southwesterly direction. At this time, there is no answer to the question of what was the object that flew over the community early Sunday night. Possibly, there will be some clues in the near future.

CITIZEN PATRIOT, Jackson, MI - Jan. 22, 1979

Policeman, Air Force at odds over 1975 Wurtsmith sighting

By ROBERT LEWIS

Citizen Patriot Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — To the Air Force, the mysterious flying object sighted over Wurtsmith Air Force Base in 1975 was an unidentified helicopter that had made an "unauthorized overflight" above an area where nuclear weapons are believed to be stored.

But to James Gowenlock of Oscoda, an auxiliary policeman on the Oscoda Township police force, the brilliantly lighted object which he and two other officers watched from the ground could not have been man-made.

It hovered over Wurtsmith AFB, home of the Strategic Air Command's 379th Bombardment Wing, for at least 15 minutes, and disappeared when a KC135 tanker plane was sent up to chase it, Gowenlock said in a telephone interview.

WURTSMITH was one of three

Air Force bases where mysterious flying objects were sighted during a two-week period in late October and early November of 1975.

Reports of the sightings appear in Air Force and Central Intelligence Agency documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Law and reported by Parade Magazine and the Washington Post. At Wurtsmith, the objects were sighted on the nights of Oct. 30 and 31, 1975.

Gowenlock said he was in the supermarket he owns when two township policemen, John Muennink and Raymond Grametabaur, stopped by and told him they had sighted an unidentified flying object. The officers asked their dispatcher to alert base officials, Gowenlock said.

The three officers watched the bright object for 15 minutes, part of the time with binoculars. Gowenlock said the object looked

like a stationary flare that would abruptly move up or down at extremely fast speeds. "I would estimate it was 10 or 12 miles away from where we stood," Gowenlock said, "and maybe it was 50 feet in diameter.

The base reported it as a helicopter in distress, but there were no helicopters stationed there. "I don't think it could have been a helicopter," he said. The three men heard a KC135 tanker plane start up. But when it was airborne, Gowenlock said, the flying object dropped out of view.

WURTSMITH is located about 20 miles north of Tawas City near the Lake Huron shore and is one of 18 B-52 bases in the Strategic Air Command. Air Force spokesmen declined to say how many B-52s are stationed at Wurtsmith and whether nuclear bombs are stored there.

SISKIYOU NEWS, Yreka, CA - Jan. 18, 1979

UFO Sighted In Siskiyou; Reported To CHP, Sheriff

YREKA — Stan Krute and several other persons in the Yreka Lake area contacted the California Highway Patrol last night to report a sighting of an unidentified flying object.

In a report released by the CHP, Krute said he observed what appeared to be a very bright star at about 7:30 p.m. last night.

A closer examination of the UFO with binoculars showed the light to be a group of multi-colored lights at a high altitude.

Krute reported the lights began moving erratically making figure-eight type maneuvers.

While Krute and friends, including Carl Wilson and his wife, were on the phone to the

CHP, the object faded out at 8 p.m.

The object appeared to move off at the speed of an aircraft in a southerly direction.

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office received a similar report of lights moving erratically last night high over Irongate Lake from an unidentified female.

NEWS, Indianapolis, IN - Feb. 2, 1979

CR: C. Jones

To Unwrap Saucer Tale?



By DAVID MANNWEILER

"I just checked with him but he won't talk to you, even on the phone, because he's scared," said the Indianapolis pilot.

"He's scared to death he might get fined or thrown in jail for talking about something that is still top secret. I can tell you about it, but if they (the government) ever find out where you got the story, they can track it down and everybody will be in a mess. I have to be careful, too, because of my pilot's license."

The pilot said only if he could remain anonymous in print would he discuss what the scared man has privately said about his involvement in a 1948 crash of a flying saucer, in which "bodies" supposedly were found.

The man claims he removed one of the bodies from the saucer.

In this column Monday, the president of Ground Saucer Watch, William Spaulding, told of CIA documents his group has obtained through a Freedom of Information lawsuit. Spaulding said the documents show the government has conducted a massive cover-up of its investigation of UFOs. He also said Ground Saucer Watch hopes to obtain CIA files about the 1948 crash in a Feb. 20 ruling by a Federal judge in Washington.

The pilot called The News to respond to the column and to act as an intermediary with the man who supposedly was at the UFO crash site outside Laredo, Tex. The man repeated his story but would not agree to do so in person.

"This man was involved in security on the '48 crash," the pilot said. "The saucer apparently started to break up on re-entry or when it crashed. The

CIA wasn't involved in the investigation but OSS (the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the CIA) and the Air Force were. A Marine Corps security force sealed off the area.

"The saucer supposedly carried more than two bodies. They were 3 1/2-to-4-foot-tall humanoids, wearing some type of light-blue uniform. Some of the equipment inside the ship was taken out, like the radios. They were micro-miniaturized, about to the point where we are now in micro-circuits and things. There also were some light-activated weapons that we would call lasers today."

The informant said the saucer was taken to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia (CIA headquarters is also located in Langley). "They tried to do some metallurgy work on it, but they could not cut the metal with what they had at that time. Supposedly the government has one (a saucer) intact but it has never flown because nobody knows what makes it go. That sounds pretty far-fetched, I know," the pilot said.

"Anyway, after the bodies were removed from the saucer they were taken to Wright Patterson (Air Force Base near Dayton). An Air Force medical surgical team was brought in to dissect the bodies but when they started to operate on this one, it wasn't dead. It was in some sort of a state of suspended animation. Everybody who saw the body thought it was dead, but it wasn't."

What happened to the supposedly still-alive humanoid is unknown by the informant.

As long as the government remains silent, there is no way to check out the man's story. But maybe after Feb. 20, there will be.

SENTINEL RECORD, Hot Springs, AR - Jan. 21, 1979

UFO speculation

Columnist no longer profound skeptic

By NORMAN COUSINS
Los Angeles Times

Ever since speculation about UFOs began some 15 years ago, I have been a profound skeptic. I believed the official explanations—which attributed the sightings to a long list of possible causes. The U.S. investigators would speak, for example, of isolated saucer-shaped cloud formations, or of misleading light refractions, or of illusions created by regular commercial aircraft flying through cloud banks with their landing lights turned on, or of plain overworked imaginations.

As I say, for a long time I was content to accept these explanations, for they relieved me of the need to account for phenomena which had no basis in scientific knowledge or experience.

But no more.

In the light of what has happened in recent weeks, I think it no longer possible to dismiss UFOs as delusions or even as rationally explained events.

The reports coming out of Italy, Australia and New Zealand in the past month are much too authoritative, much too detailed, much too consistent to minimize or ignore. These reports originate not just with panic-prone laymen but with trained observers in universities, police departments and news rooms. The reports coincide on all the vital points. They describe disc-shaped vehicles capable of hovering,

with sudden shifts in direction, and of attaining speeds beyond anything associated even with supersonic aircraft. The flashing lights were attributed not just to perimeter illumination but to gas emissions.

Therefore, the inevitable questions: What, exactly, are these objects? Where do they come from?

In view of the accumulating and overwhelming evidence, it is no longer possible to believe the official U.S. reports. It is inconceivable that the U.S. investigators have not known what the photographs have clearly revealed. Namely, that these objects are not the products of a delusion but are real, have a certain shape and possess specific flying characteristics.

Does this mean that the United States is deliberately deceiving the American people? If so, why?

Is it because the objects are our own super jet military aircraft, utilizing new aerodynamic principles? If so, and the United States wants to keep the new aircraft a secret, it is not reasonable to suppose that the Russians are being fooled.

Is it because the device belongs to the Russians? If so, there is even less reason for the U.S. government to conceal this fact from the American people.

There is, of course, the possibility that the vehicles come from outer space. Even

though this possibility seems infinitely more remote than the possibility that they originate on earth, the United States has no justification for making it appear that the sighting reports are mainly the aberrations of feverish minds.

Such an extraterrestrial possibility need not throw the human race into a panic. Indeed, if it should turn out that the saucer-shaped objects do in fact come from another planet, then there is the prospect that the human race might have reason to forget its terrestrial antagonisms and close its ranks against an agency from outer space.

Life on this planet has become very precarious ever since the human race devised atomic weapons at the end of World War II — weapons which, if used, could produce a holocaust on earth. The clear meaning of nuclear weapons is that war and the human species cannot co-exist on the same planet.

But if this fact is not enough inducement for the earth-dwellers to outlaw war, perhaps the presence on this planet of an unknown visitor with powers beyond those known on earth might do it.

Military security is one thing. Deliberate concealment is something else. The American people have a right to all available information — and it appears likely that this is not what they have been getting.

They've already landed, UFO investigator says

By DOUG DOMER

The secret knowledge of small, gray beings from another world was more of a burden than some people could stand.

So it was, a nationally prominent UFO investigator said Sunday, that men came to him with stories of such beings and the craft they rode in.

"I don't think a human being can exist long with this kind of momentous thing without telling another person," said Leonard H. Stringfield in a telephone interview from his home in Cincinnati.

Stringfield, a full-time employee with a chemical company, is more often identified with unidentified flying objects. He is author of a 1977 book on UFOs and is public relations director for the non-profit Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a non-profit research organization.

"There was an instant relief

when they felt they could confide with someone," Stringfield said of eight men who had sought him out. "All are active or retired members of the U.S. armed services, he said.

All said they had been involved in the retrieval of crashed spacecraft or in observing dead beings found in the craft, Stringfield said.

Each was sworn to secrecy by the government and each talked only with the protection of anonymity, he said.

Stringfield summarized a few cases in a speech last July at a MUFON symposium in Dayton, Ohio.

UFOs were in the spotlight Sunday because of claims made Saturday by Ground Saucer Watch, a Phoenix UFO study group. The group said government documents show the CIA has been secretly involved in UFO surveillance since 1949.

"The priority is to admit first

we're dealing with these things," Stringfield said when asked by The News to comment on the claims. "Then the information about the bodies would come later." He said government agencies involved are the defense department, the U.S. Air Force, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the CIA.

In one case, Stringfield said, a high-ranking military officer told him he had top-security clearance in 1953 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton.

The man said he had had "a first-hand look" at the bodies of three "small beings" when an Air Force flight landed with the bodies, Stringfield said. The bodies had been recovered from a UFO crash in Arizona, he said.

An unlicensed man stationed at Wright Patterson as part of the guard unit said in 1973 he was called on duty during the night, blind-

folded and taken to an underground area and told to guard it, Stringfield said.

He claims to have seen three bodies there and his description tallies with the officer's, Stringfield said.

He said perhaps 30 bodies of extraterrestrial beings have been recovered through the 1960s, studied at Wright Patterson, other military bases and "certain medical centers," then preserved in deep freeze.

Asked how such a secret could be kept, Stringfield said, "There are leaks; that's what I'm getting." He said accounts by the eight men and others all conform to a general description.

This description, he said, is of beings 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 feet tall, with "pale skin, large heads, long, thin arms hanging to the knees, a body generally conforming to the human

figure but very light, perhaps 30 to 50 pounds, and with no gastrointestinal tract or reproductive organs.

The eye area is large, sunken and distended; there is no nose, he said. There are openings for ears and mouth but the mouth is not used for communication or taking food, Stringfield said. The hands have two long forefingers, two short fingers and no thumb, he said. The blood is colorless, with no red cells, he said.

Parts of the spacecraft also have been analyzed, particularly from a technical and military point of view, Stringfield said.

"It would take a presidential order to free these people to talk," Walter H. Andrus, Jr., MUFON international director from Seguin, Guadalupe County, said. "The more the public knows about these crafts and beings, the less chance they'd do something foolish, such as shoot at them or injure them."

Another UFO sighting reported in Winter Haven

Another Winter Haven resident has reported seeing a bright object, "larger than a star but smaller than the moon", near Polk Community College this past week.

Jeannette Bagley, 1516 Ave. D, NW, said she was on Lake Martha Drive, headed toward Lake Silver, at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday when she saw the bright object "that lit up the area by the college."

She said it was stationary at first, but then moved off at a fast rate of speed, disappearing behind some bushes on Fairfax Avenue.

"When I first saw it, I told my daughter, 'look at the falling star,'" she said. "I didn't think about it being a UFO until I read in the paper about Perdue seeing an object near the college."

"The funny thing is that I was talking to my son about UFO's just a couple of nights before."

Mrs. Bagley quoted from the Bible in noting that "there shall be signs in the sky before the coming of the Lord."

"I feel we are in the last days," she said.

Winter Haven Police Officer Ron Perdue reported that he saw a round glowing object about 1,500 feet in the air near PCC about 4 a.m. Thursday.

Milkman Says He Saw UFO Too

By GREG VELLNER
Today's Post Correspondent

Walter Green routinely travels the Pennsylvania Turnpike during the early morning hours, delivering milk to his many customers throughout eastern Montgomery County.

But, Tuesday morning was not routine for the 46-year-old milkman from Trevoze. It was the morning Green had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

It was about 3 a.m. as Green, travelling west on the turnpike, approached the Willow Grove interchange. He was preparing to exit and make deliveries to some area schools.

SUDDENLY, HOVERING OVER
the Willow Grove area was a bright,

orange colored, circular object. It was at least three times the size of the moon, he recalled. Green couldn't believe his eyes.

"I caught my eye because all of a sudden there was this very, very bright orange thing. The orange color and the glow was tremendous," he said. "I looked at it and said, 'My gosh what is this?'"

Green reasoned the UFO to be a visitor from some unknown world.

"When I first saw it, a UFO was the first thing that came to my mind," Green stated.

AS QUICKLY AS IT APPEARED, the UFO vanished. "I don't know what happened to it," he said.

Green was hesitant about relating the incident to anyone, afraid that people would say he had only imagined the UFO. But, when Green read an article in Wednesday's To-

day's Spirit concerning a similar UFO sighting by policemen in the Norristown area, he felt a lot better.

"I was greatly relieved when I heard that they (the policemen) had seen it," he said. Green wanted to convey his story to help support the story given by the policemen.

The first of several sightings of UFO's was reported by two Norristown officers at 3:43 a.m. in communities from Lower Merion to Lower Gwynedd. The sightings could lead to a federal investigation.

SGT. WALTER MILLER and Officer Ronald W. Sereny reported they saw a bright, burnt-orange colored object in the southwestern skies while on patrol at the Airy Street Bridge.

In East Norriton Township, Officer William Scheetz said he saw what may have been the same object

hover 500-600 feet above his car on W. Germantown Pike.

Scientists at Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia reported the object could have been a celestial body, but further police reports indicated the UFO was seen on two different horizons.

The National Weather Service reported the skies were clear all through Tuesday morning, with the moon setting at 3:58 a.m., the planet Venus rose at 3:45 a.m.

Despite the scientific explanations, Green is convinced he saw a UFO not a celestial body. Prior to the incident Green didn't believe in the existence of UFO's. But, the bright, orange colored object was enough to change his mind.

"I really believe it," he said. "No one could change my mind." Green said he is now a "definite" believer in UFOs.



Walter Green, a Trevoze milkman, describes the shape of the unidentified flying object he spotted near Willow Grove.

east wind

Citizen recalls UFO

By JIM BROEDE
Staff Writer

"I'm coming out of the closet," said Walter DeYoung.

"So are many others," he added. "Before, we didn't want to talk about it. People seldom took us seriously. They giggled. But I don't care any more. I'm talking."

DeYoung, of North St. Paul, claims to have had a "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object (UFO).

"AT THE TIME," so did about 60 others," he recalled. "But we didn't say much then. It was 1951, an uptight period, what with the Korean War, McCarthyism and everything."

The setting was Mountain Home Air Force Base near Boise, Idaho, on a quiet, crystal clear summer night, shortly after sunset.

"I was part of a contingent of about 120 persons, mostly department heads in the Air Force, assigned to reactivate Mountain Home. It was to become a departure base for Armed Forces personnel going to Korea."

"That night, about half of our group was away. But that left 60."

DeYoung was in the barracks, resting on a bunk bed and reading a book.

DISPATCH-EAST, St. Paul, MN - Jan. 11, 1979

"THE BOOK was 'The Age of Reason,' by Tom Paine," he said. "That's funny. I remember that. But usually I can't even remember the name of the book I read last week. I remember a lot of things about that night. But I forgot a lot, too. Like the names of the rest of the guys. Not even the guy who came running into the barracks. He was a Mormon, I know. But his name. It just doesn't come to mind. He was yelling something about a 'UFO above the runway'."

"I told him, 'That's just great. Go have a ball'. Of course, I thought it was a joke. In those days, I was a 100 percent non-believer when it came to UFOs. So I stayed in bed with my book."

"But it must have been 10 minutes later when he came running in again. 'Come on out,' he said. 'You have got to see it to believe it'. Well, I still thought somebody was pulling my leg."

"But then I heard them cranking up an old C-45 (an 8-passenger aircraft). Most of us thought it was unsafe to fly. But it was the only plane on the base. So I figured something must be up. That got me outside."

"Apparently I was the last guy to arrive on the scene. Everybody was there, gawking at a saucer-like object hovering 400 to 500 feet above the runway. It must have been 20 or 25 feet in diameter. We had never seen anything like it before. We didn't know what to make of it."

"LATER, I learned that our radio operator tried to make contact with it. We also learned that there wasn't supposed to be any aircraft in the area."

Meanwhile, the object remained stationary and continually changed colors.

"I can't remember the exact sequence of colors," DeYoung said. "But I think it was a combination of red, blue, purple and white. It also was close enough for us to see that it wasn't spinning."

"I tell you, it was mind-boggling. I've never been the same guy since then. We just waited

there, expecting that it would land. We were mesmerized. Eventually, it got close enough for us to see portholes. Something was inside. But just what, I can't say. Maybe it was creatures. Maybe it was the backs of chairs."

DeYoung said enough of the men had the presence of mind to get the C-45 aloft — so they could get a closer look.

"IT MUST HAVE taken a half-hour to get that crate airborne," he continued. "For awhile, we didn't think it would make it. It stalled near the end of the runway and had to start all over again. But finally, up it went. It circled around and moved in on the object from above."

"But then the object took off. It shot straight up, silently, into the atmosphere at a fantastic rate of speed. We looked at it in awe, until it was just the size of a pinhead."

Initially, speculation at Mountain Home was that the UFO was really "a new secret weapon," DeYoung said.

"We just hoped that it had been developed by the United States, not by Russia," he stated. "Certainly, I wasn't thinking of it in terms of a UFO. Not then. But I started listening to people who had seen UFOs. Soon, I became a believer."

"Certainly, if someone on earth had concocted something that moved around the sky like this, we'd know about it by now."

DEYOUNG ALSO told of being puzzled by what happened at Mountain Home Air Base in the two to three weeks after the sighting.

"Those of us there that night were quickly reassigned, all over creation," he explained. "We had been living together in the same one or two barracks. But we got assigned to many different barracks, then to other bases. I ended up in New Mexico. It was as if some higher-ups didn't want us talking to each other about what happened. It seemed strange that some investigators didn't come in to question us."

"But we never did much talking amongst ourselves. Maybe it was because of the odd political climate. McCarthy was riding high. If you saw anything strange or odd, especially in the military service, you kept your mouth shut."

"After all, maybe it was a secret weapon. And the less said about it, the better. That was the patriotic thing to do."

"BUT MAYBE subconsciously we had been conditioned not to talk by some power or force that we can't even begin to understand. I have read book upon book about UFOs, partly to see if there's an account of what happened at Mountain Home. But I always draw a blank. There's nothing. It's as if nothing ever happened."

DeYoung said he knows better.

"In recent years," he reported, "I have been trying to obtain the names of personnel assigned to Mountain Home on that summer night. I'd like to have a reunion. Then we can talk about it. We can compare notes."

"But the Air Force isn't cooperating. The bureaucrats I talk to say it's too difficult to retrieve the names. Besides, they say that information isn't supposed to be given out."

"I wish I could remember even one name. That's what seems so strange. I can't even think of the name of the Mormon who came running into the barracks."

"I know a colonel was in charge of the base. He almost had a nervous breakdown that night. But his name, I can't remember it. I thought I had it written down once. I'm looking for it."

"The colonel was an older man then, with grey hair. But maybe he's still alive. I'd like to talk to him."

Ever since the Home News reported sightings of UFO's in Secaucus, other people have been admitting seeing something in the sky which they are sure was not a plane.

One local resident reports that she was on her way home at about 8 p.m. Monday, going in the direction of 4th Street, when she looked out of her car window. In the sky, she saw oblong windows, lit up brightly with yellow light. Although she could not determine an outline, she is sure it was not a plane.

Was there any noise? It was hard to tell, she said, because planes were flying low that night and they make a humming sound.

At home she debated whether or not to call someone, but the story in the Home News prompted her to call the paper.

"I never believed this could happen," said the Clarendon section resident, "but there it was. I wish I could have followed it in my car." The lighted windows were in a straight line, and the object reportedly moved off at an angle towards 5th Street.

The same resident tells of an incident which took place in Vermont, which she describes as "very weird." A young friend was at a lake with some pals on a "foggy, crummy day," when he heard a hum and a roar. He looked up and there was "this big thing" hovering close to the water. He could see windows.

The boy, "a pretty reliable kid," according to the Secaucus resident, didn't want to report it, but the next day a similar sighting was recounted in the newspapers.

Like many who have sighted there "things" the young woman did not want her name used. She had one parting comment, "I wonder what in the hell is going on!"

THE LEADER, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ - Jan. 11, 1979

Unidentified flying objects reported over Barnegat Bay

by Susan Weiss

BRICK TWP. — This municipality made national news last week when residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object over Barnegat Bay on Wednesday night.

Police received calls that something was hovering in the air over the Waterside Apartments off Drum Point Rd. around 7:40 p.m. The patrolman responding to the call, who preferred not to be identified because he was afraid of ridicule, confirmed the sighting.

That prompted Lieutenant Joseph DeAngelo to go down and look for himself. By the time he arrived at the scene, the object had moved out over the bay. He described it as a round white light with two small flashing blue lights on either side of it. Lt. DeAngelo told one paper he thought it might have been a helicopter.

had seen what he saw Wednesday night.

Petillo, who is maintenance supervisor at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, said he was in his car at 10:45 at the intersection of Hooper Ave. and Fisher Blvd. in Seaside Heights with a friend, John Maurano, owner of a dry cleaning store. The men saw a large round white object in the sky and they stopped the car. It hovered for about a minute just over the tree tops, he said, no more than a few hundred feet up.

According to Petillo, the object suddenly lit up with blue and white flames shooting out, and took off rapidly. It went straight and then dipped down into the tree tops in the distance.

"I'm a former marine," Petillo said, "and I know aircraft. It was nothing like a jet, no way could it have been a jet. And cargo planes aren't that big."

He added that he would

When asked if it looked like the lights of a helicopter, he said, "No, I don't know what it was, but I don't believe in UFO's."

Other officers at the station referred to the patrolman who confirmed the sighting as "one of the most level headed guys on patrol". He claimed to be familiar with different kinds of aircraft and said that the object he saw was unlike anything he had seen before. "If he says he saw something, he saw something," one of the other officers said.

But a pilot who was dining at a restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach that night said he saw some strange lights in the sky, too. It was two cargo planes flying close together, he maintained.

Joseph Petillo, a resident of Silverton, disagreed. He called the Brick Twp. police on Friday after reading in the papers that other people

love to have someone prove to him that it was not a UFO. "If it was cargo planes, I'd like to have them come back and do the same thing so they could show me how they did it," he said. He pointed out that cargo planes can't hover in mid-air and then take off rapidly from a stationary position. It moved faster than a helicopter, he said.

Petillo didn't mention it to anyone until Friday because he couldn't figure out what it was and he was afraid people would think he was crazy.

Late Friday afternoon police responded to another call from Waterside Apartments. Two women discovered tracks in the sand they thought might be related to the sighting. The "strange footprints" turned out to be horse's hoof prints, distorted in some areas where the soft sand caved in so that some of the prints appeared to have three toes.

Well, you never know.

HOME NEWS, Secaucus, NJ - Jan. 25, 1979
Woman reports seeing UFO

Two Fort Pierce Residents Spot UFO Near Washington

By JERRY SHAW
News Tribune Staff Writer

It's that time again. Time for Close Encounters of the First Kind, which seem to arrive in flocks occasionally and more frequently in the past few years.

It has caused the 20th Century UFO Bureau to have the recent UFO wave as the theme for its eighth annual week-long conference in Cape Canaveral, which began Saturday.

A rash of UFO sightings were reported in New Zealand, Australia, Israel, South Africa and the United States during the last week-and-a-half of December and the first week of January.

The sightings were met with the usual skepticism of some, particularly in the New Zealand filming incident, but others, including UFO experts, have shown interest and enthusiasm for the new evidence.

SIGHTINGS in the U. S. included reports by several families in New Jersey, who claimed to see a strange object along the Jersey shore, and in Maryland, one Fort Pierce resident was involved in a sighting witnessed by several other motorists. Police officers also reported UFOs in that area.

"It's an eerie feeling to look at something and not know what you're looking at," said Russell Kirk, a teacher at John Carroll High School and coach of the track team there.

Kirk and his stepsister, Terry McKiernan, also a Fort Pierce resident, were driving back to

Florida on Jan. 3, a Wednesday, from Rhode Island.

The two were on an interstate highway between Washington, D. C. and Baltimore when Kirk, asleep in the car, was awakened by stepsister, who pointed out to him an object in the sky.

"The weather was very bad and the clouds were very low," he recalled. "At first I thought it was an airplane and I had a non-chalant reaction."

But as the object moved closer to the area, several cars pulled off the highway including the Kirk vehicle. The people watched the UFO for more than a half minute and the object left the area.

KIRK DESCRIBED IT as a bright metallic gray object with two oval-shaped cylinders while the top portion was a bit smaller than the lower part of the object.

Kirk said his experience as a worker with a fire department helped him to be observant which was an advantage during the incident. He was capable of getting a good look at the object while discarding his feelings of awe or excitement.

"I told myself to think objectively and studied it as carefully as I could," he said. "It was a strange thing. Until then I didn't know what to make of them (UFO sightings)."

Kirk explained that it was difficult to determine the size of the object because it was like nothing he had seen before and it was hard to put it in perspective with any other structure.

He said about four or five other cars had pulled over to the

side of the road and the motorists discussed the incident for a few minutes after the UFO disappeared. The traffic on the road had been very light, he said.

KIRK SAID the experience aroused his interest in the UFO phenomenon and when the news came out of the Australian sighting the next evening, he attentively watched the news on television of the event.

It was an "eerie sensation" to see a UFO himself, he said, and it started him wondering about the objects as well as asking questions about them and the possibility of alien beings.

To his knowledge, none of the motorists on the highway reported the incident; however, he was told by a fellow teacher, when he returned to Fort Pierce, that several policemen had reported seeing a UFO in the Washington area.

He said that if he had reported the incident, he believed he would have been told that the object was some type of airplane and that the cloudy weather could have given him a false impression.

But Kirk said he is certain he had seen something in the air that was unlike any normal aircraft.

"I know enough to trust my judgment," he said.

"I THOUGHT there was no way I would tell anybody about it, they'd think I'm crazy," said Kirk, but he changed his mind when he learned of the other reports near Washington.

Another UFO sighting reported here by passing motorist

Some people talk about them while others don't. The sightings of UFOs in the Eagle Creek area continue.

This week a Milwaukie man, Warren Parker, spotted a swift moving brightly illuminated object rising above him as he drove east to Estacada on Highway 224.

"I couldn't identify what I saw," said Parker, "so I guess that makes it a UFO." He said he had just passed the bridge over Eagle Creek when he saw two flashing strobe lights rising high in the sky. Intrigued by what he saw, Parker said he watched the craft ascend through the clouds. After the craft entered the clouds Parker said the lights were so intense he could still see them. "They were either very thin clouds or very bright lights," he said.

Parker said he waited for the object to reappear. "If I could see it break out of the clouds I thought I would be able to tell if it was a plane or not," he said.

However, when it emerged from the cloud cover, the lights were so intense that Parker couldn't see the outline of the object. He said the two white lights flashed in unison. The craft wasn't moving extraordinarily fast, said Parker. "Maybe the speed of a jet plane," he added.

Asked what he thought he had seen, Parker said "I can't say. Only that I don't know what it was." Parker concedes we may be visited and observed by other beings. "If we can send a satellite to Venus I can't be so naive to think someone couldn't do the same to us," he said.

HERALD, Mt. Shasta, CA - Feb. 1, 1979

UFO near Hornbrook?

Several persons in the Iron Gate area reported seeing an unidentified flying object January 17th. They said it had a group of multi-colored lights and was moving erratically at a high altitude. Another report came from a Dorris resident who claimed to have seen a UFO with red and white lights bouncing high above the Dorris Hill.

PRESS JOURNAL, Vero Beach, FL - Jan. 31, 1979

Two More Spot Flying Objects In This County

By Nick Powell

Since a Lakewood Park woman said she saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) along State Road 713 Jan. 13, two other area residents have stated that they saw something unusual in the sky.

Mary Deans told the Press-Journal that she saw a UFO flying about 1,000 feet in the air as she was driving to work in Vero Beach. The UFO was described as being mushroom-shaped and silver in color. It traveled in an east-to-west direction, she added.

Mrs. Vivian Slimak of 42nd Avenue in Vero Beach said Tuesday that while she was driving to work along 43rd Avenue near State Road 60 Jan. 15, she noticed a round, shiny object in the sky overhead.

Traveling north on 43rd Avenue around 8 a.m. Jan. 15, Mrs. Slimak stated she saw the UFO moving at a rather casual speed from the northwest to southeast.

"I thought it was a kite or another plane, but it did not have wings," she said. "It was as high as an airplane, but it definitely wasn't one. It looked sort of frightening."

Once she spotted the UFO, Mrs. Slimak said the object slipped behind a cloud for a few moments. It later reappeared, but went behind another cloud and was lost for good, according to the woman.

"I have a habit of looking at the sky if there are no other cars around. I practically had the car stopped on the road while watching this happen," Mrs. Slimak added.

In another incident, Frank Cox of Buena Vista Boulevard said that he noticed a mushroom-shaped object flying around the main canal along Kings Highway several weeks ago.

It was around 6:45 p.m. one evening when Cox noticed a blue-white glow in the sky about 1,000 feet high. The object had lights on the bottom, but no headlights like an airplane has. Cox added that the UFO traveled in a southeasterly direction.

"I was a Navy pilot once and I never saw anything like that," he commented. "It wasn't an optical illusion, but I don't know exactly what it was. It's the first thing like that I have ever seen."

When he arrived home, Cox contacted the Federal Aviation Administration bureau in Vero Beach to see if the agency knew of any strange occurrences in the air. A spokesman told Cox that his office hadn't received any reports of anything unusual in the area.

But the UFO was not the only object in the sky which Cox observed. He said that he could see several airplanes flying east of the spot where the UFO was sighted. "It was going at a terrific rate of speed," he noted.

Whether the UFOs sighted by these three residents are the same remains to be seen, but the characteristics appear to be identical — silvery-colored, round in shape and shiny. Two of the three eyewitnesses say the UFOs they saw appeared around 8 a.m.

Another detail which is identical with at least two of the UFO sightings is that the objects fly at an altitude of approximately 1,000 feet.

CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada, OR - Feb. 7, 1979

Reader saw UFO

To The Editor:

Hi. I read where several people just recently saw a flying saucer. I'll tell you something I've been reluctant to tell before. About a year ago I stood out in front of my house and watched a large flying saucer and seven little ones over Sandy for over an hour. I can see the reflection of Sandy's lights from my place in the evening when the weather is just right. I was so fascinated I watched them till at last the big one took off and the seven smaller ones then took off after the big one and in seconds they were gone, so I came back in. It was about nine in the evening and a mild quiet evening. Just right for viewing. I've never been a liar or a thief. I've told you the truth.

H. M. Mason
Eagle Creek, Oregon

HOVERING UFO PHOTOGRAPHED HERE

By Ray Horn

In recent weeks numerous Estacada and Eagle Creek residents have described their encounters with UFOs and now it appears that one resident has recorded a UFO on film.

A polaroid photo taken by Ira McBain of Estacada appears on today's front page. McBain took the photo from his yard in Eagle Creek about six months ago. Like most of the sightings reported in Eagle Creek, he saw a low flying craft late at night. McBain said he was returning home shortly after midnight when he saw a brightly illuminated object hovering over the high voltage power lines which cross Highway 224. White lights flickered on and off, he said. Turning into his driveway, he made a quick dash for his house, grabbed a camera that was lying near the door, and returned to take the photo. The craft ascended at high speed as he snapped the shutter.

Judging from the size of the image on the photo, which was taken with a normal length lens, the object may have been as close as 120 to 150 yards.

McBain's photo was acquired by The Clackamas County News indirectly. When Estacada pharmacist Ron Kiggins told the newspaper that Pat and Darlene Adamson of Eagle Creek have also seen a number of UFOs, Adamson was contacted and interviewed. He presented the photo and said McBain had taken it some time ago.

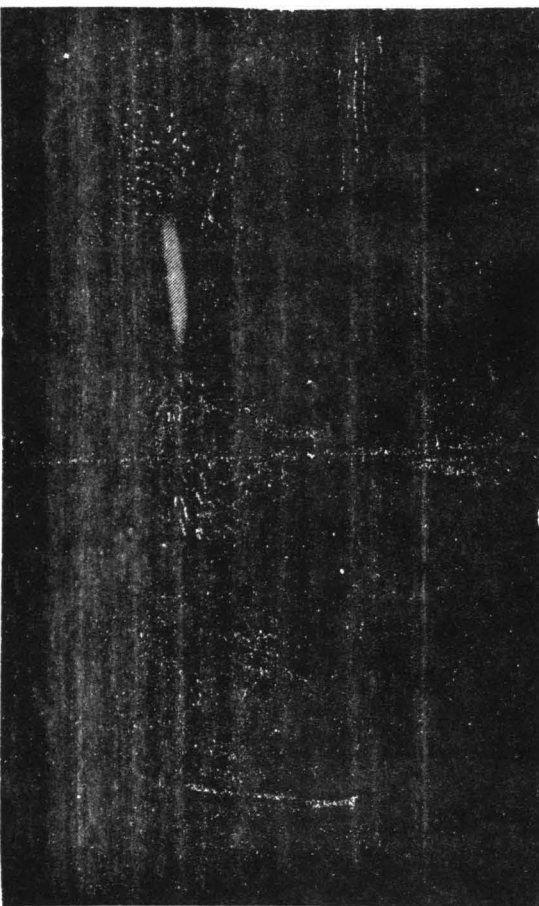
McBain has lived in Eagle Creek off and on for six years. He says he and Adamson both saw three UFOs flying in a low formation in 1972. On that occasion "the dogs and horses went crazy," he said. "I knew what they must be the first time I saw them," said McBain. "But it still raised up the back of my hair," he added.

If most of the UFOs seen in the Eagle Creek area have been spotted in an area extending roughly from the Barton Store to the intersection of Highways 224 and 211, McBain believes it may be because the craft are tapping into the high voltage power lines to recharge their batteries or whatever it takes to keep them in flight.

McBain's former neighbor, Pat Adamson, who still lives within a block of the power lines, Saturday said "We've seen some strange things around here." On several occasions Adamson says he's watched as two stationary craft have seemed to flash beams of white light back and forth. The craft would vary their positions and altitude as they continued to aim beams of light at each other.

"I know there's two machines up there," said Adamson. "I guess anything is possible in this universe," he added.

Editor's note: We're just beginning to realize something that is apparently a fact: The fact is that a sizable percentage of the population has, at one time or another, seen a UFO. Most of the people who've seen UFOs don't bother to talk about them or to contact the media, possibly because they fear ridicule. During the past three weeks, we noted that not a single person who saw a UFO contacted us. In each instance a friend or relative told us that so-and-so had seen one and that we might talk to the person. While we haven't read the great body of available UFO literature, we tend to believe there is indeed something out there. We don't honestly believe there is a world wide conspiracy of practical jokers working on this one. Maybe it's a hopeful sign. The Americans, Russians and all the rest of the nations may be centuries away from building a peaceful world. The intervention of a foreign power six million light years away may be what it'll take.



Ira McBain of Estacada says he took this photo of a brightly illuminated UFO as it quickly ascended above a high voltage transmission line. His color photo shows several colors of light ranging from white and yellow to orange. The photo above was taken about six months ago, he said.

UFOs spotted around area

Dozens of telephone callers and some sheriff's deputies in Green and LaFayette counties reported sighting strange configurations of moving and converging white lights in the sky Sunday night.

"There was definitely something flying around out there," reported a LaFayette County sheriff's dispatcher late Sunday, after receiving several telephone reports about the lights, beginning after 7:30 p.m.

The reports from residents and deputies described the sightings as "six or seven mostly white lights," which were alternately converging and "running around in circles," in LaFayette County, according to the dispatcher.

He would not speculate as to the origin of the strange lights, but said "I just wish they would have stopped to talk with the officers to tell them what they were."

In Green County, the sheriff's dispatcher also received "quite a few calls," describing the UFOs as "little lights in the sky," and as "little lights blipping on and off."

Green County authorities received confirmation that two "blips" were seen on area air traffic radar.

Air traffic at O'Hare Airport in Chicago was described as "extremely stacked up" Sunday night, and it was possible that the lights came from holding pattern traffic, controllers said.

At the Midwest UFO Education Center, in Appleton, Lenore Heiman, said the center had received "a number of calls" reporting the lights in Green County.

A Monroe man told Mrs. Heiman that a large, oval shaped bright orange object passed noiselessly over his home at about 7 p.m.

CR: R. Heiden

Close Encounter Claimed By 2 Workers Near Here

By MARTIN REGISTER

There is no doubt in the minds of Butch and Bill Thompson that they had a close encounter near here Sunday night.

The two say they and a friend watched a brilliantly lighted craft hover and skirt the treetops at the sewage treatment plant under construction west of here.

The Thompsons are living at the secluded site in the Withlacoochee River swamp while working on the construction.

They were the only persons at the vast clearing in the river's hardwood forest Sunday night.

Butch, in his 20s, says he had returned down the long, twisting clay road to the clearing at about 9 p.m. Sunday night.

When he came out of his mobile home at about 9:30, he spotted the craft moving slowly toward the south at the western edge of the clearing.

"It was just a big, bright light at first," he said. "After it got past us and we saw it from a different angle, we saw objects sticking out from

the sides."

Thompson said the extremities were lighted like the body of the craft. The lights were not colored, he said, only intense.

There was no noise except a sound like wind rushing through a tunnel, he said.

He said he woke up Bill, his father, who was sleeping in a van, and called his girlfriend outside to watch.

"There's no way it could have been an airplane," the elder Thompson said. "And it wasn't a helicopter, either."

Each of the three saw the craft from different angles, they said, and all later told one another the same story.

The elder Thompson was angry when he saw a Times reporter at the site Wednesday because he thought the reporter might be from the U.S. Air Force's Project Bluebook, an agency which investigates UFO sightings.

"I know what I saw," he said, "and nobody's going to tell me I didn't see it." He later talked freely, after deciding the incident should be reported.

The Thompsons say they watched the craft for 30 or 40 seconds before it disappeared over the treeline in the direction of a lake behind the construction site.

"It was a hell of a feeling," said Bill. "I've never seen anything like it before. That thing was so bright it just lit up everything."

The Thompson encounter is the latest in a recent string of what area residents say are UFO sightings.

A young Clinch County couple say they saw a mysterious fleet of lights appear in the eastern sky and move slowly southward before disappearing behind the trees on Georgia 168 less than a month ago.

An area woman says she and a large group of motorists stopped their automobiles along a highway in early January to watch a strange ship hover over a nearby forest before banking sharply and moving away at an incredible rate of speed.

The ship, which made a low humming sound, had six red lights, she said.

LIBERAL, Lordsburg, NM - Feb. 2, 1979 CR: R. Caudell Strange Lights Sighted In Sky Near Lordsburg

The shower and saw a silver object shaped like a cigar. He said the object was traveling at a tremendous rate of speed, heading straight up. He said it disappeared quickly.

"I was in complete awe," Tufts told the Liberal, "a funny feeling came over me as I watched that object make a 90 degree turn and disappear into the atmosphere."

Another Lordsburg resident who witnessed the object told the Liberal "it was a very beautiful sight...but not knowing for sure what it was I was glad when it was gone."

According to reports the light was visible for about a minute and a half.

Local sightings of a strange light in the northeastern desert last Thursday, Feb. 22 still have Lordsburg residents talking about unidentified flying objects. Bill Tufts, an insurance salesman from Las Cruces, told the Liberal he was making a client call Thursday about 6 p.m. on a ranch road off Interstate 10 when he first noticed the light.

He said a blue light seemed to arch across the sky. Suddenly, however, he said it broke into pieces and came showering down, somewhat resembling a meteor shower.

Tufts said he looked to the right of

UFOs

For Many Seeing Is Believing, But Not For The Air Force

By ROBERTAG. BOMAN
Of The Times and Democrat

For thousands of Americans, seeing a UFO is believing. The same holds true for many persons in the Orangeburg area.

But not so for the U.S. Air Force, who studied unidentified flying objects for more than two decades without being convinced of their existence.

The Times and Democrat mailed information concerning a reported UFO sighting at Norway, S.C., to the Secretary of the Air Force. The secretary's public information officer then forwarded to the T&D a fact sheet on 21 years of UFO study that makes clear the Air Force position.

A Norway farmer and three companions say that on the night of Dec. 6, 1978 a bright, 10-foot light accompanied by four smaller colored lights hovered over a hog pen at a Norway farm. The farmer reported that two 200-pound hogs died in a mysterious way as a result of the strange event.

The Air Force has not and apparently has no plans to investigate the incident, in keeping with a decision to no longer conduct UFO investigations. No official study of the Norway incident has reportedly been conducted by any other agency.

But speculation lingers about explanations of that reported December 6 incident.

The following relates the Air Force's public position on UFOs to date as stated in the fact sheet forwarded by Capt. Douglas J. Kennett.

Air Force investigation of UFOs began in 1948 and was known variously as Project Sign, Project Grudge, and finally Project Blue Book in 1953.

Between 1948 and 1969 the Air Force investigated 12,618 reported sightings. The public reported a significantly larger number of sightings in 1952, 1957 and 1966 than in other years.

The Air Force attributed the vast majority of UFOs to material objects such as balloons, satellites and aircraft; immaterial objects such

as lightning, reflections and other natural phenomena; astronomical objects such as stars, planets, the sun and moon; weather conditions; and hoaxes.

But of 12,917 sightings reported nationwide, 701 remain unexplained to date.

In 1969 the Secretary of the Air Force announced termination of Project Blue Book. This decision was based on evaluation of a UFO report by the University of Colorado and review of this report by the National Academy of Sciences. Past UFO studies and Air Force UFO investigations also played a part in canceling Project Blue Book.

As a result, Project Blue Book concluded that no UFO reported, investigated and evaluated had ever given indication of being a threat to national security. Blue Book noted that no UFO evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force showed technological developments beyond the range of present day science.

The Air Force decided there was no evidence that UFOs are visitors or vehicles from outer space.

With termination of Project Blue Book, Air Force efforts to investigate UFOs died. All Blue Book documentation now rests in the National Archives, available for public review.

In 1977 President Carter asked NASA to reconsider resuming UFO investigations. After studying all available facts, NASA decided that nothing would be gained by further study. The Air Force agreed.

But the fact sheet states that "If...firm evidence is found justifying further investigation, an appropriate agency will be directed to undertake the effort."

A number of universities and professional scientific organizations, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, have considered UFO phenomena during meetings and seminars. A list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations (Edition 8, Vol. 1, pp. 432-3).

Following the reported Dec. 6 sighting in Norway, a Shaw Air Force Base spokesman recommended that persons witnessing UFO sightings in the future report such incidents to local law authorities.

Man Says 'Aliens' Flew Him To Summerville

by DAN LARABEE

The source of past atmospheric booms here is no longer a mystery to at least one lowcountry resident.

In fact, Bill Herrmann says, he was personally taken for a ride last year in one of the objects he believes is responsible for the "airquakes."

A night flight which started near his home at the shore of the Ashley River just a short distance from the Coastal Carolina Fairgrounds, he said, ended upstream a few hours later in the vicinity of Bacon's Bridge just outside of Summerville.

Though he is convinced the saucers are responsible for the booms, the born-again Baptist now is concerned about the saucers. Herrmann agreed to a personal interview with The Journal-Scene last week af-

ter he first publicly disclosed his aerial kidnapping. Eileen Fink, host of WCSC radio's three-hour "180 Show" on January 21.

Accompanied by his wife, Pat, and wearing a conservative three-piece suit, the 26-year-old described his personal observations of a flying object which has occasionally spun over his north area neighborhood since 1977. A UFO skeptic up until that time, he suddenly realized that the repeated appearances of the orange and silver disc, with bell-shaped protrusions around the underside, exactly correlated with local news reports of air booms.

At first he was reluctant to notify officials of nearby Charleston Air Force Base but when he finally managed to get a few good photographs of the counter-clockwise spinning saucer, he contacted Air Force officials.

Almost a year ago the novice meteorologist got to see the inside of what was apparently the same ship... and to meet its strange occupants, he said.

It was about 9:25 p.m. on March 18, 1978 the well-groomed witness recalled, when alien beings in a swift-moving craft abducted him from a marshy spot beside a railroad trestle in the Wando Woods community.

He was attempting to get a closer look at the unusual airship with a pair of binoculars, he explained, when it suddenly swooped down from the apex of a triangular flight pattern and, noiselessly, paralyzed him into unconsciousness with a beam of aquamarine light.

After taking him aboard and "stunning" him aloft for several hours, Herrmann surmised, the next thing he knew he was standing physically unhurt, around midnight, in a plowed field near the intersection of Dorchester Road and Bacon's Bridge Road.

The father of a three-year-old daughter trembled slightly in telling of how he was afraid to look up from a glowing circle which surrounded him in the field that night. He admitted that he started crying and soon noticed that the clearing was surrounded on all four sides by trees. Lights from speeding cars were later seen a short distance away and, after running around in dis-orientation for a few moments he hysterically ran towards the road.

He remembers, he said, a man and woman in a BMW automobile heading towards Summerville from the Highway 61 area. They stopped and rolled down a car window but refused to pick him up; a policeman later retrieved him from the area and telephoned his family. His wife and his father arrived in the wee hours of the morning to drive him home.

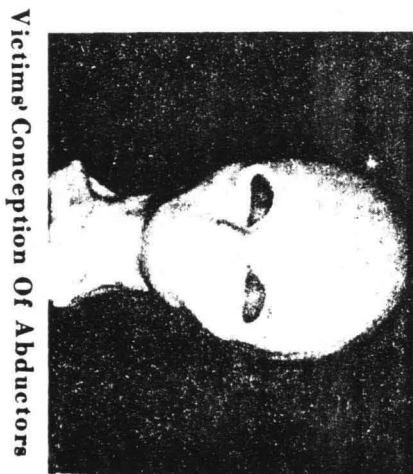
Later contacted by an engineering professor and member of the staff at the University of California at Berkeley along with a retired Air Force Colonel connected with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona, Herrmann was convinced to undergo hypnosis.

As a result he was able to depict the layout of the "space vehicle's" interior, much of the equipment that was installed—including an examination table and a blinking "X-ray" type of device—as well as his captors.

The crew consisted of several 4-1/2-foot tall marshmallow-skinned creatures with "leus-like" faces, Herrmann said after hypnosis, and the gentle aliens were also hairless and without pupils in their eyes.

Herrmann says he has never taken drugs, smoked or drank. Of his sightings and his ride in the UFO, he says:

"I believe it's a sign of the times. I believe this will increase until Christ returns. I will continue to guard against cults like 'Ufologists' and if I thought this was Satanic in nature I would ignore it."



Victims' Conception Of Abductors

UFO people like us

To The Editor:

Yes we believe in UFOs and life in outer space. We believe they are just like us.

Years ago, when our college son was in grade school, he saw a vehicle and the man who flew it.

Thank you! Keep up the good work — it's very interesting.

Mrs. Allen W. Burt
28820 S.E. Highway 212
Boring, Oregon

Sebastian Residents Spot UFO

It was a crisp, clear night, one of those startlingly cold evenings that have descended upon the Indian River County area in recent weeks. James and Eva Oliver, heading south on U. S. Highway 1 at approximately 10:40 p.m., marveled at the brilliant clarity of the stars that twinkled overhead.

Suddenly, from out of the western sky, an oval-shaped white light of blinding

intensity appeared and bore down on the highway and the Oliver car with breathtaking speed.

Stunned by both the suddenness and brilliance of the airborne apparition, the Olivers and their passenger, Russell Cain, could only stare, spellbound, as the orb of white hurtled toward them.

As the blazing sphere, its visible

dimensions seemingly the size of an average sedan automobile, approached the western edge of U. S. 1, the light blinked . . . and completely disappeared. Approximately 45 seconds later it reappeared, as luminous as before, and continued its easterly course at incredible speeds until it vanished from sight over the Indian River.

The entire Jan. 24 experience probably lasted for little more than a minute, the Olivers later recalled. They continued on to Vero Beach that night, delivering Cain to his job at the Courtesy House Truck Plaza, then returned to their Sebastian home to contemplate and discuss among themselves the phenomenon they had witnessed in the night sky over Winter Beach.

The Olivers and Cain deliberated for several days, mentioning the incident to no one, before finally deciding to discuss the strange occurrence with the Press-Journal Monday.

"I don't believe in superstitions or visions," Oliver declared Monday. "I don't know what it was we saw, but it wasn't any vision."

The Olivers, retirees who have lived in Sebastian for the past 12 years, claim that they were not alarmed when the strange white light first appeared in the west nor are they unduly concerned about it now.

"I catch myself thinking about it every once in a while," Mrs. Oliver admitted. "I wasn't scared at the time, but I guess if I were ever to see it close up . . . I guess I'd get kind of shaky!"

As avid fishermen, the Olivers have had plenty of time to observe the nighttime traffic patterns of aircraft in the Winter Beach area. It wasn't the Goodyear Blimp that occasionally cruises from north to south, lights aglow, over the area, Oliver stated positively. It wasn't an airplane, either.

"We thought at first that it might be an airplane," Oliver admitted. "Then we realized that it was moving too fast and that the light was solid, not blinking like airplane lights. Then when it disappeared so completely . . ."

Oliver's description of that momentary disappearance as the sky light approached U. S. 1 is vivid and weighed

most heavily in the Olivers' decision to label what they saw a UFO.

Having covered a four or five-mile distance at a mind-boggling rate, the brilliant, car-sized sphere approached the highway and " . . . instantly and suddenly, in the tick of a watch, it vanished completely," Oliver recalled.

"I wasn't scared," he added. "My curiosity was as high as that light." It was the cruising height of the light as well as its inexplicable vanishing act that ruled out the possibility of an airplane. The light — whatever it was — maintained a steady, minimum altitude of approximately 1,000 feet.

The Olivers are not claiming to have seen "little green men" nor are they believers in reports of visitors from "other worlds." They are, however, deeply religious people who believe in God and His infinite wisdom and would not be surprised to learn that His powers of creation extended beyond what we are familiar with here on Earth.

A call to the local office of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) revealed that there was no record of any unusual or unscheduled aircraft being in the area on Jan. 24. Had the bureau received reports of any other sightings that night? "No," the FAA spokesman replied emphatically. "We try to discourage that sort of thing."

Capt. Doyle Stroud at the Indian River County Sheriff's Department also filed a negative report on UFO sightings the night of Jan. 24. "I haven't heard of anything," Stroud told the Press-Journal, "but if I see any little green men, I'll have them call you."

The Olivers' decision to report their experience was a long time in coming and they are expecting to get some ribbing once the story is out.

"We debated about it among ourselves and decided at first not to say anything to anybody," Oliver remarked. "Some people have sure made fools of themselves over things like this, and we sure didn't need that."

"All I know is that three adult people couldn't imagine the same thing at the same time," he continued. "I know that there was something up there . . . I just don't know what it was."



James and Eva Oliver . . . spotted UFO

CLACKAMAS CO. NEWS, Estacada, OR - Feb. 14, 1979

Eagle Creek man fires shotgun blast at UFO

MORE ON UFOs. Two weeks ago a reader phoned our office and asked us if we would urge our readers not to shoot at UFOs in Eagle Creek. Sidney Mort suggested in this column that firing at a UFO could turn out to be a serious business as any beings capable of sending UFOs to this planet could be ages ahead of us in science and technology. "Don't do it," said Mort.

We have since learned that an Eagle Creek resident took a pop shot at a low hovering UFO last summer. The result was most interesting. As the man leveled his shotgun and squeezed off a shot the glowing orange ball above his lawn disappeared. The person who fired on the UFO refused to be named in print, but we will say he is a professional man trained to think in scientific and practical terms. He is respected by the Eagle Creek community and is generally thought to be an astute observer of his surroundings.

Asked why he shot at the UFO, Mr. X said "I am kind of like my dog. I am territorial." A guest of Mr. X and his wife saw the same object one evening and became alarmed. The next evening Mr. X suggested that his guest sleep with his wife in the bedroom while he slept on the living room floor. The hovering object made its appearance again.

He doesn't know what he shot at, but Mr. X suggested that if he had bagged the orange light on the lawn that night it might have become the area's most intriguing hunting trophy. "They wouldn't have anything at the Safari Club to top that one," he said.

The UFO sightings in the Estacada-Eagle Creek area continue. Like many, Pam Ledford of Estacada said she didn't want to talk about the things she's seen, but changed her mind after reading some of the recent UFO accounts in this newspaper. Mrs. Ledford, who says she's seen the same UFO on six different occasions, said "I used to just tell my husband but when I started reading about them in the newspaper I decided to step forward." Mrs. Ledford lives in the Dodge district and drives to choir practice at the Barton Community Church every Wednesday night. While driving home late at night, she has observed two yellowish spotlights. Like many of the other sightings in Eagle Creek, she has seen the lights between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Sometimes she's been able to make out the darker outline of the object behind the lights.

DAILY HERALD, Biloxi-Gulfport, MS - Mar. 7, 1979

Lyman resident reports UFO

A Lyman resident called *The Daily Herald Wednesday* to describe an object resembling "a full moon with the top cut off" that she said was flying through the western sky near 2 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. O.M. Patton who lives approximately a block off U.S. 49 in Lyman said the object moved "too fast for the moon and too slow for a plane."

She said she normally stays up late and was sewing when she saw through the window an object that was a "peculiar deep yellow, nearly red." She said she looked at the clock and it was approximately 1:35 a.m. when she first spotted it.

It was about 1:49 a.m. when the object finally disappeared from sight beyond trees, Mrs. Patton said.

"It looked like it might have had some kind of wire sticking out of it with lights on it," she said. The shape of the object which appeared to be very high in the sky was "round till it got to the top, then it was flat," she said.

CR: D. Titler

UFO's Collect More Converts

By Mike Wolny

Marvin Wolfe was not a believer in UFO's before it happened. "I thought they were a figment of people's imagination."

Wolfe said he didn't even see "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," except at the previews before his favorite Burt Reynolds movie.

But he is sure of what he saw hovering along Vero Beach, just before dawn 1 1/2 years ago.

Wolfe said he and his wife saw a UFO above Vero Beach as they waited to watch the rising sun.

Wolfe, a retired millwright from Illinois, said the object in the sky approached from the north, traveling approximately 30 miles per hour 1,000 feet above the beach.

"It was a UFO," said Wolfe. "It was so close that if I had had a baseball, I could have hit the thing."

Wolfe said the UFO resembled two silver platters facing each other. He said the object made no noise, as he and his wife sat flabbergasted in their car watching the saucer suddenly whisk away into the horizon, smoke billowing from its exhausts.

Wolfe said he was prompted to reveal his story because of recent accounts of UFO's in the area.

"I told the police right away, but they thought I was crazy," said Wolfe.

"But that's okay. My wife and I know what we saw that morning, and we know we are not alone."

"Next time," he vows, "I will have a camera."

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What? A UFO? Over Lalor Street?

By W.L. HAACKER Staff Writer

Did someone say UFO? A Hamilton Township woman did. She told township police Thursday night that she saw an Unidentified Flying Object.

The woman, a 27-year-old housewife who asked not to be identified for fear of ridicule, told The Trentonian that she and her friend were returning from playing racquetball when they saw a craft "about 1,500 feet up" over the Stokely Van Camp factory on Lalor Street about 10 p.m. Thursday night.

"I wasn't drunk or anything," she said. She described the craft as being the size of a "football field,

rectangular in shape with six bright lights and several other lights outlining the craft."

She said the craft ran a parallel course with them up Lalor Street. She said she and her friend pulled the car over on the side and watched it, when it abruptly stopped and reversed its direction without turning.

She said it made no noise. "It kept getting bigger and bigger and I said to my girlfriend 'look at that airplane, it's going to crash,' but it didn't," she said. "It just sat there."

"It was too huge and too low to be an airplane," she said, "and the lights were too bright to see any definite shape.

"The lights were in a cross-like pattern and they had no color," she said. "They weren't blinking or anything, just bright."

She called the Hamilton police, who investigated by calling Trenton-Robbinsville and Mercer Airports.

Both airports reported "no air traffic at that time because of high winds," police said.

The Hamilton police said that the 27-year-old housewife sounded "rational and reasonable" so they investigated the matter.

Trenton police reported no calls about UFO sightings that evening, and Hamilton reported no other calls.



Frightening sight

A book by Peter Wood, describing the possible link between UFO's and cattle mutilations, has just been published by

Columbine Printing Co. in Taos. Wood describes a July, 1978 flying saucer sighting.

Wood writes UFO book

Last July a Ranchitos woman saw a bright orange light she described as a flying saucer. Local artist Peter Wood has just written and illustrated a booklet describing that sighting, and drawing a possible link between it and nearby cattle mutilations.

In the *Taos Saucer Story* he retells newspaper and radio accounts, mentioning the inspecting police officer's description of the craft as a sophisticated aircraft unavailable to humans, and describing the potassium-rich dust that was found at the site.

Wood said similar potassium rich dust was found at a cattle mutilation site near Dulce, and drew a

possible link between the two.

He tells other animal-related UFO stories, summarizing existing evidence for the extra-terrestrial craft.

Wood calls this a chronicle of the Ranchitos event, his first attempt at being a cub reporter. He retells the "reality shattering event" by putting it in a story line.

He plans another booklet in the future, this one containing actual interviews with people who say they have seen UFOs, or whose cattle have been mutilated.

Wood has been painting and working on arts and crafts in Taos seven years.

UFO Summary Report for 1978

Out comes the yellow pad again to summarize this past year of 1978 as to UFO activity sighted from our hilltop. A detailed record of each sighting of consequence is kept immediately after the sighting while all details of it are fresh in mind; time, direction, horizon level, apparent speed, description of object, weather conditions, etc.

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Wanaque: Keep Watching the Skies . . .

by Garry Herzog

Last week we reported on a scientific inquiry into UFO sightings at the Wanaque Reservoir conducted by Vestigia Inc., an independent research group.

Vestigia founder Robert Jones believes that the sightings are the result of underground electric fields created by the nearby Ramapo fault; the fields are pushed to the surface where, the theory presumes, they ionize air particles and create spheres of electric light.

Also last week we relayed the eerie experiences of Fairfield resident Ron Woods and former Wanaque officers Chuck Theodora and Jack Wardlaw, all of whom have had "close encounters" at the reservoir area. Perhaps the most spectacular sighting occurred in early January of 1966, when hundreds of residents, police and town officials observed a UFO during a tree-burning ceremony at the reservoir. Chuck Theodora remembers the UFO hovering over the dam and the ice-covered reservoir before zooming off into the skies; whatever it was, the hovering light left a hole in the ice measuring forty feet in diameter.

The Pentagon sent representatives to the site who proclaimed the object "an experimental helicopter" from a distant Air Force base. The base denied the report, and none of the eyewitnesses remembers hearing noise of any kind during the observation. No one was impressed with this explanation.

The sighting with Woods and Theodora was also not the first for Jack Wardlaw, a retired

police officer and former councilman of Wanaque.

"In January of '63 I had the midnight patrol," Wardlaw recalls. "A call came in from the Stonetown area. A flight engineer for United Airlines had observed a strange object in the sky, something so bright he could hardly continue driving. He beat it home and phoned in the sighting."

"Remember," cautions Wardlaw, "this is not a guy who's likely to get very excited about seeing some lights in the sky."

"I drove around the area where he'd made the sighting and on a hunch headed for Cooper's Swamp, a huge cove on the reservoir."

"It was there, all right," Wardlaw says, "hovering over the inlet, a light like an arc weld that simply lit up the whole surrounding area. It was so bright you could hardly stand to look at it. Still, I observed the object with my binoculars until it shot into the sky and out of sight."

"It's been suggested to me that what I saw was swamp gas," Wardlaw sneers. "There was a 10-20 mph wind that night, and the object at Cooper's Swamp hovered in the air, dead motionless. If anyone can explain to me how swamp gas can do that, I'll be happy to listen."

A veteran of the Navy, Wardlaw has undergone tests to prove his veracity and has sighted "strange lights" on other occasions during his years as a Wanaque patrolman, often with other officers.

"The reservoir is a very advantageous viewing spot, especially on cold, crisp January nights," Wardlaw notes. "Back in the '60s there were far fewer lights from traffic and

other sources to interfere with optimum visibility."

"I've sighted objects so far away they were just a pinpoint of light, to lights so close they were the size of an orange held at arm's length. When I was on the midnight shift there were times when I could hear the sightings coming in over the radio, starting in Caldwell or Lincoln Park or Pompton Lakes, working their way up to Wanaque. Finally I'd get a call about a Wanaque sighting — often directly from another officer on patrol — and I'd head over to the reservoir and wait. And sure enough, the object would appear."

"The objects I've seen have ranged in color from deep orange to a blinding, brilliant white," Wardlaw states. "The most incredible thing about them is the way they can move — zooming up to a dead stop and then soaring off again, without any acceleration whatever. And always noiseless, not a sound."

"Neither swamp gas nor secret helicopters nor any aircraft made by man can accomplish all that, so far as I know," Wardlaw asserts. "And I very much doubt that Vestigia's 'electric fields' will explain that type of behavior, either."

In any event the Vestigia volunteers will be interviewing eyewitnesses and setting up their equipment at the reservoir in an effort to shed more light on the inexplicable Wanaque UFOs. We'll follow their progress with interest and report any conclusions they may reach in the coming months. Until then . . . keep watching the skies.

Paperboy experiences close encounter of strange kind in Tucson

By ELIZABETH MAGGIO
The Arizona Daily Star

It was between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. last Saturday when the glowing object fell from the sky and landed about a block from where Warren Weisman was delivering The Arizona Daily Star on the city's northside.

Like any curious 10-year-old, Warren went to investigate, but what followed reads more like a made-for-TV mystery badly in need of an ending.

An astronomer said that what Warren saw probably wasn't a meteor. The Air Force denies any knowledge of it.

And a specialist in unidentified flying objects said that the sudden appearance of a strange man made Warren's experience

sound like a particular type of UFO case widely reported in the 1960s.

This is Warren's story:

"I was on Winslow Boulevard delivering papers when I saw this falling star come from the sky. It was traveling at great speed and landed about a block away. It smashed the back of a white Volkswagen, throwing off its right rear wheel, rolled off the car and knocked over a mailbox on a post."

The fifth-grade student at Davidson Elementary described the object as slightly larger than a microwave oven, black, partly shiny with lots of lava-like holes.

"It was still smoking when I went over to it," he said.

That's when the brown car drove up to Warren as he examined the object near the curb. "A skinny man in a brown suit and white shirt got out of the car. He was an FBI-type," said Warren.

"He told me 'Why don't you go ahead and deliver the rest of your papers?'"

Then what Warren thinks was a Pima County sheriff's car pulled up beside the brown car. "I was afraid that the man in the brown suit was going to pull a gun," said Warren.

He threw his last paper and headed home to tell his mother.

About 20 minutes later, he returned to the site with his mother.

"But all we found was the tire and bro-

ken mailbox," said Warren. The smashed car and the smoking object had vanished.

The youngster said he had put a small chip from the object into his pocket while he was examining it.

But when he got home, it was gone, too.

"I don't know what happened to it, but I don't have any holes in my pocket," he said.

Warren wasn't the only one to see something bright fall from the sky that morning.

Three counselors who patrol the area while children deliver newspapers saw it fall but didn't see where it hit.

Margaret Pierce, who lives in the house

where the mailbox was knocked down, said that she and her family just assumed someone had hit it with a car.

Pierce said that she didn't hear anything that morning, but around the time Warren is usually at their house, "our dogs (who stay in the house) just started barking and we couldn't calm them down. They were really upset and that's not like them."

Did Warren encounter a meteor? Highly unlikely, said University of Arizona meteor expert Elizabeth Roemer.

So what could this object have been? Why was the man in the brown suit eager to get Warren out of the way? And why did

the smoldering object and damaged car disappear without a trace?

Coral Lorenzen, an officer of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, said it sounds like a particular kind of UFO case widely reported in the 1960s. Her group is a Tucson-based agency that investigates reports of unidentified flying objects.

In the 1960s cases, someone would come upon a mysterious object and would soon encounter a strange man.

Without explanation, the man would warn the person to keep quiet about what he saw and would often imply bodily harm, Lorenzen said.

She declined to speculate on what Warren had experienced, commenting only that "this is strange."

Compton Puzzled By 'Darting' UFO

By MARY BETH MURRILL
Herald Examiner Staff Writer

Several Compton residents — including a Compton police officer — sighted an unidentified flying object darting above the streets of that city at about 9 p.m. Friday night.

"I saw something, but I couldn't discern its shape," said Compton police Sgt. B. Neilson, who spotted the UFO while driving his patrol car east on Alondra Boulevard.

"It had numerous bright lights and was making quick, sharp movements," he said. "It was going very fast."

He said the lights were not flashing, but were "steady, very bright — as bright as a strobe on an aircraft," and that the UFO was flying about 700 to 800 feet off the ground.

"I don't know what I saw," he said, "but it couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane, because it was changing direction too fast."

Sgt. Neilson said he followed the UFO several blocks before it disappeared from view.

Rudolf Gaines, a data processor for the County of Los Angeles and Compton resident, also spotted the UFO at about 8:40 p.m. the same night. He described the object as "bigger than a jet, but smaller than a 747."

"It looked like one of those things you see on TV," he said. "It came down, hovered about five seconds, and took off at about a 65

degree angle. I didn't believe it but it was definitely there."

Vandenberg Air Force Base spokeswoman Sgt. Lisa Ehrler said that an Atlas missile was launched from the Lompoc base at 12:19 a.m. on Saturday morning — but that nothing was launched Friday night.

The Atlas launching was apparently responsible for dozens of "UFO sightings" reported to authorities from Santa Monica to Redondo Beach at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

But there is as yet no explanation for the Compton sightings Friday night — four hours before the Vandenberg launching.

Long Beach State University English professor A.H. Lawson, who runs the UFO Reporting Center of Orange County, said that UFO sightings in urban areas like Compton "are unusual."

Lawson said he has received dozens of UFO reports in the Los Angeles area in the past 10 days, but that most were probably low flying advertising airplanes with lighted, computerized signs beneath their wings.

He had no explanation for the Compton sighting, however.

"It's unusual to see anything in an urban area — especially before midnight," Lawson said, pointing out that most recorded UFO sightings occur in the early morning hours.

He said in the Compton case, "You tend to wonder."

UFOs busy buzzing Charlotte area

By BOB GLENDY
and JANICE SMITH
News Staff Writers

"When I first saw it, I thought it was a jetliner crashing," said Steve Morton, but what he saw turned out to be an unidentified flying object — one of several spotted in the Charlotte area within the last week.

"We were traveling north on the Corinth Church Road when we suddenly saw these lights hovering over the road," said Morton, director of the Union County Building Inspection Department.

"There were bright lights on the left side and on the right side of an oval silhouette about 200 feet off the ground with a red light on the top."

After reporting his sighting, Morton said he received a call late Friday night from Wayne Laporte of Matthews, an amateur UFO investigator, who said there had been other "reliable" UFO reports in the area within the last week.

Laporte said sightings had been reported near the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in Sanford and in Mint Hill.

He said a 17-year-old boy, his 15-year-old sister and their 24-year-old aunt reported a sighting last Monday night near UNCC as they were traveling along Highway 29.

The boy described the silent object as a hexagonal disk with a dome on it, Laporte said.

The sighting took place shortly after 11:30 p.m. after the three had made a turn at Harris Boulevard and had started back down Highway 29 toward Charlotte, Laporte said.

Three other people in the area reported seeing lights in the area about midnight that same night, but Laporte, an industrial engineer by trade, said he believes what they saw was a jet.

The mother of the two teenagers, who did not want the family to be identified, said she believes they saw something unusual.

She described her children as "pretty cool-headed" and said they couldn't have been hallucinating because they're not into "the drug scene."

"I believe they saw what they say they saw," she said. They said it wasn't a plane. "My children have been around planes. They have flown."

She said she asked her son to sketch what he saw and later that night, she went back to the area of the sighting with him, but they didn't see anything.

Power was out in the North Tryon Street area that Monday night and Laporte and the mother

said one of the reasons the three said they could see the object so well was because it had lights while everything else was dark.

Laporte said he hasn't been able to investigate the Mint Hill sighting Saturday night, but he said a teen-ager told his wife the object had red, green and blue lights and was dropping sparks.

No details are available on the Sanford sighting.

In his three years of investigation, Laporte said he usually gets about one good case every three months. But now, he said, he has several good cases, all reported within a few weeks.

He said his research has shown that UFOs reported in this area usually have an affinity for power lines, generators, electrical substations or other high-intensity areas.

Laporte asks that anyone who has seen a UFO call him at 882-1732 after 6 p.m.

The teen-agers and their aunt said the object seemed to be following them, but when the route was compared to a map, it seemed as if the object were following the power lines.

Morton's sighting in Monroe came on a return trip from a youth league basketball game. With him as he headed for the White Oaks

subdivision south of Monroe were his wife, Debbie, a neighbor, Jeff Fox, and several children.

Fox, a sophomore at Parkwood High School, said the UFO had four or five white lights on the left side and a red blinking light on top.

"We tried to get closer to the thing, but as we moved closer, it moved away, and when we stopped and rolled down the windows to see what we could hear, there wasn't any sound," Fox said.

Morton said the object appeared to be about 60 feet long, but he couldn't get within a quarter mile of it.

The only difference between Fox's and Morton's descriptions was the thickness of the object.

Morton said the object appeared thick, although not as thick as it was long, while Fox said he thought the object was flat like a dish.

"It was dark, although it wasn't cloudy," Morton said. "It really didn't dawn on me then, but the moon was up."

"We tried to get closer to the object, but it moved off and then just took off at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction."

Both Fox and Morton thought at first they might be looking at several helicopters, but the lack of sound eliminated that possibility.

ECHOES SENTINEL, Stirling, NJ - Feb. 15, 1979

UFO Reported In Warren

WARREN — Reports of an unidentified flying object landing on Stirling Road and a series of loud and as yet unexplained "booms" have police here working on a mystery which reads like the latest in space-age fiction.

The reports on strange sounds and sights started last Thursday when 25 residents called to report a possible explosion which left their houses shaking.

They ended Sunday when, shortly before midnight, a patrolman on duty reported seeing a bright turquoise object the size of a basketball falling slowly from the sky and appearing to land near the Chanticleer Restaurant on Stirling Road.

The report of the UFO was confirmed by a resident but neither police or the resident found anything near the restaurant when they went to check things out.

Although police were referring to the object as a falling star, it gave rise to speculation among some residents that there's more to the story.

Police said they have no idea whether the strange series of reports of explosions, sonic booms and the like have anything to do with the UFO reported by the patrolman.

Residents from Maryland to New York reported hearing what sounded like explosions last week. Authorities originally suggested it might have been a Concorde breaking the sound

barrier when it landed at Washington, D.C.

However, French and English air officials said they had no Concordes landing in Washington at the time the first "sonic booms" were reported and no official explanation has yet been offered.

There have also been reports the cold air is causing the loud noises.

One report explained the noises are caused by sonic booms from supersonic transport planes, since sound travels due to the extremely low temperatures. There is no explanation of the objects sighted Sunday night.

Several persons report seeing plane go down; search turns up nothing

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Several persons living in the Jonesville community near Fouke reported seeing an airplane go down about 20 miles south of Texarkana between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Halbert Jones of Jonesville said he saw a plane go down behind some cypress trees.

"It was a loud plane. It made a big explosion, and a big ball of smoke came up," he said.

Authorities searched the swampy terrain Saturday and Sunday, then called off a ground search.

Authorities said there were no reports of missing planes in the area.

The search was centered over an area called Carter Lake, near Mercer Bayou.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - Mar. 5, 1979

JOURNAL-WORLD, Lawrence, KS - Mar. 7, 1979 CR: G. Eberhart via S. Hicks

A look at the stars — and a mysterious formation

A walk with their dog on a mild and pleasant Tuesday night changed the minds of John and Shirley Pozdro of Lawrence about the possible existence of unidentified flying objects.

And the UFO Reporting Center in Washington supports the Pozdros' belief that what they saw briefly Tuesday night "might not be of this planet."

POZDRO, a well-known Kansas University composer and professor of music theory, and his wife were walking in the area of their home at 713 La. about 8:10 p.m. Tuesday.

"It was a nice night to get out, I'd been working and wanted to clear my head, and suddenly we both spotted about eight star-like objects traveling in a wide V-formation from east to west, high in the sky, at a tremendous rate of speed," Pozdro said today.

"It lasted for about four or five seconds, then they dropped behind some trees in the west and we didn't see them again," he added. "We called the police station, they said they hadn't heard anything, but gave us a number in Washington to call. Shirley made the call while I waited outside to see if there was anything else."

The number from the police put the Pozdros in touch with the UFO Reporting Service in Washington, a non-government agency staffed around the clock by persons interested in space objects — about half with scientific backgrounds and about half "just concerned citizens."

"Whoever I talked to Tuesday night said that what we had seen was not unusual, a fairly common thing reported from many places and that there are two main theories — that the formation either is from outer space or else involves some time travelers," Mrs. Pozdro said. "I

know that sounds wild and fantastic, but that is what they said."

THE JOURNAL-WORLD contacted the UFO center this morning and Robert Gribble, who was on duty at the privately funded agency, confirmed what the Tuesday night source had told Mrs. Pozdro.

"We have no total explanation for this kind of thing, which has become fairly common around the world," Gribble said. "We have to put them either in the category of vehicles from outer space or something like time travelers, and that is about all we can guess, or at least all we know. Again, there is no total explanation, and we've been working hard to find one."

Pozdro chuckled as he recounted the experience this morning. "Not long ago, I was on a plane coming back from Chicago and a fellow passenger asked me if I put any stake in talk about space travel and UFOs. I told him I was skeptical, that I

hadn't seen anything to justify such a belief — but after Tuesday night, I think I'm a believer. At least until I have a real logical, sound explanation, I've changed my thinking."

"These things were simply traveling much too fast and covered far too much area at too great a height just to be some jets. I've seen jets, and they don't move that fast at that height. They were in a perfect 'V' and their lighting was strong and uniform. If anyone else saw them, I'd sure be glad to know."

MRS. POZDRO added, "When I called the number Tuesday night, I told them I thought we were stable people and not some UFO nuts. The man I talked to replied calmly, telling me what we'd seen was not unusual and that he didn't consider us out of line. It would be different if John and I both hadn't seen the same things. But as of today, we've both changed our thinking about the UFO thing."



SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Jan. 8, 1979 CR: G. Duplantier

thing investigators saw when they arrived, he said.
Balfour doesn't buy that explanation. "We saw the snowblower, too. It started operating about 3:30 a.m. There's no way I'm going to confuse a snowblower with a bright orange light up in the air."
Balfour said that before yesterday morning, UFO sightings were "just a bunch of stories to me."
"If anybody told me he'd seen one, I would have asked him if he'd seen the Loch Ness monster flying by, too."
"Now I'm not sure...I know I saw something out there...it surprised the hell out of me."

smaller cylinders ringing it.
Meanwhile, he was on the phone to adjacent Downsview Canadian Forces Base to report the objects.
Metro police squad cars and military police from the base drove up, but by then the object had drifted higher and moved off to the east, Balfour said.
It finally faded completely from sight at about 4 a.m., he said.
A military spokesman yesterday claimed the Balfour's UFO "turned out to be one of the world's most astounding snowblowers."
The snowblower, being used to prepare a ski hill in the park, was the only

Earl Bales Park, at the corner of Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street opposite their building.
The light alternately glowed and dimmed as the Balfours watched. Then it changed to a bright orange and began to climb slowly, Jim said yesterday afternoon.
"It looked like an ice-cream cone on its side. At about 2,000 feet, two other smaller ones came out of its side," he said.
"Then another big one came up and lined up with it."
The second UFO slid out of sight and Balfour saw the first object now had six

By PETER YOUNG
Staff Writer
Relax, Toronto!
UFOs still love us.
For the past two months, they've been popping up in Australia, Israel, South Africa and New Zealand — but ignoring Metro.
Now they're back, bigger and brighter than ever.
Just ask Kathleen Balfour, 19, and her husband Jim, 20.
They got up to investigate a strange light shining in their fourth-floor apartment window yesterday at 2:15 a.m.
What they saw was a blinding white light hovering at 500 feet over the trees of

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French UFO report says someone's watching us



IN OUTER SPACE
TERENCE DICKINSON

A secret French government study of eleven UFO close encounters in that country has concluded that the objects observed were material phenomenon that could not be explained as natural events or human devices. This is the first known instance where government sponsored research has reached such a conclusion.

The conclusion was leaked in a summary of the 500-page report, which says that the investigations of the UFO cases reveal the existence of aerial de-

vices "whose modes of sustenance and propulsion are beyond our knowledge."

The level of the research in the French study was described by one scientist who has seen the complete report as "extremely high quality," making the bulk of the major U.S. Air Force study of the late '60's (known as the Condon Report) seem "very poor" by comparison. "In many cases the investigations were textbook models of how such research should be carried out," he said.

The 11 cases spanning

the period between 1966 and 1978 were selected because of the high credibility of the witnesses and the fact that the UFOs were seen from less than 250 metres. Two of the cases included descriptions of humanoid creatures. In 10 of the 11 cases the scientists concluded that the

witnesses had seen a material phenomenon that could not be explained.

The scientific study group was created by the French government in 1977 and is alerted to new UFO cases by teletype by the national police force. The actual investigations of the 11 cases included in the special report were made by scientists of varying disciplines, including a psychologist who separately carried out psychological examinations relevant to the evaluation of the testimony of the witnesses.

Since UFO reports are largely based on the witnesses' testimony, psychological evaluation is a vital, but often missing element in so-called "thorough" scientific investigations carried out in Canada and the U.S. At the present time France is the only country known to have a government sponsored UFO research unit.

The group's scientific board, which has approved the project's conclusions, is composed of the members of such prestigious organizations and institutions as the National Meteorology Administration, Lyon Astronomical Observatory, Paris University's Social Psychology Centre, Astrophysical Laboratories and Geodynamic Research Centre, the Polytechnic School's Theoretical Physics Laboratory, and Clermont-Ferrand University's Physical Meteorological Laboratory.

WEST CUMBERLAND TIMES, Cockermouth, England
Jan. 20, 1979

Mystery of 'killer' UFOs

By John McCormick

UFO experts are investigating claims that the mystery deaths of animals at a zoo were caused by flying saucers.

They believe that the killings, in which one bird was decapitated, may be linked with recent sightings of unidentified flying objects around Newquay, Cornwall.

Detectives are also probing the deaths at the town's zoo.

Officials of Contact U.K.—the British section of a worldwide UFO investigation agency—say the dead animals showed positive radiation readings.

Three ducks, a goose, a swan and two baby wallabies have died mysteriously.

Mr Derek Mansell, research officer of the UFO team, said the findings of radiation were a major breakthrough in UFO investigations in Britain.

"We have never before had radiation readings in this country where animals have died following UFO sightings."

Diet

"A full report will go to the Ministry of Defence."

At the moment the team are keeping an open mind about the possibility of the radiation being caused by sources other than visitors from outer space.

Mr Mansell said: "We will be checking on the diet of the dead birds and animals."

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England
Jan. 3, 1979

U.F.O. over Lillyhall

Is the Lillyhall area of Workington a target for Unknown Flying Objects?

A man on his way to work at C.N. Print Ltd., on the Lillyhall estate at Workington, was amazed on Wednesday morning to see a strange object in the sky.

"It was about 8.30 a.m. I was near the bridge at Mossbay when I saw it. It seemed to be over Lillyhall. Miss Angela Dickinson, a passenger in my car, saw it too," said Mr Peter Wadsworth, of Frazer Street, Workington.

He described the object as "a big silver dish in the sky. It was stationary and then moved, and then was

stationary again, and then it just vanished. I stopped my car to look at it. Where it went I don't know. I have never seen anything move so quickly."

When Mr Wadsworth got to work other colleagues had seen something too. They feel it could not have been a meteorite because of its behaviour.

On New Year's Eve numerous phone calls were made to Workington Police Station about strange sightings in the early evening, again above the Lillyhall estate.

There were other sightings reported in the same area a few years ago.



IN Augustus verlede jaar het mnr. Pieter Roos by die Strydomtoring in Johannesburg 'n kameraleens getoets. Toe die film ontwikkel (bo) is, het hy die eerste keer die groot ligkol op die foto gesien. Dit kon nie deur 'n vliegtuig of die weerkaatsing van lig in 'n venster veroorsaak gewees het nie.

DIE TRANSVALER, Pretoria, South Africa - Jan. 11, 1979 CR: J. Brill -- (UFO photographed over Johannesburg, South Africa on Aug. 9, 1978 by Peter Roos.)

Experts back boys' UFO sighting

By KEITH ROSS

Claims by four Despatch schoolboys to have seen three strange silver men in the Groendal Wilderness Reserve, near Uitenhage, have received the backing of experts at the planetarium of the University of the Witwatersrand.

The experts believe that the boys' sighting was a "genuine UFO incident".

The boys, Peter Simpson, 16, Jannie Bezuidenhout, 15, Joe Perino, 13, and Hugo Ferreira, 12, reported seeing the silver men in October last year.

They said the men seemed to glide across a hill in the reserve. The men did not move like humans and did not bend forward as they went up the hill.

Later investigations revealed considerable evidence to support the boys' story, including strange footprints, reports of lights in the reserve and tracks that could have been left by a landing craft.

Prominent reports of the incident in the Weekend Post caused the Wits Planetarium to investigate.

This week the planetarium wrote to the Weekend Post and said: "We are reasonably satisfied after investigation that this case represents a genuine UFO incident."

The planetarium asked for copies of the photographs used with the news reports.

In an interview, the head of the planetarium's UFO investigations, Mr Frank Morton, said he believed the boys' story was genuine.

He said he had carried out a full investigation of

the incident with representatives of the American newspaper, The National Inquirer.

An investigator of the Inquirer, Mr David B Barritt, visited Despatch and recorded interviews with the four boys.

These recordings were sent to the United States where they were subjected to tests with an instrument designed to pick up signs of stress in a voice, giving a good indication of whether the speaker was lying.

The results of these tests were analysed by computer and all four boys were given a high rating.

As a further check the Inquirer sent a Johannesburg psychiatrist, Dr Bernard Levinson, who is chairman of the South African Hypnotists Society, to interview the boys.

Dr Levinson got each of the boys to repeat his story under hypnosis.

In this way additional facts emerged. All the boys remembered that there had been a marked drop in temperature at the time of the sighting and there had been a deathly silence. Even the birds stopped their twittering.

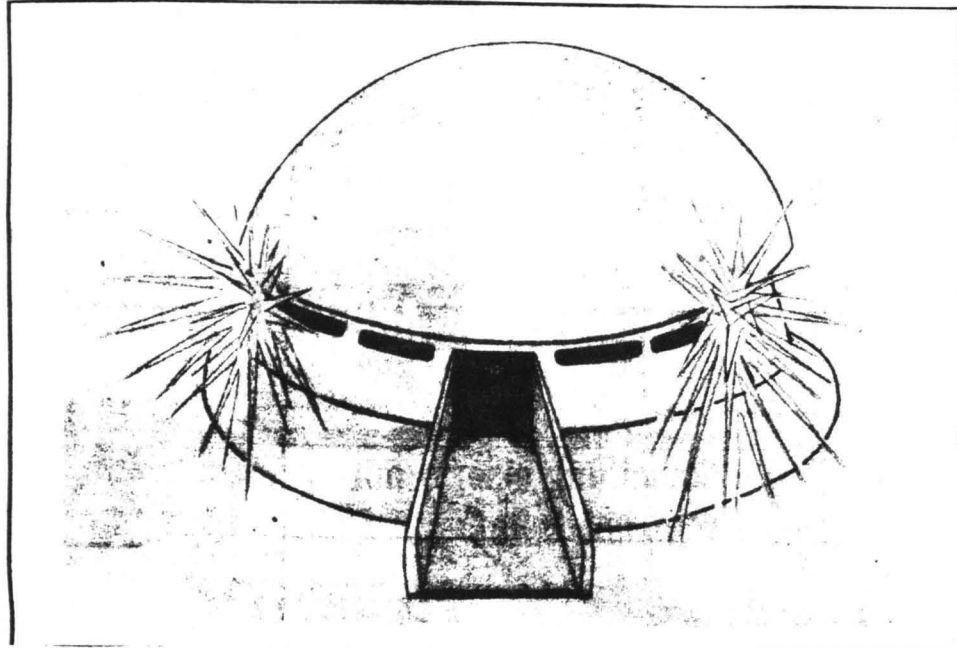
Dr Levinson was convinced that the boys were telling the truth.

Mr Barritt said he had received another report that tended to support their story.

Within 48 hours of the boys' sighting, Mrs T. Brits was driving to Port Elizabeth from Johannesburg when a large, green, moon-shaped object paced her car for some distance.

At the time she was not far from the Groendal Reserve.

When she reported her experience she was not aware of the boys' sighting.



Mr Duncan's impression of the craft he says he saw at Weeley.

UFO experts probe spaceship report

By LEN ROBERTS

BRITAIN'S leading UFO experts are investigating a report that a spaceship landed in Weeley.

Peter Duncan — part owner of Weeley Pet Farm — described his real-life close encounter on BBC radio on Tuesday. And he also revealed that he had kept the sighting secret for eight months because he was afraid of being ridiculed.

Mr Duncan claims that at one point he was only 20 yards from the space-ship.

The sighting was late at night in May when Mr Duncan was making a final check on the dogs at his boarding kennels.

"As I came out of the food store there was a blinding light in our field. At first I thought a helicopter had landed but when I entered the field I could clearly see that it wasn't a helicopter — or anything else from this world," said Mr Duncan.

He said the craft had a dome-shaped top which covered — like an umbrella — a darker interior. There was a ramp or opening and a number of slit-shaped port holes, he said.

Mr Duncan continued: "The base was absolutely colossal — about 40 or 50 ft — and the craft was making a constant drone — similar to the sound of a buzz-bomb."

Mr Duncan said he was terrified but slowly edged closer to the craft and decided to try and get a better look at the darkened interior by shining his torch.

"As I did so, the craft lifted and sped off."

Mr Duncan — who before this incident had been sceptical of UFO sightings — only reported his alien visit after seeing a television film on the work of the UFO Research Centre in Oxford.

The centre is run by Contact UK which was set-up 14 years ago by the Earl of Clancarty who has instigated a debate in the House of Lords next week on UFOs. The TV film was part of the pre-publicity given to the debate.

Derek Mansell, a research officer at the centre's data processing division in Oxford, felt it was very likely that the craft was "manned" and that the landing was connected with the animals at the farm.

He explained there were now strong links between animal mutilation and UFO sightings. In America, he said, animals had been found with radiation poisoning in areas where UFOs had been spotted.

"There is a very good chance that there was someone in that craft and that they were going to examine the animals at the farm. Or, indeed, they may have already examined the animals before Mr Duncan disturbed them," he added.

Mr Mansell said he would be sending one of the centre's specially trained investigators to visit Mr Duncan and compile a report.

Bill Eden — an investigator for the Essex UFO Study Group — also plans to contact Mr Duncan.

Mr Eden pointed out that Essex recorded the second highest number of UFO sightings in Britain and that he was currently investigating several reports in the Chelmsford area.

ACTIVITY

And the general UFO activity has certainly been reflected locally with five sightings in the last fortnight. And in each case the report was filed before Mr Duncan's radio broadcast.

The first came from a 17-year-old Brightlingsea apprentice engineer who saw an oval-shaped object flash across the sky while he was exercising his dog on December 29.

Andrew Fairminer, of Lower Park Road, said he was walking on the recreation ground when his dog started to act strangely. It was then that he looked up and saw the craft pass overhead.

Thursday was a particularly busy day for UFO spotting with three separate reports. The first came from Hilda Denson of St Alban's Road, Clacton, who said she saw a space-ship hanging silently below cloud level at 6.15 am.

She said: "The vehicle consisted of two large, perfectly round circles of bright yellow light, not diffused in any way. Just below centre of these two lights was a much smaller orange coloured orb. There three lights appeared to be joined by a thin band of metal."

"It remained still in the strong gale wind for 15 minutes and then, without any manoeuvre, it quickly disappeared."

Twelve hours later there were two further sightings, the first by a couple at Weeley who reported a diamond-shaped object in the sky. Four lights — two very bright and two much smaller — were clearly visible and there was also a red glow from the centre. The craft hovered above the Tending Council offices for some time before disappearing at speed.

And at about the same time there was a similar report from a St Osyth family who saw two very bright lights high in the sky over Frating.

The family — who were driving towards Tenpenny Hill, Thorington, later saw that there were four lights giving the impression of a star.

A sighting on New Year's Day has left John Culham with a legacy of car-failure.

Mr Culham, who works at QB Printers in Colchester, spotted two bright lights in the sky near the Weeley roundabout.

"The car immediately slowed down. Yet when I took my foot off the accelerator the speed increased to about 40-45 mph," said Mr Culham who lives in Abberton.

WESTERN GAZETTE, Yeovil,

Somerset, England

Feb. 9, 1979

U.F.O. sighted at Weymouth

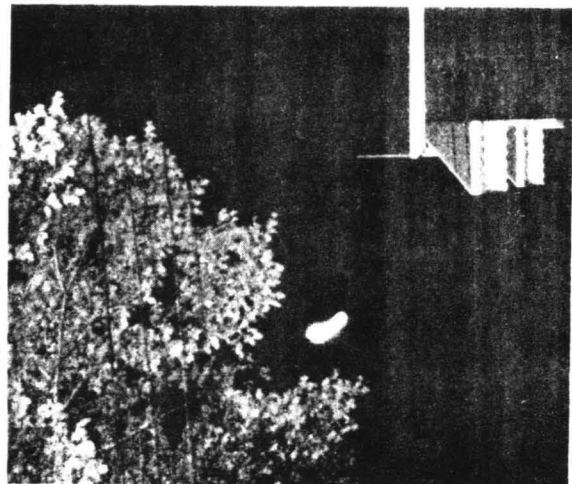
A U.F.O. was sighted over Weymouth Bay on Friday morning.

Building chargehand Mr. Graham Hutton saw a bright object in the sky towards the east.

He described it as a 'huge yo-yo' with a gap down the centre and sides glowing brightly.

Before he could photograph it the object moved off towards Swanage. Police had no other reports of sightings and the Navy said they had no helicopters in the sky at the time.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Feb. 4, 1979 CR: G. Duplantier



BRIGHT OBJECT was photographed by Cliff Crocker.

UFO stayed long enough for photo

What was it that Cliff Crocker saw through the lens of his camera one warm night last June? Whatever it was, the Kimberley Street man has color photographs of the very bright light and has submitted them to the Sun's public UFO forum.

"I personally feel this was a UFO," Crocker says of the object, visible between a tree and a house before it disappeared into the night sky.

"I base my opinion on the speed at which this object accelerated and further on the unusual psychic feeling I experienced prior to seeing this object."

Meanwhile, Allan Smith of Mississauga, writes: "Investigators such as Dr. Allen Hynek of the Cen-

tre for UFO Studies and Walter Andrus of the Mutual UFO Network are now offering credibility to the UFO mystery.

"Hopefully, the weather balloon, marsh gas and moving planet cop-outs of the past are finished," says Tom Groves of Mississauga. "In reality, we are just one of many hundreds of thousands of life forms in existence."

"We are on the threshold of finding out just how little and insignificant we really are in comparison to size and wealth of knowledge in existence in the depths of space."

What are your views on UFOs? Write to Saucer Sightings, Toronto Sun, 333 King Street East, Toronto, M5A 3X5

TRANSLATIONS – CREDIT: Jane Thomas & Richard Heiden

City and country of incident: Puebla, Mexico
Date of incident: 1971
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, November 4, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COULD IT BE POSSIBLE?

A Mexican abducted by extraterrestrial beings suffered severe mutations. His blood does not match any known type and four new nipples appeared on his chest. He told of how a man more than two meters tall forced him into a craft where a strange device took blood from him. Then they told him telepathically: "now you're one of us". Mexico would be one of the places selected by the UFOs, pyramids being related to the space travellers. Details.

Mexico (AFP) - Severe physical mutations are being suffered by a 30 year old Mexican who was abducted in 1971 and studied by extraterrestrials in the city of Puebla, 133 km south of here, claimed "El Sol" of México. The article says that the Mexican's blood, (he would not give his name) does not match any of the types known, and four more nipples appeared below his normal ones. According to the victim's account, the strange adventure started one day in April 1971, when he was resting and heard strange noises in a nearby room. On going to investigate, he said, he found a man more than two meters tall, who invited him to board a craft, to which he refused. However, he said later, a few minutes afterwards he found himself walking with the stranger through the city's streets without other people apparently noticing them. Thus, he said, he arrived to a field where he saw a strange round craft into which he was taken. Inside, he said, he met other strange beings who addressed him through telepathic messages, and who with a strange device, connected to his thumbs, took blood from him. Immediately after this operation one of the extraterrestrials told him: "Now you're one of us". He finally told he was taken home without noticing how, finding himself in his bed with his thumb bleeding. Four months after his encounter with the UFO he began to have renal trouble and on being attended at the hospital, learned that his blood did not match any of the known types. The Mexican is now being examined by three investigators of extraterrestrial phenomena, who made the strange case public. Mexico is a country where the appearance of flying saucers, extraterrestrial beings and other apparently supernatural phenomena is often reported. For ufologists, Mexico is one of the spots selected by the UFOs for their landings, the construction of the pyramids being related to the existence of the space travellers. The same paper recently informed on the alleged crash of a UFO in the Sierra Madre and of which some pieces remain.

City and country of incident: Rome, Italy
Date of incident: November 12, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, November 21, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO ACCOSTED PLANES - IT ALMOST CAUSES A DISASTER IN ROME AIRPORT

Rome, 21 (EFE) - The control tower of the Roman airport of Fiumicino detected a UFO on Sunday November 12th at 19.30 local time, it was reported here today.

It was like a "very big silent balloon, which gave off a very intense red-orange light", according to the description of numerous civil and military witnesses.

There was full visibility and those at the control tower could twice see the UFO's motions, until it disappeared in a W-E trajectory, i.e., from the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Adriatic Sea.

The alarm was almost set off when the UFO got in between the landing line of several planes which were at that moment awaiting a free landing strip, but the emergency immediately disappeared because the luminous balloon disappeared in the horizon.

The Fiumicino airport control tower had already advised the Military Aviation Center located on strip #1, and the person in charge could clearly see the last of the strange craft's evolutions before it took off towards the Adriatic.

The subject now competes the "X" office of the Ministry of the Air, where for some time official testimonies on the UFO subject are being received.

This last UFO could belong to a "fleet" which could be based in the Adriatic Sea (between Italy and Yugoslavia), in an area which is gradually being known as the "Adriatic Triangle".

In said area, near the city of Pescara, fishermen are reluctant to go to work for fear of the strange phenomena that occur in the last months.

Even greater concern caused the death of two fishermen who went out to sea inside said "Triangle" and were found dead -not drowned or frozen- with strange puncture marks in their faces.

The possibility is already being considered that saucers could emerge from some spot in the Adriatic, which could serve as their refuge in some cavern on the bottom of the sea. Specialists on the subject consider that the "Adriatic Triangle" would be much more dangerous than its counterpart in the Bermudas.

Historical references, above all of volcanic activity in the peninsula, may be a lead to the extraterrestrial action all over the globe.

City and country of incident: Casacas, Dept. of Cajamarca, Perú
Date of incident: November 22, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, November 24, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO APPLAUDED AT RELIGIOUS PARTY

Lima, 23 (EFE) - When the residents of Casacas -Dept. of Cajamarca- expected to see fireworks during a religious party, a UFO giving off colored lights appeared.

Many people that arrived at the party at that moment, thought the fireworks had already started and then saw the UFO, which for 15 minutes emitted red, violet and white lights, reported yesterday the evening paper "Ultima Hora".

Those present at the party honoring the Virgin of the Rosary, after their initial surprise, enthusiastically applauded the flying saucer during its show. The flying artifact finally disappeared, and then the fireworks were lighted.

City and country of incident: Santiago del Estero province, Argentina
Date of incident: November 26, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, November 26, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PERLA CARON AND 200 OTHERS SAW A "FLYING SAUCER" WHICH STROLLED OVER A RIVER IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

Sgo. del Estero, 26 (From our correspondent) - Actress and entertainer Perla Caron and more than 200 people claimed this morning they had seen the motions of a UFO in the surroundings of the Dulce River, in front of this capital.

The actress and the 200 persons were in a tea-room where the former was acting, when suddenly to the SE, some 13 km from the place, over the river's opposite bank, they detected the presence of a luminous object which at first seemed to be hovering in the air.

Suddenly the UFO - which gave off white lights with a reddish halo- descended and at one a ray of light crossed the river in all its extension and reached the feet of the 200 people watching the performance of Miss Caron. This ray remained on the river for approx. one hour, and went back abruptly in the same way it had appeared.

One of the witnesses, Omar Cipolletti, a speaker from a local radio station, said that at first all thought the light came from some spotlight in the tea-room, but that possibility vanished as soon as the UFO disappeared and the light with it.

Perla Caron -very nervous and surprised-, said she was heading an artistic show and had to suspend it for a while since the public went to the river to see the strange phenomenon. She added she also went there, with a certain fear and suspicion, since she is very impressionable. She added she had always been skeptical in relation to the so-called UFOs. And then added, very excited, that on following the UFO's motion she felt a sensation she had never experienced before. "A mixture of euphoria, amazement and increasing fear", she said. So much so, that once the UFO disappeared she could not pull herself together to resume the show for more than 30 minutes.

* The Show

Finally, once they all got over commenting on the unexpected appearance, she recovered and continued with the show. "It was very difficult for me to resume it", said Perla Caron, but she did not believe that that was the result of the influence of something extraterrestrial.

City and country of incident: Campobasso, Italy
Date of incident: November 26, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, November 27, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

INVASION OF "MARTIANS" CONTINUES

Campobasso, Italy, 27 (FP) - Four flying "cigars", a quite classical UFO shape, were seen last night in this part of Italy by a doctor and an officer, while much more towards the north, in Modena, other UFOs appeared over the city giving off a silvery light. The doctor and his companion stated: "At first -they said- we thought they were clouds, but we soon noticed they were objects in the shape of cigars surrounded by an intense red light."

City and country of incident: Florida Dept., Uruguay
Date of incident: December 1, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 3, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HAVE UFOS LANDED IN URUGUAY?

Montevideo, 2 (DPA) - UFOs are once again the subject of popular comments in Uruguay.

According to reports from the department of Florida, some 100 km from Montevideo, traces appeared on the ground in a farm, which would indicate the possible landing of an unidentified object.

City and country of incident: Roanne, France
Date of incident: December 2, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 4, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FRANCE: UFO FILMED ON "VIDEO"

Paris, 4 (EFE) - A UFO was seen Saturday night near Roanne (center of France).

A few hours later, another "UFO", maybe the same, appeared over the Mulhouse-Basle airport, in the French-Swiss border.

According to eyewitnesses in Roanne, the luminous round object appeared over the tops of the La Madeleine range, and after tracing a big circle remained still for some minutes, then disappearing very fast.

A local neighbor, Jean-Luc Michault, filmed the luminous phenomenon with a "video" camera and the 9 minute film has been handed over to the authorities to be examined by experts.

As to the second phenomenon, it was observed by officers of the meteorological office at the Alsatian airport of Mulhouse-Basle, who described it thus: "a ball, some hundred meters in diameter and luminous white, crossed at an approx. distance of 25 km and at a great rate of speed. It seemed to come from Belfort and head towards Basle (in Switzerland). It left a reddish trail in the sky".

City and country of incident: Torriglia, Italy
Date of incident: December 8, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, December 10, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO APPEARANCE IN GENOA

Genoa, 9 (ANSA) - A very big round spaceship has allegedly landed last night in Torriglia, reported 26 year old watchman Fortunato Zaffetta (other papers give his name as Zanfretta - JT), who lost consciousness as a result of his fright.

Zaffetta has apparently sighted in a field a "very luminous round" spaceship. While he looked at it amazed, he felt someone lightly touching his back. On turning around, he says, he saw "a most ugly thing, powerful, three meters tall" which frightened him so much he fainted. When he came to, the "thing" had disappeared and, on running towards his car to report what happened, he noticed the spaceship taking off.

After listening to his statements, carabinieri went to the spot indicated by him, remarking later that "in fact, at the spot indicated by Zaffetta traces in the shape of a hoof of almost 2m diameter were found".

Meanwhile, in Torriglia, people confirmed that Zaffetta "is a brave person, and has his head in the proper place".

City and country of incident: Pomezia, Italy
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 11, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

ROME: UFO LIGHTS HURT THE EYES

Rome, 11 (EFE) - Three Italian carabinieri could see the motions of a UFO for 40' in the city of Pomezia, a few kilometers from Rome. According to the official report submitted today Monday, carabinieri Giancarlo Antonioli, Vincenzo Pakus and Edoardo Damiani could clearly see a flying object "light yellow", which "gave off a fosforescent light which hurt the eyes".

Recently, on November 21st, another "official report" was prepared in Italy, after the Fiumicino airport control tower's experience.

The thing started at the beginning of November, when in the eastern part of the peninsula, in the Adriatic Sea, many fishermen could see strange objects.

At the same time, the commander of a "DC-8" from Alitalia shouted at the Fiumicino control tower: "There's an idiot blinding me with his lights".

There two cases were silenced, until on November 12th the general alarm in the Roman airport almost went off, when a luminous object passed several times in front of the landing strip.

An official report on this last case was submitted to the "X" office of the Ministry of Defence, the same which today received the report from the three carabinieri of Pomezia.

1) City and country of incident: Baena, Córdoba, Spain)
2) Date of incident: December 10, 1978)

1) Fontanales, Canary Island) Name of paper-date of clip: Crónica,
2) December 10, 1978) Dec. 12, 1978
1) Avellino, Italy) City & country of paper: Bs.Aires; Arg.
2) December 11, 1978)

UFOS ARE EVERYWHERE AND PURSUED CAR IN SPAIN

Córdoba, Spain, 12 (EFE) - A Spanish couple and their little son, who were driving their car, were chased by a UFO for several kilometers. Overcome by terror, the family could free themselves from the pursuit when they reached the city of Baena.

According to the couple's statement, around 0600 am Sunday, when they were on the road coming from Sevilla, and once they passed the town of Baena, they noticed that a regular-sized object, very luminous and round, approached the car, and once over it, remained thus for several kilometers.

The couple recounts that the UFO rose or fell, but always by the car, and that at one time, when the dazzling object got ahead of them, they took the road to the "Las Nieves" establishment, realizing the UFO followed them. They then decided to return to Baena and when they were reaching the town the UFO rose and placed itself over the "Hill of San Cristóbal".

They immediately informed the police, which once on the spot could verify that the UFO could still be seen on top the hill, and which remained visible until broad daylight.

- Las Palmas

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, 12 (EFE) - Two reporters from El Eco de Canarias, María Angeles Horna and Asunción García Rebato, saw last Sunday three UFOs, according to their today's claim in the paper.

The two staff writers of "El Eco de Canarias" were returning from an outing at the locality of Fontanales, in the higher zone of the Greater Canary Island, when they saw three UFOs at great altitude, which gave off white, yellow, blue and reddish flashes. The reporters claim it will be difficult for the reader to believe their experience, but they attest they saw UFOs for several hours, which disappeared late at night.

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- Another one in Italy

Avellino, Italy, 12 (EFE) - A trooper of the Italian police was able to photograph a UFO the afternoon of Monday, on Km 92 of the Salerno-Avellino highway.

The photograph scarcely shows a black dot on a white background, since the policeman failed to use the correct sensitivity. The object was round and gave off an intense light towards the ground, and was seen by the policemen from a highway aid car, who alerted the highway operative center.

City and country of incident: Chaco province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 13, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 13, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MANY PEOPLE SAW UFO: IT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN CHACO

Resistencia - Many residents of this capital and several places in the interior of the province watched for half an hour the motions of an alleged UFO. The object was photographed by a photographer from El Territorio of this city, which has published it. Many witnesses stated "the UFO moved in a S-SW direction and changed colors several times". There were also reports from localities such as Villa Angela, Coronel Du Graty, Quicilipi and others.

City and country of incident: Hiroshima, Japan
Date of incident: December 13, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 14, 1978
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

OLD LADY FORECASTS EXTRATERRESTRIAL VISITS

Tokio, 13 (AFP) - The appearance of UFOs was correctly forecast three times in the last two months by a 66 year old woman of Hiroshima, in the Western part of Japan, it was reported here today.

The last prediction from Tae Asano, who stated she had communicated with extraterrestrial beings through telepathy, was that one or several UFOs would appear over the Hiroshima sky Monday or Tuesday this week.

One did indeed appear, to the amazement of a group of reporters and UFO fans. They met again last night at Asano's house, and at approx. 9.30 pm climbed to the roof calculating it was "more or less the right time".

A brilliant object did then appear high in the sky from SE to W and remained in sight for about three minutes. While it moved, the object's color changed from red to orange and then to blue. It was followed by another luminous object which moved vertically while it flew", indicated the Kyodo press agency.

A local paper published Monday's UFO photo today. It showed two zig-zagging trails, too acrobatic for jet planes. The photo was credited to a resident of Hiroshima, Yugi Takahashi.

The president of the Nippon Association for UFO Research, Tomezo Hirata, 64, stated that the object left behind "some mysterious trails, quite different from those of a plane".

"A satellite would not give off flashes like that object did. For all I know, it resembled the UFO reported in Canada", added Hirata, who travelled 240km from his Kobe home to Hiroshima to join the group.

Asano indicated the extraterrestrial told her in a telepathic communication that they came to observe Earth and that it was not their intention to invade it.

Amazed at all the excitement she caused, she added she will not, at least for a while, make any other prediction.

City and country of incident: Rome, Italy
Date of incident: December 14, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 15, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS IN THE ETERNAL CITY

Rome, 14 (AFP) - Several UFOs were sighted here by tens of people this morning at dawn, and policemen detached from the police prefecture, on the roof of a building, confirmed having seen "a long green luminous trail" descend from the sky towards the NW of Rome. At the same hour news from the Adriatic coast reported another UFO in the sky of Pesaro. A patrol of troopers and many drivers claimed having seen a UFO hovering approximately 500 meters over the ground, and followed it for several kilometers.

The said the "craft" gave off a blinding light and was spherical, going at 80kph towards the S, to Senigallia. According to witnesses, it "launched" from its underpart another luminous object which overflew the neighboring city of Fano.

Due to the abundant testimonies on UFOs these last months, the very serious paper Corriere della Sera devoted today four columns in the front page to this subject.

The paper disclosed that the Ministry of Defence has for 15 years been distributing to airports and barracks forms with 27 questions wherein specific details are requested on the noises made by these flying objects, atmospheric conditions, colors, luminosity, activity, estimated speed, etc.

City and country of incident: Sarandí del Yí, Durazno, Uruguay
Date of incident: December 14, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, December 15, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO CHASES CAR

Montevideo, 14 (EFE) - A UFO followed a car for 35 km on a route of the Uruguayan north, 200km from here.

The car was occupied by three people and went towards the locality of Sarandí del Yí, in the department of Durazno.

It was driven by Pablo Labandera, carrying Mrs. Lilian de Armas de Equivel and her brother, Mario Luis.

The UFO, which gave off very bright reddish lights, suddenly started to circle over the car at a distance of no more than 10 meters.

At times, the luminous object went forwards and changed light shades into a deep green at the time it crossed the highway and made an abrupt climb.

The car's occupants, overcome by panic, continued their trip accompanied by the UFO.

After "riding" with them for some 35km it moved towards the north and hovered at great altitude.

The UFO, which remained motionless for some 40', could then be watched by other people once the first witnesses raised the alarm before the Sarandí del Yí police authorities.

City and country of incident: Caracas, Venezuela
Date of incident: December 16, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 16, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

NIGHT "SAUCERS" ALARM VENEZUELANS

Caracas, 16 (EFE) - Five UFOs which emitted lights of different colors and turned in a semicircle, alarmed the residents of Caracas early this morning. According to the evening paper El Mundo, the mysterious saucers were sighted by many people in the surroundings of the "El Avila" mountain, where they remained hovering for several minutes and then disappeared at great speed. The paper remarks that the officer in charge of the "Cajigal Astronomical Observatory" of the Venezuelan capital, also admitted having received many phone calls from residents who saw the UFOs and sought an explanation.

The observatory's employee explained that "it was probably a star in conjunction with others or with another flashing object".

The officer who observed the mysterious lights with a telescope did not deny the possibility of their being extraterrestrial flying saucers. Moreover, he "beat around the bush" at the reporters' questions.

"Yes, I saw it but up to now can say nothing about it. We will simply have to wait for the astronomers' definition".

Venezuelans who saw the phenomenon did not hesitate to add, however, that it is impossible that the lights be a result of any natural form. "It was flying saucers, no doubt - they told the reporter. Otherwise it could not have moved the way it did. They were steered by someone since they were in perfect formation and besides, disappeared like war planes".

City and country of incident: Saltillo, México
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 21st, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
FLYING SAUCER APPARENTLY EXPLODED IN MEXICO

Mexico (EFE) - A UFO has allegedly blown up near the city of Saltillo, 860km to the north of here, reported today El Sol de Mexico. The paper indicated that the explosion occurred last weekend, was heard in an area of more than a 1,000 sq.km and "lighted up the sky with a violet color". It gave no more details. El Sol de Mexico assures that the event is being studied by the State aeronautical authorities.

City and country of incident: Italy
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 20, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO WAVE THE WORLD OVER

Rome, 20 (ANSA) - More UFOs were sighted in two cities of southern Italy. Witnesses to the UFO flights over the peninsula skies have been very numerous these past two weeks.

Two civilian pilots, a lawyer and a carabinieri officer, among others, claim having seen a mysterious object in Foggia giving off an intense red light from a searchlight in the upper part, while illuminated windows were seen in the bottom.

The two pilots discarded the possibility of its being a plane or space satellite. The UFO remained hovering in the Foggia sky for several minutes and then disappeared at great speed towards the north.

Near Pescara, carabinieri gathered numerous testimonies on the activity of a strange flying object.

Particularly post office employee Giuseppe Colasante, 35, claimed having seen early in the morning what he defined as "a spacecraft with a diameter of 2 meters".

He stated that while he drove to work in his car along the Montebello di Bertona road, he saw a kind of "fire avalanche, similar to a flying disc which glided over a field by a road, two meters from the car". Colasante claimed having seen lighted windows.

City and country of incident: Caracas, Venezuela
Date of incident: December 20, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 20, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

STRANGE FLEETS OF LUMINOUS OBJECTS FLEW THIS MORNING OVER CARACAS

Caracas, (EFE) - Strange fleets of luminous objects flew this morning over the Caracas sky, according to what tens of people from different spots in the city could see. The evening paper El Mundo publishes extensive statements from witnesses to the strange phenomenon, which caused fear among those who walked along the streets in the early morning hours. The flying objects are not clearly described by the witnesses, since they apparently zigzagged at great speeds. This is the second time in less than a week that the strange luminous fleets are seen over the capital of Venezuela, which covered the whole city in a few seconds and disappeared without a trace.

City and country of incident: Santa Fe, Santa Fe Province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 21, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 21, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SEVERAL UFOS SIGHTED IN SANTA FE

Residents and policemen agree as to the time, 02.55 am, and the accounts.

Santa Fe - Many residents of this capital and of neighboring towns claimed having seen early this morning the motions of a group of UFOs. The accounts from different witnesses agreed in their expression that "exactly at 02.55 today a giant light was observed in the horizon towards the western quadrant, which on approaching, resembled a plane on fire". They added that "smaller objects surrounded the central nucleus, which was blue and green, which seemed to spew fire particles". On the other hand, the police from Coronda who also observed the phenomenon, said that "the flying objects moved noiselessly from W to E at a time when visibility was optimal". Phones of all communications media in this capital started to ring continuously as a result of calls from residents in different areas who wanted to report the phenomenon, a piece of news which was initially broadcast by LT 10 Radio Universidad del Litoral. Residents of Sauce Viejo told local radio stations that they saw the passage of the UFO, accounts which were in agreement with witnesses' reports.

City and country of incident: La Rioja province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 21, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: El Independiente, Dec. 22, 1978
City and country of paper: La Rioja province, Argentina

THIS TIME IT WAS TRUE: UFO FLEET FLEW OVER LA RIOJA

A UFO fleet crossed the skies of this city early yesterday, according to testimonies from different witnesses who could watch the phenomenon and among whom were some policemen detached in different spots.

According to the version of the circumstantial witnesses, between 02.45 and 0300 am, they observed from several points in this city the N-S motion at approx. 1,000m altitude, of three vessels flashing an intense luminosity, headed by a very big one. After the different versions were obtained, El Independiente interviewed two witnesses of this unusual event, who all agreed in their observations.

On this subject a provincial police sergeant who, together with two colleagues, was on duty near the Provincial Casino, remarked that "an intense luminosity made us look up at the sky", and then went on to say "the zone looked almost as if it were full daylight because of the white light" from the objects which, he said, were the size of a tire. He then added that "according to what I could calculate the ships were at an altitude of approx. 1,000m. We were surprised at the lights and each of them had a green halo".

The craft which apparently commanded the others, flashed intermittent lights and a kind of dome could be seen on it", added the policeman. He also said "when moving, the objects left a bluish trail similar to smoke".

He calculated he could see these motions "between three and four minutes". He then added that "there was a moment in which they seemed to hover a minute and jumped upwards and then disappeared at incredible speed".

The surprise this caused the witnesses (because three more people had joined them, among them a trucker) "left us speechless until the UFOs disappeared".

When the craft disappeared "several comments were made on the phenomenon; the trucker who had joined us said he had been listening to a broadcasting of San Juan (province-JT) and the set stopped working when the appearance took place".

"Such an intense light was incredible, it almost lighted up our faces", he finally said.

With a tire-walker

Also joining up with the witnesses was a young man who works at the tire-shop "Las 24 Horas", and who agreed with the above statements. He said "at approx. 02.45 he saw an intense light which gave the spot practically the appearance it has by day. I looked up and it almost blinded me, so I had to look for cover to prevent any damage".

"It was a kind of very big saucer which seemed parked in space, then disappeared at impressive speed. That is all I could see", he said. The veracity of the versions is confirmed since, according to the observation of the above witnesses and the worker of the tire-shop located on Facundo Quiroga avenue, almost on the corner with Adolfo E. Dávila - the saucers followed a N-S course, for which reason some people watched the phenomenon from the cemetery district when the ships moved in that direction around 0300 am yesterday.

City and country of incident: Santa Fe and Chaco provinces also Entre Ríos province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 21, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 22, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS ALSO CELEBRATE!

As anticipated yesterday by La Razón, a UFO fleet was sighted over the sky of Santa Fe and other important littoral cities, as

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well as Chaco. Witnesses of the phenomenon agreed in their statements that the event occurred between 02.55 and 03.10 a.m. In Resistencia, Paso de los Libres and Concordia, a bluish object which later divided itself in others crossed the sky of those cities. The UFOs flew over the Chaco sky and there was a five minute blackout. In Concordia, Entre Rios province, travellers on Route 14 sighted the phenomenon for 20 minutes.

Resistencia - A formation of UFOs was sighted early yesterday morning over this capital and also over other cities of this province (Resistencia is capital of Chaco province - JT). Reports from Corrientes, Santa Fe and Entre Rios were also published, which state that a UFO fleet was sighted between 2 and 3 in the morning. Radio station Paso de los Libres (of Corrientes prov.) in the town of the same name, located by the Uruguay river some 300 km to the SE of Corrientes, reported that a fleet passed in the early hours over that city. Several neighbors of that town and nearby spots observed the phenomenon, reported the radio station. On the other hand, in Concordia, in the mid-western region of Entre Rios province, in a city also placed on the banks of the Uruguay river, a UFO fleet was also sighted. Passengers of an Expreso Urquiza bus which went from Buenos Aires to that city claimed that at 03.30 yesterday they saw two UFOs. The typical shape of a flying saucer, a bright and very intense white, the sighting lasted 20 minutes. The reporters added that the driver stopped the bus so that all could see them. The passenger stated that two "flying saucers" were first linked together and then separated. On the other hand, near 0300 a.m., residents of Concordia also claimed having seen the actions of several UFOs which were described as a "fire balloon" followed by other smaller objects. The same phenomenon has allegedly been observed by passengers from the city of Federation traveling to Concordia along National Route 14. In Santa Fe, local residents and others from the interior disclosed yesterday that at 02.55 a.m. they sighted "towards the western quadrant a giant light which on approaching resembled a plane on fire". It was added that "smaller objects surrounded a kind of blue and green central nucleus, which seemed to spew off fire". These versions - advance in our yesterday's edition - account for the presence of the UFOs which involved a wide strip of the mesopotamic region and of the provinces of Santa Fe and Chaco. In the latter province the phenomenon was not only sighted in the capital (Resistencia-JT) but also in the inner cities. In Resistencia, workers of a construction company and other firms, claimed that a "formation of six or seven UFOs crossed the sky at around 03.10 a.m.". They said that the "objects first flew at great altitude and then went away returning a few minutes later to cross the area at lower altitude". A short blackout was experienced at that time in this capital. Mr. Osvaldo Sánchez, a police officer and member of an organization which investigates UFOs, said that "in the SW region of Resistencia interferences in communications were reported and an interruption in the supply of electric power for 3 or 4 minutes". He added having received plenty of reports on this event from people in this capital as well as from cities inside the province. In general, they all agree", said Sánchez. On the other hand, Carlos Fernández, an electrotechnician who with a group of friends was at that time in the outskirts of Resistencia, expressed that "the objects moved at great speed irradiating a bright, light blue light". He added that "the sighting was clear and no sound was heard of the craft flying overhead".

City and country of incident: Niterói, state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Date of incident: January 10, 1979
Name and date of paper: O Dia, January 11, 1979
City of paper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Flying saucer blacked out Niterói

The radio stations and some newspaper offices received countless phone calls from residents of different neighborhoods of Niterói, telling about having seen an unidentified flying object early yesterday morning.

An electronics technician, identified as Durval de Azevedo, age 41, resident of Alameda São Boaventura, 369--apt. 804, declared, very excitedly: "I never saw anything like it in my life. It gave off orange, greenish, and bluish lights, it had a triangular shape, and in the middle it showed a red light of great intensity."

Durval added that he was at the window of his apartment, getting ready for bed, when his attention was alerted to three sources of light, which seemed to move continuously with great speed. He affirmed that the events took place between 12:30 and 12:31 a.m., disappearing before he could get his binoculars for a better look. The electronics technician says that it could not be an airplane, helicopter, or any other known craft, as he had enough experience with them, having been in the Navy, where he was trained to observe luminous signals and distinguish the different kinds of aircraft.

During the appearance of the unidentified flying object, there was an interruption of the electrical power in the city, lasting one minute, which was confirmed by the various phone calls received by the news media.

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Name and date of paper: Ideal, January 14, 1979
City of paper: Granada, Spain

Official report on "UFOs" in Spain
The CIA very interested in the subject

Madrid, 13. (Efe.)- "Top secret" reports of the Spanish Air Force confirm that in recent years unidentified flying objects have been detected in the Spanish sky, according to the latest issue of "Cambio 16."

One of the reports is based on the statements of a general of the Aerial Army and of a warship lieutenant, who observed a "UFO" over the Canary Islands for twenty minutes.

In the report, "Cambio 16" indicates that the CIA is very interested in the subject and recently, based on a Federal United States law, has had to turn over a list of over 8,000 cases from all over the world, 21 of them from Spain.

[The Cambio 16 magazine article is also cited in an extensive article in the Madrid Diario 16 of January 15, 1979. This latter article refers to "Citizens Against UFO Secrecy" by name, and gives details on some of the 29 Spanish cases in the CIA files (sic--Ideal says 21 cases), and also on the Nov. 19, 1976, Canary Islands incident referred to above. Many, if not all, of these sightings (all between Sep. 1973 and June 1974) were already known to UFO researchers. Apparently Cambio 16 neglected to mention that the foreign reports obtained by CAUS from the CIA's UFO files consisted of news accounts.--trans.]

- (1) City and country of incident: Viterbo, Italy
Date of incident: January 13, 1979
 - (2) City and country of incident: Marzano di Torrighia, near Genoa, Italy
Date of incident: December 6, 1978
 - (3) City and country of incident: Scoffera, Italy
Date of incident: December 27, 1978 [The National Enquirer (a U.S. tabloid) of Feb. 6, 1979, dates this incident Dec. 26, and says that both this and #2 took place at the town of Torrighia.]
- Name and date of paper: Hoja del Lunes, January 15, 1979
City of paper: Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain [This is the identification on the clipping, but it could be a mistake for Madrid, which has an Hoja del Lunes newspaper.]

Italy, under "extraterrestrial fever"
Landing of a "Martian" witnessed by a farmer

ROME, 14. (Efe.) - Within the "extraterrestrial fever" in Italy during the past two months, two cases stand out: the landing of a "Martian," witnessed by a farmer, and the double abduction of a night watchman by some mysterious visitors.

Vittorio Mancini, age 50, farmer in the province of Viterbo, witnessed Saturday afternoon the landing of a ship and the subsequent debarkation of "Martian."

The farmer told the police that, while tending to his animals in a pasture of 12 kilometers [7.5 miles--trans.] from Viterbo, he saw a great ball of fire land on the ground 500 meters [1640 feet--trans.] from where he was. The luminous saucer, first an orange-red color, then lost its intensity and seemed to be like a metallic sphere about 2 meters [79 inches--trans.] in diameter.

To Vittorio Mancini's fright, a little man half a meter [20 inches--trans.] tall, dressed in a silvery suit, got out of the saucer and inspected the area, often bending down as if to pick something up.

The farmer, after some moments of bewilderment, relates that he fled toward his car, parked not far from the place, but he could not start the engine.

The second case concerns a night watchman in Genoa, Fortunato Zanfretta, who claims to have been abducted twice by a "UFO." The first time, on December 6, in the town of Marzano di Torrighia, and the second time on the 27th of the same month, in the locality of Scoffera.

The "Zanfretta case" was publicly revealed a few days ago by a commercial TV station in Genoa through a hypnosis test, during which the supposed abductee--talking to his captors--begged them to free him from the "suffocating helmet" on his head and to not use him anymore.

The description given of the extraterrestrials by the watchman is the following: "There were about ten of them. They talked to each other by means of lights coming from their mouths. They had yellow triangular eyes. Green skin with red veins on the head and spines [Whiskers?--trans.] on both sides of the face. Notable height. [The National Enquirer says that they were 10 feet tall.--trans.] Human arms and legs, with round hands and big feet. [The National Enquirer reports that after the second abduction, a footprint 20 inches long and one inch deep was found.--trans.]"

City and country of incident: Madrid, Spain
Date of incident: January 14, 1979
Name and date of paper: Hoja del Lunes, January 15, 1979
City of paper: Madrid, Spain

SEVERAL WITNESSES SAW IT
A "UFO" IN THE PILAR NEIGHBORHOOD

MADRID. (HOJA DEL LUNES.) - The wave of the "UFOs" returns. In London, the House of Lords is going to touch on this mysterious subject in one of its regular sessions. In Spain, even though for the moment it is not going to enjoy such respectable treatment, it also is beginning to again be the subject of the news pages.

Yesterday in the Pilar neighborhood several people were witness to the appearance of a mysterious flying object at 6:00 p.m.

The Moreno family called our newspaper to tell us about what they saw by chance while on their veranda at number 10, La Bañeza Street. "An oval-shaped light measuring about five meters [16 feet--trans.] appeared in the sky, moving rapidly and disappearing behind the high buildings on the street. It left behind a small trail, which faded very quickly. They were like little lights that would disappear in tenths of a second." Sra. Moreno also points out to us how at the source of the light they observed something metallic, as if it were very shiny silver. She tells us that they never thought that it was a "UFO" phenomenon for sure, but they cannot explain what they saw yesterday evening, Sunday.

City and country of incident: David, province of Chiriqui, Panama
Date of incident: January 16, 1979 (?)
Name and date of paper: El Sol, January 18, 1979
City of paper: Málaga, Spain

"UFO" IN PANAMA

PANAMA, 17. (Efe.) - An unidentified flying object (UFO) that gave off orange and blue light was seen by two women, teachers in the city of David, in the western Panama province of Chiriqui, which is next to Costa Rica, according to the local daily "Crítica" [this is probably the Panama City daily of that name--trans.].

The object, which shot out flashes of light and did not make any noise as it spun, was seen by teachers Dora Griselda Pino and Sra. González de Araúz when they were returning from a meeting in a public night school in that city.

"We did not want to say anything about this event at first for fear that our sighting would be doubted, but afterwards I called the control tower of the David airport to report what we had seen," added teacher Pino.

Finally, the educator thinks that the object could not be a helicopter even though it was somewhat near the airport, because it did not make any noise at all, and it could not be an airplane, as it had an oval shape and could stop and turn to change location.

- (1) City and country of incident: Casanare, Colombia
Date of incident: January 23, 1979
- (2) City and country of incident: Moniquirá, Colombia
Date of incident: August 26, 1978

Name and date of paper: La Provincia, January 26, 1979
City of paper: Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain

EXTRATERRESTRIALS VISIT COLOMBIA

TUNJA (Colombia), 25.- A ship with a crew of extraterrestrial beings came down Tuesday near the town of Casanare, emitting yellow and green sparkles of light, according to inhabitants of Páramo de Toquilla [Páramo means "high barren plain" in Spanish--trans.], 100 kilometers [62 miles--trans.] from Tunja.

The driver of a heavy truck, Hernando Pineda, revealed that the strange flying object (UFO) landed gently and bright lights of different colors appeared.

"Later another light suddenly appeared which began to descend, and materialized in an object, apparently metallic, which shot out three legs to anchor itself to the ground," added the driver.

"Then," he stated, "a hatch opened up and three bipeds came out, with very little ceremony, and supporting huge helmets on their shoulders."

Other travellers who were driving in the vicinity of the town of Casanare, on the Cusiana freeway, noticed that something unknown happened with the extraterrestrial beings or the ship, because at the moment of the landing and take-off of the object, a waterspout was produced over all the surface of the earth.

Last August 26, 1978, in Colombia near the town of Moniquirá, farmers observed a UFO flying over a cattle ranch in an attempt to land. -(Efe.)

Location of incident: aboard freighter Tamames, between Alcudia (on Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain) and Escombreras (near Cartagena, province of Murcia, Spain)

Date of incident: February 9, 1979 (?)
Name and date of paper: Pueblo, February 9, 1979
City of paper: Madrid, Spain

CARTAGENA: They were seen by the entire crew
FIFTY UFOs SURROUND A SHIP

CARTAGENA (Murcia), 9. - Over fifty unidentified flying objects surrounded, for a period of six hours, the butane freighter "Tamames," as it was approaching the Escombreras refinery from Alcudia.

It must have been 3:00 a.m. when clouds appeared in the sky, without the ship's radar indicating any object in the vicinity. The lights [sic] seemed to come from yellowish Bengal lights, and they remained steady.

Soon afterward, the radar began to show the presence of huge objects by means of strong blips.

Before the butane freighter reached Escombreras, the captain got in communication with the Castillo de Galeras in Cartagena, which indicated that they had not detected any abnormalities on the radar, but that, nevertheless, a foreign ship had detected the presence of a UFO.

The sighting of the flying objects was witnessed by the entire crew. (Efe.)

City and country of incident: province of Almería, Spain; Rubí, province of Barcelona, Spain
Date of incident: circa 1960, to present
Name and date of paper: Sur, February 11, 1979
City of paper: Málaga, Spain

A woman in Rubí claims that extraterrestrials want to talk with her

RUBÍ (Barcelona), 10. (Efe.) - María Patrocinio Martínez Losilla has stated to Efe that she has seen unidentified flying objects and that strange beings from them have tried to talk with her.

María Patrocinio, age 28 and married, is a resident of Rubí [a town just NW of Barcelona--trans.] for several years now, and has declared that she has seen them in the area between La Riera and Can Balasch, noticing them due to the intense brightness of the objects and the helmets that the beings were wearing on their heads.

She says that the flying saucer "was absolutely round, with large windows, also round," and that on several occasions they have tried to talk to her, though she never understood anything.

She claims that she has had these sightings not just in Rubí, but that they date from her childhood, when, living with her family in a town in the province of Almería, she had the opportunity to see them on different occasions, but that the fear of ridicule and of not being believed made her keep quiet until now, and she thinks that "this will have consequences, perhaps good for some and bad for others."



HERALD, Millington, MI
Jan. 2, 1979

Second Big Foot sighting reported

Mr. Wayne King, Director of the Michigan Big Foot Information Center, Millington, reported Thursday, a second confirmed sighting of "Big Foot" in the Millington area.

Mr. King said the sighting was made about 2 p.m. on December 13 on Barnes Road by Mrs. Diane Meharg.

In reporting the sighting, Mrs. Meharg said:

"On Wednesday afternoon near 2:00 p.m. I was washing up some luncheon dishes at the kitchen sink. I have always been accustomed to periodically looking out the window located directly above the sink.

"There was a light snow covering the ground and the weather was clear. As I glanced out of the window, my attention was immediately drawn to a dark object that appeared near the edge of a timberline about 300 to 350 yards North of the home. The object first appeared to be on all fours. I thought it to be a swamp buck at first. As I concentrated on the object, I could plainly see that it appeared much darker than a deer.

"A steam condensation had developed on the window, so I shifted to the opposite side for a better view. At this point, the animal was bipedal. (Standing on two legs) My immediate thought was that it was a large man in a snowmobile suit. As I watched the animal, I could see that it was much larger than persons I had observed in that same area from that identical vantage point.

"I observed the animal for well over a quarter of an hour. I could not relate whether it was facing my direction or not. The arms appeared heavy along with the legs. I noticed no specific physical characteristics other than the animal being all dark in color and having no noticeable neck or discernible facial features.

She continued, "At this point, the animal began walking in an easterly direction and headed northerly into the wooded area where it disappeared."

Mrs. Meharg admitted she related this incident to her husband the following day.

Also note that this Center was not notified until Monday, December 18th, Mr. King said.

Panther sightings fascinate Vestigians

By a Herald-News Staff Writer

Besides setting up shop at the Wanaque Reservoir in search of answers to UFO sightings there, and besides its investigations into such phenomena as spook lights, earthquake lights and ghosts, Vestigia is probing strange reports of sightings of black panthers in Sussex County.

Not the Black Panthers who walk upright and wear berets but the four-legged sort with tails which lurk in trees and growl.

"It's the most damned elusive thing that keeps happening many places in the world and it's happened a number of times in New Jersey," said Bob Jones, a founder and member of Vestigia. "We had two reports within the last month in Stanhope."

The panthers reportedly seen were described as 7 feet long — tail included — and black.

"THE REPORTS predate (the founding of Vestigia); they go back years," Jones said. "They've had reports like this in England, too."

Jones detailed the two reports from people in Stanhope:

"One woman was walking her dog about 10 in the morning and she came down along a macadam path that goes through a woods and she heard a squirrel raising a hell of a racket," he said.

At first, the woman thought the squirrels were reacting to her and her dog, but as she looked up into a tree she saw what she told Vestigia probers was a black panther.

"The rear end of the cat was maybe 5 feet off the ground," Jones said. "It was clutching the tree with its paws. The woman was within 25 feet of it so she got a very good look at the animal. It was black and it was a panther. She described the body as between 4 and 5 feet long and she said the tail was about 3 feet long, which is a typical panther. The thing that stood out in her mind — aside from the fact that she was seeing an unusual sight

— was the extreme healthiness of the animal. It had a beautiful coat, there was nothing scraggly about it at all."

Apparently, the animal was getting plenty to eat.

THAT SIGHTING OCCURRED about a year ago, although Vestigia received the report recently.

"The reason we got the report at all," Jones said, "is that a neighbor of her's told her of her unusual experience and that's what made her come forth."

The second woman who reported a panther sighting also was walking a dog on the same macadam path.

"It was a Sunday morning at 11 o'clock," Jones said. "It was a bright, sunshiny day, so she had clear vision. The field in front of her went up slightly on a slope of maybe 10 feet to another flat area, and right at the edge of the flat area, she saw what was apparently a panther sunning itself."

When the panther saw the woman and her dog, it raced across the field into a nearby woods.

"She described it the same way as the first woman and she said one of the things that struck her was that the animal looked so damn healthy.

"I asked her," Jones continued, "what she meant by healthy and she described the coat (the same way the first woman had)."

JONES THINKS THE SIMILAR descriptions are important and lend credibility to the reports.

"It's a detail that — when two people have that same little detail — something you might not ordinarily find, it adds a reliability to it," he said.

Vestigia is investigating the panther reports, but so far members haven't turned up any hard evidence.

The question is just what — or who — do the panthers like to eat?

—CLEVELAND

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Yoo hoo, here, Knobby



By JENNIE PALMER
Gazette Lifestyle Editor

TOLUCA — As temperatures dropped below the freezing mark and darkness settled over the mountain tops, an anxious band of about 200 gathered at the foot of Carpenter's Knob to search for its mysterious namesake.

"Knobby," an unidentified creature that folks here say has been prowling the area since shortly before Christmas, is drawing scores of curious men, women and children to this normally quiet village near the boundaries of Cleveland, Lincoln and Burke counties.

"Everybody's talking about 'Knobby,' and everybody's looking for it," said Ruby Cook, who operates a country store near the knob with her husband, Elbert.

Neither of the two has seen or heard the creature that has been described as resembling an ape, bear and panther. But Elbert's 88-year-old mother, who lives near the store, does claim to have seen it and keeps a gun handy in the event "Knobby" returns to her yard, said her daughter-in-law.

Creature searchers turned out by the van and pickup truck loads Thursday for an all-night search, spearheaded by a radio station crew from Shelby, the Cleveland County seat.

Broadcasters admitted the search and live broadcast from the area around Carpenter's Knob was mostly a publicity gimmick. They gathered with their entourage at several spots where "Knobby" is reported to have been seen.

They failed, however, to turn up any sign of the creature and packed up their broadcasting equipment this morning.

IN SEARCH OF "KNOBBY" — Randal Huffman of Casar (left) and Russell Cook of Toluca were two of the many hunters who combed the woodlands of upper Cleveland County Thursday and today in search of "Knobby," the mysterious and yet unidentified creature reportedly seen in the Carpenter's Knob area. About 200 Toluca-area residents turned out Thursday for an all-night search, headed by a radio station crew from Shelby, but found no clues to the mystery. (Gazette photo by David R. Lutzman)

EVENING POST, Leeds, England
Feb. 7, 1979

Elusive Nessie

A HOME movie of the Loch Ness monster taken by English holidaymakers has been found to be inconclusive by the RAF experts. Mr Peter Smith, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and his wife were on holiday beside Loch Ness in August, 1977, when they shot the 8 mm. film of a disturbance on the loch which they were convinced was the monster.

Now the joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at RAF Brampton have told Mr and Mrs Smith that their film is of a moving object, but they have been unable to state what it could be.

Stalking Bigfoot: Pair study sightings



Allen Hilsmeier



Mike Asselin

to the Peach Bottom power plant. Two plant guards heard the pig-like screech Bigfoot is supposed to make, and next day a scouting party found huge tracks in the area.

Bigfoot stories kept coming in, and Hilsmeier's interest infected Asselin. In May, after the snow and the stories had stopped, they decided to try to make some sense of it all and prepare for the snow and stories to come.

The first story came on the first day of this year's deer season. A hunter in his mid-20's was looking for a deer in the Holtwood Dam area about dawn. He heard something moving toward him through the thick underbrush. He stopped dead in his tracks and waited three minutes. The thing stopped too.

Then the young hunter heard the snap of a big branch, and he knew whatever was coming wasn't a deer. It was crashing through the undergrowth at an amazing speed. As it approached him, it veered off to the left. In the dim light, the hunter saw the image of a seven-foot-tall human, walking too fast to be human.

The hunter returned later and found big tracks, but they were spaced closely together, not like Bigfoot's five-foot stride. They lacked indications of a three-toed foot, but had the characteristic deep heel print and signs of a high arch.

Hilsmeier and Asselin repeatedly questioned the hunter, pointing out how the tracks, the creature's behavior and the absence of a strong odor differed from other Bigfoot encounters. But the young man stuck to his story, adding only that he had a bad cold that dulled his sense of smell.

they're afraid people will think they're crazy," Hilsmeier said.

Both men have the unlikely occupations for Bigfoot investigating. Hilsmeier, 41, Paper Mill Road, Delta RD 2, is a physicist. Asselin, 26, Bel Air, Md., is a chemical engineer. Both work for Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Hilsmeier was entranced by Bigfoot last January when he and his son, Derek, found tracks, about 2,000 of them, meandering across their farm. The tracks were 16 inches long and six inches wide. Whatever made them had a five-foot stride.

Two weeks before their discovery, a Fawn Grove man stumbled onto a 10-foot high creature exuding a powerful stench.

And about a month after Bigfoot visited Hilsmeier, a Baltimore truck driver saw "a whopper of a man" run across the road leading

By JIM HILL

Of the Daily Record

Allen Hilsmeier and Mike Asselin know, as sure as snow will fall in southern York County and northern Maryland this winter, people will see Bigfoot tracks. And that's what they're after.

The men have formed "Bigfoot investigations" to try to come to grips with some unexplainable phenomena, says Hilsmeier, like the giant tracks on his farm last January.

They'll stalk the wild, three-toed, three-hundred-pound primate that reportedly has lumbered across York and Harford, Md., counties, and lend an understanding ear to people who have been scared to Dickens by an encounter with the thing. Bigfoot Investigations is sort of a Bigfoot crisis center.

"Some people are afraid to talk about what they saw because

DAILY RECORD, York, PA - Jan. 15, 1979

SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - Feb. 4, 1979 CR: J. & C. Bord

Mystery force sends air instruments wild

by MICHAEL DOVE
Chief Reporter

THE WEEKEND promised to be a pleasant one although nothing much out of the ordinary for amateur pilot Malcolm Montgomerie.

In his shaggy-engined Piper Tri-Pacer, he planned a flight to Alderney in the Channel Islands, with his 14-year-old daughter, Alison.

Mr. Montgomerie, an ex-pilot, was a good pilot. The trip would be good practice for his friend, 21-year-old Adrian Purdy, who is training to be a pilot.

Crazy

But that "ordinary" weekend involved him in a mystery which is being investigated by aviation experts and has become the talk of pilots throughout the South.

For 25 miles south of Bournemouth, in patchy flatland and with the light aircraft instruments in his cockpit suddenly went crazy.

His direction indicator spun 100 degrees and his compass showed a north, both in the same direction.

For about 12 minutes, while

About five minutes later they returned to normal, by which time Mr. Montgomerie had drifted more than 20 miles off course.

His experiences are being investigated by the Civil Aviation Authority, which issued a warning to all pilots and air taxi-servicers.

"It was uncanny and not a little alarming. I could not make out what on earth was happening," Mr. Montgomerie, a 41-year-old businessman, said.

"The compass was brand

new and the direction indicator had been thoroughly overhauled and checked three months previously.

"What is strange is that on both occasions I continued flying using the last course indicated. I would each time have passed over Portland."

"There was nothing in the cockpit which would explain things."

Mr. Montgomerie took off on the eventual flight last October.

Secret?

Mr. Purdy said: "Obviously what might have caused the trouble is open to speculation. Was something secret being tested at Portland naval base?"

"Could there have been a nuclear submarine in the vicinity with some sort of weapon on which the field affected the magnetic field?"

A spokesman for the Defence Ministry said: "We know of nothing which might have caused this."

HERALD, Glasgow, Scotland - Feb. 6, 1979

The Loch Ness monster has had a £1m price put on her head — dead or alive.

This is the bid council official Francis Lee is willing to make to put Nessie on show at Rochdale, where he is entertainments manager.

Booms Heard Again, and Scientist Is Sure They're 'Sonic'

By LAURIE JOHNSTON

For the second time within 48 hours, explosive booms along the East Coast from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania rattled windows and prompted telephone calls to police stations Saturday night.

Yesterday, William Dunn, in charge of atmospheric sciences at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., said he was "99 percent certain" the explosions were sonic booms, and the Federal Aviation Administration said the flight of a British Airways supersonic Concorde jet was under investigation.

As on Thursday evening, the latest recorded "acoustic signals" preceded the landing of Flight 189 from London at Dulles International Airport, outside Washington. Saturday night's landing was at 7:53, with the time of the boom reported as 7:13, by the Palisades observatory, which is part of Columbia University, and at 7:05 by Boston College's Weston Observatory, in Weston, Mass.

One caller told the police in Montville, N.J., that the noise was "like wind shaking the house—but there was no wind."

Dr. Dunn said the booms appeared to be virtually identical with those recorded Thursday just before the supersonic

Flight 189, delayed in London, landed at Dulles at 9:49 P.M.

A British Airways spokesman said that, according to flight records for both nights, the Concorde, in preparing to land, "went subsonic"—decelerating to below 740 miles an hour, the speed of sound—"60 miles out to sea off Nantuxet."

"In effect, we've got no explanation," the airline spokesman said. "No doubt some meteorologist will come up with something, but we're not meteorologists—we fly airplanes."

Dr. Dunn said sonic booms had greater audial impact when extreme cold concen-

trated the sound near the ground. He said also that, while winter winds in the stratosphere normally blow from the west, occasionally they reverse, carrying sound back to the surface from a long distance to the east.

In Weston, Russell Ahner, a research assistant, said that the observatory "registers a rash of acoustic signals in cold weather," but that not all the "pressure waves" would be audible as supersonic booms, reflecting an actual breaking of the sound barrier.

Queries about the booms were reported by police stations from scattered locations in the metropolitan area.

walks into human life not only on snow, but on crocuses, summer grass and autumn leaves.

Do Hilsmeier and Asselin, both seemingly sensible men, really believe in the existence of Bigfoot?

Asselin: "If I didn't think there was a possibility that Bigfoot existed, our investigation would end."

Hilsmeier: "I think we ought to keep an open mind about something we can't explain, and to proceed with the investigation for the sake of research."

They have to grin and bear some razzing from their friends. "But you get used to it," Asselin said. "I have fun figuring out what line they're going to use on me next."

Hilsmeier concludes, "I want to go to the ends of the tracks and see what's there. And if it's nothing we'll just drop the whole thing."

"I mean, I might just pick up that big ol' rabbit by the ears and say, 'HERE'S BIGFOOT: END OF STORY.'"

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Feb. 9, 1979 CR: F. Hudson Justice Dept. May Study Mutations

From the Journal's
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Cattle mutilations throughout the Western states may soon come under the scrutiny of the U.S. Justice Department, according to an announcement Thursday by U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt.

Schmitt said he is optimistic about his effort to convince the Justice Department of federal jurisdiction in the five-year-old mystery.

Schmitt said he contacted U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson in Albuquerque this week to advise him of plans to probe the mutilations.

"He and I are going to work together to set up an informal conference at which we will discuss the mechanics of a state and federal study of the situation," Schmitt said.

"I think we have to establish a form of communications and a system of reporting the mutilations, to begin with."

He said the informal conference probably will take place in Albuquerque during the congressional recess at Easter.

"There has been a rather systematic loss of a lot of valuable livestock in these mutilations," Schmitt said, "and we have argued that the Justice Department has jurisdiction in the matter because some of the cases have taken place on federal land."

Knobby

Where is he?
What is he?

By JENNIE PALMER
Gazette Lifestyle Editor

TOLUCA — From the back roads that wind through the Smoky Mountain foothills and from the cities that lie below, the masses are converging on this usually quiet Cleveland County community like it's fair week.

And they're all searching for "Knobby," the mysterious ape-like creature folks around here have reported seeing sporadically for almost a month now.

Stop at any one of the country stores and many of the homes that dot the hillsides and you'll hear the latest "Knobby" tale. If your face is strange, no one will ask why you've come. Instead they'll offer to direct you to Minnie Cook's house or Sally White's for a first-hand account of the sightings.

Minnie, an 88-year-old woman who became the first to let her story be known, is so terrified of what may be lurking outside her front door that she won't talk to a visitor unless she's been forewarned of his arrival by her son, Elbert, or daughter-in-law, Ruby. Each time Minnie goes outside the house, Ruby said, she carries a rifle.

"People aren't just saying they saw it," Ruby said Thursday afternoon as she sat inside the store she runs with her husband. "They have seen it."

The Cooks' store lies in the afternoon shadow of Carpenter's Knob, the foothills high point just west of Toluca and the landmark from which the creature draws its name.

The store and nearby Mountain View Grocery are where area folks gather to swap their "Knobby" stories and where outsiders stop to track down leads to its whereabouts.

"Everybody that comes in here talks about it," Ruby said. "A lot of them are scared to death. Me? Well, I'll just tell you I'm not about to go out looking for it."

But others are. Throughout the day Thursday a Shelby radio station crew broadcast live from a campground near the base of the knob. The crew, a smattering of newsmen and a host of curious searchers spent the night hopping from spot to spot in the hopes of sighting the creature that's causing the stir.

Robert Shoup and Butch Craig cut their high school classes to sit all day by a campfire near the top of the knob. "We're just waiting and looking for it," Butch said.

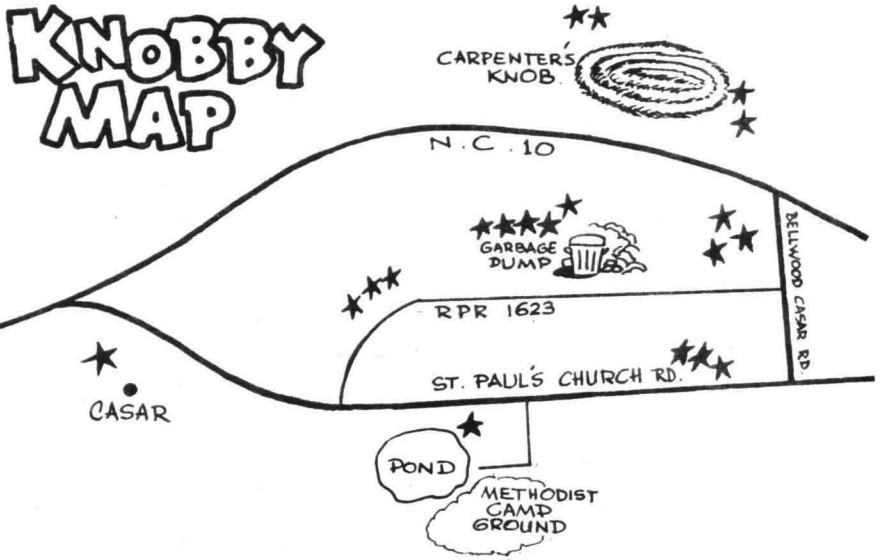
And Russell Cook took a day off from work to go "Knobby" hunting with Rondal Huffman. "We've been all over these woods looking for signs of it but we haven't seen a thing," Rondal said.

Their last trek of the day was through a deep gully that runs behind Sally White's house, the site of one of the most recent "Knobby" reports.

Mrs. White claims to have seen the animal three times, the last on Tuesday about 8:30 p.m.

"I heard the dog barking and I looked out," she said. "He was barking and jumping up. When he did that I

Knobby Map



SIGHTINGS — The stars on this map of the Cleveland County indicate where "Knobby" sightings have been reported.

knew there was something outside that was more than another dog.

"I looked down the path and I saw it — something long and black coming up through the woods. It's the same thing I've seen twice before, once before Christmas and once right after."

That's the best description, Mrs. White says, she can give of "Knobby." But others who claim to have seen it wandering along the roadsides, snatching food from a trash dump and making his way through the woods say "Knobby" is about six feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds, has a small head, flat face and dark, hairy body.

Speculation about the creature's identity ranges from wandering mountain panther to escaped carnival baboon to misplaced bear to Big Foot,

the supposed missing link between man and ape.

A state park developer drove from eastern North Carolina to Toluca to check the Big Foot possibility. Two other researchers, working on a project for a Massachusetts university, spent at least one night on Carpenter's Knob checking out their own theories about "Knobby." Area residents say they do not know whether the men have left the area.

At least 16 "Knobby" sightings have been reported since late December in the vicinity of Carpenter's Knob. Earlier this week Forest Price of Casar, a community located about 10 miles west of Toluca, reported finding his goat dead of a broken neck and speculated that "Knobby" may have been the killer. His brother said he

saw the creature roaming the woods near their homes.

An animal den and tracks were found about two miles from the Price houses. Searchers said the tracks were at least as large as a man's hand and similarly shaped with a thumb-like protrusion.

But most people, both hunters and wildlife protectors, are turning up no trace of the mysterious creature as they comb spots where sightings have been reported.

"Most of this talk is just plain old hearsay," said Clyde Price, whose relatives own a large tract of land near the top of Carpenter's Knob. "When something like this gets started it gets bigger and bigger."

DA urging mutilations probe

THE NEW MEXICAN, Santa Fe, NM - Feb. 15, 1979 CR: R. Caudell

ESPANOLA—District Attorney Eloy Martinez is seeking funds to investigate cattle mutilations in the 1st Judicial District.

Martinez has submitted an application to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, requesting more than \$40,000.

"The money would be spent on an over-all investigation from a law enforcement point of view, taking into consideration some of the scientific information available," Martinez said Wednesday.

He said of the increasing number of cattle mutilations, "I think it's

probably reached that proportion where it's totally a law enforcement issue."

Martinez' move is separate from U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt's, R-N.M., call for federal involvement in an investigation of the mysterious mutilations.

Many of the mutilations occurring in the state have been in Rio Arriba County, reported in areas from Dulce to Santa Clara Pueblo.

"Hopefully we can make the 1st Judicial District, and more importantly Rio Arriba County, a repository for facts surrounding

cattle mutilations," Martinez said.

The proposal for the LEAA grant calls for the hiring of at least one investigator with no less than 20 years experience in law enforcement.

Martinez said he expects a hearing on the proposal early next month.

He said the decision to seek the money was spurred by "the overall widespread concern" about the mutilations.

"It is the mere fact that no one really has a handle on what is causing the cattle mutilations," he said.

He added, "We feel it involves a law enforcement matter because one or

more crimes may be connected to these mutilations."

Martinez said the proposal calls for placing the suggested investigation under state jurisdiction, to be directed through his office.

"But we would very much welcome the opportunity to work with any federal agency," he said. "We would also seek help from other law agencies such as the attorney general's office, the state police and the crime lab facilities."

Money is also requested to pay for contract services, including those of a veterinarian.

Knobby

NEWS HERALD, Morganton, NC - Jan. 24, 1979

Is mysterious creature roaming mountains near Casar?

By TAD BOGGS
News Herald Staff Writer

Mackie Linnens is most emphatic about it — something unusual is roaming the woods of northern Cleveland County.

"Knobby," as the mysterious creature of Carpenter's Knob (near Casar) is known, has not been captured on film or positively identified. No one knows for sure what it is, or what it wants. But it is there, Linnens says.

Minnie Cook, an 88-year-old resident of Knobby's stomping grounds, spotted the elusive creature on Dec. 21 as she was standing in her back yard. Knobby stood 50 to 75 yards away. As Minnie stared at Knobby, Knobby stared back.

"These old eyes are 88 years old, but I saw it, that's all there is to it," she was quoted in wire stories. "I can't name it and I don't want to see it again, but I saw it."

Linnens, news and public affairs director for Shelby radio station WOHS, says you can believe Minnie Cook's story. "She's 88 years old, but she's a clear thinker and she's got her act together," he says.

Linnens has been on Knobby's trail since Knobby tales came out of the rough country of northern Cleveland County with more and more regularity. He has talked with many folks in the area, and although he admits being skeptical at first, he has now changed his mind.

"The more I found out about this thing, the more I became a firm believer," he says. "Those people up there

are damn dead serious. I don't like the attitude that some stories I've seen on this have taken. Oh, sure, you have wackos everywhere, but those people are not crazy. They've seen some kind of animal."

Knobby apparently began to be spotted in the Casar area near the southern tip of Burke County last summer, although regular reports have come about only in the last three months. Linnens says locals have reported spotting the creature in the woods and while driving along roads. Some sightings — including Minnie Cook's — have come in broad daylight.

From various sightings, a composite image of Knobby has begun to be pieced together. Witnesses describe the stranger as about six feet tall, weighing as much as 300 pounds and covered with black fur.

A Charlotte television station sent an artist to talk with Minnie Cook about the creature's features Tuesday. Linnens saw the artist's finished product, but has trouble describing it.

"It looked something like a slender bear standing on its hind feet," he says. "It had a lot of hair on its face, but it had very humanlike features on its face. It was really strange looking."

"But it's not a bear, and it's not a chimp."

Linnens says his station first pursued the Knobby sightings as a news story, but a couple of weeks ago WOHS took the search one step further. Linnens and other members of the staff took remote units to the areas Knobby was reported to frequent for a "Knobby hunt," but had little success.

"More than 300 people turned up that night, and it turned into a party," he says, although he emphasizes that the quest began "as a fact-finding mission." Linnens even spent about 30 minutes on top of Carpenter's Knob that night at midnight, but there was no Knobby to be found.

The Knobby hunt intensified when Bill, a goat belonging to Forest Price, was discovered dead with a broken neck two weeks ago. A mule at another farm reportedly broke a tether rope and escaped when spooked by — something.

But all reports of Knobby's eating habits indicate the creature is a vegetarian. One of its favorite foods is apparently holly berries. The main threat to humans seems to be one involving peace of mind, since Knobby reportedly issues some fearful screams at night.

Although one wire report quoted a local as saying "I don't know if he's dangerous or not — but I'm not wandering through these woods anymore without a rifle," Linnens feels the people of Carpenter's Knob do not fear the mysterious Knobby, and are not out to hurt it.

"I don't think you could truthfully say that people are out to kill it," he says, "although there are some joy-seekers up there riding the roads with guns." Linnens feels that if the creature is killed, it will be a person from another area squeezing the trigger.

"I guess some people in the area are a little afraid, but I think there's just more of a general interest. People would like to get a picture of this thing and find out what it is."

"I've found the whole thing to be very interesting. I like to think of myself as a realistic man, but there's no doubt in my mind. There's something up there."

Sasquatch Hunters Find Each Other 'Fair Game'

Pursuing Bigfoot, the ape-like creature supposedly haunting the Northwest, would seem a large enough task. But its hunters sometimes appear equally as devoted to pursuing each other.

By KAY BARTLETT

SEATTLE (AP) — Dr. Grover Krantz, a physical anthropologist at Washington State University in Pullman, sometimes drives at night along lonely back roads with a rifle by his side and bullets in his pocket.

That's out of character for the gaunt, bearded Krantz, because he's not a hunter. His conscience still bothers him because he shot a deer when he was 14.

But he is armed for Bigfoot, the giant, hairy, apelike creature that is said to stalk the Pacific Northwest. There have been reported sightings on most continents and in every state except Hawaii and Rhode Island, as well.

Enormous footprints have been found in unlikely places, over a thousand people swear they have seen the creature move through the forest, and others claim to have captured it on film. In Canada, Bigfoot is called Sasquatch, an Indian word for "Big man."

Krantz is about the only accredited member of the scientific community who has said categorically that the creature is out there. A few other scientists have waffled, but otherwise nearly the entire scientific community has one word for Bigfoot, and that is "bunk."

Dr. Sydney Anderson, a mammologist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, dismisses the one film that has most impressed even the non-aficionados of Bigfoot as "show business, not science. It was a man in a monkey suit."

Krantz, at the opposite pole, became interested in Bigfoot in 1969 when a deputy sheriff related a sighting. "It sounded very solid. I wanted it to be true, but I didn't think it was. It would be nice, but..."

He became convinced, however, when John Green, a journalist turned politician in British Columbia, dragged him off to Bossburg, Wash., to see over 1,000 footprints ascribed to a crippled Bigfoot. They were photographed and plaster-cast, as supposed Bigfoot prints frequently are, and Krantz reconstructed the anatomy of the foot, which strongly resembled a club foot.

He decided the prints couldn't have been faked. "It would have taken a brilliant anatomist with a very inventive mind and we haven't had one of those around since Leonardo da Vinci," he says.

Krantz, 46, has suffered in academic standing and advancement because of his position on Bigfoot. That's one reason why he wants someone to bag one. He scoffs at Bigfooters who only want to photograph.

"Even if you photograph them down to their tonsils, it will never convince the scientific community," says Krantz. "We need the body or bones."

That approach appalls Jon Beckjord of Seattle, another emphatic figure in the Bigfoot movement. "It might be the missing link," he says. "We may have a better chance of communicating with this animal than with any other."

That issue has touched off wild arguments among the roughly 200 persons in the loose network of Bigfoot hunters, a network in which nobody seems to like anybody very much.

One reason for frequent discord is offered by Green, the former editor and publisher of the Agassiz-Harrison Advance in British Columbia. Green has collected 1,800 reports of sightings and written four books on the subject, the most recent entitled, "Sasquatch, the Apes Among Us."

"There is no second prize" in the Bigfoot sweepstakes, he explains. "The man who actually collects one sees a pot of

gold and fame out there. And if you pre-select a group of individuals who are willing to fly in the face of society, you tend to get some pretty opinionated individuals."

To meet some of them:

Rene Dahinden of Richmond, B.C., a leathery-faced old-timer in the business, who grew up in rural Switzerland, got little formal schooling and is fond of quoting from "The Thoughts of Chairman Mao." Dahinden has spent much time in the bush but has never laid eyes of Sasquatch.

His rivals say he spends even more time in the courtroom, suing and being sued over various aspects of evidence and rights. Dahinden concedes his legal passion: "As Mao would say, there's a time to be in the field and a time to be in the courtroom. And the courtroom is where the excitement is now."

Dahinden says he's spent some \$10,000 in legal fees, and he's being sued by a film company and the widow of a Bigfoot chaser for a total of \$200,000 for "malicious harassments" through the courts.

Beckjord, of Seattle, claims to have seen a Bigfoot, perhaps two, on the Lummi Island Indian reservation in northern Washington. He heads "Project Grendel," and claims to have a photograph of four Sasquatch — a family — taken by a photographer in the Sierras. The photographer did not see the creature at the time, but they are now visible through computer enhancement of the film, Beckjord says.

He specializes in collecting photographic evidence, hair, blood samples, droppings and tape recordings. He also has a car aerial he said was clearly chewed off by a Sasquatch.

Dahinden doesn't think much of Beckjord's treasures. "I'd need a 60,000-ton truck if I collected everything he thinks is evidence."

Beckjord and Dahinden are also at odds over the most famous Bigfoot film, shot in 1967 by the late Roger Patterson and Bob Gimlin. That's the film that Dr. Anderson of the Museum of Natural History considers a fake.

Routine Sasquatcheria: Dahinden demands in a letter that Beckjord stop showing the film, threatens him with the FBI, with legal action, demands a \$300 payment ... Beckjord corrects a score or more of spelling errors, returns the letter with a red "F-minus" at the top.

Also, Dahinden is one of the Bigfooters who want to shoot one. Beckjord carries only cameras and a tape recorder, and besides is well-versed in Indian lore, which says Sasquatch can't be killed. Dahinden, he says, "always carries a carbine, gives off bad vibes and besides, the tooth fairy doesn't like him."

Dahinden lives in a trailer at the Vancouver Gun Club and supports himself in part by scooping up spent bullets, recycling and selling them. Beckjord, 39, is a sometime cameraman, oil rigger and mortgage broker.

Another Bigfoot pursuer is Peter Byrne, a silver-tongued Irishman who runs the Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition in Hood, Ore. He says he was once an Abominable Snowman hunter in Nepal. Byrne swore out a warrant against Dahinden to keep him out of Oregon, charging that Dahinden interfered with his work there and had threatened him.

Byrne is the only one among the Bigfooters so far who's been able to get funding for the investigation — some money from the Academy of Applied Sciences in Boston, which has also financed hunts for the Loch Ness monster. And Byrne is getting a movie made about Bigfoot.

Mostly the Sasquatch searchers spend their own money, without help from government.

Beckjord has applied for grants — and not gotten them — but he says he knows exactly what he'd do with such mon-

ey. He'd head for the Sierras rather than the Lummi Indian reservations, where many sightings, including his own, have been reported.

"The Lummi Sasquatch are too streetwise," he explains. "Besides, the Sierra Sasquatch are blond and gentlemen prefer blondes. I am blond. Maybe they'll like me."

Krantz, on the other hand, isn't trying for a grant. He spends a few thousand dollars of his own money a year, he says, adding: "What else have I got to do with it? I live alone with two dogs."

Dr. Marjorie Halpin, an anthropologist at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, managed to get the warring Sasquatch tribe together last May for the first ever Bigfoot conference, sonorously entitled, "Anthropology of the Unknown, Humanoid Monsters: Sasquatch and Similar Phenomena."

She rounded up scientists, Sasquatch investigators and philosophers. Papers ranged from an analysis of droppings and hair — not conclusive — to "The Wild Man in Medieval Irish Gaelic Literature."

Never again, says Dr. Halpin, who calls herself a "closet believer." The hunters weren't much interested in the role of the monster figure in literature, while the English professors didn't care much for the Sasquatch war stories. Besides, Beckjord and Dahinden got into a shoving match, Byrne showed up with a film crew, Dahinden threatened to walk out with his followers if the crew stayed, and one journalist entitled his article on the conference "The Bigfoot Follies."

The conference settled very little. Dr. Halpin and Dr. Krantz do believe that, despite the turmoils, it brought scientists and Sasquatch chasers a mite closer together.

The question will hardly be resolved until a Sasquatch is bagged or captured. Houston anthropologist Dr. John Gillespie has calmly offered a \$50,000 prize for either feat.

Most sightings have been reported by loggers, hunters and hikers not obsessed with the Sasquatch Saga. There are even reports of people shooting a Bigfoot in the chest, only to see it turn and run off.

Tape recordings, hair samples, droppings and such have proven inconclusive. Sasquatchians cite the numerous footprints, some in locations they think hoaxers would be unlikely to pick.

But hoaxes there have been. Even Dahinden, the expert, bit on one in May 1977. That was after a "Bigfoot" ran across the road before a busload of tourists in British Columbia. Dahinden rushed to the scene, proclaimed the tracks authentic — and two days later the perpetrators brought their monkey suit to a news conference.

The film by Patterson and Gimlin is generally considered the hardest piece of evidence in support of Sasquatch. Patterson was a rodeo rider and Gimlin a truck driver. Their film, shot in Bluff Creek, Calif., is somewhat blurred and jerky, but even skeptics concede that if it's a hoax, it's a brilliant one.

The creature moves in long strides, its thigh muscles visible, the swing of its ample breasts anatomically correct as it runs from the pursuing Patterson.

Dahinden took the movie to Russia in 1972 where, he says, two Soviet scientists analyzed it and concluded the creature couldn't be a man.

American scientists have been more cautious.

For most people the Sasquatch debate is a casual entertainment, but for those at the core of it it's become an obsession, and there's even talk of a Curse of the Sasquatch.

Why do they continue?

"It's my life," says Dahinden. "I'm still wondering if the damned thing exists. I'm not out in the bush for my health. No, I don't think I really care about the money as much as I care about the fight. Maybe it's childish, but I want to rattle the institutions' teeth with it."

Beckjord simply says, "I'm committed, obsessed and feverish."

GLOBE, Atchison, KS - Mar. 15, 1979 CR: S. Hicks

Report More Livestock Mutilation

Atchison County had its third report yesterday in less than a month of livestock being mutilated in fields, the sheriff's department said today.

A 200 pound bull calf belonging to Corpstein and Penning Farms, Route 1, Atchison, was found by Leonard Penning about noon yesterday in a pasture located a half-mile west of the old Walnut Creek Inn on old U.S. 73 officers said.

Undersheriff Al Heidrich said the reproductive organs had been removed, apparently by a knife.

This is the first such instance since mutilations were reported in mid-February by two Camp Creek area farmers. A cow and two hogs were found with body parts cut off at that time, including sex organs.

Heidrich said it is still a mystery as to why the mutilations are occurring but that the investigation is being stepped up to find the person or persons responsible.

Officers said they are convinced that the mutilations are the work of humans and not done by animals.

ADVOCATE, Harper, KS - Feb. 22, 1979 CR: S. Hicks

Cow Mutilation Under Investigation

Harper County Sheriff's officers investigated an apparent cattle mutilation last week north of Harper.

An 850 pound Hereford heifer was found in a field four miles north of Harper on Murdock Road and one mile east. The cow was owned by Glenn Hall and was expecting a calf next week.

The cow was found with one eye and hind portions cut out and

missing. A large amount of blood was found near a creek where the animal was apparently killed then dragged to where it was found. The killing is believed to have taken place on Feb. 9 or 10 and tracks of a four-wheel drive vehicle were found at the scene. Law enforcement officials, however, have no further clues as to why the cow was killed and mutilated or who committed the crime.

Investigator Hopeful New Clue May Solve Mutilations

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As State Police Officer Gabe Valdez excitedly mulls over the clue he hopes will crack the case of Rio Arriba County's mysterious cattle rustlers, a question arises as to whether the culprits will fall into his jurisdiction if he does track them down.

Three elements, two rare earth elements and one a transitional metal, have been discovered among those that comprise the material recently reported deposited upon a pick-up truck by an unidentified flying object.

Though Valdez believes that for now, those elements must remain unnamed, he admits he is "tickled to death" at their discovery.

"Now we are on the right track," Valdez said Monday for the first time since he began his investigation into cattle mutilations in the county.

"Now we have something to trace," the Super Sleuth of mutilated cow lore and other eerie phenomena explained Monday.

Valdez is delighted to find a substantial clue about the latest wave of

mysterious goings on in the county. He's investigated thoroughly two waves of cattle mutilations in the county in recent years.

Though he believes he is getting warm, the secret behind all the mysteries he's been confronting still proves to be elusive.

"I can't figure out why," he said, as he always says, when asked again what is behind the mutilations.

He believes, though, that the answer to that question is lurking behind all the implications of the three unnamed elements uncovered this week by Schoenfeld Research Labs in Albuquerque.

Late last year, Valdez discovered evidence which he believes links a wave of UFO activity in the area with the mutilations.

His investigations of cattle mutilations broadened considerably in scope this winter when news of a UFO landing near Taos captured Valdez' attention. Though the landing itself took place July 3, witnesses of the phenomena were hesitant to come forward until after Valdez talked to them.

The witnesses had evidence of the landing which opened to Valdez a

new door in his search for the mysterious cattle rustlers.

A deposit of a white, powdery substance found atop the cab of a pickup over which the UFO had hovered had been carefully salvaged by the witnesses of the Rancho de Taos sighting.

A quick analysis of that material and of some material scraped from the hides of some cows reportedly marked for slaughter by that material, which on the cows could be seen only with an infrared light, indicated that the two materials were elementally the same.

Valdez and Manuel Gomez, the chief of police of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, discovered the markings one summer night after Gomez locked his herd up in a corral and scanned infrared over the cattle's hides.

Both materials were sent to Schoenfeld labs in Albuquerque, a laboratory Valdez chose after numerous frustrating encounters with Los Alamos Laboratories and various state controlled labs.

Following his initial investigations into the materials, Dr. Robert

Schoenfeld, owner of the private lab, said that in Valdez' findings, he found "circumstantial evidence" that the cattle mutilations are related to UFO activities.

"They could be linked," he said cautiously.

Since then, Valdez learned that a great deal more material had been gathered at the site of the UFO encounter than had originally been handed him. The additional "Slivers" were turned over to Valdez, who in turn passed them on to Schoenfeld.

Schoenfeld, with the additional material, was able to perform an exhaustive study of the UFO droppings, and through that study discovered the elements Valdez believes to be a major breakthrough in the case.

He now is running tests on the materials found on the cow hides to determine if they, too, contain the three elements. His answer is due by next week.

Valdez said that the elements in question sometimes are found in uranium, but they are hard to find, and mining these elements is nearly impossible.

To sort them out, he explains, involves a "highly sophisticated" process.

"Who can make them and who can get them?" Valdez asks of the depositors of a material containing these elements.

The answer to that question, Valdez believes, could well lead to the answers to the many questions evolving from the mutilations and surrounding activities.

Many people have "pooh poohed" Valdez and his diligent search for the culprits behind the cattle mutilations which began in 1976 when Jicarilla Police Chief Gomez found one of his prize cattle killed and precisely mutilated.

Its rectum and reproductive organs were sliced cleanly from its carcass with laser beam precision. Since then, a number of Gomez' cows have been murdered this way.

Since June, 1978, more than 40 other cows in Rio Arriba County have met similar fates.

Valdez has studied each of the remaining carcasses, many of which were found in remote areas of the county, desolate places where one

must travel long miles over rudimentary roads where novice investigators run a strong risk of getting lost in Northern New Mexico's vast and unpopulated spaces.

He has determined to his satisfaction that highly evolved aircraft are involved in the mutilations and that whoever is responsible has strong resources for backing.

Valdez Monday gave a routine rundown of the latest tally of recent mutilations — Four cows near Taos found frozen in the snow, a six month old bull near Torrance, and four prize racehorses, each worth \$10,000, found near Carlsbad, the proposed site of the nation's first official nuclear waste dumping ground.

The Torrance and Carlsbad finds make Valdez suspect that the culprits have moved south for the winter.

Previous hopes that the killers moved out of the county have proved wrong, though, and Valdez predicts that 1979 will be a record year for cattle mutilations here.

He's hoping for a respite until summer at the least.

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EVENING POST, Luton, England - Feb. 7, 1979

Nessie is alive and well—on new film

RAF CONFIRMS COUPLE'S HOME MOVIE SCOOP

SCEPTICS who don't believe in the Loch Ness legend had a monster surprise when BBC TV showed a film of Nessie shot by a Bedfordshire couple.

Viewers saw the first known movie film of what was claimed to be the head and neck of a creature looking round and then submerging three times in the waters of the loch.

The half roll of film was shot by 27-year-old Mrs Gwen Smith, of Hinton Walk, Houghton Regis, who with her husband Peter, a 32-year-old Dunstable accountant, spent two weeks at the loch looking for the monster in August, 1977.

The legendary Nessie appeared only two days after they arrived. The couple said they were by the lochside with their son Gary, then aged 20 months when a large head on a six foot long neck emerged from the water 500 feet away.

Already confirmed believers in the monster, Gwen and Peter were amazed and shocked at first. Then Gwen hurriedly started her 8mm camera rolling while Peter

By MIKE GLACKEN

trained his binoculars on the scene.

She said: "A black pillar shape came out of the water and then sank below the surface again."

Then came the biggest shock of all, a young man rowed a boat out to where the monster was last seen and suddenly the head reared out of the water again.

"This was such a shock that I didn't film it."

"The animal came within a few feet of this lad and he rowed like mad for the shore," said Gwen.

Peter said: "The big rectangular head was at right angles to the neck and it was more or less in silhouette and so we could not see eyes or ears."

"I would roughly compare it to a prehistoric animal but the head seemed mammalian rather than reptilian."

"There is no possibility that it was something inanimate put there for our benefit."

"Its movements were natural and when the rowing boat appeared it started coming out of the water quite confidently but then suddenly changed its mind as it seemed to perceive the rapidly retreating boat."

Watchers

"The impression it gave was that it was just as surprised as the oarsman and it submerged much quicker than before as though making a tactical withdrawal."

The Smiths did not announce their film publicly because they say they did not want to sensationalise the issue.

But keen Loch Ness watchers have been very interested to see it and it has been investigated by the RAF who decided that the movement of the neck shows that there must have been a heavy object under the water.

Peter thinks that the hard core of evidence for the existence of a monster cannot be denied.

He said: "The attitude of the establishment seems to be that it is some sort of a joke which is incredible if you take the trouble to study the evidence."

"To anyone who says that we were fooled I can only say that the camera saw exactly what we saw and the proof is there."

Gwen said: "We shall be going up there again this August, and I shall be taking my camera, but I won't go out in a boat myself after seeing that thing coming out of the water."



The Smith family and their monster-snapping camera