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### YOU AND YOUR PROBLEMS

Q. "My boyfriend and I went for a walk in the moonlight at Mount Laguna. We stood looking across a big meadow, about a mile from our campground. We saw a large silver disk float slowly down from the sky. It came to rest on the grass."

"A greenish light could be seen through some windows. Apparently something on board sensed our presence. The object rose about 50 feet, and came directly over our heads. We felt static electricity. Our hair stood straight up. Then we heard a humming sound, and the object rose high in the air. The last we saw it was heading south, toward Mexico."

"We went back to the camp. We told our friends what we had seen. They did not believe us. Even our parents accused us of making the story up. Why are people so skeptical about UFO's? We know what we saw. Dr. Barbour, you believe us, don't you?"

A. I believe you. This is not the first time readers have reported seeing UFO's at that meadow on Mt. Laguna. I think the American people have been taught to be skeptical by the attitudes of their leaders. For reasons which elude me, leaders heap scorn on folks who report having seen UFO's. Their sarcastic attacks have continued for years.

The result is that people who see UFO's are inclined to say nothing. They hold back information which should be made public. I am glad you didn't.

ERA, Bradford, PA  
July 14, 1979

### UFO spotted by housewife in Duke Center

DUKE CENTER — An unidentified flying object, possibly fitting the description of a blimp, was reportedly spotted by a Duke Center housewife Thursday evening, according to a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

The investigator, Joan Jeffers, said the gray object, which appeared to be floating, was seen in the Duke Center area about 8:50 p.m.

There were no visible running lights, but a cloudy substance appeared around the object, Ms. Jeffers said.

According to officials at the Bradford Regional Airport no aircraft was reported in that area at that time, Ms. Jeffers stated. She said it sounded like the object was a blimp, but would continue an investigation.

Ms. Jeffers requested anyone with further information or other sightings to contact her at 368-8558.

ENQUIRER JOURNAL, Monroe, NC - June 8, 1979

## UFOs defy all logic this writer could summon

By DOLORES LAVELLE  
Trends Editor

I tried to explain what I saw by every bit of logic I could summon, but it defied them all. I have to believe what my husband, my son and I saw Wednesday night was a UFO.

It didn't fit the performance of a plane. It wasn't a radio tower. I never saw a helicopter move that fast, and to have two of them operating in the county at 10:45 p.m., was almost impossible. So I have to join the legions of believers, or rather, non-doubters.

We were returning Wednesday night after dinner in Charlotte with our daughter. When we were between the Stalling traffic signal and the one at the Indian Trail crossing on US 74, I noticed an orange-red light that came from behind us, on the right side, moving very fast and high.

My first thought, as my husband exclaimed, "What the hell was that?" was that two planes had collided. Then I realized we would have heard the crash. And the red light had not hit the ground, but was instead shooting up, very fast, back toward the green light.

As we proceeded down the road, we eventually passed under them. My son and I watched as they pulled ahead, and they remained in the same spot, over the highway, not moving, until we lost sight of them behind trees and turns in the road.

I contacted Wayne LaPorte, after a half day of kidding from fellow newsmen, and told him what we had seen. LaPorte is the UFO investigator for this area. He said the area where we saw the lights was along the fault they know exists, a geophysical condition that seems consistent with such sightings.

Our son is firmly convinced it was a UFO. He sighted an unidentified white light the same night and time that two policemen did a few weeks ago, and dragged his dad out of the house to see it, but it was gone. I don't say it was from outer space. But I won't say it wasn't, either.

As it curved toward the highway, I saw a small green light, stationary over the highway ahead. The red light approached the green and, as they met, the red dropped straight down toward the ground, while the green re-

JUST HUNG THERE  
They hung there together, the red on the right, the green on the left, at times with the red seeming to move between the green and us, obliterating it. My next thought was that it

OTHERS HAVE OCCURRED  
He was particularly interested, because a fellow investigator from the Brown Mountain area called him a day or so ago to ask if there had been any reports in this area. He had received several in the past few days, and such

sightings seem to occur in bunches in various areas. Ours was the first that LaPorte has had lately. Both my husband and I have analytically-trained minds from our fields of science, and no explanation we could come up with fit what we saw.

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UNION-DEMOCRAT, Sonora, CA - June 22, 1979

### 10 Report UFO Sighting Here

Ten Tuolumne and Sonora area residents reported spotting a triangle-shaped object last night in the Tuolumne river canyon and Buckhorn mountain areas.

The sightings were made at about 9:45 p.m. and reported to Marv Taylor, director of the local Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON).

The triangle shaped object reportedly had white, bright lights on its ends.

"The object flew at about 1,000 feet above the ground when first spotted as it rose from the Tuolumne river canyon and headed west over Tuolumne, Buckhorn mountain and then towards Sonora and Oakdale," Taylor said in a report.

A red light was also noticed on the object.

Among those spotting the object was Pat Easley, a Tuolumne area resident, and her five children, ages 14 to 21.

"They saw the object moving very slowly," Taylor said.

"They stood directly under the craft and could only detect a faint whirling or wind noise," he said. "They said the object was triangular in shape and definitely not a helicopter or plane."

Sighting the craft over the Sonora area were Curtis Drinnon, Richard Boaz and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maddox.

Taylor said they reported the craft stopped in midair over the Sonora Plaza before heading towards Oakdale.

Taylor said the craft was traveling too low to the ground to be seen over a wide area at any one time.

Local MUFON members are investigating the sighting and are asking the persons who may have seen an object call the organization (532-3110 or 532-5216 evenings).

JOURNAL, Milwaukee, WI  
July 12, 1979  
CR: R. Heiden

### Hot Rock Hits From Nowhere

Long Beach, Calif. —UPI— A chunk of hot rock that mysteriously struck a woman was not a meteorite from outer space, but may have been a piece of industrial waste.

John Wasson, professor of chemistry at UCLA and an expert on meteorites, analyzed a sample of the wayward missile and said it was no meteorite, but that, because of its manganese and silicon composition, could have been propelled from a smokestack, although no industrial plants are nearby.

Mary Tigges, 43, said Wednesday that she was outside her home Tuesday afternoon washing windows when the rock struck her on the arm, knocking her down. "It was hot," she said. "I've got second degree burns on my arm."

# Group has close encounter of some kind

By KATHLEEN F. JACKSON  
Sun Staff Writer

We are not alone.

So say three 11-year-old boys who are watching for three unidentified flying objects they say have been hovering above the San Bernardino mountains Monday and again Tuesday.

The sixth-graders, James Williams, David Clatfelter and Steven Shepard, told a reporter Tuesday they first spotted the white, flat, circular objects about 10 a.m. Monday over the mountains directly north of Jefferson Hunt Elementary School at 1342 Pumalo St., near Del Rosa and Highland avenues.

By 2 p.m. Tuesday the objects, spaced an apparent equal distance apart in a triangular pattern, were discernible but, because of the distance and the smog, it was difficult to tell their exact shape or whether they were sitting on the mountains or hovering above, a reporter at the scene said.

"It's really freaky," said James. "I think they lost energy and came to earth to collect solar power."

David said he believes the UFOs "could not be from earth because

they were doing things that were not normal for earth."

The boys agreed that the reason they noticed the objects in the mountains was because they shined brightly and had flashing green and red lights.

They said the UFOs stayed in position until about 8 p.m. Monday and left. When they checked again Tuesday the UFOs had returned to the triangular pattern by 12:30 p.m.

A spokesman at Norton Air Force Base weather station said the boys may have seen three puffs of smoke, an airplane or a helicopter.

He added that since San Bernardino experienced a record high temperature Monday the youths may have been suffering from sunstroke and imagined the whole episode.

But 25 other persons at the school shared another phenomenon with the boys.

James said that when he and his classmates decided there was something strange about the objects he went to get his teacher, Kaye Lawson, who brought the whole class outside to take a look.

What they saw is even more difficult to explain, Lawson said.

There were 20 flat, silver, sparkling, circular and triangular objects hovering just beyond the school yard "defying the law of gravity," Lawson said.

"They floated up and down ... in patterns. They would get into and out of formations. Some would go to the side, some up, some down," she said.

Lawson said, and the children backed her up, that the objects made no noises and never touched the ground.

Lawson said she and the class watched the performance for about 15 minutes as she tried to explain the objects away as weather balloons, paper or birds — but then something else happened just as hard to explain.

The objects disappeared.

"They just vanished," she said.

And that was the one thing that convinced her that what she saw was something she "would not have believed if I hadn't seen it."

Was it an aerial display by beings from another planet? Lawson won't commit herself.

"I don't know what we saw. If it had been at night I would have

thought they were stars," she said. "We'd like to know what it was."

Neither sheriff's deputies, police or fire departments had had any reports about the objects Monday or Tuesday, nor had their helicopters spotted anything unusual in the mountains.

Alvin Lawson, an English professor who runs the UFO Report Center of Orange County, said the sighting was probably explainable since the objects remained for so long. But still he has no explanation. He said that since it was a daylight sighting it has more credibility, but 90 percent of the sightings are explainable.

By late Tuesday afternoon James did have an explanation for the three UFOs hovering over the mountains. He said that, after seeing a 1951 picture of similar UFOs sighted in Texas, he is "pretty sure" his flat, round objects are from another planet.

"I'm frightened," he said.

But still he believes the aliens are friendly and will not harm anyone unless they are provoked.

Why did they come to Earth?

"They're probably trying to tell us what everything will be like in the future," he said.

GAZETTE, New Albany, MS - July 5, 1979

## Several sight UFO in Colonial Gardens

There was a strange thing flying around Colonial Gardens Saturday night.

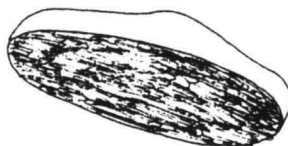
A disc-shaped object black on the bottom, bluish on top with tiny lights around the circumference, was described by two residents who watched the UFO until it disappeared.

Arlene and Jamie Melson reported the sighting to The Gazette Monday asking if anyone else had reported any such objects.

The Melsons said they were outside when a neighbor looked up and sighted the object and instructed other persons to look into the northern sky about 8:15 p.m.

They noted the object, which appeared to be about three feet in diameter, made no noise whatsoever, but seemed to be floating and moved in an oscillating motion.

Arlene said she expected the object, which at first appeared to be paper, to fall to the ground, but it did not and continued floating and circulating at an



### What they saw

altitude she and her husband could not determine.

"We thought it was a piece of paper and then a piece of Skylab, but it never fell and Skylab isn't supposed to come down yet," Arlene said.

Jamie went inside their home and quickly sketched the object they saw, and everyone who saw the UFO and Jamie's drawing said it was an accurate likeness of what they had seen. Four families witnessed the sighting.

STAR, Mauston, WI - July 12, 1979 CR: R. Heiden

## Unidentified flying object spotted here

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was spotted by a former Mauston resident the afternoon of July 5 over the Harmonisle area.

Beulah Johnson of Chicago, who is staying this summer in town, said she was by Riverside Park around 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. that day when she saw an object perhaps four feet by three

feet in size, with two metal slabs fastened together, coming out of the north. It "twisted and turned every way. I thought it was crazy," she said.

The UFO came as close as six to eight feet above the houses on the north side of the river, she said. She thought it was taking pictures of them and it turned toward her as if it was taking her picture.

She watched as it circled to the west at a low elevation, then went higher and faster until it disappeared.

There was "quite a good breeze that day, but you could see it was solid," she said. The object stayed in the area quite a while, she said. At first, she thought it looked like an open newspaper.

APPEAL-DEMOCRAT, Marysville, CA - June 26, 1979

## UFO Over Sutter County?

Skylab may be falling, but that's not what a Yuba City man said he saw last night in the evening sky.

According to John South, who was in the Air Force for 25 years, he saw a light-colored, saucer-shaped object about 5:45 p.m. and "it wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a balloon."

The object, which South said he spotted above a cloud of smoke from a grass burn, "made no sound and it left no contrail."

The Beale Air Force Base Information Office said it had no idea what it was South saw, but said it might possibly be a weather balloon released from the Oakland area.

"It was moving quite rapidly," South said. He added that it was headed in a north-westerly direction. Prevailing winds from the Oakland area would have moved the object to the northeast, the Beale Information Office said.

Neither the Unidentified Flying Object Sighting Center in Washington State nor the Center for Science and Research in California, received any calls about a sighting, they said.

While South said he has been interested in UFO's for a long time and "it's something I've been looking for, for a long time," he added, "I didn't want to see it so bad I imagined it."

South was about 20 miles west of Yuba City when he saw the object and said he was facing south.

COURIER NEWS, Bridgewater, NJ

June 22, 1979

## Policemen, 13 others sight unidentified flying object

Two Somerset County police officers were among 15 people who reported seeing an unidentified flying object Wednesday night.

Franklin Township Patrolmen Steve Perrine and Martin Hoyrik were dispatched to the Krauszer's store in an Easton Avenue shopping center at 4:15 a.m. after the night clerk telephoned police to report the object.

Perrine and Hoyrik, as well as the clerk and a customer in the store, observed the UFO for more than an hour.

In his report, Perrine described it as "going by the store towards the eastern sky."

He said it was a long shape with three lights. The one in the middle was red, while those on either side were green and white.

All four men "saw the object hovering with the lights turning in a circular motion. It stayed in the general area but moved side to side."

After returning to headquarters, Perrine contacted Newark Airport to ask whether conventional aircraft could have caused the sighting. The tower dispatcher acknowledged the object's presence but not identify it.

According to Police Lt. Joseph Juzwiak, 10 other people saw the same thing.

# Local man believes Skylab debris hits, NASA doubts it

By MIKE DORSHER  
Daily News Staff Writer

Marc Jordan, a 22-year-old rural Northfield resident, first heard about Skylab's imminent descent at a party last Saturday. He and several friends joked about where it might land.

By Tuesday, however, Jordan was laughing no more. He thinks a two-inch hunk of metal that came zooming out of nowhere and nearly hit him that afternoon just might be a piece of debris from Skylab.

But officials tracking Skylab at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas are skeptical. They said today (Thursday) that Skylab was not over Minnesota Tuesday afternoon and that as far as they knew, no pieces have fallen off Skylab yet, according to the secretary for Charles Harlan, chief of Skylab operations.

The North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs has estimated that Skylab will fall sometime between July 7 and 25. The approximate location of the crash, or debris scattering, will not be known until a few hours before the space craft's impact.

Jordan, nonetheless, was undaunted by the space official's apparent skepticism. He figures the piece that nearly hit him might have separated from Skylab long before it was over this area, he told the Daily News today. He



Marc Jordan

can't think of anywhere else it could have come from.

The incident happened at about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday. "I was out cultivating corn" on the Jordan's 191 acre farm near Dennison, he said. "I heard a pretty loud thud on the front of the tractor. Then I saw something bounce two or three feet straight into the air and then fall to the ground."

Thinking it might be a piece broken off the tractor, Jordan picked it up. "It burned my fingers," he said,

revealing two small sores on his right hand. "So immediately, being clever, I dropped it."

Then he picked it up with a pair of pliers and set it on the tractor. He noticed its impact had dented the tractor.

"Even after five minutes, saliva sizzled right off it when I spit," he said. "It took about 10 to 15 minutes to cool down totally."

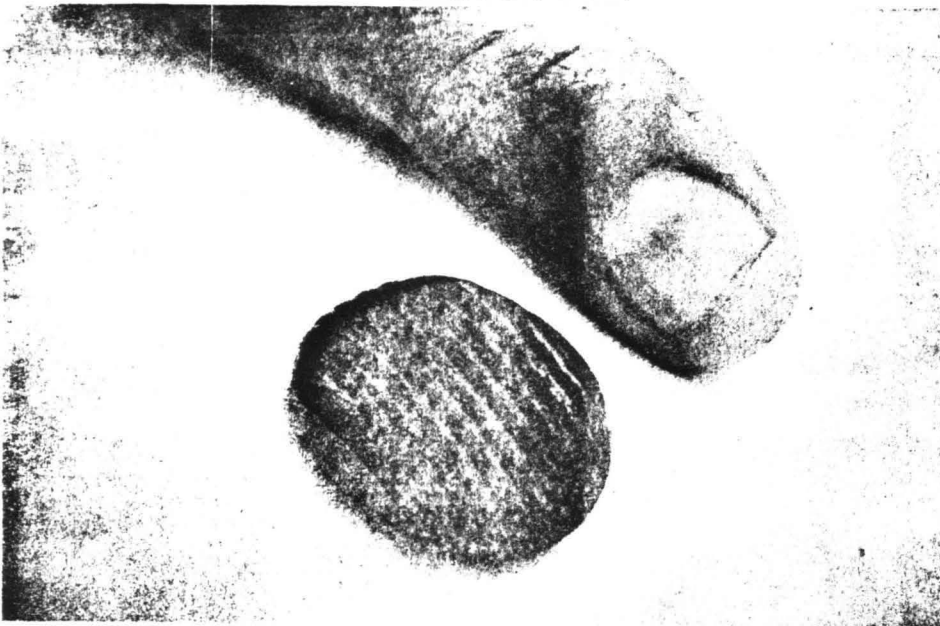
"I couldn't imagine what it was at first. There's nothing that looks like that on the tractor or the cultivator. And there were no planes overhead. Then I thought that maybe it did come from Skylab."

When he related those events to his father, Jack Jordan, a half-hour later when he came home, the elder Jordan

was skeptical too. But they could find no other explanation for why the metal chunk was so hot or how it was dropping fast enough to dent the tractor.

Whether it will ever be possible to verify if the chunk came from Skylab, Jordan does not know. A University of Minnesota radiologist told him the piece was too small to test for "cosmic rays" and he has not yet heard a definite answer from officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The notoriety of his claim, however, has resulted in numerous TV, radio and newspaper articles on the incident. It may even lead to a guest appearance on KSTP-TV's Twin Cities Today show, he said.



## Skylab?

This piece of metal nearly hit Marc Jordan Tuesday afternoon while he was alone, cultivating a corn field near Dennison. The only explanation Jordan can find

for its origin is that it fell from the crippled U.S. spacecraft, SKYLAB.

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - July 18, 1979 CR: M. Hall

## Bellechester Woman Reports Sighting UFO

BELLECHESTER — A 30-year-old Bellechester woman has reported seeing a round, unidentified flying object with red and white flashing lights.

The woman, Chris Kahl, said she was alone in her car on a gravel road between Goodhue and Bellechester near Goodhue 9 when she saw the UFO at about 9:45 p.m. Friday.

She said she stopped her car and watched the object for about 60 seconds as it moved up and down and back and forth, drifting into the clouded sky and heading toward Rochester.

Kahl said she was about 100 yards from the object that she guessed to be

about 20 feet in diameter. She said the red and white flashing lights circled the object.

She said it was "definitely not an airplane or a helicopter," and that it made no sound.

Kahl said she was "petrified and stunned" when she saw the object. Her first thought, she said, was "Oh my God!"

After the object disappeared, she said she calmed down, but did not report it to the Red Wing Police Department until the next morning. She was referred to a number at the UFO center in Chicago. The center called her back later and taped her report of the object.

**'Bright orange glow' seen in skies here and in Oregon**

UNION BULLETIN, Walla Walla, WA - July 16, 1979

"Spectacular lights" were reported in the skies over Blue Mountain Country late Saturday night. The sightings coincide with reports of "orange lights" in south and central Oregon.

The Walla Walla County Sheriff's department received three reports of the sightings. Calls were also taken by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight service at the Walla Walla City-County Airport. But the FAA had no explanation for the lights. No aircraft were in the area when the sightings were reported, the FAA said.

"It's the most spectacular sight I've ever seen," Gordon Gann, Kennewick, reported to the sheriff's department. Gann is a powerhouse operator at Ice Harbor Dam. He reported seeing the lights at 11:20 p.m. Saturday five miles south of Prescott. Gann said the lights were not from a falling star.

The sky lit up "like the Fourth of July — only more so," Gann reported.

An unidentified caller reported a "bright orange glow with long flames behind it" at 11:40 p.m. over Bowles Junction between Prescott and Walla Walla. The bright light reportedly "moved horizontally across the sky and then fell to the earth." The caller said the light was lower than the usual height of an aircraft.

A family driving to Walla Walla on Highway 11 reported the same sighting.

Oregon State Police in Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Ashland and city police in Bend received several calls from people who said they saw orange lights or a mysterious fiery object.

Some reports were made at about 11 p.m. and others as late as 2 and 3 a.m.

Klamath County museum curator Harry Drew said he saw a brilliant, fragmented, greenish light over Hogback Mountain in Klamath Falls. He said he had seen a meteor before, and the light did not look like that of a meteor.

Drew said an employee of the FAA in Seattle told him it had tracked an object in the area and then lost it from radar in an area near Crater Lake.

However, the FAA denied Drew's comment Sunday, saying that radar tracking had turned up nothing unusual Saturday night. In Auburn, Wash., the FAA said radar tracking recorded nothing unusual in the Crater Lake area.



# Magnetic Field Energy Eyed For Future Space Fuel

By GARY THOMPSON  
SUN Business Writer  
American scientists are working on a theoretical space propulsion system with effects bearing striking similarities to phenomena surrounding two closely studied UFO encounters, a NASA engineer disclosed Tuesday.

In a speech certain to generate considerable furor in the world's scientific community, Alan Holt revealed that government scientists and others have found data gathered during UFO investigations closely matches the physical effects generated by hydromagnetic fields that may vault future U.S. spacecraft across entire galaxies instantaneously.

Holt urged the United States to step up its research into the esoteric technology that may help solve the riddle of unidentified flying objects.

Speaking at a seminar during the AIAA/SAE/ASME Joint Propulsion Conference at the Sahara Hotel, Holt stressed that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration "isn't officially conducting UFO re-

search."

But he said an investigative group including NASA scientists and engineers has conducted independent research into UFO "close encounters" in an attempt to develop technology that could provide a possible explanation for the mysterious events.

If Holt's theory — and he emphasizes that it's only a theory — proves feasible, it would also be a revolutionary breakthrough in the search for a "fuel" to propel manned spacecraft through interstellar space.

Currently a Spacelab Systems supervisor training future U.S. astronauts at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Holt developed and ran the solar physics training program for the Skylab Apollo Telescope Mount crew.

During his recent thesis research in space science, Holt studied solar flares, which are caused by a merging of magnetic field lines that throws hot gases hundreds of thousands of miles into space despite the intense pull of the sun's gravity.

Because of the inefficiency

of chemical-based propulsion systems, Holt and other NASA scientists began looking into the possibility of using the energy of magnetic fields to propel manned vehicles across the immense distances of space (or "space-time," as the scientists refer to it).

Holt designed a propulsion system for a saucer-shaped "winged disk" being studied by NASA. The system uses pulsating lasers or superconducting magnets to generate opposing magnetic fields.

Up to this point, Holt said, the propulsion system is based on man's admittedly limited knowledge of hydromagnetics, or the study of the interaction of magnetism with electrically charged fluids. Beyond this, it's all theory.

Assume, for the moment, that a "fourth-dimensional space-time hyperspace" exists, that it contains harmonics (or magnetic fields oscillating at a multiple of the artificially produced wave on the spacecraft), and that the unified field theory of physics is in effect at that distant point. If these condi-

tions exist, you have a highway to the stars.

Holt said the astronauts on

the hypothetical spacecraft need merely use the pulsing lasers to create a

hydromagnetic wave resonant with the harmonics at that distant space-time point and, "Zap

— you're through hyperspace and across the galaxies."

The future astronauts must be careful, he said, to use their galactic spacecraft's hydromagnetic waves to keep the ship from "tuning in" on harmonics at intermediate points or they'll end up somewhere (and somewhere) else.

During his research, Holt was struck by the remarkable similarities between the likely effects generated by his hypothetical space propulsion system and the actual effects recorded during two UFO encounters for which no earthly explanation has been given.

In one case, a California mechanic named Bill Pecha was watching a late movie one night when his television set and air conditioner suddenly went off. He stepped outside his mobile home and the hair on his head and arms stood up.

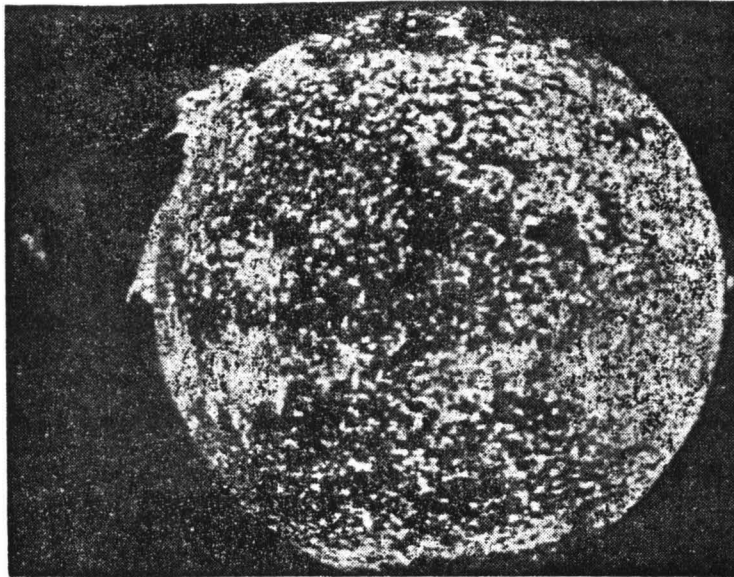
He saw three large circular objects hovering nearby, two of them directly over Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 500,000 volt power lines. PG&E and the county sheriff later confirmed

that a blackout occurred in the area, and tree leaves were scorched.

In a Stanford, Ky., case, a group of women drove a car through a bluish beam of light emanating from a UFO overhead. The auto's electrical system malfunctioned, one woman's watch hands moved rapidly and all suffered burning sensations.

Holt cited a number of other unsolved cases, including one in which the cassette tape of a woman who claimed to have been "abducted" by aliens was altered by some type of magnetic field. In addition, Holt said, the glow around many reported UFO sightings would be consistent with the ionization around the type of magnetic field his theoretical propulsion system envisages.

Holt drew no conclusions, urging only that the government launch a detailed study of solar flare magnetism, "which could lead to new types of space propulsion."



NASA Views Solar Flares In Hydromagnetism Studies

UPIphoto

SUN, Las Vegas, NV - June 21, 1979

## OREGON STATESMAN, Salem, OR - July 16, 1979 Mysterious lights reported

Police agencies in central and southern Oregon received reports of mysterious light or a fiery object moving through the night sky Saturday night and early Sunday.

State police in Roseburg, Klamath Falls and Ashland and city police in Bend got several calls from persons who said they saw strange lights. Some reported seeing the lights about 11 p.m., while others saw lights or a fiery object between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

Klamath County Museum curator Harry Drew said he saw a brilliant, fragmented, greenish light over Hogueback Mountain in Klamath Falls. He said he had seen a meteor before and that the light did not look like that of a meteor.

Drew said an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle told him it had tracked an object in the area then lost it from radar in an area near Crater Lake.

The FAA had no reports of aircraft missing in the area, Drew said.

A state police trooper in Roseburg, Tim Bartholomew, said Sunday he saw a bright flash of light while on patrol about 10:15 p.m. Saturday. He said his office had several calls that night from persons who said they had seen a bright light.

Bartholomew said another policeman from his office drove several miles east toward Diamond Lake late Saturday, where one person said an object fallen from the sky, but found nothing unusual.

## BLAIR PRESS, Hollidaysburg, PA - July 25, 1979 They Swear It: They Saw a UFO

Danny Hersberger of Martinsburg RD 2, flying a private plane, was accompanied by Paris Michaels, chief flight instructor with Penn-Air Inc., at the Blair County Airport, and John P. Kinney, Nason Hospital administrator.

Three local men saw an unidentified flying object July 9 as they approached the airport at White Plains, N.Y. The pilots were taking Mr. Kinney to a meeting with the hospital's planning consultant. As they were approaching the airport about 1,000 feet above ground level, all three saw a shiny spherical object at about the same altitude and about the same altitude and about 1,500 feet off to one side of their craft.

The object appeared to be about the size of a basketball and seemed to be stationary, the three agreed. Interviewed separately, each of the three gave the same description of the UFO. Mr. Michaels, who has completed over 4,000 hours of flying time, refused to call it a UFO, although he admitted he "never saw anything like it" and said there was a "strong possibility" it was a UFO. He said he first thought it to be a balloon or kite but was inclined to rule out both

assumptions after a longer at it. There was no sign that it was tethered, he said. The men reported the sighting to the airport tower. The town crew could not see it, but asked the pilot to take another look. The object was in view from 45 to 90 seconds, Mr. Michaels estimated, while the plane approached the same point a second time, the object was no where to be seen.

## EVENING HERALD, Shennandoah, PA - July 18, 1979 UFO on Burma Road

Two men who prefer to remain anonymous are the latest to have sighted an unidentified flying object from the Burma Road north of St. Clair Friday night.

They said around 11 p.m. they had climbed the Silver Creek fire tower and were looking northeast when they saw a triangle consisting of approximately three lights. As they observed it, the triangle came toward their position and they retreated down the tower.

The lights were intense bright orange and a streak of light shot out from one of them as the object disappeared.

They said when they first saw the

object it was a mile or more away and closed at least half that distance "in an instant" coming towards them.

One of the men is a scientist and both plan continued observations in an attempt to determine if the lights were actually part of an unidentified flying object or of a man-made source.

They said they want to avoid publicity, thrill-seekers and skeptics at this point but are serious about obtaining facts of the sighting.

Several sightings of UFO's in that area, and the area of Tananqua and Still Creek have been reported in the past year.



# Skylab—just like the UFOs

## A sighting in Maine, frenzy in Sri Lanka

By BILL DOOLEY  
Staff Writer

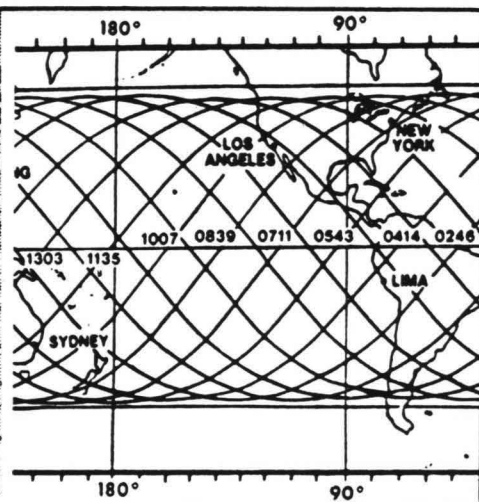
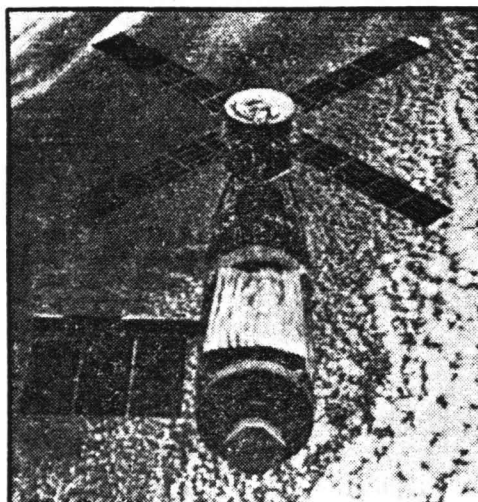
Mysterious explosions off the coast of Wells Beach, Maine, early yesterday touched off a flurry of excitement over whether the 77.5-ton Skylab, or a portion of it, might have landed.

A 600-square-mile sea and air search was undertaken by aircraft and ships of the Coast Guard out of Portsmouth, N.H., and Search and Rescue Headquarters on Cape Cod after Assistant Fire Chief Dan Hart of Wells Beach reported that he heard several explosions seven miles off shore and saw "heavy black smoke from the area."

But NASA spokesman Miles Waggoner in Washington said last night:

"Whatever you people have up there, it doesn't belong to us or to Skylab."

Waggoner revealed that NASA has been receiving calls from all over the world — like "flying saucer reports," he said — of sightings of



AP Photos

Map shows portions of orbits Skylab will make Wednesday when it's considered most likely to fall.

Skylab pieces reportedly from the space laboratory.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Casey, who piloted the Coast Guard helicopter involved in the search off the coast of Maine, said, "The fire

chief was not the only one to hear the explosions or see the black smoke. We had reports from others, including several boaters in the area."

"There were two explosions at

just about 8:21 a.m. and then heavy black smoke rising from a point several miles off shore," Chief Hart said. "About 45 minutes later, there was another series of explosions, about five or six in all — and then nothing."

"There was not one speck of debris nor one drop of oil in the area," said Lieutenant Commander Casey, "and if there had been an aircraft or boat explosion there would have been something."

The Federal Aviation Agency reported no aircraft crashes or overdue aircraft in the area and the Air Force reported no sonic booms or aircraft afterburner explosions.

"Occasionally, larger ships would blow their tubes (clean soot and carbon from their smokestacks) while about this far out from the coast," Casey said, "but there were no large ships there."

TIDINGS, Ashland, OR - July 17, 1979

## 2 more report seeing UFOs

Skylab is down, we are told, but people in the Rogue Valley just keep sighting strange objects in the sky.

And this is neither the time nor the place for the aurora borealis.

There were several reports Saturday night, both to the Medford-Jackson County Airport tower and to area police agencies. Nothing was determined — only that the red flash people reported seeing was probably a meteor or a meteorite.

But there were at least two sightings

again Monday night.

The state police office in Medford received a report from a man who said he had seen an unidentified flying object "travelling very fast and in a zig-zag pattern" from south to east.

An Ashland woman called the Daily Tidings this morning and said that she had also seen an object moving in the night sky. She said it was a flashing red object moving from northwest to southeast.



INSPECTING the soybeans on Meryl Boysen's farm near Low Moor were many curious folks early this week. Boysen discovered some imprints of what appears to have been a four-legged vehicle which landed in his field. The story has been given a lot of play in daily newspapers and even on television, but the question on everyone's lips remains: "Was it a UFO or what?"

OBSERVER PHOTO

# What Landed In Boysen's Field?

By Marian Paasch

LOW MOOR — As if cutting and shocking oats the hard way, building a community center and being invaded by a horde of bicyclists isn't enough excitement this summer for the Low Moor Community!

Residents here are now wondering if they are suf-

fering from over-fatigue or if they should believe their eyes and evidence that they have perhaps had a recent visitor from outerspace.

Could it have been a UFO, a space ship or beings from Mars looking over the busy community that landed their rig on Meryl Boysen's bean field on the west edge of town?

The evidence is all there... two depressions in the ground which are exactly four rows apart while two more depressions are exactly six rows apart. Is this a four-legged ship?

Moreover, the beans within the 30 foot area between the "landing pads" appear stunted and discolored, as if from heat.

And... after Boysen made his discovery and it was reported in the daily papers and over the air, some youths from nearby said that last weekend they saw a strange orange glow over the bean field.

OBSERVER, DeWitt, IA - July 12, 1979

CR: J. Brill

# Glowing Objects Puzzling Experts

By MARTIN FORBES  
H&N Staff Writer

If it wasn't swamp gas or strange cloud formations or meteors, then what was it?

Officials with the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle admit they are puzzled by a series of mysterious sightings of glowing objects seen overhead late Saturday and early Sunday.

The center, the only national facility in the U.S. set up to receive UFO information from the public, is responsible for investigating all UFO reports on the North American continent.

In addition to numerous sightings in the Klamath Basin, reports were received from as far south as Reno, Nev., all the way to Leavenworth, Wash., approximately 185 miles due west of Spokane.

Sightings also were reported as far east as Walla Walla, Wash.

Dr. Robert Gribbele, UFO center staff member, said the center has "received a lot of input on this particular sighting."

He said a majority of the sightings occurred over a "three-hour period from

around 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m."

Reports varied across the Pacific Northwest although most witnesses agreed it "was an extremely large fiery object coming out of the sky."

Gribbele said a "combination of colors were seen, with green predominating."

Witnesses were unable to agree, however, on the direction the object was coming from.

Several local observers, including Harry Drew of Klamath Falls, indicated the object was moving north by slightly northeast, crossing about 7,000 feet above Hogback Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Micka of Merrill saw the object pass from the north overhead for about three seconds before exploding beneath the Poe Valley hills.

Gribbele said the one point all reports so far have agreed upon is the absence of any sound associated with the object. He said several witnesses told center staff the object "made impact with the earth," although to date no traces have been located.

The Mickas compared the final stage of the sighting with a firecracker exploding without making any noise.

Because witnesses were

unable to provide adequate compass triangulation, the UFO center was unable to send out fact-finding teams to search for any traces of the object.

He added, "The thing that puzzles us is we received so many reports out of Oregon but (almost) all of them seem to have appeared on the west side of the (Cascades)," except for the Klamath Basin reports.

"Another thing that puzzles us is the fact that unlike natural phenomenon like a large meteor coming in, this sighting took place over a long period of time."

Admitting "we just don't know" what it was, he speculated "there's a possibility there could have been a heavy meteor shower — that would account for the number" of sightings.

He discounted the possibility of any man-made object causing the disturbance, saying "it definitely was not orbiting hardware" or Skylab.

Persons with additional information about the sighting are invited to contact the UFO reporting center at 206-722-3000.

## UFO Sighting Reported In S. Easton, Suburbs

EASTON — A glowing, humming, upside-down cone-shaped object was seen moving from east to west through the Lehigh Valley Saturday by a number of area residents.

"It came to a cone at the top and it was glowing very red. The bottom was all windows," said Mrs.

Cleo Horan, 831 Grant St., Easton. Mrs. Horan, her sons and other neighbors said they saw the unidentified flying object at about 10 p.m. as it hovered over two maple trees near the Horans' home.

Mrs. Horan said her son Tommy, 12, was outside with his 9-year-old brother and a friend when they accidentally threw a Frisbee on the roof of their porch.

Tommy climbed to the roof and was retrieving the Frisbee when he saw the UFO.

"He screamed 'Mom, a flying saucer,'" Mrs. Horan recalled. "Well, they kid around a lot, but the way he sounded I went out to check. I couldn't believe it. It was different from anything I'd ever seen."

Her son said he suspected the object was 80 to 100 feet off the ground and was as big as their house. He said he heard a high pitched hum.

A similar object was reported seen in Palmer and Forks townships and in Bethlehem.

Tom Scott, a team supervisor in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport control tower, said none of the air traffic controllers at the airport reported any unusual sightings.

COURIER, Grants Pass, OR

July 30, 1979

## UFOs Spotted

Two unidentified flying objects were seen by Josephine County residents late Sunday night and early this morning. A Hilltop Drive woman called Josephine County sheriff's deputies at 11:25 p.m. and said she saw a bright light south of town headed toward Selma. The light was "cantaloupe colored, had a large haze around it, oblong in shape and quite large." Deputies advised the UFO Center in Seattle of the sighting. At 5:10 a.m. today, a woman living on Northeast Sixth Street told Grants Pass police she saw a bright object in the sky changing colors and moving slowly.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS, Estacada, OR - July 18, 1979

# Another UFO spotted over Estacada area

"Is this the place I could report a UFO?" asked 14-year-old Greg Kay of Estacada when he called the newspaper at about 11 p.m. Friday night.

Young Kay, who lives at Rt. 3, Box 468, in the Garfield area, said he and a friend, Ken Robertson, observed two objects moving at high speed. The first craft to cross the sky directly above the youths appeared to have a single white light that pulsed in various intensities, sometimes flickering out entirely. When Robertson first saw the craft it was changing directions quickly and sometimes backtracking across the same space it had crossed. By the time Robertson pointed the object out to Kay it had changed course and was flying in a straight path. The white light went out before the UFO reached the horizon.

The youths said the second UFO appeared to be following the first. The second sighting occurred about 10 seconds later, said Kay.

The light on the second craft didn't flicker on and off as the light on the first one did. The craft also travelled in a more erratic course, Kay said. Some of its moves were described as "like a U-turn."

Any persons seeing UFOs in the Estacada-Eagle Creek area are urged to contact Ray Horn at this newspaper.

SEE, Sandpoint, ID - July 19, 1979

## UFO spotted

Sandpoint police received a report Tuesday of a UFO spotting over the Sandpoint area. Two girls reported seeing a round, silver object over North Boyer Avenue north of the airport. The UFO was reportedly seen about noon.

The witnesses said the UFO looked like a satellite with antennae on the top and bottom. The craft was oscillating and later traveled at a high rate of speed at a 45 degree angle downward.

"The UFO appeared to land between the airport and south of the Schweitzer cut-off road. No smoke, explosion or sound of any kind was witnessed by the two individuals."

There were also reported sightings near Cocolalla. Anyone who saw the reported UFO should call the police at 235-1111.

## Suspected meteorite hits driveway

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Police Monday were holding a suspected meteorite that at least one man hopes will turn out to be a piece of Skylab.

The four-pound piece of slag-like metal fell from the sky Sunday, hitting the driveway of William J. Nash, police said.

Nash's neighbor, Charles Jordan, told police he heard a whistling noise and observed an object falling at tremendous speed. He said when the object struck Nash's driveway, it shattered with a sound like an explosion.

Jordan said he tried to pick up the baseball-sized object, "but it was red hot."

Police recovered the fragments after they had cooled and notified the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Officials said they would send officers to pick up the piece of metal for analysis.

Baltimore police are calling it a "suspected meteorite."

HERALD-TRIBUNE, Quincy, IL - July 24, 1979 CR: J. Brill



# Chronicle of a U.F.O. Sighting: Investigation Leading Nowhere

**I**N 1975, Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, professor of space science and astrophysics at Stanford University, circulated a questionnaire to 2,611 astronomers asking them their sources of information on unidentified flying objects and whether they believed the subject "deserves serious scientific study."

He reported that 1,356 replied, of whom 23 percent said "certainly" U.F.O.'s merit such study. Another 30 percent said "probably" they do, 27 percent said "possibly" and the rest said probably not or certainly not. Of those who replied, 2.5 percent requested anonymity.

It was a surprising result, since it was — and still is — widely believed that only a small percentage of scientists regard U.F.O.'s as demonstrating anything more significant than the fallibility of human observation.

Nevertheless, Dr. Sturrock and a few others — notably Dr. J. Allen Hynek — have continued to champion the legitimacy of U.F.O. investigations. Dr. Hynek, a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., operates a clearinghouse for U.F.O. reports. It circulates a publication entitled "International U.F.O. Reporter."

By MATTHEW L. WALD

**G**ARY HULL was having an after-dinner cigarette on the patio of his in-laws' north Stamford home at 11:10 P.M. on July 27 when something made him look over his shoulder at the northwestern sky. Shining bright enough to be seen through the treetops was a cherry-red ball.

"It was inordinately bright," said Mr. Hull, 28 years old, who had never seen anything like it in the years that he lived in an eighth-floor apartment with a view of the planes approaching Westchester County Airport, or when he floated through the air as a skydiver.

The pulsing ball moved and appeared to hover over downtown Stamford, to the south. Mr. Hull walked down the driveway to an open field to get a better view.

As he watched, four distinct white flashes appeared. "It looked like somebody sticking a hand out of an airplane dropped four firecrackers," Mr. Hull said.

He ran inside to get his family. "It looked like a red ball," said his 5-year-old son, Andy, more than a week later. At the time he asked, "Is that Superman?"

Then the ball moved off to the north, diminished as if it were going straight

"There is a sense," Dr. Hynek has written, "in which each age is ripe for breakthroughs, for changes that were not only impossible but even frightening when imagined in an earlier age. The U.F.O. phenomenon may well be one such challenging area of interest even though it is seemingly out of place in our present world picture — as incredible to us as television would have been to Plato."

Typifying those of the contrary view is Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University, who argues that U.F.O.'s are puzzling only because they have not been observed adequately enough for identification. He has long argued that intelligent life probably exists elsewhere in the universe, but that there is no evidence to associate U.F.O.'s with such life.

No one knows exactly how often someone looks up and sees an object that is unidentified and flying, and how many times such U.F.O. sightings are reported. Some estimates put the number at 600 a year. They vary from lights in the sky to humanoids allegedly descending from "flying saucers" in remote areas.

This is the story of one sighting, and the events which followed it.

up, and disappeared. That was at 11:19.

Mr. Hull, like about a dozen others in Stamford, called the police. It seemed to be the right thing to do, he said.

Simultaneously, a few miles to the west, Housein Naraghi saw a red flashing light north of his house. He watched the object discharge three or four firecracker-like objects before it turned white, got dimmer, and slowly moved north and disappeared. Then he called the police.

Three and a half miles to the north, Peter Cavanaugh and some guests at his home looked up some time between 11 and 11:30 and saw a red light that seemed to be bright for three to five seconds, dim for one second and then bright again. It was to the northeast, and it turned white before dimming and disappearing. They, too, called the police.

On duty at the desk was Sgt. Harold Westerfield, who said that the department usually receives three or four such calls a year. But to the surprise of some of the callers, most of whom did not leave their names, he was sympathetic.

"Sometimes I feel Uncle Sam has things going on that he doesn't want us to know about, and they are explained as U.F.O.'s," said Sergeant Westerfield, an eight-year veteran of the force who was an Air Force mechanic for four and a half years. "I saw one once, two years ago, early in the midnight shift," he said. "I saw a group of people

standing in the street, looking up. There was a single white light, zigzagging in an erratic manner."

The investigation was under way. Sergeant Westerfield put out a call on the police radio and Officer Joseph C. Chovit answered it, interviewing witnesses at the three houses. With some police-style incongruities — the sightings were referred to as "complaints" and the officer's report duly noted that there was "no arrest" — Officer Chovit recorded the impressions of the witnesses, asking them to compare the size of the object they had seen with an object held at arm's length. At the Naraghi home it was likened to a fist; Mr. Hull said it was the size of a quarter.

"All agreed to sighting and all appeared sober and intelligent," he wrote of one household. "Has no idea what it was," he wrote at another. "Maybe U.F.O."

"I only investigated it," Officer Chovit said later in an interview in the records room of the Stamford Police Department. "I came to no conclusion. It's a 50-50 shot. It could be a Government thing, or it could be extraterrestrial."

"Right," said Sgt. Thomas A. Lombardo, the records supervisor, who was listening. "And when it landed, what got out, Martians or Chinese Communists?" Sergeant Lombardo quickly recalled an earlier U.F.O. report, by a city garbageman, who had actually spotted the planet Venus rising just before dawn.

But the Stamford police, facing a busy but not hectic Friday night, continued the investigation.

"If it looks like anything of substance, we'll follow up," said Sergeant Westerfield. The procedure "depends on who is working the desk and what his knowledge of local facilities is, to be honest," he said.

In this case, the department started with nearby Westchester County Airport, then Bradley International Airport, in Windsor Locks, Conn., and Bridgeport Airport. Westchester reported 10 or 11 planes in the pattern during the period, an unusually large number for that hour, but neither Westchester nor the other airfields spotted anything unusual on their radar screens.

According to aviation and U.F.O. specialists, this may not be conclusive, since Federal Aviation Administration regulations do not require all aircraft to report their position to air traffic controllers, and because airport radar relies heavily on transponders aboard commercial and military craft, which pick up the microwave signal and send it back enhanced, complete with data on identity and flight path of the plane.

Sergeant Westerfield also tried the police departments of neighboring towns and was told that a Darien officer had seen what he described as a "parachute flare" on the northwest side of town, which abuts Stamford.



This unusual cloud formation resembled a fleet of flying saucers

Still drawing a blank, the Stamford police called the nearest Air Force base, Maguire, which is in New Jersey, 16 miles south of Trenton. The call was made by Sgt. John Dugan.

Sergeant Dugan, who had spoken to some of the witnesses, was impressed. "I never really believed or disbelieved, but I believe they saw something," he said. But when he reached the duty officer at Maguire, "He didn't especially sound excited."

In fact, it was there that the forward movement in the investigation stopped. It has not restarted, and is not likely to advance much.

The Air Force base, like the Stamford police, has a policy to deal with U.F.O. calls, but it varies with the officer on duty. Callers are always referred to one of eight civilian U.F.O. organizations, with the choice depending on the officer.

In the words of a Pentagon spokesman, "We got out of the U.F.O. business on Dec. 17, 1969." That marked the end of Project Bluebook, an investigation dating back under various names to 1948, and covering 12,618 reported sightings. Most were found to be conventional aircraft; some were weather balloons, satellites, planets or meteorological phenomena such as lightning.

Some 701 remain unexplained, but the Air Force, backed by a panel of civilian experts, does not feel that they or more recent sightings merit further study. Both the Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon and the one at Maguire keep handy at their desks a summary of the report which explains why:

"The decision to terminate the study is based on three conclusions. One, that no U.F.O. that had been reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of

a threat to our national security.

"Second, no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings characterized as unidentified represented any technological development or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

"Third, there has been no evidence to indicate that sightings characterized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles."

The Air Force spokesman said they knew of no Government agency that was investigating U.F.O.'s.

In the case of this sighting, Sergeant Dugan was referred to a privately funded group in Seattle called U.F.O. Reporting Center, which has 12 staff volunteers. Robert Gribble, a retired fireman who is the director of the center, was given an outline of the incident and told how he could obtain a copy of the four-page police report, complete with the names and phone numbers of the witnesses.

Mr. Gribble said that his organization had sent a letter to the police requesting the report, and that investigators would call the witnesses and ask for more details.

The witnesses and the police speculated about what the object was. "It could be a joke," said Officer Chovit, who theorized that a prankster in a light plane could have dropped "a regular 15-minute traffic flare and some firecrackers."

But Mr. Hull argued that its movements were too deliberate for that. Witnesses also ruled out a helicopter, because they said the object made no noise.

The unofficial police theory of a Government test is rejected by an Air Force official. "We own millions of square miles out west if we want to test something," he said.

Now the witnesses are wondering, just a little self-consciously. Mr. Hull, a sales representative for a distilling company, said he will wonder "until I'm no longer here" what he saw, but doubts that the authorities will carry the matter much farther.

TIMES, New York, NY - Aug. 21, 1979 CR: J. Clark



ALTRINGHAM GUARDIAN, Cheshire, England

June 21, 1979

## UFOs over town were 'noiseless'

DID visitors from outer space zoom in to take a look at Altringham and Timperley on Monday evening and early on Tuesday? According to four local youngsters from Timperley and a family from Hale they did — and stayed around quite a time too.

The first sighting was by 12-years-old Richard Makin and three companions who saw what appeared to be a huge flying disc in the late afternoon sky over the Broomwood Estate on Monday.

The second — this time a sighting of two strange disc-like objects over Altringham's Stamford Park — was reported by Mrs Jean Jones of Hale who watched round, brightly-lit objects hovering in the sky for two hours between 1.30 am and 3.30 am on Tuesday.

### NO NOISE

Richard, an Altringham Grammar School pupil, of 8, Mainwood Road, Timperley told the Guardian excitedly, soon after his "sighting" at 5.20 pm on Monday: "It was like a huge disc, flying very high but slowly — it was gleaming very brightly and just gliding across the sky. There was no noise."

And Richard was not alone in his sighting. With him were his friends, Brendan Cafferty aged 13, and Brendan's sister, Angela aged 18 and his own brother Matthew Makin aged 10.

"We are all sure it was a UFO," said Richard. "I am absolutely certain it wasn't an aeroplane because it did not leave a wake and it stayed in the same place for too long. It was a long way up but clearly visible. It looked like a plate."

Richard, who says he knows what a hot air balloon, often mistaken for UFOs, looks like was also sure that was not what he and his friends had seen.

The second spate of mystery objects in the sky was reported at 1.30 am by Mrs Jones who lay in bed at her home at 110, Stamford Park Road and watched the rising and falling flight of her "visitors" for two hours.

"I woke up at half past one — but I do not know why," she said, "and I could see this thing out of the window. I live directly opposite the park so there is a good clear view of the sky. There were no stars or anything. At first I thought it must be some sort of plane or helicopter but it wasn't. It had red, green and white lights flashing on and off. It was round. I do not know how high in the sky it was, I am no good at estimating that sort of thing but it was going up and down, quite slowly and appeared to be hovering. After a while another one appeared and I woke my husband and daughter up to see them."

"There was no noise. I was quite frightened of these things because I could not think of a rational explanation for something behaving like them in the sky."

"My daughter thought they must be something to do with American satellites breaking up but my husband said it couldn't be that as it would not take that long to get to the ground — and in any case they were going up and down and, eventually went right up out of sight and disappeared."

### SPINNING

Mr Ronald Jones told the Guardian: "I have never seen anything like this before. It was not a plane or a helicopter. It was the lights that made it different. They were very bright and at first it appeared they were flashing on and off but when I realised that whatever it was up there was spinning round."

"We watched it for such a long time and it was not moving — just hovering up and down."

"I have never known quite what to think about UFOs," he added, "But unless someone has a good explanation for this I can not disbelieve them now."

A spokesman for air traffic control at Manchester Airport said on Tuesday there had been no other reports of sightings in the area, and, as far as they knew, there were no balloons or any other unusual flying objects in the area at the time.

STATESMAN, New Delhi,

India - June 23, 1979

## U.F.O. SIGHTED IN LUCKNOW

LUCKNOW, June 22.—An unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted in the north-eastern sky here last evening, reports UNI.

Mr B. N. Niyogi, Director of the Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Survey of India, said that about seven in the evening just after sunset a very bright object emitting bluish white light was seen by him about forty degrees above the horizon.

Mr Niyogi, a keen astronomy enthusiast, claimed that the object remained stationary in the sky for about 20 minutes and that he could see it clearly with his powerful binoculars.

It moved very slowly south-eastwards in an arc of 20 degrees and then moved upwards very fast and disappeared in about 10 seconds, he claimed.

OBSERVER, (City Unknown), England

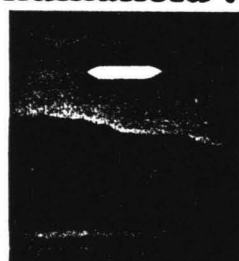
May 8, 1979 CR: D. Goring

## Did boy see 'humanoid'?

PEOPLE in south-west Wales, where UFO activity has mysteriously intensified since January, should not feel alone with their phenomena. Randall Jones Pugh, retired vet and co-ordinator for South Wales of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, says there has also been a 'general flap' elsewhere.

In Wales, 14 pupils of a junior school at Broadhaven saw a silver-white, cigar-shaped object in a field about 100 yards from their school playground one lunch-hour in February. The headmaster made each child draw what he had seen. 'The similarity was remarkable,' said Mr Pugh.

Even more remarkable was the report Mr Pugh received a few weeks later when a boy of



John Petts saw a UFO from his window and then painted it.

17 saw one night in March 'a large dense object, with an orange-yellow glow round the edges' in a field, and also encountered a tall, thin figure 'with luminous eyes, high cheekbones and a large mouth' approaching the gate where he stood. His mother told Mr Pugh next day that when he arrived home he had been 'very, very frightened'.

Whatever is to be made of the 'humanoid', as Mr Pugh termed it, even the most cynical observer could spot similarities between the object in the field and the 'luminous, pale gold, six-sided figure' seen by artist John Petts from the window of his house overlooking the Towy estuary another night in the same week.

Mr Petts immediately drew it. 'It was seen by a neighbour the same night and I was glad of corroboration.' What did he think it was? 'I just don't know.'

Mr Pugh said he had no idea what the objects were either, except that they seemed to be 'non-terrestrial'. But he thinks it's high time the British Government followed the French Government's example and set up an investigating committee.

Ena Kendall

WEST BRITON, Truro, England - June 7, 1979

## UFO with a 'tail' speeds in, then stops

IT LOOKED to Mrs. Joan M. Dell like a star or a planet, when she first saw it in the night sky near Camborne at about 10.30 p.m. last Friday.

Except that it was much brighter, and moving quite fast from south to west — then suddenly stopped in its tracks. Mrs. Dell, of Springfield-park, Barrister, watched the mysterious object pass "under" the moon, apparently leaving an ice or vapour trail.

She phoned Camborne police, called her neighbours and stopped a passing motorist to look at it for a quarter of an hour.

Twice, she says, the UFO almost disappeared to a pinpoint

(there was no cloud at this point), then returned to full brightness.

She thought she detected a slight redness, and that perhaps it moved away a little.

Later the moon clouded over, and gradually the object disappeared too. But on one occasion it could still be seen through thinning clouds, until about 11.35 the cloud became too thick.

This, says Mrs. Dell, was about the seventh UFO she has spotted. The others, more spectacular, were in Gloucestershire.

Three of these were reported — on March 26, 1977, April 28, 29, 1977, and January 11, 1978 — the last, which was "colossal", seen with her by a policeman.

SUNDAY MIRROR, (City Unknown), England

July 1, 1979 CR: D. Goring

## A close encounter of Star Wars kind

THE FORCE was certainly with cabbie Graham Adams when he picked up the phone at his home.

He found himself on a straight line to an air battle 28,000 feet above Britain that was just like Star Wars.

Graham, 35, from Altringham, Cheshire, and his friend John Wilkinson, 22, of nearby Sale, who had rung up for a chat, listened in amazement as five RAF fighters were ordered to intercept the aliens from Outer Space.

For nearly half an hour the

pair listened to the exchanges between a military controller and the pilots.

Graham said: "The pilots said they had made contact and then they were given permission to fire. One reported a direct hit, but the UFO was undamaged."

An official at Manchester Airport, supposedly first told of the UFOs by a DC-10 captain, said: "It's news to us."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman, his feet firmly on the ground, said: "I think they've been hoaxed."

BARNSELEY CHRONICLE, South Yorkshire, England - June 22, 1979

## Police sight UFOs

Unidentified Flying Objects have been seen in the night sky over Barnsley — by policemen.

The strange objects, about a dozen in all, were seen by local officers in the early hours of Monday.

The officers say that at first they thought they had seen a meteorite or shooting star. But over a period of about 1½ hours, they saw a number of lights high in the sky moving very fast and giving out a steady glow.

They contacted radar tracking stations, but they could not confirm what the objects were.

One of the officers commented: "We don't know what these things were, but they were very high and moving very fast. From their flight pattern, we are all convinced they were not aircraft."

"A fair number of officers saw the lights which kept re-appearing, travelling in different directions and sometimes weaving a zig-zag pattern across the sky."

"We have heard that other officers in Sheffield and other parts of South Yorkshire also saw these objects the same night."

A flying saucer expert from the Aetherius Society centre at Birdwell said he was not surprised about the sightings. Society members had experienced increased sightings lately, "but these people do not intend any harm towards us," he said.

"We have always said that flying saucer activity would increase when mankind took a more serious attitude to their existence, and that is what appears to be happening."

But senior officers in Sheffield have claimed they know nothing of the sightings and have no reports on record.

HERALD, Buenos Aires,

Argentina - July 16,

1979 CR: J. Thomas

Lisbon

HUNDREDS of people, including staff at Lisbon Airport control tower, reported seeing a glowing object streaking across the sky from north to south early yesterday.

Portugal's state radio said one of its transmissions was mysteriously cut for three minutes. Radio taxis also reported reception trouble for around the same period just after 0100 local time.

Staff at the airport control tower said the area was lit up while the unidentified flying object sped overhead. (Reuters)

EVENING NEWS,

Worcester, England

June 27, 1979

## Fishy tale of UFOs

WORCESTER fisherman Ken Sawyer has a strange tale to tell of the ones that got away on his latest fishing expedition.

For, while quietly sitting on the river bank at Worcester Ken spotted five UFOs.

Ken, of Park Street, Worcester, was doing a spot of early morning fishing on the bridge near the old power station.

At around 1 a.m. yesterday he looked up to see five white flashing objects converging above him. They moved off in formation over the city, heading south east.

Worcester UFO spotters, Skyscan, are investigating the sighting and have already discounted the possibility of satellites.

Reports collector Tony Green today appealed for anyone who may have seen something similar to contact Skyscan at 12 Hazel Close, Tunnel Hill, Worcester.



## We are not alone, say pupils

By PETER DEWHURST  
WHEN a pupil at a Nelson school spotted a silver object glinting in the sky, he pointed it out to class-mates.

And eventually dozens of pupils and members of staff at Edge End High School were looking at the unidentified flying object.

Even the police took a look, and confessed they were mystified.

But the unromantic staff of the Meteorological Office reckon the "UFO" was just a weather freak.

### Bright

They explained it away to Nelson police by saying it was "probably the effect of reflected sunlight on wispy cloud."

The light was spotted by 15-year-old pupil Clinton Bennett, of Ravenoak Lane, Worsthorne, while he was in a technical drawing class.

He said: "It was a very bright speck flashing on and off, and moving to different positions."

Another pupil, 15-year-old David Stott, of Berkeley Street, Nelson, actually photographed the object.

He said: "It seemed to go down and change directions. Then it stopped still for about five minutes."

### High

The "object" had a bluish haze around it according to witnesses, which could help to confirm the Met Office theory.

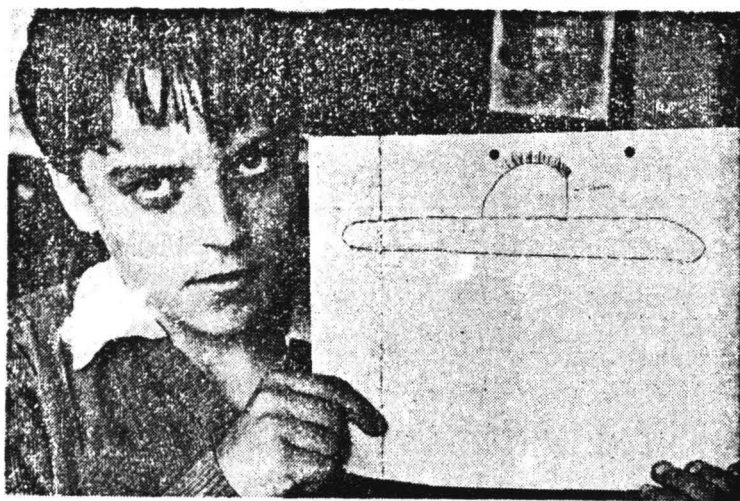
It appeared between 11 am and 11.35 am north east or east north east of the school. It appeared to be quite high in the sky.

A member of staff called the police to see if they had had any other sightings, and officers joined in the UFO watch. One of them said: "I saw it and I have no idea what was."

Punila said it did not behave like an aircraft, helicopter or satellite and the Met Office say it definitely wasn't one of their weather balloons.

The phenomenon was also sighted by some residents on the Brunshaw Estate who said they saw an object they thought was a UFO flying over the Towneley area of Burnley.

BURNLEY EVENING STAR, Lancashire, England - June 20, 1979



Dominic Hudd (10), with a drawing of the UFO.

## WHITMINSTER BOY SPOTS UFOs

WHITMINSTER schoolboy Dominic Hudd (10) had the fright of his life while he was flying a kite near his home. He claims he saw three UFOs in the sky and a fourth take off to join them.

His mother, Mrs. Honor Hudd, says she also saw the four cigar-shaped objects as they made off towards Bristol.

"Dominic came rushing in. He was really petrified. I have never seen him in such a state before," said Mrs. Hudd, of Moorhurst, Bristol.

"I went up into a bedroom with him and looked out of the window. There were three shiny silver objects in the sky, they were not planes because they did not fly the same as aeroplanes do. Each had a little dome on the top with a light on."

"Dominic told me they had been completely silent, about as long as a dromedary and about as high as a double decker bus," she said.

say exactly from where the UFO had left the ground.

"Mrs. Hudd said the objects were below cloud level and that means they must have been quite low because the cloud was very low that night."

"The boy was asked to make a drawing of what he saw because he managed to explain it very vividly," said the spokesman. The objects were not aeroplanes from Staverton or nearby RAF Kemble, because they were not operating on Sunday evening. At RAF Innsworth a spokesman said no sighting had been reported.

But, at RAF Brize Norton an assistant air traffic controller, said he also saw something peculiar in the sky heading for Gloucester direction on Sunday night.

"It definitely was not an aircraft from here. It was something like a shooting star, a long streak in the sky," he added.

The Police did not find any trace when they got there, but the boy could not

When the Police arrived, said Mrs. Hudd, they seemed very interested and said they would report the incident which occurred between 8.30 pm and 9 pm on Sunday night.

A Police spokesman from Whitminster said today he thought it was a genuine sighting because both the mother and her son saw it.

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EVENING POST, Bristol, England - June 27, 1979

## I spotted UFO, says student

A Bristol engineering student today claimed to have spotted a UFO over the city.

David Edmonds (22) sighted the object just after midday from the window of his home at Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop.

"It was metallic silver in colour, round, flat on top and seemed to be revolving in the sky," said David.

David, an amateur astronomer, said he watched the object for about three minutes through the lens of his six-inch telescope.

"My father saw it too," he added.

David reported his sighting to the air traffic control centre at Filton.

## Two more UFO's sighted

THE mystery of unidentified flying objects over the south west of Gloucester is deepening.

Since this week's story about the sighting of four UFO's at Whitminster there have been two more reports of peculiar objects in the sky. Mrs. Irene Lansdale, of The Terrace, Haresfield, was driving with her husband towards Nupend, Stonehouse, about 8.15 pm on Monday when they saw two cigar-shaped objects.

"They were very bright, moving closely together, high in the sky but below cloud level."

"If they were moving they were going very slowly. We were driving in the opposite direction and eventually lost sight of them," she said.

Mrs. Lansdale, a coffee bar assistant at the CEGH, does not think the objects were aeroplanes because they were too close together.

And on Tuesday a Stonehouse resident claims to have seen a round light in the sky. It was moving rapidly westwards. He does not believe it was an aeroplane because there was no vapour trail.

CITIZEN, Gloucester, England - June 28, 1979

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Northamptonshire, England - July 6, 1979

## Teresa's UFO mystery

A KETTERING woman thinks she may have seen the same mystery flying object which was spotted this week

by a 16-year-old boy. Mrs Teresa Wright, of Wallis Crescent, was hanging out washing early last week

when she saw a black bat-shaped object in the sky.

She said: "At first I thought it was a kite because of the way it moved. I watched it for about 20 minutes and then it went up so high it disappeared."

Robin Griggs, who lives on the opposite side of the A6 to Mrs Wright in Roundhill Road, spotted a mystery object on Wednesday while sunbathing in his garden.

He said it was shaped like a house and seemed to be a dark colour.

Meteorological experts at RAF Wittering were unable to throw any light on the sighting.

EVENING POST, Leeds, England - June 27, 1979

## VENUS - OR UFOs ?

Space-ship spotters beside the seaside have been seeing red - and blue and green - over the past two nights.

Flashing coloured lights have been reported in the sky over the Yorkshire coast, all moving slowly.

One witness at Sewerby said they varied in shape, but were basically oval.

They appeared at about the same time each night, from about 11 p.m., and last night could be seen until early today, going south.

A coastguard said it could be Venus which can be seen on clear nights in about the same position as the UFOs.

## U.F.O. DESTROYS SCHOOL ROOF

From Our Calcutta Office

**July 15**—An unidentified flying object (UFO) emitting a bright red light, was seen flying at a great speed over a Government farm colony, 2 km from Islampur town, in West Dinajpur, last night.

The object hit a school building of the colony and destroyed its roof and another building on the campus.

According to the Superintendent of Police, West Dinajpur, at about 9-45 pm, the villagers of the colony saw the object coming out of the overcast sky from the north-west. They first took it object as a chunk of the Skylab and took cover. But the object did not fall. It hung over the school building for some time, then moved towards the south-west and disappeared in the sky.

The corrugated tin sheds of buildings were sucked in by the object like a magnet during its departure. A villager, who took shelter inside the school building, was injured. The fire brigade and police cordoned off the area.

Scientists of North Bengal University have been requested by the district administration to investigate the matter.

STATESMAN, New Delhi, India - July 12, 1979

EVENING NEWS, Manchester, England - Aug. 9, 1979 CR: D. Rees

A CLOSE encounter of the frightening kind has puzzled a young couple.

Angela Gallagher, aged 18, was returning home with her boyfriend from an evening out in Southport when they noticed something "strange and mysterious" hovering above them in the night sky.

A blinding white light crept closer and closer as the couple stopped their car in a dark country lane.

After appearing to "look at them" from both sides of the car the shape disappeared.

Angela and her boyfriend, Gary Carroll, also 18, of Upholland, Wigan drove on, but then the light re-appeared.

Said Angela, of Tawd Road Skelmersdale: "We stopped

## UNIDENTIFIED

again and Gary got out of the car. The bright light came towards us and we both got frightened."

The couple reported the sighting to police, and after giving statements they carried on—only to be followed a third time by the same bright light.

They went back to the station and a policeman went out with them, but the light had disappeared.

"It was as if we were the only ones who could see it and the shape was following

us intentionally," said Angela. "It was a round shape with white lights coming off. I never believed in UFO's until now."

Lancashire police said they

**A blinding light 'takes a look' at couple in car**

received three reports of sightings of the light over Ormskirk and took statements from other people who saw the UFO in the Wigan area.

# 'Shaken' pilot reports UFOs

A 29-YEAR-OLD flying instructor is convinced he saw two UFOs while walking home in the early hours of the morning after his car ran out of petrol.

Mr. Tim Steggle, of Branksome Hill Road, College Town, says he saw the strange objects streak across the clear sky and disappear over the horizon.

And Mr. Steggle, who says he is quite used to seeing unusual - but explainable - objects in the sky says: "I was really quite shaken. I have never seen anything like this before."

Mr. Steggle, who is married and has just completed a commercial pilot's course, has clocked up considerable flying time.

## LIGHT

What he saw in the sky as he walked along the London Road at Blackwater on Monday morning, he says, was nothing like he had seen before.

As he walked past the Hawley Hotel after leaving his car, he glimpsed a light in the sky which he thought was a piece of space debris.

"That was what the first sighting appeared to be, although it seemed to leave a gas trail," he said.

But it was the second sighting that intrigued Mr. Steggle about 15 minutes later at 1.37 a.m.

He said he saw a light appear on the horizon towards the north west. It was quite bright and moved across the sky in a straight line towards the south west.

As the light came overhead it split into two and while one continued on the straight course the other separated, branching off and then the two points moved close together into a parallel course and disappeared.

Mr. Steggle telephoned the police from a call box and was referred to the Air Traffic Control at Heathrow.

He telephoned them and they said there was no scheduled flight for the area at that time.

Said Mr. Steggle: "I have

CAMBERLEY NEWS, Surrey, England  
June 29, 1979

## RATIONAL?

Now he wants to hear from anyone else who saw the strange bright objects in the sky and he would even like to hear from anyone who believes they may have a "rational" explanation for the lights.

He said: "I just wish there had been someone else there to see them. I would even have stopped a car so the driver could have seen what I saw."

If anyone did spot anything they can contact Mr. Steggle at his home at 87 Branksome Hill Road, or contact the "News".

## MYSTERY UFO OVER TOWN?

ing Boys' School said that watched it for about five minutes before it disappeared," he said.

Griggs as he lay sunbathing in the garden of his home in Roundhill Road, Kettering.

Both the meteorological unit at RAF Wittering, Stamford, and Kettering Boys' School satellite tracking equipment could offer no definite explanation for the UFO spotted at about 5 pm.

Mr. Albert Hunter, aged 55, of Maydon-street, Basford, spotted the bright, white object in the sky as he drove along the Potteries Drive at midnight last night.

Mr. Hunter who was a flight engine during World War Two, said: "It banked at fantastic speed, then rolled over. It was definitely not a plane."

A spokesman for the New-chapel-based British Un-identified Flying Object Research Association said: "It sounds very interesting and we would like to know if anyone else saw it."

EVENING SENTINEL, Stoke-on-Trent, England - June 1, 1979

## U.F.O. EXPERTS PROBE SIGHTING

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## The night a space creature called at the farm

By PAT CODD

IT LOOKED as if it would be a normal evening as Pauline and Billy Coombs watched television in their isolated farmhouse.

Their five children were sleeping upstairs. The dog dozed in front of the fire.

It was 34-year-old Pauline who noticed a bright light, shimmering like a chandelier at the window.

First it fascinated her. Then she recalled the strange, silver ball of light which had seemed to follow her car along the country lanes some weeks earlier.

Billy, who was sitting with his back to the window, had been amused by his wife's story.

"He had pulled my leg about it so much that I didn't like to say anything to him," says Pauline.

The light at the window came and went during the next two hours. Billy sat unaware as Pauline watched in horror.

Casualty, Billy turned round at last. Pauline says:

## Towering figure

"He jumped to his feet, with his arms across his face as if to ward something off, and shouted: 'What the hell is that?'"

"He pulled me to my feet, clung to me, and then I saw what had frightened him—a towering figure, at least eight feet tall, glowing in a silver suit."

"It was so big we couldn't even see the top of its head as it looked in. It was wearing a helmet with some sort of black, shiny visor."

A pipe went from the mouth to the back of its head. I was petrified. We were rooted to the spot with terror."

"It radiated a sort of luminous light and when it touched the window, the pane started to rattle like all hell had broken loose—yet there was no wind."

"Slowly, I got my wits together and raced upstairs to see if the children were all right while Billy kept watch."

"Billy put the dog out, but he went mad with fear. Eventually, six months later, he had to be destroyed."

## Ordeal ended

Pauline rang some neighbours and the police. "All the time the thing was looking in."

"I don't think it had any ill feeling towards us. If it meant to harm us it had plenty of time."

Fifteen minutes later the ordeal ended for Pauline and Billy.

As the police car's lights swept the lane of the Coombs' farm—near St Brides Bay, Havertfordwest, South Wales—the strange figure disappeared.

But there were two reminders of their close encounter. The TV set was burned out and a rose bush near the window was scorched.

And that night in April 1977 was only the beginning of what they believe was their contact with creatures from space.

The experience of the down-to-earth farming family was so out of this world that their story has been told in a book, published last week.

All sorts of strange things began to happen around their home, Ripperstone Farm.

The children said that silver-suited creatures emerged from saucer-shaped machines which left charred circles in the fields.

They also found huge footprints nearby.

One day, Pauline and two of her daughters saw a small plate-like object fly into rocks on the coast.

## Most bizarre

Pauline says: "We went down to the cliff edge for a closer look and saw two figures in silver suits. One seemed to be walking up and down stairs inside the rocks while the other was walking almost on the water. Then they disappeared inside the rocks."

But the most bizarre incidents involved the Coombs' cattle. "That was a queer thing, and it still takes some believing," says Billy.

Quite simply, Billy's herd kept disappearing.

Billy says: "One day it happened five or six times. The herd kept disappearing, although I padlocked them in, and turning up on someone else's farm."

"Every time I brought them back to my farm they would vanish again. I thought I was going round the bend."

For a year the family's life was misery. Five TVs and eight cars were burned out. Two of the children were burned.

## Strange sightings

Then the mysterious incidents stopped as suddenly as they started. By that time, more than 100 reports of strange sightings had been made by other people in the area.

And a local police inspector admitted: "After what I've seen around here nothing would surprise me now."

So what is the answer? Certainly the Coombs' farm lies in a sensitive military area with a nearby rocket range.

But Squadron Leader Tim Webb, from the Brawdy air base, believes his son and most of his school have seen a UFO.

He said: "I've yet to see a UFO, but I think there has been something supernatural or paranormal going on here."

The Coombs are now leaving the farm. But Billy denies that the aliens have driven them away.

"The Uninvited, by Clive Harold. Published by Star Paperbacks (W H Allen), 95p."



SKY-WATCHERS: Billy, Pauline and three of their children

DAILY STAR, (City Unknown), England - July 30, 1979

CR: D. Goring

## UFO CALLS KEEP THE SKY-CHECKERS BUSY

A BREAKAWAY Nottingham group dedicated to finding out the truth about UFOs has been inundated with calls following an appeal for more information about a reported sighting in Chilwell on Friday.

And not all the calls concern that particular UFO.

One came from an RAF Flight Lieutenant who spotted a mysterious object at Ollerton two weeks ago.

The secretary of the Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation, Mrs. Jenny Sallis, says that after a report of the Chilwell sighting appeared in the Evening Post on Saturday her tele-

phone was busy all evening.

"Several people called to confirm the sighting by Mr. Steven Brown, of Chilwell. They included two old age pensioners who had seen it but did not know who to contact and just wanted to talk to someone about what they had seen," says Mrs. Sallis.

"We also had calls from people who had seen UFOs before but were reluctant to come forward for fear of being made to feel silly."

"One was an RAF officer who saw an object at Ollerton a couple of weeks ago. He had eight witnesses and got a close-up of a huge glowing white light through his binoculars."

Mrs. Sallis formed the research group in March after disagreeing with policies of Nottingham's other two UFO organisations, SPRING (Strange Phenomenon Research Investigation and Notation Group) and the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society.

The new group, which goes sky-watching at Bestwood Lodge on Saturday nights, is launching a "Look at the Sky" Week on June 24 when Mrs. Sallis hopes everyone will spare a few minutes each day to study the sky.

"We are dedicated to presenting UFO phenomena in a serious and sensible light," she adds.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - June 5, 1979



# TRANSLATIONS — Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Athos Pampa (Córdoba prov.)-Casilda (Santa Fe prov.), Argentina

Dates of incidents: May 6, 1979 - 7

Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín - May 24, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

## THE MYSTERIOUS DANCE OF THE UFOs

The UFO phenomenon does not stop. To the photographs obtained some days ago by Luis Ferreyra of Córdoba in the Los Molinos dam and the testimonies of the YPF workers in the Vizcacheras region in Mendoza, are now incorporated the statements of a couple and the chief of Casilda's Radio Electric Command (one division of the police force-JT). They claim to have seen a fleet of flying saucers. Reality? Psychosis?

The UFO subject keeps feeding public comments. A police employee of Córdoba and his sister (who want to remain anonymous), visited the offices of the local "Córdoba" paper to make a lengthy report on the observation they made of strange lights in the Villa Alpina zone and the Champaquí hill. The date agrees with that in which mining producer Luis Ferreyra photographed a UFO in the Los Molinos dam area. The brothers, who admitted to having seen "CELIK" and to being very fond of reading on subjects related to extraterrestrial visitations, claim that on May 6th they were in a weekend house they own in Athos Pampa (near the Los Reartes stream), and between 19.30 and 20.00 saw a very luminous "star" that was suddenly lost behind the Sierras Grandes (Big Hills-JT).

### \* Intense Light

"It had a very intense orange light -they added- remained motionless and then disappeared. We looked for a higher point of observation, climbing some 100m up the hill, met some neighbors, went back for our car and placed ourselves where the observation was easier. The orange light was still motionless. We blinked with the car lights and the object that gave off lights, moved". The brothers add that although frightened, they went out to hunt that night, and some 20km from Villa General Belgrano towards Los Reartes, saw "a group of lights that slowly went out, and then another light, also white, which went out when they blinked with the car's lights". They also indicated one day later they observed circular white spots on the ground, some 5m in diameter. They expressed that the publication of the UFO photograph thrilled them very much and they commented it with all the neighbors who a few days before did not attach much seriousness to the story. The brothers ended by commenting that from their house in the Crisol district in the mediterranean capital (referring to the capital of Córdoba prov.-JT), they saw "a white light similar to that of Athos Pampa".

### \* In Casilda

UFOs seem to be repeatedly seen in the sky of Casilda. The last sighting would correspond to that of a policeman, the chief of the Radioelectric Command of that city, who sighted it while driving car #288 with which he was parked near the cemetery, that is, very near the city, in provincial route 92. "It was -he seemed to have said- a kind of dark bulk that moved some hundred meters towards the NW". He also seemed to have been able to distinguish a very big shape resembling two inverted saucers one on top of the other. He cautioned his men to remain alert. At that moment the object lighted up with a powerful reddish light and started to move towards them, as they radioed headquarters. A committee left for the spot carrying a powerful pair of binoculars. On arriving they also verified that the unusual object had already gone beyond its point of reference several hundred meters to the SW. They found important details in that spot: the object was slightly oblong, the approx. size of a car with two portholes in the upper part from which a powerful interior light with intermittent impulses was projecting.

But there is still more in this particular case, that occurs under parallel circumstances in areas of Córdoba and Santa Fe. The object's color would be yellow and on turning away the flashes changed into green and at last into a reddish color. The biggest diameter would correspond to an eight meters trace detected last March in a soybean field near Bland. It must be pointed out that many farmers near the Carcarañá river (some 2km from Casilda) have also sighted such objects in the last times. The police is now investigating because it has been a practically involuntary protagonist of one of this "celestial patrolings".

These polemics in the sky of our country are once again repeated and new documents are also added, such as the photographs taken by Luis Ferreyra in Córdoba. The UFO phenomenon regularly calls the attention of the inhabitants of our planet, repeating legends, presumptions, doubts, speculations. Journalism, literature, massive communications media, continually touch upon a subject that generates the curiosity and interest of specialists and amateurs alike, but also of those who believe and those who, maybe to the same extent, do the opposite without forgetting the indifferent ones, who also count.

No doubt some film and books fed popular imagination but there are elements -such as the photos taken in the Córdoba sky, for instance- which fit into another kind of speculation. Mystery (a fascinating element), haunts sightings and makes this type of news to be consumed with relish. The coincidence between what was seen by Ferreyra and by the police officer in Casilda is certainly remarkable. Also remarkable, in the photograph, is the fidelity of the details of that saucer which one would almost term a duplicate of the one used for the close encounters divulged by the movies (or is it the other way round?).

### AN EXCITING PHENOMENON

This year commenced with appearance of a UFO that could be filmed by the New Zealand Air Force. The event took place on January 2nd and was officially corroborated by the New Zealand air force and also by the University of Melbourne. It would not be the only case for January, because on January 5th a UFO was front page news in the confused abduction of a Cuban in exile (maybe someone could provide me with any details? This case did not appear in Buenos Aires as far as I know-JT). A clip could be sent to Mr. Farish who would in turn send it to me. Thanks in advance). Already in February the Washington Post published as a good U. S. military bases". Such reports are nothing but three examples of the continuity of UFOs in the view of Earth's inhabitants.

Also this year, in our country (in Santiago del Estero province) a ten year old girl claimed that seven small beings which came down from a UFO" asked her to come near, without success (doubtful case-JT); then objects appeared in Córdoba, Santa Fe, San Juan, Chaco, all the southern part of the country; from Spain news came in March that the Ministry of Defense of that country, through a document, granted the phenomenon legal existence and supported its investigation. Now again our country is the stage for the appearance of the UFOs.

The events just recorded in Córdoba and also in Casilda, Santa Fe prov., once again evidence journalistic interest calling for an extensive coverage of a phenomenon whose first experiences go many centuries back. It is as if mankind should be trying to explain (through either imagination or certainly) the different phenomena it perceives in its daily existence. Specialist Everly Driscoll said that "every year the probability of there being life in other planets increases", and naturally these appearances are directly related to such assumption. In any case mankind faces more assiduously each time visions of a possible reality, the imagined or concrete expression of the existence of other worlds. A marvelous probability that grants us the measure of our own mortality.

City and country of incident: Córdoba province, Argentina

Date of incident: May 5, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Siete Días magazine-May 24, 1979

City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

## A UFO AMONG THE HILLS

The authenticity of the negatives has apparently been determined in a preliminary study. On thoroughly analyzing the object, some openings are noticed in its fuselage -of opaque materials- which might well be observation cabins. An exciting event, with mysterious and strange features.

Ferreyra was eagerly pointing with the 500 mm lens and the "rundun" (a term given locally to hummingbirds. It seems, unknown to me-JT) passed from one branch to the other, one second after hovering in the air. It is its typical maneuver, and the Córdoba miner, who knew a lot about hummingbirds, did not despair. His camera would capture any moment the small flying cigar. Suddenly, another bird entered the field of his viewfinder. A strange flying object "of metallic color".

The history has been repeating itself for many years in different places of our country. Literature on UFO appearances is very abundant and a large part thereof is worthy of credibility. The most recent news of their visits in our territory go back to December last year, when UFOs moved over Santa Fe, Entre Ríos and Corrientes provinces. It was the 21st of said month, when passengers of a bus that had left Gualaguaychd for Concordia (both cities in Entre Ríos), witnessed a real show in the sky which lasted around ten minutes.

Luis Ferreyra, a miner from the department of Calamuchita, seems to have had better luck on Friday the 5th inst., when, crouching, he was focusing the foliage where the hummingbird was, against the light.

It all happened near the Los Molinos dam, and aside from the miner and the hummingbird, a Minolta camera with an opening of f 5.6 and a speed of 1,000th was also a protagonist, according to claims from Ferreyra to the afternoon paper "Córdoba".

Among the confused and uncertain data submitted by the alleged photographer of the UFO are those referred to the altitude at which it flew and its size. He did describe its color ("metallic") and gave an inclination of approx. 45° with respect to the horizon, before the object was lost in space.

Ferreyra took the negatives to Córdoba (i.e., the capital of the province of the same name), which on being processed disclosed really interesting images. The enlargement of the photographs shows details of the alleged UFO appeared in the mediterranean province.

Córdoba's people always remember something that occurred in August 1948, when thousands of people were amazed, at noon and in a perfectly clear sky, by the presence of small objects shining in space, under the sun. That time the rumor excited the city: "They are flying saucers", those who saw the phenomenon cried. But, once the sensation cooled off and the case was studied by the Astronomical Observatory of the province's capital, the conclusion completely disappointed the so-called eyewitnesses: the UFOs were nothing else than small parts of dry wild flowers, the seeds of which the wind scatters through space.

For the time being the Calamuchita UFO does not seem to be a "panadero" ("baker", this is what the seeds of those flowers are usually called in Argentina-JT) if we stick to the photograph allegedly taken by Ferreyra. A "panadero" does not look like a hat, which is the apparent shape of the object disclosed by the negatives. One of the enlargements shows two small openings over the outer edge of the wing and a third on the bottom. While specialists and experts do not give their last word, someone will be asking himself what this space traveler would be doing among the Calamuchita hills. (Photographs: Courtesy of "Córdoba"paper)

City and country of incident: Vizcacheras, Mendoza province, Argentina

Date of incident: May 1, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Radiolandia 2000 magazine-5/25/79

City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CELIK IN THE VIZCACHERAS YPF ENCAMPMENT IN MENDOZA. THERE IS EVIDENCE (YPF = Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales = Government Oil Fields). RESEARCHERS AND SCIENTISTS ARE INTERESTED IN THE CASE OTHER BEINGS WATCH OUR OIL FIELDS FROM SPACE

Vizcacheras, Mendoza. By Enrique O. Sdrecht. Photographs by Luis Genelli (Special correspondents)

Although the UFO phenomenon is already a tangible reality and related episodes occur daily the world over, what recently happened in this isolated region of the SW of Mendoza deserves a special paragraph which will undoubtedly contrast with the silence with which it was tried to keep it in. Vizcacheras is located some 80km from the capital of Cuyo (the Cuyo region involves San Juan and Mendoza provinces, although each has its own capital-JT), and is one of the richest oil regions. There is an extensive area of many square kilometers being exploited by YPF. For security reasons it is a zone accessible only to technicians and workers of that company. That vast region is what might be called a real barren plain. The only way leading there belongs to YPF, thus, it is not being a National Highway, nor a provincial or local one, it is only sporadically used by those who work nearby. Within the forbidden perimeter remain the "estancias" (large ranches) Las Tinajas; Los Cupiles; La Madrugada and El Piquillín.

In that wide and private oil strip, on the 1st inst., at 0400 am, a non-conventional flying object hovered noiselessly some 20m over the ground, after giving off multicolored lights.

"We woke up with the noise made by the goats in the corral-would later say YPF engineers-. We went outside with lanterns and working lamps. It was frightening, and we were paralyzed. There, some 70m from the encampment, as if hovering in the air, an enormous craft sent us intermittent lights. They were signalling".

"And what did you do?"

"After a few seconds the fear subsided and we felt a strange sensation of peace and curiosity. One of us took courage and made a wink with his lantern which was replied at once. Then another did the same, with the same result. This put us at ease."

"And then?"

"Then, slowly, the craft landed. Very near. We didn't know what to do. One of us went running to the pickup truck and radioed the news to post No. 1, where the barrier is. Another tried to go near the craft alone. "What are you doing?... Are you mad? Remember you're getting married at the end of the month... don't take risks, remember what happened to the lumberjack from San Luis", they all shouted at him, and we again remained motionless. Finally, after insisting with the exchange of lights, that flying saucer or whatever you want to call it, climbed and was lost in the sky towards the mountains (the Andes-JT). It was 04.35".

"And what did you do then?"

"We went to the place where it had been a few minutes before. We found a big petrified circle, but what most called our attention was that the sand had now turned into hard pieces, forming big tufts..."

"Did you pick some of those stones up with your hands?"

"Of course. And we took them to professor Corradi, a well known university professor who is also director of the Institute for Extrahuman Studies "Cosmic Man".

### Corradi's Opinion

Having been a professor for 16 years, receiving his doctorate in Italy and being a UFO analyst for 20 years, Corradi is a serious investigator who writes for several Argentine and foreign publications and has a prominent position in the Space Encyclopaedia published in Barcelona (Spain) in 1969. When we arrived at his office we found him surrounded by the collaborators who make up the Institute he presides (doctors, engineers, psychologists, architects), all of them devoted to the subject to which they dedicate not only their time but also their own funds (don't we all??-JT).

He greeted us saying "Bob Pratt (Pratt-JT) left less than one hour ago; the well known American journalist of the "National Enquirer" (Enquirer-JT) was especially sent by his paper to learn what happened in Vizcacheras."

"Professor, what did really happen?"

"Nothing new. I have been noticing for some time that the permanent presence of the UFOs over the uranium mines of La Pintada and Cuesta de los Ternereros in San Rafael and now in Vizcacheras, is not a coincidence. For us who study the subject, this is nothing new. We may bring forward evidence of the teleportation of the lumberjack from San Luis, Miguel Freites on Aug. 30, 1978; we have the traces left by an alleged extrahuman Cyborg in the patio of the factory where it appeared (the Kobe establishment), in Godoy Cruz, on October 19th last; here at home we have a handkerchief stained with an unidentified substance similar to gentian violet (which Bob Pratt saw at the time we were in Mendoza last year, as well as the official result of the tests to which it had been submitted-JT); neither can we forget the resounding case of Paulino Núñez; that of the Luján de Cuyo distillery..."

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"But... what is happening, professor?"

"Comparative studies at planetary level show that a stimulating presence of extrahuman beings is underway, who for some reason are intensifying their action as a prevention or prelude to something".

Believe it or not

"What exactly happened in Vizcacheras?"

"That is what we're trying to find out, on the basis of serious work. I have just submitted several complete reports - because I was requested to do so. One went to the provincial police, another to YPF and the other to the authorities. I'm now awaiting the results of the tests we asked the Office of Mining to perform on that sand turned into stone by the UFO."

"Professor, what other probatory element has remained at the site as a testimony of the hallucinatory experience?"

"Infinite Aside from the tuffs and the petrified circle, it is important to point out that the local animals have completely changed their behavior and customs from the moment the UFO appeared. The goats, more than 1,500 - which always returned to their corrals after grazing as all the goats in the world do - did not go back. Seagulls are appearing in the area, which settle on the YPF tanks, something completely unusual and disconcerting, for you know how many kilometers from here the sea is. Dead hares (of a type that is typical in the south of Argentina-JT) are appearing, bitten snakes and there never were any in this region, and there also is a complete exodus of pumas..."

"What does all this mean?"

"Look, I answer as a scientist. Our community lacks experimental data because the problem is not taken seriously for lack of data. The result of this unfortunate vicious circle is that reliable observers do not reveal the data they have - as these I offer - for fear of ridicule. The only way to break this circle is that some scientists publicly and openly accept to deal with the problem, even at the heavy price of their colleagues' distrust... but let's return to your question and to the animals... I suppose that there is a certain kind of wave in UFOs whose high frequency is not picked up by the human sense - except rarely - but is instead detected by certain animals. Therefore, the term psychopath of mad which is so generously lavished on witnesses of the UFO phenomenon, must be definitely banished or otherwise, extend it to the animals who in that case would be psychopaths or hallucinating too, as these goats, these snakes, seagulls and pumas who in minutes changed their ancestral customs."

#### Razquin's Opinion

An eternal watcher of the skies, don Bernardo Razquin - a member of the Committee for Scientific Research of the Hudson Geophysical Observatory (and a self-taught meteorologist, who is very highly regarded - and at times very controverted-JT), has also added his valuable contribution to Radiolandia 2000 in regard to the Vizcacheras event.

"I have no doubt we have been observed from space for years. Already in February 6, 1969 I could clearly photograph a UFO over the sky of Guaymallén. I am in touch with scientists all over the world and know there are many changes underway. No one attributes any longer the disaster in Siberia in 1908 to a meteorite, when a terrible explosion knocked down men and animals - 160 km around, and pressure waves were perceived in London. It is known today that a flying object exploded very near the ground, this is something no one would have dared to say some years ago."

"What other detail leads you to believe we are watched or visited by beings from other planets?"

"Endless things, but I will mention one with an irrefutable scientific basis: radiotelescopes bring us strange noises, which are no earthquakes... they come from a much greater distance... (he seems to forget "cosmic noise"-JT)

"Then, in Vizcacheras..."

"The Vizcacheras case will have to be thoroughly investigated because it is a region rich in oil and also because it adds up to others that are happening, not only in Mendoza and in Argentina, but in the whole world."

"Do you believe there is life in other worlds?"

"I will reply with another question: Is it not arrogant to think that Earth - that minute spot in infinite space - is the only inhabited planet, when there are millions and millions of galaxies?"

City and country of incident: Manila, Philippines

Date of incident: May 26, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 27, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FLYING SAUCER - Flew over Manila with a crew of humanoids and "many lights"

Manila, 27 (UPI) - A UFO which gave off multicolored luminous flashes overflew the city yesterday.

The "Daily Bulletin" of Legaspi, in the province of Albay, 352km to the SE of this capital says the residents flowed into the streets to see the object and marveled at the range of colors from the flash it gave off, until it disappeared.

The paper says the manager of a radio station reported the craft had an "extraterrestrial brightness" and that if projected in the perspective, it had the size of an adult's fist.

This is the second time a UFO is seen in Philippines in one week. Last Sunday an American scientist said that he and hundreds of villagers saw a UFO fly over the area near the highest peak of the Philippines. That UFO seemed to have two unfolded antennas and the scientist said he saw it through his binoculars and that he thought he saw figures moving inside.

According to observers, these figures had a human or humanoid shape. At a given time it seemed as if they were greeting people through the portholes with their hands, "very similar to small octopus tentacles", claimed the flustered neighbors.

City and country of incident: Antofagasta, Chile

Date of incident: May 29, 1979 week

Name of paper and date of clip: La Prensa, May 29, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO SEEN IN ANTOFAGASTA

Antofagasta, Chile, 28 (UPI) - An officer of the Air Force claims he saw a giant UFO which was also detected by radar and its speed exceeded that of sound, according to journalistic versions.

Capt. Danilo Catalán Farías, instructor of the F5-E planes from the air base of Cerro Moreno in Antofagasta, 1,000 km to the north of Santiago, said that he had the experience while on a routine flight this week.

He added he was instructing another pilot when he received an advise from the ground that a strange object was seen observed on the radar screens.

"I first saw a nebulous spot, but on approaching noticed it was a kind of black triangle with two little tails. At that moment, with a maneuver that was also seen from the ground, the UFO made a turn and left at a speed surpassing that of sound, said the officer.

"I was an unbeliever... not now. I think there are beings from another planet. What I saw has fully convinced me", said Catalán.

City and country of incident: Ibagué, Colombia

Date of incident: May 29, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 29, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFOS FLY OVER COLOMBIA

Ibagué, Colombia, 29 (EFE) - A fleet of UFOs flew for one hour over this city of more than one million inhabitants, alarming and blocking traffic in important avenues.

The paper "El Mundo" discloses that five nitid points that moved from one place to another at incredible speeds were seen in the sky.

A witness said the five UFOs disappeared quickly, only one remaining which gave off yellow and reddish lights.

The phenomenon of the flying saucers occurred after an electric blackout which lasted 20 minutes, paralyzing Ibagué, capital of the province of Tolima, in the southwestern part of the country.

City and country of incident: Calama, Chile

Date of incident: End of December 1978

Name of paper and date of clip: La Prensa, May 30, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO SIGHTED BY CHILEAN PILOTS

Antofagasta, Chile, 29 (EFE) - Three war planes from the Chilean Air Force unsuccessfully chased a giant UFO which flew over the sky in the northern part of the country, it was disclosed here today, six months after the event. The details followed the experience last week of another air force officer who, commanding a F-5-E went after a UFO which was detected in the radar screens of the Cerro Moreno air base, to the north of this Chilean port.

Last year's experience was suffered by a captain and a lieutenant who piloted their respective combat planes, sent to intercept a craft that appeared in the Chilean air space without authorization. The sighting of the unknown craft called public attention last December, since its presence was reported by many people, even personnel from a police station. But the role played by the air force in the case had still not been disclosed.

#### The Story

"It was approximately 0800 pm when we were ordered to take off. The presence of a large object had been reported from Calama, at an altitude of some 10,000 feet. It was still completely cloudless and there was semi-darkness high up", said commander Javier Prat Corona today.

The three pilots went towards the area indicated, separation in order to locate the unknown craft.

"At that moment a round, bright and very big object called my attention to the right - continued Prat".

The sighting was reported to the lieutenant who watched in the other plane some ten miles away, and confirmed it.

According to Prat, the object was between round and triangular "and the relation between the object and Lt. Fernández's plane was, he thought, one to fifty, approximately".

#### Inexplicable

Up to date, the Chilean Air Force cannot find a rationally acceptable explanation of the phenomenon, as well as of the experience of last week over the Cerro Moreno air base, where another pilot sighted a triangular UFO in an area where sightings and appearances of flying objects are an almost daily occurrence.

City and country of incident: Casilda, Santa Fe province, Argentina

Date of incident: June 2-3, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, June 6, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### CASILDA ON THE ROUTE OF THE UFOS

Police and neighbors of Casilda again sighted the passage of UFOs last weekend. The phenomenon is very frequent. Many believe that the city has turned into "the route for the UFOs".

Rosario (From our agency) - It seems that Casilda, to the SW of Rosario, has turned into the obliged road of the UFOs, those celestial phenomena of complicated question marks but whose "identikit" reflect with more certainty each day their main characteristics. This is confirmed by the almost daily reiteration of their appearances - real or presumed - at least according to the people's testimony. The last "steps" detected by the amateurs, ufologists or just involuntary witnesses, seem to date back to last Saturday night.

Police personnel of the IV Regional Unit, based in Casilda, and the natural police site in said city, accompanied members of AOA (Association of Star Observers) led in Rosario by young Guillermo Aldunati, to the region where periodically sightings of flying objects are made. Police Inspector Amado Scandar and his staff accompanied Aldunati and Oscar Ruiz of AOA to a sector in the north of Casilda, some 2km away from the urban part, on the way to Carcarañá.

Thus they could observe, from the north and almost towards the west, at average altitude, a considerably luminous object with reddish light. The strange object approached and the "earthmen" signalled with lights but the UFO disappeared. This sighting seems to have been repeated the night of Sunday, since many neighbors told police authorities that between 20.30 and 21.00 a luminous object was visible from north to south, in a stretch of approx. 1,000m, circular, bigger than the wheel of a car, and as almost always, similar to an inverted saucer.

When it flew over the city, according to testimonies, its light seemed to have changed from red to greenish and white shades and then disappeared apparently towards the Carcarañá. Among neighbors who seem to have seen the UFO are Norberto Leguizamón and Luis Dibatiste.

City and country of incident: Bogotá, Colombia

Date of incident: June 5, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, June 6, 1979

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### Experts Meeting in Bogotá

##### SCIENCE AND UFOLOGY

The Worldwide UFO Congress opened in the city of Bogotá with the assistance of researchers, scientists and observers of the so-called UFO phenomenon. The meetings are held in the Planetarium of Bogotá and at one of them a presumed skeleton of an "interplanetary baby" will be presented. The meetings of the Worldwide UFO Congress started in Bogotá, Colombia, assembling researchers, writers, technicians, different scientists and even simple observers or witnesses of phenomena which are considered of extraterrestrial origin.

These sessions, which take place in the Planetarium of Bogotá and will last for seven days, have awakened public interest in the whole world as well as in Colombia, which was especially shaken lately by successive UFO appearances over the sky of their beautiful country. Just last Thursday a cable reported that the Colombian capital had been "invaded" by UFO fleets, according to hundreds of people.

Spanish professor of Panamanian nationality, Ramón de Aguilar Merlo, will surely give the sensationalist note of the meeting when he introduces the alleged skeleton of an "interplanetary baby", whose photograph was received and exclusively published by Clarín. The remains of the strange being - maybe a foetus - have an anthropomorphic appearance (to me it looks just like a dog -JT) with a remarkable development of cervical vertebrae which seem destined to hold a big head. The torso is expanded as if to contain a large volume of air and upper extremities are rudimentary or atrophied.

It is also assured that official documents of this kind of phenomena will be disclosed at this important meeting - which several governments, especially that of the U.S. - have kept secret up to now.

The symposium is presided by American scientist J. Allen Hynek, considered to be the highest authority on the subject.

The director of the CIFO (Center for Information on the UFO Phenomenon), Miguel Roberto Forero, announced the arrival of Spanish expert Antonio Ribera, who some years ago thrilled experts and amateurs with his book "The Perfect Case" where he thoroughly documented the alleged appearance of a UFO over the Spanish town of San José de Valderas, showing in its underpart the symbol which is attributed to the supposed planet UMMO. Later on, in his paper "Do UFOs really exist?", Ribera again analyzed the case, which permitted French scientist Claude Poher to qualify it as a "fraud".

The president of the Colombian delegation, Clemente Garabito, will submit a work on times and distances of the flight of a UFO through the cosmos, and the president of the Panamerican Institute of Psychotronics, Gouffrey, will submit the subject "The Fourth State of Matter and the Psychotronic Application in the UFO Phenomenon".

Roberto Forero will present testimonies from people who had contacts with those vehicles (be they called OVNI, UFO or VED) and others will refer to this type of encounters, like that of Colombian systems engineer Ricardo Martín - the Campín UFO -, who claims having verified that these

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craft activate biological sensors which induce witnesses to carry out the maneuver of photographing them.

Probably, the experience of a young native of Madrid and his pointer dog, will also be studied (refer to "He lived four hours inside a UFO", clip from Crónica of May 22nd, 1979). This case, which has already been approved by the Center for Ufological Research of Madrid, was analyzed at that time by several specialists. The Spanish boy who had the experience -called Julio F.- was submitted to a thorough examination of his physical and mental state by means of hypnosis and questionings under pentothal, by a staff of psychologists, doctors and space technicians. It is assured these tests showed the witness was not fabricating.

Argentina will also be present at the Congress with Antonio Las Heras, a specialist and author of several books on the already very frequent appearances of aerial craft of unknown origin.

José Arverás

City and country of incident: Casilda, Santa Fe prov., Argentina  
Date of incident: May 23 and June 3, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín, June 7, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CASILDA IN THE ROAD OF THE UFOs  
THEY GIVE OFF INTENSE LIGHT

Casilda (from our special envoy, Zollo García Quiroga) - Casilda, a route for UFOs? The question seems to have an everyday reply because the much mentioned UFOs appear more frequently each time in the local sky.

An extensive string of towns in the Santa Fe SW seems to constitute what has already been termed the "Route for the UFOs". In one year these appearances have increased and the last one lasted almost 25 minutes, to the amazement of those who were leaving the local cinema.

"I would not be in the least surprised should we soon have a more significant encounter, I wouldn't know specifically of what kind, but much closer than those that now happen so assiduously", said police inspector Amado Escandar, assistant chief of Casilda's IV Regional Unit, a policeman who has been "hearing talk about UFOs" for a long time, although the experiences in the sky of Casilda have been repeating themselves for one year up to now, intensifying in the first six months of 1979. He remembers the first case 15 years ago when a farmer of Pujato was an involuntary and frightened witness of a "contact" with the, at that time, not so notorious, UFO crew. All of which has to be considered an anecdote for lack of better evidence.

In any case, on May 23rd in the early hours of the morning, a patrol car of his unit, with all its occupants, was the protagonist of a "new encounter" and last Sunday, half of the residents of Casilda have apparently seen them early at night.

Testimonies

I was in a patio around 20.30 -says policeman Leopoldo Emilio Duarte- and when I looked at the sky -just in case- since we are getting used to do it all the time, I saw an engine arrive, bigger than the wheel of a truck, between one and one and half meters diameter.

Circular, without a dome but with about five or six twinkling lights in the upper part. It made no noise and I suppose it would be at an altitude between 600 and 1,000 meters. At first it advanced slowly and then faster, with short stops. The lights are so intense they hurt and you can't look at them for very long. Besides, they seem to influence the city lights, which decrease or directly go out, especially the fluorescent tubes... Then the craft's lights increase and change colors. Once I got over the impression I told other colleagues and we later learned that many had seen it, especially those who were coming out of the "Libertador" cinema in the city.

The Police Case

The subtitle fits the protagonists of the sighting of a UFO at 01.10 am on May 23 of this year, because they were the occupants of patrol car #2888. They were on a routine patrol on route 92 at the city's entrance. At a certain time the car stops and the policemen talk among themselves. Then "an object appears from the horizon as if climbing, at first dark, which, once over the route, turns on powerful lights which cannot be looked at directly for more than an instant. It is a light resembling that of "oxyacetylene welding" but more intense. The witnesses radio police Inspector Escandar and the latter quickly covers the kilometer that separated him from his subordinates, and fitted with a powerful pair of binoculars follows the object's trajectory. He thinks it was oval with an upper dome. It goes to the SW, to Bigand, some 50 km from Casilda.

Later on, the assistant chief of police himself made some checks with police stations in his jurisdiction, confirming that in some other towns the object was also sighted.

Less vehement is the testimony of Juan Carlos Damiani, 25, who works at a well known hardware shop. "Because afterwards what you say is distorted and you end up being ridiculed". That is why, maybe, he very shortly says that "this summer, that is, approx. some four months ago, we were going to the river and when we were in front of the hospital a yellow fireball appeared, like a circle, which first, for some 15 minutes, takes on shape and changes its lights to green, yellow and white, apparently at low altitude. For some 10 minutes it moves, then remains motionless for almost another 10' and disappears towards the SW getting lost in the area of the Carcarañá river".

Are the residents of Casilda going through a case of collective psychosis? The question originates in a skeptical layout. But talking with the residents -as this correspondent did- nothing seems more remote, since they make their reports in a very natural way and without a trace of neurosis, even less of mystery, or describing phantasmagoric visions. They simply believe that, for some reason "the UFOs have chosen this route and use it".

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NOBODY IS SURPRISED

Ricardo Marani, another neighbor of Casilda, has no problem in admitting he believe in UFOs, and says that in this region nobody is any longer surprised, because their appearances are everyday occurrences. And although he jokes with the subject, he says it is so common that "in Venado Tuerto, some 2 or 3 km from the city, at the entrance, there is a bar called OVNÍ and its owner has photographs, I even believe one is from a young laborer of a nearby "estancia" who had "an encounter" some months ago, although nothing about that was published.

City and country of incident: Bogotá, Colombia  
Date of incident: June 5, 1979  
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City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO CONGRESS REFUTES EXTRATERRESTRIAL BABY

Bogotá, 11 (UPI) - The organizers of the First Worldwide UFO Congress belied the existence of the body of an extraterrestrial baby which had been announced by one of the participants.

After three days of meetings researchers of the phenomenon which met in this city to discuss its existence, concluded that in most cases people "confuse" a natural phenomenon with a UFO.

Two days prior to the opening of this Congress versions were that the Panamá representative, Ramón De Aguilera, would bring the skeleton of an "extraterrestrial baby", something that was refuted by several scientists.

One of the attendants said that "such baby does not exist for the simple reason that the bearer did not allow it to be submitted to a scientific examination" and added: "I think it is a real fraud".

"We must not deceive the public opinion saying there is a body of an "extraterrestrial baby".

1) City and country of incident: Córdoba, Argentina  
2) Date of incident: May 5, 1979  
3) Name of paper and date of clip: Magazine "SOMOS" of June 19, 1979  
4) City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SCIENCE

THE CASE OF THE CORDOBA UFO

On Monday morning, May 21st, miner Luis Ferreyra visited the editorial chief of the afternoon paper "Córdoba", Mr. Roberto Propato, and said: "I think I took the photograph of a UFO. Could you process the film?" Propato was not too impressed and suggested photographer Américo Valverdis should attend to him. That same day, in the front page of its 5th edition, the paper published an impressive testimony: the already classical shape of a "coffee cup" appeared clearly outlined in the frame formed by the foliage of some trees. The photograph in question -in fact a sequence of 12 exposures- showed amazing details. For instance, two small openings could be clearly seen -some kind of sloping lines- in the outer edge of the "saucer" and a much larger, semicircular, opening in the object's bottom.

"The first exposures of the film Ferreyra gave us -said photographer Valverdis to SOMOS- showed the typical family scenes. It was a common 100 ASA black and white film. The UFO appeared in the last 12 photos. We cut that section and returned the rest to him. He said he had wanted to photograph a hummingbird when he saw the craft."

Besides, Luis Ferreyra, 34, a mining producer from Salta who exploits a mica field in the area of the Los Molinos dam, department of Calamuchita, stated he had taken the photographs on Tuesday 5th at 0300 pm, at a place 15 km from the dam. He used a Minolta camera equipped with a 500mm telelens and f/5.6, speed 1,000. "The first thing we did -adds Valverdis- was to verify the authenticity of the photographs. And we found there was no trick. But others believe it could be the photograph of a photograph. In that case, it is a first class job".

And no doubt, Ferreyra's photograph is one of the most precise and clear of all that have circulated up to now and which in most cases, are well known by ufologists. "I have seen the photo from Córdoba, and at first sight it seems exceptionally clear", stated in Buenos Aires aeronautical engineer Emilio Alvarez Ojea, a known UFO expert.

However, not everything seems as clear with respect to the artifact that Ferreyra seems to have caught with his camera. First of all, technically speaking, the most elementary photographic laws indicate that using a 500mm lens and a distance of infinite -as Ferreyra did- the foreground -branches and bushes- would have to be almost a blur, or, at least, be out of focus, which does not happen in any of the frames of the strange sequence.

But there is another remarkable detail: from an examination of the film it can be seen that the sky is clear in the first two or three frames. Already in the fourth a cloud -imperceptible on paper- is distinguished, the sudden presence of which it is difficult to explain because, according to Valverdis "Ferreyra said he took less than a minute in shooting the twelve frames".

These remarks agree with the opinion of father Enrique Novillo Paulf, who has a degree in Philosophy and is director of the Institute of Parapsychology of the Catholic University of Córdoba. "I must admit -the priest confided to SOMOS- that the photographs' sharpness perplexed me. Each time one of these cases occurs I always try to get in touch with the alleged protagonist, because the subject interests me. Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to see Ferreyra nor did I see the negatives. But I know a lot about photography and, aside from the difference in focus between the three planes of the photograph not being logical, I think the speed of that cloud they say appears in the negative would have to be amazing".

Be that as it may, the fact is that not even Ferreyra himself contributed to clear up all the doubts: On Tuesday 22nd, the day after showing up at the paper, he traveled to Salta and no one could verify his address (in Córdoba) nor the exact place over which the UFO presumably flew. Neither did he agree to be photographed or interviewed. "I asked Ferreyra to allow me to take his photograph in the paper's lab, examining the negatives so as to give the proper atmosphere to the article. But he flatly refused because, he said, he was afraid of being laughed at or of not being believed", stated Valverdis. The fact is that Ferreyra lost his shyness on returning to Salta, last Monday: "He requested from some colleagues of yours 100 million pesos (old currency-JT) for the article", was stated at the "Córdoba" paper.

It is also remarkable that, up to now, other witnesses should not have appeared, or the sightings have been reported elsewhere. Notwithstanding, before leaving Ferreyra had promised to disclose the spot where he saw the UFO and to produce "local people" to corroborate his graphical document.

Meantime, father Novillo Paulf is suspicious: "I have personally looked after 200 cases such as this. And I can assure you that in most of them people with some kind of psychic unbalance is involved. A parapsychological phenomenon may also occur, because it has been proved that people who intensely wish to see something, do so and convince themselves. It is thus possible even to impress a film, as doctors Fukurai of the imperial University of Japan, Julius Eisenbud, of Denver University, and Dr. Ivonne Duplessis of the Metaphysical Institute of Paris have experimented".

In short, the case of the Cordoba UFO would be added to what already seems to be the prelude to another winter generous with sightings, as happened last year. Because shortly before the day in which Luis Ferreyra might have detected the saucer of the Los Molinos dam, precisely on April 30th, another event worthy of a film like "Close Encounters" occurred: A team of 10 workers of YPF could establish, through lights, a real communication with an artifact which landed on the sands of Las Vizcacheras, in Mendoza. A phenomenon which was duly taken care of by Victorio Corradi, director of the Center for the Study of Extrahuman Phenomena of Mendoza province. Resuming: to believe or not to believe. That is the question.

Investigation: Silvia Fesquet (in Córdoba) and Jorge Scherer (in Buenos Aires).

1) city and country of incident: El Encón, Salta province, Argentina  
2) Date of incident: June 20, 1979  
3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, June 26, 1979  
4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A VISITING UFO

A young cattle breeder and his wife, who reside in the area of El Encón, a scarce 20km from Salta, claimed having been visited by a UFO in the garden of their home. They stated the object, which left no trace, arrived at night and they defined it as a small car with a big base and pointed upwards. It also had some kind of a periscope which oscillated in all directions with a very strong and blinding white light. Neighbors testify that the couple is well thought of and they are considered as serious people, immune to phantasy. Details..

SALTA - A cattle breeder and his wife, who live in the El Encón zone, some 20 kilometers from here, claimed having received the visit of a UFO in the garden of their home, although they stated that the presence of the strange craft left no evidence that could corroborate their claims. The couple formed by Mario Enrique Diez Sierra, 33, and his wife Eleonora, 29, woke up early last Wednesday because of an intense beam of light from the garden. As they told the local paper "El Tribuno", they looked out of one of the windows and saw an object they defined "as a small car, with a big base and more pointed in the upper part, with a kind of periscope which oscillated in all directions with a very intense, blinding, white light". They also stated that the craft remained hovering in the air some 50cm from the ground emitting "a faint hum", and that after some oscillations "it went towards a wire fencing some 70 meters away and then disappeared". The Diez Sierras said that Julio Molina, a man who works for them, did also see the UFO's motion, and pointed out that they had not made a report sooner because the craft left no trace in the garden which could prove their claims. It must be pointed out that neighbors stated that Diez Sierra and his wife, who are the parents of a small child, are well thought of by the residents of El Encón, and are considered as absolutely serious people.



## Virgin of Guadalupe mystery probed

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — It was past midnight when the two Americans, accompanied by a bishop, a policeman and workmen, slipped out of the Virgin of Guadalupe Basilica, Latin America's most revered shrine.

The Americans — Jody Brant Smith, 36, a philosophy teacher from Pensacola, Fla., and Philip S. Callahan, 56, a Gainesville, Fla., entomologist and biophysicist — had what they came for — 60 pictures of the Virgin of Guadalupe Cloak which 300 million Latin American Catholics regard as miraculous.

"We worked until after midnight under the tightest kind of security you can imagine," said Smith, a Pensacola Junior College philosophy teacher whose idea to study the sacred cloak was prompted by recent scientists' reports on Italy's Shroud of Turin.

"The question came into my mind: is there anything else in the world like the Shroud of Turin? I thought about Guadalupe," he said.

The Shroud of Turin, preserved in that Italian city's cathedral since the 16th century, bears a likeness which many believe to be that of Jesus Christ and is believed by man to be Christ's burial cloth. The popular belief of Latin American Catholics is that the Guadalupe Cloak shows a miraculously imprinted image of a dark-skinned Virgin Mary.

Each year millions of pilgrims from places as far away as Argentina, Peru and Brazil come to see the cloak, which hangs behind the main altar at the ultra-modern basilica.

Smith, who calls himself a religious existentialist, says he does not believe the cloak is necessarily miraculous.

"In our culture to say 'I don't know' means 'no' and I'm not saying that. We may never be able to understand the cloak, but the way to try is to do the research we can."

Smith, who enlisted the aid of Callahan, a U.S. Department of Agriculture scientist famed for his studies showing

UFO sightings are swarms of glowing insects, says he has deeper reasons for organizing a scientific team to study the cloak.

"I'm interested in doing what William James said 100 years ago — bringing together religion and science. In our culture we live lives that are too compartmentalized."

"It's a miracle we got down there to do it," said Callahan, a Catholic. "It was the most moving experience of my life, just getting that close. I got the same strange feeling others did who worked on the Shroud of Turin."

But Callahan said his faith will not influence his study of the cloak, which he said is better documented than the Shroud of Turin.

Callahan said a preliminary report on the pictures, 40 of them infrared, will be ready in 90 days. The infrared film will show if there is a preliminary artist's drawing under the Virgin's image. The other pictures will be computer enhanced and studied for clues to the image's origin.

The 52-inch image has been cited as proof that the Virgin Mary appeared to a poor Indian, Juan Diego, in 1531, just 12 years after Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes invaded Mexico.

Legend says the Virgin, who appeared in the guise of a dark-skinned Aztec princess atop Tepeyac Hill, asked Diego to urge the local bishop to build a church on the spot.

To prove the request came from the Virgin, Diego picked a bunch of blooming roses on the hill, where none bloomed in winter. He put them inside his tilma — an Aztec cloak made from cactus fibers and tied toga-style around one shoulder — and took them to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga.

When the tilma was opened, it was found to be imprinted with an image of the Virgin, her hands clasped in prayer, her head bowed to the right, a blue wrap covering a long white and gold dress, her feet planted atop a quarter moon held up by an angel.

Zumarraga built the church on Tepeyac Hill and put the tilma, which was soon

credited with working miracles, inside it. The church was granted basilica status in 1904 by Pope Pius X. Secular authorities note that the apparition, on the site of a temple to the Aztec goddess Tonatzin, hastened the Indians' conversion.

In 1938, German Nobel Prize chemist Richard Kuhn, after studying the cloak's colors, said he was unable to determine their basis but concluded they were not animal, mineral or vegetable dyes.

In the 1950s, Mexican ophthalmologist Rafael Torija Lavoignet reported that the eyes of the Virgin showed three images of the same human face and reflected the light of examining instruments.

Smith says he is grateful to Mexican church authorities who turned down other requests to study the cloak but accepted his.

"I don't know why they did it. It's baffling. But we won't let them down. We're not here to tear down anything. We don't claim to know everything."

He and Callahan stress that a definitive report on the cloak will take years.

STONE COUNTY LEADER, Mountain View, AR - June 7, 1979

## Horses attacked at Onia

Stone County Sheriff R. C. Alexander is awaiting the results of a blood test to determine "which road to take" into the investigation of three mutilated horses at Onia.

The horses were discovered Friday evening by their owner, Alan Nixon, and Alexander is hoping that the results of the blood test will indicate whether a man or an animal is responsible. Specifically, Alexander is hoping to find out whether some type of tranquilizer was used on the animals. The horses were mutilated at Nixon's Pony Peak Ranch.

Alexander took a blood sample from only one horse, because the other two had apparently been cut two days previous, with one cut Wednesday and one Thursday, judging from the wounds.

The horse cut Friday had a

deep incision near the hip, with the cut about 10 inches long and several inches deep. The horse believed to have been mutilated Wednesday and had an incision on the hip about 12 to 14 inches wide, with the flesh peeled back exposing the wound, including part of the tail bone. According to Alexander, the wound had already become infested by flies, worms and maggots.

The wound inflicted Thursday was made on the horses neck, with a three to four inch incision.

The investigation so far has not "come up with a thing," the sheriff said. He was summoned to the scene about 9:00 p.m. Friday with a search in the Nixon's pasture following the next morning. Rain early that morning hampered the effort, however, and no footprints or other clues were found after a three-hour search, Alexander reported.

The horse mutilated Friday had been ridden by Nixon until about 2:00 p.m. that day, and Nixon discovered the wound at about 7:00 p.m. A check of the other 25 to 30 head discovered the other two horses.

The mutilation had apparently occurred in a pasture on the east side of Nixon's house.

Alexander said he had already "heard tales" about what may have happened, but that he seriously doubted any link to other mutilations, such as those that saw a number of cattle in northwest Arkansas killed.

All three horses of Nixon's are still alive, and could have possibly been attacked by an animal, the sheriff said, adding "anything is possible." He continued that he had his doubts, however, that any animal could have been responsible.

He termed the incisions as being "very unprofessional" and "very cruel." He added that he was "at a crossroads" in the investigation until the results of the blood test. He took a blood sample to Little Rock Monday for testing.

Local veterinarian William J. Nixon, however, said he is "assuming" that some "wild animal" inflicted the wounds to the horses, rather than some person being responsible. Nixon added that he too had "not very much" to go on in the case, and could not say with certainty what type of animal could have inflicted the wounds. Nixon was also at the ranch Friday to treat the horses.

Both Nixon and Alexander said they had received no reports of similar injuries in that area to livestock in the past.

## Photographer dies, delaying monster hunt

HULL, Mass. (AP) — An attempt to photograph Scotland's legendary Loch Ness Monster — with dolphins manning the cameras — has been delayed by the death of one of the three animals being trained for the mission.

The dolphin died Friday at the former Atlantic Aquarium, where two of the three animals were being trained. Its death was announced Wednesday.

"We were only planning on using two (of the dolphins) on the expedition itself. The third was a backup," said Robert Borosky, a business consultant of Dover, Mass., whose idea it was to use dolphins.

"Emotionally and so forth, this was a big setback. Working with them is almost like working with a person," he said.

"Plans for continuation of the project have been postponed but at this time have not been cancelled," said Howard S. Curtis, executive vice president of the Academy of Applied Science, which was training the dolphins.

Curtis said no date had been set for the expedition, but "we hoped we might get there this summer. It depended on training."

Dolphins are sea mammals, and Curtis said the research team had planned to keep them in the fresh water of the deep Scottish lake for not more than one or two hours at a time.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - June 13, 1979

CR: G. Duplantier

## Metro Maggie rears her ugly head again

By TED WELCH  
Staff Writer

Has Metro Maggie paddled back up out of the frigid depths of Lake Ontario?

Yes, say eight Metro sailors who say they spotted something that sounds suspiciously like Maggie while cruising aboard two sailboats in heavy fog about four miles out from Centre Island in Lake Ontario.

Toronto industrial salesman Ray Klomall said they all definitely saw something in the fog-shrouded lake "about 35 feet long and about two feet in diameter with a pike-like head".

The massive, two-humped creature cruised within 30 feet of the

boats at a steady clip.

There was a rash of Maggie sightings last summer along Metro's waterfront.

Two youths reported seeing Maggie frolicking in High Park's Grenadier Pond while two other monsterologists spotted her basking in the sun about 150 yards off Windermere Avenue.

But a Metro Maggie expedition to raise the beast from the depths, came up empty.

Klomall, 22, said he and his girlfriend, Susan Allen, 23, have "never seen anything larger than a smelt" in their year of sailing on the lake.

"We saw something in the water," he says. "It had no dorsal fin and was colored dark gray or black."

"It was kind of skimming along on top of the water just like a water snake. The water was calm at the time and the thing was causing a heavy wake."

He insisted it was not a log.

"I saw these two humps," said Allen — a Bell Canada secretary. "They looked like the middle part of a snake. You could tell it was a strong creature because of the swells it left."

"We weren't hysterical," she added. "It was more like being interested and fascinated."



## Animal's death wasn't mutilation, veterinarian says

A Marion County man, Kelly Ott of Rea Valley, found one of his young pigs Thursday morning of last week lying dead on its side, with several parts of the animal missing.

Ott said that the right eye, tongue and rectum of the 10-day-old Hampshire looked as if they had been neatly cut out. He said that there wasn't a mark on the pig to suggest how it died.

Several witnesses agreed that the eye was removed without disturbing the eyelashes, the tongue was removed from deep into the throat without much sign of shredding, and that there was very little sign of blood on the animal.

Ott called Dr. William Presley, a veterinarian in Flippin, and relayed the injuries of the pig to him. Dr. Presley advised Ott that since the animal had already been disposed of before he could examine it, he could only guess that a bird of some kind had found the animal dead and started to feed on it. He said that the usual pattern for a scavenger, such as a crow or a buzzard, is to start at an opening in the body, usually the eye, mouth and rectum.

Marion County Sheriff, Billy Joe Purdom, also agreed with the veterinarian's conjecture that a bird had eaten the parts of the animal, instead of someone cutting them out. "I've seen crows come up to a small dead animal, stand on the head of it and be able to pull the tongue right out of the head," said Purdom. "We haven't had a reported case of mutilation, similar to those in northwest Arkansas in this area. Besides, the mutilations over there were always cattle. We've had two cases in this area where people thought their cattle were mutilated by someone, but in both cases, it was found to be the work of coyotes," said Purdom.

A peculiarity that Ott mentioned about the pig was that it was still limp 6-8 hours after he found it. Also the belly and the snout of the animal was turning a pale blue in color. Dr. Presley said that there was no set law on when rigor mortis would set in on an animal, and that much depended upon the conditions surrounding the death. "Sometimes rigor mortis will set in very quickly and then the body will begin to go limp again, or even sometimes, depending upon the disease, rigor mortis won't ever set in," said Presley.

"Without ever looking at the animal, I could only guess that it started turning blue from either eating some form of poison, or by being hit or crushed by a larger pig, which would cause internal bleeding," said Presley. "This might also account for the lack of blood on the outside of the body."

"From what I've heard, I would guess that a bird carefully ate away those parts, but someone could very well have cut them out and drained the blood," said Dr. Presley.

Mutilations have not only happened in Arkansas, but in 12 other states. In the last five years, more than \$2.5 million worth of livestock has been killed by mutilation, mostly in New Mexico. Since late 1977, there have been 29 reports of cattle mutilations in Northwest Arkansas.

## 2nd mutilation found

The second cow to be mutilated in Cleburne County was reported by a cattleman just north of Quitman, Sheriff Ron Davis told the Times Monday, but the owner had buried it before he heard of the first one and figured lightning had struck it.

Sheriff Davis said the second animal was a full grown cow. It was found on Friday (June 1) after the first one was found in Greers Ferry on Wednesday. The second one had its left eye removed, its udder cut off and the anal opening dilated as if a large object had been interjected.

The animal at Greers Ferry was a bull calf, Davis said, and had its right eye removed very cleanly, its tongue cut out and the carcass expanded where at least some internal organs had apparently been removed. This carcass was taken to the state Livestock and Poultry Commission office in Little Rock for an autopsy, but the Sheriff said he had not received a report by

June 12 (Tuesday).

The mutilations followed the pattern of more than a dozen of them which have occurred in northwest Arkansas in the past several months.

Over in Franklin County (Ozark) cattle owners have offered a \$1,250 reward for the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the recent rash of cattle mutilations in northwest Arkansas, according to an article in the Arkansas Gazette.

They have had two mutilations in that area.

A heifer was mutilated in the Sidon area in White County last week, Sheriff Davis said, and another was reported in Jackson County.

Three horses were mutilated near Onia in Stone County, the Stone County Leader reported.

According to Sheriff R.C. Alexander of Stone County, one of the horses was cut on May 30, one on May 31 and one on June 1.

The first horse had an incision

on the hip about 12 to 14 inches wide with the flesh peeled back exposing the wound, including part of the tail bone.

The wound inflicted on May 31 was made on the horse's neck with a three to four inch incision. The last one had a deep incision near the hip, with the cut about 10 inches long and several inches deep.

The horses were mutilated at Nixon's Pony Peak Ranch, the sheriff reported.

Sheriff Alexander took a blood sample from one of the horses to try to determine if a tranquilizer had been used on the horses. He wanted to find out if a man or animal is responsible for the deaths.

Unlike the other mutilations, all three of Nixon's horses are still alive and could have been attacked by an animal, the Sheriff said.

He termed the incisions as being "very unprofessional" and "very cruel."

## Anger over plan to hunt Nessie with dolphins

AN AMERICAN plan to use dolphins in a bid to find the Loch Ness monster was today criticised as unnatural and objectionable.

The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals say the experiment using two dolphins from Florida, is not "truly scientific" and they do not believe man is justified in exploiting wild animals for such an enterprise.

In a statement today they urge people to write in protest to the plan's organiser, Dr Robert Rines, president of the Academy of Applied Science in Boston.

The Society say dolphins swim long distances in warm seas in their natural habitat, and while training methods may not be inhumane, the two dolphins concerned will have to become accustomed to the low temperature of the water in Loch Ness.

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During their two-stage flight from America they will have to be hand-sprayed to retain skin moisture and body temperature and on arrival in Inverness they will have to be acclimatised to fresh water.

"Who can ascertain with confidence that these animals will not suffer?" ask the Society.

Secretary of the SSPCA, Mr Gerald Brian said today: "It is very difficult to say what the effect will be. I don't think they are going to die, we just think that this sort of experiment cannot be called, in any way, a truly scientific object."

"We think it is an unnecessary exploitation of a very intelligent animal."

"We don't feel that the object justifies all the unnatural activities," he added.

However, Mr Brian did stress that organisers are doing all they can to safeguard the dolphins in the circumstances.

"Nobody could call this a case of cruelty," he said.

Mr Brian said he could not see that the experiment would be of any benefit from an animal point of view.

"I think it would be a thousand pities to disturb the Loch Ness monster."

"As soon as somebody has confirmed that there is an animal there, all the amateurs in the world will be there and before you know it you have pestered the thing to death."

"We would prefer it to be left in a state of mystery," he said.

POST, Denver, CO  
June 17, 1979 CR: D. Perkins  
Another monster?

I read with great interest the article *The monster in Alkali Lake* by Nancy M. Peterson that appeared on May 20.

About 40 years ago, I was driving with my husband, sister and brother-in-law past the Twin Lakes near Leadville, Colo. Suddenly this huge monster with a dinosaur head appeared halfway out of the lake. It disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared.

It was seen by all four of us. We were not only shaken but also frightened. Throughout the years we have talked about seeing this water monster.

I wonder is anyone else has seen or heard of this big monster in Twin Lakes?

Mrs. Jess L. Gerardi  
Trinidad, Colo.

STONE COUNTY LEADER, Mountain View, AR - June 14, 1979

## Officers checking second report of horse injury

Stone County law officers were again called to Alan Nixon's Pony Peak Ranch at Onia last week when one of the three horses injured the previous week was found injured again.

The horse, who had suffered a deep cut on its hip almost two weeks ago, was discovered Thursday night by Nixon. The horse had about a four inch cut on its right front shoulder, Sheriff R. C. Alexander reported.

Last week Alexander sus-

pected that a person was responsible for the wounds, which also were discovered on the neck of a second horse and the hip area of a third horse. Alexander sent a blood sample from one of the horses to Little Rock for tests, but all tests for content of foreign matter were negative. Alexander had sent blood to Little Rock to check for traces of some type of drug, which would indicate human involvement in the wounds.

This week Alexander said

the horses would be watched "for five or six weeks" to see if anything else happened, although he added that it may be that a stud horse in the same pasture might be involved.

Alexander was called to the ranch about 6:00 a.m. last Friday, and searched the surrounding area for tracks or any other signs of intrusion, but found none.

## No Connection Seen To Other Incidents In Calf Mutilation

By CHARLIE HUGHES  
Times Staff Writer  
FARMINGTON

Washington County Sheriff Herb Marshall said today a mutilated calf found in a pasture along the Double Springs Road has no connection to recent cattle mutilations in Benton County.

The calf, owned by Donald Williams, was discovered dead Tuesday afternoon about 400 yards from Williams' house. The calf's tongue, eye, and reproductive organs had been removed, Williams said. He said he believed the calf was killed Monday night.

Joe Gaspard of the sheriff's department said, "As far as we're concerned, it was just a dead cow and that's the way the investigator is treating it," he said.

Marshall said the cow died Sunday and that the organs were probably removed by some animal. "There is no connection in this and the cattle being mutilated in Benton County. Our investigator said it wasn't one of these witchcraft things," Marshall said.

Williams said he heard no unusual noises the night of mutilation. "It's kind of strange. The calf weighed 100 pounds and the thing would be hard to catch," he said.

Williams also said an investigator with the sheriff's department told him the cow had been mutilated, but the work appeared too "sloppy" to have any connection with the Benton County mutilations.

In addition to the tongue, eye and sex organs being removed, Williams also said there was no blood around the carcass.

Williams said he thought an animal could have eaten the cow's eye, but he said the tongue appeared to have been removed with a knife.

The references made to Benton County by Marshall concern twenty-three unsolved cattle mutilations in that county in the last two years.

Benton County authorities say they still have no clue to the mutilations in which eyes, tongues and genitals were removed from the animals. All blood has also been removed during the majority of the mutilations.

No tire marks or foot prints were ever found around any of the 23 mutilations, and in some cases, the cows were mutilated very close to houses.

Some officials have theorized the mutilations are being conducted by persons desiring the blood and organs for use in witchcraft rituals.

## Ice bomb falls

AURORA, Colo. (UPI) — It wasn't a bird. It wasn't a whole plane. And it certainly was not Skylab. But Harry Davis does have a hole in his roof and wishes the projectile had been a little more exotic.

A piece of ice ripped through the roof of Davis' suburban home, shattering a beam and pulling insulation into the den. Davis said he was able to preserve the chunk in his freezer.

Two similar ice bombs have hit other Denver-area homes, said George Beckwith of the Federal Aviation Administration. The ice forms on planes when the caps to airplanes' water or wastewater tanks are leaky and sometimes it breaks off.

Davis said he was thankful no one was hurt, but wishes the missile were a piece of Skylab so he could charge admission.

## Mutilated calf found near Sidon

By RANDY KEMP  
Citizen Staff Writer  
Horace Childers of near Sidon found a mutilated heifer calf in his pasture late yesterday.

Its right eye, tongue and part of the udder between the calf's legs had been cut out, Arkansas State Police Criminal Investigator J. R. Howard said.

Howard and White County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Honey investigated the incident about a quarter-mile from Childers' house just off Highway 310 near Sidon, after the farmer reported finding the 150-175 pound animal about 6:30 p.m.

Howard said the animal had some blood on it, but that the mutilation "appeared to be about the same kinda work" as in Cleburne County last week, but he wouldn't speculate as to whether it was the same people who mutilated both animals.

Howard said there was no immediate indication of how the calf was killed. The mutilation apparently took place late Wednesday night or early yesterday, he said.

He reported that Childers had accounted for all his herd earlier Wednesday night. The calf was found away from the herd near a grove of trees in Childers' field, he said.

The carcass was to be transported this morning to the state Livestock and Poultry Commission to be checked further.

Howard, of Searcy, investigated a similar mutilation last week at Greers Ferry in Cleburne County, involving a bull calf that had had its right eye, tongue and anus removed with apparent surgical precision. An autopsy showed that the calf had died of a gunshot wound, but that the bullet had been removed from the carcass after it was shot.

While there is some speculation that the mutilations are being carried out by devil-worship cults, there has also been speculation that the mutilations are part of a hoax, following publicity last week on a Little Rock television station which broadcast a five-part series on several mutilations in Benton County.

## Mutilated Cow Found at Ranch

World's Own Service  
BARTLESVILLE — The mutilated body of a cow found on the Oscar King ranch west of Dewey last Monday has generated speculation that cultists may be responsible.

The carcass was discovered on a routine check of the ranch. The eyes of the cow had been removed along with the udder which had been cut out "in an almost perfect circle," according to Paul King who found it.

King also indicated that no blood was found at the scene. No other marks were visible on the body and since an autopsy was not performed the cause of death is unknown.

This is not the first such incidence in this area which is composed largely of ranching land.

Although the Washington County sheriff's office was contacted, no investigation was conducted.

## STAR, Indianapolis, IN July 6, 1979 CR: C. Jones Severe Frog Storm Or Too Much Vodka?

Moscow (UPI) — The official Soviet news agency Tass reported Thursday that a recent thunderstorm rained frogs on the Central Asian village of Dargan-Ata on the Amu Daria River.

"The nature of such live rains was well studied," Tass said.

"Whirlwinds pick up living and inanimate objects off the ground and from small streams and carry them up to the clouds."

"When the air flow grows weaker the travelers return to the ground together with the rain."

The Soviet agency said the frogstorm at Dargan-Ata was nothing compared to an earlier report of a thunderstorm raining silver coins in the Gorky region.

## 'Sakakawea Monster' likely giant paddlefish or sturgeon

It may not be the Loch Ness Monster, but a 10- to 12-foot long Lake Sakakawea "monster" observed Monday has prompted one area resident to say, "You'll never catch me swimming in there again."



A woman who says she has lived along the lake and fished that giant body of water for the past 12 years maintains she watched the Sakakawea monster for a good spell while casting from the shore towards evening Monday. She asked that her name not be used in the story: "people won't believe me," she said, adding that nonetheless she thought people should know about the unknown creature. She called the Independent to try to find out who she should alert with the state Game & Fish Department.

"I don't know whether it had fur or fins. I really couldn't tell," she said, pointing out that the water was muddy and murky from the high winds which buffeted the lake Monday.

It's head was almost as big as a cow's. And the eyes were raised up above its skull about 1½ inches high, and they were about 2 to 2½ inches in diameter," the observer noted.

The monster-observer watched the creature, which stayed relatively close to shore (about 20 feet), for about 20 minutes while she walked the shore about a quarter-mile. The creature seemed to have some difficulty bucking the wind-whipped waves.

The winds, out of the east Sunday and Monday, may have brought the monster in from the big water, the observer theorized, adding that she felt the incident should be reported in the event others should see a similar creature.

When the monster-observer called the Independent, a writer chided her, "Now you haven't been drinking, have you?" To which she replied, in all seriousness, "No, I haven't." And that reply was not unexpected for she's never been observed the least bit tipsy.

Fisheries Division district manager Emil Berard of Riverdale told the Independent Tuesday that the creature in question "was probably a palid sturgeon or paddlefish." Both species, he said, can and do reach great size in Sakakawea waters. Berard said his first guess would be that the fish was probably a giant pad-

dlefish, known to attain weights in excess of 80 pounds.

"The description tends to fit the big paddlefish, although the length and size may be exaggerated by light refraction of the water. We are having a major plankton bloom (growth) in portions of Sakakawea at this time and I would think it may have been a big paddlefish filter feeding on the surface," Berard said.

He said he would not discount the belief the creature may also have been a big sturgeon. Again, he said light refraction in the water can lead an individual to believe the fish is of a much greater size. "Without seeing the thing myself, I would have to believe it was either a major size paddlefish or sturgeon," Berard concluded.



## Mutilated calf found

THE SPECTATOR, Ozark, AR - July 12, 1979

Another cattle mutilation was discovered last week in east Franklin county.

A young male calf, with the eyes, one ear, the tongue and sex organs removed, was found Saturday evening on the Charles Dodge property (formerly the Rannel Cargile place) just off Interstate 40.

The body was badly decomposed, according to Sheriff Bob Pritchard, who said the animal had probably been dead about five days.

The calf was lying in a field about 100 yards south of I-40, approximately 150 yards from the Franklin-Johnson county line, the sheriff said. He estimated its weight at 150 pounds.

The mutilation is the third such incident in east Franklin county, others having occurred in May and June on the Smith Gray and Don Hurst places.



# Sasquatch hunter looks for the beast in Koochiching County

By JIM PUMARLO  
Managing Editor

Richard Johnson knows it is a mammal. He figures it is a little bigger than a human, but not by much, and its arms are a little longer than normal. It probably lives underground, walks on its hind feet, travels mostly by night, and stays in one vicinity for only a week.

And Johnson believes it has a mind bordering the intelligence of humans, a sixth sense "that almost has the ability to sense your presence."

"It" is Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, or whatever.

Johnson not only believes it exists, but he says there's a good chance Sasquatch roams the woods of Koochiching County.

THE 33-YEAR-OLD St. Paul man has pinpointed two quadrilaterals — one in Koochiching County just south of Margie and another near the Bear River in Itasca County. Sasquatch also may be found in the general areas of Craigville or Crane Lake, he says.

He began writing letters this spring to various rangers in the area in an effort to acquire topographic maps of specific sites. He also wanted to let game wardens know of his intentions in case permission was needed to conduct his search. Copies of Johnson's letters finally arrived on the desk of Jim Schneeweis, area wildlife manager with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Johnson claims he sited a

Sasquatch in November 1978 near Margie.

"It was not as heavily built as I thought it would be," he said via telephone from his St. Paul apartment Thursday. "It had a reddish tinge to its fur. I saw it enter the swamp."

Johnson says he's quite familiar with wildlife and knows the animal was not a bear, which is about the only animal in Minnesota that could be compared to a Sasquatch. He tracked that one for a while, but then lost it.

He spotted footprints just this past March, too, which he says were narrower than he thought they would be.

HE PLANS to return sometime yet this summer or early fall before hunting season begins. A carpenter, Johnson is out of work now due to an injury he received while on the job. He has a wife and child. As soon as his finances allow, Johnson says he will begin another search.

"You don't know if you're going to see anything or not," Johnson says. "But it's beautiful country and you get to see a lot of wildlife. This time I will be equipped with a good camera."

Johnson has no certain method when conducting his searches. Since the forest is so dense, he noted a compass is a necessity. "You put a camp up and look and listen. Then you move in and look and listen again."

HIS INTEREST in Sasquatch began several years ago when his

brother worked for Boise Cascade Corp. in Walla Walla, Wash. At that time the area was in a frenzy over reported Sasquatch sightings. But Johnson claims that only was a publicity gimmick, and estimates that 75 percent of those sightings were fictitious.

That type of publicity led to the closing of the national office for Sasquatch research, he says. Sasquatch is an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

"A great percentage of people believe this is some sort of gimmick," he says. But Johnson believes it's real and that possibly half a dozen roam the woods of northern Minnesota. He's been following the saga of the Sasquatch for about 12 years, but did not take a serious interest until he spotted one in 1978.

Johnson is not alone in his theory that some strange animal lurks in the forests.

Harvey Cole, district technician with the DNR office at Northome, was one of the men contacted by Johnson. He confirmed that unusual sightings have been reported over the years.

ONE INSTANCE, he recalled, occurred in the winter of about 1965 when footprints trailed off the road and across a swamp. It was in the area south of Margie, exactly where Johnson suspects Sasquatch might exist. "The snow was 3 feet deep," Cole said Thursday. "No man would ever go there and come back alive."

A neighbor of Cole's, Chipper Lowe of Northome, was working in the woods by Marcell during a recent summer when Lowe and his friend spotted what they thought was a bear, Cole said. They evidently went to the lakeshore to see what damage the animal had done, but it had disappeared. Later that night, Cole said, something shook the trailer where Lowe and his friend were sleeping. They never discovered what caused the disturbance, Cole said.

"That's the exact area where Johnson said the Sasquatch was," Cole said.

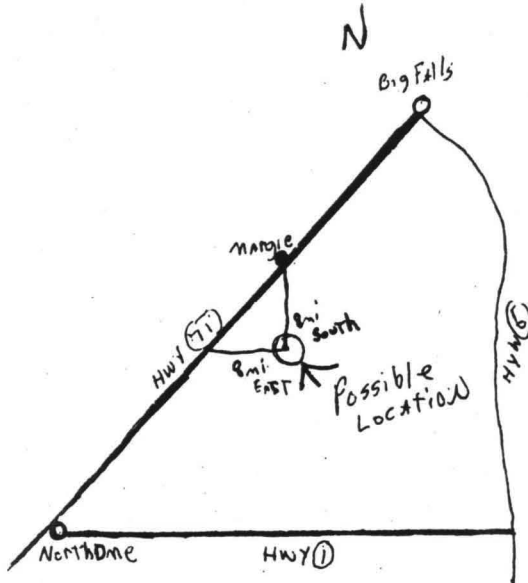
Several other people across the country also have claimed Sasquatch sightings and produced photographs, but nothing ever was proven, Johnson explained.

OTHER THAN his wife, Johnson says probably no one else knows of his desire to find the Sasquatch. He wants to keep it that way.

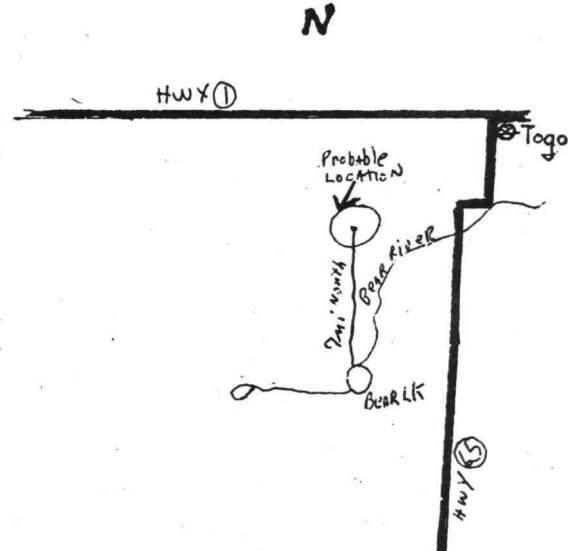
"I really play this down. That's about it. If I happen to find it, there's a law protecting them. If I could find one and trap it, I would probably turn it over to the zoological society for scientific purposes. That's the only interest I have."

And Johnson is not about to be swayed by all the gimmickry surrounding the search for Sasquatch. But he believes it exists and says, with help, he hopes to find it during his lifetime.

"I'm a realistic person," he says. "I believe only in facts."



Richard Johnson sketches the area where he believes Sasquatch roams in Koochiching County. He has pinpointed the area at 8 miles south of Margie and 8 miles east of Highway 71.



Richard Johnson also says Sasquatch may be found in the vicinity of Bear River southwest of Togo. Johnson notes his sketch is not drawn to scale.

## Another wounded horse reported to law officers

Another case of a horse being attacked has been reported to Sheriff R. C. Alexander, and the frequency of the attacks have authorities leaning towards the theory that man, and not a stallion or cougar, may be involved.

The latest incident happened early this week, as one of the horses previously attacked was hit again. The horse's flesh was laid open on the hip next to where it had been damaged previously.

Police have no positive leads in the cases, which have involved a number of horses at the Alan Nixon ranch on Onia.

Various unproved theories have been named as being responsible for the cuts, including horses running under a low fence with a nail protruding, a stallion biting the horses and a cougar protecting her young.

Alexander said he didn't think the mutilations were related to the recent cattle mutilations in Arkansas, because the evidence in the cases is not the same.

However, he said, he could not rule out the possibility of someone "taking after" the publicity seen by the cattle mutilations and trying something similar around here.

BLADE-TRIBUNE, Oceanside, CA - July 15, 1979

## Huge Ape Animal Rumored

RENO (UPI) — Investigators are trying to determine whether there is any validity to a report of a seven-foot ape-like animal wandering the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation north of Reno.

The mystery was compounded by the discovery of a dead colt in a reservation pasture. Its neck and legs had been broken.

Reservation Game Warden Robert Hannam said residents have also reported seeing imprints that looked like a large foot in a pasture and near marble bluff where the Truckee River enters Pyramid Lake.

## Suspected Case Of Mutilation Is Investigated

By GAIL OLSON  
Of the SUN's  
Santa Fe Bureau

Rancher Charlie Schmitz of Regina on July 3 while checking out his cows came across the carcass of one of them which appeared to have fallen prey to Rio Arriba County's elusive cattle mutilators.

"It was laying on its back. Its udder and rectum were cut out," he said of the cow. Schmitz estimated the cow to be a fresh find, dead for only 12 hours at the time of discovery.

At the time, he said, "I was driving my pickup" and he had turned off road 112, a gravel road, onto a "trail" that led to "one of my old fields" while he was "just checking out my cattle."

When asked if predators had attacked the carcass, Schmitz said, "not when I found it."

Following the discovery, however, after instructing his wife to call the State Police and the cattle inspector, he "rushed back" to the scene.

There, he saw a coyote "real close" to the cow, and when asked if he believed that the coyote intended to eat the carcass, he said, "I think so."

"I killed it," Schmitz said, when asked what happened to the coyote.

The cow was "about six miles north of Regina," Schmitz said, adding, "it was closer to Gallina." It was "about a mile and a half" from where he turned off road 112 to the "trail" that led to his field.

State Police officer Rick Poolaw and cattle inspector Aparicio Gurule arrived at the scene to investigate. Neither was available for comment Tuesday, though State Police Sergeant Dean Jones told the SUN of Poolaw's investigation.

"They thought just like I did," Schmitz said of the investigators, "they thought it was a mutilation."

"They didn't take the tongue," Sergeant Jones said. "They didn't take an ear or the eyes."

He verified that the udder, anus and sex organs were gone, and said the animal's eyes were "bloodshot."

The cow, he said, had been dead a day to a day and a half, and it hadn't been sick prior to the mutilation.

He said the cow was three to four years old, but Schmitz said it could have been seven years old.

Special investigator Ken Rommel also visited the scene and reportedly said, "It looks like the modus operandi used in mutilations."

Rommel, a retired FBI agent hired by the District Attorney's office to conduct a special investigation into mutilation, recently told

the SUN that he prefers to keep a "mum" policy where the press is concerned.

"I don't want to create a panic," Rommel said, explaining that in some states where mutilations have occurred the press coverage of the odd events did just that.

He explained that ranchers and others were out shooting at helicopters with rifles in some cases, a situation he doesn't want to develop here.

Rommel also said that in the course of his investigation, he has run into a number of people who are reluctant to talk to the press and he respects their privacy.

Tom Florina, administrator at the District Attorney's office, told the SUN, Rommel, since taking his job early this year, "has been out to two or three alleged mutilations."

Florina said Tuesday the press and the public will be kept up to date on the progress of Rommel's investigation with quarterly progress reports. The reports will be issued at the times the District Attorney's office prepares reports required for the Law Enforcement Assistance Associations on Rommel's study.

The district attorney's office was funded for the investigation by a \$50,000 grant from LEAA.

The Schmitz mutilation was found in the same general vicinity where in April two other suspected mutilations were reported. Two Santa Fe men, one a photographer, came across those cows while camping.

Bob Moench, the photographer, took graphic pictures of the animals and at least two experienced mutilation investigators said the photographs indicated the animals were probable victims.



## Can that be Bigfoot?

Al Chase of Daly City did a double take last week when he looked at a snapshot he took four years ago near Alpine Lake in Marin County and spied what he believes is Bigfoot (circled in center of photo). Chase was looking through old photos for a picture of his dog, Kimberly, which disappeared from his home a month ago. He said the picture shows that "Bigfoot" is at least 10 feet tall. Chase is trying to make contact with a University of California anthropology professor who specializes in Bigfoot to verify the authenticity of the photo. If Chase is right and he does have a picture of Bigfoot, it will be the first time the fabled furry monster has been sighted in the Bay Area.

DAILY NEWS, Norfolk, NE - July 19, 1979 CR: C. Werkmeister

## More Mutilated Calves Discovered at Osmond

By GREG WEES  
News Regional Editor

Two more dead cattle — mutilated and missing body parts — were discovered Tuesday evening in a pasture northeast of Osmond, according to Pierce County Sheriff Bill House.

Both animals were mutilated in a manner similar to the 3-month-old heifer found dead Saturday on the Harry Miller farm, located one mile west of the Highway 81 detour south of Norfolk, House said.

The month-old male calves each had one ear cut off, their eyes removed and an oval-shaped patch cut out of their hip, House said. Also removed were the genitals.

The sheriff declined to identify the location of the farm, or the landowner, saying he wants to keep people away.

A deputy who investigated reported that distinct cut marks, made with a sharp instrument, were evident on both carcasses, said House, who planned to make a personal inspection at the site.

The carcasses Wednesday were lying in the pasture, about 200 yards apart. House said he would confer with Madison County Sheriff Marvin Adams, who investigated the mutilation near Nor-

folk. House added that he will ask a veterinarian to perform an autopsy on the dead animals.

"It has to be a bunch of weirdos," the sheriff said, when asked if there are any suspects.

"My personal opinion is that this is probably related to the one in Madison County. These animals have the same identical marks and clean cuts" visible on the heifer south of Norfolk.

The dead animals were discovered Tuesday evening by the landowner who was checking the herd of 40 head, House said.

One calf looks as if it had been dead several days, while the other one may have been dead for 36 hours, he added.

There were no tracks or other clues. House said any tracks that might have existed were probably obliterated by the other cattle.

When a similar rash of cattle mutilations occurred several years ago in Madison County, there was speculation centering on the animal parts being used for occult rituals and rumors that the killers were from outer space.

Sheriff Adams has said tracks were found near the dead animal south of Norfolk.

DAILY NEWS, Norfolk, NE  
July 17, 1979

CR: C. Werkmeister

## Heifer Killed Mysteriously

A three-month-old heifer was mysteriously killed on a farm west of Norfolk early Saturday morning, according to Madison County Sheriff Marvin Adams.

The heifer belonged to Harry Miller and was on Miller's farm one mile west of the Highway 81 detour.

Adams said the calf's intestines were neatly cut out and one ear was cut off. There was no sign of a struggle, he said.

Adams said he did not think she was killed by other animals because the heifer was neatly cut, not torn.

Miller heard a commotion in his pasture about 5:30 Saturday morning, Adams said, and upon investigation found the dead calf. The cows were scattered in the pasture and had been frightened, Adams said.

Adams said he has no theories about what caused the death. He has investigated about a dozen mysterious livestock killings in the county since 1974.



# The mystery of animal mutilations

By TOYO YAMAMOTO

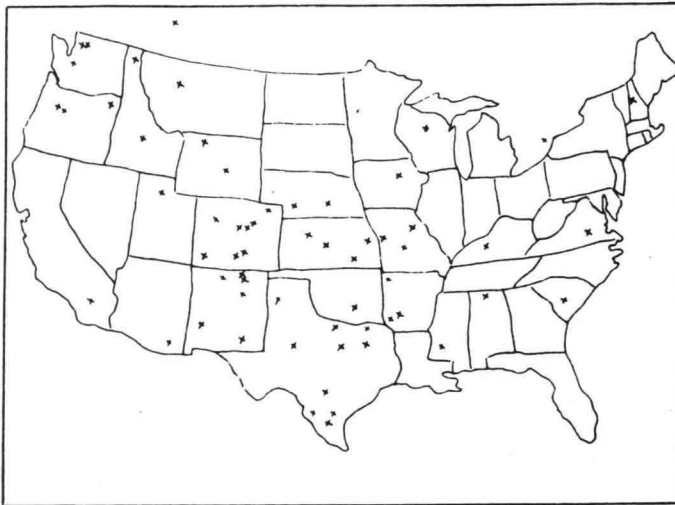
There are very few people who are aware of what may be one of the most bizarre, unsolved crimes of the century. Ever since the spring of 1973, there have been many hundreds of extremely skillful mutilations of domestic animals, mainly of cattle. They have occurred in over 20 states, although primarily in the cattle country of the Southwest.

Here in the Northwest the last reported animal mutilation case was the mutilation-death of a horse in a farm near Lyons in Linn County, during May of last year. The June 1, 1978 report from *The Stayton Mail* noted that the "mare had a triangular slit on her lower abdomen. The sex organs were missing. Also missing was the left eye which had been neatly removed. The tongue had been cut out..."

The news account continued with the observation that the horse's blood was completely drained, although not a drop was found on the ground. And despite indications of a struggle, there were no footprints in the area—even though it would "have taken seven or eight persons to contain her."

This Linn County case highlights some typical characteristics of most of these ghastly mutilations. It is possible to isolate the following distinctive features, as being common to most animal mutilations: (1) the mutilations involve extreme precision in the use of what may be surgical instruments; (2) the parts mutilated typically include body-parts, such as an eye, the tongue, the uterus, the rectum, the udder and so forth; (3) many carcasses are drained of their blood, although there are no traces of blood in the surrounding area; (4) in many cases there were reports of unidentified or unmarked helicopters or flying objects near the mutilation sites.

Furthermore, some mutilated carcasses may decay extremely slowly—even in hot weather; in other cases the deterioration may be immediate and rapid. There are also peculiar reactions by predators and domestic animals to the mutilated carcasses—there are a number of cases in which those carcasses became "off limits" to other animals. But in a few examples predators have fed immediately upon mutilated carcasses.



Areas indicated on this map are those in which animal mutilations have occurred, during 1977 and 1978. The map does not reflect the actual intensity of the phenomena. The information comes from Tom Adams of Paris, Texas.

During 1977 and 1978 the Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) experienced the following incidents of animal mutilations:

1977 March: Snohomish County (Washington)

August: Union County (Oregon)

September: Custer County (Idaho)

October: Wallowa County (Oregon)

and Snohomish County (Washington)

November: Linn County (Oregon)

1978 February: Skagit County (Washington)

May: Linn County (Oregon) and Snohomish County (Washington)

August: Pierce County (Washington)

September: Pierce County (Washington) and Boundary County (Idaho)

October: Pierce County and Snohomish County (Washington)

This listing can only indicate the geographical areas of animal mutilation cases in the Northwest. The intensity of the incidents is another matter. For example, the *Tacoma News-Tribune* of September 6, 1978 and of September 14, 1978 revealed that up to 22 horse or dog mutilations have taken place in Pierce County within the past 2½ years. In addition, at least three horses were castrated in September and an additional ten

horses were missing and presumed stolen.

Attempts to explain the cause or causes of these animal mutilations have ranged from the obviously erroneous to the wildly improbable. Some incidents were explained in terms of predators, like coyotes. Although predators may account for a few of those incidents, the majority of mutilation-deaths involve the skillful use of precision instruments, such as surgical tools. In most cases the mutilations are not characterized by the gnawing and tearing bites of predators.

Another explanation is that the mutilations are the work of Satanic cults. For example, the *Southwest Times Record* of May 5, 1978 from Fort Smith, Arkansas reported that "officials stumbled across flagstone altars in the woods, littered with animal skulls and candles. Symbols painted in white were emblazoned on the crude altars." Although cultists may account for some of these mutilation-deaths, the typical reports of flying objects, such as helicopters, cannot fit into this explanation. There are at least 200 reports of such sightings, and there are undoubtedly many others which have not been recorded. If the cultist explanation is to be a viable one, we have to consider

a nation-wide organization which is able to finance such an extremely costly operation.

Researchers have also looked at the UFO connection to animal mutilations. In some incidents "classical" UFO phenomena occurred. These include UFO sightings of a variety of forms, the engines of cars and tractors dying near the UFOs, and the presence of "men in black" in the vicinity of the mutilations. "Men in black" is a term which refers to strange people with not-quite-human appearances. There is not much that one can say about these explanations, since the subject of UFOs is an extremely controversial and emotional one.

Another explanation if offered by Edward Sanders, author of a book about Charles Manson. Others will remember Sanders as a poet with the Fugs. He contends that the animal mutilations are a part of clandestine operation by U.S. intelligence agencies to test chemical-biological weapons in an "underground" manner. This explanation would account for the precision of the mutilations, as well as the presence of helicopters in mutilation cases. However, mutilations have occurred in other countries also, so could we be up against international intelligence agencies?

Whatever the explanation for these animal mutilations, we do see a curious lack of public knowledge that these incidents are occurring in such a large and frequent scale. This public ignorance is probably related to the equally curious lack of investigative reporting on the matter.

This absence of public knowledge about animal mutilations may be corrected in the near future. ABC-TV News has been putting together a report on animal mutilations. This report is scheduled to be on the "20-20" news program sometime in the summer. Also, a free-lance writer has been working on a proposed piece for *Look* magazine.

In the meantime the mystery of the animal mutilations remains unsolved. If any readers have further knowledge of these incidents, you may contact Tom Adams at Project Stigma, P.O. Box 1094, Paris, TX 74560. An on-site investigator can be at the scene of a fresh mutilation by calling Mr. Adams, as soon as the incident occurs, at (214) 784-5922.

## Mutilated calf found at Wooster

Another calf mutilation was reported this morning by L. L. Nixon of Wooster. The circumstances surrounding the incident are almost identical to a similar mutilation near Republican last week.

Nixon reportedly found a 10-day-old calf dead in an open area of his farm just outside the Wooster city limits on Stringfellow Hill. He reported the calf had been dead for 24 to 36 hours and that one eye and the tongue had been removed. There were no traces of blood according to Nixon.

Nixon reportedly did not examine the calf thoroughly. Sheriff Charles Castleberry was called to the scene this morning. The investigation was continuing at press time.

## Calf's tongue intact; death still unexplained

Examination of a mutilated calf Saturday morning by Sheriff Charles Castleberry and Chief Deputy Ollie Willborg revealed that the calf's tongue had not been removed as reported by the owner.

Willborg said today that the calf's left eye was missing and that the body already had started to decay. It had been dead 24 to 36 hours before it was found by L. L. Nixon of Wooster in an open area on his farm.

The cause of death could not be determined, according to Willborg, because the calf had been dead too long for an accurate examination by the state Crime Lab.

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## More mutilations reported

The mutilation of two 16-month-old Holstein heifers on a Center Ridge farm is being investigated by the Conway County sheriff's office. The incidents are similar to mutilations reported in Van Buren and Faulkner counties.

Tommy Davidson of Center Ridge said he found one animal July 6 about 300 yards behind his home and the second on Saturday about one-quarter mile from his home.

Davidson reported that one eye and the female sexual organs were missing from the first heifer. One eye, the udder, tongue

and sexual organs were missing from the second one, he said.

Davison also said there were no signs of blood near either of the two animals. He said both had been cut apparently with a surgical knife. He said there were about 30 head of cattle in the pasture, but there were no other injuries or killings.

The Arkansas State Police and Van Buren County sheriff's office are assisting in the investigation, according to Conway County Deputy Sheriff Ray Coffman, who called the incident, "the strangest thing I have ever seen."



Lights in the sky, you say? Don't laugh, stranger things have happened.

Among the more bizarre, but most interesting phenomena of the late 1970s, is the extraordinarily high frequency of UFO sightings at the scenes of vicious and frightening cattle mutilations.

Now wait, don't leave. We're not trying to capture The National Enquirer's market. The quest for documented existence of extraterrestrial beings hounds the minds of the greatest scientists and continues to baffle even the most die-hard non-believers. Simply, there are events that remain unexplained.

Mutilations are apparent ritualistic dissections of cattle by unknown forces. Literally hundreds of cases exist — particularly in the far West ranging from Mexico to the Canadian border — that display frighteningly similar symptoms. An expert in the field is Bill Jackson, agricultural editor of the Greeley (Colo.) Tribune, an area where several hundred reported cases of mutilations occurred in early 1975.

According to Jackson (as straight a newspaperman you'll ever meet), a classic mutilation reveals an almost surgical-like amputation of a cow's left ear, left eye and left jawbone, the removal of the animal's reproductive organs and bowels, and, if daring-enough people step forward to report it, the presence of "strange" lights the previous night in the vicinity.

The lights, Jackson says, aren't meteors blazing across the heavens, nor are they weather balloons. He's watched them from the ground — pulsating, changing colors and directions seemingly at will. He's observed them from the air while flying at night with sheriff's deputies assigned to mutilation cases. And he's even employed the help of U.S. Air Force radar from Cheyenne, Wyo., who admittedly didn't know what they were watching either.

He says levels of radiation around the mutilated sections of the cattle are unusually high. The cuts themselves aren't, he and others claim, the work of wild coyotes or ultra-crazed religious cults ("Too clean or too expensive.") Coyotes will devour a lightning-killed cow, but won't come near one that's been mutilated. And hardened ranchers who talk wilt when confronted with the question: "Were there lights in the area?"

While Jackson doesn't believe in the religious cult theory, he does advance a fascinating one of his own. He says the U.S. government, with access to aircraft we normal folks have no knowledge of, conceivably is testing cattle herds in conditions not otherwise obtainable in a "classroom" atmosphere.

Jackson tells literally hair-raising stories about UFO sightings, both second-hand and first person accounts. He has a file of photographs he has taken with infra-red film and high-speed telephoto lenses. He knows a trucker who, while traveling across the empty prairies of Eastern Colorado, suddenly began to lose power as the roadway in front of him was aglow from a light above him. And as it followed him for miles, the trucker's CB and radio squawked (while off) and the truck's engine sputtered and came close to dying.

Hidden deep in the rimrocks of prairie canyons, Jackson says, are those same pulsating lights that rise faster than sound. And all the while the mutilations continue, with equally strange tracks found at the scenes, tracks in sun-baked high desert soils no ordinary being is capable of making.

With numerous contacts around the country and years of research into the phenomenon, Jackson still isn't prepared to say, "Yes, they're watching us." But he has a hard time discounting it all when he stares at the sky late at night, and an even harder time saying, "They don't exist."

## Mutilated calf is found on farm near Republican

By TOM SCOTT  
Of the Log Cabin Staff

It had all the markings of some recent cattle mutilation incidents—a dead calf with a missing eye, tongue cut out with surgical precision and not a drop of blood nearby. What was different about this case is the fact that it occurred in Faulkner County, not in north Arkansas. Charles Reynolds of near Republican found the calf a week

ago and didn't think much about it at first.

"It was a two-week-old calf and only weighed about 125 pounds," Reynolds said. "When I found it the carcass was in pretty bad shape. I think it had been dead about two days and it smelled pretty bad."

It was only when Reynolds returned home and told his wife about the dead calf that anything unusual was noted.

"I told her about the calf's eye being gone and then she asked me if the tongue had been cut out. She had read about the cattle mutilations in north Arkansas. At first I told her that it had not. But when I went back to the field to move the carcass I looked inside its mouth, and sure enough, the tongue was cut out neat as you please," Reynolds said.

In addition to the eye and tongue being removed, there was some damage to the calf's rear, but Reynolds said that the wounds resembled the work of coyotes or wild dogs.

Reynolds, who operates a dairy, said he thinks the mutilation occurred on a Sunday. He found the carcass on a Tuesday.

"I remember seeing a helicopter hovering over the field on that Sunday afternoon. I heard the motor running and when it did not move off, I went outside the house to see where it was. About that time it flew off. Funny thing, it seems to me, a helicopter was seen in the area of a similar mutilation up around Martinville a few weeks ago," he said.

It was two days later that the smell from the carcass attracted Reynolds to the field where he found the calf.

"It was his eye being gone that seemed funny to me at first. The eyeball was gone, but the eye winker on the outside was still there. If a buzzard or something had done it, there would have been more damage," he said.

In spite of being in rather tall, thick grass, there was no blood on any of the grass blades.

"I went ahead and buried the carcass because it was smelling pretty bad. Two neighbors saw it though. Billy Vann and Dean Mallett came by before I buried it," he said.

An officer from the Faulkner County sheriff's office came by later to investigate, but since the carcass was in such bad shape, it was decided not to dig it up.

"I'm just glad that I didn't come up on them while they were doing it. Anyone crazy enough to do something like this is crazy enough to do anything," Reynolds said.

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## Mutilations Are Reported

Pierce, Neb. (AP) — Pierce County Sheriff Bill House said Wednesday two bull calves appeared to have been mutilated in the northern part of the county.

It was the second report of cattle mutilations in the northeast part of Nebraska in recent days. Madison County Sheriff Marvin Adams reported finding tracks near the mutilated body of a 3-month-old heifer two miles west of the Old Home Cafe.

House said one of the 1-month-old bulls had been mutilated several days ago while the other mutilation appeared to have taken place within the last 36 hours.

He said "the techniques used are similar to the mutilations that occurred in this area several years ago and the one that just happened in Madison County."

House said one of the ears was cut off of each bull, a circle was cut out of the hips and the male organs were removed.

Because the cuts were detailed, House said it appeared a sharp knife was used. He did not find tracks around the bulls.

House said the mutilations took place in a herd of about 40 cattle.

He would not disclose exactly where the mutilations took place or who owned the calves.

WORLD HERALD, Omaha, NE - July 19, 1979 CR: C. Werkmaster

LITTLE RIVER PRESS, Ashdown, AR - Aug. 2, 1979 CR: B. Leet

## Officials Lack Information In Bizarre Bull Mutilation

A bizarre mutilation of a registered Hereford bull was reported Tuesday west of Foreman.

Chief Deputy Cecil Page said a three-year-old registered Hereford bull weighing about 1,200 pounds was found with the male organs removed about 7 p.m. Tuesday. The bull was found in the middle of a pasture about five miles west of Foreman on Climax Road. The bull was found about 100 yards from a pool which was similar to another mutilation of a cow about two years ago near Foreman.

The bull belonged to Otto Cowling Jr.

and was valued at about \$1,200. Otto Cowling, his father, was checking the herd Tuesday for his son who was on vacation.

Page said Cowling told his wife about the bull and she remembered the incident two years ago and told him to call the sheriff's office.

Page said the mutilation happened Saturday night. "There is no way of telling what time," Page said.

"They didn't leave a sign. They removed the organs and the blood from the bull. They didn't even leave any blood on the ground," Page said.

He indicated more than one person had to be involved and they also had to walk to the pasture about a mile.

A tranquilizer gun was used to stop the bull. "It was like they bulldogged him and pulled the head under and stretched the back legs out," he said.

"They made a surgical incision. The area cut was just like they made a surgical incision. They had to use surgical tools to make a cut like that," Page said.

If anyone has any information concerning the incident, contact Page at the Little River County Sheriff's office, 898-5115.

## Cattle mutilations continue in county as two more found

Two more cattle mutilations have been reported in the Van Buren County in the past two weeks, Sheriff Gus Anglin said this week.

One was found by Galen Laboa, who lives at Rt. 1, Cleveland, July 18. The animal had been killed either the previous Sunday or Monday night and its internal organs and blood had been removed.

The second was reported by Troy Walls of Scotland. The animal was discovered July 19 or 20 and only the tongue had been removed.

Three other animals had previously been reported killed and mutilated in the county. Other such incidents have been reported in Conway, Faulkner, Cleburne and other counties recently.

VAN BUREN COUNTY DEMOCRAT, Clinton, AR - Aug. 2, 1979