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Spoon flies over Somers

by Nancy Gerbino

Something is going on in the north county and that "something" is only happening to police officers. Saturday at 6:15 p.m. an unidentified flying object (UFO) shaped like a spoon, was spotted "floating" across Somers.

Observed by Westchester County corrections officer Keith Jorgensen and his wife Connie as they drove north on Interstate 684 at the Route 138 overpass, the UFO was described as "floating" - handle first - towards Connecticut over the Golden Bridge shopping center.

Jorgensen said his wife made the first observation and called his attention to it. At first they both thought it was an airplane. It was similar in design, but on second glance they realized it was "no airplane I have ever seen," said Jorgensen.

The front of the craft was the "handle" and the spoon area had a "bubble-like appearance." The forward portion had a set of small wings. "Off those wings came what appeared to be a large antenna system with two or three spherical objects attached," said Jorgensen.

The rear portion or "spoon" area of the UFO had a similar set of wings and antenna system but much larger.

Jorgensen said the object was charcoal gray in color, and left no visible vapor trail. They were able to observe it for five seconds and reported their observations to the State Police barracks in Somers.

The Richfield, Connecticut Police Department said they did not receive any reports on UFO "sightings or landings" Saturday night to coincide with the "Golden Bridge Spoon."

Golden Bridge is four miles north and west of Pound Ridge Park where Westchester County Patrolman William O'Shaughnessy made his "close encounter" a week ago. He observed a brightly lit saucer object flying erratically, which evidently interfered with the proper functioning of his radio. O'Shaughnessy had to report his sighting by using a pay phone, at which point he discovered his headquarters could not contact him. The interference lasted for 45 minutes.

In August, 1976, Yorktown Patrolman Joseph Ciozzi had a similar experience. In the early hours of the morning he observed multi-colored lights 1,000 feet in the sky over Route 118 and Commerce Street. He observed erratic movements that appeared and disappeared for a period of two hours.

PRESS, Artesia, NM - Aug. 28, 1979

Strange, Airborne Objects Reported

By BARRY J. CASEBOLT
Daily Press Editor

Eight people from the Artesia area have reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) shaped like "an upside-down trapezoid" hovering over the Alamogordo area Wednesday evening.

Sisters Jackie Blessing and Helen Thomas and their mother, who is visiting in Artesia, said they saw the strange shaped object stationary in the sky about 6:30 p.m.

Other relatives also saw the object which was spotted while the family members were sitting in or on a car.

Ms. Thomas said she watched the object for 15 to 20 minutes; that it remained stationary; and that a smaller object appeared to come from underneath.

The information officer for Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, said today he had no reports of strange objects in the sky Wednesday, but he personally saw a "weather balloon."

The Artesia women ruled out the possibility of a weather balloon since they said they saw a smaller object drop from the belly of the larger one.

Three family members said the smaller object appeared to drop from the bottom of the larger craft, and then moved north and west at a quick pace, leaving a trail of smoke or vapor.

The larger, hovering object was in the western sky approximately above the Alamogordo area, they said.

None could determine how high the object was.

"A little one came out and left a trail of smoke, then it went out of sight," said Ms. Thomas.

She said the family was "enthralled. It was fascinating to watch."

The larger object, she said, was silver in color, and ruled out the possibility of it being a star because it was still light.

Her mother said it was "too early for Venus - the evening star."

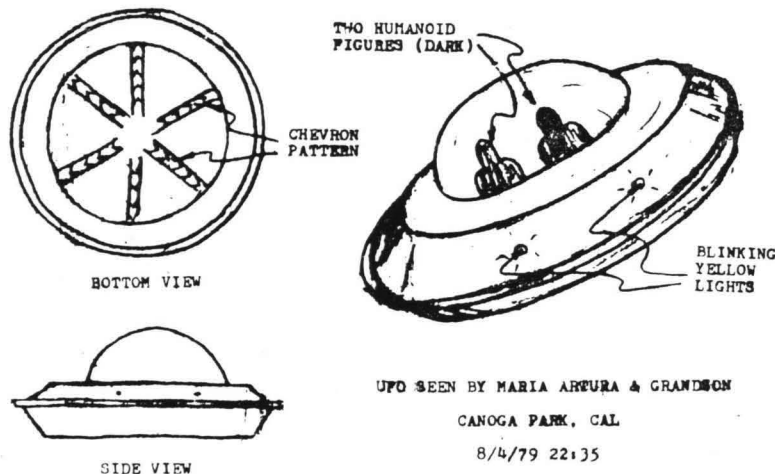
Ms. Blessing said the object "appeared to split, dragging the other part (smaller one) to the west."

"It was not a star. It didn't move. It stayed in one place," she said.

"One little part broke off, and came towards earth, and then it moved off to the west," she went on.

They all expressed some concern about what people may think of their reporting the sighting, but noted they know what they saw and wonder who else may have seen the objects before dusk Wednesday.

CHRONICLE, Canoga Park, CA - Aug. 16, 1979



UFO in Canoga Park

By Sandy Sand

"The sighting of a UFO does not necessarily breed other sightings through imagination, but it does make others who feared talking about their experiences feel that they can come forward with information," said Walt Greenawald, an engineer with Rocketdyne who has been doing UFO research on his own since 1972, when he had an UFO sighting from a commercial airliner.

Since the exclusive Chronicle UFO story three weeks ago, several more sightings have been reported.

Last week the Chronicle reported that Mrs. Mickey Childers of Canoga Park was awakened by barking dogs and spotted an object in the sky at 3:15 a.m. on July 25.

Since then another Canoga Park resident who works as a cocktail waitress in Chatsworth reported to Greenawald that as she was driving home from work that night when she saw bright lights coming at her from the sky at approximately 3:15 a.m. when she was stopped for a traffic signal at the corner of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Plummer Street.

She said she was so frightened she jumped the red light and sped home. The only problem she

discovered was that she arrived home a half-hour later than normal, and cannot remember anything about that half-hour.

She said that the next day she felt slightly nauseated and began breaking out in water blisters, as from burns, on her legs. If it is possible, Greenawald is going to arrange for the witness to go through regressive hypnosis to see if she can recall any of the events which might have taken place during that missing 30 minutes.

By tracking the sightings on a map, Greenawald has come to the conclusion that both the Childers' sighting and the waitress' sighting were the same.

SUN, Bloomington, MN - Sept. 5, 1979

UFO reported

A small donut-shaped silver object moving slowly above the trees in the vicinity of 77th and Morgan Ave. S. was sighted Monday night by a local man and reported to the Bloomington Sun.

The man said he saw the cylinder just before dusk. A couple and a 12-year-old boy with him also saw the cylinder, he said. He noted it moved in the direction of the wind but two to three times as fast going northwest. He reported that as he watched, it dropped below the tree line around 70th and Penn Ave. S.

Bloomington police said there had been no reports filed concerning a UFO Monday night. The last report filed, said police, had been at least a year ago.

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,
UFO Researcher



As one of the very few UFO researchers in the San Fernando Valley, I have lately become involved in the detailed investigations of several local UFO events which have surfaced within the past several weeks.

Nine separate sightings have been logged. Some of these are inter-related with witnesses apparently seeing the same thing as others, as times, directions and descriptions correlate well.

21 July, Simi Valley. Sandra P. and her four children, ages 6 to 11, saw a white glowing ball over their house at 9:30 p.m. The kids, being frightened at the close proximity called for their mother who was busy at the time of the closest approach to look. She later saw the object at some distance and did notice blinking or rotating multi-colored lights, red, green and blue. The device wandered away slowly and disappeared in the distance within a half hour.

25 July, West Canoga Park. This was a busy early morning as three, probably related early morning incidents occurred. The first event was recorded by four unknown teenagers who witnessed several low flying big white objects pass over near the intersection of Shoup and Vanowen. The "something" was bright enough to light up the local area. It also made a whirring noise. Not much detail here but the investigation will continue. Apparently, a little later, the Childers family looked northwest of the previous location, observed a low hovering bright glowing blob with flashing multicolored lights to their northeast. This event was amply described in the August 9 issue of the Chronicle and may have been the prelude to the most incredible, perhaps unbelievable story of the lot. Sherry N. was driving south on Topanga Canyon at 3:15 a.m. and while stopping at the light at Plummer, she became alarmed at what appeared to be a brightly lighted window in the low sky. It appeared to be an impending airplane crash or the blimp, but very low. All this through her windshield. She rolled the window down, no noise.

Noting that no other cars were around and that she couldn't identify the "what-ever-it was" she ran the red light and sped home. During the interview, she remembered she arrived home at least a half hour late. The

total trip normally takes 15 minutes; however, this time it was 45 minutes. The incident is, in UFO parlance, a time-lapse case and has the overtones of a possible abduction. Hopefully, this event will be thoroughly investigated. However, it will take the complete cooperation of the witness with sessions under laboratory conditions involving a hypnotist. The case must remain in the hand of a very few people at this time as the UFO phenomena is still riddled with character assassination and ridicule. A lot of people aren't talking for obvious reasons. It is hoped that at some future date this case can be fully investigated, documented and, above all, revealed to the public.

25 July, Canoga Park. Daytime. The sighting that started it all was one reported by Ira Pearson, a retired carpenter. Only this was a daytime sighting by Ira, three of his friends, a young man working at the Alta-Dena Dairy and two policemen. Location -- corner of Oso and Satocoy. Time -- 7:15 a.m. Towards the west, Ira noticed an oblong device hanging in the sky. Details vary as to whether it had squared ends or round but, in general, the elevation angles, azimuths, times, etc. agreed. All said that it reflected the early sunlight and appeared to be of metallic construction. It hovered for several minutes which ruled out an airplane. No noise, no helicopter. For awhile the UFO was tilted at a 45 degree angle, straightened up with axis vertical then flew off. Total sighting duration was five minutes. The peculiar part was that two policemen were observed to have looked at it through binoculars. It was reported in the 2 August issue of the Chronicle that they were using a camera, but it is thought that they had binoculars. This is based on an interview with the witness who was closest to them. Several calls to various police agencies came up blank and nobody knew any thing.

3 August, Canoga Park/Reseda. Two sightings of the same object by two individuals unknown to each other characterize this event. As Mrs. Evelyn P. was on her way home near Sears, Northridge, she noted a large red, round glowing UFO in the sky. Location -- near Corbin and Nordhoff. As she drove south on Corbin she

studied the device while stopped for a train. She continued to observe it and passed directly under it at Roscoe. She was able to drive home, park the car and still observe the UFO. She tried to get her husband to observe but he was in the tub.

Using binoculars, she was able to see more detail. The UFO emitting a silvery exhaust at the bottom, described as feathery. The entire object blinked on and off at several times a second. Color -- stop-light red. Remained motionless for minutes. Time -- 9:15 p.m. Elevation angle about 60 degrees. Azimuth NNE (this points to directly where she drove under it at Roscoe and Corbin). No noise. Based on a map she was about one mile away. Weather clear. Based on information from Mrs. P., the size was estimated at 80 feet in diameter.

Meanwhile, in Reseda, Mrs. Doris P. was in her backyard tending to a watering chore. She noticed a large red round "thing" in the sky towards Chatsworth. She described it as a very bright red ball which blinked on and off every several seconds. And it had perhaps 20 blinking white lights at the bottom (sound familiar?). Elevation angle described as about 45 degrees. Time was 9:15 p.m.

Weather was clear. No other witnesses as her husband was gone for the evening. She watched it for perhaps 10 minutes when it abruptly disappeared to the East. Trinagulation of both stories agree and based on the apparent size from the first Mrs. P., I calculated a diameter of 200 feet ... thought to be erroneously high due to an error in estimating the apparent size (this is a difficult concept to get across to non-technical observers). This altitude was calculated at about 10,000 feet.

4 August, Canoga Park. The same UFO observed by Ira Pearson on July 25 was again seen by one of his friends known only as George. George said that he saw the same gadget at approximately 8:30 a.m. only this time in the eastern sky. Elevation angle was 30 degrees. That evening Maria A., babysitting her grandson, aged 6, was summoned by the lad who told her about a strange thing in the sky. Time, 10:35 p.m.

Object was first noted approaching from Topanga Canyon. No noise. Very large and very close. Both were scared. Mrs. A. reported she could discern two humanoid shapes, though not clearly, inside a clear dome on the top of the craft. The critters exhibited oversized heads and arms and shoulders were observed. Again, no details were evident.

Not a bad period regarding the UFO enigma. Who would have thought that aliens from outer space could have an interest in this particular locale? But that's speculation on my part. It is a fact that among UFOlogists the extraterrestrial intelligence

hypothesis is the most popular answer for the source of UFOs.

My interest in this argumentative, controversial, tantalizing, interesting topic was crystallized in 1972 when, from the window of a commercial airliner I saw a UFO. Since that time I have read everything I could afford to buy or borrow. I have investigated cases mostly in the Los Angeles area, talked on the radio, lectured at small colleges and generally have kept my ear to the ground, so to speak, regarding local UFO events.

I invite readers to comment on the UFO phenomena argue with me (politely, of course), call me and tell me about their sighting (I will guarantee anonymity and will not ridicule anyone). It is time, perhaps, that this column can be a focal point for the distribution of UFO information.

Call or write: Walt Greenawald, 20709 Collins St., Woodland Hills, 91367, 887-6632.

According to the witness and his wife, they watched the object for several minutes, from windows in their home. They heard no noise from the object, but a neighbor's dogs began barking "wildly," they said.

THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED as egg-shaped with a large dome on top and a smaller dome on the bottom, and it dimmed and brightened as it moved through the sky on a straight line, at an estimated altitude of one-half mile, the man told Greenleaf.

Greenleaf said he contacted sheriff's departments in surrounding counties and was advised by the Putnam County sheriff's office it received two reports of UFOs, but considered one unfounded. The other was a report of flashing lights east of Hastings.

Greenleaf said he contacted Station WTLV and was advised their report was that a deputy there has wrecked his car and was burned, but not as a result of the wreck, after sighting a large white glowing object. Meanwhile, Deputy Greenleaf said a woman who wished to remain anonymous reported she saw a round, bright white object in the sky southbound near U.S. 1, about 12:15 a.m. Saturday. She said the white object appeared to drop a bright red object, which dissolved into the air over the area south of St. Augustine.

Man, son report UFO

By a Herald-News Staff Writer

BLOOMFIELD — Gerald Gialanella and his son were walking by Brookdale Park recently when they reportedly encountered a scenario right out of the "Twilight Zone."

The resident of 69 Brookdale Gardens told police he saw a flying saucer near the Bellevue Avenue side of the park at about 10 p.m. early this week.

For two minutes, a large round object with windows lining its side, white lights around its perimeter and a red light in the middle hovered near the park, Gialanella said.

Police said they had no reason to doubt Gialanella's story, and promptly notified a nationwide UFO hotline of the sighting.

Six See Large UFO Near Peak

A sixth grade science teacher five others reported seeing an unidentified flying object near Pikes Peak early Friday evening.

Bruce Kinney, 37, of 1018 N. 31st St. told the Gazette Telegraph he was visiting friends at 3936 Magnolia St. when he saw a large comet-like object flying near the Peak.

He said the yellow-orange object had a tail and appeared to be moving toward the Devil's Playground area of the Peak at about 7:30 p.m.

Kinney called his wife Janet, 35, his daughter, Kim, 13, and three others after he saw the object disappear in clouds. After it emerged from the clouds, he said it took a 90-degree turn toward Woodland Park.

George Zeis, 46, and his wife, Janet, 43, and their son, Scott, 17 also reported the sighting. Kinney said the group watched the object for about three minutes. He said the object moved slowly, but faster than a plane.

Kinney said he notified NORAD, but officers there hung up after taking his statement.

A NORAD spokesman acknowledged the report, but could not confirm it.

Object In Sky Sparks Probe

By JACKIE FEAGIN
News Editor

Reports of a large, white glowing object in the skies over southern St. Johns County touched off an investigation here Saturday.

Acting Sgt. Herbert A. Greenleaf said a 21-year-old man reported Saturday afternoon — after seeing a television account of a Marshall County, Minn., deputy sheriff's sighting of an unidentified flying object — that about 12:30 or 1 a.m. Saturday he and his wife saw a white-colored object in the sky, passing about 200 yards west of their home, located three miles south of the U.S. 1-SR 206 intersection.

The couple reported experiencing problems with an electric clock and fan, which they said kept going off and on during the time the object was visible to them.

THE YOUNG MAN SAID he decided to report his sighting after seeing a report telecast by a Jacksonville station, about a deputy's UFO sighting in Minnesota.

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HERALD NEWS, Passaic, NJ
6/6/19, Sept. 1, 1979

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,
UFO Researcher



Between the Chronicle and myself, we have uncovered a total of eight separate UFO events all ostensibly occurring within a one and one half week period.

All were relatively close to each other geographically with the exception of the Simi Valley sighting. When one considers that I ordinarily may hear of only two UFO sightings a year in the San Fernando Valley, the past series of events represents a staggering amount of work for one individual.

Each UFO witness should be interviewed extensively, the story examined for inconsistencies, correlations with other events and, above all, the witnesses evaluated for a credibility rating. Standard sighting forms were mailed out to all those for whom I could get an address. All have not been filled out and sent back.

I have yet to interview five people who will undoubtedly add to this wealth of UFO detail. In all, 28 witnesses have been noted including two policemen whose identities will remain unknown as the West Valley Division of LAPD doesn't know anything of UFO sightings reported to them, much less of two men from a cruiser seen observing a UFO through binoculars.

In two cases I have found strong corroborating evi-

dence from independent observers who presumably don't know each other. One family is worried about adverse publicity.

However, most witnesses don't mind if their names are used in connection with a UFO sighting. Twenty years ago this was not the case and we would have been lucky to hear of one UFO report indicating that the ridicule factor seems to be diminishing and markedly so.

The latest UFO story from Angelo Mortillaro of Reseda who spotted a saucer shaped craft from his bedroom window just after midnight early on August 3.

He and his wife, Nellie, quickly went out to the backyard and observed the same craft on a northerly course over Hamlin Street. They noted that it made a right turn proceeding towards Van Nuys along Victory Boulevard. Angie estimated that the craft was as wide as Victory Boulevard and that the bottom surface was covered with white blinking spotlights. The time was about 12:10 a.m. with clear warm weather. He and his wife could hear no noise. Angie says that he has had commercial artist experience and promises a sketch of what they saw.

It seems unusual to me that other agencies such as the Valley News haven't re-

ceived at least one phone call reporting a UFO but they say they haven't. The same is true with LAPD. They claim no recent UFO reports.

Griffith Park Observatory said that perhaps only one UFO sighting was turned in during the last month.

Why were these things seen only in the Canoga Park and Reseda area? I would like comments from those readers who have seen something unusual particularly within the last month.

I would also like to hear of your frustrations in contacting someone in officialdom and what was their response. How many witnesses tried to contact other media sources only to run into the proverbial blank wall.

In one of my future columns I shall address the secrecy aspect of UFOs and officialdom ... it appears to exist from the Presidency down to your local sheriff. Call or write Walt Greenawald, 20709 Collins St., Woodland Hills, (213) 887-6632.

What was it?

What was it? Weathermen are puzzled because they can't explain the sequence of events but, whatever it was, something peculiar flew over the Sterling area about 3:30 Sunday morning, and was viewed and photographed by Beccy Tanner, a Bulletin reporter.

At the time the thing flew over the northern skies, Beccy was camping out and following her hobby of photographing the stars. As she tracked a star in the northwest sky, she spotted what appeared to be a flight of something, traveling from west to east.

There were six of these things, each one containing a bright, white light. As Beccy watched, the lights on all six of these things began to blink in unison, alternating between long and short blinks.

At the time the blinking started, the things appeared to stop all forward movement, and just hung in the northern sky. Finally, after about 15 minutes, the blinking stopped and they moved eastward, disappearing from sight.

According to Mike Smith, meteorologist for KARD-TV in Wichita, there wasn't any particular reason for something to happen in the northern sky at 3:30 a.m. Sunday. No unusual weather was in the area and the actions of the things didn't fit into meteorological patterns.

"I just don't have any idea at all what it could be," Smith said, suggesting that Beccy contact the Air Force to see if they had a flight of high-flying U-2 aircraft in the skies at that time.

But, neither Beccy nor Smith could explain the white lights blinking in unison from the aircraft, or whatever they were. An airplane blinker is like the turn signal on a car and it's next to impossible to get several to blink in unison.

Also, the actions of the things in stopping in mid-flight defied any meteorological explanations Smith could recall, and it didn't fit into the theory that a high flying formation of U-2 aircraft made the blinking lights. Like Beccy, Smith was puzzled.

Whatever it was that flew over Sterling last Sunday, here is Beccy's explanation of what happened, and how it happened:

"I was camping out in a field and at approximately 3:30 a.m. I noticed what appeared to be six lights traveling from the west," she said. "They surrounded the northern part of the sky and proceeded to blink on and off in sequence and at random time intervals. I watched this for about 15 to 20 minutes before they disappeared."

"As far as what it was or could have been," she said, "I really don't know. I did notice however that the Russian cosmonauts did land at approximately that time. It might have been them, it might have been a number of things. I really don't know what it was."

DAILY NEWS, Jackson, MS - Sept. 11, 1979

Flora UFO Sighting Confirmed

By DAVID HAMPTON
and CURTIS COGHLAN

Daily News Staff Writers

Flora police confirmed a UFO sighting early today shortly after a motorist said she saw the object hovering in the sky over Mississippi 22 between Canton and Flora.

"I just don't know what it was," said police officer Percy Whitehead. "It looked like a big old bright light. Then it looked like a big old red ball of fire shot out from it. When the ball shot out of it, it moved a little distance and disappeared."

Whitehead said he and his partner, Ronnie Posey, sighted the UFO at about 2 a.m., about the same time Gladys Jefferson reported seeing the reddish-blue, funnel-shaped object.

She said her car radio quit playing. Police said their two-way radios also quit.

Whitehead said they watched the object for some time, and then saw what appeared to be another similar object. The second object went below the tree line and disappeared, he said.

"The dogs got to barking out on Pócahontas Road," he said. "Then we heard a loud clicking sound. We never have heard that sound."

Asked what it seemed to be, Whitehead said, "I don't know. We didn't go look."

Whitehead said the object appeared to be a bright light, but said different colors could be distinguished.

Mrs. Jefferson said after a while the funnel left and the UFO continued in an easterly direction.

"After the light went out, it just disappeared," Whitehead said. "We didn't see it fall or anything. So, we don't know what it was. I don't look for those things at night."

Posey, a part-time Madison County deputy sheriff, said he first saw the "bright lights" about 8 p.m. while he was at work at a Flora lumber yard.

Posey said he saw two reddish-blue objects after he got off work at midnight. He said he called Whitehead to meet him at the depot to be a "witness."

"When he got there we watched two or three of them," Posey said. "Man, they could move. It looked like one of them shot out of one of the other ones and disappeared."

"They looked bright like stars, but stars don't move like that," Posey said.

Posey said another Flora man said he had watched the objects in a field for several minutes and "was almost crying, he was so shook up." Whitehead said he did not report the sighting to higher authorities.

The past three months have been particularly busy for UFO watchers across the nation, but the Canton sighting seems to be unique.

Estelle Postol, administrator for the Center For UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said today that summer is usually the busiest time of the year, but that "this month has been busier than usual."

She said the reddish-blue color of the Canton sighting is unusual. "It's better than all the orange-green things we've been getting lately," she said.

She said that it is common for car radios to go out during UFO sightings but that it usually accompanies interference with the car engine also.

Ms. Postol said that if the object was in a high altitude, it could have been a weather balloon.

"If it was quite far up it could reflect light from the sun even at 2 a.m.," she said. She said there was a sighting of a balloon recently.

State Rep. Horace Buckley of Jackson last year introduced a bill that would urge Congress to conduct full-scale investigations of UFO sightings. Buckley supported his arguments with reports of UFO sightings in Flora in 1977.

"I know they are people of integrity and saw what they saw," he said at the time he introduced the bill. Despite interest of the bill by some legislators, the request by Buckley died in a subcommittee. He concluded that the state might establish a UFO commission.

EVENING TIMES, Monroe, WI - Sept. 4, 1979

UFO sightings reported

A pair of "unidentified flying objects" were reported by three Green County Sheriff's deputies over the New Glarus Woods early Saturday morning.

The deputies, who declined identification, said they saw two bright lights below cylinder shaped objects for a 25-minute period at about 3:30 a.m. Saturday. The deputies, who made their sighting from the intersection of Legler Road and Wis. 39, said that the objects appeared to be 150-200 feet over the woods. They said that one of the two sources of light moved quite a bit, while the other did not appear to move. The objects were reported to have disappeared when clouds and rain moved in.

The radar tracking station at Madison's Truax Field said that they recorded no unusual sightings Saturday morning. A Truax spokesman said, however, that the station has never picked up any such unidentified objects on their screen.

Any person sighting an unidentified object can call the Madison UFO Center at 1-206-722-3000 or the Northwestern University Research Center at 312-491-6506.

CR: R. Neiden

UFO'S No ? UFO'S Yes!!!

Marcella Gardener, Clay Smith and Sybil Taylor are uncertain about what they saw Tuesday night. Not making any "flying saucer claim" or anything but they insist it was something unusual.

Smith's home is near Chipley, nearly 20 miles apart from Taylor's home near Esto. Both report seeing the same thing around the same time.

Coming from the east, moving very fast and partly obscured by dark clouds the object emerged. Shining brightly and appearing to be half the size of a full moon the object headed toward a smoky cloud that seemed to form in front of it. "The bright object entered the smoky cloud and vanished, and soon the smoky cloud had vanished too," said Taylor. Gardener and Smith described basically the same observations. The time was 7:45 p.m. when they both saw it.

Appearing at about the same time — at least the same night — in Chipley was a creature that left

tracks that have not yet been identified. No one thus far seems to be claiming that there's a connection between the flying objects and the strange tracks, but there has been some speculation about the timing being no coincidence.

The track is unlike that of "Bigfoot" or the "Abominable Snowman," but it might possibly qualify as that of "Big Bird." It is too small for either the "Snowman" or "Bigfoot," and it is unlike that of any other North American Mammal.

Washington County Agent J.E. Davis said he couldn't identify the track. He guessed that it was made by something a little heavier than most barnyard birds.

A comparison with tracks reproduced in available source material show most birds to be equipped with three toes and a spur or thumblike back or opposable toe.

The creature visiting in the vicinity of Chipley's Shivers Park Tuesday

night definitely had four toes. The heel or ball of the foot extending straight back on a center alignment. Depth of the tracks in a sandy area following a rain shower indicate that considerable weight was required to make the impression.

If it was a bird, then, it was a big one — one with four toes extending in a forward alignment ahead of a pronounced heel. The track was no longer than the average human hand.

"Maybe the tracks were made by some creature that came here as a visitor from outer space," joked Steve White. "Maybe he came on that bright, moonlike object so many people reported seeing Tuesday night."

He was joking, of course. But a semi-serious tone emerged in the conversation, when residents of the Shivers Park area reported that Kenney Foy's dog barked more than usual that night. Some of the tracks were within 100 yards of

Foy's dog yard.

Chester Smith, retired Farmers Home Administration District Supervisor, said he was puzzled by the tracks. So was Mildred Farrior, who lives near the park. She observed that "some strange things" have been taking place in and near the park.

Actually, she was probably referring to some human activities. The place has developed over the years as a sort of public lovers' lane, except it is a parking area instead of a lane. She didn't mention having seen any strange creatures in the park, just "strange things going on."

If there are indeed visitors from outer space, what better place than the park to visit? asked White. It is where "strange things are going on" that the "little four-toed men" might learn most about earthlings and their habits and customs. Especially if the earthlings don't know they're watched.

FREEMAN, Waukesha, WI - Sept. 17, 1979 CR: R. Heiden

Strange Nighttime Events Untraceable

By John Engelbert
Freeman Staff

OCONOMOWOC — Were two men taken to Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital at 3:14 a.m. Sunday with injuries — one a possible concussion, the other with back injuries — acquired in an encounter with a spacecraft which the men succeeded in photographing?

And at about 4 a.m. Saturday, was a sheriff's squad dispatched to the intersection of Highway 83 and either Highway 18 or 16 to investigate some mysterious lights?

A man and wife of sound mind and sober habits who have a police scanner in their Hartland area home were awakened both nights by reports.

The Sunday night incident was heard on the hospital frequency of the police scanner.

An exchange between an ambulance attendant and a woman, probably a nurse, was reported:

Ambulance attendant — "We're bringing in two men who were hurt by a spacecraft, and who won't give up the pictures they took."

Hospital — "Is this some kind of trick?"

Ambulance — "No. We're in your driveway now."

Hospital — "Okay. I'll open up the back garage door and let you in (the emergency room)."

Now that sort of exchange deserves checking. It was. Though there was no radioed report of an accident leading up to the arrival of the ambulance, the sheriff's department was checked. Nothing.

The Emergency Medical Technician ambulance service operated by the Oconomowoc Fire Department was checked. Nothing. A private ambulance service operating out of Okauchee was checked. Nothing. The Oconomowoc Police Department was checked. Nothing.

Oddest of all is that there is no record in the logs of Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital or Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Oconomowoc assistant administrator James Zahradka said nothing could be found resembling the incident. Waukesha hospital president Donald W. Fundingsland said nothing could be found, "and it's something that would be remembered and talked about."

There is a little more substance to the early Saturday morning sighting. But even there, there is no record in the sheriff's department of a squad being sent to investigate "red and blue" lights at the highway intersection.

Police Chief Leonard Schacht of Oconomowoc questioned Cpl. John Sevens, Schacht said, and Sevens recalls hearing a squad dispatched to investigate the lights but heard nothing more.

And nothing more was heard after the ambulance was apparently permitted to enter the garage at Oconomowoc — if that's where it was.

Now ... If someone with a sore back, and someone else with a aching head, cares to come forward and talk about the spacecraft sighting and the pictures they took....

TELEGRAM-TRIBUNE, San Luis Obispo, CA - Sept. 17, 1979

They saw metal balls, light, but now 'feel silly'

By Carol Roberts
Staff Writer

Two metallic-appearing balls seemed to hover over Arroyo Grande District Cemetery. Suddenly the balls — one gliding higher than the other — combined to cast a cone of light.

According to the seven youngsters who said they saw it, the phenomenon disappeared in a matter of seconds.

Todd Richetti, 12, an eighth grade student at Paulding Intermediate School in Arroyo Grande, was the spokesman for the group as the youngsters explained Sunday what they saw about 9:30 the night before.

"It was like a giant flashlight beam shining down and then it just vanished," said Todd. "Whatever it was didn't make much noise."

He said it didn't look like an airplane, although the youngsters said at first they thought it might be.

The youngsters, who all live on or near Linda Drive, were on the way to see a friend's go-cart.

"When we looked up and saw the balls and lights, we were scared," said Todd. The balls and lights were gone by the time the youths scattered for home to tell their parents, who called police to report the incident.

It still wasn't clear this morning exactly what Todd and his friends saw. By Sunday, however, Brian Rudder, Corey Quinn, Janine Moore, Steve Coffey and Chris and Andrew Antiaga were speculating they may have seen a spotter plane or helicopter involved in a fire about 12 miles away in Huasna.

"Or maybe it was a weather balloon," said Jeannine. "Now I feel silly."

California Department of Forestry officials said this morning that all of their planes and choppers were grounded after dark Saturday.

But Capt. Leonard Brady at Vandenberg

Air Force Base said the Air Force had weather balloons in the air all weekend. "They don't usually drift together and they don't have lights," he said. "However, they do appear metallic."

The balloons often reflect light from the moon, but the moon hasn't been visible until almost dawn lately, Brady said, admittedly puzzled.

The Air Force officer said there weren't any rocket launchings during the weekend. "Sometimes the rockets create optical illusions and surrealistic effects, but there weren't any Saturday," Brady said.

"I have not been in contact with any aliens either," the officer chuckled.

Mark Uriarte, who mans a Space Science Center 24-hour telephone in Vallejo, said people frequently see unusual things in the sky in San Luis Obispo County.

During the past two years he has had calls from Cayucos, San Simeon, Guadalupe, Oceano, Grover City, Arroyo Grande and Avila Beach, said Uriarte.

He said he has had at least eight calls so far this year from within a 20-mile radius of San Luis Obispo.

"Two of those calls we couldn't explain" he said. "Most incidents are cleared up quickly as brilliant stars, airplanes or planets."

The last call of "significance" from San Luis Obispo County came from a couple in late June who reported seeing a large object near the reactor at Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. The man, an employee at the plant, called about 4:15 a.m., Uriarte said.

Anyone who sees something unusual overhead can call the center at 707-642-1830.

The Linda Drive youngsters said they were hesitant to call the center Sunday. "That's a long-distance toll call," said Todd Richetti.

A Quiet Night, Then Something Strange Happened

By CHRISTOPHER COOK
Staff Writer, The San Diego Union

On Wednesday night, Bob Smith, night supervisor at the Rancho del Campo rehabilitation center for delinquent boys started out on his usual 10-mile jogging run.

The moon was full and bright, he noticed. A perfect night for jogging. Crickets chirped, welcoming the cool night air that replaced the burning heat of the sun. By the ninth mile of the run, just as he was nearing the long straight stretch back to the camp staff office, Smith noticed something strange: The 200 head of cattle that normally are bedded down at that time were restless, turning in circles and mooring as if they were frightened.

Just another coyote in the area, he remembers thinking. Then, as he jogged into the headquarters compound, the three camp dogs, who normally greet him with tails wagging, charged at him, barking ferociously. They also appeared to be frightened.

About 10 miles away, Richard Duncan, a camp counselor, was heading along Interstate 8 towards the camp with a van full of boys. They were returning from a counseling session in San Diego.

Suddenly, one of the seven boys in the truck shouted that there was a

strange object flying over a hill to the north.

"It was unusual enough that I slowed down the van and we stopped to take a look," said Duncan.

Off to the north they saw what at first looked like a lighted dome of a water tower. "There was a band of lights on it and it had a blinking red light in its center."

"One kid said it was a helicopter. Another said it was a plane. Then it moved very, very slowly to the west," he said.

What alarmed them was a stream of intensely bright white light that suddenly shot from the top of the object as it disappeared westward almost faster than the eye could follow.

There was absolutely no sound, Duncan said.

At about that time, another camp officer, Marshall Kary, was passing the cows on Smith's jogging route. He also noticed their strange behavior.

On a corner of the camp property, Joe Cordova, another officer, was running a night baseball game when he saw "a glowing kind of light. It wasn't a spotlight. It was just kind of in the mountains southeast of the camp," he said.

The light disappeared, but 10 minutes later his baseball players saw it again. They stopped and watched.

The time sequence of who saw what and when they saw it remains unclear, but all the activities and the sightings took place between 8 and 10 p.m., several hours before the eclipse of the moon and at a time when the moon was at its brightest.

It was not until they were all reassembled in the staff room at the camp that they started comparing what they had seen.

Duncan said he was a little shy about saying anything, but when he finally told his colleagues, "You'll never guess what I saw tonight," they responded, "A UFO."

Allen Hendry, chief investigator at the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said that he would have to interview the officers in great detail before he could responsibly say what it was they saw.

A check with police and fire officials in the county yesterday shows that there were no reports of strange flying objects in the area.

For the serious doubter, Hendry points out that last week a similar object apparently attacked a police officer in Warren, Minn.

At 1:20 a.m. last Monday, Deputy Val Johnson, a 2½ year veteran of the force who has an impeccable record, was knocked unconscious as he drove a stretch of deserted road in his territory.

It was the manner in which his car

was damaged and the strange burns on his eyes that made his story credible, Hendry said.

The windshield was broken out, one headlight was smashed, the red light on top of his car was broken and two antennas were bent.

His wristwatch and the dashboard clock were stopped for 14 minutes, and he had what doctors called "welder burns" on his eyes that had to be treated with medication and eye patches for 10 hours.

Two days later and 400 miles away in Vermillion, S.D., another man named Johnson — Russ Johnson — was driving down a dark road when he reported that he also was hit by a blinding light.

He told officials he closed his eyes, slammed on the brakes and when he looked out of his car he saw the object flying up into the sky again.

Did the officers at Rancho del Campo come close to a close encounter of the third kind?

"I'm certainly going to talk to them," Hendry said. "It sounds like we are talking about a bunch of intelligent people, and not some of these UFO nuts."

Those who saw the object were a little hesitant to admit that they may have seen a UFO. "I know it sounds nutty," said Duncan "but I just can't explain it other than to tell you what I saw."

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Sept. 12, 1979 CR: M. Hall

Others in, Near Minn. Town Relate 'Sightings'

WARREN, Minn. (AP) — While Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson appeared on national television, telling once again about the strange object that smashed into his car, the hometown folks back in Marshall County recalled that they, too, have experienced similar mysteries.

"I have a certain degree of notoriety I never had before," said Johnson, 38, even before he appeared Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning, America" television show in New York.

Johnson has been interviewed on television talk shows all over the country since Aug. 27, when he had his nocturnal run-in with a UFO while patrolling Minn. 230 near Stephen, in southwestern Minnesota. He said he was engaged when a brilliant flash of light engulfed his car, smashed the windshield and bent the antennas. When he came to 40 minutes later, his eyes were burning and his watch and the car's clock were both 14 minutes slow.

The officer said he still has no idea, "absolutely no idea whatsoever," what the light was.

"I have nothing to base an alien explanation on," he said. "It's an unidentified object, and who knows what level of technology our government or another government might have. We're close to the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Perhaps they're testing something there."

Johnson said in the ABC interview Tuesday that he hadn't given much thought to UFOs prior to his encounter.

"I really had no preconceived notions (about UFOs) prior to this incident," said Johnson.

But Johnson said that if someone came to him with a similar story,

based on the evidence presented, he would be inclined to believe the story.

Johnson has been told that he is not the first person in the area to report something similar, bizarre and unexplainable sightings.

"I've had about 10 stories told to me in the last week from reputable people in this area who say, 'Now that your story is public, I can tell you what happened to me,'" Johnson said.

Sheriff Dennis Bakke said people have stopped him on the street and telephoned the office to tell about their experiences. Chief Deputy Everett Doolittle said, "We're getting people steadily coming in — respectable people — saying they've seen things."

Jon Linell, assistant administrator of the Warren Hospital, said he and his wife were driving home from Northwood, N.D., two weeks before Johnson's encounter, when they had a strange experience. They watched bright, unmoving lights over trees for 15 seconds before "it came and hovered on top of us so we couldn't see what it was," he said.

"When I'd almost stopped the car, it took a 180-degree turn and took off north," said Linell. "There were too many lights for a plane and there was no sound. When you tried to see what it was, it hurt your eyes."

Elaine Swenson, 31, rural Viking, Minn., said she doesn't know what she saw on the road two years ago. She and a friend were driving near Warren and thought they were behind taillights of another car.

"They started to slow down and, all of the sudden, stopped," she said. "We came right behind them. We stopped and there was nothing there. It disappeared in thin air."

Chief Deputy Doolittle said he got a rash of UFO reports about two

years ago, when he was working nights. He said a family near Angyle reported a strange light moving about the trees and a family near Viking watched as "a light came out of the sky and hovered, and then went back up into the sky."

Johnson's experience has not made him a believer in creatures from other worlds, but he says "anything is possible."

"I had an open mind prior to the occurrence and I still do," he said.

The Rev. Roger Brockmeyer of Zion Lutheran Church, Oslo, says most people in the area have taken Johnson's word for the story and "accept his credibility."

"If he said he saw it, as far as I'm concerned, he saw it," said Don Amundson, who runs the grocery store in little Oslo.

Al Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., appeared on the ABC show Tuesday with Johnson.

Hendry said his organization plans to do a magnetic mapping of the car body "just on the outside chance that it was exposed to a strong magnetic field."

"We're going to be doing a radar computer printout for the entire area, which the FAA is cooperating with us on," said Hendry, "and we have a Ford Motor Co. engineer interested in the damage done to his vehicle to see if the windshield could have been shattered that way by a specific kind of cause."

"We'll be dealing with ophthalmologists interested in the kind of welders' burns that might be involved here. Usually, ultraviolet light is at stake in a welder's burn. In this case, the windshield he was looking through failed to afford him any protection from this very quick flash of light."

2 Area Men Report UFO In Daylight

Two men fishing on Lake George in southwest Rochester reported they saw a silvery UFO following a leisurely course from southwest to northeast about 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The men — Tim Thomforde, 22, of Zumbro Falls and David Hinrichs, 24, of Zumbrota — described the object as chrome-colored, highly reflective and spherical in shape, though flat on top and bottom.

Both — speaking to the Post-Bulletin separately by phone this morning — said they had no idea what the object was.

Air traffic controllers at Rochester Airport said they received no reports of any type of UFO or balloon in the area. The National Weather Service at the Airport said the nearest balloon launch area is St. Cloud, and balloons are launched from that station about 5:30 p.m.

If the object was some type of balloon, its course was approximately with the wind, which was blowing from the south at about 17 miles an hour at that time of day, according to the Weather Service.

Rochester police and Olmsted County sheriff's officers said they received no UFO reports.

Thomforde, who called the Post-Bulletin with the sighting report, gave this account:

While fishing on the artificial lake in Green Meadows Subdivision with friend Hinrichs and Thomforde's 2-year-old son, he said they spotted the object about 5 p.m. and continued watching it until the object, moving higher as it traveled northeast, rose out of sight.

Thomforde described it as round, flat on the bottom "like a Frisbee," without wings, having no lights, making no sound he could hear and leaving no visible trail.

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Sept. 26, 1979 CR: M. Hall

Deputy's UFO story evokes other tales

By DEBRA STONE
Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

OSLO, Minn.—The night is clear and damp. The only sound rising from the flat prairie land is crickets humming. The only person traveling the remote stretch of highway is Val Johnson.

Suddenly a brilliant flash of light engulfs Johnson's car. Stunned, he awakens 40 minutes later. His eyes are burning. The car's windshield is smashed, the antennas are bent. Both the car's clock and Johnson's watch have stopped for 14 minutes.

It was two weeks ago that Johnson, a 35-year-old Marshall County deputy sheriff, reported this bizarre incident, which occurred while he was patrolling Minnesota Highway 220 near Stephen, in the northwest corner of the state.

But in the short time that has passed since Aug. 27, Johnson has learned that he is not the first in the area to report something bizarre, perhaps something from another world.

"I've had about 10 stories told to me in the last week from reputable people in this area who say, 'Now that your story is public, I can tell you what happened to me,'" Johnson said.

Johnson's not the only one who's been hearing the stories. "We're getting people steadily coming in—respectable people—saying they've seen things," said Everett Doolittle, chief deputy in the Marshall County sheriff's office in Warren.

Sheriff Dennis Brekke confirmed that people have been telling him about their experiences. Take Jon Linnell, assistant administrator of the Warren Hospital, for example. Just two weeks before the Johnson incident, Linnell says, he and his wife had a strange experience while driving home to Warren from Northwood, N.D.

"I saw bright lights over a field to my left," Linnell recalled. "The light stayed in the same spot above

the trees. I told my wife to look at it 15 seconds later the thing came at us. I didn't know what it was.

"It scared me. My wife said, 'It's going to hit us.' It came and hovered on top of us so we couldn't see what it was. We couldn't see the outline of it. When I'd almost stopped the car it took a 180-degree turn and took off north.

"There were too many lights for a plane and there was no sound. When you tried to see what it was, it hurt your eyes."

Linnell, who said it was a tense moment, did not report the incident. But when he heard television reports of Johnson's experience, he was struck by the similarities.

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was sitting inside of a lightbulb.

"I hit the brakes and was sitting on the highway. I looked to the west and all I could see was the light with a tail behind it for two seconds and then it was shut off. The whole thing took about 10 seconds. It was here and gone. I have no idea what it was."

The experience was scary, he said.

"I was shook up so bad that when I went to the police station to fill out reports I couldn't remember how to spell words."

Russ Johnson said he hadn't heard about Deputy Johnson's experience before his own, but says now, "I feel lucky after hearing what happened to the other guy."

Deputy Doolittle said he got a rash of UFO reports about two years ago, when he was working nights.

"It was crazy," he said. A family in Argyle saw a strange light moving about the trees and a family near Viking watched out their picture window as "a light came out of the sky and hovered and then went back up into the sky," Doolittle said.

And, indeed, many of the incidents being reported now and talked about around town occurred two years ago or more. But people remember them vividly.

Elaine Swenson, 31, who lives near Viking, still doesn't know what she saw on the road two years ago.

"It was after dark and a friend and I were on the way back from Grand Forks between Warren and Alvarado," she said. "We had our lights on and we saw taillights in front of us and we assumed it was a car. We followed them quite a way."

"They started to slow down and all of the sudden stopped. We had to slam on the brakes. We came right behind them. We stopped and there was nothing there. It disappeared in thin air. It just disappeared. We couldn't think of any explanation."

Johnson said a man who lives about 2 miles from Oslo told him that "a large light hovered over their farm bright enough to turn off his mercury vapor yard light."

Many people in Warren also remember the story of two high school girls who were driving on Highway 1 near Goodrich, about 60 miles east of Warren, in the summer of 1975. As everyone tells it, their car stalled and they saw something very strange. That something then took off and the car started again.

Johnson believes that the telling of these stories is important for the people involved.

"I think it's healthy that information should come out and substantiate the mental ability of people who see these things," he said.

Right after his own experience, Johnson said he was depressed and thought he was in "mental difficulty." But talking and being believed helped him feel better.

"People hide these things and feel guilty for holding back or fearful and ashamed of feeling crazy," he said.

What sets Johnson's incident apart from so many others is the piece of evidence. In the sheriff's garage in Warren sits a brown 1977 Ford LTD with a shattered windshield, one antenna bent at 90 degrees, one bent at 30 degrees, a headlight missing and a small dent in the hood.

The car is still being tested to try to determine what happened to it. The Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., which was called in to investigate by Sheriff Brekke, is sending up a man with a magnetometer to check for a magnetic change in the metal of the car.

The center is also trying to get the windshield sent to Evanston for tests to see whether it was cracked by intense heat, said center administrator Estelle Postol.

And infrared pictures will be taken of the ground at the site of the incident to find out whether any plants have been affected by intense light.

A credible witness

The incident is also considered unusual because Johnson himself seems to be such a credible witness. He has a wife, three young children and a house on a quiet, pleasant Oslo street. Before joining the sheriff's department 2½ years ago, he worked as a machinist around Wisconsin and Minnesota, including a stint at 3M in St. Paul in early 1970.

Now he patrols two towns and nine townships every night. Although he's had to tell his story many times, he is still willing to run through it all again. After two weeks of reflection, it still has an eerie ring.

He tells it in police-report style as he sips coffee and munches on homemade cookies at the kitchen table.

It had been a routine night on patrol and Johnson had reported in to the sheriff's office regularly throughout his shift.

"I was on my way home from Stephen, Minn., and it was about 1:15 or 1:30 when I left there," he said. "I took County Road 5 west out of Stephen and when I got to its junction with 220 I looked south and I saw a bright light in the distance about 2½ miles away. It was very bright and white and about 4 feet off the ground."

"I proceeded in that direction because I was heading home anyway. I proceeded in that direction to investigate more fully—I didn't know what it was. I proceeded south on 220 a mile and three-tenths or so and all of the sudden the light intercepted my vehicle."

"One minute it was a mile and a half distant and the next minute it was right on me. It struck my vehicle. Everything got extremely, painfully bright. My eyes hurt. There was no object I could see at all. I heard the sound of breaking glass. And that's the last I remember."

"It was determined afterwards that at the point of interception my headlight debris was lying on the highway. From that point, estimating my speed at 60 mph, I coasted an absolutely straight line for 850 feet. I do not recall this."

"At that point I was doing about 48 mph and the brakes engaged, leaving black marks."

He said he doesn't remember engaging the brakes.

"I woke up at 2:19 a.m. leaning on the steering wheel. The engine wasn't running. I called in 10-88—officer needs assistance—and I gave the location."

"The dispatcher asked what was wrong and I said, 'I don't know. Something just hit my car.'"

The officer in Stephen came out and called for an ambulance.

"I started going into a mild case of shock when the ambulance got there," Johnson said. "I was bouncing up and down and shivering. My eyes hurt extremely bad. The ambulance took me to the Warren Hospital and X-rayed me to see if there was damage. I said my eyes hurt real bad. The doctor put saline in my eyes, put adhesive bandages over them and discharged me."

"About 5 a.m. I made a statement on tape at the sheriff's office. I was taken home and deposited in bed, got some sleep and about 11 in the morning Sheriff Brekke picked me up and we went to the ophthalmologist. He took the bandages off and said I had irritation to the inner eye, which could be caused by seeing a bright light after dark. Basically, that's it."

Johnson said he did not have time to be afraid before he lost consciousness in his car. And when he woke up again, he said, he felt as if he were moving in slow motion.

"My first thought was concern for the car because it belongs to the county," he said. "I thought, 'I wonder if I'm in trouble for banging up a car.'"

Johnson said he did not think of the UFO theory until Brekke told him at 5 a.m. that he was going to call the UFO center.

When asked now what he thinks that light was, Johnson says, "I have no idea, absolutely no idea whatsoever."

"I have nothing to base an alien explanation on. It's an unidentified object, and who knows what level of technology our government or another government might have? We're close to the Grand Forks Air Force base. Perhaps they're testing something there."

But if it was an alien vessel, Johnson does not think he was being attacked by it.

"I feel I was neutralized," he said. "They didn't mean me any harm. I could have rolled in the ditch but I went straight for 800 feet. If it was alien, I stumbled across something I probably wasn't supposed to see. That's as good an explanation as I've been able to come up with."

The incident has not made Johnson a believer in creatures from other worlds, but "anything is possible. I had an open mind prior to the occurrence and I still do. I read a couple books about them (UFOs) but I've read a couple books on a number of subjects. I wasn't any more interested in that than anything else."

Although the incident may have not changed his beliefs, it has changed his life. Today he appeared on the "Good Morning, America" television show in New York. He has been interviewed on telephone talk shows all over the country and is even a bit of a star in his own town.

"I have a certain degree of notoriety I never had before," he said. "Hopefully it will change and settle down and return to normal. It's been a strain on our family."

His wife, Rosanne, agreed emphatically. "It's completely disrupted our entire family organization," she said. "There are so many calls and I'm so busy taking care of my family and getting everyone fed. We have a baby and that takes time. We have one to get off to school and the phone keeps ringing."

Everyone knows

The sheriff's office has also felt the disruption. The first two days after the story was released there was always one phone call being answered while another was on hold, Doolittle said.

Everyone in the county seems to know about the incident. Some want to discuss it while others shun the topic.

A Warren waitress who was asked about UFOs said, "I don't want to talk about that." She moved away from the table and never returned.

"Most people have taken it calmly," said the Rev. Roger Brockmeyer of Zion Lutheran Church in Oslo. "They are very curious. Everyone took Val's word for it. They accept his credibility."

"I believe him," said a farmer at a Warren coffee shop. "Why would he lie? I don't think anybody was scared. I think people are more scared of a blizzard."

"Everybody believes he must have seen something but nobody knows what it is," an Oslo farmer said. "Everybody has their own opinion."

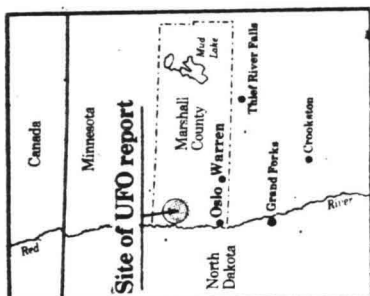
Dan Amundson, who runs Oslo's grocery store, doesn't have a theory but he believes Johnson's story.

"If he said he saw it, as far as I'm concerned he saw it," he said.

Being believed helps relieve some of the tension of the experience, Johnson says.

"I know it happened to me and the majority of the people in this area are understanding and supportive," he said. "They say, 'We believe you. We see the evidence. We have the doctor's reports. We have no reason to disbelieve you.'"

But what if they did not believe? "I still know in my own mind what I saw and experienced," Johnson said. "That will never change."



UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,
UFO Researcher



CHRONICLE, Canoga Park, CA - Sept. 13, 1979 CR: W. Greenawald

On May 13, 1978 at 3:30 a.m., a policeman in Kerman, spotted a glimmering light outside of this town of 3,000. It was low, about 100 feet over a cotton field and approximately 30 feet in diameter. At times it was orange, at other times it was white. After about five minutes of hovering, the "illumination" (as defined by Kerman police chief Van Cleaf) zipped off over the San Joaquin Valley.

Back at the station a colleague of the unknown policeman noted that his face, neck and hands were red as if from a sunburn. Later that day the policeman went to a doctor in Fresno for treatment.

Somehow the scorched policeman admitted to the attending doctor that he had apparently received the burns while watching a UFO. The policeman subsequently applied for state medical compensation. Someone blabbed and the rest of the country learned that a cop had gotten state aid while watching a UFO.

In Kerman, it was an embarrassment which resulted in a vigorous cover-up attempt on the part of the police chief, the mayor and the editor of the "Kerman News" to keep this one quiet.

It was not until a reporter from the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner," Steve Comus, started nosing around that the hilarious background of the Kerman cover-up came to light. After fruitless long distance phone calls to Van Cleaf, Comus made the trip to Kerman trying to get the detailed background, at least the officer's name.

Comus conducted a three day, on the spot sleuthing job which gave him considerable insight to the UFO enigma and the funny games some people play.

After questioning other policemen, the police chief, the mayor and the editor of the Kerman paper he was back where he started, no one was talking. He did manage to find other witnesses who saw a similarly described UFO at the same time that night. This information gleaned from interested townfolk wanting to know what was really going on. Comus noted that a police cruiser always seemed

to be nearby when he was talking to the locals.

About all that Comus knew at this time was the roster of Kerman's finest, and with this data he went to Fresno and lurked around hospitals, doctor's offices and finally through some skulduggery in a state workman's compensation office he managed a well-placed peek on some official paperwork giving him a name which matched up with one on the Kerman police list.

Now he knew at least who the witness was -- Officer Manuel Amparano who lived in Fresno. A phone call to the Amparano residence only led to more frustration as Amparano's wife said that if Van Cleaf said no interviews, there would be no interviews. That essentially was all Comus learned about the UFO event.

Except for the physiological effects on Amparano's skin, this was a classic nighttime UFO sighting, nothing special, except that UFOlogy may have gained some insight as to what caused Amparano's burns (assuming that the medical profession would have cooperated).

In this case, however, it turned into a circus with the real news being the cover-up. In the "Valley News" account, Van Cleaf admitted that a confidential report was being prepared. Really? By who and for whom?

Was all the stonewalling a venture of the police chief, the mayor and the editor only or were there others yanking on the puppet strings? What of "freedom of the press"? Is the sword mightier than the pen? In most towns local UFO stories are "big" news.

I noted that in all the news accounts Van Cleaf never mentioned the term UFO... he kept referring to "it" as an "illumination". UFOs are nothing to get up-tight about anymore as over half of the adult population in the United States believe in the reality of UFOs.

Why the secrecy? Would Americans panic over an admission by a governmental official that UFOs were real? I would appreciate some response from the readers on this question.

NEWS-GRAPHIC, South Milwaukee, WI - Sept. 13, 1979

Close Encounters?

By Barbara Mueller

Two South Milwaukee men claim to have observed a pointed mushroom-shaped UFO hovering over trees at the end of Drexel Boulevard, west of the Chicago & North Western Railroad tracks last Friday night.

A truck driven by Bruce Szwczuga, 717 Milwaukee Ave., was eastbound on Drexel Boulevard, just off of Pennsylvania Avenue, shortly before 8:30 p.m., when he and a passenger, Randall Froschheuser, 1704 Menomonee Ave., saw what appeared to be a large UFO hovering over some trees. The object was in the shape of a mushroom with a pointed top bent to the right.

Szwczuga described the object as "Very bright orange in color, glowing with different shade of orange." It kept appearing and fading as the truck continued in its eastbound direction. It appeared as though it was partially behind some trees as branches could be seen

along the bottom of the UFO.

As the men got closer, the UFO appeared to get smaller, and about a block away it disappeared.

When questioned about what he had seen, Froschheuser told authorities he was not wearing his glasses but could see the shade of the object as being described by Szwczuga.

Szwczuga provided authorities with a sketch of the alleged UFO. Police were dispatched to the area but were unable to locate the object.

South Milwaukee police say they have received at least three other recent anonymous reports of UFO sightings on the outskirts of the city.

On Sept. 6, five men claimed to have seen a large football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hover about 400 feet off the ground near Dresser, Wis.

Their experience is being classified by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., as a "Close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were within 200 meters of the object.

CR: R. Heiden

GAZETTE, McCook, NE - Sept. 20, 1979

Strange Sight Near Hastings

McCookites Spot UFO

Sightings of unidentified flying objects are being made again but the latest came from the Hastings area.

Four McCookites — Ben Garcia, his daughter, Frances Paz and Mrs. Paz's two children, David 11, and Johnny, 5 — spotted what Garcia described as a disc-shaped object about 8 p.m., Sunday, five miles west of Fairmont.

Garcia said he was driving a pickup truck with a camper headed to McCook when he spotted the object to the north of them.

He said he watched it for sometime before mentioning it to the others.

Garcia said he stopped the pickup and they all watched it for sometime before it suddenly disappeared.

He said what he couldn't understand was how the object could disappear so suddenly.

Garcia said the object appeared to be disc-shaped but Mrs. Paz said she thought it was more of a V-shape. Both agreed it had very, very bright lights and Mrs. Paz said this made it difficult to determine any type of shape.

Garcia said the lights would "go away and then come back on."

Both described the object as having something resembling a tail with Garcia stating that it looked something like a partially inflated balloon.

Her two boys still claim that they saw "little black men" inside the object but neither Garcia nor Mrs. Paz saw any such objects.

However, Mrs. Paz said it appeared to her as if there were three ships beside the object.

Mrs. Paz and the boys also reported hearing a humming sound but Garcia said he is hard of hearing and did not.

She said when they got to Hastings and stopped for gas she wanted to mention the sighting but her father advised against it.

"They'll think we're crazy," Mrs. Paz said her father told

her.

However, she did so anyway and the attendant at the station told her that several others had mentioned seeing the object that night also.

"I never believed all those stories I saw in the paper about these things," Garcia said, "but I sure do now."

The GAZETTE also received another report, number 22, of the sighting of an object Aug. 2.

This one came from a rural McCook woman who lives south of the city but asked not to be identified.

The woman said it was about 11:15 p.m. and the object was flying from the south to the north.

She said she was on a tractor at the time so couldn't hear any sound but noted that the object seemed to hover over her house and seemed to vary its heights.

She said it was very big and the lights on it were quite far apart.

The woman said the person who earlier had described the object as being the size of a football field probably wasn't too far wrong.

She said the object appeared to have a cone on the front and at first she thought it had windows but after watching it awhile she feels that what appeared to be windows were just reflections of the lights.

She said the lights were white but it was a different shade of white.

The woman said the object hovered for quite awhile but when it moved on, "it left in a hurry."

The object Aug. 2 was seen by people in Oberlin, near Herndon, north of Culbertson and in McCook.

A check with the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, the Air National Guard in Nebraska and Kansas and the Federal Aeronautics Administration at North Platte turned up no clues as to what the object could have been.

PRESS, Grand Rapids, MI - Sept. 18, 1979 CR: D. Fidler

Police, Residents See 'Object' in Sky

By Chris Meehan

Gary Ottermen was looking out his living room window early Tuesday when he saw an object hovering over the trees in his front yard.

"I saw this orange ball — it went through the sky and was fairly large," said Ottermen, 22, of 1325 Buffalo Ave. NE.

Going outside shortly after midnight, Ottermen said, he watched as the object stopped overhead and began to glow.

"First it became a bright white, then red, then blue and then green," he said.

Once he was sure that his eyes weren't playing tricks, Ottermen called Grand Rapids police.

Police report that they also saw the object hovering in the sky over Ottermen's house.

Police said the object remained overhead a few moments before shooting to the northeastern sky where it stopped and continued to glow.

Police estimated the object was about five to 10 miles out in the sky, and the red and blue light seemed to rotate as it climbed higher in the sky, police said.

No one else reported seeing anything unusual.

Police said they contacted Kent County International Airport and were told that nothing unusual was spotted on radar.

The police said they also reported the sighting to the center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill.

An official at the center said an investigator will look into the sighting and make a report.

"The investigator will look into it from every angle before he makes a determination if it was a UFO or not," said Estelle Postal, administrator for the center that opened in 1973.

She said there are more than 100,000 unexplained sightings in the center's file.

Dave DeBruyn, chief curator of the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium, said he didn't have enough

information Tuesday morning to say what exactly was in the sky here.

However, he said it is possible Ottermen saw a star setting on the horizon.

"When stars set, they occasionally create an optical illusion, and a person sees things dancing around and changing colors," DeBruyn said.

"Mine isn't an objective appraisal, but bright stars do seem to change colors, and there's a chance that's what he saw," DeBruyn said.

Kent County Sheriff's officers were dispatched to the countryside near Lowell to see if they could spot anything unusual in the sky last night. But they didn't see anything out of the ordinary, officers reported.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service here said as far as he knows there were no reports of northern lights last night. Northern lights, or aurora borealis, are atmospheric phenomena which appear as bands of colored lights. The lights move and wave across the sky.

Sighted In Bethany Area Saturday Night

Mystery Lights Remain Unexplained

By TED NELSON
Review Staff Writer

BETHANY—Something landed Saturday night in the Bethany area near the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation Station No. 160.

Elwood Wall, 54, of Route 4, Reidsville, an employee of American Tobacco Company, saw the strange light in the sky, but he cannot figure out what he saw. Robert Pearman, 38, of Route 2, Reidsville, also saw the light along with his family as they were driving home from the Stokesdale area on U.S. 158 between Cumming's Service Station and Witty's Crossroads. Pearman said, "It was the strangest thing we have ever seen." He does not know what caused the bright lights he saw for only a few seconds.

"I was fixing to get into my truck to go to the store when I saw it," Wall said. Wall, who lives on N.C. 65, described the Unidentified Flying Object as "a huge light in the sky coming from the south. It really had that side of the world lit up. I saw it right over Transcontinental Gas Company."

"It was so bright that it about put Transcontinental's lights out. It looked like it had a tail to it with a long string of smoke."

Wall said he viewed the bright light for about two minutes around 9:30 p.m. "I thought it was a plane falling, a jet, because it was so huge," he said.

The light was so bright near the gas company radio tower that Wall said he could see the detail of the tower structure.

Wall said two neighbors also reported seeing the bright light and they told him it "looked like a big ball of fire" as it passed overhead.

Fearing an airplane may have crashed, Wall called the Rockingham County Sheriff's

Department and a deputy was dispatched to the scene. A sheriff's department spokesman said Deputy Ronnie Everett filed a report which listed the time of Wall's call at 9:52 p.m.

Everett's report says he arrived at the scene at 10:14 p.m. to investigate a possible explosion. But the report says no evidence of an explosion was found—just reports of lights.

The sheriff's department did not list an explanation for the strange lights.

Pearman, assistant superintendent in charge of second shift at American Tobacco, said he was driving home from the Guilford County Fair with his wife, Nancy, and two children when they saw the bright light between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. Saturday.

"We saw four red lights about the size of automobile headlights and it looked like it was gliding across the highway," Pearman said. "The sky was lit up. The woods and kudzu vines were lit up as red as they could be. I thought it was an airplane crashing."

"I was expecting to hear an explosion and we rolled down the windows, but we didn't hear anything," Pearman added.

"It was the strangest thing we have ever seen."

Pearman and his family saw the bright lights for only about five seconds. When they arrived home, Mrs. Pearman, who saw three red lights and a blue one, called the sheriff's department and also reported the UFO to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Could the lights have been a helicopter? "I don't know that I've seen a helicopter at night, but the span of lights was about 25 feet wide, and you can hear a helicopter," Pearman said.

Flying at about 50 feet above the tree tops and less than 100 yards from U.S. 158—the lights were

a strange sight and Pearman does not believe the object was a helicopter. His family did not hear a sound and the lights seemed to disappear.

"I'm not a believer in UFOs—I wasn't, but I don't know about it now," Pearman added.

A spokeswoman for the FAA in Raleigh said the FAA does not investigate UFO sightings and she referred a Review inquiry to the FAA office in Charlotte. A spokeswoman in the Charlotte office said she did not have a report on the Rockingham County UFO sighting. She said all UFO reports are referred to a civilian UFO investigator, Wayne Laporte of Mathews, N.C. Laporte could not be reached this morning and it is unknown whether or not he has been asked to investigate the strange lights near Bethany.

A.R. Shreve, chief operator at the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation Station No. 160, said he and another man were on duty Saturday around 9:30 p.m. and they did not see anything unusual at their station.

No problems were noted in the operation of the station, Shreve added.

"I haven't seen anything or heard anybody mention it (the strange light)," said Shreve. "That's not to say there wasn't something there."

Clay Barham, a Bethany volunteer fireman, said he was home around 9:30 p.m. Saturday and his fire department monitor was on, but the monitor did not sound off. No one called, Barham said, and he had not heard anything about strange lights or anything else near the Transcontinental station.

Although Wall, the Pearman family and another couple saw something Saturday night near Bethany—they do not know what it was and the mystery lights remain unexplained.

GRANT CO. HERALD INDEPENDENT, Lancaster, WI - Sept. 26, 1979

CR: R. Heiden

Fennimore farmer sights UFO

Unidentified flying objects seem to be visiting southwestern Wisconsin again this fall, with a Fennimore man reporting a UFO at his farm.

According to the sheriff's department, Guerdon Gratz contacted that department after hearing of other sightings in this

part of the state. He said he was getting the cows about 5:30 a.m. Sept. 20 when he observed a brilliant white light above him.

Gratz said the light was moving from the north to the south, and sparks could be seen behind the object. He said it left an odor of sulphur.

At the time of the sighting, the sky was clear and Gratz said he heard no motor noise, just "air noise." He said the light illuminated the surrounding area.

There have been other reports of moving blue lights in this part of the state.

TRIBUNE, Minneapolis, MN - Sept. 19, 1979 CR: M. Albers

Farmer says UFO caused field damage

Associated Press

Lake City, Minn.

Curtis Olson of rural Lake City didn't see or hear anything, but he says he believes an unidentified flying object landed in his cornfield last week.

While mowing hay Sunday night, the West Albany Township farmer noticed that cornstalks in a nearby field were damaged. He first thought the damage had been done by a stray animal. Further investigation produced no trace of an animal, but Olson, 26, did find damage the Wabasha County Sheriff's Department calls "unexplainable."

In the cornfield, in a circle about 50 feet in diameter, stalks are flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of the circle. In the center, some corn is missing — leaving bare ground — and other stalks are charred.

"It (the corn) looks like when you take a hair dryer and it blows all the hair from the center," said Olson.

Also in the field are paths leading from the circle to another circle about 18 feet away. The second circle is about 30 feet in diameter, but contains no charred or bare areas.

Along the paths between the circles it appears "people or somebody walked around," Olson said. He said corn ears are peeled back and silks plucked or blown from some ears.

"At first I thought it was lightning," Olson said, adding he hadn't been in the field since the middle of last week. He said he doesn't think lightning could have peeled the ears of corn.

"I myself believe we've been visited ... other people can draw their own conclusions," Olson said.

Wabasha County Sheriff Robert Loechler said he doesn't know what caused the damage or what could have "positioned the corn in that way," but added that, "lightning does funny things at funny times."

He said an engine would have produced enough heat to char more corn than is charred in Olson's field. He said he would not report the incident to UFO investigators until after an agricultural extension agent sees the field and offers an explanation.

Contacted in Evanston, Ill., at the Center for UFO Studies, chief investigator Al Hendry said he would be in the Minneapolis area later this week and might drive down to look at the site.

"It's not unlike any of 1,300 physical trace sightings reported throughout UFO literature," said Hendry.

"We like to take a critical approach to alleged physical evidence," he added. "We place a higher premium in cases where a sighting was actually involved."



Associated Press

Curtis Olson and his 3-year-old son, Steven, looked at the cornstalks which Olson believes may have been damaged by a UFO.

Trucker Says Journey Covered Light-Years

By Bill McKelway

Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

WINCHESTER — He took a deep breath, inhaling another menthol cigarette and shifting his unwieldy 254-pound frame in a recliner where he muses in dreamy sleeplessness upon the events of the past harrowing weeks.

"Tell it in your own words, Harry Joe," said Harry Joe Turner's mother-in-law, Marjorie Haymaker.

So Harry Joe Turner — truck driver, ex-Navy sharpshooter, amateur boxer, winner of 24 fights, loser of four, and donator of 27 pints of blood in his 28 years — exhaled a plume of smoke and told it in his own words.

What unfolded over the next three hours was the incredible saga of how Harry Joe Turner and his 80,000-pound tractor-trailer rig, loaded with ketchup and mustard, were taken captive Aug. 28 by alien beings, hauled off to an unidentified galactic community 6.8 light-years from Earth, and returned to a Fredericksburg warehouse a few hours later.

Since then Turner has been unable to work; he has sought psychiatric and neurological help in an effort to understand what happened to him, he has only partial use of his left side; and, most frightening, she said, he has been revisited by the aliens on at least two occasions.

"EVER SINCE it all began," he said, "I've just been sitting here going over and over it in my mind trying to piece things back together. I'd feel pretty good if I could just figure out where I've been."

"If somebody would just come up to me and say I was drunk or something, that would be great because it would give me an explanation, a reason. But I wasn't drunk. Nothing makes sense."

He pounded another cigarette into the ash tray. "That's one of the reasons I'm willing to talk about all this. Maybe there's somebody out there who has had something like this happen to them. I need someone to help explain all this to me," Turner said.

He said that since the space odyssey, which allegedly took him 2.5 light-years beyond Alpha Centauri, his nerves have been shot, he has to rely on sedatives, he seems to be beginning "bionic strength" in his right arm, and he has "a craving" for such things as bananas, coconut and deer meat, items he never liked before.

"I NEVER USED to read anything but the Winchester Evening Star and Hustler

magazine," Turner said. But now he goes through a variety of magazines, periodicals and religious literature with lightning speed, looking for clues to his ordeal.

"The only trouble is that I have to do a lot of the reading twice, once for them and once for me. They're using my left eye to learn about the planet, I think," he said.

It all seems so ridiculous, so incredible, Turner said, but there are aspects of the incident that are soberingly convincing.

"It was a rainy night," Turner recalled, when he wheeled his 1974 Kenworth tractor and trailer out of The Bigman's Restaurant parking lot in Winchester Aug. 28.

He stopped a block away at a gasoline station and put 35 cents into a drink machine. He sipped his favorite soft drink, Mountain Dew, and glanced at his watch. It was 10:52.

He was bound for Fredericksburg on a trip he'd never made before. "There was a little lightning and stuff, but the strangest thing was there was hardly no cars on the road. Everything seemed just deserted," he said.

SEVENTEEN MILES into the 80-mile trip, Turner had just crossed Paris Mountain and was heading south on U.S. 17 when he saw the lights of an approaching truck in the distance.

"Hey, southbound 18-wheeler. Where you going to, Buddy?" the driver of the other truck called over the citizens band radio.

"And from that moment on," Turner said, pulling out another cigarette, "it was like I walked through that door right there into another world."

The lights of the truck kept blinking on and off. The CB screamed irritatingly and Turner cupped one hand over his ear while he kept his other hand on the wheel.

Then a brilliant light — "like from a helluva light bulb" — caught Turner's eye in the rear view mirror. He turned off his radios, but the grating sound grew worse and he cupped both hands over his ears.

A BEAM of almost palpably thick white light settled over the truck, Turner said, and the steering wheel no longer seemed to control the vehicle.

"It was like the whole truck was just floating, like it was being vacuumed up into this thing."

"Now I still don't know what to call these things, but one of them opened the door and there

was another one on the roof," Turner said.

He felt a tremendous pain in his shoulder, although he couldn't see a figure. "The thing had a grip like steel," he said.

He grabbed a .32-caliber revolver, pushed the pistol to his left until he felt resistance, and then fired eight hollow-point slugs.

"I went blam, blam, blam, blam ... eight times, but the gun just seemed to move right through the thing. Nothing happened and then I started to just fade out."

"I SHOUTED. 'My God, I can't kill the thing. What the ...' and that was it."

The next memory, Turner said, was waking up in the warehouse parking lot in Fredericksburg. He has no idea how he got there. He was sitting on the passenger side of the truck and the seat belt on the driver's side was fastened.

His watch read 11:17, but a clock at the warehouse said it was 3 a.m. Most curious was that two mileage indicators on the truck showed the vehicle had traveled only 17 miles since leaving Winchester, Turner said.

"After I got unloaded, I headed back to Winchester as fast as I could. There wasn't anything that was going to stop me," Turner said. The truck consumed 114 gallons of fuel, enough to make the 160-mile round trip more than three times.

SINCE THE events of Aug. 28, Turner said details of his other-worldly voyage have come back to him, details that he at first seemed unaware of.

Speaking of his captors, he said, "My best recollection is that they were like you or me, only they were dressed in white clothes like a surgeon. They also had white caps and when they lifted up the fronts of them there were numbers, like identification numbers, written across their foreheads."

He struggled to recall landmarks and after hours of thought the words "Alpha Centauri" came into his mind, a star 4.3 light-years from Earth he had never heard of before. He felt he had been taken to a citylike place 2.5 light-years beyond the star and there was a stop on the moon where he viewed astronaut Neil Armstrong's footprints.

Turner said the city apparently had undergone a nuclear holocaust long ago and it was the mission of the aliens to prevent such an occurrence on Earth.

"THEY WANT to help us, but they say things have gone pretty far here and that the end is coming soon," Turner said.

The aliens spoke in a language that he believes is called, or sounds like, Alpha Lazooloo. It sounds like a tape recording being played backward. To communicate with him, the aliens slowed their speech pattern, Turner said.

As he tried to put his life back together, Turner was visited by a band of six of the aliens, he said. They were invisible, but he said he was able to knock five of them to the ground.

On one occasion Turner left the house only to return soaking wet for no apparent reason. He has crying spells, animals sometimes react strangely around him, and another time he went running from the house chased by the aliens, he said.

On Sept. 3, he went out for a drive only to find that one of the aliens was in the car with him, he said. Spurred on by the creature, he said he led as many as 10 law enforcement officers on a wild chase through Berryville and Clarke County at speeds exceeding 110 m.p.h.

"AT ONE POINT I was doing 110 and I couldn't hold a candle to him," said a Berryville town policeman who eventually stopped Turner and charged him with two counts of reckless driving and two counts of failure to heed a siren and flashing lights.

Turner is scheduled to stand trial on the charges Nov. 14. His defense undoubtedly will be the most unusual in the history of the Clarke County General District Court.

Meanwhile, Turner said he is trying to deal with the thought that he should end his life, with the ringing in his ears, and with the messages of warning that come to him unexpectedly from the aliens.

He reads the Bible for some sign of meaning and frets over the sensation that there is something he has been ordered to locate within the next year. There is a symbol of some sort that looks like the numeral "7" with lines drawn through it.

There have been numerous crank calls, "but most of my friends are trying to understand what happened," he said. "They've been good about trying to help me." Efforts to elicit interest from scientific agencies have been unsuccessful.

So he sits at home, mulling it over and over again, smoking, and taking pills to calm his nerves.

"Twenty years from now, I'll still probably never know what happened that night," he said, pulling on a religious pendant that has become his only talisman against the forces of his alleged serial-numbered enemies.

POLK CO. LEDGER, Balsam Lake, WI - Sept. 20, 1979 CR: R. Heiden

Investigator comes to Dresser to probe UFO

Following the sighting of the UFO east of Dresser Wednesday, Sept. 5, the incident was investigated by Bradley E. Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., a field investigator for UFO Studies, who drove to Dresser Sept. 6.

Ayers described the incident as a close encounter of the first kind.

When the space object was sighted by Larry Hogan at about 10:45 a.m. and as it approached him, the dark green foliage of the woods made an exceedingly good background for defining the lines of the metallic silvery craft, Ayers' report stated.

The object made absolutely no noise as it hovered over the Louis Kloczek bean field about 10 feet above the vegetation, Ayers was told. There were no external features to the craft, no lights or appendages and at that point it seemed to be moving about 30-40 miles per hour.

Unique

Hogan had by this time concluded he was looking at something totally unique to his previous experience, Ayers reported. Hogan had excluded all known natural or manmade possibilities during his observation of the craft.

When Hogan stopped his vehicle to observe the craft better he was joined by a man from Yellow River Supply. The

two saw the silvery object rise slowly and move to the southeast over East Lake where it again seemed to hover at an altitude which the witnesses estimated at 200 feet. It was then observed by others who were at the nearby gravel pit.

Common observations of the witnesses were that the vehicle moved in a deliberate manner and that it was intelligently controlled, possibly by remote control. It seemed to have a purpose, like one of our "space probes", the men said.

All of the witnesses insisted the object was not like anything natural or manmade they had seen before.

Size

The size was estimated at 6 to 8 feet (one witness said 10 feet) with a 2 to 4 foot thickness and silvery to redish metallic coloring.

The spacecraft caused no mechanical interference with the CB radio or with the vehicle engines.

There were no known physiological effects to the witnesses, said Ayers, nor any psychological effect beyond the initial feeling of strangeness, awe and puzzlement (in varying degrees among the witnesses).

Ayers reported there was nothing to make him doubt the credibility of the witnesses and their sighting. They appeared to be mature, responsible, hard working individuals. he

reported.

Ayers has been in the U.S. Army paratroopers where he rose to the rank of captain and has also worked on undercover assignments with the Central Intelligence Agency. He is a graduate of the Minnesota Metropolitan State University and is involved in a graduate studies program currently with the Heed University at Hollywood, Fla.

Help

Ayers has asked the help of the Ledger in obtaining any other information about the sighting. Other witnesses are urged to contact: Bradley Earl Ayers, P.O. Box 36, Lakeland, Minn. 55043, or call 612-439-1945 anytime.



T-D Photo by Bill McKelway

Harry Joe Turner: 'Going Over and Over It'
Truck Driver Says Space Trip Changed Him

Other witnesses sought in UFO sighting near NR

NEWS-TIMES, Newport,
OR - Sept. 19, 1979
UFOs Here?

Lincoln County may have been visited by unidentified flying objects last week.

According to county sheriff's reports, a woman, who declined to leave her name and phone number, called the county sheriff's office at 4:05 a.m. last Wednesday and said she noticed a "bright star-like" object fall from the sky near Fogarty Creek.

She said the object shot out of the sky, hit the ocean, bounced in the air and hit the ocean again and disappeared.

She asked the county sheriff's department to call the Coast Guard, Navy and Army to investigate.

A sheriff's office spokesman said the department took no action on the request.

It was Tuesday, Sept. 4 about 7:45 p.m. when three young men from Hudson were driving home in a pick-up truck. They were traveling on County A near New Richmond when, suddenly, a strange object in the sky caught their attention. This object, sighted near the Doboy turkey farm, was described as "small, silvery dome-like or disc-shaped." Its dimensions were something like 2 1/2 to 3 feet.

So goes the initial account of what was apparently the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) near New Richmond which was exclusively disclosed to **The News** last week by Bradley E. Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., an investigator with the Center for UFO Studies located in Evanston, Ill.

Ayers was contacted September 17 by one of the three Hudson men who had read a Polk County newspaper account of a UFO sighted by five persons in separate locations near Dresser late the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 5. Ayers believes there could be some connection between the two sightings.

Names of the three Hudson men, who are employed at Andersen Windows in Bayport, could not be revealed by Ayers who deals in strict confidentiality in his investigations. Ayers investigated the September 5 UFO sighting near Dresser and the unusual UFO sighting by a deputy sheriff in northwestern Minnesota.

Ayers was in New Richmond Wednesday, Sept. 19 to investigate the sighting. A licensed pilot, he planned to rent a plane locally to study the area where the sighting was made.

In continuing to explain what the Hudson men saw and have told him in interviews, Ayers said the man who was driving the truck pulled it over to the side of County A near the turkey farm. They watched the object hover 10 to 20 feet over a field. A "wobbling motion" was also seen by the men, Ayers said.

One man, still wearing his scuba diving suit because the three had been diving earlier in the evening, jumped out of the truck, according to Ayers, ran into the ditch and attempted to jump the small fence in order to get closer to the object. The object was further described as "shining brightly," appearing to be "polished stainless steel" in solid form, Ayers said.

As the man approached the field on foot the object, suddenly, rose higher into the air in a wobbling motion and started moving east toward Highway 65. It was about this time that two other vehicles, which had probably seen some kind of commotion on the highway, stopped behind the truck. Ayers

believes the person or persons in those vehicles saw the same thing as the three Hudson men and he is desperately trying to find them in order to possibly add further credibility to the sighting. Ayers said the three Hudson men were "so captivated" by what they were seeing that they didn't pay any attention to the other two vehicles. They could only remember seeing a well-dressed man in a late model car.

As the object moved east two of the men hurriedly jumped in the back of the truck as the other drove and pursued the object east on a gravel road near the turkey farm. A short time later they had lost sight of the strange object.

Ayers described the three men as "responsible, ordinary people, not kooks."

Ayers believes a key to the investigation of this sighting is locating the other person or persons in the two vehicles which stopped behind the truck on County A that evening.

Ayers can be contacted 24 hours a day at 612-439-1945, or his mailing address is Box 36, Lakeland, Minn. 55043. Anyone else who may have seen something unusual that evening is asked to contact Ayers. He will maintain strict confidentiality of names of persons who make such reports.

Ayers says the sighting near New Richmond is unique because there was more than one witness. Most sightings are made by one person.

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THE DRESSER sighting is still being investigated by Ayers, and he did disclose new information about it to **The News** last week. He was recently contacted by a Dresser man who lives near Trollhaugen Ski Area where the UFO was sighted by at least five persons in different locations. This man has told Ayers that since September 5 he, his wife and two daughters have detected what Ayers called "a strange beeping sound" coming from the wooded area near their home. The man said the beeping sound has, at times, become so intense that it had woke him when asleep during the night. The strange sound has also given the family dog some discomfort. Ayers said the sound is "Morse Code like" that will fade from strong to soft.

The family has searched the wooded area and found nothing which might be creating the beeping sound. Ayers said he also conducted a search but found no physical evidence to support the incident. However, Ayers says, "I have no reason to doubt this man's story."

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,
UFO Researcher



While the UFO details were not especially interesting -- more nocturnal lights zipping about -- the intriguing part concerned the activities of Hans A. Schmidt, self-professed Air Force UFO investigator from central Michigan.

In scanning through the article the second time, I assured myself that I was not seeing things. Here was a private individual claiming

that he collected UFO information for the Air Force, and we all know that the Air Force neatly divested itself of a big headache, namely, the UFO problem, in 1969.

From the "Pioneer," Schmidt, currently a manufacturer's representative, was involved in the government's missile program several years ago. Through his connections with the Air Force he was selected to be the service's local UFO liaison. Since he's been collecting data, he's noticed a slight increase in local sightings in the past year.

He advised persons who have sighted an unexplained aerial object to contact their local sheriff's department where their report will be taped. Then they will be formally interviewed later by Schmidt or a deputy.

In UFO circles this was news. I wrote letters to the "Pioneer" requesting that the paper follow up, but received no response. The other was to Hans Schmidt. Air Force UFO Investigator, Barryton, Mich., requesting detailed data.

I received a reply from Schmidt in which he admitted the following:

--He is involved in the investigation and reporting of UFO sightings by either private or military personnel

including law enforcement officers in central Michigan.

--The Air Force is still very much interested in the "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects."

--He checks to see if the Air Force had any craft or other flying object in the central Michigan area at a specific time of a so-called UFO sighting.

--He has investigated 27 different incidents within the last 2 1/2 years with a total number of interviews of 97.

--Since this is a rural community meaning that in a radius of 50 miles almost everybody knows everybody, the "Pioneer" knew of his activities. However, he has never authorized publication of any relationship of his to any government authority.

--Since he is connected with law enforcement agencies in six counties (at no pay whatsoever), leads are forwarded to him via telephone or radio for further investigation. Copies of reports are sent to the sheriff's office of the specific county.

--He never reports so-called sightings by private citizens to the news media.

--He does not receive feedback information on so-called UFO sightings from other parts of the country or the world. However, through

personal contacts, he does receive information.

During my phone call, Schmidt admitted that he forwarded his reports to Colorado. From this I assumed he meant that they went to NORAD. He sounded legitimate over the phone.

I could not get a sensible reason as to why he was doing this without pay.

It turns out that he was in the Air Force and flew 4,000 hours in fighters. He appeared to be extensively read on UFOs and not particularly a debunker. He had never seen a UFO. He was not a member of any of the popular national UFO organizations. His parting shot was, "The Air Force is still studying UFOs...take my word for it."

Only a personal investigation of Schmidt's activities by an expert UFOlogist may turn up information verifying my suspicion that the Air Force is still very concerned about these things that a lot of people see with their eyeballs, that return radar signals and that also show up on photographic plates.

Do you think that our air force has more than a passing fancy in these things that just won't go away?

UFO's identified as Soviet rocket parts

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPOKANE, Wash. — Flying objects sighted in the area early Friday morning apparently were pieces of a Soviet-made rocket re-entering the earth's atmosphere, officials said.

Several Washington State Patrol troopers reported seeing large, airborne objects with three or four red and blue lights shortly after midnight.

In Canada, officials reported that a bright UFO streaked across the night skies of Alberta and British Columbia.

Spokesmen at the Canadian Forces Base at Edmonton, Alberta, and at the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the object was a Soviet-made rocket body, which fell after its orbit broke up.

Kay Cormier, public affairs officer for NORAD in Colorado, said the object probably broke into hundreds of pieces, and would have been burning with intense heat, displaying different colors.

The objects also would have left what looked like a trail of light, and could have moved in different directions, she said.

THE SUN/THE DAILY HERALD, Gulfport-Biloxi, MS
Oct. 6, 1979 CR: D. Titler

CHRONICLE, Canoga Park, CA - Sept. 27, 1979 CR: W. Greenawald



FOREIGN NEWS

THE JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - Sept. 21, 1979
CR: Y. Matsumura

Bavarian UFOs Explained Away

MUNICH (AP) — Three pentagonally shaped flying objects spotted over Bavaria were probably reflected light, the State Interior Ministry in Munich said Wednesday.

Objects similar to those Bavarian police officers observed independently of each other over the industrial city of Ingolstadt and the towns of Eichstaett and Weissenburg Monday night again appeared Tuesday, a statement said.

The Bavarian State Interior Ministry dispatched a helicopter to the area, but the crew returned without evidence of what had been described as fast moving objects flickering red and yellow.

EVENING TRIBUNE, Nuneaton, England - Aug. 16, 1979

What was it?

An unidentified object was sighted by three people — one of them a policewoman — in the sky above North Warwickshire last night.

"The first 'encounter' was reported by 14-year-old Marcus Barber who was sitting on a wall outside Fazeley Working Men's Club at 11.10pm.

Early this morning, at 2.10am, a night fisherman eight miles away at Sheepy Magna telephoned Atherstone police to report "a bright light flashing backwards and forwards across the sky."

Atherstone policewoman Lesley Clarke went to the fishing spot at Sheepy Mill and confirmed it. She said it was travelling backwards and forwards across the sky with great speed.

Marcus, who lives at 239 Lichfield Street, Fazeley, told police at Tamworth: "I saw a very bright light about twice the size and

'Sightings' in N. Warwickshire

brightness of a normal star.

"It was moving across the A5 from south to north. Then it stopped and moved upwards very fast. It all happened in about 20 seconds."

Tamworth policeman John Harrison said today that he believed something "mysterious" is going on.

Said PC Harrison: "About three or four months ago me and a sergeant were in Fazeley during the daytime when we saw something very similar.

"We watched it for about three quarters of an hour. It was a very bright light which remained stationary and gradually disappeared," he said.

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - Aug. 26, 1979 CR: G. Fawcett

Ufologists claim visits covered up

LONDON (AP) — Experts from 14 countries gather here this weekend to study what they call mounting evidence of "close humanoid encounters," alleged CIA cover-ups of the critters and other Unidentified Flying Objects.

The organizers, the British UFO Research Association, said they expect around 300 delegates to turn up at the two-day conference beginning Sunday.

Among the scheduled speakers is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of America's leading Ufologists, as UFO-investigators are called. Hynek is director of the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., and for some 20 years was scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs.

He formerly was professor of astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, now is director of the Lindheimer Observatory in Illinois and has written two best-selling books — "The UFO Experience" and "The Hynek UFO Report." He is scheduled to read a paper to the congress entitled "Towards a Working Classification of UFO Phenomena."

Other delegates who have signed up to attend come from Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Improve study

The organizers said in a statement the congress would "discuss ways of improving the study of UFOs and re-examine the mounting worldwide evidence for close humanoid encounters."

The statement added: "A controversial issue certain to be aired... is the growing unease in the United States over Central Intelligence Agency involvement in UFO reporting." Ufologists repeatedly have accused authorities of concealing knowledge of UFOs from the public despite what they say

is mounting evidence that they exist. Other sessions "will cover humanoid cases in Spain" and "the unprecedented wave of UFOs reported in Italy and Sicily."

U.S. Astronaut Gordon Cooper has been quoted as saying: "The American space agency and government know that intelligent beings from other planets visit our world." Some people claim to have had contact with extra-terrestrial beings, or humanoids.

Modern interest in UFOs is intense, largely thanks to movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." It dates back to 1947 with a reported sighting of nine mystery objects above Mount Rainier in the state of Washington.

Opinion split

Opinion on UFOs is split down the middle. Skeptics like Sir Bernard Lovell, director of Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope laboratory, simply say they don't exist and that "sightings" are space debris, aircraft, or some such. But President Carter is among an estimated 15 million Americans who say they believe they have seen a UFO.

Britain's Defense Ministry says it has "no evidence to support the existence of UFOs." But Charles Gibbs-Smith, official British government air historian, says: "Everyone knows they exist... I know for a fact that Jodrell Bank tracks UFOs on its radar as a routine measure these days."

In 1969 the U.S. Air Force closed a 21-year investigation into UFOs, saying continuation could not be justified on grounds of national security or science. It said there was no evidence UFOs were space ships from other planets.

What Mrs Hingley told men from outer space

Daily Mail Reporter

JEAN HINGLEY had her own, down-to-earth way of treating the men from outer space who dropped in to the front room of her home.

The three men had waxy-white faces and deep black eyes. They wore green space suits and spread huge, multi-coloured wings.

They spoke in unison—in English—and apparently lifted the bewildered Mrs. Hingley four inches off the ground before floating her round the house.

But 43-year-old Mrs Hingley, from Rowley Ridge, near Wolverhampton, was not totally overawed.

She said she offered her uninvited guests mince pies and a glass of water. And then, she claimed, she scolded them for not saying "please" and "thank you".

But some of the experiences related yesterday at the First International UFO Congress in London had a more disconcerting air.

Plagued

There was the 17-year-old girl who said she was chased home by a huge grey cigar-shaped object.

And the woman who couldn't stop seeing UFOs—she was plagued by more than 30 sightings.

Mrs Phyllis Moome, a delegate from Forest Gate, London, E., greeted all remarks about the coincidence of name and her interests with a frozen smile.

She was convinced about the existence of UFOs after a sighting in her own back garden.

"I heard this loud grating noise," she said, "and when I looked up there was this huge cigar-shaped object hovering just above the tree tops."

"It had two tiny wings half-way along and its surface was pitted. It looked millions of years old."

The congress was organised partly to plan ways of convincing a still-sceptical world that those who sight UFOs are not mad.

Around 350 paranormal percepts from 15 countries attended the congress, which ends today.

Sightings date back over 2,000 years and number more than 50,000.

A working party is now considering the use of an international code for classifying experiences so that data from all over the world can be compared and analysed.

System

Mr Lawrence Dale, who has the task of co-ordinating investigation work for the British UFO Research Association, said: "You can look on UFOs three different ways — from the human angle, the psychological point of view, or the scientific proof or 'nuts and bolts' angle."

"We hope to get some consensus from the congress as to what system we want to use for classification of reports, terminology and data processing."

And he was well pleased by the turnout of UFO believers. "We never thought so many different countries would be represented," he said.

Did a UFO visit Jarrow?

DID anyone else see it then? A UFO passing over Jarrow just before lunchtime on Wednesday.

One person who did was Mrs Pauline Glasscock of Barnard Grove, Jarrow, who was watching television when she saw an object fly past her window.

Thirty-one-year-old Mrs Glasscock said: "At first I thought it was a football. It was shaped a bit like that but it just kept on going."

Mrs Glasscock ran outside with her children to take a longer look.

The object appeared to be travelling fairly slowly along the coast in the direction of Sunderland. It was silver coloured and noiseless and travelling low.

GAZETTE AND SHIPPING TELEGRAPH, Shields, England - Aug. 3, 1979

DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, England - Aug. 31, 1979

City taxi driver sees UFO

A GLOUCESTER taxi driver reported a UFO in the night sky over Stroud at the weekend.

He made the sighting as he was driving over Horse-pools Hill shortly after 2 am yesterday.

Police were told he saw a large disc, surrounded with multi-coloured lights, and travelling at around 10 mph. There was no noise and the object appeared to be losing altitude.

At Stroud police station today a senior officer said the report had been noted for reference.

PILOTS 'SAW' 9-INCH UFO' NEAR AIRPORT

Two flying instructors have claimed separately to have seen a nine-inch UFO near Blackbushe airport, Hampshire. It looked like a flattened blob of mercury with "little hexagonal panels about an inch across," said Mr Laurie Adlington, 35, chief instructor at the Three Counties Aeroclub, near Yatley.

He was able to fly within a few feet of it on Monday, and said it appeared to be rotating and in two halves "with a split, like a joining line, in the middle. Two short aerials were at the top, near the periphery, and there seemed to be two clasps near the dividing line. I don't think it was out of this world."

The next day, a similar object was seen at approximately the same time in the afternoon by Mr Simon Spruce, 21, also a Three Counties flying instructor. He said it flew towards Farnborough at from 800 to 1,000 ft travelling at approximately 150 miles per hour.

UFOs.. They take them very seriously in France

Daily News
Bureau

PARIS: Flying saucers may be a bit of a joke elsewhere, but they are taken seriously in France — the only country with a "public hot-line" direct to an official flying saucer centre. It is run by the Study Group for Non-Identified Aeronautical Phenomena, or Gepan as it is known from its French initials.

Set up just over two years ago, the centre has dossiers on about 15,000 reports on "sightings". It is headed by 32-year-old scientific expert Mr Alain Esterle, a specialist in satellite communication with an impeccable background.

The centre has scientific, governmental and military backing. There is nothing of the science fiction "Star Wars" mentality about it. Its work is the almost prosaic routine study of what to most people is extraordinarily non-routine.

Yet the information that flows into the centre suggests that film fiction such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" may not be as remote as most governments profess to believe and most people perhaps would wish.

A typical example occurred around midday one day last month. The duty officer of an observation centre on Mount Vinaigre in the heart of the Esterle mountains, west of Cannes, saw a brilliant egg-shaped object about a metre in diameter.

It moved slowly over the treetops, stopping several times to hover. Then it changed direction and moved off as though following a detailed flight path. Suddenly it shot upward at immense speed and vanished.

The report made its way to the National Gendarmerie in Rue St Didier, Paris.

It joined Gepan's other reports building up an immense scientifically catalogued dossier on what the French call "OVNI", the British UFOs and layman "flying saucers".

OVNI — in French — are "Objets Volants non-Identifies", non-identified flying objects.

The approach of both police and the centre is almost clinically detached. Police headquarters have their own "Ovni Bureau" which evaluate reports with the same thoroughness as they would in a criminal investigation.

All details, including time and place, description and witness credibility, are assessed.

Gepan has its operational staff for rapid follow ups — a scientific intervention team, a group to check clues on the ground and a radar alert unit backed up by the air force. The country's air defence centre is prepared to help if necessary.

There are countless scientists throughout the world who believe that flying saucers exist. Sightings are too regular and made by too many people for it to be otherwise, they say.

In the United States a former opponent of flying saucer stories working in the government's "debunking centre" ultimately left — to set up his own research centre into flying saucers, whose existence he could no longer dismiss.

Many people believe in an international government conspiracy aimed at hushing up the truth about flying saucers to prevent panic. Others suggest it is arrogant to think earthlings have a monopoly of life and intelligence in galaxies of millions of planets.

PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES, (City Unknown),
Japan — Sept. 30, 1979 CR: Y. Matsumura

Soviet scientist claims evidence of space visitors

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet scientist believes archeological evidence discovered in a remote area of Siberia strongly suggests that extraterrestrial beings visited Earth during ancient times, Tass reported Friday.

The Soviet news agency said Vladimir Avinsky told a scientific conference that the most interesting evidence of extraterrestrial contacts was found in 2,000-year-old bone carvings from burial mounds on Siberia's Chukotski Peninsula, across the Bering Strait from Alaska.

An engineering analysis of the objects portrayed in the carvings showed they could be flying devices which used bionics for flight and a rocket motor for takeoff, Tass quoted Avinsky as saying.

Close encounter of an intimate kind

A 43-YEAR-OLD Westcountry woman has claimed she was raped in a spaceship by a being from another planet.

This astounding case is recorded in the journal of the British U.F.O. Research Association.

The two researchers who carefully investigated the case, which including visiting the area with the woman, are convinced she is telling the truth.

Some of the details tally with other unrelated accounts from other parts of the world.

The close encounter of the intimate kind is said to have occurred at Langford Budville on October 16, 1973, but details have only recently come to light because the woman was too

afraid to speak about it except to her husband or sister.

The researchers, Barry King and Andy Collins, will not name the woman, describing her as Mrs. V. but say she and her husband are Italian and that the woman's sister lives at Wellington.

Mr. Collins said from his Wolverhampton office that the woman told him that she was driving along a narrow Somerset lane between Milverton and Wellington about 11 p.m. to see her sister.

Then the car engine and lights cut out. She got out to see what was wrong and felt something touch her.

She turned to see a 7ft tall robot-like figure.

She fainted, and when she came round she and the robot were outside a 40ft. high and 20ft long vehicle with windows around its dome.

She passed out again, and when she came to she was in a circular room. She was bound to a metallic table with a blue blanket covering her naked body. The walls gave off an eerie glow and there was little evidence of colour in the room except for grey dials and buttons.

The robot was motionless in the corner and three men, all around 5ft 7in with fair skin and very round, emotional eyes, all in pale blue tunics, skull caps and face masks, conducted an

examination with a tubular device with 2in. wide cubes glowing red and green to scan her body.

The men left, but one returned and placed a small pincer-like device to her thigh. She felt freezing cold. Then, without emotion or passion, he sexually assaulted her.

The woman told Mr. Collins she was terrified. She wanted to scream but her throat was sore.

The woman passed out again and when she came to, she was sitting in her car. It was 2 a.m.

The engine started and when she got home she told her husband, but the police were not informed until research into the case had started.

Extraterrestrial Visit To Earth?

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soviet scientist believes archeological evidence discovered in a remote area of Siberia strongly suggests extraterrestrial beings visited Earth during ancient times.

The official Tass news agency said Vladimir Avinsky presented his findings yesterday at a scientific seminar in Kaluga. He said the most interesting evidence was "so-called winged objects" found in 2,000-year-old bone carvings from burial mounds on Siberia's Chukotka Peninsula, across the Bering Strait from Alaska.

He also pointed to a series of ancient drawings found in the Ural Mountains, including geometric figures which have been interpreted by some specialists as depicting formulas for certain chemical compounds.

(Copy of letter received by Joe Brill from Ron Krupa, describing his UFO sighting in the Philippines on April 1, 1979. See original UPI dispatch in May 1979 UFOs, page 14.)

"Dear Mr. Brill,

Sorry to deflate your hopes with regards to the UFO sighting. I am afraid the reporter used sensationalism in the U.P.I. article dated May 21st. I remember him stating 'if it doesn't land, it won't land in the paper.' I myself was mystified when the article came out.

What I and two other individuals did see on April 1st of this year at 0800 hrs. was a starlike light almost directly overhead but slightly to the northeast. With the naked eye it had the brightness of Jupiter on a clear night but this was daytime and a crystal clear sky without clouds. While my two companions watched its activities I ran inside my quarters for my 8 power binoculars. Hand held, the object jumped in the field and not until we secured a makeshift tripod were we able to get a stable view of the object. It had a diameter of about 1 1/2 centimeters and looked translucent and at first I was certain it was a balloon. However, closer examination revealed two antenna-like appendages (sic), one vertical (sic) (this one in the middle of the appendage had a strobe like flashing light that emitted a flash about every 20 to 40 seconds) and the other horizontal. I've seen (sic) weather balloons before but I have never seen any with an appendage sticking out horizontal from it.

The object remained practically stationary, maybe moving in a slight arc to the southwest, but my two companions disagree. I used one reference point, but when the object abruptly disappeared I was in a different position.

At exactly 0821 hrs. the object began to fade, as if a light dimmer was turned down slowly, abruptly came back to full brightness, then just abruptly vanished into thin air. There was no movement up, down or sideways. It just disappeared.

As to the eagles, they did alert me to it, but actually that was accidental and not by any sound they made. Normally, they look up when another hawk or eagle flies over and this is what they did. At first I noticed the hawk they were watching but was diverted by the sighting of the daytime star. That's it! However, my estimation of the object's altitude is above 40,000 feet and lastly, 600 natives did not see it, only the three of us.

(Signed)
Ron Krupa"

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR — Oct. 15, 1979

Engineer criticizes UFO buffs

LONDON (AP) — UFO buffs resort to hoaxes, fraud and advertising tricks in a bid to win respectability for their belief in unidentified flying objects, an American space specialist said in a prize-winning essay published here.

The techniques of "illogical persuasion" are regrettable because a more scientific approach might reveal that there really are alien visitors to Earth, writes James Oberg, 34, an engineer at NASA's Mission Control Center in Houston.

Oberg's attack on the unsentimental approach to UFOs won him a \$2,200 prize in an essay contest held by the weekly British journal "New Scientist."

His article, which appears in this week's edition of the journal, said "ufology" — the study of reports of unidentified

flying objects — suffers from "an extremely cavalier attitude towards verification of data."

Ufologists resort to "all the traditional tricks of the Madison Avenue advertising executive's trade" such as claims that: "The universe is so large that other civilizations must exist out there," and "Most Americans now believe in UFOs."

Apart from his job with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Oberg is a writer on space science and a member of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

He describes his approach to UFOs as that of a gentle skeptic or sympathetic critic, and says that if in the end UFOs do prove real, it would be "a major scientific breakthrough,

perhaps one of the most important in human history."

He grants that most UFO witnesses appear "honest, sober and intelligent." But he said their sightings are usually easily explained, with a residue of cases attributable to "bizarre coincidences," faulty perception and memory, unpublicized military activities or just plain ignorance.

As for sightings allegedly

made by astronauts, he said: "They are for the most part frauds and hoaxes conjured up by unscrupulous writers and UFO buffs — several blatant photographic forgeries have been identified in these stories — or misunderstandings by citizens concerning the meaning of ordinary space jargon..."

TRANSLATIONS

ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: San José, Uruguay
Date of incident: July 5, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 6, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
MORE UFOS IN URUGUAY

Montevideo - 6 (DPA) - UFOs continue being sighted in Uruguay.
The phenomenon did now occur in the city of San José, 100km from Montevideo, when neighbors saw a UFO hurtle through the sky.
Witnesses agree in stating that it was a flying object that gave off light of different colors, which advanced at vertiginous speed, was spherical, and surprised them in the middle of the night.

City and country of incident: Nîmes, France
Date of incident: August 10, 1952
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión - July 9, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

As told by a French country woman
AN ENCOUNTER WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS
By Alicia Fajardo - Paris

An encounter with extraterrestrials, which has just appeared in Paris, is a sincere and modest book written by a country woman, destined to hold a place of honor in ufological literature.

Rose C. is a cheerful woman, full of vitality, she is a "contactee", as people who declare having had one or more direct contact experiences with travelers from other planets, are called.

But Rose's case is original. First, she only decided to write about her experience 27 years after it happened. Second, she insists on remaining anonymous and therefore signs her book with the initial of her last name.

"I want to live in peace", she says. "If I have decided to disclose my encounter with the visitors of the night of April 10, 1952, it is because my ufologist friends have convinced me that it may be useful". That April 10th Rose went to the small stretch of land owned by her father in the outskirts of Nîmes, a city in the south of France.

Rose got ready to go to sleep. She went to bed and soon fell asleep. Her two dogs accompanied her. She woke up some time later. The dogs were howling.

She got up, left the door ajar, the dogs escaped silently and were lost in the darkness. A very strange behavior, though Rose. She ventured some steps outside. Until a voice whispered very close: What are you doing here?

He was a Frenchman, like she. Shortly afterwards, a giant man appeared. "Without gripping too hard or hurting me. Then he left me while he said some words in an unknown language to the one I shall call the normal man".

The latter said to her: "According to him you are very frightened. Do not fear. We have no intention of harming you. Fear nothing."

Two very similar beings appeared beside de first one. The Frenchman acted as translator. Rose was calming down, so were her dogs, now playing around the unusual visitors.

"Where are you from? Who are you?" Rose kept asking them.

"We come from up there" replied the Frenchman, a young man who, he told her, 20 years ago had accepted the extraterrestrials' invitation to accompany them.

The four nocturnal visitors accompanied her to the cottage. They asked for books to take with them. They had collected leaves and small branches from the trees. Rose could not understand: they came from a distant planet to take old books and leaves.

"We collect the same things in different places of your planet", was the answer. "This enables us to appraise the damage caused by the bombs you exploded over Japan seven years ago of your time".

"But it was the Americans, not us".

"To us it is the same", replied the translator. Rose looked for books left abandoned in an old dusty bookcase. Ashamed, she saw that some rats had made their nest in one corner of the bookcase. "I will destroy them tomorrow", she thought. A reply came at once: "They say you are not to kill those animals".

The woman breathed, relieved. "I don't know why, but I suddenly felt I had nothing to fear".

Rencontre avec les extraterrestres, by Rose C., a country woman who after this experience confirmed having experienced a remarkable improvement in her intelligence, is maybe the most "authentic" of the books written up to now by those who went through an "encounter of the third kind". (ANSA)

City and country of incident: Catamarca province, Argentina
Date of incident: July 24, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 25, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Catamarca, 24 (From our correspondent) - Through repeated phone-calls, neighbors of this city informed the local morning paper "La Unión" about a luminous phenomenon observed last night at approx. 21.20.

Details provided by observers agree in that it was a circular object which "irradiated light of different colors and shades, which flew at more speed than that of any known flying object".

* Direction

The added the UFO went "from E to W over the city's northern sector" at an altitude which some risked at "500 meters, then losing sight of it among the trees in the NW zone".

City and country of incident: St. Lys, France
Date of incident: July 23, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 26, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

IN FRANCE, UFO LIKE CIGAR

Paris, 26 (EFE) - Four young men from Toulouse (South of France), who were driving a car on Monday, observed a UFO at sunset in the town of Saint Lys, near Toulouse, it was learned here today Thursday.

* It was motionless

The object resembled a cigar and remained motionless at low altitude near the youngsters. It then turned over itself with a cadence, creating a metallic white halo, and swiftly disappeared.

City and country of incident: en route from Ferreira to Monforte, Spain

Date of incident: July 29, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 30, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO OVER GALICIA

Monforte, Galicia, Spain, 30 (EFE) - Two young men driving a car from Ferreira to Monforte in Galicia, (north of Spain), sighted a UFO. At first, as José Vis Callos and Eduardo Mediavilla stated, they could see on top a mountain an object in the shape of a croissant. After a turn in the highway they could see it complete: it was round and gave off a very bright light. A few kilometers from Monforte they saw it over the vertical of the highway and on arriving in town, the unidentified object could still be seen.

City and country of incident: Ambato, on the Quito/Cuenca route, Ecuador

Date of incident: Aug. 15, 1976 and April 23, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - August 3, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

BERMUDA TRIANGLE: JIVAROS?

Quito, 3 (AFP) - Were the frightful jivaros indians, the Andes condors, narcotics traffickers from the mafia, or... extraterrestrials, the ones that removed all trace of two planes mysteriously lost in the sky of Ecuador?

Popular imagination gets carried away as time goes by without the current investigation finding a rational explanation for this enigma which some already consider as a modern aerial version of the already famous "Bermuda triangle".

Because, in fact, the last messages received from both planes came from the same place: the vertical over Ambato in the Quito-Cuenca route. After that, silence...

Thus disappeared, with a difference of almost three years, two planes of the same type, "Vickers Viscount", from the local Ecuadorian lines: the first one on August 15, 1976, with 59 passengers on board, and the second last April 23rd with 57 passengers and crew.

This second plane had only to disappear for all Ecuadorians recalling the craft that was lost three years before.
Such a coincidence would bring about the most odd hypotheses, from a possible deviation of the planes by the mafia, to a hardly imaginable intervention of extraterrestrials.

But, before fantasy gets carried away, let us consider the facts: the morning of Sunday, August 15, 1976. A plane from the local company Saeta which covers the route Quito/Cuenca daily, takes off at 08.06 from the Mariscal Sucre airport of the Ecuadorian capital with 59 passengers and crew. The commander is an expert pilot, a veteran with many hours of flight over the Andes. The meteorological bulletin from Cuenca is not too good but, after waiting for one hour in Quito the four-engined Vickers Viscount takes off on a 45 minute "routine" flight over the avenue of the Culcans. The plane gives its position normally, and over Ambato, 19 minutes before landing, gives its altitude and announces the flight is normal. After that, silence...

City and country of incident: Caribbean area.

Date of incident:-
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión, August 9, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS AND EXTRATERRESTRIAL HUMANIDS VACATION IN THE CARIBBEAN
Puerto Rico

The Caribbean is one of the places where UFOs are most frequently seen, and encounters with "humanoids" of unknown origin occur, was disclosed by a book just published in San Juan de Puerto Rico.

Sebastián Robiou, 34, a Dominican residing in Puerto Rico for 15 years, is the author of the "UFO Manifest of Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo and Cuba", the first historical compilation of hundreds of cases occurred in the three Caribbean countries.

With luxury of details and illustrations contained in more than 500 pages, Robiou has described the constant contacts which the Caribbean population has maintained, with unusual occurrences, from the appearance of the first unidentified flying object in the Dominican city of Santiago de los Caballeros, on May 7, 1842.

The author explains that the UFOs have received many names throughout the times and the one that crossed the space over Santiago in that historical day was a big meteor or bolid, four hours prior to a "terrifying earthquake".

The first UFO sighted in Puerto Rico, as vouched for by an article reproduced in the American magazine "Scientific American" of January 19, 1884, occurred in the town of Humacao on November 21, 1883.

An unusual case was witnessed on May 13, 1968, at 0400 am, by Dominican industrialist Isidro Alamo and his wife Celina Cuevas, when they were fishing in their boat some 4 miles from the Cunayasa river, which limits with the Dominican provinces of San Pedro de Macoris and La Romana.

The couple suddenly saw how a strange yellow luminous object appeared in the horizon and kept approaching the boat, over which it hovered at an altitude of some 300 meters.

Of about 25 meters diameter, the UFO took on a reddish color with a black strip around its circumference. According to the report, the object irradiated a very brilliant brightness and remained near the boat for almost one hour, while the crew could not operate their engines nor use the radiophone due to an inexplicable phenomenon.

The first appearance of a humanoid in Puerto Rico, as described by the author, occurred near the town of Vega Baja at 07.30 pm on December 31, 1968.

In an up to now unpublished report, Robiou explains how the two witnesses, who preferred to remain anonymous, saw a strange being of small size, with a "mouth similar to that of old toothless people", and the eyes "resembling those of a cat". (This reminds me of the beings allegedly in contact with Eugenio Siragusa in Italy - JT)
The humanoid which stood in front of a strange vehicle in the shape of an upside down ashtray, escaped in the UFO which took off when a lamp with a blue-greenish color went on, which quickly turned to a reddish brightness.

Of all the encounters of the third kind which Robiou lists in his unusual report, the most spectacular one occurred in San Cristóbal, some 30km from the Dominican capital, on September 22, 1972.

That day, the sales manager of an insurance company, Virgilio Gómez Contreras, was driving along the rural highway when he saw a strange being dressed in green which stopped him and identified itself as Freddy Miller, a Dominican who had been drowned thirteen years before.

In what he describes as "one of the most important cases of the UFO phenomenon at international level", Robiou tells how Miller informed his fellow countryman that he had been rescued by extraterrestrial beings who had taken him to Venus and who now returned to study certain cataclysms on Earth. The "resuscitated" Dominican was accompanied by two other very tall humanoids who left in a 5m diameter space vehicle together with Miller, without leaving a trace.

City and country of incident: Soviet Union

Date of incident: -
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión - 8/18/79
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A RUSSIAN BELIEVES IN UFOS
By Kare Schmidt

"It is probable that the inhabitants of the extraterrestrial civilizations differ a little from us", claims Russian scientist Vsevolod Troitsky in an interview with Trud, an organ of the unions cited by the Novosty agency. The claim is interesting because the Soviet Union is a country whose authorities give no credit to news on UFOs.

Only in the last months has information from the USSR started to filter through on UFO observations and even on "encounters of the third kind" with supposed crews from extraterrestrial vehicles.

Now comes the surprise of the interview with Troitsky, who is defined as "one of the first Soviet scientists who began to try to detect signals from extraterrestrial civilizations".

Troitsky firmly maintains the idea of the existence of such civilizations, although, according to him, "the more we enter the cosmos, the more are we convinced that they are not near". But there is "a principal and irrefutable fact" and that is that "the reality of our own civilization speaks in favor of extraterrestrial civilizations".

"Nature convincingly demonstrates - says the Soviet scientist in his interview - that isolated phenomena are practically impossible. Another

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question is the fact that extraterrestrial civilizations and life in general are not as disseminated a phenomenon as was thought in the past". Therefore, there is conscious life in other planets, maybe very far away, although not in as many as was thought before.

But that is something, according to ufologists, especially if who makes these claims is a Soviet scholar. There was a certain official opening in 1976 in acknowledging that reports from people who had seen UFOs or humanoids in Russian territory were not nonsense worthy of a psychiatric institution. But abruptly this opening clammed down a few months afterwards and scientists who had started to publish their studies on this phenomenon had to shut up. (ANSA).

City and country of incident: Campos and Paraná, Brazil
Dates of incidents: ? - August 24, 1979, resp.
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 30, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A BRAZILIAN WOMAN TALKED WITH MARTIANS!
"I was well treated and took a viscose liquid"

Rio de Janeiro, 30 (ANSA) - A magistrate from the city of Campos, in the interior of the state of Rio de Janeiro, confirmed that UFOs have appeared in the region these last times. Judge Antonio Pérez himself, president of the Campos Forum (a city 250 km from Rio de Janeiro) said he also saw at one time "a big light that remained motionless some 200m from the ground", when he was driving his car at night. "I don't know whether it was a flying saucer, but I can guarantee it was a round object, like a big ball, lilac, hovering in space".

Rumors about appearances of "disks" are very common in the Campos region, there being evidence of the appearances.

Meanwhile, reports arrived today about a woman of the state of Paraná, in the southern part of the country, who claims having been "sucked" by a light when she was going to chat with a neighbor on Friday night, and taken inside a "flying disc".

Mrs. Yolanda Kmiecik, 38, mother of 6, claims she was well treated inside the disc by the crew "resembling carthens, but with leather clothes", who served her a "viscose tasteless liquid" and afterwards abandoned her on the earth.

According to the woman, the crew explained to her they were not hostile, but were worried by the "contamination of our race by pollution, especially by the cigarette".

*Research in Uruguay

Montevideo, 30 (UPI) - The Uruguayan Air Force created a committee which will be in charge of receiving and investigating UFO reports.

The committee will be formed by Lt.Col. Eduardo Aguirre who presides it, Major Freddy Prieto and 2nd Lt. Ricardo Párraga.

The working group will at once begin investigating all the reports they receive on sightings and other manifestations of said phenomenon.

City and country of incident: Rimini beach
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 31, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

METEORITE ON THE BEACH

Rimini (ANSA) - A meteorite fell on a Rimini beach and a German tourist who touched it burned his hands. The meteorite, grey, big as a one liter bottle, fell on the beach, the tourist grabbed it and after carrying it 150 meters had to let it fall: the object had started to become incandescent and to smoke.

It went out by itself when it was buried and was again activated when it was dug up and got in touch with the air. With due precautions, firemen finally took it away.

City and country of incident: Puerto Galván, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

Date of incident: September 2, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 3, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO SIGHTED IN PUERTO GALVAN, WHICH AFTER ENTERING THE SEA SEEMED TO DISINTEGRATE

Bahía Blanca - In the zone of Puerto Galván, some 7km from this city, a UFO was sighted in the early hours of the morning. It might have been - according to versions from neighbors of this city who saw it - a very big oval vertical body which gave off an intense reddish light. The craft was lost in the sea giving the sensation that it disintegrated, since its only brightness broke up in many sectors. At first observers thought it was the moon, but on seeing it disappear as described, they were convinced otherwise.

City and country of incident: Sanford, Santa Fe province, Argentina
Date of incident: September 4, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 5, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FARMER SAW UFO IN SANTA FE

Rosario (From our agency) - A farmer residing in the rural region of Sanford, 12 km to the south of Casilda, sighted a UFO while plowing his field at midnight. The stupefied farmer says he was in his tractor when he saw the flying saucer move towards the town of Los Molinos and land near a marsh. He left the tractor in neutral and intended to observe what would happen, but noticed the engine stopped working, which scared him. He returned to his home on foot and the next day returned with a mechanic, verifying that the tractor's ignition was deteriorated for unknown reasons. The event coincided with other UFO appearances recorded in Casilda, Fuentes, Villada and Carcarañá.

City and country of incident: Chosica district, Perú
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 11, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS: A WHOLE TOWN MOBILIZES

Lima, 11 (EFE) - UFOs seem to have established a regular itinerary with a fixed timetable for their appearances in a town near Lima, but for two weeks now, hundreds of curious people had to return to their homes disappointed after a long and fruitless wait.

Mobilization began after several versions indicated that the phenomenon occurred as a constant, always on Wednesdays (please note the day of the week - JT) and always after 1100 pm, in the district of Chosica.

The district's governor said that although he saw no flying object "reports received are too many as to doubt them".

SPAIN -- Credit: F. Cerda Guardia (Translator: R. Heiden)

Location of incident: teleportation, southern Spain to central Chile
Date of incident: April 1979

Name and date of paper: HOLA, June 3, 1979
City of newspaper: Barcelona, Spain

INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE OF A MAJORCAN COUPLE
THEY WERE DRIVING TOWARD SEVILLE AND APPEARED IN CHILE

The protagonists refuse to talk about the event and want to remain anonymous

We are not, by any means, in a position to affirm if the events that we are going to relate are true or false; if those involved, due to a sick desire for fame, invented the story and spread it in the hope of surprising and spectacular results. Or if, in truth, they lived it and now, before the magnitude of the event, calmed down from the astonishment, they refuse to relate it publicly, for fear of ridicule or of the ironic incredulity of people.

What we cannot deny is that the account of the event, in its multiple variants, has spread all over Spain, often causing a heated controversy and opposing comments between antagonistic factions of those who believe and those who openly laugh at the absurdity. And there it is, on everyone's lips, and even being published in rational newspapers and magazines.

The story brings to a new discussion the old enigma of the coexistence of other worlds in ours, the so-called "parallel worlds," and the no less famous "dimensional doors" that can be found anywhere, even in our own houses, waiting to lead us to unsuspected destinations, within and outside of our planet, where scientists, philosophers, poets, writers, and scholars throughout the world have put forth dissimilar opinions.

THE PROTAGONISTS

The incredible episode occurred to a Majorcan couple, not known to us. It was impossible to speak with them because they have locked themselves in an unyielding silence and they don't want to talk to anyone about the subject, especially not the press. The details of the story were revealed to us by relatives of the protagonists on the express condition of leaving out any detail that could identify them. So we do that. And we relate the event as they have related it to us, omitting first and last names. We will add--this, yes--information about similar events and explanations and conjectures, some with a scientific basis, relating to the subject.

Taking the words of investigator and scientist Stephen Wrapp, we will say: "Both the instantaneous disappearances of people, as well as the unexpected appearances of beings who come from the past or the future, give us the idea that we are living in coexistence with parallel universes."

THE EPISODE

A Majorcan couple, with a new car, being broken in yet, decides to take a pleasure trip through Andalusia. Basically, they want to see Seville and to experience the merriment of the April fiesta, about which they have heard so much from their friends.

They embark at Palma [city on the island of Majorca in the Spanish Balearics--trans.] and cross the Mediterranean on a passenger ship, without any problem. They reach the port of Alicante and from there, with enthusiasm, they head toward the highway that should take them to the Andalusian capital.

They have slept well during the night, are relaxed, and have no cause for worry.

During the first kilometers of the trip they speak spiritedly and exchange impressions about the scenery and about how much they are going to see as the vehicle advances over the pavement. Until that moment all is normal and calm. The radio-tape deck spreads cheery, lively music.

THEY LOSE THEIR WAY

Suddenly, the driver discovers something strange, that the scenery before him has changed in appearance from what he was seeing before, ever since they passed through a strange cloud on a stretch of road. He thinks that he has gotten lost and has turned onto a highway that does not go to Seville.

He drives some more without saying anything. He expects to find some road sign and modify his path to get to the right road. But time passes and he doesn't see anything. Then, evidently vexed, he stops at a crossroads. And he exclaims, annoyed:

"I think we've made a mistake. This road doesn't go to Seville."

The woman remains silent. As she does not know the place she does not express an opinion. Besides, she is half asleep. Her husband, peeved, gets out of the car and looks around, looking for some reference point, a house, a farm, or a person who could give him directions, but he doesn't find anything.

"What do we do?" he asks his wife after a spell, now rather anxious and worried because he notices that it is getting dark when, in fact, his watch says noon.

"Go on," answers the wife, with all naturalness. And she adds: "We will get there."

And they continued on their way. Soon after, on the side of the road, and sitting under a tree, they find a man, apparently a peasant, wearing a wool poncho. The Majorcan man stops the car, gets out, and asks:

"Is this the way to Seville?"

IN CHILE

The peasant looks at them without understanding. The Majorcan, nervous, is insistent:

"Does this highway go to Seville?"

"I don't know, sir," answers the man, somewhat timid and with a low voice and a strange accent.

"Do you live around here?"

"Yes, sir. In that house, for thirty years now."

"And you don't know if this highway goes to Seville?"

"No, sir."

"You aren't Spanish, are you?"

"No, sir. I'm Chilean."

"That's apparent from your accent. We are Majorcan and we're going to Seville. Do you know the island?"

"No, sir. I never left Chile."

"What did you say?"

"That I never left here. I am a poor peasant."

The astonishment of the Majorcan is tremendous, undecipherable, but he does not lose his presence of mind. And he asks:

"Do you want to tell me where we are?"

"Twenty kilometers [12 miles--trans.] from Santiago de Chile."

IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE

From incredulity they pass to desperation, and from desperation to astonishment and to fear. What has happened? If they were going to Seville, and, suddenly, they don't know how, they find themselves 20 kilometers from Santiago de Chile. What mystery is this?

The woman, thinking of her children, weeps uncontrollably; her husband, with a nervous attack, only takes his head in his hands and goes around and around, trying to find a logical answer to such an unusual situation.

The peasant, meanwhile, frightened by the reaction of the pair, has decided to leave, furtively.

The couple, shortly afterwards, calmer now, renew their drive, reach the city, and head for a Police Station. There they relate their case and, as is logical, they do not believe them, but inform their superiors and invite them for hot coffee until they get instructions. Later two Government officials arrive with better spirits.

"Don't worry," they tell them, affable and smiling; "other events like yours have happened in this area lately. We still don't know how they are produced."

Then they take from them a detailed statement of everything that happened, record their words, and, finally, give them two airplane tickets to return to Spain. The car, for the time being--say the Chilean officials--should remain in Chile for an examination; then it will be returned to its owners in Majorca.

Truth? Lie? Let each one draw his own conclusions. For the time being, as we don't know the name of the protagonists, we have not wanted to investigate the matter more deeply; we have reported the details we received, and nothing more.

RUBEN AVILA

Photo: MAILORCA PRESS

[the photo was not sent to UFONS]

1 The Oviedo (Spain) La Nueva España of May 8, 1979, has three different versions of the teleportation story, two of them involving two people who were driving toward Seville when they found themselves in or near Santiago de Chile; one of them, dated approx. April 28, has a UFO seen just before the teleportation, a large bright red and yellow ball just yards above the highway ahead. (The third story omits the sites.) Other aspects vary from those given in the HOLA article. For yet a fifth teleportation from Spain, see UFONS #122, p. 15.--trans.

Location of incident: province of Soria, Spain

Date of incident: February 5, 1978 [sic]

Name and date of newspaper: Gaceta Ilustrada, June 10, 1979

City of paper: Madrid, Spain

[This article is another account of the "Julio F." abduction case in UFONS #120, p. 15, col. 1, adding the date and site as given above. The Gaceta Ilustrada has these minor discrepancies with the other article: The humanoids were not 2 meters tall, but only 1.90-1.95 m. (6'-3" to 6'-5"). Before reaching the circular room in the UFO it was necessary to go up an ordinary stairway. The occupants examined the dog as well as Julio. Their language reminded him of Korean because of the phonemes and the hardness of the speech. The signs that Julio saw inside the craft included a "3," a square, a "7," & the Gemini sign, like the sign of Umno. This article, though somewhat longer than the EFE article in UFONS, omits some of its details.]



STANDARD-EXAMINER, Ogden, UT - Aug. 15, 1979

Did 'Big Foot' Cause Scary Experience?

Two area men have given accounts of frightening experiences in the Uinta Mountain country that match previous accounts of "Big Foot" encounters.

Although no creature was seen in the latest events, sounds and other aspects of the encounters are similar. Both men asked to remain anonymous.

A 36-year-old Washington Terrace man who was camped on Steel Creek west of China Meadows on the north slope of the Uintas July 28 said he heard barking and screams.

"They were like nothing I had ever heard before. It was about 5:30 in the morning and the sounds came from heavy timber nearby," the man said.

DEEP BARK

He said the sounds first started as a deep bark or "jabber." The then became very high pitched and had tremendous volume.

These sounds match those heard by others, including Jay Barker of North Ogden and his party of seven who saw and heard a creature fitting the description of "Big Foot" or Sasquatch.

The creature was seen near a small lake in the Cuberant Basin at the head of the Weber River drainage.

When spotted by the party, it loped off through scattered timber and disappeared. It was described as large and "gorilla like" with a white mantle of hair over its shoulders.

Subsequent searches and investigations in the area turned up nothing.

CAMPER ROCKED

The second most recent account comes from a 29-year-old Morgan man who says his entire camper was "rocked from side to side" five to 10 times.

He said the event occurred about 1 a.m. while he and his party were camped near Whitney Reservoir that's just below Cuberant Basin. This was a year ago.

He said the rocking of the camper came after he and his sister-in-law and friend heard something walking in heavy timber near their fire about midnight.

The Morgan man said he directed the beam of a flashlight in the direction of the sound twice and both times the footsteps stopped, but nothing was seen.

"But I just had that eerie feeling that something was watching us. You just know it," he said.

Then after the three had retired, two in small pup tents, one 100 yards away from the camper and the other nearby, things really started happening.

SLAPS TENT

The friend said the next morning that something walked around his small tent, stopped and then "slapped it," and walked away.

The sister-in-law said the same thing happened to her and she was "scared to death."

In telling their stories, another group sleeping in a larger tent said they had the same experience, but did not think it was unusual as there were other people at the site.

The Morgan man who told of the experience said "I just froze when the camper started to rock. The camper is an eight-footer on a three-quarter ton truck and there was absolutely no wind. The night was perfectly still," he said.

In the morning, the party also found that something had torn down a string of fish fastened between two trees but none had been eaten.

The Morgan man said he also talked with another party camped near Mt. Elizabeth during the same period as the Cuberant Basin incident.

The members of this party said they were around their campfire when they heard something large crashing through the trees toward them.

Checking the next day, they found no footprints, but did find long, white hairs caught on the sides of trees where they had heard the noise.

The legendary "big foot" has been accepted as actually existing by a fraternity of people. Several books have been written about the creature that apparently roams North America's northwestern country.

TIMES HERALD, Dallas, TX - Aug. 27, 1979

CR: T. Adams

Big Thicket residents look for answer to 'Ghost Road Light'

SARATOGA, Texas (AP) — There seems to be little middle ground in these parts when it comes to a discussion of the "Ghost Road Light," a luminous ball which some people have seen hovering near this Southeast Texas town in the heart of the Big Thicket.

"I've been here 42 years and I've never seen the light," says Sheriff Billy Payne of nearby Kountze, whose job it is to control looters, sight-seers, beer-drinkers and pot-smokers who come here hoping to see the light.

"It's a hoax," the sheriff says flatly. But hundreds of other witnesses, including law enforcement officers, have reported seeing it on the lonely dirt road between here and the ghost town of Bragg, seven heavily wooded miles away. It only appears at night — and only some nights — those who have seen it say. Most witnesses said it was very humid when the light appeared.

"I saw it in the middle of the road. Then it went into the woods and burst into sparks," said Mildred Bracken of nearby Honey Island. "Then it went out like that," she added with a clasp of her hands.

Other witnesses say the light, described in varying colors, has darted, jumped, floated and sometimes hovered stationary among the tall loblolly pines standing close along both sides of the road. Some say it has chased them.

"It came down the road traveling right toward me and then went off the road through the woods and disappeared," said Harold Nicholas, 49, of Saratoga. "It was about the size of a person's head, maybe a little larger. It was real bright. It was orange and looked like the light of a train. It made no noise."

H.K. Pitts, 48, of nearby Warren, was a deputy sheriff in 1965 on patrol along the remote road when he said he spotted the Ghost Light.

"It was 2 or 3 in the morning. I was driving slowly, easing along with my lights out, when I saw what appeared a light approaching the back of my patrol car."

Pitts said even though he only saw a single light, he assumed it was from an approaching car. But when he turned around to investigate, he found no car. He found nothing.

"It disappeared," he said.

There have been several scientific theories offered to explain the light — a college professor from Beaumont once surmised it was caused by swamp gas; others say it could be auto headlights being refracted by the moist atmosphere.

Bob Riggs, assistant publisher of the Kountze News-Visitor and officer of an Austin-based research group, the Institute of Applied Harmonics, has written articles in his newspaper theorizing the mysterious light is caused by disturbances in the earth's geomagnetic field.

But no rational explanation for the phenomenon has ever been proven, and in the absence of a scientific solution, legends have flourished.

Some witnesses say the headlight theory is unlikely because the road is "as straight as an arrow" and they claim they have seen the light when there were no other vehicles in the area.

The road used to be a railroad track between Bragg and Saratoga, until Santa Fe abandoned the run in 1934 and removed the rails when the town of Bragg itself was abandoned. The only remaining building is the old Bragg Hotel, which is in an advanced state of ruin.

Before the tracks were lifted, one of the engineers was murdered.

"Some people say the light is the murdered engineer haunting the area," said Archer Fulington, retired publisher of the Kountze News.

Kountze Mayor Winfred G. Birdwell said the legends have been passed down by generations and "everyone who came along added a little bit to it."

He said the road is near the site of the "Keyser Burnout," where a Confederate colonel unable to round up deserters in the Big Thicket near Honey Island "set the woods on fire."

Another legend holds that the light is the spirit of a group of Mexicans who helped build the railroad and then were supposedly slain by a foreman who didn't have enough money to pay their wages.

"That's just a bunch of publicity stuff," scoffed County Commissioner T.S. Hooks. "I saw it one night. It's the reflection from car lights. You can go out there and see for yourself."

Hooks tried without success to have the trees along both sides of the road chopped down to discourage "pot smokers and a little bit of everything else," he said goes on along the Bragg Road at night.

"But we didn't get any bids (to cut the timber) on the last go-round," he said. "The bidders were scared to bid because of pressure put on them" by environmental groups and others in favor of keeping the "Ghost Road" like it is.

The mayor is more philosophical about the road and the alleged mischief for which it is blamed.

"If I were 20 years younger I'd probably be out there seeing the light and participating in a lot of things myself," Birdwell said.

WORLD HERALD, Omaha, NE - Aug. 20, 1979

Canadians Probe Cattle Mutilations

Calgary, Alberta (UPI) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the ranching country south of Calgary are investigating several cases of cattle mutilation.

Rancher Chuck Willoughby said he found his 2,500-pound Simmental bull dead on his property. It had had its genitals, left ear and part of its tongue removed, apparently with a surgical instrument.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Jerry Simmonds said he was also checking two incidents in which three cattle were shot to death. Tests were being conducted on two of them to determine if the slaying involved bestiality.

Willoughby said there were no signs of struggle on the spot where his bull was found, although the animal had not been shot and it was not immediately clear what had killed it.

CR: C. Werkmeister

'Telescope' Would Use Sun's Field

STANFORD, Cal. (UPI) — Life in other galaxies might be detected by using a giant "telescope" that utilizes the sun's gravitational field to magnify distant light sources, Dr. Von R. Eshelman, a Stanford University professor, suggests.

Dr. Eshelman said in the September 14 issue of *Science* magazine that a strategically placed spacecraft would serve as the "eye-pieces" of the gravitational telescope.

"The gravitational field of the sun acts as a spherical lens to magnify the intensity of radiation from a distant source along an extended but remote focal line," Dr. Eshelman wrote.

"A spacecraft anywhere on that line, in principle, could observe, eavesdrop, and communicate over stellar distances, using equipment comparable in size and power with what is now used for interplanetary distances."

Albert Einstein first suggested starlight could be focused by the gravitational field of another star in a 1936 *Science* magazine article.

Bigfoot, Sasquatch or a Long-strided Jogger?

Does Bigfoot or Sasquatch roam the woods of Koochiching county? A 33-year-old St. Paul man, Richard Johnson in a feature story in the Falls Daily Journal on July 13, says he does. Or are the footprints found in the mud on a trail north of the James and Harold Erickson farm northeast of Littlefork over the week-end the work of a practical joker?

If you know a person —
• who has a normal stride of 3 1/4 to 4 feet;

• has feet that measure 12 inches long and 4 1/2 or 5 inches wide with an exceptionally high instep;

• has six toes on each foot, some measuring 3 inches long;

• who enjoys jogging on a remote country road in the mud barefoot;

• or someone who will do most anything to play a practical joke — then there probably is no mystery to the events which took place near Littlefork over the week-end.

The evidence and events that took place are described by Co-Editor of the Times, Edna Donager:

After reading the following article, it will be up to you, the reader, to



Photo by Kerry Meyers shows imprint with 6 toes.

determine who or what may have been on foot in the field roadway of the Jim Jonson acreage, located approximately one-half mile north of the main site of the Erickson brother's home buildings.

Not that the imprints pictured were all that large, each footprint only measured twelve inches in length, including the three inch toes. There appeared to be six toes on each foot, as you will note in the photo taken by Kerry Meyers. The arch or instep of the foot appeared exceptionally high on the inside, and the impression left by the ball of the foot, just behind the toes, appeared to be larger than normal size for man. The foot at the widest part measured approximately four and one half inches. With all the above statistics, along with the four foot stride demonstrated by Jim Jonson, several

believe, it was not just an ordinary footprint, like those of a jogger, and anyway who would jog up and down a field road, when the rain is falling in torrents, as it did here Friday, except something or some one who is used to the elements of nature!

The freshly-made tracks were first discovered Saturday evening by Kerry Meyers of Tollefsrud Builders Supply, International Falls; his father-in-law, John Sietz and daughter, Patty of Bemidji, when they were scouting the area for a future bear hunting site. They were the first ones over the road in a vehicle after the three inch rainfall of Friday, therefore leading the three to draw the conclusion that whomever or whatever made the tracks in the muddied roadway had not come into the area by any type of transportation, except by foot. (A thought at this point: flying saucer or helicopter?) The prints had no definite source of beginning or ending — the tracks did not come or go into the wooded area or into the field on either side but started in the roadway, midway, made approximately a quarter of a mile jaunt down and back and then disappeared, as if into thin air.

When darkness began to fall, the three returned to the Falls. The oddness of the imprints prompted them to return to the field road the following day, and to take pictures of the weird looking foot prints and to make a cast of plaster of the imprint with the most distinctive markings.

Before returning home, they informed Jim Jonson of their findings and, after deep deliberation, he in turn drove to Littlefork and related the story and showed the photos Kerry had taken to Ray and I on Labor Day (Monday), and provided transportation to the spot, so Ray could take pictures. With the three day span of when the tracks were made and Ray's taking of photos, the imprints had begun to deteriorate and were somewhat erased by various viewers and the drying of the ground. But even after the time lapse, they looked different than those of an ordinary footprint.

What do you think? That perhaps, this could be a practical joke on someone's part...but doesn't it seem doubtful, as how could the person or persons be assured the prints they may have made would be viewed — as it was quite by accident that they were. The area is not heavily traveled, only at planting and harvesting time and due to the rains, harvesting has been more or less at a stand still.

Perhaps excerpts from the story published in the Daily Journal on July 13, 1979, written by Managing Editor, Jim Pumarlo in regards to the possibility of Big Foot or Sasquatch roaming the woods of Koochiching County will help you to come to a conclusion (or confuse you more).

"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.

"Johnson claims he sighted 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."

"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.

"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.'

"Several other people across the country also have claimed Sasquatch sightings and produced photographs, but nothing ever was proven, Johnson explained."

Harry Davey, author of *Rainy River Reflections*, a column appearing in the Daily Journal, followed the article of July 13, with his own explanation of Big Foot, Sasquatch, etc. Following are excerpts of his opinions:

"There are, without a doubt, Bigfeet, Sasquatches, Sasquatchi, or whatever, in Koochiching County. Yes, there are hundreds of 'em.

"They are so common that most

permanent residents, and most newcomers, know all about 'em. They are so numerous they are taken for granted. They arouse no unusual curiosity, they are completely harmless, and they appear only temporarily. They are similar in appearance to the fictional Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But they are not similar in character, as there is no evil in them.

"These Bigfeet, Sasquatchi, or whatever, roam hither and yon throughout the broad reaches of Kooch County every autumn during dates set by the government of this great state. During those days the Sasquatchi are given their freedom to change character, to change appearance, and to travel the forestland unimpeded, free from inquiry and illegal search or seizure providing they obey the laws of the land pertaining to the season.

"It is true that a stranger in the land, sighting a Sasquatch scurrying through the woods or scampering across a public highway or logging trail, would be filled with fear, along with curiosity.

"Its appearance is not especially attractive, except for patches of bright red easily visible to even the most frightened pair of eyes. It is unusually scraggly in appearance, the face, if it is rather late in the Sasquatch season, is covered with a heavy growth of matted hair that gives it an apelike appearance. The eyes, sometimes bloodshot and only half open from lack of sleep, give it a sinister appearance that utterly belies its friendly nature.

"It will speak in an intelligible tongue if spoken to, but the stricken stranger is in no mood to stop for a chat. The stranger is driven by a strong urge to get to the nearest town and the nearest tavern to quiet his quaking nerves.

"If the St. Paul gentleman wants to come to the Falls and continue his study of Sasquatch, I would like to refer him to my friend Elmer Henrickson. Elmer has hosted scores of Bigfeet over the years at his logging camp in the Pine Island State Forest. He is probably the county's foremost authority on the Sasquatch, its habits, foibles, favorite food and beverages, and its mode of life during the Sasquatch season.

"Elmer will confirm the fact that Sasquatch is more human than humanoid. At the end of the season, it will return to its normal life as a human. It is only during the season that it takes leave of its real character, its job, its profession, its wife, its family — and, sometimes, take leave of its senses.

"Elmer even has an excellent photograph of a Sasquatch. It is a picture of a Sasquatch arising from its bed in early dawn. It is clad in something that closely resembles long underwear, and it wears an expression of complete exhaustion.

"The picture is entitled, 'Daylight in the Swamp.' The picture would win no prize at an art show, but it would answer a lot of questions for the St. Paul gentleman."

Mutilation discovered near Eaton

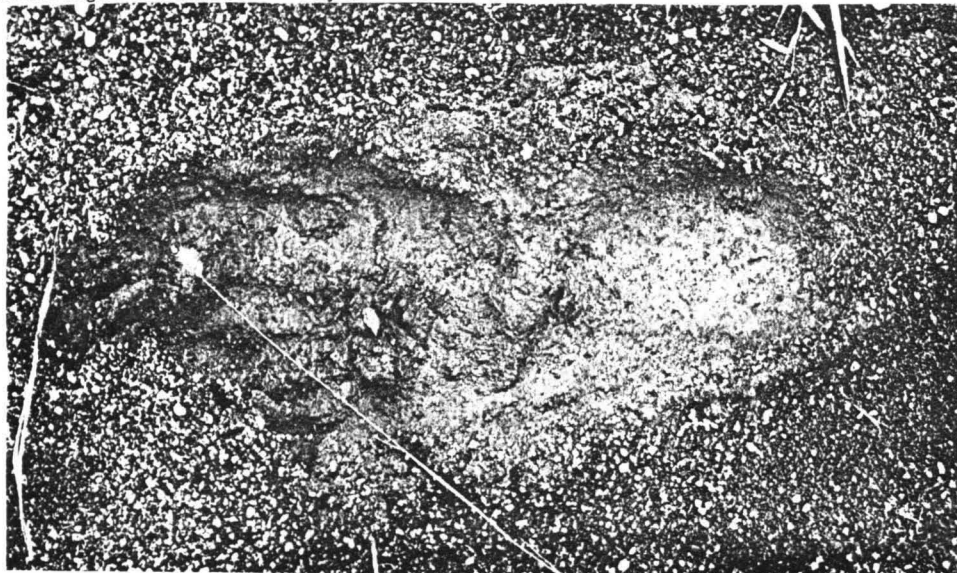
A mutilated cow was discovered Monday, Sept. 10, by Lavon Light of Minturn at his farm near Eaton, Sheriff Vic Hanshaw said.

The eyeballs, tongue and sexual organs had been removed from the animal, Light reported.

Hanshaw said that the mutilation followed the same pattern as the rash of mutilations which have occurred elsewhere in the state.

This is the first confirmed case of mutilation in Lawrence County.

TIMES DISPATCH, Walnut Ridge, AR Sept. 19, 1979



Chance to 'shoot' Nessie missed

AMERICAN scientists have missed probably the best opportunity this season of photographing the Loch Ness monster with their underwater cameras, it was revealed yesterday.

The two local representatives of Dr Robert Rines and his colleagues from the Boston Academy of Applied Science said that the cameras had developed a fault and were awaiting repair.

They are normally located off Urquhart Bay's Temple Pier where Scotsman teacher Mrs Muriel Clark and her sister-in-law, Mrs Isobel MacLeod, reported seeing a ser-

pent-like head emerge from the water. They also caught a glimpse of what they took to be an enormous body below the water.

The sighting was made at 4 p.m. on Friday and convinced Mrs Clark, who had always regarded the existence of the monster as far-fetched. The head she saw looked something like the heads of pythons she had seen in the African bush.

It was at the same spot that Dr Rines's cameras recorded the remarkable sonar-triggered pictures in 1975 which sparked off an international debate.

Yesterday, Inverness, businessman Mr Gordon Mackintosh, Tychat, Drumna-drochit, said Dr Rines had

gone back to America in July and was not expected to return to Loch Ness until next year. The Temple Pier cameras had developed a fault and needed spares, he said.

Dr Rines intends using dolphins, equipped with cameras, to track and photograph his quarry. The project was set back when one of the dolphins — acquired in Florida died.

Mr Mackintosh said he was unaware of any dolphins reported to be arriving this week from the Duke of Bedford's Woburn dolphinarium.

Lewiston garage owner Mr Alex Menzies said Dr Rines's cameras had been taken back to America for repair and confirmed that no photographs would have been taken on Friday.



HERALD, Bellingham, WA - Sept. 8, 1979 CR: J. Clark

A tourist may have filmed the famed Ogopogo serpent

KELOWNA, British Columbia (AP) — An unidentified Alberta tourist could be in for a surprise when he screens the home movies of his holiday in this Okanagan city, said a local resident who has spent years following the wake of a legend.

Arlene Gaal said the film could contain some highly unusual wildlife footage — and perhaps the best look ever recorded of Ogopogo, the sea serpent said to inhabit the depths of Lake Okanagan.

And that's not all — the film may reveal not one, but two of the critters as they frolicked on the surface of the lake about 440 feet from shore.

Mrs. Gaal said in an interview Thursday that the sighting took place between Aug. 12 and 15 and was witnessed by four or five carloads of passers-by.

One of them, Chris Clayton of Kelowna, captured the scene on an inexpensive box camera which yielded only a distant, fuzzy photo of some turbulence on the water.

Clayton noticed another onlooker recording the scene with a movie camera, but didn't think of getting the man's name or other particulars.

The mystery man was described as middle-aged, balding and was driving a green two-tone Dodge truck with Alberta licence plates towing a trailer.

Mrs. Gaal is hoping the man will step forward and volunteer his film for her research.

"If he's taken any footage of it, he was close enough to get very good

photographs," she said, noting that most modern movie cameras are equipped with zoom telephoto lenses capable of recording clear images from the distance of the sighting.

"I don't want to scare this fellow off, but if he has any footage I desperately want to know about it. I would like to stress it would be held in strictest confidence for scientific purposes."

The best look yet recorded of the legendary beastie is a frame enlargement of home movie film shot in 1968.

Mrs. Gaal said it shows the outline of a reptilian creature estimated at anywhere from 50 to 65 feet in length.

Scores of eyewitness sightings back up the description that can be made out from the indistinct photo, she said.

Mrs. Gaal said witnesses to the August sighting said their attention was drawn by some unusual movement in the still waters of the lake. They stopped for a look and could make out a large creature swimming near the surface. Moments later, another ripple appeared at another point in the lake and moved rapidly toward the first.

They ripples met and Mrs. Gaal said the scene was likened by Clayton as two elephants enjoying a mudbath as two large creatures with dinosaur-like heads, long tapering necks and round streamlined bodies thrashed playfully in the water. The scene lasted about 10 minutes before the playmates submerged.

Sightings of two creatures at once are not unknown, but sufficiently rare to warrant an extra measure of excitement, she said.

While Mrs. Gaal is anxious to track down the movie-taking Albertan, she also has launched a local hunt for the man aboard a small pleasure boat near the spot the monsters met.

She said the boat — seen in Clayton's photo — fired up its engine and took off at top speed moments after the creatures surfaced. The frightened sailor probably has the honor of seeing Ogopogo from the closest range on record.

Summer is the best time for Ogopogo sightings and the one just ended has been no exception. Mrs. Gaal said a local couple strolling by the lake in May saw one of the creatures rear up with its head and neck fully out of the water.

The first recorded sighting of a water-going reptile in the deep waters of the mountain lake dates back to 1875 and have occurred regularly enough to have become almost commonplace since.

However, nothing approaching definitive evidence exists to prove the creature is more than an illusion, an overweight trout or some other impostor, or even an elaborate, century-old hoax.

Mrs. Gaal, who has written two books on her search for the monster, said she is not deterred by those who doubt or deny the existence of the creature.

"There are skeptics who will disbelieve anything. Then there are those who will believe almost anything. Most people will believe something when they see it."

"My aim is to just set down any facts that are available and document them as fully as possible and let people decide for themselves."

'Mutilation' Investigated

Seward, Neb. (AP) — Seward County authorities Monday were investigating a report of a calf mutilation on the Clarence Ihde farm, about 21½ miles southwest of Beaver Crossing.

Ihde said a 300-pound Angus-Hereford cross heifer died during the weekend, "but there weren't any signs of how she was killed."

He said he was taking the carcass to the University of Nebraska's Department of Veterinary Science to have an autopsy performed.

Ihde said the calf, worth \$325, was found in a pasture near a dirt road.

He said the animal's top jaw was skinned back to the eyes, its tongue had been cut out, its lower jaw was skinned back to the throat, and several of its lower teeth had been cut off.

The farmer said he felt sure that it wasn't the work of coyotes "because they (the teeth) were clipped off real even," and the skinning "was really a neat job."

In July, however, a heifer calf was found dead on a farm in Madison County and two bull calves were found dead on a farm in Pierce County, and authorities said it appeared that a knife had been used to mutilate all three carcasses.

Views Mixed In Mutilations

Lincoln (UPI) — Investigators involved in the probe of four animals found mutilated in the state have mixed opinions on what happened.

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln veterinary science department report concerning a calf death on the Clarence Ihde farm near Beaver Crossing is typical of the uncertainty about what happened to Ihde's animal and the other three.

Ihde said the jaws of the heifer had been skinned, its tongue had been cut out and several of its lower teeth had been cut off.

State Patrol investigator George Fauver said UNL tests indicated the tongue could have either been cut out or eaten by predators. The report said other carcass damage could have been caused by predators.

But Fauver said there was some evidence of "man-made incisions." He said the carcass was deteriorated and an exact cause of death could not be established.

In July, two bull calves in Pierce County and a heifer calf in Madison County were reported mutilated.

E.D. Boise of Osmond, who examined the bulls, said he is certain predators or insects did the mutilating.

In the Madison County case, an ear and the insides of the heifer had been removed. Marlin Landanger, newly appointed Madison County sheriff, said a veterinarian said the carcass damage was predator-related.

"I don't buy that," Landanger said. "Predators don't eat ears."

He said he is sure the ear was removed with a knife. He said the investigation was continuing.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Sept. 10, 1979 CR: C. Jones

'Space Blob' Turns Out To Be Battery Acid

Frisco, Texas (UPI) — The two purplish, gooey blobs found in A.M. Christian's front yard are not space objects after all. An astronomer says he found a 6-foot-high pile of the stuff behind a local plant that recycles batteries.

And that, says Ron DiIulio, solves the mystery of the two-pound purplish masses that burned skin, like lye does, if touched and tended to sweat or melt

when exposed to humid air and temperatures above freezing. The blobs were found last month in Christian's yard.

The outer-space theory began when Christian took the material to the Heard Natural Science Museum in McKinney, Texas, and curator Ken Steigman said that he believed the blobs had extraterrestrial origins.

But DiIulio, assistant director of the

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and adjunct professor of astronomy and physics at Texas Christian University, said he is positive the material came from the Gould Manufacturing plant.

"There's no question about it," DiIulio said Saturday after spending seven hours interviewing people in Frisco and finding that the pile of material behind the Gould plant matched the blobs found in Chris-

tian's yard.

"I had a feeling about battery acid," he said.

DiIulio said he believes the blobs may have been picked up unintentionally on the underside of a large truck leaving the plant and later dropped before rolling down the incline of the Christians' yard.

Steigman was unavailable for comment.



Expedition Member Displays Cast of Footprint
... Igor Burtsev's foot is dwarfed in comparison

Exploring Soviets Find Big Footprint — Is It Snowman?

MOSCOW — (UPI) — A Soviet expedition into the Pamir Mountains has discovered a huge footprint left by what the group believes is a Central Asian version of the Abominable Snowman, a Russian newspaper said Saturday.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said the expedition, led by veteran mountain climber Igor Tatsl, made a plaster cast of the footprint, which measured 14 inches in length and more than six inches in width across the toes.

"The toes were slightly spread, the big toe was considerably larger than the others, and the sole was flat," the newspaper said.

Igor Burtsev, a member of the expedition that spent the summer in the Pamirs, said he believed that the footprint is genuine. He said it resembles samples taken of "Bigfoot," the American creature that is believed to roam parts of the northwestern United States.

The trip was Tatsl's sixth into the region in search of an Abominable Snowman. The Pamirs are in the southern sections of Central Asia, on the border with Afghanistan.

Tatsl's 11-member team carried night-vision equipment and also interviewed local residents who had seen a hairy, man-like creature.

One villager, 60-year-old Gafar Dzhabirov, was shown a picture of a hairy creature and shouted: "I saw one like that and even shot at him!"

Dzhabirov told the group that he spotted the creature when he left his village to cut reeds.

"When he was about to finish his work, he suddenly felt a strange sensation," the newspaper said of Dzhabirov. "He looked back and saw a wild, hairy man almost black in color sitting on a big rock about 15 yards away" looking at him. Gafar got frightened, picked up his rifle, closed his eyes and fired in the creature's direction.

"After about five minutes, he finally opened his eyes but there was nobody around," the newspaper said.

In an earlier report, the newspaper told of a shepherd who spotted a similar creature squatting in a path at sunrise. And in a 1977 expedition, one member of Tatsl's team said he saw a hairy creature near the campsite.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences set up a commission in 1958 to study reports of such an Abominable Snowman in the Pamirs. An expedition, however, found no evidence that one existed.

INDEPENDENT AND GAZETTE, Richmond, CA - Sept. 25, 1979 CR: D. White

Trio hunts for Bigfoot

DANSVILLE, Mich. (AP) — A trio of hunters will stake out a farm by night next weekend, trying to bag a Bigfoot.

"We have to end this mystery and the only way this will be done is to take a specimen," said Wayne King, director of the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center in Millington.

King and two associates plan to be on watch for the legendary furry beast near the farm of John and Virginia Culham in rural Ingham County.

Mrs. Culham said there was "one heck of a mess" in the family's grain shed Sept. 14 when two dozen 50-pound bags of feed and salt were ripped to pieces.

Then, she said, they found an 11-inch-long handprint outlined in dew in the dust atop their pickup truck. King says he's convinced it's the print of a Bigfoot, or "Sasquatch," because it's "close to the foot of a gorilla." The thumbprint was much lower on the wrist than a human's hand would be, he said.

King said the grain-shed mess could have been caused by a Bigfoot chasing a small animal for

food. Mrs. Culham said she found one of her cats a month ago "with a big hole right through its stomach. It might have been (done by) Bigfoot," she said.

Mrs. Culham also says the family has heard "loud screaming between 1 and 3 a.m. My son says it's the most terrifying scream he's ever heard."

King has pursued the Sasquatch in the Dansville area for two years since taking a plaster cast of what he thinks is a Bigfoot print in an area orchard. Last year, he said there were six "credible" sightings of Bigfoot-like beasts in the area within four months. There have also been reported Sasquatch sightings near Lansing and in Mayville during the past year.

An all-night Dansville stakeout last year was interrupted by sightseers and angry property owners, and King said he only heard "unnatural unidentified howling."

If he traps the beast this time, King said he's going to shoot to kill.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Oct. 13, 1979

Cattle issue spurs meeting

State officials met with a representative of Gov. Bill Clinton at Little Rock Friday to discuss the still-unsolved cases of cattle mutilations that have been occurring in Northwest Arkansas for the past five years.

There have been 39 reports of unexplained cattle deaths in the state since that time.

Friday's meeting was a review session of information that has already been reported about the livestock deaths, according to participants.

Officials from such groups as the Arkansas Humane Society and the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association had asked Clinton in August to form a special task force to investigate the unexplained deaths that have been plaguing the state's farmers and ranchers.

"He (the governor) prefers not to name a formal task force," Julie Baldridge, press aide to Clinton, said Friday.

Instead those same officials were asked to form an "unofficial" study group to

keep abreast of on-going investigations by the state police into the deaths. Friday's two-hour meeting was the first of other planned meetings between those officials, Jim Sanders, head of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, said after the meeting.

Bob Lyford, an administrative aide to Clinton, met with the group, as well as Sgt. Doug Fogley of the state police, a principal investigator of the cattle deaths since 1978.

B.J. Kready, a deputy prosecuting attorney and

founder of the Arkansas Humane Society, also attended Friday's meeting, as well as Nancy Owens, an anthropology professor at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Sanders, and others.

"This is more of a study group," Sanders said, rather than an official task force. "We're looking into the studies and research that has been going on."

Sanders said the group will continue to meet "as the need arises," but that no specific date has been set for the next meeting.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - Oct. 8, 1979

Mutilated cow reported

The Faulkner County sheriff's office investigated a report of a suspected cow mutilation Sunday night near Enola, the first such incident in almost two months.

Jimmy Wooley of Enola, owner of the cow, reported that he found the carcass Sunday night. Deputy Sheriff Randy Leach said the animal appeared to have been dead about three days. Leach said the animal's left ear and left eye were missing as well as the tongue and the heart.

There have been no reported suspected mutilations in the county since Aug. 13. Tissue samples from a cow believed to have been mutilated found on that date near Saltillo were sent to the state medical examiner's office, but no report has been filed.

Did Plato invent lost Atlantis?

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — Yet another new book about Atlantis, the lost continent of mythology, is becoming a Greek best-seller, although Vassilis Paschos' theories have raised some smiles among archaeological experts.

Paschos, 55, a Greek customs official fascinated by the myth for almost 20 years, says Atlantis was not an isolated island but a giant continent covering much of what is now the Atlantic Ocean.

"Atlantis has been pinpointed in the Bermuda Triangle, in Crete and Santorini (now Thera) and recently in the eastern Atlantic, between Portugal and Madeira," he says.

"Those researchers were both right and wrong: they confined Atlantis to one location, while in fact it included all the areas mentioned."

Not space visitors

The title of Paschos' book, "The Atlanteans, Mr. Von Daniken, Not the Gods," refers to his belief that the inhabitants of the lost world were responsible for the birth of technology, rather than space visitors revered on earth as gods, as Swiss author Erich Von Daniken would have it.

"The evidence of ancient writers like Plato and the startling similarities among linguistics, mythology and archaeological remains in the Americas, Egypt and the Aegean point to common origins, which I am certain were in the continent of Atlantis," he said.

Paschos claims that Atlanteans founded colonies on the Aegean islands of Crete, Delos and Santorini, which survived the sinking of Atlantis around 6,500 B.C. Fugitives from Atlantis introduced metal technology to the Aegean, he adds.

The discovery of a sophisticated bronze age town on Santorini, engulfed by a volcanic eruption around 1,450 B.C., gave rise to considerable speculation that here at last was the answer to the riddle of Atlantis.

But archaeologist Christos Doumas, who heads the Santorini dig, remains unconvinced.

"If Atlantis existed as described by Plato, according to his chronology, it could be

none other than the Minoan civilization of Crete," he said. "It then becomes impossible to consider Santorini as part of Atlantis, or one of its colonies, since only the final phase of Minoan culture is found there."

Some 20,000 books and articles have nourished the Atlantis legend since Plato first described it in "Timaeus and Critias," written early in the 4th century B.C.

"There was an island opposite the strait you call the Pillars of Heracles (modern Gibraltar), larger than Asia Minor and Libya combined... with a powerful and remarkable dynasty of kings," Plato wrote.

Invented?

But there is a strong possibility he may simply have invented Atlantis to bring a philosophical argument to life.

"I am sceptical of the Atlantis story because of its context," said Dr. Ken Wardle, who teaches Aegean archaeology at England's Birmingham University. "It is most likely a dramatic episode used by Plato to illustrate his political ideas."

"It's also curious there is no mention of the legend in writers before Plato: you would expect to find it in Homer. And if it carries conviction, why don't scholars go looking for it?"

French undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau, who spent months combing the Aegean seabed in 1976, came away convinced the lost continent never belonged in the Aegean and suggested atlantologists look elsewhere.

The following year, U.S. researcher Charles Berlitz found traces of what he identified as Atlantis in the Bermuda Triangle in the western Atlantic. Last spring, Soviet oceanologist Prof. Andrei Aksyonov said he had photographs of building remains from beneath the Atlantic several hundred miles southwest of Portugal, which he suggested might have been part of Atlantis.

Both claims have met with scepticism. But Paschos unperturbedly points out that Heinrich Schliemann discovered the ruins of Troy in Turkey — and confounded the experts — by interpreting a legend literally.

TIMES, Seattle, WA - Sept. 23, 1979

Peter Byrne, Bigfoot hunter, calls it quits

by BOB DOWNING
Knight News Service

Bigfoot, the abominable snowman creature of the Pacific Northwest, has won another round: Peter Byrne is calling it quits, at least temporarily, after nine years.

The colorful Irish-born Byrne, 54, is among the most respected, most credible, best financed and most publicized Bigfoot hunters.

A World War II navigator in the Great Britain's Royal Air Force, Byrne has led Mt. Everest expeditions, searched for the yeti (the abominable snowman of the Himalayas), led safaris to India and established tiger sanctuaries in Nepal.

His attempt to capture Bigfoot in the shadow of the 11,235-foot Mt. Hood in Oregon has failed.

In the last nine years, he interviewed hundreds of elderly Indians, woodsmen, miners, outdoorsmen, forest rangers and others who have sighted or heard stories of the mysterious creatures that walk like man.

Byrne, using his own money and funds from various scientific organizations, has led expeditions into remote areas and investigated countless reports of Bigfoot sightings over the years.

He's still convinced the legendary creatures — generally described as being between six and 10 feet tall, weighing upwards of 1,000 pounds with dark brown hair and leaving footprints up to 24 inches long — exist.

"Do you know why I've kept on with the hunt? It's such an incredible damned proposition. It's beyond belief, yet I know it's out there. Nothing could be more fascinating. It's kept me going for all these years."

"Here is the United States-Canadian outback, there are probably 200 or more creatures scattered in small families or colonies."

"They're cunning and mobile and very shy, which partly explains why they've never been captured. They see man as a threat, but the evidence indicates that they're not belligerent."

"It appears that the creatures make up a small group of primates, definitely humanoid in characteristic. They aren't apes — nothing walks upright but man. I give the creatures an 80 to 90 per cent chance of being human."

"If it's a hoax, which I'm firmly convinced it's not, then it's a hoax that has been perpetrated for more than 160 years."

He pointed out that there have been more than 500 reports of sightings and footprints in that time.

THE BEST evidence, to date, is an 18-second film taken in late 1967 in Northern California, according to Byrne.

Skeptics say the film shows a man in a gorilla suit, but Bigfoot investigators point out that scientists specializing in muscle movement analyzed the film and reported that the figure could not be that of a man.

"I'm a little frustrated in that there's never been enough money to start a full program," he said.

"When you get a report from Northeast Washington, 400 miles away, and you have to worry about having enough money to get there and back, it's time to take stock of things," he said.

A full-scale search, he estimated, would require between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year.

He also admitted to being frustrated because most scientists refuse to look at Bigfoot seriously. They have told Byrne and others that they cannot deal in evidence like footprints and sightings that can and have been faked. They need hard evidence like a carcass or a live Bigfoot.

OTHER MAJOR problems, Byrne said, are the scarcity of reports and the reluctance of some witnesses to come forward.

He said the number of credible reports has stayed the same over the years — about three a year, two reports of sightings and one report of footprints.

That's from an area that's 1,600 miles long and 100 miles wide.

"I'm really not frustrated at being unable to prove to skeptics that Bigfoot exists. We realized all along that this could happen tomorrow, next week or 20 years from now."

"Poor old Bigfoot is likely to end up impaled on the front of a logging truck or shot to death with his carcass serving as proof that he exists. That, I feel, is sad."

THE OUTSPOKEN Byrne was often at odds with others in the Bigfoot hunting fraternity, a rather jealous and secretive group filled with long-term rivalries and bitterness.

Byrne has strongly opposed killing Bigfoot, calling such a plan murder. He was hoping to bag the creature with a camera, net or tranquilizer gun. It would be studied, implanted with a tracking device and then released into the wilds.

In the last few months, Byrne has:

— Shut down his 24-hour Bigfoot Hotline, a telephone service for Bigfoot spotters throughout California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

— Closed down his Bigfoot Information Center, a museum-like shrine, in Hood River. The center had a standing offer of a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the capture of a Bigfoot. It was supported by the sale of various Bigfoot paraphernalia, educational kits on Bigfoot for schools and Byrne's book, "The Search for Bigfoot: Monster, Myth or Man."

— Ceased publication of Bigfoot News, a monthly four-page newsletter that went to 8,000 subscribers around the world.

Byrne said he is most proud of his computerized study, which establish patterns of Bigfoot reports (footprints and sightings) over the years.

Byrne said he considers the information from this study vital. For example, one 30-mile-by-10-mile area (he wouldn't say where) has had about 10 reports of footprints and six sightings in the last 25 years, all at the same time of year.

Byrne, who is traveling the lecture circuit and working as a Bigfoot consultant, said he plans to get back into the search for Bigfoot in the future, although he's not sure when.

"What we've been involved in is a search with a layman's approach. What we're talking about in the future is a properly backed, properly financed search with a scientific base."

EVENING NEWS, Buffalo, NY - Oct. 2, 1979

Cultists Suspected In 10 Cattle Deaths

CALGARY, Alberta (UPI) — Police are baffled but say macabre satanic rituals may be behind the mysterious case of cattle mutilations in southern Alberta. Local farmers insist visitors from outer space are responsible.

Canadian authorities say 10 head of cattle, mostly bulls, have been mutilated since Aug. 13. Most died after their sexual organs were removed by knife or other sharp instrument.

Police investigators are looking for a satanic or religious cult, but Royal Canadian Mounted Police researchers are mystified because they say

while cults routinely use animal organs for ceremonies, none they know of use sexual organs.

Local ranchers speculate the mutilations may be the work of extraterrestrial beings since there appears to be little or no trace of footprints or tire tracks near where the mutilations occur.

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Bigfoot hunter wants one kill

By LORI SHARN
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DANSVILLE, Mich. — Flint autoworker Wayne King is determined to bag a Bigfoot.

King and fellow worker Richard Doty baited an all-night stakeout a few days ago hoping to lure one of the supposed creatures within shooting range.

King says he must kill a Bigfoot, also known by the Indian name of Sasquatch, in order to prove they exist. A tranquilizer gun won't do, he says, because a Bigfoot's exact weight is unknown and the amount of the drug can't be determined accurately. Besides, he says, such a gun is accurate only within 40 yards or so.

"It would be very foolish for anyone to be within range of the animal without a weapon," he said. "We aren't hunting, we are defending."

Bigfoot is a real or imagined giant man-like

creature most often reported in the woods of the Pacific Northwest and named for the alleged size of its footprints. Not everybody believes in the existence of the creature. But many people such as King and Doty have traipsed through the wilds in a search for one.

WITH A DEAD Bigfoot as proof, King hopes to accomplish his ultimate goal: He would like to see the entire country pass legislation protecting the Sasquatch. Skamania County in Washington has passed such an ordinance protecting Bigfoot from being shot at or captured.

On the most recent Bigfoot hunt, King, Doty and two reporters arrived a little after midnight at a sheep farm near Dansville, about 12 miles southeast of Lansing.

King picked a spot surprisingly near the farm-

house, in a small area bordered on two sides by trees and underbrush and on a third by cornfields. It was partly illuminated by a large light on a silo about 100 yards away.

King and Doty scattered their special bait — a secret canned substance which they claim is successful in luring the Sasquatch — behind the stakeout near the woods.

"It's either going to come along the cornfields or along the driveway," King said. "He will see us before we see him, but curiosity and the bait will bring him in."

KING, 43, is a widower with three married daughters. He is six feet tall and has dark, slicked-back hair thinning on top. Whenever he smiles his eyes are nearly lost in wrinkles.

King chose the farm, owned by John and Virginia Culham, on the basis of a large hand-like print, 11 inches long and seven inches wide, found there two weeks earlier.

It was found in the same area where two dozen 50-pound bags of feed and salt had been torn open and strewn about a grain shed. According to Virginia Culham, the print showed all the creases and callouses in the hand. She said the thumb was much closer to the wrist than on a human hand.

Mrs. Culham says she is positive the print could not have been faked.

King was delighted with the find, which he photographed. He won't release the picture until it is copyrighted, he says.

By 1:30 a.m. the stakeout was set. Prime time for Bigfoot was still a few hours away.

A cow bellowed from across the road.

"That's real unusual for a cow to do that," King said. "Once a cow is bedded down it usually stays for the night."

"Yeah, something's upsetting it," Doty added.

Occasionally, grunting sounds drifted from the darkness across the driveway.

"I wonder if sheep grunt?" King mused. "I'll have to ask about that."

KING SAID HIS Bigfoot interest began in 1951 when British explorer Eric Shipton found Yeti tracks on Mt. Everest. The Yeti, better known as the Abominable Snowman, is the Himalayan version of the Bigfoot.

Ten years ago King said he decided to devote more time to the Bigfoot search.

It took four or five years, he said, to validate all the past Bigfoot reports. He converted his home in rural Millington, north of Flint, into the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center.

In 1978, King said he validated 24 physical sightings and 310 sets of tracks. From that he estimates there are 300 to 500 Bigfoot in the state and tens of thousands throughout the world. There are even, he claims, three to five distinct species.

From the size and depth of the footprints, King estimates they are seven to nine feet tall and weigh 700 to 900 pounds. They are extremely powerful and agile, he suggests, and have the speed of a deer.

King discounts people who call him an eccentric. "The same people who ridicule me and say I'm crazy won't come to my home and see the proof," he complains.

KING CLAIMS he saw two Sasquatch one night in September 1977, in the heavy bush country of Kingston in the Thumb of Michigan. He says he looked into a huge set of colorless eyes at a height of eight to 8½ feet. To the animal's left he saw another, smaller figure that he thinks was its young.

But in the early hours of his recent vigil on the Culham farm, the only sounds came from crickets and tree frogs.

About 3:15 a.m. a whistling sound was heard. A minute later it was repeated.

"Hear that?" King asked.

"It's an owl," Doty replied.

Another half hour passed. Suddenly, sharp crackling sounds were heard in the tree to the left of the camp. The stakeout party stood up and looked intently into the darkness. King grabbed his rifle. Doty's pistol was already on his right hip.

King whispered that an apple or something had been thrown at the tree. He said he heard it going through branches of other trees before it hit.

King said the Bigfoot, if it was out there, was trying to frighten the group.

BY 6:30 A.M. King and Doty were ready to call it quits. They scouted the area for footprints.

Nothing.

King shrugged and speculated that Bigfoot, if it had been nearby, probably would have taken the bait. He said that it probably had moved on.

An old Indian Superstition might offer another explanation.

According to King, the superstition warns against looking into the eyes of Sasquatch. Otherwise, you and your associates will have bad luck.

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Mutilations report near

The mystery that has been surrounding cattle mutilations in Arkansas for the past five years may be solved by the end of October, according to Sgt. Doug Fogley, a state police investigator involved in the probes of more than 38 unexplained livestock deaths.

Recent investigations disclosed that up to 95 percent of reported cattle mutilations were actually caused by natural predators, he said. Fogley said he hopes to reveal his findings "by the end of the month."

One experiment "has proved it," he said, but he would not discuss what the experiment was. Fogley has been conducting the experiment with the aid of Ken Rommel, a retired FBI agent who is heading the investigation of unexplained cattle deaths in New Mexico.

"Our investigation has shown that the largest amount of deaths were caused by natural causes and the action of predators," Fogley said.

Of the "5 to 10 percent" of cattle deaths that cannot be explained by natural phenomenon, Fogley said:

Update

Progress reports on people and events that have been in the news.

"Those deaths might be attributed to 'copy cat killers,'" he said.

Copy cat killers, he said, are those who commit the acts after reading accounts of strange events in newspapers.

"We are still exploring the existence of specific cults that we've run across," he said, addressing the theories that cults practicing witchcraft may be killing the animals during religious rites.

Fogley said his office is offering the only explanation for the livestock deaths in Arkansas.

"They still have their flying saucer camps and CIA conspiracy camps" in other states where

similar mutilations have occurred, he said.

"The state police will not make any statements they can't back up," Fogley added.

Other groups in Arkansas have professed an ongoing interest in the unexplained deaths.

The Arkansas Cattlemen's Association still has a \$1,000 reward posted for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons found guilty of mutilating cattle, director Jim Sanders said last week.

Nancy Owens, an anthropologist at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, received a \$500 grant from the Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities last week to study the impact of the cattle mutilations in Northwest Arkansas.

Ms. Owens said she will be studying reactions by communities each time an unexplained cattle death occurs, including rumors spread by "vigilante committees" and other groups spawned by the five-year mystery.

"They've got a newsletter in Texas, 'Stigmata,' that has all the latest news on cattle mutilations," she said. "There are a lot of rumors about those things."

Ms. Owens said she is also concerned about the "drain on time" of local sheriffs and police officers since the recent outbreak of cattle mutilations in 1978.

"A book just came out, 'Messengers of Deceptions,'" she said, that is another example of the link between UFO enthusiasts and cattle mutilation watchers in the country.

"Cattle mutilations fit right in there. There's a chapter on it," she said.

Despite the fact that there have been no further reports of cattle mutilations in Arkansas since July, interest is still growing.

Last week, an "unofficial" task force of concerned state officials met for the first time at Gov. Bill Clinton's office to begin their "informal" study of the unexplained deaths.

—By RENEE HAINES-SAINE

Stonehenge Mystery Solved, Russian Says; It's Model of Planets

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MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian scientist says he and his colleagues believe England's mysterious Stonehenge was built as a model for the planets in the earth's solar system.

In an interview Wednesday with the Russian news agency, Tass, Vladimir Avinsky, a prominent geologist and mineralogist, did not dispute recently espoused theories that Stonehenge is actually an ancient but sophisticated astronomical observatory. But he said he believes he has discovered another attribute.

Researchers have speculated that Stonehenge's circle of stones is positioned so the stones can accurately determine time for lunar and solar years and can even be used as a navigational guide.

Found Pentagonagram

Working with colleague Vladimir Tereshin, "we succeeded in discovering a pentagram in the complex and mysterious geometry of Stonehenge which, as it seems to us, was used as a basis for its arrangement and carries information on the size of the planets of the solar system," Avinsky said.

Stonehenge is a circle of huge stones standing on Salisbury Plain at Wiltshire, England. It is not known exactly when the stones were erected or why, but there are many theories.

Some archeologists say it is a Druid temple or a tomb. And one legend dating to the 12th Century says that Merlin, the magician, used his powers to bring the stones to England as a war memorial.

Described at Conference

Avinsky presented his findings to a conference last month held in honor of the father of modern Soviet rocketry, Konstantin Tziolkovsky. According to Avinsky, at least five circular groups that make up Stonehenge form a pentagram, a five-pointed star.

The size of the circles correspond to the varying size of planets in the earth's solar system, Avinsky said.

So accurate is the correlation between Stonehenge and the planets, Avinsky said, that those circles modeled after the earth and

its moon have a margin of error "not more than 1 per cent."

Date Undetermined

It is thought that Stonehenge may have been erected during the Bronze Age, although other theories place its origins much later.

Today, only 16 of the 13½-foot, 26-ton stones remain standing in the outer circle of Stonehenge. Nine stones remain upright in the inner circle, and 11 lie flat.

Excavations have shown that the original number of rocks in the outer circle totaled 30 and in the smaller, 40.

In addition, there are two standing 22-foot boulders in the configuration, and 12 visible stones forming a horseshoe.

Most of the rocks in Stonehenge are sarsens, or sandstone boulders, and the remainders are bluestones.