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Flying and Was Not Identified

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP — Was it a swooping, circling, glowing Unidentified Flying Object?

Several persons contend that that's what they saw Friday night in the sky above Northampton County Area Community College.

"We were at a program in the college and a couple of us were waiting for a ride at 9:25 p.m. when we saw it," said Tracy Hall, 15, of 737 Washington St., Easton. "It was disc-shaped and it had a glow around it. There were dif-

ferent colors. It came down low. We were sure it wasn't a plane."

Renee Dickinson and Linda Miller, both of Easton, were in the group on the parking lot. There is a huge expanse of sky, visibility was fine and it looked just like a UFO, both agreed.

"Even a teacher came out to see what we all were looking at and he saw it too," the girls said. But they didn't learn the teacher's name.

MESSANGER, Stephen, MN - Nov. 8, 1979

Sheriff Brekke Releases Final Report On UFO Incident

The following report was received by Sheriff Dennis G. Brekke in reference to the UFO incident which involved Deputy Val Johnson on August 27, 1979. The report was made by Mr. Roland D. Wardell of Edina, Minnesota, who is a registered professional metallurgical engineer and has been a supervisor in the Honeywell Metallurgical and Chemical laboratories for 23 years.

At the end of September, the following samples were submitted to Mr. Wardell:

Top Antenna - The antenna from the roof mounting on the car.

Rear Antenna - The antenna from the trunk lid mount.

Headlight Glass A - Pieces of headlight glass from the inboard headlight (left set of headlights).

Headlight Glass B - Same source of headlight glass "A" except consisting of smaller pieces which were picked up from the highway.

Toplight Glass - Perforated red lens and broken pieces of the light (including reflector) which had been mounted on top of the vehicle, left side, facing forwards.

The six associated phenomena or happenings are discussed individually, and finally what might have caused all of these happenings is discussed:

1. Intense light. First, it occurred in the shape of a beam, then became overwhelmingly bright. The beam-like shape of the light suggests an unnatural source -- using lenses, etc.

2. Glass breakage. There are definite signs of impact; analysis shows residue at one fracture containing iron, silicon, aluminum, and calcium. These elements are typical of rock fragments. The direction of the impacting media is evident from location of breakage and imprint on indent on the hood of the car. The relative angle of attack on the car is near horizontal. The speed

of the car being 60-65 mph would tend to create a relative impact angle near horizontal.

3. Engine stoppage. The stoppage was not due to a mechanical failure, as evidenced by the fact that the car functioned normally following the incident. The engine stoppage points heavily to temporary disruption of the electrical system.

4. Driver unconscious for a period up to 40 minutes. It is not clear whether the bump on the head could have caused this or if other "phenomena" might be the source of unconsciousness. To function, the body's nervous system relies on electro-chemical signals. Could there have been disruption of this by electrical means?

5. Malfunction of the automobile clock and wrist watch. This was of a temporary nature, much as the engine failure. Disruption of the electrical clock could very well coincide with the "failure" of the engine electrical system. The failure of the mechanical wrist watch would, of necessity, be of a different form; but again, the temporary nature suggests a "malfunction" that "dissipates".

6. Bent antennas. Considerable effort was made to solve the problem of the bent antennas. The metal hardness tells us that they were not exposed to a general high temperature that caused bending. Normally, an antenna subjected to a uniform force would bend at the base. However, on a car traveling 60-65 miles per hour, the antennas are considerably flexed towards the rear. A force from above, superimposed on the flexed antennas, could bend the parts in the manner exhibited. As no impact marks are evident, the force must have been of a relatively uniform kind -- that is, not from a series of particle impacts. A few pounds of force applied to the areas involved would bend the parts. The kinds of phenomena capable of performing this bending includes electrical, fluid (air) and, of course, hand forces.

FREE PRESS, Amery, WI - Nov. 6, 1979 CR: R. Heiden

Sight UFO near Half Moon lake

Apple River man, wife see object

Richard Breault, a town of Apple River farmer, said he hasn't slept well for nearly two weeks.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, he and his wife had an encounter with an unidentified flying object (UFO) about 6:30 a.m. while driving on CTH G near Half Moon Lake.

"We were on our way to our deer camp," said Breault. "We left our house about 6:15 a.m."

About a 1½ miles from the Half Moon store, the couple's attention was directed to a bright, shining light in the sky.

"My wife thought it was bright star and I said it looked more like a weather balloon," Breault observed.

Suddenly, the bright light descended on the Breault's "just past the Half Moon store."

"My wife thought we were going to smash into it and screamed at me to hit the brakes," observed Breault.

The UFO came at the car about 80 feet above the ground and then came straight down until it hovered about 20 feet above the road.

He described the UFO as about 40 feet in length with a hump in the middle. One end of the craft was square with the other end sloped.

"I've never seen such speed in all my life," he said.

It was out of sight in about six seconds, Breault estimated.

About three-fourths of the UFO was reddish in color. He described the top

quarter as a combination of red, green, yellow and orange.

The craft then shot across Half Moon lake at 4,000 or 5,000 miles an hour, according to Breault.

While there was no damage to pickup truck, Breault said both he and his wife experienced a good case of the jitters including "butterflies in the stomach and we couldn't swallow."

The couple didn't tell anyone about the incident, except their children, "because you know what people think when something like this happens."

Sitting next to Breault on the on pickup seat were a loaded camera and binoculars.

"It all happened so fast, I didn't think to use them," he observed.

No other sightings were reported to the Polk county sheriff's department.

This is the second sighting of a UFO in Polk county this year. Earlier, several persons reported seeing a UFO near East lake located east of Dresser.

DAILY NEWS, Ludington, MI - Nov. 15, 1979

UFO Sighting Reported

By JANET BROWN

Daily News Correspondent
HART—Another observation of unidentified life in the sky above Oceana County was made to the Oceana County Sheriff Department Wednesday night.

The lights were reported by Catherine Gotts, 62, of 8335 Garfield Road, Hesperia, who notified the sheriff department at 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. Gotts, Tom Gotts, 34, Barry Gotts, 26 and Eric Latin, 13, all observed the lights for about 20 minutes. Mrs. Gotts called the sheriff department about 10 minutes after the lights had disappeared.

In a telephone interview, Mrs. Gotts said, "It was real odd. It was up quite high at first, like a red streak going back and forth getting lower all the time. It would go away and reappear and go back and forth and get lower again. It was hard to see but it looked like a fast moving red streak."

Mrs. Gotts added, "It was a freak thing. It possibly could have been a beam of light. We didn't know and after talking it over decided to report it. We couldn't see it real plain, but we all could see it with just our eyes...a sharp red beam going back and forth."

Tom Gotts described it as

being directly overhead, a red beamlike light that went back and forth and sideways. "It would go north and south for a while and then criss cross and go east and west."

The Gotts who live near Taylor Bridge, on the White River, do not have any neighbors that live close by that might have also sighted the lights.

Many sightings of UFO's have been made within the past several years in Oceana County. The most recent sighting was Sept. 16 when residents on Russell Ridge in the center of Oceana County observed something unexplainable around 10 p.m. Prior reported sightings were made along the coast of Lake Michigan in the fall of 1978.

It's a Bird; It's a Plane; No a Balloon; Wait it's a..

By STEVE HOENIGMANN
UFO?

Another week has passed and Sussex Countians are still seeing strange lights and mysterious objects in the sky.

The latest reports were phoned into the County Post office late last week.

Harry Bertrand of near Frankford reported seeing strange lights near high-voltage power lines near his home one mile west of Route 113. Two employees of Millsboro Joy Freeze, Gail Wells and a co-worker, were headed home about 8:45 p.m. Saturday night two weeks ago when they reported seeing strange lights that seemed to be flying in formation.

"They were flying real close to the ground," reported Wells, who said her sighting took place near the Parker cement block company on Route 24 just west of Millsboro.

"I saw three lights and they were flying apart at first," she continued. "Then they seemed to come into a triangle shape and it looked like there was a plane with red and blue lights following it."

The first three lights were gold in color, said Wells, and they were accompanied by a low humming noise.

Bertrand, on the other hand, reports not only seeing what we could call a UFO, but a much more identifiable object—a hot air balloon which has been reportedly make late afternoon and evening excursions into the atmosphere during late September and early October.

The hot air balloon story was soon tracked to a small grass-covered airfield near Selbyville owned by Manean Warrington. Warrington confirmed that two hot air balloon enthusiasts had used his airstrip as a launching place for their craft.

"It was two young women from Washington, D.C.," said Warrington upon inquiry. "They would usually fly in the thing about dusk and in the late afternoon. It was really something."

Warrington, who sounds as if he is an accomplished aviator himself, confirmed reports of UFO's in the area. They're there. I've seen them. Just saw one last week as a matter of fact." Warrington linked the sightings to seraphins in Biblical scriptures.

But back to the balloonists. After several inquiries as to their names and whereabouts, I was only able to determine that they would be back in the area in the future—maybe sometime next spring. They chose Warrington's small airstrip because it was located near the shore, but far enough away so they wouldn't have to worry about ditching in the ocean. Their last recorded flight was on September 20.

And so it's back to the drawing board. When the County Post first reported a UFO sighting in Sussex County several weeks ago (that one spotted by several Millsboro residents) little did I think the National Inquirer would be in town researching the reports. There may be a story in their next issue. Sussex County may have made a name for itself.

Colored Lights Seen By Five People

UFO Sighting Reported

"The lights seemed to be stacked on top of each other," said Tony Farley. "There were three of them and when they were stationary, they went from red on the bottom to green in the middle to white at the top. Then, just before they would move, they would start changing colors from red to green to white faster. And when they moved, they changed colors faster."

"You hate to say anything about it because a lot of people laugh at you," Tony added. "Heck, I've laughed at flying saucer sightings myself."

But when Tony saw those lights last Saturday night, he didn't laugh.

"It was kind of scary at first," he said.

There were two sets of the three-colored lights, Tony said. From his house in the Phillips Hollow near the Siloam Community, they were east toward Lafayette and Carthage as they moved about in the clear night sky.

Tony, his wife, and his eight-year-old son started watching the lights at about 9 p.m. They watched them off and on from then until midnight. But they weren't the first ones to sight the lights. Tony's brother, John Farley, was.

"I went outside at about 8 o'clock and that's when I first noticed them," John said. "Something had been

interfering with our T.V. set and that's why I went out."

John said he couldn't guess the distance they were from his house, which is about a quarter mile from Tony's house. He did say that one of them seemed to light up the hillside.

"They rose slowly, then fast, then stopped," John said. "They didn't have any special shape, just lights."

Tony couldn't tell the size of the lights, either. He said they were smaller than the almost-full moon and larger than the brightest stars.

"It wasn't stars or airplanes or anything like that," Tony said.

Tony called the Westmoreland Police Department to see if anyone else had reported the lights, but no one had.

A check Monday of other area police departments revealed no other reports of sightings.

Denise Waugh of Skycaster Aviation at the Lafayette Municipal Airport said they had no reports of any unusual air activity out there Saturday night.

"The signs made by Waugh Electronics out here have been reported before as UFOs," Denise said. "But as far as we know, none of the signs were flying Saturday night. None of them from here were, we know that. And, besides, three or four hours would be a long time for one of the signs to be in the air."

So, what did the Farleys down in Phillips Hollow see last Saturday night? Apparently no one knows. Thus, they remain exactly what Tony Farley reported them to be.

UFOs, Unidentified Flying Objects. With lights.

Researcher Says 'Attacker' Of Deputy Possibly Was UFO

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A researcher has dismissed lightning—but not UFOs—as the source of a bright light which "attacked" a deputy sheriff on a lonely country road in northwestern Minnesota last August.

Roland D. Wardell, 57, a metallurgical engineer for Honeywell Inc. who describes his interest in UFOs as "casual," said he volunteered his services after reading news accounts of the Aug. 27 incident.

Deputy Val Johnson was on patrol about 1:40 a.m. that day when he spotted a bright light. As he headed toward it, Johnson said later, the light swooped in on him, damaging his squad car and burning his eyes.

Wardell emphasized Tuesday that he conducted his research on his own and that his expertise was in materials rather than UFOs. He said he volunteered his services to Marshall County Sheriff Dennis Brekke.

He examined the car's antennas and fragments of glass from the squad car headlight and top flasher light.

In his report to Brekke, Wardell said his inspection points to a highly-charged electrical "thing" with enough mass and momentum to break the left headlight, crack the windshield, bend two antennas, disrupt the car's electrical system and stop both the car clock and Johnson's wristwatch for 14 minutes.

"I found no earthly explanation that could cause all of those things," Wardell said. "You could pick out all sorts of earthly explanations to cause single portions of it. But to cause all of

those things, that makes it very interesting."

Two factors discount a natural phenomenon such as lightning, Wardell said. He cited the sustained, horizontal, beam-like appearance of the light and the need for mass to accomplish what happened to the patrol car.

The disruption of the car's electrical system "points heavily to something electrical in nature, with enough force to bend the antennas," Wardell said.

But with a manmade charge, he added, he would have expected to see more evidence that the light arced from one point to another.

In concluding his report, Wardell said any statement as to what damaged the car would be speculation. But he did not rule out the possibility

of some kind of vehicle from outer space.

"We live in an age that tells us there likely are civilizations more advanced than us," he noted. "We, as a civilization, are accomplishing extensive space travel. We know how to utilize intense electrical fields for accelerating particles or producing forces."

Brekke said he relayed Wardell's report to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., which also is investigating the incident.

Flying Lights Over City

Several Grants Pass residents reported seeing moving lighted objects in the sky south and west of town about 9:15 p.m. Wednesday.

One man said the amber red light on the object was constant and was traveling at a height between 4,000 and 5,000 feet.

Another man with field glasses said one object looked like a weather balloon traveling fast out of the southwest and described it as having an orange light. He said the object stopped, hovered and bounced about before disappearing.

After a short time, the light dimmed and the object descended.

Neither the Medford weather station nor local police agencies received any reports from other people regarding the objects and no one seems to know anything about them.

UFO sighting reported by 6

At least five residents of a Green St. apartment building and an Elizabeth patrolman claim to have spotted an unidentified flying object in the form of a small, red circular light Thursday evening.

Steven Urso said he was standing at the rear door of his apartment building at 557 Green St. at about 7 p.m. Thursday, when he saw a light "about the size of a silver dollar" making "numerous types of figures and motions" in the sky.

He and a neighbor stood watching the light hover above for 30 minutes. Then the object began to travel toward the building's aluminum glass door, they said.

Another neighbor, Louis Gullo arrived at the door of the building. The other two shouted for him to look at the light. With this, Gullo claims the light made motions around his feet for 30 seconds and then traveled up again.

Patrolman Charles Ritchie reported he, too, witnessed the light shining in the sky.

DAILY JOURNAL, Elizabeth, NJ - Nov. 9, 1979

DAILY COURIER, Grants Pass, OR - Nov. 29, 1979

UFO captive tells her story in an informal talk

By Lori Granger
Daily Collegian Staff Reporter

On Nov. 26, 1972, Judy Kendall left Bodega Bay at 5:30 p.m. with her two sisters expecting to reach her parents' home in Woodland at 8:30. They arrived at 12:30 a.m. and couldn't explain the four missing hours of their lives for five years, until Kendall decided to undergo hypnosis to possibly uncover the mystery.

On Nov. 26, 1977, Kendall learned the truth from her own subconscious mind, which had been programmed to keep the secret. She and her sisters had been abducted by a UFO and examined by aliens for four hours. They were returned safely to their car with no recollection of what had taken place.

Kendall, now 35 and a clerk typist for the Yolo County Superior Court, gave an informal talk Saturday at the University Religious Center across from CSUF, about her bizarre experience.

Kendall said she knew the road to her parents house "like the back of my hand," but had trouble reaching the turnoff just past Cash Creek Bridge, 10 miles west of Woodland. She said the car kept going while she became confused and felt as though she was floating.

Four hours later (though they were unaware of the time lapse) they were recrossing the same bridge and continuing on to their destination. Kendall said they were extremely bewildered about the time loss, but just decided to forget about it since there was "nothing we could do about it."

Two and a half years ago, Kendall said she sighted a UFO in Yolo County which she described as a bright white light stationed in one spot, which changed intensity and color and then disappeared into the night. Her curiosity about the four missing hours was rekindled that evening by a friend who advised her to contact Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer at Northwestern University. Hynek suggested that she undergo hypnotic regression. Her curiosity outweighed her fear and skepticism, and she agreed. Five years to the day, Kendall went back in time and space and relived her ordeal. She said she has tapes of the session, which prove her claims.

After being swooped out of her car and brought aboard the craft, she said, "I was in a room by myself, it was large and hexagon shaped. When they put me on the table, I was restrained so that my head was held so tight by something that I couldn't move and it was so painful that when I was under hypnosis, I kept complaining about how bad my head hurt."

She went on to describe the three types of aliens that she encountered. There was one very pretty black haired woman who looked very human. "I felt like she was there to reassure me, she was compassionate, and said, 'don't worry, Judy.' I wondered how in the world she knew my name, it was like they had been watching me," she said.

There was another group of aliens who wore skin-tight gray suits, had very pale white skin and wore oxygen-like masks covering most of their faces.

Pointing out one of her memory sketches, she said, "This is the guy that just about did me in," identifying the alien she called the "witch doctor." "He was somewhere between six and seven feet tall with a bulbous-type head. His eyes were huge and gelatin looking. His pupils were elongated and red. He had thin, transparent white skin... with red veins showing through. He had no ears at all but just slits in the side of his head," she described in detail.

"When I was under hypnosis -- he scared me so bad that I just flatly told the doctor that I wasn't going to see him any more. Period."

The witch doctor only communicated with her once saying, "It will be O.K." She recalled, "When he talked to me it was like he was talking through a megaphone or a machine." She said that the aliens did not speak to one another.

"I kind of had the feeling that they were communicating telepathically, although I don't really know, since I'd never seen them before," she said laughingly.

While the aliens were examining her, they extracted some fluid from her side, which she could not identify. And she said that during hypnosis she had a sharp pain in the same side. "He didn't really do anything to hurt me though. He's probably an alright guy, but I wouldn't want to run into him again," she said.

Kendall said she was then scooted into her car bodily and expertly by the beings "as if they do that kind of thing a lot." Her sisters appeared soon after and the three continued on their way over the bridge as if nothing had happened, except that they felt a floating feeling.

Kendall's two sisters, who were in high school at the time of the abduction, have not undergone hypnosis, one is much too frightened at the prospect and the other says she is convinced without the proof on tape, Kendall said.

Expert UFO investigators from the Mutual UFO Network along with Dr. Hynek and others, feel that Kendall's is the most detailed abduction report



Drawings by hypnotized Kendall identified the UFO's shape and the alien's appearance.



Judy Kendall underwent hypnosis which revealed she had been abducted by a UFO.

that they have received, Kendall said. At a recent UFO symposium in San Francisco, Kendall said she met four other "close encounter" subjects who also waited exactly five years to undergo hypnosis. And she said that one woman described the aliens and the examination room exactly as she had.

After her talk, Kendall answered questions posed by seeming believers and skeptics in the audience. About 12 persons said that they had also sighted UFOs. She said that she was not trying to convince everyone, she is not interested in a lot of publicity and has never had psychiatric treatment prior to her regression.

When a member of the audience said that she was ill-prepared for her lecture and indirectly questioned her sanity, she said, "I know how you feel but I'm not a public speaker, I'm just an every day person. I'm not a crazy kook that

just made up a story, I want you to know that, O.K.? And I like you." With that, she received booming applause from the audience, including the skeptics.



Assistant demonstrates appearance of alien that Kendall encountered in her abduction.

EVENING OBSERVER, Dunkirk, NY - Nov. 19, 1979

Woman Reports Spotting UFO In Arkwright

ARKWRIGHT — A UFO sighting near Weaver Road here was reported to Fredonia-based state police at 7 o'clock this morning.

Rosemary Sabatino, who lives on Weaver Road, reported seeing the object over some trees for about 20 minutes. She said her 8-year-old son also saw the UFO.

Mrs. Sabatino described the UFO as being shaped like a sea-shell or egg with a large laser or ray-like light on the front.

She said the light was almost like a jet exhaust, except that it was moving in the opposite direction that an exhaust would normally go, almost as if it was pulling the object.

Mrs. Sabatino said the UFO reversed from a horizontal to a vertical direction, and went over the horizon and came back.

During the sighting, she noted, a smaller light dropped from the object and moved away to the right and then down in a slanting motion, disappearing in the woods. She described the small light as being similar to a bright star.

Although the object was quite a distance away, Mrs. Sabatino pointed out that it was always close enough to make out features. She was not sure of the object's size, but noted that it was fairly large in the sky.

"It wasn't an airplane," she exclaimed. Mrs. Sabatino saw five jets in the area 20 minutes after reporting the sighting, which she said was unusual for that area.

State Police Sgt. R. W. Miller, who took the UFO report from Mrs. Sabatino, reported seeing a vapor trail, but noted that it was probably from the jets in the area.

Fame, little fortune result from deputy's 'close encounter'

By Jim Parsons
Staff Writer

Oslo, Minn.

When they called her in the middle of the night, Rosanne Johnson was quite calm — even nonchalant — about her husband's painful encounter with the mysterious beam of light.

"The (sheriff's) dispatcher called her and told her there had been a minor accident and that I was on the way to the hospital. She said something like, 'OK, thanks for calling.' Then she went back to sleep," said her husband, Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson.

"They called her again about 5 o'clock (in the morning) and told her I would be home before too long. She said, 'Fine,' and went back to sleep.

"Then when I got home my eyes were bandaged and I was groping around and banging into everything. I told her I wanted to get some sleep. She said, 'Fine,' and then she went back to sleep."

Johnson went to sleep, too, but within hours the rumors were out in full force: He had received a large dose of radiation and all his hair had fallen out. No, it was worse than that — he was in the hospital in critical condition. Still worse — he had been "burned up" by radiation.

So the press was told about the beam of light, the damage to Johnson's squad car, the doctor's report that there had been irritation to the inner eye as if he had seen an extremely bright light.

"Then all hell broke loose," he said. Calls came from everywhere. London, Canada, California, New Jersey, Washington, New York. They came by the hundreds from reporters and others intrigued by the thought that Johnson had encountered a space ship. The television cameras and microphones descended.

Johnson's mother in Wisconsin caught just enough of a news item on the radio to realize it was her son. She thought he had been cooked by radiation, and she was frantic until she could get through on the phone.

Unflappable Rosanne had to handle much of the hell that was breaking loose. Her husband works at night and normally sleeps during the day, so she was in charge of the phone. It was going constantly, as were her three children (ages 1, 4 and 6) plus the two youngsters for whom she baby-sits.

Some of the calls were interesting, and a few were from kooks. Fortunately, none of the callers was offensive. The only thing offensive was the incessant ringing for 16 hours a day. (Their phone number is now unlisted.)

The bombardment continued at the grocery store. Everyone was friendly and understanding, but, to Rosanne, the story had become tedious. Her calm demeanor began to fray. So did her husband's. "We didn't snap at each other or the kids so much, but we sure did snap at some of the people on the phone," he said.

Then a call came from ABC's "Good Morning, America" show.

"We're going to New York! We're going to be on national TV!" Rosanne kept shouting at her husband, who had just gotten up. "She was jumping around and waving her arms. She was really excited," he said.

Johnson's boss, Marshall County Sheriff Dennis Brekke, had already talked to ABC and approved the trip. More shouting. There was finally going to be a payoff for Rosanne after three weeks of grief.

But reality soon set in. The kids had

to be farmed out to neighbors. Something had to be worked out about the baby-sitting job. Flight schedules had to be checked, tickets picked up. They had to go to the bank to get a loan. (ABC would pay, but they wouldn't get the money until they got to New York). Still, they were going to the Big Apple.

But the Big Apple turned out to be a hassle.

They went to the television studio after arriving to talk to a writer who didn't write anything. There was great consternation at the hotel because the Bee Gees were there and an airline was shooting a TV commercial in the lobby.

They decided to watch the TV production rather than venture out into the big city. They had supper — nothing memorable — with Allan Hendry, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill. Hendry had been to Oslo to investigate Johnson's experience and was to be on the program with Johnson.

They got up early the next day to get to the studio. ABC's limousine didn't show up and they had to rush to catch a cab. When Johnson walked into the studio it touched off a rapid-fire dialogue.

"Hey," someone yelled, "The cop's here."

"Good, let's get him on the air."

"We can't, the other guy (Hendry) isn't here, yet."

"Let's put the copper on anyway."

"Wait a minute. Think the other guy is coming in. Get him and the copper together."

By this time, Johnson had decided that he was a slab of bacon or some other inanimate object without a name.

Dave Hartman, the host, was much better. "He told us to relax. Said he'd ask us each three questions and to keep the answers short. He said we only had six minutes," Johnson said.

The six minutes went smoothly, but it was back to troubles with the ABC limousine once Johnson was off the set. They had decided to leave New York because ABC would pay for only one night in town.

A cab got them to the airport where a "weird" group saw Johnson's uniform (light brown shirt with dark brown epaulets). "They must have thought I was a Nazi brown shirt because they started yelling something about Hitler," said Johnson. "I turned and they saw my badge and everything was OK."

The Johnsons were glad to leave New York (pop. 7,481,613) and get home to Oslo (pop. 417).

Val doesn't mind talking about the entire episode. He'll go through it blow-by-blow. How, on Aug. 27 at about 1:40 a.m., he saw an extremely bright light on Hwy. 220 as he was driving home. The light remained stationary until it suddenly engulfed him and he heard glass shattering.

He was unconscious for 40 minutes. When he came to, his forehead was on the steering wheel and everything was moving in slow motion. He radioed for help. His eyes hurt intensely.

The car had stopped sideways on the highway. There were 99 feet of skid marks, although he remembers nothing about hitting the brakes. One headlight was broken, the windshield was shattered and a small red blinker on top of the car was broken. His two radio antennas were bent. There was a small dent in the hood with a tiny hole in it. His wrist watch and

Car passenger describes UFO he reported seeing over city

By PEGGY BIER
Staff Writer

If any of the residents of the Lincoln Terrace housing project in Northwest Roanoke had the uneasy feeling they were being watched about 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Larry Powers can explain why.

Powers can, in fact, explain in explicit detail. He said he saw the watcher.

Powers, a 27-year-old music education student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, was on his way into Roanoke via Interstate 581 when he saw a light that seemed to be that of an approaching plane.

But he watched it — his wife, Martha, was driving — and very soon it did not seem to be an approaching plane. For one thing, it wasn't headed for the airport.

Powers said it seemed to be about three miles away when the lights on it suddenly became so bright he had to put on his sunglasses. When he did, what he saw was not headlights, but a configuration of four lights — two below that appeared to touch each other, and two above, a little farther apart. There was a red-and-green light on top, and red lights on each side, he said.

"It definitely was not an airplane," Powers said. He said whatever it was was shaped like a beetle, oval with a

humped-up top. It was as "big as a Winnebago" and made a noise like a new refrigerator, he said.

Powers said he was close enough to the thing that he could see the street lights of the housing project reflecting off its bottom. It wasn't shiny — it had a dull, dark finish, he said. And its shape was irregular.

"I know I was looking at it, but I just couldn't believe it," he said. "I was so close if somebody had stuck their head out, I'd have seen their face. It was impossible by our laws that it could ever be in the air."

Powers said the craft hovered over the housing complex with its lights fixed on something on the ground. "For about 30 seconds, it had its lights fixed on us."

He said his wife slowed their car to about 20 miles per hour, and he rolled down his window to look and listen. Three or four other cars slowed also, he said.

Powers figured the asymmetrical hovercraft, which he said wasn't smooth but had metallic projections and indentations all over its surface, was about 200 feet off the ground when he saw it, and he was within 300 feet of it. Then he lost sight of it behind a building, and by the time his wife had turned the car around, it was gone.

"But I know what I saw," he said. Police received no calls about the object, and it wasn't seen or recorded by radar at Woodrum Field

the clock in the squad were both 14 minutes slow.

At first, Sheriff Brekke thought Johnson might have flipped his lid and suggested a lie detector and some psychological tests.

Johnson said he began wondering about himself, too, but the idea of having someone "poke around" in his head just added to his anxiety. He said he would quit his job first.

The idea of the tests was dropped. Then the eye doctor's report tended to confirm the bright light story. And reports of other strange, unexplained incidents began surfacing from local residents and from the call inundating the sheriff's office as well as the Johnsons.

Brekke said earlier this week that he is convinced that Johnson isn't lying. Brekke, like everyone else, doesn't know what hit Johnson that night.

A metallurgical engineer from Honeywell Inc. in Minneapolis volunteered to run some tests on the broken glass and the two antennas. The results, released this week, were inconclusive. The engineer didn't rule out the possibility of an "extra-terrestrial force" being involved.

Johnson is leaning toward the "little-creatures-from-outer-space" theory.

His wife prefers a let's-get-things-back-to-normal approach.

Johnson recently approached his wife with a request from a Tribune reporter and photographer for an interview. "Her exact answer was two growls and a snarl," he said, "and you must remember that my wife is a very gentle person."

So much for the interview and family picture. But the encounter on Hwy. 220 isn't going to leave the Johnsons alone.

The county commissioners are considering putting the damaged squad car (a 1977 Ford with 80,000 miles) on display at the museum at the fair grounds in Warren, the county seat. Or they might put it on display downtown.

Just might make a good tourist attraction.

Mystery Light Noted At Farm Near Goodridge

Another situation involving an unexplained brilliant light was reported to the Times Tuesday by Gordon Wold of rural Goodridge. He experienced the sighting of a bright light in his yard shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Wold said he awakened and noticed light in the kitchen of the farm house located nine miles east and half a mile south from the intersection of highways 1 and 219 south of Goodridge. Thinking there might be a fire in one of the buildings or a car in the yard, he got up and looked outside.

He said there was a brilliant light which seemed to be located in front of the garage door about 100 feet from the house. The wall of the garage was brightly lit, he said, and the white light illuminated much of the farm yard. The light was bright enough so that he could easily read the clock on the kitchen wall and it showed 1:03 a.m.

After turning on the yard light initially when he thought someone may have been in the yard, he shut it off and watched the light for several minutes. He said it appeared to be about two feet in diameter. After watching it for a few minutes he went to awaken his wife and when he returned to the window the light had disappeared. He was unable to say if it had moved in disappearing.

Wold said he was unable to sleep for most of the rest of the night and that in the morning his eyes felt like they had grit in them. When he inspected the area in the morning he could find no tracks in the snow nor any evidence of heat in the area, he said.

Wold said he was reluctant to report the experience for fear it wouldn't be believed, but added that he believed such events should be reported for public information.

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Helen White appears on 'Real People'

By HAZEL DAVIS

HAPPY CAMP--Helen White of Happy Camp was a celebrity during a segment of "Real People" viewed on KTVL-TV Wednesday, Nov. 7. The segment was taped during the MUFON UFO Convention held in Burlingame July 6, 7 and 8th of this year.

Among the estimated 1,500 persons in attendance were Helen and her husband, Clem, who drove from Happy Camp to the convention. Helen was one of the three persons interviewed for the television show, the three being among the few who claim to have been abducted or kidnapped by unidentified "beings" manning the UFO's.

During the television presentation, the interviewer explained that all three of the women were put under hypnosis during which times he was allowed to watch and listen to them tell of their kidnapping accounts. He felt very impressed by facts which came from the sessions of hypnosis he witnessed he said.

Helen's segment of the interview concerned portions of her account of being abducted along with two men from Happy Camp, Stan Gayer and Steve Harris, who had a trap line on Cade Mountain.

They also used to go to a clearing there, away from the populated area, to shoot their



REAL PEOPLE participant last week was Happy Camp's Helen White. Mrs. White appeared on television show for her interest in

unidentified flying objects and the fact she has three times had contact with "beings" from other planets.

guns. This particular time of her first abduction, the three of them were carried into the space ship by a strange ray of light. This was in November of 1976 and occurred on Cade Mountain in the area of the former town dump site.

The strange ship landed with two "beings" emerging. A number

of other residents of town were also present and experienced a feeling of "choking", but the others left before the three were abducted.

Everything lit up and one of the locked doors of the car opened and they were unable to re-

membered anything until waking up in the ship in the sky.

The "beings" spoke English so they were able to converse freely with them. They assured them that they would not hurt them.

As she said on the television show, "when we again were back on earth, we did not know what had happened; we next remembered being back in the car and driving along and singing 'There is Power in the Blood', an old religious song".

The television show closed with some lighthearted remarks leaving the rest to the imagination of the audience.

Helen reports another abduction about one year ago in about the same area, this time cutting wood with her young grandson, Randy. The ship and beings set down near them and they knocked Randy out with some weird device. Helen thought they had killed him.

She began crying and the "being" kept telling her he would be okay and not to be afraid. They took them into the craft, examined her and later ordered her to put her clothes on and then she and Randy were allowed to return to earth with some personal advice for her well being.

Just as recent as September of this year while cutting wood in the Mill Creek area she again had another encounter with the UFO people. She had cut up a whole log and had started splitting the wood when she was tapped on the shoulder by an "unknown being".

She yelled, "Oh, no not again", and threw her chainsaw, axes, etc. in the pickup and roared down the mountain, scared to death. When she got home she found black and blue marks all over her arms and shoulders.

She still makes numerous trips to the mountains, but with friends; she is not anxious to travel this area of Cade Mountain alone. The weird feeling persists and their presence is felt even when they are not seen, she says.

Helen has also reported sighting the craft from the window of her home in Happy Camp. The "beings" have also visited her at her home, and at one time one of them was standing in her bedroom.

She says these "beings" are very intelligent, they know what you are thinking. When she asked them from where they came, they said there was no use telling her because she would not know anyhow as she did not understand the universe.

Her husband, Clem, shares her views and he explains "We are just one little tiny planet; there are millions of planets out there. If this is the only one that has got life on it, then we sure are 'freaks', ain't we?"

And this is the way they look at it. They don't ask that others believe, but they are dedicated to the further study of UFO and are regular subscribers to the MUFON UFO Journal whose aim it is to intensify the scientific investigation of the UFO surveillance.

MUFON is the first letters of Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, and gathers all facts of all sightings in the world.

BULLETIN, Norwich, CT - Dec. 6, 1979 CR: B. Greenwood

One Mysterious Object Explained, One Isn't

By KIERAN O'LEARY
Bulletin Staff Writer

NORWICH—An object spotted in the sky above the Norwich Sheraton Motor Inn about one week ago is not attributable to any natural phenomena, an investigator for the Center For UFO Studies said Wednesday.

Lawrence Fawcett of Coventry, an investigator for the Evanston, Ill. UFO center, said, "As of now, we cannot come up with any explanation for the 4:25 sighting."

In addition to the sighting of the object above the Sheraton, witnessed by at least seven persons on Tuesday, Nov. 27, another object was seen throughout eastern Connecticut at approximately 6:30 p.m. That object has been positively identified as a meteor, Fawcett said.

But the 4:25 sighting remains a mystery.

"We've checked every possible phenomena," Fawcett said. Air Force bases and weather stations were checked and provided no clues as to what was in the sky on the last Tuesday in

November. The investigator said a theory by a Norwich man that the object was a weather balloon has been proven to be incorrect.

At least seven women at the Slimtiques Figure Spa saw an object hovering in the sky above the Sheraton Motor Inn. The women said the object was "bright" and "long and oval." The first woman to spot the object was assistant manager Yvette Godfrey who said it was "something I've never seen before."

Sharon Grillo, an employee at the spa, said, "It was very bright. It was brighter than a star. I know it wasn't an airplane."

Customer Cheryl Petranek described the object as "shiny" and said it was moving very slowly. "It almost looked like a cloud, but it wasn't," she said.

"I just saw a white, saucer-shaped object," she added.

In addition to the seven women at the spa, two other women at a nearby laundry told Ms. Godfrey they also saw the object, but the pair refused to give their

names and phone numbers to the assistant manager.

Fawcett said he has contacted most persons interviewed for two Bulletin articles on the sightings and he plans to speak with the remaining persons this week.

Most callers to the Bulletin on Tuesday night in reference to the 6:30 p.m. sighting, said they believed what they saw was a meteor. The UFO investigator was able to verify the speculation to be correct.

The meteor sighting was seen by persons in Norwich, Preston and Montville as well as a Ballouville couple who were driving near the Massachusetts border.

While the Sheraton sighting appears to be unexplainable, most sightings are not. Fawcett said sightings are attributable to natural phenomena 90 percent of the time. The Sheraton sighting joins the 10 percent which leaves UFO investigators baffled.



UFOs

By EDWARD C. FENNELL
Staff Reporter

"Their skin was the color of a marshmallow. Their eyes were long and dark with a brown iris. Their heads looked like overgrown human fetuses with no ears or hair. I heard a voice telling me to have no fear ..."

The narrative is by William Herrmann, a North Charleston resident who maintains he has twice been taken aboard a craft from another world. True or not, Herrmann's tale is believed by some UFO investigators to be among the most documentable of all UFO abduction cases, and his story is attracting national attention.

Herrmann, a 27-year-old auto mechanic, is the subject of writeups in November's Omni magazine and in at least one current publication devoted to the study of UFOs. A Japanese film crew visited Herrmann recently to film a documentary on his UFO encounters. Abkco Industries of New York is planning a UFO documentary film to include Herrmann and a book about his experiences is being planned.

Since reporting being abducted by a UFO near his mobile home off Dorchester Road March 18, 1978, Herrmann has undergone psychological stress evaluation, polygraph tests and interrogation under hypnosis. Investigators say the tests convinced them Herrmann believes he was actually aboard a UFO. The tests, however, are incapable of determining whether the encounter actually took place.

Herrmann's story is certainly one of the most bizarre in the history of reports on UFOs. Herrmann says his first meeting with aliens took place after he had seen a glowing disc on several occasions and photographed the disc on another occasion. Herrmann says he suddenly found himself in a Summerville field after spotting the UFO near his home. His memory of the abduction remained blank for a year, he says, and then on April 21 of this year a mysterious-looking metal bar, shaped like an ingot and bearing the letters "MAN" and some mysterious symbols, suddenly materialized in "a globe of blue-green light" in his bedroom. On a second trip aboard the aliens' craft May 16, Herrmann says he was told the bar was sent as a gift.

Omni magazine had a sample scraped from the bar and analyzed. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology analysis found the bar to be made of ordinary elements — a cast alloy of lead and 6 percent antimony — approximating the composition of lead pipes or grids from an auto battery. Herrmann maintains the aliens told him the bar is of a substance worthless to humans but of great value to the extraterrestrials.

Charles R. McQuiston of West Palm Beach remembers giving Herrmann a psychological stress evaluation test after he reported his first meeting with aliens. The test measures stress in speech patterns which would detect attempts at deception in a manner similar to that of a polygraph, McQuiston says.



Visited By Aliens?

William Herrmann (left) says he has been visited by aliens. Above is a mysterious metal bar which he says was a gift from the visitors. (Staff Photos by Edward C. Fennell)

Charleston Resident Claims They've Paid Him A Visit

"I don't remember any fraud" on Herrmann's part, McQuiston says of the test. "I didn't find anything wrong with his story at all. That's what he believes, and that's as far as I can go."

McQuiston says he performs PSE tests on hundreds of purported UFO sightings and contactees each year for magazines and UFO investigators. His machinery prints out a chart of changing speech patterns. A deliberate lie will result in "autonomic nervous responses" which will affect elements of speech that can be detected by instruments, McQuiston says.

McQuiston says about one-half of the purported UFO stories he tests are classified "for no further consideration."

A New York physician and teacher of hypnosis therapy at Columbia University, Dr. Bernard Stern, questioned Herrmann under hypnosis and is also convinced Herrmann believes the meetings with the aliens to be real. But Stern, who says he and his wife saw a whirling disc above the road in Florida several years ago, is not so sure Herrmann's reported events actually happened.

Stern says he "regressed" Herrmann's mind to the time of the reported abduction. "Herrmann is honest. He honestly believes he was in a UFO."

But Stern says questioning under hypnosis "doesn't prove anything. It doesn't mean (the abduction) is so."

Stern says he thinks Herrmann may be able to "hypnotize himself" into believing his reported UFO encounters. "He is fantasizing but doesn't know it."

But Stern adds, "In all fairness to Herrmann, I didn't challenge him in great detail. I asked him to describe what he was seeing in the UFO and he gave a vague description." Stern also says Herrmann is the only reported UFO abductee he has questioned under hypnosis.

Stern's lack of faith in Herrmann's story, however, is not shared by Abkco Industries, a major film and record making firm headquartered in New York. Abkco is putting together plans for a film documentary on UFOs, and wants to include Herrmann.

Malcolm Clarke, who will direct the film, says the sheer numbers of persons with stories similar to Herrmann's which can't be disproven indicate "that some are telling the truth." It was Abkco that brought Herrmann to New York for the hypnosis tests, Clarke says.

"Scientifically speaking, his story seems to stand up. His experience seems to be interesting and unusual."

Clarke says Abkco is putting together a film on UFO experiences "on a global scale. The point is there are a number of people like Herrmann."

Also standing behind Herrmann is retired Air Force Col. Wendelle C. Stevens of Tuscon, now an investigator for Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. Stevens says he spent 11 days here investigating Herrmann's first UFO encounter story, which he labels "a classic. It really

happened. I have a lot of data to support it."

Stevens says he has testimony from a number of Charleston-area residents who have reportedly seen a UFO similar to the one Herrmann claims to have boarded, including sightings on the same nights as Herrmann reported his encounters.

APRO has conducted tests on the metal bar Herrmann says materialized in his home and has sent Herrmann's UFO photos to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena for enhancement and computer evaluation. Stevens believes the color photos, which include a shot of a UFO trailing an Air Force jet near Charleston Air Force Base, are genuine.

Stevens says studies of the markings on the bar, which he says appear to be molded into the metal, have determined some of the symbols to be a map of the star group Reticulum, from which Herrmann says the aliens told him they came.

The star group is visible only from the Southern Hemisphere, and the star map puts the stars in a configuration never seen from Earth, Stevens says. "Only one star chart shows such a projection, and the chart is in Hungary and printed in Hungarian. Most people have never heard of the chart, and there is no way Herrmann could have ever seen it. The chart is only known to highly advanced astronomers."

An astronomy book identifies Reticulum as a faint constellation in the Southern Hemisphere. Herrmann says the aliens are from a world with twin suns. The Encyclopedia of Astronomy and Space identifies Zeta Reticuli (in Reticulum) "as a widely separated pair of stars similar to the sun, about 30 light years from Earth."

Stevens says he knows of other cases where UFO occupants have given Earth residents objects similar to Herrmann's bar. "It's a form of recognition, given only to a few Earth people, for having overcome the trauma and maintaining communication."

Another mystery associated with the Herrmann case is also under investigation by Stevens. Since he allegedly encountered the UFO occupants, Herrmann says he has felt a compulsion to write, from right to left, pages of script of a language unknown to Herrmann or Stevens. Stevens says an International Business Machines Corp. design engineer examined some of the script and says it may represent a formula for "accelerating matter to a dematerialized state."

Herrmann says he had just finished writing about three pages of the script when he felt his home shake, saw his lights flicker and go out and saw "a globe of blue-green light" begin to grow on his desk. "I was so frightened I couldn't look at it. When the glow subsided I saw the bar lying on the edge of the desk. I thought it would be hot but it felt cold."

He called Stevens right away. Stevens remembers Herrmann "was genuinely frightened. His teeth were chattering."

Herrmann says he was told by aliens on his second encounter with them that the bar "was a gift for me signifying they were thankful for and appreciative of the way I handled the situation" after the earlier abduction.

The second encounter was a voluntary one, he says, which came the month after the bar appeared in his home. He climbed aboard the UFO after feeling an urge to go to a spot where the UFO met him, he says.

The first encounter wasn't remembered until months after it happened, he says. He had gone out to a field to get a better look at a UFO after spotting it from his home and the next thing he remembers was finding himself in a strange area with a UFO whirling away above him.

Terrified, he flagged down an auto and found that he was in a wooded clearing near Bacons Bridge Road near Summerville. It was several hours later than he thought it should be.

Later, Herrmann says, he recalled what happened during the several hours he could not account for.

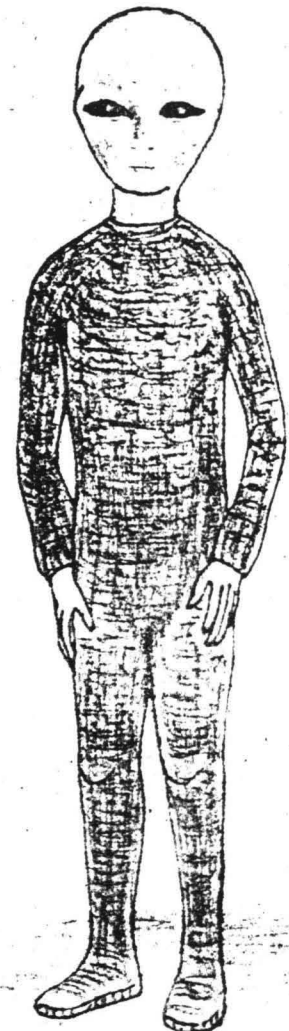
While watching the UFO from some railroad tracks, the UFO suddenly zoomed toward him, and projected a blinding beam of aquamarine light at him.

"I tried to run, but my legs wouldn't move, it was like I was paralyzed. I couldn't yell. I thought, oh God, I'm going to die."

Later, he says he was "on this low examination table only 2 feet above the floor." Three strange-looking beings watched him.

The aliens told him there are three races of intelligent beings from space that visit Earth and conduct experiments and observe life here.

Herrmann says his life has changed greatly since he spoke about his UFO encounters, although he denies he is seeking personal publicity. Life will probably never be the same for him again. He says he was told on his second meeting with the aliens that they would return for him again.



Strange Visitor?

This is a drawing of an alien as described by Herrmann.

Hey, 'Frantic Fran,' don't call air base with UFO sightings

By J.L. MILLER
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Staff Writers

DOVER—If you think you've spotted an unidentified flying object, don't call Dover Air Force Base. They don't want to know about it.

Although Base personnel verified they spotted an unknown "blip" on a radar screen during the first rash of Delmarva "UFO" sightings last month, they did so only at the request of Delaware State Police, spokesman Maj. Robert Groom said Tuesday.

People continue to report flashing lights in the sky, and a Dover man claims he saw something with lights take off silently from an orchard clearing, fly over the Blue Hen Mall, and hang in the sky over Dover Air Force Base Saturday night.

Groom suggests that Delmarva residents who think they have spotted a UFO should call the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

"The Air Force hasn't played a role in investigating UFOs since the 1960s," he said.

A Bridgeville resident, who asked to be identified only as "Frantic Fran," called the *State News* late Tuesday night to report that one of the strange, flashing objects in the sky was there again.

Two *State News* reporters walked outside the office and there it was, hovering in the southeast skies, flashing from red to green to white.

When told Base officials are not taking any calls on UFOs, Frantic Fran replied, "But I can't afford to call Seattle."

When it was suggested she call Delaware State Police instead, she said, "What can they do? They can't go up there and arrest it."

She did say, however, that if the object landed, she would call back before leaving town.

Dan Emory of Dover thinks it has landed—whatever it is.

He and his girlfriend, whose name he would not reveal, were parked Saturday in an orchard near the Dover American Legion Hall on Bay Road, when they saw red and white lights nearby, he said.

His girlfriend was scared and started the car to leave, but he tried to settle her nerves by saying it was probably a plane or a helicopter, remembering that officials said this week that a C-5A cargo plane can seem to hover if it is moving toward the watcher.

Then the lights rose—just about 50 feet from the car, he said.

"I stuck my head out the window and I couldn't hear a thing, just a little hissing noise," Emory, 20, said.

They saw the lights again as high tailed it they for home, spooked by what they had seen.

The "UFO" was flying slowly over the Blue Hen Mall parking lot, climbing into the sky, but at that point it only had white lights, he said.

The couple could not tell the size or shape of what was under the lights.

Emory's brother thought it was a star when they pointed it out to him soon after, in the sky over Dover Air Force Base.

But Emory was not convinced.

"It scared me to death. I slept on the couch that night. I was scared to sleep in the bedroom by myself," he said.

Deputies spot 'balls of light' in East County

By DAVID HASEMYER
TRIBUNE Staff Writer

Last night's patrol through East County started off routinely for deputy sheriffs Ron Cottingham and Myron Porter. But things didn't stay that way.

"There were two balls of light in the sky," said Cottingham, a 6½-year veteran. "It looked like red, blue and white spotlights stacked on top of each other. They were much brighter than any of the stars."

"That was interesting enough, but when they started to move I had a very strange feeling — like I know it can't be a UFO, but it is."

Porter was on patrol about 2 a.m. three miles east of Rancho Janal Road on Proctor Valley Road when he, too, glanced into the "crystal-clear night sky and saw the celestial phenomena."

"There were three distinct light sources," said the veteran of 1½ years on the force. "They might have been stars, but they were moving too much to be stars."

The bizarre evening began with a call from a woman living near Jamul who reported that two unidentified flying objects — UFOs — were buzzing her house. Cottingham responded, but said then that he couldn't see anything.

Less than an hour later, Porter called Cottingham about the sightings.

"I never would have seen it, but I just happened to catch a glimpse of something bright in the sky," Porter

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said. "It was then that I began to study the thing and called Ron."

The pair said they spent about two hours watching the "things" do aerial acrobatics low in the southeastern sky.

"It's hard to say how large the two things were or how fast they were moving because they were so far away," Cottingham said. "But they were moving, and it wasn't a natural phenomenon."

After watching the pulsating lights for two hours, the deputies called the division supervisor — Sgt. Michael Peltier — who also saw the two objects and agreed that they weren't stars.

"They couldn't have been stars; they were too bright," Peltier said. "When I saw them they weren't zigzagging or anything, but they were definitely moving faster than anything else in the sky."

Peltier took photographs of the objects, but said he didn't have a telephoto lens. "I used a tripod, so at least I should be able to get some idea how fast the things were moving," he said.

"I never did believe in UFOs," Cottingham said, "but I'm sure going to give it strong consideration now."

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They say UFO sight made them believers

By WILLIAM A. CARROLL
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ASHLAND — While leaving apartments on Oak Street at about 11 Saturday night, John Brune and Lynn White said they experienced something persons worldwide claim to share, but that continues to baffle the scientific and social community.

The couple said they sighted an unidentified flying object.

As they were leaving the apartments, according to Ms. White of 134 Arlington St., Framingham, two bright lights pierced their vision.

"Something that was very large was approaching in the sky from the woods near the apartments and coming right over our heads, slowly and very quietly," she said.

"As it got closer, we could see that it was round; it didn't have wings, and it had yellow-orange lights all the way around it. I've never seen anything like that before in my life," Ms. White added.

John Brune, who along with Ms. White, works as a custodian at Wellesley College, related the experience as something which has turned him into a "believer."

"After what I saw Saturday night," he said, "I believe in what many people I wrongly called 'quacks' before have said. There must be life else where because that object wasn't man-made. It was too fast for a helicopter and too slow to be a jet airplane. And

it didn't make a sound—that's the most curious thing."

The UFO, according to both Ms. White and Brune, was travelling not higher than a few hundred feet above rooftops, and after passing over the Ashland apartments, headed in the direction of Framingham, arching higher as it went.

The two reported that they got into their car and tried to follow the object, but to no avail as it was too quick and passed out of sight.

When asked why they didn't report their sighting to the police, the couple said they thought they'd just be considered drunks or quacks, and wouldn't be believed. They added that they wouldn't have believed a story like theirs before Saturday night.

"We even have a friend in Framingham who says she saw something startling enough to make her pull off the road in her car, around 11:15 p.m. the same night," Brune offered, "but she refuses to join with us in telling about it. She doesn't think people will believe us."

Ms. White and Brune say they plan to report their experience to one of the many organizations which record UFO sightings, or to look into the area of UFO research with a new and avid interest, sparked by a strange and somewhat frightening experience that they both said they had, but that neither one can explain.

UFO: Another Sighting Reported Locally

By LYNETTE L. WALTHER
Daily News Staff Writer

Another close encounter with a UFO (unidentified flying object) was reported by a Palatka woman.

Keeping the UFO sighting to herself for two days, an all-night worker's curiosity got the best of her and she called the Palatka Daily News Friday to see if a story of similar sightings on Tuesday night, reported in a story on Wednesday, could be explained. The woman, who asked not to be identified, said she saw something hovering in the sky over the Palatka police station between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Wednesday morning.

"I wouldn't tell anyone," said the woman, a night employee. "You know people don't believe you've seen anything, they'd laugh at you."

She said she saw a round object that glowed with a light similar to vapor lights. Her son was with her and he saw it first. She said she tried to convince him that it must be an airplane, but he pointed out that the glowing object was not moving.

"I would have said it was a plane, but they're not orange and they don't sit there in mid air," she said.

"This was orange and kind of shaped like a pot, like the lid of a pot, but deep like a pot," she added. "It was sitting still and all of a sudden it went west and then it went east."

This report of a UFO followed reports from several area citizens Tuesday evening. Their reports coincided with the Air Force's launching of a Titan C-3 missile from the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral. But this one didn't and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials say they can't explain what the woman saw.

"That is one I can't find anything on," said FAA Jacksonville Center Deputy Chief Gene Paulson.

Paulson said the center's equipment did not record the presence of the object Wednesday morning, but the equipment would only record objects over 5,000 feet. The UFO seen here was at a much lower altitude, possibly at under 2,000 feet. It was low enough for the woman to be able to see a line of individual lights around its midsection and discern its general shape. It had no wings.

"None of my records show anything called in so far," said Paulson, referring to not having received any other sighting calls.

"The last time I saw it, it went down behind the trees," said the woman who watched the object travel below the horizon. "We watched it for some 10 minutes. We thought it was never going to go away."

She said she feared ridicule if she made her sighting public and so kept the incident to herself.

UFO Sightings Reported Throughout County

By FRANK SAENZ
Staff Writer

At least a dozen San Diego county residents reported seeing unidentified flying objects during Thanksgiving Day week.

Out of the heavens, residents reported to the Valley Center UFO Education Center, came visions of dancing, twirling, ethereal, star-like lights that darted this way and that, disappearing and then reappearing, glowing and dimming.

The number of calls made to the center was unusually high for an area the size of San Diego county, a spokesman for the center said.

The first sightings were reported Nov. 19 by Tim Burke of Fallbrook, as he sat watching the Los Angeles Rams and the Atlanta Falcons on Monday Night Football; the most recent, by five Lemon Grove sheriff's deputies and their sergeant as they cruised near Proctor Valley and Janal roads in east county, about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

The descriptions given by Burke and the sheriff's officers to the center and reporters resembled those given by three beach strollers on Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas earlier the same night, between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

"My husband and a friend decided to take a walk Saturday night," said Terry McPherson, who moved with her husband, John, into a Third Street apartment in Encinitas in October. "We saw what looked like a really bright star that was making very erratic movements over the ocean, to the northwest. It would go sideways, then downward really fast, faster than any airplane or helicopter ever could."

"We walked to Moonlight State Beach. That's when we saw two of them. What convinced my husband, who was skeptical until then, was when we saw both lights head toward each other as if they were on a collision course. The lights circled each other, then both continued moving parallel to the north. It was the weirdest thing," Mrs. McPherson said.

John McPherson, who was in the Navy, said that three star-like objects eventually appeared in the western sky, the likes of which he'd never seen, even in his Navy days.

"They seemed to do formations. The lights would move in straight lines, then turn and move down very fast," he said. "There was no pattern to the lights themselves. They would get dim, as if they were moving away, and then grow brighter as they appeared to move closer."

"And I know they were moving because I lined up what I was watching with the parking sign on the beach parking lot. I know the parking sign wasn't moving, even at Moonlight State Beach."

Bob Ekstrand, a Vista resident and salesman for a local pharmaceutical firm, was with the McPhersons on the crisp, clear, cool night. He described the sightings as having red and bluish lights mixed with white or amber.

"There were no pattern to the lights," Ekstrand said. "You could easily miss them because they looked like stars."

"The whole thing was sort of anti-climactic," Terry McPherson said. "We see so many movies like 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,' where you expect the music to swell up in a big crescendo. It was nothing like that. It was not a haunting experience. We just watched it. We ruled

out it was a helicopter. Then we ruled it was a plane. Pretty soon you rule out all the things that are known to you that can fly."

That morning, around 3:30 a.m., deputy Ron Cottingham received a call from deputy Myron Porter to head toward the Proctor Valley Road area in east county.

The deputies, working the night shift at the Lemon Grove substation, had already received a phone call from a woman living in Brookhaven area. The woman reported saucer-like objects with flashing lights were buzzing her house.

"We checked it, but didn't see anything. We kissed it off as another nut call and left," Cottingham said. "But then deputy Porter said he was driving down Proctor Valley road when he saw these red and blue lights. He thought it was another deputy car that had pulled off the road, but as he drove closer, he realized the lights were in the sky. That's when he froze, pulled off the road and called us."

"Deputy Myron called me and my partner, and when we got out there, it looked like what that lady in Brookhaven had described," Cottingham said. "We saw a reddish and bluish lights above the Jamul area. The suckers would move, then stop, then move again, as if moving away. Then a second one appeared, maybe over the Pio Pico area. I remember that one dipping behind a mountain before coming up again. It shot straight up, moved farther south in very fast, rapid, jerky movements," the deputy said.

Cottingham said four other deputies and a sergeant eventually drove to the area and watched the night lights, a show which they said lasted perhaps two hours. The sightings were duly recorded in the deputies' log, but no official report was made, Cottingham said.

"It made us think about the woman out in Jamul who supposedly built a launching pad for UFOs. The woman had been on the news. It just makes you wonder," Cottingham added.

More than a week ago Tim Burke, who lives with his wife in the East Gate apartment complex on Alturas Street in Fallbrook, was listening to Howard Cosell and company on the Monday Football telecast when two youngsters, who live elsewhere in the complex, became very excited.

"The kids were shouting that they were looking at UFOs, but they were playing with some flashlights, so I didn't pay too much attention," said Burke, a 23-year-old manager of the town's Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet.

"But my wife went outside and then

called me out. I went out there and saw what appeared to be a very bright star. Our apartment sits on a hillside facing the east, so we have a clear view of the town. The night was real clear. Then this bright starlike thing started moving slowly. It seemed like one light turned into two lights. They were just white lights. No color."

Burke called his assistant manager at the fried chicken store, who also reportedly saw the lights. Burke grabbed his camera and began snapping pictures, which did not turn out, he said.

"It finally convinced me. I mean, I did a lot of light operations while I was in the Marine Corps and I never saw anything like this. I was trying to convince myself that this wasn't happening. But it was happening," he said.

Burke stopped talking. "I am slowly...I have...I do believe there's something else going on. This was too weird," Burke said.

Other residents — in Olivenhain, two Vista High School students and a Solana Beach elementary school teacher — told The Blade-Tribune they, too, had spotted strange lights in the sky during the weekend.

The Olivenhain resident, fearing she would be labeled a "nut for life," nevertheless said she saw "lights that jerked across the northern sky" about 10 p.m. Saturday, about the time the McPhersons and Ekstrand said they were watching a light show at Moonlight State Beach.

Two students from Vista High School, after Saturday night's CIF football game in El Cajon, reportedly saw "slow moving spots of light" also cross the northwest sky as they drove home on Interstate 805.

But the students, too, opted for anonymity.

"I talked about the whole thing at work today (Monday)," said John McPherson. "I got the usual razzing, but I know what I saw. It was a strange experience."

Terry McPherson said she immediately called her mother in Los Angeles.

"I called her up and told her, 'Now mom, I have never lied to you.' I guess I believed in UFOs. I never really gave it much thought. I wasn't really convinced. I am now convinced."

TIMES-RECORD, Brunswick, ME - Dec. 13, 1979 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO sighted over Hockomock Bay

By Pam Strayer

WOOLWICH — Woolwich residents and deputies from the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department saw an unidentified flying object hovering above Hockomock Bay for approximately four hours last night.

Charlotte Leeman, of Hockomock Road in Woolwich, was the first to report the sight to authorities. She said went outside her house about 8 p.m. saw a "a bright, bright yellow light" across the water toward Westport Island.

When she first saw it, she joked to herself that it must be some pretty unusual Christmas lights. Then she said she realized it was a UFO.

Leeman said the light flickered occasionally and intermittently bobbed up and down and from side to side. "Sometimes there was pendular motion, then up and down," she said.

Authorities at the Brunswick Naval Air Station control tower said they picked up no indication of the object's existence on their radar screens.

Sagadahoc County Sheriff Department deputies Mark Holbrook, Leo Scopino, and Calvin Temple, responding to Leeman's call, drove to the scene and verified what Leeman had reported. They said that a bright, orange light glowed from across the bay. They estimated it was about a mile from the Leeman's hilltop home.

The deputies sat on the Leeman's porch and watched the light for several hours before it went out. Leeman said that around midnight, "it sort of went to a red glow, faded out, then came back full flame and then completely went out."

"It looked like a flat object," she continued. "You might think it was a kite flying, the way she bounced around. It was queer, very queer."

Leeman took a picture of the scene with a small automatic camera.

"I never saw anything like it before," said Deputy Scopino.

Deputy Holbrook said he looked at the object through binoculars and was able to discern "one main white light that I would call a spotlight. Above it was another set of

yellow lights, and to the right of the spot light was another set of yellow lights. But you couldn't set that with the naked eye."

"At times it looked like it was coming right at us."

Holbrook said he, like Leeman, first thought the light was coming from a house until it started to move. "The main light would go off and on," he said. "Then all at once, the doggone thing moved to the left, north, and came back to the original spot."

Holbrook said he did not believe the object could be a conventional aircraft because it hovered in the vicinity several hours and made no sound. "I'm not one to believe in UFOs or things from Mars," he said. "But, hey, the thing flew, and we didn't hear anything like a motor."

He left the others stationed at the Leeman house and drove around Westport Island in an attempt to get close to the object, but was unsuccessful in his search, he said. "It never rose above the tree line," he noted.

According to Ed Wood, plant manager of

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant in Wiscasset, none of the night guards saw any mysterious lights near the station last night.

Robert Gribble, a staff member of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., a project of Phenomena Research, said that UFOs have a history of being sighted near atomic installations.

He said the sighting sounded authentic and that he did not believe the object could have been a plane or the work of pranksters.

Gribble said UFOs had been sighted over hospitals using atomic energy, near universities with atomic research facilities, and close to shipyards building atomic-powered vessels.

The UFO expert said he will try to obtain more information about the sighting from witnesses.

Authorities at Brunswick Naval Air Station said they had no interest in pursuing the sighting. "By law, we have no mandate to investigate UFOs," said BNAS Public Affairs Officer Jeff W. Moles.

UFOs

'Skeptic' swayed by tale of extraterrestrial visitors

By John A. Winters
Republic Staff

"Something unknown to our understanding is visiting this planet."

Lee Elders delivers the statement in measured tones between sips of iced tea at a Phoenix restaurant. Hardly the wild-eyed fanatic, Elders is director of international operations for Intercep, a Phoenix-based company involved in "private communications protection" — in a word, debugging.

Elders conducts electronic sweeps in an effort to foil the pirates of industry and government who seek to gain critical information by electronic eavesdropping.

A clear-eyed, sandy-haired man of about 40, Elders nonchalantly relates how a man who makes his living by being suspicious came to believe in extraterrestrial beings.

About three years ago he visited a Tucson friend, retired Air Force Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, at the same time as a Swiss woman named Lou Zinsstag, who related stories of a watchman near Zurich who claimed to have been visited numerous times by disc-shaped aircraft.

Stevens asked Elders if he would be interested in looking into the sightings.

"My first reaction was, 'Bull,'" Elders recalled. "I said, 'No way — too many things to do.'"

Stevens went over himself, Elders said, and brought back a suitcase full of photographs and other data on the alleged visitations.

Shortly thereafter, Elders was scheduled to conduct an electronic sweep for a client in London and, yielding to curiosity, he sought out the watchman, Eduard Meier, in the countryside of Zurich canton.

Elders said he found that far from seeking publicity, Meier was not at all eager to discuss the sightings. His manner was quiet, unassuming.

"I was totally impressed with the man," Elders said.

He was to learn later that Meier's initial reticence stemmed from cen-

assured Meier that he meant no harm. The gist of this first message was that the visitors were men much like those on earth, but with technical knowledge far exceeding that of people on this planet.

In numerous sightings to follow, Meier said, the spacecraft would appear, disappear, then reappear, jumping instantaneously from place to place. During rapid, visible ascent, they would exhibit a pendulum motion, appearing to swing from one location to another.

About 130 contacts followed the initial one, Meier said. The visitors explained that they did not appear to masses of people because they wanted no panic. They wanted to nudge the imagination gently, to test the sensibility, of Earth — to probe, to mildly influence.

They were able to come to Earth from their home in the Pleiades because they had developed a propulsion force capable of attaining "hyperspace" velocity.

At that point, space and time were reduced to "non-space" and "non-time" — annihilated. Light years were reduced to fractions of seconds.

Elders says he is convinced that Meier is not lying.

Stevens says he is also convinced.

He said that during his 30 years in the Air Force, he flew virtually every aircraft available and had spent two tours of duty in technical intelligence. At the time Lou Zinsstag brought him Meier's photos, Stevens felt he had the best collection of UFO photos in the world.

"She brought in the best UFO photographs I had ever seen," he said.

Stevens then corresponded with Meier for about a year.

"Finally, I had accumulated so much evidence, I had to go there and look him in the eye," Stevens said. "I finally sat down face to face with him across the coffee table in his kitchen. When he speaks to you, he looks you straight in the eye."

Born in Bulach on the northern border of Switzerland, Meier has lived in the country all his life, most recently near a small town 45 miles east of Zurich called Sitzburg.

"He makes his living working as a watchman," Stevens said. "He also draws a small disability pension from the Swiss government."

Meier lost an arm in a bus accident, Stevens said.

"I went to great pains to cultivate the friendship of all the people around him," he said.

About a dozen of the two dozen or so close friends of Meier said they had seen the spacecraft, said Stevens, who has contacted all but three of them.

These neighbors support Meier's story, Stevens said.

He said that Meier reported that at first he was approached on the ground, but in later encounters he was physically transported to the craft.

"I was there twice when the contacts took place, but I didn't get to see them," Stevens said.

On one occasion, Meier had gone outside his small dwelling. Stevens followed moments later to find Meier's footprints filling with water in the soggy ground, but no sign of the watchman. Later, Meier said, he had been taken aboard a spacecraft.

Stevens describes Meier's extraterrestrial visitors as follows: "Nordics. Their skin has a fine texture, with a slight degree of translucency. The forehead is high, the eyes a little wide-set. Teeth are very straight. The nose is small — a slight upward tilt to the corners of their eyes, giving them a slightly oriental appearance."

They generally wear one-piece suits of gray, Stevens said.

He said Meier told him that about 30 percent of the negatives he sent out for developing were not returned, nor did he receive any photos from them. Stevens contends they were intercepted by either domestic or foreign intelligence agencies.

"We found all kinds of investigations there," he said. "The Swiss canton police had conducted an extensive investigation of him. The West Germans had a team of investigators that stayed there for months. The Austrians also were there. The Czechs had intelligence people there. They were all doing it in a highly clandestine way."

Police in Zurich declined to discuss Meier with The Arizona Republic. Henry Wutschert of the Zurich police said any inquiries regarding Meier would have to be submitted in writing.

Meier could not be reached by telephone.

Meier's last sighting was about two weeks ago, Stevens said.

Is Meier simply a clever con man masquerading as a Swiss rustic, a Ned Warren in the clothing of Heidi's grandfather?

"We checked that out very carefully," Stevens replied, no trace of resentment in his voice. "He was not lecturing. He was not selling his story. He was not selling his pictures. He had no background of promotion, no record of conning anyone."

Stevens, Elders and their confreres ran what they contend is an exhaustive set of tests on Meier's photos. Specialists in computer, laser and other forms of photo analysis were consulted.



Eduard Meier

An alleged UFO appears to hover over a meadow in a Swiss forest.

The analyses ruled out pasteups and a variety of other gambits usually associated with fake photography, Elders said. The terrain of the sightings was checked, to rule out the use of models in the photos. The terrain at many of the sightings would make such manipulation impossible, the investigators concluded.

They questioned witnesses other than Meier, including children who were more than willing to discuss their "friends from the sky," Elders says. Subjected to lie detector tests, the witnesses passed with flying colors, according to Elders.

The investigative team found itself nudged into belief.

Lee Elders, professional skeptic, believes that something beyond the realm of known human experience is happening to Meier. And Wendelle Stevens believes it. They have compiled a collection of the best photographs, now available in local bookstores.

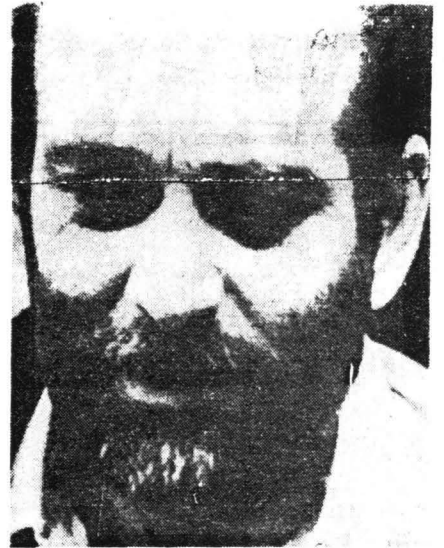
"I am convinced from all that I have seen, and all that has been examined and tested, that this is not a master hoax," Stevens said.

(additional photos on page 10.)

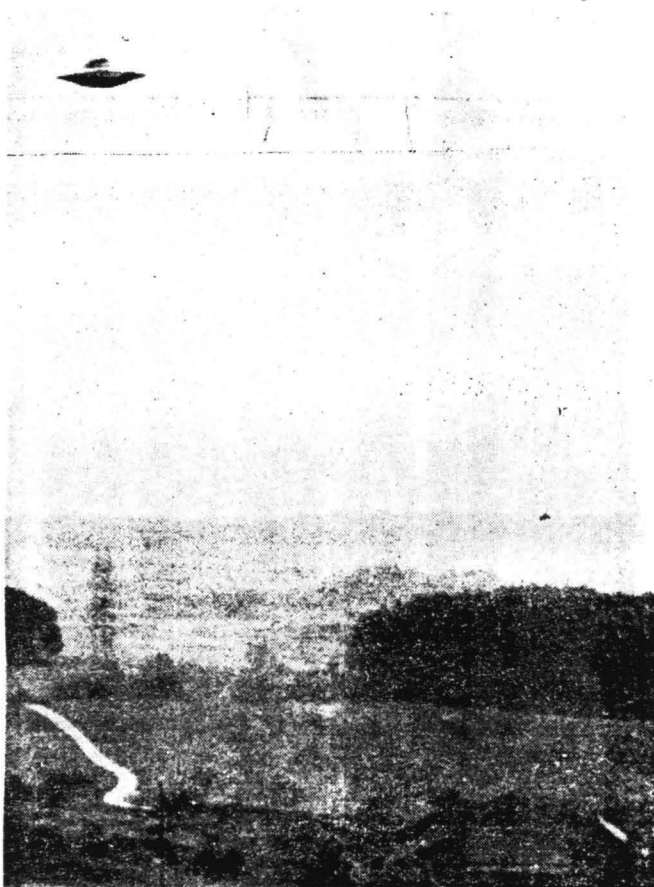


Three disc-shaped objects fly over a mountain range. Swiss watchman Eduard Meier says that he has been

contacted by extraterrestrial beings about 130 times. He describes the aliens as "nordic" in appearance.



Eduard Meier



Eduard Meier

An object claimed to be a UFO flies over the Swiss countryside. Below, a Swiss Mirage jet fighter, left, is said to be attacking an extraterrestrial spacecraft. The fighter has just completed a pass and is turning around to pursue the spacecraft. The photo was taken on April 14, 1976.



DAILY EXPRESS, Kirksville, MO - Nov. 30, 1979

UFO Sighted In Southwest Part Of City

The Kirksville Police Department said today that several individuals in the southwest part of the city reported the sighting of a strange flying object Thursday evening.

According to police reports, a woman and her child on South Baird Street reported seeing a star-shaped object with bright lights hovering in the area around South First Street at approximately 8 p.m. The woman said that she thought the object was a falling star until it began moving up and down with bright white lights. She said the object hovered for a few minutes and then travelled west at an incredible rate of speed.

When the object appeared just west of P.C. Mills Park on Hamilton Street, it intersected

with a larger object with green and red lights. She said the two objects hovered together for a minute or so and then travelled together west and up at a phenomenal rate of speed. She said the entire sighting lasted approximately 10 minutes, and that her young daughter was terrified by the incident. The woman also said that an airplane had travelled east of her just before she sighted the first object. She said she observed the plane as it travelled south of the city.

The police department said another individual on West Hamilton Street also reported sighting an object at approximately the same time in the same area. This individual was not available for comment.

According to police reports, an individual in LaPlata also reported sighting the objects near the Kirksville area at approximately the same time.

CR: J. Brill

FOCUS, Hickory, NC - Jan. 3, 1980 CR: G. Fawcett

UFO Sightings Down In North Carolina

Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects throughout North Carolina were down in 1979, but 1980 should bring them back again to Tar Heel skies, according to George D. Fawcett, state director for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Fawcett, a Lincolnton investigator, has monitored the UFO reports for the past 36 years.

Observations were reported from excited eyewitnesses in only 20 North Carolina towns and cities during 1979, about one-half the number of communities that made reports the previous year. For the first quarter of 1979, reports came in from Lenoir, Asheboro,

UFO reports were made from Asheboro, Reidsville, Lenoir, Booneville, Lincolnton, Indian Trail and Pineville during the third quarter. The fourth quarter sightings were in Ansonville, Maiden, Newton and Stanley.

Most of the Tar Heel encounters in 1979 involved disc-shaped objects with multi-colored lights seen at night. No landings or radar trackings or photographs or pilot reports were reported as in 1978, but a human abduction and physical examination by humanoids was reported for the first time ever in North Carolina by a frightened and perplexed Raleigh housewife in April.

The sightings lasted for the most part from five to ten minutes, with several exceptional cases lasting for up to

an hour. The reports were made by housewives, students, teachers, police, businessmen, and families.

The best UFO reports of 1979 — sightings of landings, occupant encounters, pilot encounters, radar trackings, severe animal reactions, abductions, photographs, and electro-magnetic effects — came from France, Australia, New Zealand, England, Spain, Chile, Japan, Italy and Brazil.

UFO accounts usually come in cycles and Fawcett predicts that since the most action was overseas in 1979, it appears that 1980 encounters should swing back to the United States. The heaviest activity stateside in 1979 was reported from California, California, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida, according to the investigator.

Charlotte, Monroe, and Morganton, while second quarter sightings came from Boliva, Whiteville, Shelby, Mint Hill, Weddington, Yadkinville and Indian Trail.

Area UFO sightings increase

By MAHILYN F. COWHERD
STAFF WRITER

Three more area residents have reported to Trends that they also witnessed the strange lights visible in the night sky on Dec. 9.

Ringwood resident Gayle Schaeufele was hanging Christmas ornaments that night at about 8:30 when she spotted the lights out of the corner of her eye. "It looked like five red lights. Two seemed very close together and one seemed to drop back for awhile."

Schaeufele called her husband, and

together they watched the strange lights. She said that the lights were low, but she did not believe they could possibly have emanated from a low-flying aircraft.

"I live in Ringwood," she explained. "It was a very quiet night. When planes fly low, you can always hear them, but there was no noise."

Schaeufele described the lights as being in a "V" shaped pattern, with one at the head, two on one side, and two on the other side quite close together. "The last light seemed to drift away from the others, and then caught back up," she said.

"I couldn't believe it!" Schaeufele told me. She is anxious to find out what those lights were.

Cindy Kopilak of West Milford reported she and four members of her family spotted the lights while driving southbound on Route 23. She reported seeing "four red lights going very slowly coming from the left, which then scattered. Later, a fifth one joined them."

Kopilak said that when they turned onto Echo Lake Road, the lights disappeared, but when they arrived home, they saw the lights again hovering above their house. They finally disappeared for good at about 9 p.m., according to Kopilak.

Wanaque resident Rick Devore, spotted six red lights at about 8:30 p.m. while driving along Ringwood Avenue with his girlfriend. He reported that the lights weren't moving, and that they were shaped like the Big Dipper.

When asked if he believed that the lights could have come from an aircraft, Devore said no. "I'm in the military. No aircraft would fly that pattern." He added that there was no noise, like that which a helicopter would make.

Devore, a skydiver, estimated the

altitude of the lights to be in a 3,500 to 4,500-foot range. "I wish I knew what the explanation was," said Devore.

A young boy, Steve Drada, of Kakeout Road in Butler, also reported that he and his parents sighted the lights from their home. "They were moving southeast towards Riverdale," reported his father.

Steve said that there were "four red dots up in the sky, and another one was trailing behind." The family watched the lights for about a minute, until they disappeared over the horizon. Steve went outside while the lights were visible, but he heard no aircraft noise.

These new reports bring the total number of people who have reported sighting the lights to approximately 21. The question that must be asked is, could such a number of people have made such similar sightings separately, unless there had been something up there?

So far, nobody has come forward with a rational explanation for the lights. The Trends will welcome hearing from anyone with a good theory, or anyone else who wishes to report having made the sightings. For the moment, the UFO remains unidentified.

WAYNE TODAY, Wayne, NJ - Dec. 16, 1979

UFO's sighted in area

BY JEFF HOYAK

WEST MILFORD—At least four Lindy's Lake residents and possibly others in the area spotted Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) passing over the mountains between Ringwood and Mahwah about 8:30 last Sunday evening.

The residents, two married couples who live down the street from each other, described the UFOs in the same terms: four circular red lights, flying equidistant from each other in a diamond-shaped pattern, with a fifth light behind and higher than the others. All four noted the objects were flying too conspicuously slow to be airplanes—an airplane flew by about 2,000 feet higher than the UFOs while the couples were, observing them, and they noted the contrast. "They weren't helicopters, either," one of the residents stressed.

"It was very scary, the first time I've ever seen anything like that," one of the wives said. Her husband estimated the objects were flying at an altitude of about

3,000-5,000 feet and "moving very, very slowly."

The Lindy's Lake residents weren't the only ones having close encounters Sunday night. Also at 8:30 p.m., West Milford police received a report from an unidentified resident of a UFO sighted over Clinton Reservoir. The call was not logged and no further information is available.

According to a spokesman for Stewart Airport in Newburgh, N.Y., a woman from Bloomingrove, N.Y., also reported seeing a UFO on Sunday.

Ringwood police received no UFO reports, although Mahwah police received a call from a Ringwood woman who reported seeing an orange disc-like object hovering over West Ramapo Avenue on Monday night.

A spokesman for Newark International Airport's air traffic control division said there was "nothing unusual" sighted by controllers and recorded in the log last Sunday.

One of the Lindy's Lake residents theorized the slow-moving objects might have been old World War I

biplanes, which are flown in meets and shows by the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, N.Y. A spokesman for the Village of Rhinebeck said the antiquated crafts are flown in meets only between May and October, and a spokesman for the Aerodrome itself could not be reached for comment.

Larry Brown, an astronomer at the Hayden Planetarium in New York, told Today that this time of year, the planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are prominent in the sky and often mistaken for UFOs.

However, Brown pointed out, Venus sets in the western sky after 6:30 p.m., two hours before last Sunday's sighting, and Mars, Jupiter and Saturn don't even rise in the east until 10:30 p.m.

A spokesman for the National UFO Sighting Center in Seattle, Washington, which receives reports of sightings from all over the country, told Today that no reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in the northern New Jersey area were filed Sunday night.

MYSTERY UFO REPORTED HERE

Fallonites are still talking about the reported citing of a mysterious unidentified flying object (UFO) east of the city Friday night.

It apparently disappeared as mysteriously as it appeared.

The Churchill County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call at 9:59 p.m. Friday concerning the object.

NAS Fallon radar tower personnel reported "an oblong shaped" object was "hovering over Sand Mountain" at 5,000 to 6,000 feet.

The tower reported it had the object on radar and was in visual contact with it also.

Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Chisholm and Reserve Officer Mike Richards drove to Sand Mountain, approximately 26 miles east of Fallon, but reported they could not see anything resembling the UFO described by the NAS personnel. The only bright object in the sky they reported seeing was a star.

At one point, NAS reported the object had moved off its radar screen, then back on.

They said the object definitely was not a star, an NAS helicopter or other NAS aircraft.

At one point, they reported the object was moving in a westerly direction toward Fallon.

After about 40 minutes, the investigators returned to Fallon and the object reportedly left the radar screen at NAS Fallon.

LAHONTAN VALLEY NEWS,
Fallon, NV
Dec. 5, 1979

Close encounters in Riverdale

By ROSEMARIE BAILEY
STAFF WRITER

RIVERDALE — It was a flying object — or objects, of that the three viewers agree. And it has, so far, remained unidentified.

But the question of whether it was an extra-terrestrial UFO remains to be answered.

Borough resident Tom Fox says he was driving along Newark-Pompton Turnpike at about 9 p.m. on a recent evening and had reached the corner of Hamburg Turnpike, where a vacant Texaco service station is located, when he suddenly saw four "bright red glows" in the sky over Pompton Lakes.

Fox said the lights could not have been coming from the cable TV tower which is located in that borough because he could see the tower "over to the left" of the glows, and its flashing lights lay in a vertical path, one atop another.

Fox says the lights he couldn't identify were a little larger than the tower lights and had an orange-reddish glow around them, "almost like a halo."

He said he parked his car near his Hamburg Turnpike home and, after getting out of the car, looked again at the sky. The lights were still there.

But when he walked across the street to the National Community Bank to get a better look, he found they were gone.

Fox said he thought about the incident until 11:45 p.m. because "it drove me so crazy."

He called Officer John Schaub at the Riverdale Police Station, because he had seen Schaub at the Texaco station gazing into the sky with Steve Gosses, who manages the Forest Dairy across the street from the station.

"I asked him (Schaub)," recalls Fox, "if he saw what I saw. So he described what he saw, four objects with a fifth which came down to join the four. I don't know if he saw them take off or not. I didn't ask him that."

Fox says he thinks the objects were flying saucers. "I have no doubt they weren't human," he says. "We have nothing that can look like that."

He said the sight left him "awed and interested and made me want to know more. I called up my brother in Colorado and told him, and he said 'far out!'"

Gosses, when asked about the matter, said Schaub had been sitting in his police car at the station when he was called over.

"He said 'look at that,'" Gosses says. "I looked up in the sky and saw four dots. They looked like they were pretty far away, on top of the mountain. They looked pretty small. We saw four red lights and a fifth one came to join them."

"We watched them go all the way across from Slater's Mill to Vancon. I didn't see them after that. I was kind of amazed."

Gosses said it seemed to him that if the lights were attached to an airplane the lights would have "been across in a stationary pattern." These, he said, would

move close together, zigzag, and move apart.

He said the lights couldn't possibly have been a part of the cable TV tower because if they were, they wouldn't have moved.

He thinks that, because of the way the lights were moving, they would have had to belong to at least a couple of airplanes or helicopters, even though these would have had to have been moving "awfully close together."

He said Schaub was "just as dazzled as I was." But Gosses admitted the lights could have come from "some kids with lights up on the mountain. It's not too likely, but you never know."

But his personal feeling is that they were "most likely from some type of helicopter. I don't know much about aviation, so maybe they can fly this close. I don't really think it's a UFO."

Schaub said the four lights could have come from an airplane. They came from his left as he was watching over the top of Federal Hill. Then they stopped, but there was another one, higher up, that I didn't see originally."

Schaub said that at first, when the lights, which were traveling toward the Klugetown shopping area in Pompton Lakes, were still very far away, he thought they might be from a plane. As they came closer, though, he heard no noise.

But Schaub still thinks they were from a plane. "I doubt they were non-human," he said.

SUBURBAN TRENDS, Butler, NJ
Dec. 16, 1979

A representative of the FAA Flight Standards District Office at Teterboro Airport, when contacted, said no reports of UFOs had been filed on a date coinciding with the Riverdale spotting.

The National UFO Reporting Center hotline in Washington issued a similar negative report.

Strange lights baffle area sky watchers

By MARILYN F. COWHERD
STAFF WRITER

"I never saw a flying saucer.
I never hope to see one.
But I can tell you anyone
I'd rather see than be in one."
(Trentonian, Oct. 19, 1973)

Something odd was visible in this area's night sky on Sunday, Dec. 9, about that there is no disagreement. A number of people separately reported sighting an unusual pattern of lights from between 8:30 and 9 p.m. for which they could find no rational explanation.

Just what did they spot? Everyone reported seeing four or five blinking red lights hovering overhead in a diamond-shaped or circular pattern. Most asserted that the lights were too low and were

traveling too slowly to be an airplane or helicopter.

Local airport officials reported nothing unusual that night in the sky. Air Traffic Controller Steve Springer, Stewart Air Force Base, said that log records show that no unidentified flying objects (UFO's) were reported or spotted, and that the night in question was in fact quite cloudy.

Spokesman Robert Gribble from the UFO Reporting Center in the state of Washington said that no reports had been received concerning the Dec. 9 sighting.

And yet, the lights were strange enough to draw the attention of several area residents. A Trends employee was in her car in Bloomingdale when she looked south and saw the lights. "It was too low for a plane and it couldn't have been a helicop-

ter," she said. She described the lights as being in a vertical, diamond-like pattern. "I was intrigued by them. It was spooky."

Three Riverdale residents reported that they viewed the UFO. Tom Fox was driving along the Newark-Pompton Turnpike when he suddenly saw four "bright red glows" in the sky over Pompton Lakes. He added that they had an orange-reddish glow around them, "almost like a halo."

After hesitating a couple hours, he called Officer John Schaub at the Riverdale Police Station. Fox had noticed Schaub near his car at the time of the sighting, gazing at the sky in the company of Steve Gosses. Schaub told Fox that he had witnessed four objects that were eventually joined by a fifth. Gosses confirmed the sighting.

"We watched them go all the way across from Slater's Mill to Vancon," said Gosses. "I didn't see them after that. I was kind of amazed."

Neither Schaub nor Gosses think the object is extraterrestrial and have guessed that perhaps the lights came from some kind of aircraft, although they heard no noise.

Four Lindy Lake residents of West Milford also reported seeing UFOs passing over the mountains between Ringwood and Mahwah. Two married couples, who were not identified, estimated the lights' altitude at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and felt certain that the lights could not have come from any aircraft with which they were familiar.

There were additional reports of a Ringwood woman and a Bloomingdale, N.Y. woman making similar sightings, but their reports have not been confirmed.

About all that these sighters and others who may have been too embarrassed to step forward and admit to having witnessed the lights can expect is something intriguing to think about on those long, cold, winter nights ahead of us. Traditionally, UFO sightings have been treated with skepticism by even those organizations formed to keep track of such events and search for plausible explanations.

The original organization that handled such reports was the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, under the auspices of the U.S. Air Force. The task of identifying the UFOs naturally fell to the Air Force, since they are the official group responsible for defending the nation against an aerial attack.

However, over the years, the Air Force repeatedly denied sightings or claimed that every sighting had been explained, according to Major Donald E. Keyhoe, author of "Aliens from Space... The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects."

Keyhoe was director of NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena from 1957 to 1970. In his book, Keyhoe reported many incidents of stonewalling of UFO reports from the Air Force, CIA and even Congress.

When a phone number was sought by Trends to contact NICAP in Washington, it was found that there was no longer any listing. Does this mean that this last bastion that welcomed reports of UFO sightings without ridicule no longer exists?

The mystery of UFOs is discussed at length by Philip J. Klass, in his book, "UFOs - Identified." He seeks to find rational explanations beyond the obvious ones of aircraft or antenna towers that could at least partly account for some of the thousands of sightings made in this country each year.

He notes that "The characteristics and behaviors of UFOs have been called mysterious and puzzling...." But this is only if "it is assumed that UFOs are solid spacecraft made by intelligent life in another world. They are not mysterious or puzzling if UFOs are really a family of freak atmospheric phenomena."

This theory, according to Klass, would explain why UFOs' flight patterns are seemingly so erratic, why they can suddenly disappear like apparitions and why

they sometimes seem to play tag with aircraft or motor vehicles.

It could also explain why the sightings are more frequently reported in the early evening hours, "at the same time that the nocturnal temperature inversion entraps both pollutants and radioactive gases near the ground to cause air to reach its maximum electrification."

The atmospheric phenomena theory could also explain the reddish-orange colors, which are the characteristic hues of ionized nitrogen and oxygen (the principal constituents of air).

Klass does not attempt to attribute all UFO sightings to atmospheric phenomena. He accounts for some sightings as being due to weather balloons, and some being sightings of celestial bodies seen under unusual conditions.

Nobody has provided Klass with incontrovertible proof that aliens have visited earth. However, he writes that he is willing to change his mind if such evidence should ever come his way. Meanwhile, he pretends to account for UFOs in more a more scientifically acceptable manner.

It is suggested that anyone in this area who sighted the lights on the evening of Dec. 9, or who has an explanation for what caused the lights, please contact Trends. Your report will be treated with respect and with confidentiality, if desired.

COURIER-POST, Harmibal, MO - Jan. 18, 1980 CR: J. Brill

No explanation for UFO sightings over Illinois

TEXICO, Ill. (AP) — Although unexplained, two Southern Illinois men say they won't forget the strange, bright lights that lit up the skies over Jefferson and Franklin counties.

Police, Air Force and local airport spokesmen had no explanations Thursday, but one man said he was awakened and the other scared by the bright lights.

Don Wall said he saw them near his rural Jefferson County home about midnight Wednesday. Don Taylor saw them as he was driving near Rend Lake on his way to Old Ben No. 26 mine in Franklin County. Other miners on the midnight shift said they had seen them.

Wall said he saw two bright, green lights in the middle of an object that was possibly 100 feet wide. Two dimmer lights burned at the ends of the object, he added.

"They were twice as bright as a car headlight and woke me up when they shined through the windows," he said Thursday.

Taylor saw a 50-foot-wide object with a light something like that on the front of a helicopter. As it came toward him it seemed to explode "like a big jet airliner blowing up," he said.

Mount Vernon Police said they had one call about the object. The sheriff's departments in the two counties had no reports.

Scott Air Force Base officials near Belleville said their 60-and 200-mile radar scans showed nothing unusual in the sky all night. A Scott spokeswoman said one airplane was landing at the base about the time of the UFO report, but pointed out the base is miles from the Texico-Benton areas.

UFO sightings continue in upper Passaic County

By JEFF HOYAK

AREA—Add a West Milford woman from the Apsahwa section of the township and three Riverdale residents, including a borough police officer, to the list of locals who sighted five inexplicable unidentified flying objects (UFOs) moving very slowly across the night sky on Sunday, December 9.

It may sound like a conspiracy to publicize "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," but it's true. Two Lindy's Lake couples (as reported in Sunday's edition), three Riverdale men (including Officer John Schaub) and now the Apsahwa resident all saw five equidistant red lights flying overhead between the hours of 7:30 and 9 p.m. on the 9th, and most of the sighters agree the lights were moving far too slowly

to be airplanes. In addition, police in West Milford received a call reporting a UFO sighting over Clinton Reservoir at the same time, and sightings were reported in Bloomingdale, N.Y. and Mahwah.

The Apsahwa woman says she saw the five "extremely large" red lights traveling farmland in Denville between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. on the 9th—about an hour before the Lindy's Lake and Riverdale sightings took place.

The woman, who was driving home to West Milford, said the lights appeared over St. Clare's Hospital and then reappeared about eight miles down the road, near Aircraft Radio in Boonton. "I watched them for a half-hour," the woman told Today; "At first I thought I was looking at the Big Dipper, then I realized the stars

were all red."

Being an amateur photographer, the Apsahwa lady says she had a pair of binoculars in the car, which magnified the lights to ten times their size, but: "All they were were red lights. They looked very close, but when you looked through the binoculars you could see that they weren't. They were so far away, and so big."

The West Milford resident noted that the five lights "weren't blinking, or flashing, and they were moving so slowly. It wasn't an airplane, it wasn't helicopters, and it wasn't a radio tower. It was nothing but red lights, and it really scared me."

"I had three cameras and two telephoto lenses in the car," she noted, "but I was just so shocked I didn't even think to try and take a picture." The woman said she

got home to West Milford between 8:30 and 9, about the same time the UFOs were spotted over WM.

Denville Police reported no UFO sightings were called into them on the night of Sunday the 9th.

A spokesman for the Aircraft hangar told Today the planes fly in and out all the time and towers are on the premises, but "We've got nothing with five red lights on it."

The Apsahwa woman's description perfectly matches that of the other seven area residents who saw something in the sky that night.

However, Newark International Airport, Stewart Airport in Newburgh, N.Y., Teterboro Airport, and the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington, all say they have no record of any reports of UFO sightings in this area at that time.

Today Newspapers is asking any readers with information which might clear up the mystery of the UFO sightings to call either the Wayne Today offices at 696-3000, or the West Milford Argus at 728-3775.

WAYNE TODAY, Wayne, NJ - Dec. 19, 1979

CR: A. Roberts via J. Moseley



FOREIGN NEWS

WESTERN TELEGRAPH,
(City Unknown), Wales
Nov. 1, 1979

U.F.O. 'Invasion' clue

Flying saucer activity in the skies over Belmont Farm, near Broad Haven, where a landed saucer was seen two years ago.

He said the depression was 80 feet long, 20 feet wide and about four inches deep, with rounded edges at the front and back.

(It's a clear imprint," he added. "And I would be very grateful if anybody could tell me how this precise indentation could have happened."

Mr. Pugh, who lives at Roch, also believes he has uncovered new evidence of the UFO 'invasion' of 1977. He has been investigating

Strangely similar reports of more UFO sightings in the Whitby area have been made this week and civil and military authorities have no explanation.

Farmer Clifford Dowson, of High Newbiggin Farm, Aislaby, and his daughter, Melinda, who first saw flashing lights over the farm on Friday 19 October, said they had again appeared at the weekend.

And about six people who have made similar sightings have been in touch with the Dowson family.

Whitby police said they had one call from an Ellerby woman reporting UFOs above the village in the early hours last Saturday. The woman said she saw two saucer shaped objects with red and white flashing lights above her home, that they were soundless and flew off towards Teesside. A senior

GAZETTE, Whitby, England - Nov. 2, 1979

UFOs RETURN 'No aircraft in area'

police spokesman said the woman appeared rational and sensible.

The police said that, according to RAF Fylingdales, there were no aircraft in the area at the time and there was no information on any kind of a flying exercise.

A Scarborough couple said they were travelling to Whitby the same Friday night at 7.45 pm when they saw two flashing lights approach Whitby along the coast from different directions and hover briefly over the town.

"It was a still night, they

were soundless and in our opinion there was no way they could have been conventional aircraft," said the husband. "There were no navigation lights. They were just like flashing stars."

Mrs Dorothy Clegg, of Whitby, also saw the lights on 19 October while travelling along the moor road from Guisborough towards Whitby. She stopped to watch them at the Egton bend.

The lights, two bright red ones, were about 300 to 400 feet up, said Mrs Clegg. "They didn't vary in height

and didn't move one way or the other, but moved a little around a fixed point."

Mrs Joan Dowson, wife of the Aislaby farmer, described several calls from people who had also seen the lights.

"The first person to phone said she was coming back from Sandsend at the time and it was exactly how it was described in the Gazette.

"A Robin Hood's Bay woman said she had seen the lights two weeks ago and asked her neighbour what it was. She said it was soundless and was not a plane.

GAZETTE, Whitby, England - Nov. 23, 1979

MORE STRANGE OBJECTS IN THE SKY

More sightings of unidentified flying objects were made on Tuesday night in the Whitby district.

Mr Peter Jackson of Finkle House, Great Fryup, told the Gazette of his experience on Danby Moor.

"I saw a very bright flashing white light occasionally tinged with red and thought at first it was an aircraft. I stopped and waited for any noise but there was none. Suddenly it changed direction and appeared to be heading for Fylingdales."

Both Whitby coastguards and police received reports of

strange lights in the sky. Coastguards were told they had been seen about 2,000 feet up off Sandsend. Coastguards on the Tees also saw them. They were a series of red and white flashing lights.

Whitby police received several reports of flashing green and red lights over Mickleby but a spokesman said that these were believed to be from an aircraft.

A spokesman at RAF Fylingdales said they had received no reports of any unusual aerial activity in the area.

DAILY REPUBLIC, Queenstown, South Africa
Nov. 2, 1979 CR: J. Brill

UFO spotted

AN unidentified flying object was seen by three Springs people in Strubenvale during a thunderstorm on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs J Duvenage of 16 Sixth Avenue, her son-in-law and daughter Mr and Mrs D Laing of 85 Seventh Street, were on their way to a friend's house in Strubenvale when they saw

the "flying saucer".

"Just as we parked in front of the house, my son-in-law suddenly pointed at something in the sky.

"When we looked up we all saw a bright, round red light hanging just below the dark thunder clouds," Mrs Duvenage said.

"The light then disappeared into the clouds."

UFO sightings over city last night claimed

CLAIMS of sighting a UFO over Derby last night were being made in calls to the Evening Telegraph today.

One sighting came at about 7.50 pm as Mr Trevor Harrison, his wife Carol, two children and father Mr Cyril Harrison were going through the garden gate of the father's home in Arlston Street, Normanton.

Four amber lights appeared to be travelling from the north-west.

They were in a large kite shape and moving slowly.

A plane passed over at the same time but this had normal flashing lights, said Mr Trevor Harrison.

The amber lights were unwinking.

Other Derby residents who saw mysterious lights in the sky last night were Mr Tim Hassall, of Cobden Street, his wife Christine, eldest daughter Sharon and her boy-friend Simon Gilbert.

This occurred ten minutes before the Harrison's sighting and the lights were travelling the other way.

They were not amber — more like the colour of an electric lamp — but were in a recognisable diamond shape, moving steadily.

A spokesman for East Midlands Airport said: "Without being truly able to elucidate, it is possible that these people, in last night's exceptionally clear weather conditions, saw high-flying aircraft. This sometimes happens.

"We suggest they might contact the organisations which have been set up to look into reported UFO sightings."

He added, giving an unintentionally sinister ring to the affair, "We don't talk to anybody over 6,000 feet."

EVENING TELEGRAPH,
Derby, England
Nov. 13, 1979

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Nov. 5, 1979

All eyes on city UFO

TWO women on their way to work early today were a little worried when they were stopped by two policemen.

But they were on the right side of the law — all the officers wanted them to do was witness an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky above Sneintondale.

Hardly a routine inquiry, but all in the line of duty, nevertheless.

The officers had been keeping the UFO under surveillance for about 20 minutes — but left without making an arrest.

Mrs. Mary Bailey and

Mrs. Edna Wiston, both of Highcliffe Road, Sneintondale, and who work as cleaners, said they were not far from their homes when the policemen pointed out the strange flashing object.

Mrs. Wiston commented: "It was quite frightening."

Mrs. Bailey said: "It was like a big star but flashing red, green and white lights. It wasn't very high up — just over the houses.

"It mesmerised me looking at it."

The officers' views of the situation are not yet known — they went off duty soon afterwards.

WEST BRITON, (City Unknown), England - Nov. 8, 1979

Family flee as 'UFO glides in to land'

FRIGHTENED by a UFO that seemed about to land near her home on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Magdalene Oates bundled her two children into the car and fled.

She intended to drive to Truro from her home at Honey-suckle Cottage, Decembris, near Newlyn East, but her mind was in such a whirl that she finished up at Kestle Mill, near Newquay.

There she telephoned the police, and later decided to spend the night with her mother in Truro.

First indication of the UFO was an orange light seen by Mrs. Oates's 16-year-old son Jonathan.

Slowly pulsating

"It was lighting up the woods

and the horizon," said Mrs. Oates, "and it was slowly pulsating—bright, then dim, then bright again."

Just after Mrs. Oates's daughter Sarah (12) had emerged from the bath at about 8 pm, Jonathan shouted to his mother to come to the window.

"It was egg-shaped and bright red with lights at the bottom—we could see it lighting up the rain," said Mrs. Oates. "And there was still the orange glow."

"It was slowly gliding in diagonally towards a field about 300 yards from the house."

"I wasn't going to stay there, so I got the children into the car. I thought I was going to Truro, but found myself on the way to Newquay and telephoned the police."

Too rhythmic

She said the orange light had been pulsating too rhythmically and was too big to have been a bonfire.

"If it had been a bonfire, how could it have gone dim, then bright again at almost identical intervals?" she asked.

Mrs. Oates said that later she returned to her home, Honey-suckle Cottage, and that police and firemen were looking around with torches.

"But there was no way I was going to spend the night in the house, so I went to my mother's," she said.

Her mother is Mrs. Dorothy Kemp, of 47, Malabar-estate, Truro.

Yesterday Newquay police said they were looking into the incident.

UFO SPOTTER HOUSEWIFE 'SAW ITS RED DOME'

A HOUSEWIFE claims to have spotted strange lights in the night sky for the second time in less than four months.

And this time the lights were so close to Mrs Brenda Cummings of Hockwell Ring, Luton, she was able to see a red dome perched between the lights, she says.

On August 3, the Evening Post-Echo reported that Mrs Cummings and her family had seen strange white lights like car headlights over Luton.

Mrs Cummings said she and her two sons Raymond, aged 20, and Mark aged 15, and her mother saw the lights in the sky at about 9.30pm.

Shape

"It looked like a bright star and shone so strongly you had to keep wiping your eyes. It flew up and down and turned to go towards the M1. Then we saw four lights and a red dome.

"It then turned away and disappeared. The UFO had a shape to it and it was difficult to make it out."

Mrs Cummings said last time nobody believed her about the sighting and she was reluctant to come forward again.

Mrs Cummings said she had reported the sighting to BUFORA — the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association — who were investigating the last sighting.

Luton Airport said there was nothing on the flying log at the time to explain the incident.

EVENING POST, Luton, England - Nov. 30, 1979

GOLFER'S DAD GETS VISIT FROM THE SKY

More saw lights

Mystery still surrounds the sightings of lights in the sky in the Scarborough area on Monday night and Tuesday morning this week.

People are still coming forward saying that they spotted unexplained lights during the period between 4 and 11 pm on Monday.

Mrs Sandra Habberly, of 15 Herdborough Road, Eastfield, said that about 4 o'clock she and her mother, Mrs Connie Foster, of 145 Dale Edge, Eastfield, saw two yellow lights in the sky above Filey Road.

"They had a bright yellow glow and were a flat shape. They were hovering and then moved closer together before moving off in the Filey direction."

Mrs Habberly said that she had not seen such lights before, and she did not think they were on an aircraft.

Mr Richard Bedford, of 76 Scalby Road, reported his sightings in a letter to the Evening News yesterday and he has since had four people contact him.

"One person saw the lights to the north from Hirstead Road and reported that a low humming sound, like a powerful dynamo, was being made."

Mr Bedford said that he had also been told of another sighting about 11 pm and a similar sighting in the area a few weeks ago.

"One man who telephoned me and who said that he had been in the RAF put the lights down to aircraft."

Scarborough, were puzzled by lights they saw in the sky while travelling by car on the A64 towards York last Friday.

Mark said: "It was about 6 pm when we saw a red star, and then at Malton we saw a white star, which seemed to go red and then fade down to white again. Sometimes it went green."

"Mum said it was a helicopter or an aeroplane, and we thought also that it might be the North Star but whoever heard of a multi-coloured star?"

"My opinion is that it was a space ship from another planet. It looked to have a black part coming from the star that didn't light up."

Draughtsman Mr Ray Siddie (29), of 8 Grosvenor Road, said today that he had been on St Nicholas Cliff, by the Grand Hotel, on 21 November at about 8 pm and saw two white lights in the sky. In the direction of Cayton Bay, behaving in an erratic manner.

"They were moving up and down quite quickly at irregular intervals, then after a couple of minutes they shot off together at a fast speed towards the east, in a straight line out to sea."

"There were very few stars to be seen," he said. "I hadn't been drinking." It was definitely not Flamborough or any other lighthouse.

The Ministry of Defence in London said it had received no reports about the sightings in the Scarborough area.

SCARBOROUGH EVENING NEWS, N. Yorks., England - Nov. 29, 1979

DAILY EXPRESS,
London, England
Dec. 1, 1979

UFO fever as girl sees 'silver man'

PARIS: A new wave of flying saucer fever gripped France yesterday after a teenage girl claimed to have seen not just the saucer but "a silver man" walking alongside one.

The girl was on her way home from school in Porcieu-Amblagnieu, near the Alps in South-East France. She ran terrified to a neighbour. Later police found an area of flattened grass.

The "sighting" follows the disappearance of a young driver from a Paris village shortly after another UFO was sighted.

ANOTHER encounter of the strangest kind has been reported in West Lothian.

Yesterday Mr Barney Gallagher and his wife Millie—parents of world famous golfer Bernard—said they saw a strange craft on Monday of last week.

The sighting came three days after forestry worker Bob Taylor said he was attacked by aliens in a Livingston wood.

Mr Gallagher said at first he was too embarrassed to report the sighting which happened near his home.

He added: "There was a strange craft up above me. It was round, coloured red with white lights that kept blinking on and off."

Craft

Mrs Gallagher, who is a nurse, said: "I saw it circling, then it just sped off."

Meanwhile a team of investigators from the Strange Phenomena magazine have returned to England after probing the claims of Bob Taylor, 61, of

By JIM DAVIS

Broomieknowe Drive, Livingston Station.

Bob told of meeting an alien craft in a wood and how he was attacked by "two robot type balls."

One of the investigators Mr Martin Keatman said: "Mr Taylor's description is quite amazing. For there was a little-publicised sighting in South America some time ago which is almost identical to this one."

Bathgate housewife Mrs Violet Connor, 35, of Beech Road, said she saw a craft resembling Bob's description the same day.

And yesterday Mrs Aileen Lewis, 33, of 12 Polsta Crescent, Polmont, said she saw another UFO while she was walking with her three children.

GAZETTE, Islington, England - Nov. 23, 1979

I SAW UFO

Police scoff as librarian claims 'close encounter'

A DUMFBOUNDED librarian claimed this week to have had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object — just a few yards from her Islington home.

Twenty-four-year-old Marian O'Shea says the object — a glowing, silver disc about the size of a dustbin lid — hovered past her house in Arundel Square and then disappeared over the rooftops.

She reported the incident to the police but they did not take her sighting seriously.

Miss O'Shea said: "Everyone seems to think I'm mad or something — but I didn't imagine it. I know what I saw."

"I'm not saying it was a UFO from outer space — I'm still a bit sceptical about things like that. Perhaps it was some kind of remote-controlled toy — although I don't know of anything like that on the market."

"The trouble is there was absolutely no one else around at the time and it's hard to convince anyone it happened."

"Perhaps other people in the area have had similar experiences and not reported them."

Miss O'Shea, who works as an assistant

Picture: DOUG POOLE

librarian with Camden Council, saw the object at about six o'clock in the evening as she arrived home. She had just got out of a taxi and was walking up the steps to her front door.

"Then I noticed this object," she said. "It was saucer shaped and made of a bright glowing metal. It was so dazzling."

"It was moving slowly down the middle of the road at about eye-level. It stopped, hovered and changed direction and then drifted upwards and away over the rooftops. It all lasted about 20 seconds."

"I wasn't scared. I was just dumbfounded and amazed. I didn't know what to do but I thought I ought to tell someone."

Miss O'Shea saw a report in a national newspaper about a London man who claimed a similar sighting the night before her own.

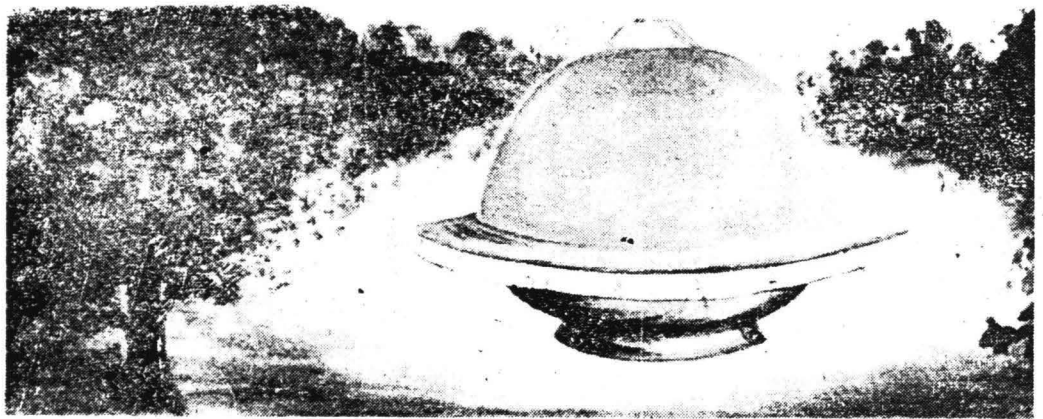
"But he said little green men had got out and tried to take him away," she said. "But I certainly didn't see anything like that."



• MARIAN O'SHEA: "I didn't imagine it."

UFOs.—fact... or fiction? Stuart Campbell of the British UFO Research Association claims this painting represents a bit of both. It was done by a woman in the north-east of Scotland after seeing what she was convinced was a spacecraft. She will not have her name revealed for fear of ridicule but Stuart investigated and says it fits his theories about UFOs. He thinks she saw a "lightning ball."

The flashing lights and landing gear of the lower part, he adds, are merely a projection of her imagination because, like us all, she has been indoctrinated by science fiction.



STRANGE ENCOUNTERS

IT WOULD appear that little green men are taking a special interest in Scotland again.

Not since last winter (BEFORE Hogmanay, not after, as an English newspaper was kind enough to point out at the time) has there been so much activity in our skies as reports of UFOs pour in thick and fast.

Most dramatic was the report from Bob Taylor of Livingston, who saw a spacecraft land, two creatures emerge and, before he passed out with fright, tear his trousers. Tracks were found around the area which were hard to explain.

Only a couple of days later the parents of golfer Bernard Gallacher, Barney and Millie, spotted something glowing red with white flashing lights in the West Lothian sky.

These 'sightings' followed reports at the end of October from Inverness, East Kilbride, Rotherham, Galston and from two pilots at Glasgow airport who saw a glowing object in the sky.

What ARE these unidentified flying objects tracking across our skies at speeds unknown to man or hovering in quiet places seemingly studying the flora, fauna and any stray humans who have the misfortune to come their way?

EVIDENCE

Who examines the evidence—scant as it is—of the experiences of UFOs to enable us to know more about who or what is visiting our atmosphere—and why?

Reports of UFOs come from men like Mr Taylor, a forestry worker, pilots, bank managers, housewives, school boys—people of all ages and from every walk of life.

Some are investigated by the police and the air force. Many are simply ignored.

Two of the men who try to follow up reports are Professor Archie Roy of Glasgow University's department of astronomy and Edinburgh architect Stuart Campbell, the Scottish investigating co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association.

They have wildly different explanations for UFOs. One believes they are a form of intelligence from other galaxies trying to make contact. The other that they are perfectly natural phenomena created here on earth and with a very logical explanation.

And believe it or not, it's the UFO man who has the straight forward explanation.

It's a revolutionary idea which Stuart is about to present to the scientific boffins. When he gave the 'Evening Times' an exclusive preview of his theory, he said: "It's like all other discoveries—so simple that everyone will say 'Why didn't I think of that?'"

The bearded architect told me he has been interested in UFOs for 20 years but only took up serious investigation seven years ago.

That morning, he received a report from Currie of a strange light in the sky. He had done routine research through the airport and he said it could be a satellite or an astronomical object. "Most reports were like this and could be explained logically," he told me.

INVESTIGATION

"Reports like that from Mr Taylor in Livingston deserve much greater investigation.

"There are two distinct views about UFOs, and mine is not the official view of BUFORA.

"There are those who subscribe to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis (little green men in layman's terms) and the plasma hypothesis. I subscribe to this and I am very much in the minority."

He went on to explain that his theory is that all UFOs are 'ball lightning'.

It used to be thought that this was simply an optical illusion. When people saw a glowing orange

Little green men... or are UFOs just pie in the sky?

By Marian Pallister

ball in a storm it was caused by sheet or fork lightning playing a trick on the eye. Now it is agreed by scientists that ball lightning exists.

It has been seen in non-storm conditions from the size of a teacup upwards, bowling along Highland roads in hot weather, around houses, in the sky. Always glowing orange and electric phenomenon like ordinary lightning or even the aurora borealis (the northern lights).

"In ball lightning, we are looking at a plasma process. The sun is a plasma—gassy and very magnetic.

"If this is what people see when they see a 'UFO', then it would explain the lack of weight, the luminosity, the high speeds and manoeuvrability—ball lightning can turn at right angles, for instance.

"Ball lightning can be from the size of a pea upwards without limit. It would be very frightening if you, like I believe Mr Taylor did, turned round a corner and saw one.

"These balls are made up of ionised air.

PANIC

"They reflect radar waves and light and look solid and metallic. Mr Taylor says he saw a large circular dome-shaped object with a silvery rim. From it emerged two ball-shaped objects.

"This all fits with my theory. Ball lightning can split and fall apart.

"The tracks around the area were all cone-shaped and could have been made by the electric force of the spinning ball. The ones in the centre of the site, I believe, were made by some piece of machinery left lying for a while because the grass had grown bent around indentations.

"The 'craft' had gone by the time Mr Taylor came round after collapsing from shock.

Stuart recalled a famous American case—Betty and Barney Hill, who claimed they watched a space craft revolving along the roadside beside their car and that they were then taken up into the craft and examined.

"Again, this fits the fireball theory. And I believe

the claims about being taken into the 'craft' were invention, created by the nightmares Mrs Hill had after the experience.

"Naturally they would panic on seeing such an object. And the public has no mechanism to answer this. Because we are all indoctrinated by the 'alien' myth—our whole culture is imbued with this myth of invasion from other planets, of being watched by extra-terrestrial beings—the reaction of the Hills and Mr Taylor is predictable.

"Mr Taylor is convinced he saw an alien 'craft.' Science fiction films show invaders from outer space arriving in a cylindrical craft with a ring around. Again, it fits my theory. A plasma, if large enough, will form an equatorial ring like that around Saturn. And if seen from certain angles, this would look like the cigar shape which is also typical of UFO sightings.

"These shapes are natural features of spinning fluids. I'm just the first to see it.

"I don't believe in extra-terrestrial beings. I don't believe that when there are a large number of sightings that invaders have suddenly decided to take a look at a particular part of our world.

"Even travelling at the speed of light it would take 600 years to reach us from the nearest galaxy. Who is going to expend all that energy to play with us at two o'clock in the morning?

"Science has got to get to grips with this. It is fatal for people to make a mental jump from seeing real objects to seeing a 'craft'. I think the human race sees so many dangers that today they would like to think an extra-terrestrial force is looking after us. It's a substitute religion.

"I've done statistical studies and can even say why these things appear most commonly at 2 a.m. That's when the temperature is at its lowest and particles get together as the air contracts, start to spin, making them become ionised, and you have a UFO."

DESIRE

On the other hand, Professor Archie Roy says that the desire of the human race to believe that there are extra-terrestrial beings interested in them doesn't explain why UFOs aren't seen on radar screens.

"One could suppose that while they might not make themselves known, that they are interested in the development of mankind at a stage when we have to grow up or blow up," he said.

"As an astronomer, I must say that at a conservative estimate of earth-type planets moving round sun-type planets where air and water and therefore life could exist, there must be millions and millions of places with life on them.

"Otherwise we must be a very temporary and very improbable accident.

"I see UFOs not as visitors from outer space but more of a communications problem. A hapless attempt by others to communicate and make us see things."

Professor Roy thinks UFOs choose to land in areas like Mexico and the Australian desert—where there have been sightings and stories of craters being left behind—because of the remoteness.

"By the very nature of them being alien, we can't decide what they are doing.

"We should keep collecting all these stories and try to classify and understand them. Reports come to me once a fortnight and they usually come from level-headed witnesses.

"I would love to know what is behind all these reports. Some can be dismissed as hoaxes or reports from cranks. Others can't be explained in our present state of science.

"The authorities just aren't interested and they should be."

Glitter in night sky made boy scream for mother

SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - Dec. 16, 1979 CR: S. Kellard via N. Oliver)

WORRIED BECAUSE her 12-year-old son was late returning from his judo class, insurance broker's wife Coral Dixon went to the door of her house overlooking the River Exe estuary to watch for him.

It was a still, clear night and all seemed peaceful as she looked across the bay. Then she heard her son, Grant, screaming for help.

What she found when she ran to his aid has left her baffled and disturbed.

The boy was less than 100 yards from the house, shaking with fear, and mesmerised by a mysterious flying object hovering over a nearby gas holder.

After comforting her terrified son, Mrs Dixon watched the glittering object for almost five minutes before it moved slowly away out to sea and disappeared.

This strange encounter in the Devon seaside resort of Exmouth has radically changed the views of the 32-year-old mother of two.

Ideas

At her home in Westward Drive Mrs Dixon said: "I have been sceptical about reports of unidentified flying objects and stories of things from outer space, but this experience has made me change my ideas.

"I am reluctant to talk about it because I don't want to be laughed at or ridiculed. "People think you have gone potty if you say you have seen a UFO but there is no logical explanation for what my son and I saw.

"It was about 9.30 p.m. when I went to the door to look for Grant. When I heard him screaming I dashed up the road and found him pointing at a huge brilliantly lit object hovering about 500 yards away over the gasholder.

"It was made up of thousands of the brightest lights I have ever seen. They flashed on and off in some sort of rotation.

Sunday Express Reporter

"We watched it hover and finally drift away across the sky over the estuary and disappear."

Grant said: "I was walking home up the hill and from my judo class when I saw these very bright lights coming towards me up in the sky. I was very frightened. I felt that whatever it was was coming to get me.

"I crouched down by a wall trying to make myself as small as possible. I couldn't help looking up to watch as it whirled silently away to hover over the gas holder just beyond my house.

Humming

"Then I ran off calling for my mum and dad. When I met my mum we watched it for about five minutes. The lights were flashing off and on and it seemed to be cigar shaped."

Another strange sighting was made in the same area recently by 60-year-old Cyril Stanlake, steward of the officers' mess in the nearby Royal Marine camp.

Mr Stanlake, of Cunningham Road, Exmouth, said: "At about 6 a.m. a few weeks ago, I was preparing to leave for work when my car engine just died.

"As it happened I heard a strange humming noise and looked up to see a bright, coloured object shaped like a

dart moving across the sky.

"It was cruising about 200ft. up and I watched it for perhaps 20 seconds before it suddenly vanished like a light being switched off. After it had gone I could not re-start my car for some time."

Impressed

Devon police said: "We have had no reports of any strange flying objects over Exmouth on the night in question. It has been a long time since we had a UFO sighting of any sort."

An RAF spokesman confirmed that no helicopters were on exercise in the area at the time of the second sighting.

Mrs Margaret Phillips, who runs a UFO group in the Exeter area said: "I am impressed by the similarity of the experiences of the boy and his mother and that of Mr Stanlake."

"About an hour before his sighting a couple phoned me to report a similar object over a nearby common. It must have been the same thing."

ESSEX NEWSMAN-HERALD, Chelmsford, England - Dec. 4, 1979

Did UFOs buzz plane?

TWO young Springfield women claim they saw an aeroplane being "buzzed" by mysterious U.F.O.s on Thursday evening.

Carol Davison, of Waveney Drive, and her friend Gail Shepherd, of Upton Drive, witnessed the drama enacted overhead in front of Gail's house at about quarter to nine. They watched it through binoculars.

They saw a luminous white object hovering in the sky along with four similar looking smaller ones.

An aeroplane appeared, and immediately the biggest U.F.O. made a beeline for it. It got so close that a head-on collision seemed imminent. Then suddenly a much smaller plane, came hurtling in at great speed, seemingly intent on intercepting the U.F.O. Then the U.F.O., surrounded by the smaller craft flew off, with the plane in hot pursuit.

A spokesman for Stanstead Airport denied any knowledge of the incident.

On Tuesday evening, 16-year-old Great Baddow schoolboy Paul

Spain, of Dorset Avenue, saw a bright red circular object in the sky. Gt. Baddow saw an identical object to the North East of Chelmsford, and the following evening 12-year-old Michelle Bevans, of Gardeners, travelling through the clouds at great speed.

Uninvited guest

Swadlincote, the dusty capital of South Derbyshire, seems to hold a fascination for extra-terrestrial beings... for yet another U.F.O. sighting has been reported in the area.

The latest in a series of inquisitive visitors sailed over the trees in Bretby Park, took a look at Midway and floated away to Hartshorne according to Swadlincote solicitor Mr. Harold Timms.

He said: "I saw an incandescent, brilliant white, round ball coming straight towards my house in The Spinney, Upper Midway, from the direction of Derby.

"It appeared above the trees in Bretby Park, got brighter and brighter, and went off towards Hartshorne, where it eventually glimmered out.

"There was no noise, and it was obviously not a plane, although it was about the size of a small one — it was the wrong shape, and a plane would have had to be on fire to produce the amount of light it did."

He said the object approached in the evening from the northeast and veered off to the east, and agreed that this placed him in a line between it and where the sun had set.

"But I am sure it was not a reflection — the sun had been down a long time. At its closest it was about 500 yards away, and I saw it for 15-20 seconds. It approached fairly fast and seemed to get faster as it went off to the east," he said.

TRANSLATIONS

ARGENTINA -- CR: J. Thomas

Place of incident: Mendoza Province, Argentina
Date of incident: October 26, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: LOS ANDES, October 28, 1979
City and country of paper: Mendoza Province, Argentina

UFOs WERE SEEN IN SEVERAL PLACES

Several people have claimed having seen UFOs in the late hours of Friday night. In spite of the times not being in agreement, there are certain similarities as to size and location, and color of the object seen.

Mrs. Maria Elena Moya de Gallardo, who lives in Block 15, House #10 of the UJEMVI district, affirmed that it was approximately 00.04 a.m. yesterday, she was watching TV in her room with her children when she saw a UFO through the west window. She pointed out its diameter was of approximately 20cm and it was red with green and yellow shades. She also stated that the object passed very swiftly towards the NW, leaving a trail of opaque light. The same phenomenon has allegedly been seen by others although it was not possible to find out by whom.

On the other hand, professor Victorio Corradi, a student of UFO phenomena, said that on Friday at 20.50, his wife was on the terrace of the building where they live (monoblocks on 9 de Julio street) when she saw an object towards the West over the mountain area. She immediately called her husband and together they observed for approximately 5 minutes a red sphere of approximately 20cm diameter. They said the object then suddenly disappeared. Prof. Corradi said he did not wish to make statements since he would make new observations at the same time and towards the same sector to verify whether it could have been a natural phenomenon.

City and country of incident: Punta de Damas hill, near Santiago, Chile
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, November 18, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO SEEN IN CHILE WITH A STRANGE HUMANOID

Santiago, Chile (EFE) - A judge and an architect saw some time ago a spaceship manned by an extraterrestrial "who looked like a hairy gorilla," according to this city's paper "La Segunda." The paper said the "close encounter" occurred a short time ago, when a judge and an architect were on an outing in the hill Punta de Damas near Santiago. "La Segunda" adds that they saw a round object with bright lights of different colors. By the strange craft stood a strange individual of humanoid features, with a strange head attached to the body without a neck, completely covered with hairs. "When they wanted to get nearer to verify whether what they were seeing was real, the UFO suddenly disappeared performing a vertical take off and emitting a disconcerting brightness," added the paper. It also stated that the two witnesses did not want to disclose their names for fear of being called crazy or dreamers.

City and country of incident: Dabaa region, Western desert, Egypt
Date of incident: November 23, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: LA NACION, November 25, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Cairo, 24 (EFE) - A magazine reported today that for the first time in the country's history, a UFO was seen here.

Akhbar el Yom says that a British pilot en route to Athens sighted a kind of flying saucer for several seconds over the Dabaa region in the western desert.

The pilot said the object seemed to be aflame and crossed the sky at incredible speed.

City and country of incident: Madrid, Spain
Date of incident: November 28, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, November 28, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THOUSANDS OF MADRID RESIDENTS BURST INTO THE STREETS EARLY IN THE MORNING TO SEE A FLYING SAUCER FLEET

Madrid (EFE) - Thousands of people burst into the streets in the early hours of this cold morning to see several UFOs which overflew Madrid. According to testimonies from hundreds of people received at a local broadcasting station, two UFOs repeatedly crossed the skies of Spain's capital. People with coats hastily thrown over their bedclothes, burst into the streets at about 0200 am local time (GMT), where there was a temperature of 2°C. Radio Madrid, which suspended its accustomed programs to follow the events, had its switchboard blocked by thousands of calls from people who wanted to tell about their sightings. Many were broadcast. "One of the witness said that when looking at the objects with binoculars he could see "squares" which looked like "windows". Some students said that the one they saw most clearly was circular with another less luminous circle inside. A doctor said he had seen from his house how the monumental square of sales, the biggest bull-fighting square in the world, became illuminated by a "metallic" flash that issued from an object that "shot" up to the sky at "incredible speed". According to the doctor, who declared himself to be "skeptical" about the UFO phenomenon, the luminous flash, "with orange, red and violet hues", lasted some ten minutes. The broadcasting station kept reminding the audience over and over again that this was not a setup, and recalled the stage set for the famous "War of the Worlds", with which Orson Welles spread panic in a large part of the East of the U.S., more than 40 years ago. The control tower of the international airport of Madrid and the serial command of the Defense did not wish to comment. Some radio communications experienced unusual cut-offs, among them those from the civil protection and the Red Cross.

City and country of incident: Animaná, Salta province, Argentina
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión, November 29, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A STRANGE PHENOMENON IN ANIMANA

Authorities of the town of Animaná in the Calchaquiles Valleys, Salta, are investigating a curious episode that has all the residents in suspense. According to statements from some of them, a very luminous, strange object, passed through the region causing a prolonged blackout. According to neighbors' statements, an intense brightness illuminated a vast sector in spite of the sky being overcast with black clouds. A driver passing by, later said "Suddenly the brightness, egg-shaped, climbed and just then occurred the blackout in the town".

An employee of the local electrical company stated that at the time of the blackout "nothing could be done to restore the service and however, shortly thereafter, the light came back on without the controls available in the case of an ~~emergencia~~ energy failure, having been used".

City and country of incident: Jaén, Andalucía, Spain
Date of incident: December 1, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, December 2, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS

Madrid, 1 (AFP) - Spaniards continued observing UFOs. After those from Valencia, Madrid and Granada, today was the turn of Jaén, in Andalucía.

This time, according to many neighbors, the objects were nine, flying in formation.

The "UFOs", claimed witnesses, appeared and disappeared in the NW of Jaén, and placed themselves at different altitudes, some very high and others a few hundred meters from the ground.

According to people who claimed having seen them, the objects emitted intermittent red, blue and violet flashes.

City and country of incident: Cergy Pontoise, France
Date of incident: November 26, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 5, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
(Please note that Crónica has two editions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon)

THE YOUNG MAN ABDUCTED BY A UFO IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED

Paris, 5 (AFP) - French police keeps investigating the disappearance of a young man who claimed having been "abducted" by extraterrestrial beings for 8 days and who, upon his return on Monday (Dec.5-JT) alleges not to remember anything about his experience.

Young Frank Fontaine was "abducted" on Nov. 26th, by the crew of a UFO in Cergy Pontoise, near Paris, according to reports from two friends of his to the police.

Questioned at length by a magistrate, Fontaine and his friends were set free without being charged, what made those in favor of an "abduction" presume that their story was true or that, at least, it deserved to be treated seriously.

The "Fontaine case" stirred not only the French, it was also included in the front pages of countless papers the world over, including *Save* and brainy "Times" of London.

In fact, the "Times", which described Fontaine's abduction amidst a "luminous halo", dedicated today a good portion of its front page to recount the reappearance. For the skeptics all of this is nothing but a joke, of dubious taste, and the fact that Fontaine should remember nothing, seems to them a dirty trick.

City and country of incident: Guaymallén, Mendoza province, Argentina
Date of incident: November 30, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, December 6, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MENDOZA - UFO SHOW

Mendoza, 6 (From our correspondent) - A vine grower from the department of Guaymallén, Juan Bautista Rizzo, 62, who lives in the Los Corralitos district, some 20km to the east of this capital, claimed having seen a UFO.

According to him, it happened last Friday when he was repairing a bicycle. He looked up, at about 0400 pm, and saw in the sky at an altitude he could not determine, two luminous objects which emitted an intense flash. He first thought they were two planes, then a bigger plane supplying another in flight. But then he understood it was no such thing, since the objects were circular.

They described very fanciful motions, and the smaller one moved as if it were a satellite of the larger craft, he explained. They did not move at great speed and at times I thought they were motionless and then they made fast movements". It all lasted some two minutes, until both objects disappeared in the sky at great speed.

City and country of incident: Chateaubriant (Atlantic Loire)
Date of incident: December 4 to 5, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Dec. 7, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Chateaubriant, France, 6 (EFE) UFO STOLE CAR

The gendarmerie of the French city of Chateaubriant (Atlantic Loire), started an investigation to clear up the circumstances under which a car was stolen by a UFO.

The event took place the night of Tuesday to Wednesday, when a bricklayer called Lucas returned home in his car. An orange "ball" of three meters diameter landed in a field and moved towards the road, covering a car that ran before Lucas'. The ball, "smoking", returned to its landing spot and the car that had attracted it, disappeared from the highway. The bricklayer returned to the place shortly thereafter with his three sons and was forced to flee by the "UFO". This testimony was confirmed by a nine year old boy.

City and country of incident: Sion Les Mines, Nantes, France
Date of incident: December 4, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 8, 1979

IT WAS NOT LIKE THAT

Nantes, France (AFP) - An investigation carried out by the gendarmerie of Nantes led to the categorical denial that a UFO resembling a fireball should have appeared last Tuesday in the outskirts of Sion Les Mines, near here. The rumor, enlarged as hours flew by, had it that the UFO in question had made a car and several occupants disappear; before the eyes of bricklayer Henri Lucas, who drove another car behind the one that had disappeared. The gendarmes verified that the only traces found at the spot of the alleged event belonged to a bulldozer from the French bridge and roads company.

City and country of paper: Crónica, Buenos Aires
City and country of incident: Canary Islands, Spain
Date of incident: March 1979
Date of paper: December 8, 1979

OTHER UFOS PHOTOGRAPHED

Paris, 8 (EFE) - The Sunday supplement of the Parisian paper "Le Figaro" published today photos of UFOs in the Spanish Canary islands, from the EFE agency, which were distributed in collaboration with the GAMMA agency, showing them as one of the most solid documents in support of the thesis of the existence of these flying objects.

The paper says the clichés taken by Spanish TV technician Gilberto Naranjo last March, are so good "they intrigued all scientific organizations". (The photos were not published in this Argentine paper-Jane Thomas).

City and country of incident: Paris, France
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, December 12, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SPOTS SELECTED FOR THE LANDING OF UFOS REVEAL A SUPERIOR INTELLIGENCE

Paris (EFE) - Landing spots of UFOs are arranged following a "Strict geometrical logic" and show the existence of a "superior intelligence". Three French ufologists reached this conclusion: Jean Claude Fumoux, an ex Air Force officer; Jean Francois Gille, a researcher of the National Center for Scientific Research, and Philippe Schneider, president of a UFO study group. After thorough studies of 78 landing spots verified in France in 1954, they could establish that these are located in such a way that they form the angles of 1,911 isosceles triangles. Based on the calculus of probabilities and on simulated studies, they concluded that there was only one per thousand of possibilities for the landing spots being such a quantity of isosceles triangles due to pure chance. Ufologists will continue their work in other European countries to confirm their theory.

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

City and country of incident: Las Palmas (Canary Islands), Spain
Date of incident: June 4, 1979
Name and date of paper: Diario de las Palmas, June 5, 1979
City of paper: Las Palmas (Canary Islands), Spain

A SUPPOSED UFO HAS BEEN SEEN

About 11:00 last night several people saw what at first seemed like a fixed star, and after staring at it, they observed a point that they thought was an airplane going toward Las Palmas. They continued staring at the star and saw two red points that remained stopped next to the bright whitish object. They stayed still like that for a good while, and later the two red points and the supposed star disappeared.

City and country of incident: Sainte Reine (Savoy), France
Date of incident: May 15, 1979 (see UFONS #120, p. 12, col. 1)
Name and date of paper: Noticiero Universal, June 15, 1979
City of paper: Barcelona, Spain

UFO in the south of France

Several inhabitants of Sainte Reine, in southeast France (Savoy) claimed to have seen a UFO when it was getting ready to land in the middle of a field.

According to the witnesses, the object was bright in appearance, but in flight it had one side dark and the other lit up.

The UFO landed for a quarter hour, and then took off, vertically and at great speed, according to the statements of the people who saw it.

Previously sixty children at a school near the place whose events we reported, declared to the Police that they saw a device of similar characteristics, which measured approximately two to three meters (7-10 feet), and had an ovoid shape.

City and country of incident: Vigo and Puertos de Morrazo, Spain
Date of incident: July 1, 1979
Name and date of paper: La Vanguardia, July 4, 1979
City of paper: Barcelona, Spain

Vigo: Several hundred people detect a UFO

Vigo, 3.—Several hundred people detected an unidentified flying object the day before yesterday between 6:00 and 11:00 p.m., in the areas of Vigo and Puertos de Morrazo.

According to statements by the eye-witnesses, the object was pentagonal in shape, and gave off a greenish-yellow light from the middle.

The pilots of a "DC-10" sighted the object, flying over Vigo. They notified the airport that it was some 20,000-25,000 meters (66,000-82,000 feet) away and below the height of the plane.

The local radio stations received numerous calls to report the event. Some claimed that the craft had been able to land on the Arguete beach, making the water boil.

For the time being, the officials are silent about the nature of the phenomenon. There is speculation of the possibility that it could be a radio-sonde balloon or a flying weather station.

The possibility that it was a piece of the United States space laboratory "Skylab" was also argued for. This version was discarded when it became known that it will disintegrate on contact with the atmosphere.—Europa Press

[Translator's note: Skylab came down on July 11, and of course it did not disintegrate. Skylab was also suggested as a possible explanation for incidents of July 15 (Porto [Portugal] Diário de Notícias, July 16, and Lisbon [Portugal] O Jornal, July 27 ["the trajectory of the unusual object was exactly the same as Skylab's"—this four days after Skylab had already fallen]), and even July 31 (Granada [Spain] Ideal, Aug. 15, 1979).]

Name and date of paper: ABC, July 5, 1979
City of paper: Seville, Spain

Olav Meyer, German geologist living in Seville

"FLYING SAUCERS, DEVICES OF HITLER'S GERMANY"

*The airships did not interest the Nazi leader, as they were not good for making war
*At the end of World War II the "brains" of the Third Reich were moved to Russia

[Introductory paragraph, of no interest, is omitted here--trans.]

OBJECTIVE: ESPIONAGE.—"Flying saucers existed in Germany in the year 1942. I don't mean that those of today are the same, but I do mean they were constructed during the Second World War by German engineers to check the movement of enemy troops." Olav Meyer von Freyhold, German geologist living in Seville, and nephew of a physicist of the Third Reich who participated in the achievement of the airships, rejects the extraterrestrial origin of the so-called "UFOS."

Olav Meyer, in statements to ABC, explained that in the fall of 1943 the first German flying saucer was successfully tested. "One year before, German scientists were working on two different models, the 'Flying Saturno' [the article gives this in English, followed by a Spanish translation--trans.] and another airship with room for two people. Nevertheless, the triumph of the first 'UFO' experiment did not interest Hitler, who preferred projects more applicable for use in combat, as occurred with the self-guided rockets, used for the first time in the bombardment of England. The 'UFO,' as a ship of espionage, did not have immediate use for war."

THE SOVIET ADVANTAGE.—..."At the end of the war... engineers, physicists, and chemists continued working on Russian soil. Before moving to the Communist superpower they had offered their projects to the American occupation troops, but they rejected them possibly because they did not give them any credibility." [What about the "foo-fighters" that had been attributed to Germany?--trans.] Olav Meyer, who has mathematical formulas used in the construction of the flying saucers and photographs of them, emphasizes that, logically, "it is not gratuitous to presuppose that 'UFOS,' whose construction had been initiated in Hitler's Germany, reached high peaks of development and technological perfection years later in Russia."

Apparently, there existed on German soil several research centers where flying saucers were built and tested; one, located in the Loina region, and another in eastern Germany, today Poland. In a book published in the '50's under the title of "The Stolen German Patents," the disappearance of construction plans for the saucers is mentioned, as well as other projects relative to industrial research. The United States knew that they were in the hands of the rival superpower, but never made a public statement about it. Today everything points toward a balance of power between the two colossuses in nuclear and space advances, and the open dialogue on limiting the escalation of armaments, which goes on before the general skepticism of the rest of the world, confirms it.

The only thing that is certain, the unavoidable reality, is that millions of people all over the world wonder what "UFOS" are and where they come from, that it has become a genuine unknown for our civilization, which until some years ago was considered the indisputable lord and master of the universe.

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TRIBUNE, Des Moines, IA - Nov. 16, 1979

Iowan hopes beast keeps on truckin'

By Dave Brown

Tribune Staff Writer

MINBURN, IA. — Larry Wilson saw a Bigfoot-like creature strolling through his yard "like it was on a Sunday afternoon walk" Thursday night — and he wants it to keep going.

"I hope it's migrating south," the 39-year-old salesman said Friday morning as he recounted the previous night's eerie event and subsequent lack of sleep. "It scared the hell out of me," he said.

Wilson lives in a ranch-style house with a walkout basement in the Raccoon River valley about two miles north of Iowa Highway 44.

Thursday night, while his wife and four children were attending a Des Moines church meeting, Wilson heard his two dogs barking. After they had barked for about a half hour, Wilson stepped outside.

He didn't see anything — but he heard "heavy, rhythmic breathing," like that of a winded horse. He didn't wait around.

"That's when I shut things up and ran upstairs," he said.

From an open upstairs window, Wilson said he watched in amazement as the creature strolled beneath a yard light in his back yard, about 100 feet away.

"Just bingo! There he was," Wilson said. "I probably should have watched a while longer, but I went to the phone and called the sheriff's office."

Wilson described the apparition as

being about six feet tall (although, since his vantage point was above, it could have been taller) and hunched over, swinging its arms the way a human being would as it walked. He had the impression it was hairy, but did not observe it long enough to identify any features.

Wilson said it looked just like pictures he has seen of Bigfoot.

Two Dallas County deputies showed up to investigate.

When they decided to search on foot, Wilson said, he told them, "Hold it — I'm going in the house to get my shotgun."

The search turned up a series of 13-inch footprints in the frost. Wilson said the deputies measured the strides at 48 inches from toe to toe.

The footprints headed southeast, in the general direction of the river, Wilson said, until they disappeared into an alfalfa field.

Wilson said he is not claiming he saw Bigfoot, and that what he saw could just as well have been a hoax — although he couldn't think of anyone who would play such a joke on him.

Hoax or not, Wilson said it was pretty much a sleepless night at his household.

"I don't think I fell asleep until three o'clock this morning," he said, "and I usually get up at 5:30 or so."

"I waited until it was perfectly light before going out to open the garage door."

Wilson is a sales representative for Tension Envelope Corp. of Des Moines.

Wilson said his wife told him she believed his story, because he ordinarily isn't easily upset.

"There is some fright on my part and my family's," he said, although he added that he would never take a shot at the creature unless it exhibited aggressive behavior, which it did not Thursday night.

Dallas County Sheriff Lee Strubbe said he would have deputies return to the area Friday to investigate the sighting.

"My theory is that it's probably another person," he said, and if it was a hoax, the prankster would have needed transportation to the area. He was hoping to find tire tracks.

"What bothers me," the sheriff said, "is that if it is somebody ... it could easily turn into a shooting" by a nervous resident.

REGISTER, Des Moines, IA - Nov. 17, 1979

Dallas County calls off its search for 'Bigfoot'

By DIANE GRAHAM

Register Staff Writer

MINBURN, IA. — Dallas County officials Friday called off the investigation of a reported sighting of a Bigfoot-like creature near Minburn.

But the director of the Iowa Bigfoot Information Center said early reports have convinced him the Thursday sighting by Larry Wilson was "absolutely legitimate."

Director Kevin Cook of Des Moines said he will be doing his own investigation later this week. But based on early discussions with Wilson and Dallas County authorities, this is "one of the most legitimate sightings this year." The only previous "legitimate" sighting this year was near Webster City, he said.

When sheriff's deputies responded Thursday night to Wilson's report of a strange creature strolling through his yard, they found a series of 13-inch footprints in the frost-covered yard.

But by Friday morning when Deputy Jerry Tiedeman returned to the scene, heavy dew had made it difficult to spot the footprints.

Tire Tracks Sought

On the theory that Wilson may have been the victim of a hoax, the deputies also combed the area looking for tire tracks. They figured that if the creature were part of a hoax, the participants would have had to drive to the location.

What happens now? Tiedeman said the investigation report is on file. "If we do get more reports ... we'll pull the file right back out," he added.

Staff limitations prevent the

sheriff's office from providing any round-the-clock surveillance of the area, Tiedeman added.

As for Wilson, he was looking forward Friday to a quiet night's rest. Wilson emphasized that "I don't know what it was I saw," but based on what he has heard about Bigfoot "it was something just very doggone similar."

Wilson, who is a sales representative for Tension Envelope Corp., said his fellow employees on Friday said they believed his report because they know he wouldn't fabricate something like this. His family happened to be attending a church meeting in Des Moines when the creature appeared.

"Man in Gorilla Suit"

Wilson described the creature as being about six feet tall and hunched over. He said it didn't really look like a gorilla, but rather like a "man in a gorilla suit."

He had stepped outside the house to find out why his dogs were barking, but when he heard a "heavy, rhythmic breathing" he headed back indoors.

Wilson had no plans to stand guard Friday night in case of a repeat visit. "If I can sleep, I'll be in bed," he said.

He's not afraid about his own or his family's safety, although he admitted he is "concerned because it's an unknown to me."

He also confessed that his shotgun is sitting in a corner with "shells in the loading tubes. They're not in the firing tubes, but they could be kicked in there pretty quick."

"But afraid? Nah!" said Wilson.

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Dec. 17, 1979

Woman Claims Sighting Creature on Area Road

By RON FREEBERG

Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

Has the legendary "Bigfoot" come to Rochester?

An unidentified woman told Olmsted County sheriff's officers Saturday that she saw a beast that would certainly match descriptions of a creature reported in northwestern parts of the United States over the years.

The woman refused to give her name for fear of criticism and reported the incident only as an effort to allay the fears of her children, who also saw the beast.

CR: M. Hall

The woman said she was returning home Friday night with her children, who are two and three years old. On the road between Rose Haven and Marvale additions, her headlights suddenly picked up a huge beast.

She described the creature as being 7-feet tall, 250 to 300 pounds, covered with hair and having a huge mouth, with a pig-like nose and "very ugly."

"It was definitely not a man," the woman said.

She also said the creature attempted to cover its eyes from the glare of the headlights and "the arm did not bend like a normal arm."

Sheriff's officers could find no trace or tracks of the creature

STAR, Indianapolis, IN Jan. 7, 1980 CK: C. Jones Huge Footprints Seen In Forest

Towanda, Pa. (AP) — Footprints measuring 17 inches long and six inches wide have been discovered in a forest near this northeastern Pennsylvania town, a logger and a radio station manager say.

"It looked just like human footprints," said logger Dale E. Vester.

The hunters who found them asked not to be identified, Jack Baker, general manager of WTTG radio, said Saturday. State Game Conservation Officer Ed Galloway said he would try to check the prints out within a few days. "I'd have to see it for myself," he said.

It's Not the Missing Link!!

Little Big Foot Spotted Near Bailey Lake

It runs like a small ape, is the size of a small calf, and appears to have black fur! What is it?

That is the question that Fay Florey and his two sons, David and Paul, are asking following their brief experience early Saturday morning.

"We saw the animal come out of the trees, leave the road, go through a ditch, climb between a woven wire fence and a strand of barbed wire and then disappear into a crop of tall sudan," explained Mr. Florey. The woven wire fence was about two feet high. He and his sons had been hunting and they spotted the

black animal between the north side of Bailey's Lake and the Florey farm about a mile north of the lake. The Floreys had but a few seconds view of the strange traveler. They were in a pickup when they spotted the odd creature and their view was from about a quarter of a mile away.

Mr. Florey explained that the animal ran on four feet, but the front feet appeared to touch the ground lightly as it ran. The view Mr. Florey and his boys had was from the back of the animal and they explained that it appeared to wobble in a fashion similar to an ape.

"Little Big Foot" was the name attached to an animal spotted north of Watertown a month or six weeks ago, and some people believe that this may be the creature.

"I have no idea what it is," concluding Mr. Florey, "but it moves rapidly." There was an attempt to locate tracks, but the dry hard ground revealed no indentations.

More Sightings

"Corky" Clausen called the Courier at press time Tuesday night and reported that he had

seen the animal near the Levi Flora farm in Mt. Pleasant Township on Monday. "I have never seen anything like it," explained Mr. Clausen. He estimated the creature to be the size of a man, "It was in a half standing position when I spotted it," added Mr. Clausen.

There were several other reports of sightings, and of searching parties attempting to get a view. It was claimed that attempts had been made to locate the animal from an airplane on Tuesday, but these reports were not confirmed.

Velikovsky, a Star-Crossed Theoretician of the Cosmos

By ROBERT JASTROW

Ithmanuel Velikovsky, who died two weeks ago, was a man of extraordinary talents. During his 40 years, he devoted his powers of scholarship and intellect to a remarkable thesis: a few thousand years ago, Venus collided repeatedly with the Earth and Mars, altering the course of history and causing many notable events that are chronicled in the Bible and in legends of ancient peoples.

In one of these collisions, around 1500 B.C., Venus — at that time a comet, not yet a planet — parted the waters for the Children of Israel as they fled the Egyptians. Continuing around the sun, Venus returned to the Earth on a later orbit and collided with it again, stopping the rotation of our planet or tilting the Earth's axis; the effect was to halt the motion of the sun when Joshua said, "Sun, stand thou still."

Still later, Venus crossed the orbit of Mars, pushing it into a collision course with the Earth. Mars came near the Earth several times, once on the eve of a battle between the Assyrian King Sennacherib and the soldiers of Judah. A bolt of lightning sprang from Mars, destroying the Assyrian army. Mars also came close to the moon in this period, melting its surface. The last encounter occurred between Mars and the Earth in the eighth century B.C.

These are interesting ideas because they contradict a widely accepted view that the planets have not changed their orbits for millions of years. They also contradict established laws of physics and Newton's theory of gravity.

Dr. Velikovsky was aware of these difficulties. They were the basis for his argument that electrical and magnetic forces may come into play in close encounters between celestial bodies, overwhelming gravity. Since astronomers believe that these forces have no such effect, Dr. Velikovsky's hypothesis made his theory even more radical, exciting and potentially fruitful.

But his ideas were not well received in the scientific community. Scientists described him as a "quack," "charlatan" and "fraud," and his work has been called "rubbish," "nonsense" and "trash." People have received such treatment from scientists before and been right. Alfred Wegener, an early proponent of continental drift, was scoffed at by geologists during his lifetime. Years later it turned out that although his reasoning was wrong, his conclusion was correct. Continents do move about.

Perhaps planets move about, too. The idea is certainly intriguing, and outside the scientific community has attracted many supporters. Dr. Velikovsky's cosmology has been compared favorably with those of Plato, Aquinas, Descartes, Newton and Kant. His supporters have charged that he was never given a fair hearing. Attacks on his work by astronomers have been described as "a disgrace to American science" and "academic ill-temper and abuse."

Who is right? There is no question that Dr. Velikovsky was shabbily treated. Leading American astronomers threatened to boycott the Macmillan Company for publishing his "Worlds in Collision" forcing Macmillan to turn the property over to a competitor. Scientific American and the American Philosophical Society published attacks on the theory but refused to print Dr. Velikovsky's rebuttals. Science, the official journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, returned another manuscript to Dr. Velikovsky unopened.

The New York Times said scientists were behaving "as though they have been stung by a hornet from outer space." Some scientists thought their colleagues had gone too far. In 1973, on a proposal from the astronomer Walter Orr Roberts, the A.A.A.S. arranged a panel discussion on the theory of planetary collisions. The panel included five members opposed to the theory and one — Velikovsky — in favor.

Reporters and scientists agreed that Prof. Carl Sagan was the most effective anti-Velikovskian on the panel. Science called Professor Sagan's discourse "amusing and totally devastating." Another panel member said the discussion was "entertaining." A reading of Professor Sagan's paper and the reports on the meeting suggests that the panel and the audience were mocking the 78-year-old man.

Later, Dr. Velikovsky had his day when he spotted a major scientific buster in Professor Sagan's argument. Calculating the probability of several collisions involving Venus, Mars and the Earth, Dr. Sagan estimated 1 chance in 10¹¹ (10 followed by 22 zeros) that the collisions could occur. This number was widely quoted by reporters as proof of the absurdity of Velikovsky's thesis. Professor Sagan's error lay in the assumption that the collisions were independent of one another, so that the probability of a series of collisions would be the product of separate probabilities for each collision. Dr. Velikovsky pointed out that the collisions are not independent; in fact, if two bodies orbiting the sun under the influence of gravity collide once, that encounter enhances the chance of another, a fact well known in celestial mechanics. Professor Sagan's calculations, in effect, ignore the law of gravity. Here Velikovsky was the better astronomer.

Much of the criticism of Velikovsky is better founded. His scientific documentation is drawn to a disturbing degree from discredited measurements and theories, from evidence widely regarded as unreliable, and from statements taken out of context and used misleadingly. An example: "Flies appear [in

the fossil record] as the most recent among insect forms." This statement is offered in support of his suggestion that Venus may have been the source of flies plaguing the Egyptians in the time of the Exodus, 3,500 years ago. The fact is that flies are fairly recent arrivals in the fossil record, but they go back at least 100 million years, not 3,500 years. This sort of half-truth drives scientists up the wall.

Still, it may have been Dr. Velikovsky's special genius that he was able to divine the truth although he could not support his insights with convincing evidence. Was Velikovsky right? Did Venus collide with the Earth in historic times?

Three predictions based on the theory have turned out to be correct, and were cited by Velikovsky as strong evidence in its favor. Venus is hot; Jupiter emits radio noise; and the moon's rocks are magnetic. Numerous other predictions turned out to be false; a few of these are listed below.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The moon's surface was repeatedly melted between 3,500 and 2,700 years ago. 2. The Earth's mountain ranges, specifically Alps and Himalayas, were created 3,500 years ago. 3. Argon and neon are "main ingredients in the Mars atmosphere." 4. The Mars polar caps are made of carbohydrates, described as "manna." 5. Mars and Venus throw off more heat than they receive from the sun. 6. Organic matter will be found on the moon. 7. Venus contains hydrocarbons in its atmosphere; spectral tests should reveal them. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of Apollo moon rock revealed the moon had not been melted for 3 billion years. 2. Dating of rocks shows the Alps and Himalayas are millions of years old, still forming. 3. Viking measurements: argon, 1.6 percent; neon, 0.0025 percent. 4. Spacecraft measurements show the polar caps are water, with a coat of dry ice in winter. 5. Data show that the heat radiated by Mars and Venus equals the energy received from the sun. 6. Negligible organic matter was found on the moon. 7. No evidence for hydrocarbons was found in the Venus atmospheric spectra. |
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The most important items in the list are the first two, which reveal that nothing geologically remarkable happened 3,500 years ago on the Earth or on the moon. The moon was not melted then, and the Earth suffered no disturbances different from those experienced more or less continuously over the past several hundred million years. It would be very interesting if the facts were otherwise; nothing could be more exciting than to witness a revolution of scientific thought in our own lifetime. Unfortunately, the evidence does not support this possibility.

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Cause of Noise Falls on Military

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 8, 1980

NEW YORK (AP) — Several low rumbles cascaded across the New York metropolitan area Monday, and one scientist theorized the noise was a result of military planes flying at supersonic speeds off the coast of New Jersey.

But military and civilian aviation officials said they were not aware of any such flights.

The series of strong, low-frequency sounds was heard in midtown Manhattan in the late morning and into the afternoon.

Dr. William Donn, head of the atmospheric sciences group at Columbia University's Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory, said the sounds registered on the observatory's sensory equipment.

"I suspect it is from military planes off the coast of New Jersey," Donn said. "I'm not certain, but the chances are probably more than less that that's the cause."

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Dave Jackson, an Energy Department spokesman, said at Las Vegas that an unidentified "reliable" employee at a Nevada nuclear test site reported he saw a large creature "between six and seven feet tall, standing erect and walking like a man, with dark hair completely covering its body" wandering along a road in the desolate testing area.

Astronomy Flourished In Indian Civilizations, New Science Reveals

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — While European civilization declined in the Dark Ages, astronomy was flourishing at the jungle cities of Mexico and Central America, scientists said Sunday.

As long as 1,200 years ago, scientist-priests of the Maya Indians, for example, could predict eclipses and plot the motions of the planet Venus with uncanny accuracy.

The Mayans, who also are credited with developing mathematics and an advanced written language, devised complex and accurate calendars.

Around the world — among South American Incas, Polynesian Islanders, American Indians, ancient European tribes and many others — a new science called archaeoastronomy is finding evidence of a sophisticated understanding of astronomy long before the invention of the telescope in Holland in 1608.

Share Goal

The discoveries of just how advanced ancient astronomers were reveal that between modern astronomers and their prehistoric predecessors, "there is an ultimate goal that I think we still share," Edwin C. Krupp, director of Los Angeles' Griffith Observatory, said.

"We are still studying cosmology. We are still trying to say: this is our universe, this is what it's like and this is our place in it," he said at a week-end meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Krupp is a leading member of the new field of archaeoastronomy, which tries to identify and understand the role and practice of astronomy in ancient civilizations.

"It has changed our opinion in the direction of understanding that they were much more sophisticated [than had been suspected] We have very much to learn from the ancient ways of looking at the universe," Anthony Aveni of Colgate University at Hamilton, N.Y., said.

Close to Nature
Prehistoric peoples lived in intimate contact with the natural world. The timing of planting and harvesting and the migration of

animals meant the difference between life and death. The celestial events that signaled the changing seasons were obvious subjects for study, Krupp said.

Archaeoastronomers recently found an elaborately painted rock wall beneath an overhang in which a sort of window seems to have been hacked out hundreds of years ago.

On the day of the summer solstice, the day the sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky, "when the sun comes up, the very first thing that happens is that an arrow of light falls [through the window] squarely on a set of concentric circles and points directly at the center," Krupp said.

Found Elsewhere

Similar solar observatories and others much more complex have been found elsewhere around the Americas.

Aveni described a vast, complex system of rock towers built by the Inca Indians of Peru in the 14th and 15th Centuries. The towers apparently were used much like sundials; their shadows revealed the annual movement of the sun and identified the planting seasons.

Throughout Central and South America, he said, an imposing array of monuments, towers, markers and observatories were used for an assortment of astronomical measurements with practical and religious value.

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Organizes Search Party For Sasquatch Remains

CR: C. Jones

MILLINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Wayne King, head of the Bigfoot Information Center, says he is organizing a search party to recover what he says may be the remains of a sasquatch in northern California.

King said Thursday the alleged remains were discovered by a Washington state woman more than a decade ago.

"She and a female companion were wandering on an abandoned fire trail in a remote, dense wilderness region when they came upon a large carcass of what was first thought to be a bear," King said.

"Closer observation revealed the carcass to have two arms, two legs and an extremely broad chest, a medium head with no noticeable neck, thick black hair 4 to 5 inches in length covering the entire body, large hands, with four digits and a prehensile thumb," he said.

The bigfoot, or sasquatch, is a huge, hairy, manlike

creature with long arms, reputed to have lived in the mountains of North America.

King said the woman, now 23, told him about the 1967 find three months ago. He said she was closely questioned and is believed "reliable."

"We have verified her story through affidavits and depositions," King said. "The witness accurately described color of fingernails as copper in color. She said the carcass was lying on its back with its arms spread and its legs drawn in."

King said though the woman was unable to estimate the creature's weight, she said its chest was about 4 feet across and it was 8 feet in length. The animal's chest had been ripped open, exposing off-white colored ribs.

King said he and his associates would try to recover the animal's bones as soon as funds to finance the trip had been raised.

King refused to disclose the location of the carcass find, saying if he did, others might go after the remains.

British Mountain Climbing Expedition Reveals Close Encounter With Abominable

Snowman

LONDON (AP) — Members of a British mountain-climbing expedition, back from the Himalayas, said Monday they had come so close to an encounter with the Abominable Snowman that at least one skeptic became a believer.

The climbers, who say they heard an "absolutely amazing" piercing scream from a slope 17,250 feet high in Nepal's Hinku Valley, brought back photographs of distinct not-quite-human-looking footprints.

"I used to dismiss this kind of thing, quite frankly, as being too farfetched to be true," lead climber John Edwards, a squadron leader with the Royal Air Force, said.

"But now it's quite clear that it would be foolish to discard the question. I am convinced there is indeed some strange creature in the Himalayas that hasn't been explained by fact," he told the Associated Press.

Scientists have long been baffled as to whether an Abominable Snowman, "a half-man, half-beast creature" also called a Yeti, exists. Reports of sightings of such a creature in the Himalayas, as well as in the western United States and in Soviet Siberia, have persisted for years. Lord Hunt, leader of the 1953 ex-

pedition in which Sir Edmund Hillary conquered Mount Everest, believes he first saw the tracks of the Yeti in 1937.

Recently, Soviet scientist Nikolai Vereshchagin went on record as saying the Yeti exists only in the imagination. "Many of my colleagues believe, as I do, that anyone who talks about some kind of ape-man living in the snow is not thinking logically," Vereshchagin declared.

Insists It's Real

But Edwards, who has been an RAF serviceman for 20 years, insists the snowman is real. "Just because it hasn't been seen is no evidence that it doesn't exist," he said by telephone.

The British group says it has believable evidence that a giant creature stalks Nepal's snow-covered slopes.

One footprint was "a really clear example," Edwards said. "I think our pictures will prove to be the best taken yet."

Photographs, shown Monday on British television, were of footprints that looked round and deep.

Four prints were discovered first, according to John Whyte, leader of the four-man expedition which was guided by two Sherpas. Then more turned up, and Whyte said they could have been made by "a parent and its young."

Edwards and team doctor John Allen were about to pitch their tents, they say, when they discovered the tracks, measuring 8 inches by 4 inches, with four toes and a thumb-like digit on each foot.

They were three or four inches deep in the snow, which the climbers said indicated the creature that made them was standing upright and weighed about 160 pounds.

"It seemed as if the creature had jumped from the rocks, bounded through the snow and across a stony outcrop where the prints disappeared," Edwards said from his Shrewsbury home.

Startled by Scream

The team members said they were taking the pictures when they were startled by a piercing scream. "It lasted for about 10 seconds and sounded like the creature was just several hundred yards away," Edwards said. "It was an absolutely amazing sound."

He said their Sherpa guides told them it was the call of the Yeti, and refused to stay on the mountain that night.

Besides the tracks, which Edwards said were "fresh," the climbers brought back samples of animal droppings found nearby.

Dr. Allen said he could not identify the dung as being from any creature normally found in the area.

Edwards said he and other members of the group that spent two months in Nepal from October 18 to December 11, had known "almost nothing" about the Yeti before they saw the tracks.

Now, they plan to submit their photographs and dung samples to scientific experts interested in researching the creature.

Last summer, a Soviet factory worker led an expedition into the Gissar Mountains of Soviet Tadzhikistan's Pamir region and allegedly brought back photographs of Yeti tracks.

TIMES, New York, NY - Jan. 5, 1980 CR: T. Bloecher & J. Clark

It's Tall, It Has Wavy Red Hair And Chinese Keep Hunting for It

Special to The New York Times

PEKING, Jan. 4 — At 1 A.M. on a dark night in 1976, a jeep carrying county officials from a meeting screamed to a halt on a road in southern Hubei Province. A large animal with reddish hair was lying in the road.

Gingerly, they approached to within six feet, and one of them tossed a stone at the animal's buttocks. It rose on its hind legs and lumbered off into the darkness.

The local officials raced back to the county seat and fired off an urgent telegram to the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Peking. An investigation team was sent, but the animal was long gone.

The abominable snowman? Bigfoot? Probably not, but perhaps a distant relative, according to Zhou Guoxing, a 40-year-old anthropologist with the Peking Museum of Natural History. Mr. Zhou presented the findings of his study on the creature at a conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery of Peking man. The conference is under way in Peking.

Search Was Organized

After several reported sightings of the hairy creature in 1976 in a mountainous region called Shennongjia, near the Hubei, Shaanxi, and Sichuan provincial border intersections, the Academy of Sciences became interested enough to organize a search. In March 1977, it sent a 110-member expedition of biologists, zoologists, photographers and special infiltration teams of soldiers equipped with rifles, tranquilizer guns, tape recorders, cameras and dogs.

Mr. Zhou, a researcher who has published a dozen popular books on archeology and anthropology, was put in charge of scientific research for the expedition. The search lasted eight months and no creature was captured. But enough evidence of its existence was accumulated so that Mr. Zhou and some other scientists do not dismiss it as a hoax. He concedes that other scientists at the academy dismiss the search as "running after shadows." Nevertheless, another smaller expedition has been planned for late next year.

In an interview, Mr. Zhou said the first expedition had been arduous because motor vehicles could not penetrate the thick forests of Shennongjia. The climate of the region, which has unusual birds and fish, is tropical in deep valleys, while the mountains, soaring to nearly 10,000 feet, are covered with snow.

Mr. Zhou said that at one point the search party moved close to one of the animals, but that before the beast could be captured an anxious soldier accidentally shot himself in the leg. The shot brought expedition members scurrying in from all directions and presumably frightened the creature away.

Many Large Footprints Found

Many footprints, 12 to 16 inches long, were found. Feces, sometimes found beside the footprints and presumed to be from the creature, was analyzed and found to be from neither a human nor a bear, according to Mr. Zhou. Hair samples, believed to have come from the animal and found stuck to tree bark, suggest that it is some sort of higher primate, he said.

From accumulated evidence, including purported witnesses, Mr. Zhou described the creature as about 6 feet 6 inches tall, covered with wavy red hair, with the hair on its head falling nearly to its waist. It walks upright, he said, and its footprints show it to have no arch, hence a clumsy gait. The three smallest of its five toes are not completely separated, he said, and because of this it may have the ability to grasp things with its feet. No tail has been detected, but some witnesses said breasts were distinguishable.

The creature is believed to be omnivorous but is said to prefer walnuts and chestnuts, tender young leaves and roots, and insects. While no recording exists of its calls, those who have heard it say it emits one long and one short cry.

Mr. Zhou speculated that the animal might be a descendant of megathropus, a giant ape-man that died out because it lacked sufficient intelligence to adapt to its environment.

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