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'Cover-up' theory probed CR: G. Duplantier

Legend of UFO returns to haunt Roswell, N.M.

ROSWELL, N.M. (UPI) — The legend of a wrecked UFO, found on a ranch near Corona in 1947, has returned to haunt Roswell.

Seth Hill, writer-producer for the television series "In Search Of," hosted by Leonard Nimoy, has been in the area working on an episode titled "The UFO Cover-up."

For the program, which investigates charges that the Air Force systematically has covered up evidence of UFOs and alien visitors, Hill investigated two separate findings of what are presumed to be wrecked UFOs — the 1947 incident near Roswell and one in Arizona, which Hill declined to discuss.

Hill, himself, doesn't believe UFOs are alien visitors "surveying us to see how we're doing." His theory is that many of the sightings are actually of top-secret U.S. government test vehicles.

Although a non-believer, Hill pointed to a remarkable similarity in UFO sightings and noted that many of the sightings have come in areas where the U.S. government conducted atomic bomb tests during the 1940s.

And, despite widespread media exposure, Hill still feels the uniformity of descriptions by persons who make the sightings makes them too similar to be dismissed as weather balloons, St. Elmo's Fire, reflections or high-flying aircraft.

All valid UFO sightings, he said, report a disc-shaped object with one or two modes of travel — either very fast in a horizontal direction or a rocking motion like that of a leaf drifting to earth as the vehicle lands.

While in Roswell, Hill interviewed Paul Wil-

mont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilmont. The Wilmonts had reported seeing a strange object that hovered briefly over Roswell, then headed for the northwest the night before the wreckage was found on a ranch near Corona.

Hill also had retired Air Force Maj. Jesse Marcel flown to Roswell from his home in Louisiana.

Marcel was the security intelligence officer at Walker Air Force Base when the UFO wreckage was reported by the ranch manager, the late W.W. Brazel.

Marcel contradicted accounts of the incident released at the time to the press by Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey, who said the wreckage was merely a weather balloon or a radar target.

Actually, Marcel said, there was far more wreckage found than the press reported, simply because most of it had been picked up by the time reporters and photographers got to the scene.

Marcel remembers collecting a small truckload of some kind of metal and other unusual materials resembling parchment and wood.

After the material was taken to Walker Air Force Base, Marcel was ordered to send it to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. But Ramey overruled him, he said, and had the wreckage loaded onto his plane and flown directly to his headquarters at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth.

After loading the wreckage on the plane, Marcel heard nothing further about it.

"The UFO Cover-up" is being filmed for broadcast sometime in October, Hill said.

VOICE JOURNAL, South Milwaukee, WI
Aug. 7, 1980 CR: R. Heiden

UFO's reported

An unidentified flying object was reportedly sighted by 6-year-old Tiffany Gardish, 1711 Monroe Ave., about 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 3.

Her mother, Shirley Gardish, said that she thought at first that the girl's imagination had run away. When the child drew detailed pictures of the round object she said she saw, the mother took her seriously and called police.

Not satisfied with the response of the South Milwaukee Police Department, the mother said that the sighting would be reported to General Mitchell Field. The airport had no comment on the reported sighting.

DAILY TIMES, Valdosta, GA - July 8, 1980 CR: T. Deuley

Not Everyone Convinced

Strange Lights Explained

By Times Staff Writer

A Moody Air Force Base spokesman says strange lights reported in the sky here Wednesday night may have come from airplanes based there.

Lt. Alan Fecteau said red, blue and white lights on the fuselage of Moody planes may appear unusual to people who spot them at night.

Fecteau said air base personnel have established that a similar sighting about two weeks ago was probably fuselage lights on Moody planes.

Davy Ellis, who says he was among a group of about 10 people who saw red and orange lights in the sky Wednesday night, does not think the lights originated with airplanes.

Ellis said a member of the group telephoned Moody around midnight after watching the lights for about 20 minutes Wednesday night.

He said the large unidentified flying object hovered and moved on what appeared to be an aimless course for about an hour, as an increasingly large group of onlookers gathered to watch.

The object looked to be about 500 feet in the air, he said, and was accompanied by a whirring noise, similar to the sound made by an air conditioner.

Ellis said Moody planes came over during the time the object was making periodic appearances, and said a small light broke from the larger object and shot upward at a fast rate of speed.

He said a plane from Moody followed the object upward, but that report was not confirmed by Fecteau.

The object described by Ellis is much like a sighting made by a group of Clinch County teenagers earlier Wednesday night.

The four Clinch County boys say four low-flying objects with orange and red lights appeared as they were riding down a dirt road in an isolated section near the Clinch-Echols county line Wednesday about dusk.

The objects joined and passed directly over them, they said. They, like Ellis, said there was a whirring noise that accompanied the sightings.

Minutes later, the big object approached them from a different direction, they said.

TIMES, Westland, MI - July 24, 1980

Report Three UFOs In Area

Three separate unidentified flying objects (UFO) sightings were reported this week to Farmington Hills police, with all witnesses giving basically the same description.

Sightings, all of which were reported July 21, occurred at 12:01 a.m. over the 25400 block of Kilreigh; at 12:15 a.m. southeast of the 10 Mile Orchard Lake intersection, and at 1:25 a.m. over the 27800 block of west Nine Mile.

The UFO was described as a well-defined oblong, with oscillating tubular lighting from left to right midway up. It was reportedly seen

moving at great speed, stopping, turning and rocking.

The first sighting, which lasted about eight minutes, was viewed by two Farmington Hills residents. A Redford woman with two friends from Illinois reported the second sighting, and the third was seen by a lone Farmington Hills man.

Farmington Hills police said the incidents took place during a lightning storm that passed through the community at that time. However, information on the sightings has been turned over by police to a UFO investigation center.

Washington women report UFO sighting

Cindy Smith and Helen Hershley, roommates in Washington, Iowa, and five other persons reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object in that area early Sunday morning.

Smith was outside her home "sometime after 11," p.m. Saturday when she spotted an object she described as "really huge and bright." "It was like a half circle ... mostly orange, but also blue and red," she said. It kept fading in and out, disappearing for a time and then reappearing. The UFO appeared in the northeast corner of the sky, she said, and had some kind of rays coming from it.

"It looked almost like pictures of the Lord coming," she added.

Three friends who were also at her home said they thought it was just lightning at first, but then also saw the shape and colors.

The group at first called the Iowa City Police Department, but later called the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, who sent a deputy to investigate. The object was gone upon the deputy's arrival.

PRESS CITIZEN, Iowa City, IA - Aug. 4, 1980

DAILY TIMES, Valdosta, GA - July 22, 1980

CR: T. Deuley

Were UFOs Cargo Craft?

By MARTIN REGISTER
Times Staff Writer

Mysterious lights in the sky, reported in at least two area locations recently, may have been cargo planes headed for Moody Air Force Base, a spokesman there says.

It had been speculated earlier that the lights may have been from Moody airplanes, but Lt. Alan Fecteau, in the public affairs office at the air base, said Moody's planes do not fly at night.

Fecteau said the Moody Command Post has said the reported UFOs were probably transport planes coming into the air base in preparation for the Moody unit's deployment to Egypt.

"There were a lot of big planes coming in (during the time of the sightings)," Fecteau said.

"They had red, green and white lights

and they would have looked like they were moving slowly."

Fecteau also said the airplanes would have made a sort of whirring sound, a phenomenon common to sightings in Clinch and Lowndes counties.

The transport planes, based at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, would have been coming in at odd hours, Fecteau said.

Earlier, persons who saw the odd lights on the same night in two widely separated locations said they did not think they had seen airplanes.

In an isolated section of Clinch County and at Academy Acres near Valdosta, unfamiliar, slow-moving objects brightly lit up with orange and red lights were reported.

Four boys who were riding down a lonely dirt road in southern Clinch

County said they saw four triangular-shaped objects make two approaches over the uninhabited pine forest there.

They said they heard a whirring noise before they saw the objects flying in formation in the southern sky.

They said the UFOs came together to form a large, brilliantly-lit craft which came over them at a fast rate of speed.

A few minutes later, what appeared to be the same objects came over the teenagers from the east, they said.

That same night, a group of Academy Acres residents looked for about an hour at a bright object which lumbered erratically through the eastern sky.

One member of that group said the object, accompanied by a noise similar to that made by an air conditioner, shot upward at a fast rate of speed when airplanes entered the area.

IN THIS CORNER

What do UFOs see in Hillsboro?

Brad Pokorny
Special to The Globe

HILLSBORO, N.H. — Billy Gould and Laurie Barr have quite a tale to tell.

But then so do a lot of other folk in and around this central New Hampshire community of 3500.

Last February, on their way home from a basketball game, Billy and Laurie pulled into a field behind the Gould family barn in nearby Henniker to park. The couple had recently become engaged, and the spot seemed a good place to be alone in their truck for a few minutes on a cold winter night.

A few moments after they stopped, Billy, 22, spotted something odd coming over the trees at one end of the field. Billy later described it as a big Contact capsule floating on its end. It glowed with a yellowish-bluish color, he said, and he guessed it was about 40 feet tall and 15 feet wide.

Both of them watched it drift across the field at treetop level until it was directly over their truck. At that moment, the radar detector on the dashboard went off with a buzz.

"Shut the truck down," Laurie said, startled. The 20-year-old New England College special education student slid across the seat and hugged Billy, scared.

The object hovered directly over them for about a minute. Billy rolled down his window and stuck his head out.

"It made a humming noise," Billy said later. "We were close enough to it so I know it couldn't have been a helicopter."

Then the object drifted away, until it was over Golf road, the road that runs past the Gould farm. Suddenly, the object accelerated and was gone in an instant. "It was like you could see a huge light and then it gets smaller and smaller and it's gone," Laurie said.

Billy and Laurie are not the only ones who have sighted strange objects and lights that hover and then disappear in the sky.

Over the last four years, more than 60 sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported by that number or more individuals in the area. That's according to Robert Giglio, 51, a Hillsborough freelance photographer who's spent much of his free time in the last three years interviewing and recording the experiences of people in the area who have seen unexplainable objects.

The Globe interviewed more than a dozen people who claim to have seen objects on different occasions. Five people had related encounters as close as Billy's and Laurie's, while others told of more distant sightings of both spherical and saucer-shaped objects — objects that glowed in various colors and seemed to travel with ease and agility in and around the tree-covered hills that dot this sparsely-populated region.

The sightings have some people in the community concerned. "There are too many coincidences, there's got to be something going on here," said Ronald Ellis, the new publisher of The Hillsborough Messenger, the area's weekly newspaper. "The people who claim to see these things are too credible. It's not somebody's imagination."

Ellis published an account of the most recent sighting, in which a woman said she saw a large bright red and yellow object hovering at tree-top level on Rte. 31 in Hillsborough last June.

Some scoff at the sightings, however. To say that the whole community is buzzing about flying saucers would be incorrect. Until Giglio started becoming more vocal about his investigation this year, few of the people who had sighted things talked to one another.

"The town as a whole is certainly not concerned with UFOs," said Joseph Eaton Jr., chairman of the Hillsborough selectmen. "The only person who has ever discussed UFOs with me is Bob Giglio. I've never seen one, nor do I know anyone else in this town that alleges to have seen one. And I've lived in this town since 1946."

However, another selectman said he saw something he "couldn't explain to anybody" in the sky about four years ago.

Thomas McClure said he another lineman for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire watched "a bright glow" hover over Wolf Hill one night. When they turned on the yellow flasher atop their utility truck, McClure said, the object streaked into the sky at a tremendous speed.

The Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Arizona is interested in all types of UFO sightings, a member of that group said Wednesday. The address is 3910 Kleindale Road, Tucson, Ariz. 85712.

Was UFO really a balloon?

By JOHN WHITEHAIR
Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Did some tiny Martians pay a visit to Norton Air Force Base in their metallic spaceship last weekend or was it just a child's balloon that two control tower operators and others reported as an unidentified flying object?

A San Bernardino resident who lives close to the base said he released a child's silver balloon about an hour before the tower operators reported the UFO.

He did not give his name but said the balloon was bobbing up and down as it traveled eastward toward the base.

A Yucaipa resident, Jim Ferguson, said he saw a flashing light on a hill behind his house Monday morning and when he looked at it through high-powered binoculars, it appeared to be an eight-to 12-inch-wide, 2 1/2-foot-tall heart-shaped silver balloon with black dots on it.

As it turned in the morning breeze he saw the black dots were actually a Mickey Mouse face.

As the sun rose, the balloon lifted off and traveled eastward, Ferguson said.

However, a Norton official discounted reports that the Sunday evening UFO sighting was really a balloon, saying the wind was blowing at 4 mph when the object was sighted, but the object was traveling at 30 to 40 mph.

In addition to the two Norton tower operators, several Highland area residents said they saw the object, which was described as a "balloon that had been flattened on two sides" with black dots on one side.

The object was observed by the Norton men for about 10 minutes, during which it may have touched down on a taxiway, and was reported to the Sheriff's Department by several Highland residents minutes later as it passed over their houses. It was said to be about three feet in diameter.

A story about the sightings in Tuesday's Sun prompted the man who released the child's balloon, the Yucaipa resident and several others to call and say what they thought the object was, or to relate similar sightings.

Larry Woodford of Fontana said he saw a green trash can liner that was tied on both ends and probably filled with helium floating over his house about an hour before the UFO sightings.

He lives in the path of Norton's runways and said the object could have appeared to be a UFO in the darkness.

Coy Prestidge of San Bernardino said the UFO reports Sunday convinced him that the object he saw near Norton about two weeks ago was a UFO. It was very different from Sunday's object, however.

Prestidge said he was returning from an outing early in the morning and saw a bright light near the base. When it dimmed, he could make out an oval outline, he said.

"It just sat up there and went back and forth real slow. And it looked like it was looking at us," he said.

He and two other persons attempted to chase it in their car but became frightened and stopped when "it got too close," he said.

The public affairs office at Norton also received several calls about that sighting and referred all of them to a UFO research center.

The Air Force no longer investigates reports of unidentified flying objects and officials at a non-government UFO research center said they are only interested in actual contact with persons from other worlds.

Officials at both Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H., and the state Civil Defense office said they had received no indications of unusual flying object activity in the area.

Giglio said if UFOs are not widely discussed or reported, it is because people who have seen them are reluctant to talk about them, for fear of being branded as slightly looney. Giglio said he would not have become so involved in the subject himself if he had not photographed an unexplainable object late one night three years ago.

On July 5, 1977, Giglio said his daughter and several friends watched a strange light descend onto the side of Craney Hill in Henniker, N.H., the town next to Hillsborough to the east. The light stayed in position long enough for Giglio to be brought to the scene by his daughter. He took several dozen pictures of the light from Rte. 202. Two police officers who came along that night also saw the light, which pulsed with a bright red glow for several hours.

Thomas Bourque and another officer, who asked not to be named, said they also saw the strange light on the side of Craney Hill that night.

Giglio had the negatives examined by a photographic image scientist at the Itek Corp. of Lexington, Mass. That scientist, who asked not to be named, said the photos were not fake.

"There is no question that when the pictures were taken, something bright was sitting on the side of that mountain," said the scientist, who has since left Itek. "We were able to judge the size of the object by blowing it up and it was 7 to 9 feet in diameter. It also appeared to be round, as it has the same appearance from two different positions."

Other tales of unusual objects are more bizarre. Among the most vivid is the story of George Hill, 47, who was driving back from a job as a maintenance man at the Washington, N.H., School along Rte. 31 one night last September when he saw an odd light on the highway ahead.

"It was a dome-shaped object just sitting in the road," Hill said. "It look like an inverted half of a grapefruit and it was glowing yellowish." Hill slowed and stopped about 400 to 500 feet from the object, he said, as he could not drive around it. He watched it for a few minutes. "Then it became two or three times brighter — I don't know if my eyes got used to it or what — and it began to slide off the surface of the road and into the swamp next to it."

"It stopped and then two things happened. It had another dome, like a conning tower on a submarine, on top. This conning tower began to rotate and give off three beams of light, one red, one yellow, and a darker color, like blue."

"Then something protruded from the conning tower out over the side. It looked like there was chute emerging out to the surface of the swamp. It looked like a child's slide, it was silvery."

"Then I saw it lift off the ground. I just saw it raise a little higher. Then it blinked out and apparently was gone. I don't know if it turned off its lights or climbed away," said Hill.

Three other people interviewed by The Globe also claimed to have seen large, lighted objects over the same winding and desolate stretch of Rte. 31 between Washington and Hillsborough.

James Gaskell, a former teacher and country store owner in Washington, said he saw a glowing "dirigible-shaped" object drift low across the road there about three years ago. He stopped his car, he said, and with his two children watched the "craft" hover silently for a few minutes and then dart away "at tremendous speed."

Other people talked about a concentration of sightings along Golf Road, near where Billy and Laurie saw their object. Charlie Hogg, a part-time police officer for the town of Henniker who lives on the road, said he saw a craft similar in design to the one Billy Gould described hover low over the hills near his home and then take off just like a flash, one night last February.

Hogg said he saw flying objects "at least twice a week" for a stretch of time last winter. He said they pulsed with a dull red and flew in circles overhead. "But they were not planes because there was no noise," Hogg said.

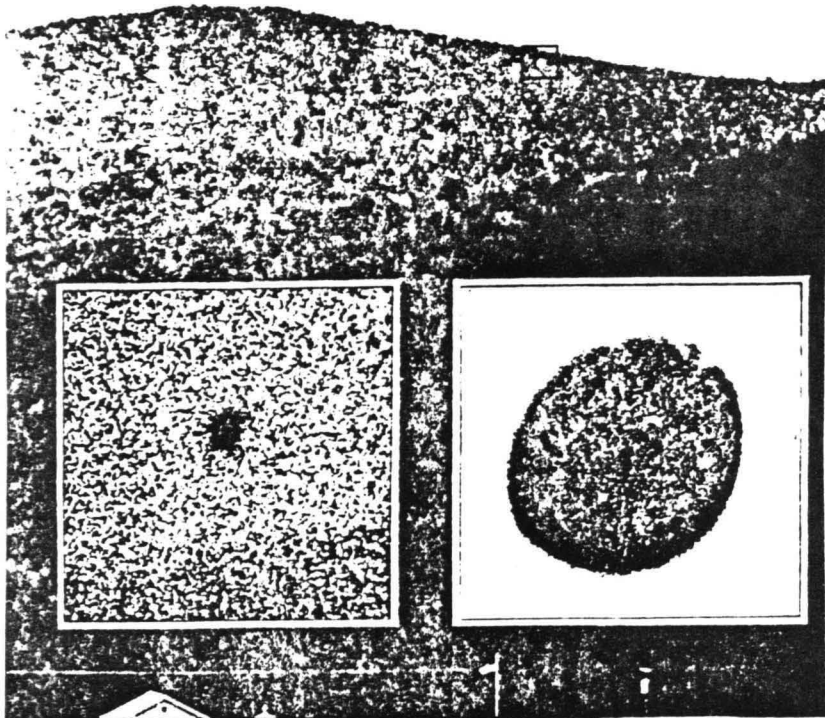
Hogg was not the only police officer to have seen objects. Willard Campbell, the part-time police chief in the town of Deering, N.H., which is adjacent to Hillsborough to the south, said he saw two objects hover near some power lines in Deering four years ago. "People make fun of me, but I know what I saw," said Campbell, who is 30. Another area police officer, who asked that his name not be used, said he had seen large objects close up several times while on night patrols.

For one area as small as Hillsborough and the three towns surrounding it to have had so many claimed object sightings is very rare, said one expert on UFO's. "Generally speaking, most UFO sightings are fairly random," said Jerome Clark, an editor at Fate Magazine and the author of several books on UFOs. "But there have been sightings concentrated in one area for a period of time, like four years is an unusual situation," he said on being told of Giglio's work.

Giglio believes a federal investigation of the happenings in Hillsborough is warranted.

"My theory is that these are not extraterrestrial," Giglio said. "I can't believe anything from outer space would want to come down to this area. There are no mineral deposits, no military bases, nothing. They can hover over more interesting areas."

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Robert Giglio's photo of the light on Craney Hill (in background) and two magnifications of it.

"I believe they are manmade objects and that somebody, some organization, has achieved a major breakthrough in electro-magnetic technology. And any objects which have the ability to hover, move away at great speeds, and change directions rapidly — if they are not in the hands of our government or a government of the free world — then they are a great threat to national security."

Giglio further theorizes the objects are operating from a base somewhere in or near Hillsborough. "I don't know where. I don't know what they are. But these people are saying something," Giglio said. "There is a pattern to the sightings. Many are large and roughly the same shape. They all make no sound. And the unusual thing is so many people have seen them so close."

After Billy Gould and Laurie Barr saw their first object last February, they spent other winter nights watching the sky over Golf Road.

They saw more objects, Billy said, although none were as close as the first one. "The others were high red ones, circling the mountains," Billy said. "They were big, too, but they were not planes. There's no way a 747 would be circling around here."

Recently, however, they stopped looking. Laurie has grown scared. She said she doesn't want to have anything more to do with them.

"I don't know what they are," she said. "But I think they are people a lot smarter than we are."

Man Says He Has Proof Aliens Have Visited U.S.

BY TERRY KINNEY
Associated Press Writer

FAIRFIELD, Ohio—Charles Wilhelm, who has devoted most of his free time during the last 20 years to studying unidentified flying objects (UFO), said Tuesday that he has proof aliens have visited earth.

Wilhelm released two previously unpublished pictures that he said show the remains of an alien space-man who crashed in Mexico, about 30 miles south of Laredo, Texas, in July, 1948.

He said the pictures were taken by a Navy photographer who was assigned to document the crash.

"I am more of a skeptic than I am believer. We feel these photographs are authentic," Wilhelm said. The pictures show what appears to be a charred human-like form with a head proportionately larger than the rest of the body.

WILHELM SAID the photographer refused to reveal his name because the pictures could be traced. "The man is still in the military, and he's waiting to see how much harassment he gets," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm also released what he said was a censored memo written by the photographer. "I do feel that it is my duty to warn you that once you begin the dissemination of the photos, you may find yourself the subject of harassment and even abuse, perhaps by an agency of the government that you never even suspected existed," it said.

"I had to cut up one negative because there are recognizable persons still alive gathered around the body that I had to cut out."

Wilhelm said that by using the Freedom of Information Act to gather material, members of the

Coalition of Concerned Ufologists of America have documented a government coverup of alien visits.

"There are a lot of documents — Army, Air Force, Navy. Anybody can get them. You just have to know what you're looking for," he said.

"We've compiled 15,000 pages to prove that Uncle Sam is still engaged in UFO research, even though they say they shut down their UFO operation in 1969."

"There have been numerous crashes over the years. Some spacecraft that landed because of malfunctions have been retrieved fully intact."

"THE GOVERNMENT denies that they have alien bodies in their possession, but we have testimony from former military personnel who saw them. We've talked to a couple of pathologists who did autopsies on the bodies."

Wilhelm, 37, a machinist who lives in Fairfield, said he saw his first UFO in Louisville, Ky., when he was 6.

"I've had quite a few, but nothing really spectacular," he said. "Of all the sightings I've had, the closest one was 200 feet away."

Wilhelm said that occurred in Fairfield in 1974. He and his wife, Geri, observed a cigar-shaped, 200-foot-long alien craft for three to five minutes before it flew away, he said.

Wilhelm said he's never seen an alien, but believes there has been communication between aliens and people on Earth. He thinks the alien encounter portrayed in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was unrealistic and only "impressive from a Hollywood standpoint."



PHOTO TAKEN in 1948 depicts what a Fairfield couple believe to be the charred body of an alien being in the wreckage of his aircraft after it crashed in Mexico, 30 miles south of Laredo, Texas.

Four O'Clock High

It was 4 a.m. on Aug. 17. Three people, camping out on Winberry Creek near Lowell, were sound asleep after a late night around the fire. One of them awoke suddenly to find a bright light in his eyes.

"It was a bright ball of light that kept coming closer and closer," says Scott, who wishes his last name to remain confidential. "There was also a whirring noise, like a smooth running engine." Scott also describes a whispering sound along the ground, more electronic than animal.

Scott's companions confirm the story. "It got almost as low as the trees," says Gary Sheffield. "I thought we were gonna get beamed up, I really did."

For the next two hours Scott and Gary watched in fear and awe. The third camper, Rhonda, decided to creep further into her sleeping bag, where it was warm if not safe. The light moved around some, getting closer and then farther away, until it finally disappeared with the daylight.

Had the trio eaten any hallucinogenic substances? "No, no," insists Scott. "We had been partying some, but I wasn't out of my head."

If anyone else saw the light, they kept it quiet. The Lane County Sheriff's office had no UFO reports over the weekend. Nor did the Center for UFO Studies, a privately-funded organization headquartered in Chicago. Alan Henry, the Center's chief investigator, took the news casually. "This is a very common kind of report," he told us. "The people who have been reporting 4 a.m. sightings lately have seen them in the eastern sky. Venus is what they've been seeing."

Scott insists that the light was in the west. He also insists that the light moved around a lot, very un-starlike. This info didn't phase Henry either. "You'd be surprised what people will do to Venus," he chuckled. "Especially at four in the morning."

Scott will have none of this. "I'm no science fiction nut, but now I'm a believer."



'How is a contactee selected? It is always a decision on the part of space people. Just the desire is not enough.'
— Richard Miller

UFO believers say encounters leave you awed



Fred Matthes — Mercury and News

Contactees have a high degree of natural humility and less ego and are of moderate educational background. A highly skeptical or educated person doesn't stand a chance of being a contactee because the aliens would have to break strongly held opinions in order to communicate with the earthling.

— Lt. Col. Wendell Stevens

By Dana Priest
Staff Writer

THIS, says the expert, could happen to you: You will be decked by a force field and float away to who knows where. Waking up sometime later, you will probably be a bit frightened. First you will feel a sense of awe, then humility. Later you will be either elated or extremely depressed and most of all will want to share your experiences with another human being.

You have just been lifted into an encounter of the fourth kind and it may not be the last you see of the cosmic aliens, according to Richard Miller, a self-styled UFO investigator who addressed the "UFO 80" symposium at the Oakland Coliseum Arena last weekend.

Miller says he has studied UFO encounters for 25 years and has interviewed hundreds of people from all over the world who report conversations and space trips with aliens. From these he has pieced together the typical psychological effects of meeting space creatures.

Some people will end up in mental institutions or with drinking or drug problems. Others, said Miller, will somehow come through it all. The outcome of each case may depend on a person's mental stability before the encounter and how he or she is treated by those the story is revealed to.

Encounters of a fourth kind are ongoing contacts between individuals — "contactees" — and "extraterrestrials."

Miller says he is a contactee.

"How is a contactee selected?" he asks. "It is always a decision on the part of space people. Just the desire is not enough, my friends. While we don't know exactly why a certain person is chosen, it appears that somehow these people are able to bring their story (to the general public) in a credible and believable way."

His story, too complex to be revealed before the 400 people at the symposium Saturday morning, was available in paperback in the arena lobby, he told the audience.

Pictures of white, egg-headed, hairless creatures with black eyes and goat-like extraterrestrial beings were presented by retired Lt. Col. Wendell Stevens, a UFO researcher for more than 30 years.

Stevens, who worked with the United States Air Force in Alaska, said that 15 to 20 percent of the scientific community believes that UFOs exist and that at least 1 percent of the earth's inhabitants has had contact with space aliens.

The common denominators among contactees, explained Stevens, are that they all have a high degree of natural humility, less ego and are of moderate educational background. A highly skeptical or educated person doesn't stand a chance of being a contactee because the aliens would have to break strongly held opinions in order to communicate with the earthling, he said.

Stevens, who has done elaborate research on a Swiss case known as the "Pleiades Contact," is not a contactee.

"They aren't coming to get us. They come in a manner of love. They are here to help us," said Bee Snow, a middle-aged Antioch resident who says she has telepathic abilities.

"Man's ego is so monumental he just can't believe there is anything better than himself," she said. "Man is too concerned with the physical and not the spiritual." This supposedly is the reason that space travelers come incognito to the planet Earth.

Too much concern for material possessions is also why Earth does not belong to the Galactic Confederation, (the universal government) and why many of our technological innovations are flawed, others at the conference explained.

"We're having problems in our nuclear research because our spiritual basis isn't there," said 25-year-old Mark Ranson, director of the Trantor Foundation, which sponsored the symposium.

"Ours is also a spiritual mission," he said. "We are here to help enlighten ourselves and to realize that life exists all over the universe and that we must be at peace with one, including the ants we step on, if I may say so."

But the symposium was not exactly at peace with all in the audience.

"These guys are making a fast buck," said a UFO researcher from New York who plans to hold a national press conference to release his rebuttal to Stevens' Pleiades account.

"I'd like it to be true but this is the biggest hoax since day one. I usually don't spend my time chasing hoaxes, but this one is so elaborate."

He contends that the photos Stevens presented are fakes and that his infrared pictures are amateur designs created to sell his \$30 book on the Swiss case.

But despite the conflicting interpretations, this debate is not over the existence of alien beings, but over the method, motive and ultimate legitimacy of one group's research.

UFOs, they all say, have landed.

Aliens are here — and there's proof?

By ANNE RICHARDS
Staff Writer

OAKLAND — Aliens contacted John in January. "I was going to take a nap, to tell you the truth," said John, a precise retired Army officer. "I had just laid down, and it was as though my mind had blanked out. When I regained consciousness, I was sitting in a dentist-like chair, but it was upright, and at the base of it was a number of small lights. The aliens were examining me. There were no visible restraints or straps, but I was restrained, like a force field. It was a benevolent restraint, there was a feeling of love, to tell you the truth."

The aliens, six men and a woman, looked just like humans, attractive Prince Valiant types with shiny black bobbed hair.

WHEN HE WAS returned to earth, 3½ hours had passed.

This wasn't the first time John, an Alameda resident, had had a brush with outer space.

In 1966 he saw a tremendous two-block long, five-story high space craft glide through the East Bay, emitting a greenish light.

But today was the first time he had ever talked about his close encounters openly.

John and 400 other people were clustered like refugees in the front of the 6,200-seat Oakland Auditorium Arena, listening to speakers, OD-ing on UFO's.

"I think we've got very few of the novice UFO people here," said Mark Ransom of the Trantor Foundation. "A lot of them have been into it for years. There are a lot of people who are trying to find out what to do with the UFO experiences they have had."

THE TRANTOR FOUNDATION — Isaac Asimov would love the name — was sponsoring a two-day marathon.

The participants paid \$12.50 a day to look at photographs of purported space craft. They listened to taped sounds of an alleged space ship landing. Discussed the popular sci-fi movie, "Hangar 18." Learned of the hundreds, thousands of alien contacts that have been reported, all over the world.

And they talked to people who understood.

"At least 20 people came up to me to tell me about their experiences," said Wendelle C. Stevens, one of the country's foremost UFO investigators. "For every 20 that came up, there were another five that didn't say anything. They come to talk to somebody that may believe them."

These were a mixed bag of people here in this dark, cavernous auditorium, surrounded by random atonal sounds of electronic music.

THE ONES YOU notice first are two slender young men with vacuous faces, wearing triangles on their heads and peddling them to the audience during breaks to "tune in better on magnetic force fields." They also handed out brochures for the New Age Synthesis Party that has its own nominee for president. (Nominee Allen Michael gets his orders from the Galactic Command Space Complex.)

Then there is John, in his 60's, balding, with substantial paunch. John spent nearly 30 years in the Army infantry. He glimpsed an alien during an army briefing in 1936, but had his first real contact this year.

Faith, a brusque Englishwoman about 35, was "very skeptical, very skeptical," about what she had heard from the speakers but had been fascinated by UFO's since she was a child in her homeland.

They listened non-stop to the speakers: ✓ Virgil (Posty) Postlethwait who updated the audience on government coverups of UFO landings.

Alien craft have crashed over a dozen times in the U.S. alone since 1945, he said. One alien was captured and lived in special apartments in the Pentagon, where he entered into negotiations with President Eisenhower on behalf of the extraterrestrials.

✓ Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens (ret.) is a veteran of 25 years in the U.S. Air Force developing the latest in military hardware. He has investigated 125 to 150 UFO cases and has the world's largest collection of UFO photographs. He has written a book ("Pleiades Contact" price tag, \$26) on a Swiss man, Eduard Meier, who has taken hundreds of photos of space craft and had 150 contacts with aliens.

✓ Jim Dilettoso is an inventor and computer software expert who spearheaded an extensive computer analysis of the Meier photographs.

His conclusion: the photos are not fakes.

WHETHER OR NOT you wear a triangle on your head, or a sticky-backed tag that says "contactee" under your name, whether you have ever spoken to an alien, your life changes once you become interested in UFO's.

Dilettoso has never seen a UFO. But he has become a believer. And his life has never been the same since Stevens first called him to work on the Meier photos.

"It was three years ago November," Dilettoso recalled. "Someone that worked for Wendelle heard about a piece of equipment I was building, a computer that I claimed would do all these things..."

"I had never thought about UFO's then. There was other life in the universe, I knew that. And I had done some studies on levitation and some work on the Shroud of Turin." (Some claim it is the actual shroud in which the body of Christ was wrapped, following the crucifixion.)

Dilettoso called on contacts from the computer, analysis and film worlds to scrutinize the photos Stevens had brought back from Switzerland he said.

The conclusions? "We know the photographs have not been tampered with by overlapping two pieces of film, one over the other. We know the photo was of an object over 20 feet in diameter. Over 2,000 man-hours of computer testing have been done on the photos, showing it (the craft) is not a model, that the photos are consistent with the direction of the sun on the background (and on the craft). We are no longer trying to prove the pictures are real. We have done that. Now we are looking at the propulsion systems."

Other teams analyzed metals purportedly taken from the alien ship.

ACCORDING TO Dilettoso, the findings revealed: —No known earth substances bond so many metals together.

—No current technology can perform the micro-machining done on the metals.

—The metals have extremely fine crystal structures not discovered in earth substances.

Dilettoso doesn't want to say specifically who helped him with the analysis, because, he said, the team in some cases used computer facilities after hours and surreptitiously to avoid opposition from their employers.

The three-year effort has affected his personal life and his belief system, he said.

Two relationships with women fell apart, in part because they couldn't accept his consuming interest in the UFO project, he said. He is currently dating a woman who is a psychic.

And he reported the expanded religious consciousness common among people who say they have had actual contact by aliens.

"My life always has had a spiritual dimension, but at an intellectual level," he said. "From working in space studies it has grounded my spiritual beliefs, brought it into my being. For example, I listen to stories of people who have had contact with space people. Listen to accounts of the God-force, of the light they see. When you live with this, case after case, you get tuned. I makes me look into my world in a religious way."

FORTY THOUSAND UFO cases have been reported around the world since 1947, said Richard T. Miller, a UFO detective, contactee and guru of the movement.

He is the founder of the Solar Cross Foundation, a quasi-religious group composed of UFO enthusiasts and contactees.

"It affected me, in my family, my contacts with other people, my job and the rest of my life," Miller said.

He declined to discuss the particulars of his contact with extraterrestrials, but referred the audience to a booklet for sale in the lobby.

AFTER INTERVIEWING hundreds of contactees,

Miller has developed a profile of their psychological development:

— "There is a sense of wonder, awe, because they are obviously in the presence of very superior beings with a technology much higher than here on earth," Miller said.

— "They experience a sudden expansion of their consciousness," he said. They gain extrasensory perception or do automatic writing.

— Delayed reactions. They ask themselves, "Was I dreaming? Did this really happen?"

— "There is an innate urge to share the experience with close friends and relatives. This is always a critical part of the after-encounter experience. It re-traumatizes them if the reaction is negative," Miller said.

— "The key \$64 question that comes up in every contact case is, 'Why me?'" Stevens told the audience contactees are chosen by the aliens and have been prepared, often by several other sightings, before an actual contact is made. Meier saw UFO's from the time he was five years old, Stevens said.

— Contacts with aliens can have profound psychological effects. "Some people can't handle it. Some end up in a mental hospital or have significant alcohol or drug problems," Miller said.

JOHN AT FIRST said his examination by aliens had had only a subtle effect on his life. "I have mellowed a great deal. I don't have the temper I had in the past," he said.

He kept his UFO sightings and contacts pretty much under wraps until he got to the convention, and even then didn't want his last name used. "I haven't told anyone in any detail. I haven't even told members of my own family," said John, who is single. "I don't know now they will react. I've been very careful. People don't want to be ridiculed."

Then John opened up a little. "It is as if my vision had been obscured all my life and all of a sudden I could see with great clarity. The drops in a fountain looked like diamonds, the color in the roses like rubies."

John is a staid, practical man who describes things like a navigator. "It was about 30 degrees off the horizon," he will say. Or, "The sky was partially obscured by clouds and the ceiling was about 500 feet."

"Why did I decide to tell people at the conference? You have kind of an affinity for a group like that. If I hadn't been there, I probably wouldn't have spoken about (the experiences) at all. I have never repeated any of them, to tell you the truth."

"I have finally talked to people because you can't help but feel a little bit strange, feel maybe that it is an aberration on your part."

"Do I think I'm crazy? No, I just had to accept it as a phenomenon I didn't understand. I've never thought I was crazy. I've read a tremendous amount on it. I have learned there is a great deal you have to dismiss. I don't care to be in love with the lunatic fringe," John said.



This photograph reportedly has been analyzed by computer and confirmed as authentic.

UFO Sightings

Loma Rica Family Cites Sightings

By BETTY HICKS
A-D Staff Writer

They've had mixed feelings about their experience a week ago today, and except for calling official agencies about it, Jack and Joyce Budro of Loma Rica have been mum about sighting some Unidentified Flying Objects near their home at 11569 Vicky Drive — until she learned this week that others have been sighted recently in Northern California.

Both were shaken by the experience and Jack Budro made up his mind he was saying nothing about it. "Nobody would believe me anyway," he said.

He had good reason to say that. Joyce immediately called Beale Air Force Base, who denied they had picked it up on radar (we don't have radar facing in that direction, she was told), the FBI in Sacramento, the Office of Emergency Services in Yuba County and the Marysville Police Department. "And nobody would do anything about it," she said excitedly.

"It is scary to think that if these things are here and they aren't being picked up on radar, those damned Russians could get in here without anybody knowing it," she said.

There was some comfort in the fact that the UFOs had been seen by both the Budros and their daughters, Renee, 25, and Brigot, 9, last Thursday night and Renee saw them again the next morning when she was returning home from work.

But it was depressing to think that no one else in the world was interested, Joyce recalls.

It was 10 p.m. Thursday and the sky was clear as a bell, Joyce recalls. "I was sitting in the rocking chair watching television when all of a sudden I saw what I thought was a star."

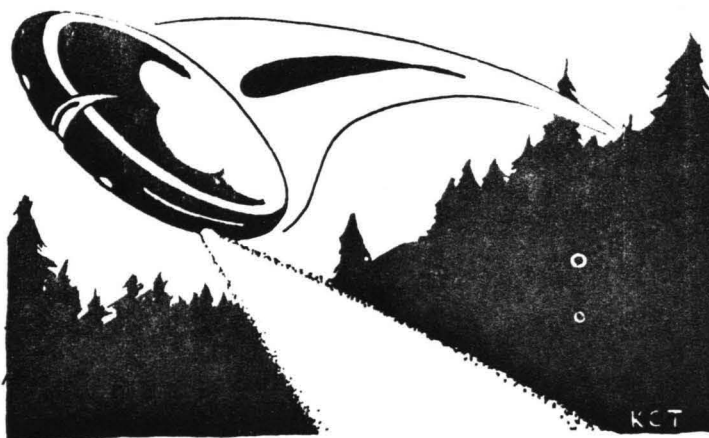
She took a closer look, thinking: "It can't be a star. It's too low. It was just standing there."

"All of a sudden, it went straight up and started coming this way (toward her house)," she said.

She called her husband, who hurried in with his binoculars and outside they went to take a closer look.

"It was all lit up on top with white, yellowish, green and red lights. There were no lights on the bottom, but as it passed over the house, the bottom appeared to have discs on it and only the red lights were on," Joyce recalls.

The thing was about 1,000 feet up as it went over the house. "It looked like a plane coming in



for a landing. It was really low, just over the tree tops," she said.

Since it was dark, Joyce says it was hard to tell just how big it was, but it was "kind of egg-shaped and roundish. It had some type of motor, but not like an airplane motor."

"I stood there in amazement," she said. "I was excited when I saw it. I felt good. I'd heard about them, but had never seen any. I kept saying 'I can't believe it; I can't believe it. I finally saw one.'"

It appeared headed for the foothills and Joyce believes they might be landing there somewhere. The family retreated to the back of their property and their daughter, Renee, sighted another UFO. This one had only white lights on it and it was hovering in the field, headed toward Hwy. 20, when "all of a sudden it started our way and it turned on the brightest beam I have ever seen," lighting up the field all around.

Joyce became frightened at this point and urged the family to return to the house, but Renee stayed, watching through the binoculars and she sighted another UFO in the distance.

"It was really scary," Joyce recalls.

Then just as suddenly it was gone.

When she called BAFB, she said, a lieutenant said he wasn't disputing what she saw — "I've seen things myself" — but the Air Force has nothing to do with them anymore."

And he had no answer when she asked what they should do if one should land.

It was about 3 a.m. the next day that Renee sighted another one enroute home from work. This one was over Loma Rica Road. She sat in the

car on the family driveway and watched as a second one hovered over the road near their home.

She hurried in to tell her mother, but by this time Joyce was depressed about the whole thing. "I didn't want to see them anymore," she said. "I was so disgusted" — about the fact that nobody appeared to believe them.

Joyce noted that the brightly-lighted UFO appeared to be on the same flight path as Beale planes travel.

"You don't know how relieved I am that sightings of other UFOs have been reported," Joyce said and that Thomas Heiman, assessor at the UFO Education Center Inc., in San Diego County, "is going to call me," she said.

A UFO was reported the day before in Sacramento County and the San Diego center received reports of UFOs being seen July 28 at Clear Lake Highlands in the Clear Lake area and about 200 feet offshore near Santa Cruz.

And maybe it had nothing to do with her report of the flying objects, but Joyce noted the next day there was an Air Force car in the area of the Loma Rica sightings.

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S.C. 'Saucer' Is Probed

ANDERSON (AP) — Two men who investigate sightings of unidentified flying objects say they want to determine if some Anderson County residents really saw what they think saw.

"I feel like this is a credible, believable sighting," said Pete Mazzola. "We want to see if there is any trace of a UFO."

Mazzola, a New York City policeman, and Jim Fallow, a former New Jersey policeman, came to Anderson Friday as members of the New York-based Scientific Bureau of Investigation, which probes UFO sightings. Four Anderson County deputies and some

residents of the Broadway Lake area of Anderson County reported they watched a brightly lit object in the sky for a couple of hours early Thursday morning.

Some of the residents said before the deputies arrived, the disc-shaped object hovered over their homes, lighting the area and making a humming noise before it zoomed away.

Mazzola said they will take soil and make radiation tests in the area to determine if there was an unusual amount of radioactivity.

He said the U.S. Air Force is not helpful with his organization's investigations.

DAILY ITEM, Sumter, SC - Sept. 12, 1980 CR: W. Jones

Anderson Residents Spot UFO

ANDERSON (AP) — A disc-shaped unidentified flying object awakened some Anderson County residents with a humming noise and bright lights before speeding away, they said.

The UFO was also spotted at a distance by several Anderson County deputies and residents of Powdersville and Williamstown who telephoned local radio stations.

Jerry McAllister said he saw the object up close for about three minutes as it hovered over his home near Broadway Lake. "I couldn't see anyone, just all those windows lit up," he said.

Lt. Keith Lerner, a spokesman at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, said the Air Force had received no report of a UFO. He said the Air Force "closed its investigation of UFOs about the 1960s." Radar operators at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport did not record the object, an airport official said.

McAllister, 40, said he woke up at 4:20 a.m. when he heard a loud humming noise. "I thought it was a helicopter crashing in my backyard," he said.

McAllister said he went to the window after hearing the noise and saw the UFO. He awoke his wife, and she awoke one of their daughters.

The object was about 70 feet long, about two stories high and had two rows of windows, all so brightly lit

that it was impossible to see anything inside, he said.

"It hovered over the same area for about three minutes," he said. "Then it turned up on its side and sped off like a streak of lightning at treetop level."

The object stayed within view, however, and a neighbor, Steve Partain, brought out a telescope. McAllister's wife, Faye, said the UFO's windows were easier to see through the telescope.

"It was beautiful, just beautiful," she said. "It was just like a giant star. But it wasn't a star and it wasn't a weather balloon."

McAllister said he reported the object to the sheriff's department. A short time later, he said, he overheard deputies on his police radio monitor saying they believed the sighting was a prank. He called again and told them to come to his home. Then the officers saw it, he said.

"It was so bright it could hurt the naked eye," McAllister said. "They apologized to me. We watched it for two hours."

Finally, he said, "it went straight up out of sight."

A spokesman for the Anderson County Sheriff's Department said the object was spotted at a great distance by deputies.

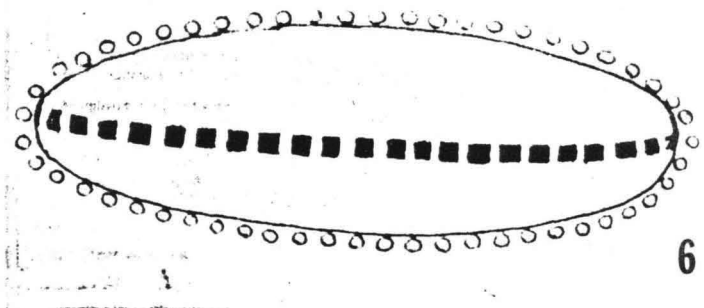
The spokesman, who refused to identify himself, said the department's dispatcher quoted a deputy as saying he saw "some sort of light that was a great deal brighter than anything around it."

Asked about a possible investigation, the spokesman replied: "What is there to investigate? An object was seen. An object left. We couldn't get a tag number on it so we couldn't investigate."



I Saw It

Jerry McAllister of Greenwood points to the spot in the sky where he says he saw a UFO early Thursday. At right is a sketch of the object he said he saw.



Rutgers QB's See UFO's Instead of X's And O's

NEW BRUNSWICK — When a football team's starting quarterback and his two back-ups claim to have seen a flying saucer, the coach may begin to think that the grid season might be in a bit of jeopardy.

But, Rutgers' Frank Burns casually brushed off the incident and is just happy to have the overload of talent represented in senior Ed McMichael, sophomore Ralph Leek and junior Joe Garefino, a former South Hunterdon standout.

"I don't care what they think they saw," said the unflappable Burns. "I just hope they can put the football in the air and have it come back down in one of our receiver's hands."

The sighting was made as a group of the players trekked back to their dormitory at The Peddie School in Hightstown following an evening skull session.

Leek looked up and saw "something" hovering over a church steeple and, according to the second stringer from Egg Harbor City, "there were a lot of lights and I said, 'Hey, look at that ... airplane.'"

McMichael, who connected on 124

passes last season to rank in the nation's top 20 in passing efficiency, saw more than just a strange airplane.

"It was there," says the Jersey Cityan. "It was there above the steeple, had lights all around it and sparks were shooting out of it. Then, it just went away, but there's no doubt in my mind that it was a UFO, and the others thought so too. Of course, no one but us believes it."

Garefino does. The South Hunterdon reserve added his version.

"In addition to all the lights, there was a red light on top, flashing on and off. I'm not sure what it was, but it wasn't an airplane."

Others ogled the object also.

Defensive backs Deron Cherry and Ken Smith, two of Burns' prizes in skill and headiness, agree with the offensive threats.

Both were mentioned on All-East teams last season, as was McMichael, and are two of the squad's best all-round athletes.

On hearing their story, Burns again remained cool.

"They had about 150 tackles between them last year and five interceptions. They also had 20-20

vision and I hope that stays the same in their senior season."

One other starter was in on the sighting — senior flanker David Dorn, who has accounted for over 2,500 yards of all-purpose running over the past pair of seasons.

"Yeah, I saw it and I can't explain it," said the Glassboro speedster, whose vision is also perfect.

Dorn's partner in the Scarlet aerial game Tim Odell was the only real cynic. The nifty wide receiver,

who caught a team-leading 34 passes a year ago, took action.

Not among the observers, Odell tried to toss a further scare McMichael's way a little later. He and a couple of cohorts used matches and flashlights outside of the quarterback's window.

McMichael saw through that, of course, but insists that the earlier sighting was real.

So is the upcoming campaign which opens at Temple on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. on Franklin Field.

Investigators Report UFO Sighters Have 'Radiation Burns'

By Steve Biondo

Staff Writer

Jerry McAlister, the Anderson man whose UFO sighting last week made news around the world, said Monday the incident has not significantly changed his life.

If you ignore the radiation burns.

"The investigators told us we had mild radiation burns," McAlister said. "My neck glands were swollen up and my wife and I both had some eye problems, but we feel great this morning."

Jim Fillow, the former New Jersey policeman and co-founder of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI) who visited McAlister's home last Friday, said Monday such symptoms were not uncommon among people who make close-up sightings of UFOs.

And he called McAlister's claim a "very valid sighting."

"We recorded a very slight jump on the Geiger counter when we checked them out," he said. "This should dissipate within a few days."

"We also found slight indications of conjunctivitis, which is not unusual. It is usually due to the intensity of light emanating from the object."

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the mucous

membrane covering the inner eyelid and the front of the eyeball.

Fillow estimated that the object McAlister claimed to have seen probably came as close as 80 feet to his house. He did not say how he came to that conclusion.

McAlister said last Wednesday he saw an object 70 feet long and two stories high giving off a "very bright light" buzzing his home on Parnell Road in Anderson.

Four Anderson County sheriff's deputies also reported they saw the object. None were sure what exactly it was they had seen.

Monday, McAlister said a second team of four UFO investigators had shown up at his home to interview him. "They said the radiation level done left, there wasn't anything but background radiation," he said.

The team was from MUFON, Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, Inc., of Sugin, Tex.

McAlister said this group was more brusque and skeptical than Fillow and his partner Pete Mazzola had been.

"They didn't think we was on the level," he said, but laughed.

McAlister said neither he nor his wife had gone to the doctor to have their conditions confirmed. He said he didn't think it was

dangerous anyway, as the "radiation" had undoubtedly "cooled."

A spokesman for the Radiological Bureau of the state Department of Environmental Control said Monday that his office does not investigate such incidents.

"We would investigate if someone asked us to do it, but it would have to be an official request," the spokesman said. "We have no procedure for going and checking for UFO sightings. We don't normally go that route."

The spokesman said he would consider a request from police or county sheriff as an "official" request to investigate.

Meanwhile, two elderly women in Royston said Sunday they saw a brightly lit object similar to the one described by McAlister, but more than five hours before his reported sighting.

Unfortunately, neither Maude Hutchinson of the Sandy Cross community on Route 1 or her friend, Lillie Mae Langford, reported their experience to authorities.

Mrs. Hutchinson, 76, said she and Ms. Langford were sitting on the porch of her home a little after 10 p.m. last Wednesday.

"We were looking out on the road and we seen it coming," said Mrs. Hutchinson. "I knew it wasn't an airplane, because we see so many of them, we don't pay any attention to them."

"I never seen anything like it or heard tell of anything like it."

Mrs. Hutchinson said her home lies eight miles west of Royston, on a track commonly used by jets on their way to Atlanta.

Ms. Langford said the object was "just a round thing, bigger than a car light."

She said, "The back part of it was round like a wagon wheel. The light was so bright you couldn't see nothing but the light. I've never seen a light that bright before."

"I just don't know what it was."

Both women said the object approached the house but circled around several hundred yards away and headed back toward Royston. They said they ran into the yard to look at it, and that it made very little noise.

The sighting lasted about 15 minutes, they said.

Tempest In a Saucer

The Smithsonian's Symposium on UFOs

By Stuart Rohrer

"How many of you have had a UFO experience?" the panelists in Baird Auditorium asked their symposium audience of 300.

About 75 raised their hands.

How many thought what they saw might have a simple, earthly explanation? Only a dozen hands went up.

These were the hard core—the believers and the uncertain skeptics—who cared enough to spend \$25 and a sunny day off seriously exploring a subject usually treated in screaming headlines at the checkout counter.

It was a day devoted to the unidentified and the inexplicable—an all-day UFO symposium Saturday sponsored by the Smithsonian Resident Associates. Under the firm hand of moderator Frederick Durant, former special assistant to the Air & Space Museum director and once involved in a major government UFO study, three ranking UFO investigators met three confirmed skeptics in a sometimes searing verbal encounter.

"I love a good mystery," said gray-bearded J. Allen Hynek, the scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies, emeritus professor of astronomy at Northwestern and former Air Force UFO consultant, who led off the day's presentations. "Reading a good UFO report is like reading Agatha Christie—except there is no last page to turn to."

Hynek, in cream-colored jacket and sky-blue tie dotted with planets, his head bowed over the lectern, hastily recounted the facts of "the UFO phenomenon" that led him to more than three decades of investigation: the existence of thousands of UFO reports, the persistence of those reports, their global distribution and the strikingly high calibre of many witnesses.

"There is something unusual going on here," insisted Navy physicist Bruce Marcabbee, the earnest chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, who pressed the significance of sightings by highly qualified observers such as military pilots, astronomers and the Gemini 11 astronauts.

"UFO Handbook" author Allan Hendry, whose more than 2,000 investigations for the Center for UFO Studies have included "CE-III's" (close encounters of the third kind, a term that predates the movie) with "UFO-nauts," outlined in his radio-announcer voice what he considered one of his most reliable reports—a 30-second daylight encounter with a speeding silver hat-shaped object by two families on an Illinois freeway.

But the skeptics kept their opponents on the defensive through most of the day. Countered Philip Klass, gray-suited senior editor at Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine and author of "UFOs Explained": "UFO promoters have not been able to come up with anything but unexplained cases. There is no scientifically credible evidence." It's time for UFO proponents to "put up or shut up," he said.

"UFOs seem to behave like fairies and ghosts," sniped author-investigator Robert Scheaffer of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, who termed UFOlogy a "failed science." "They always escape just before you can get any evidence."

"A triumph of hope over experience," suggested James Oberg, a 6-foot-8 NASA engineer and UFO columnist for Omni magazine. With a NASA film, he demonstrated how a reflection in the Apollo 11 window became "ALIENS ON MOON WHEN WE LANDED" in a National Enquirer headline.

And so it went through the five-hour session. At one point Hendry dramatically tossed a paper off the lectern to make his point about the worth of conflicting lie-detector tests. During the most biting attacks on his work, Hynek slumped quietly in his chair, a hand on his chin.

Douglas Climençon, a mail clerk at NOAA who brought along his knapsack stuffed with newspaper clippings and UFO books, echoed the sentiment of some in the audience. Though he'd never seen a UFO himself, he said, "I definitely believe they exist. The question is what they are."

When the skeptics and scholars finally crowded behind a table for the concluding panel discussion, a fire-fight was raging between Hendry and Klass over their methods of investigating a particularly controversial UFO abduction case in Mississippi. "I'm prepared to take a polygraph test on everything," Klass said expansively before Durant ended the argument.

When pinned down by a written question from the audience, no panelist was willing to say he believed a human had ever been abducted by an alien craft.

Nor did any panelist have any evidence that the U.S. government was holding anything back, such as the remains of alien creatures or their craft, as has been suggested recently by some UFO buffs. Hynek, however, citing possible informants who feared violating government secrecy laws, called for the president to offer immunity to anyone in the government or the military who came forward.

At symposium's end the question of alien creatures, like other topics of the day, remained unresolved. But as the panelists packed up and the audience filed out, moderator Durant, who retired from the Smithsonian just last week, said, "We don't have any in our collection."

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Jerry McAlister saw 'something strange'

By Louise Ervin
Staff writer

Did a vehicle from another world pay a visit to the Broadway Lake area this morning?

Jerry McAlister of Parnell Road is not sure. But he is positive he saw something strange in his back yard early today. And since the 4:20 a.m. sighting, the news media has beaten a path to his door.

Radio stations from over three states have kept him busy on the telephone, relating the experience for an "on-the-spot broadcast." Television camera trucks from area stations rolled up and down the country roads, asking directions to the remote rural section as they drove to McAlister's home.

McAlister has "never been one to believe" in UFO sightings — but he does now. Other witnesses include four Anderson County deputies, his wife, four daughters and his next door neighbor.

McAlister was listening on his scanner to police reports of a wreck on I-85 when "I heard this awful racket outside my window," he said today.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter fixing to crash. It was a shrieking noise that actually hurt my ears," he said, putting both hands over his ears to demonstrate.

"But when I got to the window I saw this terrific light — it was sort of like flood lights — lighting up my whole back yard. The light hurt my eyes, it was so bright. I called to my wife who was asleep and then punched her with my crutch (McAlister has an injured leg) and she got to the window in time to see the light and hear the noise.

"Then my daughter Shirley got to the window and saw it. Then it turned sideways and swished sideways over those pine trees," he said, pointing his crutch toward a clump of trees at the edge of his yard.

McAlister described the object as round, about 70 feet long and "as thick as a two-story building."

"All around the edges of the big object were big bright lights and across the center of it was a row of square windows that were lit up too," he said.

He estimates the object was about 25 feet above his back yard when he sighted it, and it hovered there for approximately three minutes.

McAlister compared the action of the saucer-like object to a plate whirling on a stick in a balancing act.

"It swiveled like it was winding down and might fall. Then it turned to its side and swished away, making a purring noise," he said. "My wife and daughter Shirley saw it before it moved higher up in the sky, where it stayed for about two hours."

McAlister called the Sheriff's Department to report it.

At first I think they thought it was a prank... But when they got here one of them said: 'Mister, we're sorry,' and they stayed out there for over an hour looking at it too," McAlister said.

"All morning I've felt like

It wasn't the blimp!

For those who are explaining the early-morning phenomenon as the Goodyear Blimp, guess again.

Although the blimp was in Columbia Monday and left Tuesday morning, it couldn't have been in this area early this morning, according to Deborah Fox, public relations bureau representative with Goodyear in Washington, D.C.

"If it was 4 o'clock this morning, it couldn't have been it. It might have been if it was on the eighth," she said.

Ms. Fox said the blimp left Columbia on a route to St. Augustine, Fla., and is scheduled to arrive in Tampa this morning.



Jerry McAlister

bursting into to tears. I'm so thrilled that I got to see something so great," McAlister said.

The Partain children had a telescope which they set up in their back yard, and someone found a pair of binoculars.

"I couldn't believe it," Faye McAlister said. We took turns looking at the thing and we could plainly see the windows when we looked through the telescope, but we couldn't see them with our bare eyes.

"It was beautiful, just beautiful. It was sort of like a giant star — but it wasn't a star and it wasn't a weather balloon," she said.

"The last time I saw it was when I was loading up the kids to take them to school. Believe me, our kids were excited. I cooked grits and eggs, but I can't remember if anyone ate or not. When the kids hit the school yard they started yelling to their friends that they had seen a flying saucer," she said.

Mrs. Matha Lollis of Cheddar, an employee at Myers Arnold, said she saw the object about 4:20 a.m. from her window.

"It was round and reddish in color and was moving slowly toward Greenville. It was much too big to be a star. My daughter saw it too, and we both wondered what it could be. Then when we heard the radio announcers talking about it, we knew we had seen the object," she said.

Childhood stories turn into serious UFO study

DAVENPORT, Iowa (UPI) — When Michael K. Schutz was a child, he listened with wide-eyed wonder as his father told him a story about flying saucers from outer space.

His father, Murray, had not paid much attention when a man named Kenneth Arnold reported he saw a group of UFOs soaring over some mountains in Washington state on June 24, 1947.

But on a fall day, just a few months later, the elder Schutz witnessed a similar event. He told his son he was aboard a commercial airplane somewhere over the Washington-Oregon area when the pilot suddenly spoke over the intercom:

"I'm sure all of you heard about the flying saucer things Kenneth Arnold reported," the pilot excitedly told his passengers. "We seem to have them out there again today."

Schutz glanced out the window and there — in broad daylight — he saw a half dozen disc-shaped spacecrafts flying just above the mountain peaks. Schutz could hardly believe his eyes, but he and about 100 other people on the plane claimed to have watched the flying saucers for several minutes before they disappeared from sight.

The event made Schutz a believer. And the story altered the life of his son, now a 35-year-old assistant professor of sociology at St. Ambrose College in Davenport.

"It is a probability the UFOs were the same ones Kenneth Arnold saw," said Schutz, now a respected authority on the sociological aspects of the subject. "My father's story never varied. He said he could envision it as plain after 25 years as the day he saw it. That's very common among UFO sightings. They make quite an impression on people."

His father's story haunted him as he read science fiction books as a teen-ager and closely followed UFO cases throughout college. In his first year of graduate work at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., he wrote a paper about a national UFO group and began attending their meetings.

Schutz later wrote a comparative analysis on four UFO organizations for his dissertation. He remains one of four scholars in the world whose Ph.D. dissertation was related to the subject.

Although Schutz believes there is solid evidence to prove aliens have visited Earth, he angrily calls some UFO sightings and theories "a crock."

Tri-State

"The waters are extremely muddy," the bearded brunette explained, shaking his head. "Some are simple, honest errors, but there are quite a few people who are out to make a lot of money from questionable UFO sightings. The sad part is people take it as truth."

Schutz, who recently authored two entries for a new text entitled "The Encyclopedia of UFOs," said about 80-90 percent of the sightings are explainable. But it is the remaining cases — several hundred — that keep people like Schutz interested.

"If you cut out the garbage and get to what's real, there is something to be left," he said firmly. "We are talking about things people have had a heck of a good look at — not just a light in the sky. When you talk about broad daylight sightings and close approach sightings, you end up with something you have to show respect for."

Schutz said he believes the most credible sighting — the Trindade Case — happened Jan. 16, 1958, on an island off the coast of Brazil. Brazilian navy scientists, officers and photographers were on a marine research expedition when they saw a UFO approaching their ship. No one has successfully refuted the sighting because of the caliber of the witnesses and four photographs of the space capsule, he said.

Such widely publicized reports have sparked not only scientific investigations, Schutz said, but also UFO religious cults which believe they can communicate with beings from the heavens and "platform societies" which provide a platform for outside speakers to talk on the subject.

But why do extraterrestrial beings trek across space to visit Earth? Schutz said they are only curious. They want to see how Earth people live.

DAILY MAIL, Anderson, SC - Sept. 16, 1980 CR: L. G. & J. Brill

'Put me down as a believer'

By Louise Ervin
Staff writer

The man whose UFO experience last Thursday put Anderson in the international spotlight said his family's lifestyle has been disrupted, but he's enjoying every minute of it.

Over a cup of coffee in the kitchen of his neat brick home on Parnell Road, Jerry McAlister and his wife Faye reflected on the events of the past four days.

"When our telephone rings constantly, day and night, and people from all over the world want to hear my story — when you look out the door and there's TV cameramen and reporters all over the place — and when your children are kidded about the UFO at school — you can be sure our lifestyle has been disrupted," he said. "But we don't mind."

Faye laughed as she said her children are called "the UFO girls" at school.

"One is called unidentified foxy object — I guess they like the way she looks — and another who needs to lose some weight is called the unidentified fat object."

"It's just unreal that so many people have been to our house and called up from all over the world to hear us tell what we saw," McAlister said.

"People have been so nice, and would you believe we haven't had the first prank call? Actually, I'm surprised that so many people believe in UFOs. I didn't until I saw one. To tell you the truth, I didn't believe that we (America)

put men on the moon. I thought it was impossible. But I believe anything about space now. Put me down as a believer."

The McAlisters said the reaction of area people to the UFO has varied.

"Some people say it is the work of the Lord and others say it was the work of the devil. Me, I don't know what it is. But it's for real."

"I'll never know why whatever or whoever it was decided to come down in my back yard," he said.

Both McAlister and his wife regret they didn't keep a record of the calls along with names of the callers.

However, they did name all the far-away places that they could remember. Among them were: Australia, Hawaii, San Francisco, Indiana, New York, Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio, California, Montana, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and several cities in Canada.

"It's incredible," McAlister said. "On a radio station in Cincinnati, I was on the air for two hours. A scientist and an expert on UFO's asked me all kinds of questions and they could explain most of what I told them to the listeners," he said.

McAlister has received literature on UFOs from a number of people and magazines, and one company called to tell him they had mailed him a T-shirt with "I've Seen a UFO" printed on it.

Faye said a student from Varennes Elementary School came with her parents to get information to do a write-up for the science class. "I've forgotten their names, but they stayed a long time and were so nice," she said.

McAlister said he is "booked up" for two weeks with appointments, "Mostly with people who want to do write-ups. Others want to get scientific information and others just want to talk and exchange experiences," he said.

Since McAlister is laid up with a broken foot, he says he has nothing else to do and he's looking forward to seeing the people.



STAR, Penrith, Australia - July 23, 1980 CR: D. Reneke

Search for UFO — ten years old

A search is on for someone who may have spotted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted over the Penrith-St Marys-Mt Druitt area.

There's only one snag — the original sighting took place almost 10 years ago, but only came to light recently.

The object — shaped like an elongated egg — was first spotted by a woman now living in Blacktown, but who at the time lived in the St Marys-Mt Druitt area.

The woman has given her name and address to the STAR, on condition that is not made public for fear of being ridiculed.

The UFO Research Unit of NSW, which makes scientific investigations and evaluations of UFO sightings, has taken up the woman's case and is seeking other people who may have witnessed the same phenomenon almost ten years ago.

"The trouble here, like many such cases, is that we have a very credible witness — but she is the only one who is prepared to come forward and say what she saw", the Research Director of UFO Research, NSW, Mr David Reneke, said.

The sighting by the woman only came to light during a recent talk back program on a Sydney radio station concerning UFOs.

The woman heard the interview and decided to tell her story.

Mr Reneke contacted the woman and now wants to find other people who may have seen the same thing.

At the time of the sighting the woman was standing in Waikanda Crescent, on the opposite side of the road to the entrance to a walkway leading to the school where her young daughter was a student.

It was about 3.30pm and she was waiting for her daughter to come from school.

At that time — ten years ago — the side of the road on which she was waiting was still bush.

Houses lined the opposite side of the road.

Her story goes:

"In the distance — I would think about over Warragamba Dam — I saw what appeared to be a white pencil shaped object heading towards me", she said.

"It looked like a needlepoint of smoke in the sky.

"It started to curve across Penrith then made a sharp right hand turn and started to descend like a plane coming in to land.

"It had what appeared to be a smoke trail extending back all the way to where I first saw it.

"As it got close I saw it was egg shaped and about the length of a small telegraph pole.

"It was white coloured and seemed to be made of metal — it had a metallic sheen — but it did not appear to be painted.

"It was spotlessly white — there appeared to be no rivets, joints or panelling in its construction.

"There were two yellow windows — they looked like perspex — surrounded by black metal borders at the front.

"The thing then disappeared behind the treeline over Whalan Reserve.

"When I looked again I saw this white object coming across the top of the houses at about rooftop level.

"Just as it reached about the intersection of Neriba and Waikanda Crescents it dropped what looked like a bent stick, about four feet long.

"It dropped it about over the fence lines and immediately the 'stick' shot back to the craft but this time it looked like a fiery arrow with the head uppermost.

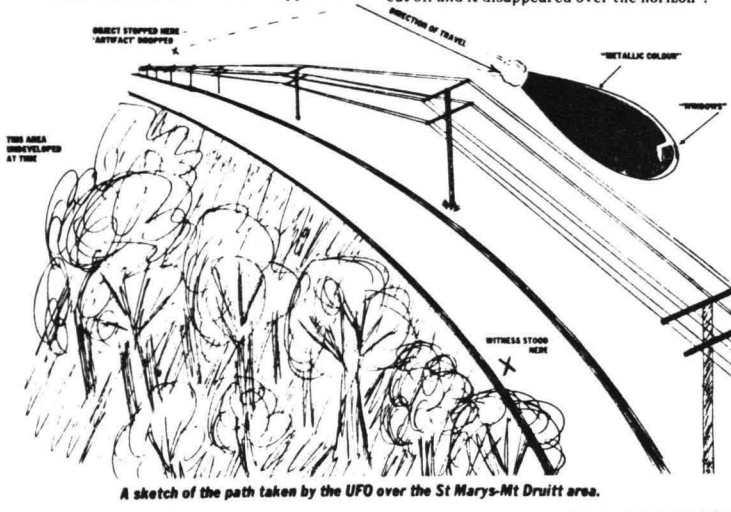
"About this time I noticed what appeared

to be a copper rod on the front of the craft pointing downwards".

The woman said the UFO then "juggled" sideways until the rear end of it was pointing towards her.

"Then it took off at about the same angle as a jet taking off.

"It left a smoke trail until the smoke was cut off and it disappeared over the horizon".



A sketch of the path taken by the UFO over the St Marys-Mt Druitt area.

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - Aug. 19, 1980
CR: Y. Matsumura

Green Men Missed

PONTOISE, France (UPI) — Thousands of French and foreign tourists waited two days for men from outer space whose arrival had been predicted by Frenchman Frank Fontaine, who said he was held captive by a UFO for eight days last year.

Police said more than 2,000 people with movie cameras and binoculars invaded this quiet Paris suburb Friday in hopes of seeing the "little green men." About 100 UFO enthusiasts joined hands to form a huge circle to "concentrate energy."

By Saturday many had left disappointed. "There are too many people; they won't come," said one "specialist."

According to the book written by Fontaine, the UFO seekers will have to wait another three years for the next contact.

STAR, Shropshire, England - Aug. 23, 1980

Driver Lil flees from a flying white light

Housewife Lillian Middleton (33) drove the fastest ten miles of her life when she saw an unidentified flying object hovering above the roof of her car. Police are treating seriously her claims that she was followed at speeds of up to 70 mph by the mystery object.

Her husband, John, said at the family home in Seaton Delaval, near Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear: "This really terrified her. Neither of us has ever had the car go faster than 50 mph, but she was so shocked that she just wanted to get away."

"I am keeping an open mind but my wife is not the type to invent things."

"She said that the object was as big as her car and at times was almost touching the roof. It had a brilliant white light but every time she stopped the car it zoomed back into the air and hovered above her."

Watching

Police said the object had been spotted by a number of other people on the quiet moorland road between the two villages of Earsdon and Holywell in the early hours of Thursday morning.

CR: J. & C. Bord

SUN, Melbourne, Australia - Aug. 9, 1980 CR: P. Norman

UFO shot down

TAA last night shot down reports that one of its crews saw a UFO near Cairns on Thursday.

The crew of the Darwin-bound TAA DC-9 reported the object in Cairns' airspace about 15,000 metres above ground.

The pilot said the UFO left a contrail, and was so fast it sped away from the DC-9.

A Transport Department spokesman said no civil plane was in the area at the time and a RAAF official said no Canberra or F111, which could reach 15,000 metres, was there.

But TAA last night was not regarding the sighting seriously.

A spokesman said the pilot and crew had only reported seeing a "shiny, silver object in the sky, much higher than they were."

No reference to a UFO was made or intended, he said.

"The pilot said he was climbing out of Cairns and heading towards Gove when he saw it, and asked air traffic control in Townsville if there were any aircraft in the area," the spokesman said.

A TAA official who spoke to the pilot before he left Darwin yesterday said the pilot thought the object left a contrail, but was not sure.

"It could have been a contrail or it could have been cirrus clouds," the official said.

He said the pilot had not regarded the sighting seriously and would not be filing a report.



STRANGE CRAFT IN THE SKIES HAVE LONG HISTORY

ONE aspect of the study of ufology — or flying saucer phenomena — which is rarely in the public eye is archive work. Historical ufology helps put today's happenings into perspective and two years, 1909 and 1913, were specially noteworthy for airship scares, which bore much resemblance to current UFO reports and were also associated with fears of invasion. In those days The Mail, Hartlepool, was known as The Northern Daily Mail and this article shows how a newspaper in those days chose to tackle the baffling subject of strange phenomena in the skies and peripheral material of public interest.



BY PAUL SCREETON

"An Irish Vision" was the headline for the report of an airship seen over Belfast moving towards the Irish Sea — and interestingly a brilliant light was observed in the sky shortly afterwards. Such phenomena never exist in isolation, and an editorial column on May 19 linked two seemingly disparate mysterious activities:



"While some of us have been wasting our time and emotions over phantom airships and elusive airplanes, a method of invasion more sure and deadly is, perhaps, going on under our feet. A letter arrived today stating thus: While crossing from Hamburg on Saturday night, my interest and suspicions were aroused by hearing sounds of what I judged to be subterranean excavation while passing over one of the shallows to the north-west of the Dutch coast. The sounds were quite like running drills and were very audible, as the sea was quiet and calm. This information I volunteer in order the Government may make inquiries into the matter."

That same day the paper reported a night sighting of a broad cigar-shape, making a whistling sound and lit by two lights, over Cardiff. This incident's developments were reported the next day in the famous Caerphilly Mountain incident, involving

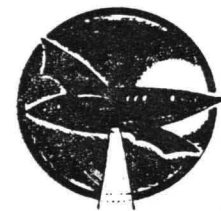
Mr Lethbridge and the fur-coated 'foreigners.' The Northern Daily Mail's account of the incident concludes: "He was frightened, and so seemingly were the foreigners, for they jabbered loudly, jumped into the sea and sailed off."

A journalist was taken to the encounter site and marks were found on the ground. Slips of newspapers found on the spot show that almost all contained references to airships of the German Army. There was also a red label with instructions written in French, and a military term on it is called a "sinister touch" by the correspondent, noting that it would have been more impressive had it been in German.

Another part of the account repeats the likelihood of the object being released from a steamer in the Bristol Channel, so paralleling the later notion of flying saucers coming from motherships.

In addition to tales of other sightings in that day's paper there was a note of War Office action and its impounding of an object — an airship fender supposedly — found the day after an airship flew over Great Clacton. Here we have the shadow of military intervention with witnesses and removal of an artifact.

After such massive publicity, May 21 was no disappointment to readers either. A football shaped object speedily crossed Dublin Bay despite no wind, and a cyclist reported that near Dublin he saw a cigar-shaped object with two lights in front. At which point enter Percival Spencer's theory. He owned a company manu-



facturing airships. Within the past year he could trace two five-man airships sold to a firm in the eastern counties and another to a man in Cardiff (where the publicised sightings were made). Conveniently or not, Mr Spencer took the opportunity to broadcast that for £250 he could provide more such machines.

More dampening followed with the announcement by the Admiralty that the "airship fender" was one of their gun targets, used in practice, which had become detached.

Credibility took another knock with a piece from the Cowes (I.O.W.) correspondent of the Daily Chronicle:

"I have interviewed today a prominent official of the Isle of Wight county asylum who expressed the opinion that the mysterious airship was a myth of supposed eyewitness who were bordering on 'aviation insanity.' It is a nightly occurrence that the inmates insist they see airships racing around the asylum and will describe their appearance in graphic terms. They are always accompanied by lights and a whirling sound."

At which point — the "sinister" label takes a knock: "The red label bearing an instruction in French which might have referred to the use of a motor tyre valve has been recognised by the Michelin company as a label attached to a brass pin which is affixed to the inner tube of their motor car tyres. The word 'obus' which is French for shrapnel also means valve plug. This disposes of the supposed significance of the discoveries made on the spot where the airship was seen."

Nevertheless reports were made that day of a Monmouthshire sighting, and for several nights residents of Small Heath, Birmingham, had seen an airship, believing a local inventor was making trial trips.

Starting with the words "A Sensation was created in the neighbourhood of Dunstable..." a report tells us on May 26 that a bamboo framework, powerful lamps and other wreckage was found plus a document stating that any finder would be paid £5. Upon sending a telegram the airship wreckage was removed, and the airship was said to belong to the British agents of a continental motor company and used for advertising purposes.

But the same issue of the Northern Daily Mail includes a piece entitled "Wearside Resident's Story." It seems to echo the phenomenon of wished for occurrences happening to meet a psychological need:

"Sunderland people have of late had grievance because of the absence of airships which would insist on hovering over their district."

"This feeling of injury has, however, now been removed since that section known as Southwick had yesterday an airship story if its own to gossip about. But in no jocular spirit are those who swear they saw the flying machine." This light in the sky had illumination radiating, and it

chose to protect it on a new Roman Catholic Church above which it manoeuvred for three to four minutes before speeding off at tremendous speed. The stewardess of Southwick Club and others corroborated the account and said the noisy object was an airship with car.

On June 5, an account of an airship over Jarrow Slake, on Tyneside, recorded "at times the object would be motionless and at others would dart in different directions" (hardly dirigible behaviour).

By June 14 the paper was disclaiming the mystery of the Tyneside appearance, and said that a company was making experimental flights with the airship. True to form, someone came up with an all-encompassing bid to mix the tale and take personal credit.



A Dr M. B. Boyd claimed that he had spent eight years perfecting his airship, though it had only been built for one year. The report however fails to answer most points, some of the discrepancies being:

- Average speed 32 m.p.h., so no fast disappearance.
- Oval, rather than cigar-shaped.
- No car suspended.
- It had wheels so that on the ground it could be driven like a motor car.
- Although the arlight had been invented in the 19th century, searchlights of the type required extremely heavy equipment, and the only lights that could be used on an airship were dim, incandescent ones incapable of creating the extent of illumination claimed.

Dr Boyd's claims are reminiscent of the self-proclaimed inventor from Worcester, Massachusetts, who became the focus of many press stories on the 1909 U.S. flap, described in John Keel's "Operation Trojan Horse." Mr Tillinghast boasted of taking his invention at least 300 miles non-stop at 120 m.p.h. An early investigative reporter found fourteen men working at a secret shed near Worcester, Mass. but he was unable to confirm or deny the presence of an airship. Keel propounds an ingenious explanation involving an encounter between Tillinghast and the ultraterrestrials. I prefer not to comment on this, but merely note the interesting comparison between the parallel mystery inventor tales documented by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic.

All we know is that something was going on, and being reported as faithfully as the journalists on their day knew how.

We saw UFO: Jet crew

BRISBANE. — The crew of a Darwin-bound TAA jet have reportedly sighting an unidentified flying object near Cairns.

The DC-9 crew made the sighting at 3.15 p.m. yesterday at 31,000 ft., when they were 120 km from Cairns.

They said the UFO was about 50,000 ft., left a contrail, and was so fast that it quickly sped away from the jet.

They reported to Townsville air traffic control that the object was going in the same direction as their jet.

The Department of Transport said today no civil aircraft was in the area at the time, and certainly could not have been at the reported height of the UFO.

A RAAF spokesman said there were no Air Force aircraft in the area.

"Could it have been an American B-52?" he said.

"No UFO has ever been reported leaving a contrail — fiery tails, glows, yes, but not a contrail."

But at the U.S. Embassy in Canberra, relieving air advisor Captain D. Estle, said: "No, there was no B-52 in Australian air space yesterday."

HERALD, Melbourne, Australia

Aug. 8, 1980 CR: P. Norman

The discovery of mystery marks in a barley paddock near Ogilvie has led to speculation that they might have been made by an unidentified flying object or UFO.

Bulging newspaper cutting files show that UFOs are not unknown in Australia which has the highest frequency of sightings in the world.

'It landed for repairs'

Mystery marks reported last week on a farm near Geraldton probably were left by a UFO which landed after malfunctioning.

That is the personal theory of George Hume, spokesman for the Perth UFO research group, who visited farmer Eric Parker's property at Ogilvie, 80km from Geraldton, to examine the marks.

He found the four circular marks, 1.3m across and evenly spaced 8.7m apart, had left depressions 10cm deep in the barley paddock.

"I believe it was a UFO which put down to repair a malfunction," Mr Hume said. "In my own experience they don't land unless they have to."

"They are obviously of a superior technology, but they do have malfunctions."

Mr Hume believes in UFOs and that they come from other worlds. This belief is based on more than 30 years' study of the subject.

Mr Parker, on the other hand, was very sceptical about such things—until he found the marks three weeks ago.

Quiet

At first he kept quiet about them. He wanted to be sure they were not a hoax. But then, when he could find no earthly explanation for them, he contacted the UFO group.

Mr Parker drives a 14-tonne truck and even when fully laden it leaves little impression on the ground. He believes whatever made the marks would have had to weigh 100 tonnes.

"Whatever it was couldn't have been man-made," Mr Parker said.

"I never believed in UFOs before. But I do now."

Mr Hume, who visited Ogilvie with the group's investigator, Jim Cooper, took samples of the earth for analysis. He also interviewed a neighbouring farmer, Kevin Chick, who saw a light rising from the general vicinity of the marks on the night of June 1.

"This was at 1am but he didn't say much at the time because he thought he might just have been tired and imagined it," Mr Hume said.

"But he did mention it to his wife who corroborated this. He said he saw a light going up, which is unusual. We got them reported coming down but rarely going up."

Mr Hume said the marks were unique and he knew of no other reports of anything similar. There were no approach marks of any sort and he was convinced something had landed, then taken off again.

There were no burn marks near the depressions, unlike the indentations of five equally spaced rings found in Sawyer's Valley last year and studied by the group.

"We didn't find radiation in our tests but we did find extra carbon deposits from earth from the last ring."

The research group will record the Ogilvie markings and hope one day it will all make sense.

"The trouble is there is never any conclusive proof, but I believe there are so many different types," Mr Hume said.



Mr Hume . . . "Other worlds"

CR: P. Norman

They have caused a stir over Meekatharra and been shot at over Eureka—to mention just a couple of stories.

MICHAEL PARRY talked this week with a leading Perth ufologist and to others who are firm believers that there really is something out there besides space.

WEEKEND NEWS, Perth, W.A., Australia — June 28, 1980

NATAL WITNESS, Durban, South Africa — July 25, 1980 CR: J. Brill

Sightings of strange orange light over City

A STRANGE, fast moving orange light had appeared twice over Pietermaritzburg within a week.

Drive-in patrons were startled by the light on Monday, six days after a similar sighting in Berg Street.

The light was first spotted on Tuesday, July 15 at 7.10 pm. It appeared from Sweetwaters and moved over the City, growing bigger as it got closer. Then it turned and rose in the sky, travelling northwards.

"It was an orange light like fire, and moved off at a fantastic speed," said Geraldine de Jager, who watched it outside her Berg Street home for four minutes.

She saw it a second time for 30 seconds from her garden. By then it looked like "a tiny star".

On Monday, July 21 at 8.20 pm two families at the Ster Drive-In saw "a rectangular-shaped orange light" approaching from World's View. It moved off east towards Wartburg, according to the Roberts Road resident who described it.

"We forgot about the movie," he said. "The people next to us jumped out of their car to watch it. We were amazed how bright it was."

He said the light was visible for four to five minutes.

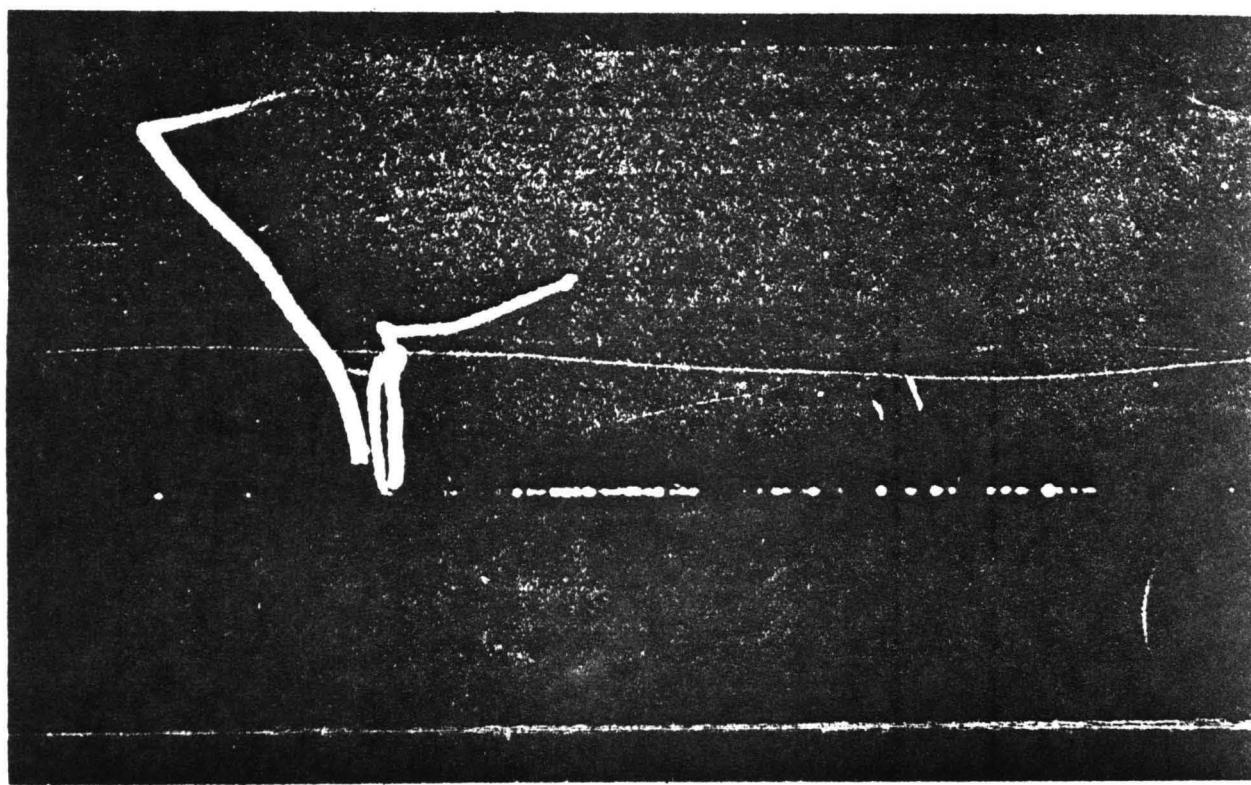
It was hard to tell if it made a noise as the drive-in speakers drowned out everything, he said.

Vice-chairman of the Durban branch of the worldwide UFO monitoring body Contact International, Mr Walter Pople, said their had been a general dearth of UFO sightings since November last year.

But on Wednesday, July 2, there were two independent sightings of an orange light in the Pinetown area.

He said the Pietermaritzburg sightings were interesting. The fact that the objects turned ruled out the possibility of a satellite.

It was fairly common to receive reports of several UFO sightings over a short period of time, Mr Pople said. — WR.



What kind of flight path is this . . . Niagara Falls UFO fan Malcolm Williams and St. Catharines sky-watcher Bill Nelson have been joining others by the shores of Lake Ontario for a spectacular show of unex-

plained lights. Williams and Nelson were positioned at the Niagara-on-the-Lake golf course last Sunday night at about 9:30 p.m. when this shot was taken. Nelson used 400 A.S.A. black and white film, an F-stop of 5.6

and exposures ranging from three to five minutes. The thin strip of lights in the background is Mississauga.

(Photo by Bill Nelson exclusive to the Review and may not be reproduced)

IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

UFO's light up night skies

By PAUL WILSON
Review staff writer

Thundering jets will be ripping through the skies over Lake Ontario this weekend for the CNE's spectacular air show. But for some of the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake and north St. Catharines, the show started weeks ago.

Once again, the night-time skies have come alive with strange hurtling lighted objects.

The UFO's aren't a new attraction in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The foot of Queen Street, beside the town's golf course, has long been a favourite spot to scan the skies for the lights no one seems

to be able to explain.

Normally the UFO's aren't spotted until late fall. But this year they're early.

"It's unusual to see them in the summer. It's as if there's a sense of urgency," says Bill Nelson, of St. Catharines.

Nelson, 62, is a seasoned newsmen with work that's appeared in newspapers across North America. He's been chasing down UFO's ever since his days as a reporter in Twin Falls, Idaho in the late 40's. For three years, he worked as a technical editor for a U.S. aeronautics firm.

"These lights are definitely

craft of some sort," Nelson says.

"They stack up like planes." "And when a jet heads across to Malton, or when a freighter goes by, they blink right out."

Strangeley, the latest batch of sightings haven't been picked up on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Nelson surmises the forces have a way of cancelling their lights through a screening process similar to one used to block radar.

"But these sightings are significant, because for the first time we have a predictable episode of continuous lights," he says. "These have been almost a nightly occurrence."

But those wanting to catch the show first hand shouldn't delay.

"This latest batch won't last. People watching them bring on pressure, and they'll disappear for a time."

Coast guard officials don't shed much light on the lights. Nelson claims that when he and half a dozen others watched the lights from Niagara-on-the-Lake last Sunday night, the U.S. Coastguard ventured out on the

lake and blinked their spotlights at the UFO's for about an hour.

"But they deny it now," he says.

Nelson's personal theory is that the lights are involved with an underwater base somewhere in the depths of Lake Ontario.

If you can't make the Ex's air show this Labor day weekend, journey up to Niagara-on-the-Lake and try the Ex-

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THE GREAT UFO MYSTERY



Farmer Eric Parker shows reporter Brian Northeast the strange bald patch in his paddock.

Did aliens land in north?

Lights
in sky
add to
theory

STORY: Brian Northeast
PICTURES: John Ibbs

Did a UFO or a painstaking
hoaxer visit Eric Parker's farm
near Northampton?

Preliminary laboratory tests of sand
samples indicated that whatever caused
strange marks in his barley paddock
weighed at least 70 tonnes.



Mr Fotios Andronis of WAIT measures one
of the depressions.

Mr Parker is con-
vinced an alien craft
caused the 14-metre
diameter bald patch
in his crop.

And he is adamant
that four large,
round depressions
within the patch are
a UFO's "footprints".

Sand from each
print, tested at WAIT's
geomechanical depart-
ment in Perth indicated
it had been compressed
by a pressure of just
over 16 tonnes.

However, WAIT tech-
nician Mr Fotios And-
ronis was careful to ex-
plain that the samples
had been provided —
in eight beer cans —
by Mr Parker. Mr And-
ronis explained that as
these samples had not
been taken by himself,
the results were of no
real value.

Mr Andronis visited
the site this week and
took 10 core samples
and created a smaller
depression with special
equipment to make soil
comparisons.

Sand taken from 16
metres away was 12 per
cent less dense than
sand from the four de-
pressions.

Geophysical tests on
the sand showed no
signs of chemicals or
radiation.

Mr Parker's belief in
a UFO visit is re-
inforced by claims that
strange lights have
been seen in the sky
over the area in recent
years.

His view is un-
shaken, despite ribbing
from some locals who
think a prankster set
up a Close Encounter
of the Absurd Kind.

Standing by the bald
patch in the corner of
his 120ha barley pad-
dock, he said this week:
"If it was a hoax, then
someone went to a lot
of damn trouble. It
would have taken a hell
of a time — and that's
something farmers
don't have to waste."

The bare patch is
surrounded by 10cm
high barley. The site is
hidden by a thick
bed of 20 metres from
a dirt road leading
from his farm at East
Ogilvie to Mullewa.

"Whatever made
these marks must have
gone straight up in the
air, because something
with that weight could
not have moved out of
the paddock without
leaving tracks," he said.
The discovery was
made one morning in



East Ogilvie primary schoolchildren with their clay UFOs and spacemen. They are (from left)
Sheryn Mills, Darren Drage, Rachel Parker, Terrie Mills, Janie Drage and Pia Sudlow.

June by Mr Parker's
brother George who
was spreading urea on
the young barley.

At that time the four
round imprints within
the bare circle were one
metre in diameter and
10cm deep.

Measurements show-
ed they were seven
metres apart and the
diagonal distance be-
tween the marks was
exactly 10.5 metres.

Mr Parker said: "I
wish it had landed 1000
miles away. As soon as
the word got around
hundreds of people
from Geraldton and
Northampton have
trooped out here to see
the site."

"Many people told
me they had seen
strange lights in the
sky around here, but
had kept quiet about
them for fear of ridi-
cule."

Mr Parker has been
on his farm 18 years
and has enjoyed play-
ing practical jokes on
his neighbor, Mr Kevin
Chick, who shares his
sense of humor.

"I'm not saying I did
that," said Mr Chick.
"But I think the marks
could be man-made."

"It is true that at
around one o'clock one
morning in June I did
see what appeared to
be a light going up into
the air from Eric's
farm."

"I was on my tractor
seeding a paddock.
Mind you, when you've
been riding a tractor
for hours you're likely
to see anything."

For Eric Parker's
daughter Rachel, 8, and
the eight other boys
and girls at the East
Ogilvie Primary School,
the middle of the pad-
dock has been an ex-
citing diversion.

After visiting the site
with teacher Mr Lind-
say Bolton, to take
photographs and mea-
surements they all
agreed a UFO had
landed.

Their fertile minds
have produced draw-
ings and clay models
of what they think the
alien shin looked like.

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WE SAW A UFO SAY 5 POLICEMEN

by IAN McKERRON

THROUGH the swirling
clouds and drizzling rain
the "thing" suddenly
appeared—a magnificent
cluster of coloured lights.

Late-night revellers on
their way home stared sky-
ward in amazement as it
hovered just below the low
cloud base.

It was large, very large. For
a full 20 minutes its bright-
ness lit up the sky near the
town of Dumfries in southern
Scotland. Then it vanished
over the hills.

Reaction

But before the mysterious
flying machine—a "classic"
Unidentified Flying Object,
according to an expert—dis-
appeared it was witnessed by
five policemen despatched to
the scene after the local
police station had been
flooded by telephone calls.

And Dumfries police took
the unusual step last night of
laying on a news conference
with two of the policemen who
saw the UFO.

Sergeant Bill McDavid, 39,
said his first reaction was that
it was shaped like an airship
with five or six white lights
looking as if they were from
different compartments.

Because of the darkness he
could not see an exact outline
but his impression was of a
cigar shape. He drove to with-
in a mile of it and it was no
more than 500 feet above the
ground. "It was certainly
larger than an aircraft in the
sky," he said.

His colleague, P-c James
Smith, said: "I never
believed in UFOs up to now."

Amazed

"It was raining at the time
and the cloud base was very
low. It remained stationary
for about 20 minutes, then
vanished over the hill to the
west."

The first reports were made
to police just after 1 a.m. by
Mary Blyth, 22, and her
sister Vicky, 19.

Mary said: "The lights
appeared from nowhere. We
just stood and stared at it
in amazement."

A spokesman at Glasgow
Weather Centre said last night
it was not unknown for bright
lights to be reflected in the
sky, especially if the cloud
base was low.

But he added: "If light
from the ground is reflected
in the sky it is usually just a
yellowish glare. I have never
heard of a cluster of coloured
light in the way that has been
described. I have no explana-
tion as to what these people
might have seen."

NOTE: Two articles appearing in
the August (#133) UFONS issue --
"Sighting may be clue on missing
pilot" (p. 6) and "UFO clue in
pilot puzzle" (p. 8) — should
have been accompanied by the fol-
lowing notice: "Copyright Roy
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THE CHILD AND THE UFOS
By Dr. Florencio Escardó

(Especially written for La Nación)

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Children have always had the natural condition of asking adults embarrassing questions. Usually the embarrassment does not lie essentially in the nature of the question, but in that it obliges the adult, in order to answer them, to confront himself with parts of his judgment or prejudice which seem to him must be kept from the child, presuming there are things the child should not yet know about. So, two cultural times are automatically created; according to adult perspectives the child has to wait until he can have access to the real truth; but since any enquiry implies a situational urgency, the moment is solved with an evasive reply, a fantasy or a postponement.

Traditional pedagogy sets aside the fact that the child is not satisfied, and even should he not be very intelligent, he seeks to quench his thirst from sources other than those that are natural and adequate for him. In this way, the flight of the adult person determines an area of clandestinity and ambiguity which sometimes does never disappear because even though at another moment the child should accede to the correct knowledge, there will always remain within him the feeling that he was deceived or evaded precisely by those from whom he most expected loyalty and trust. Besides, the attitude dodges the capital fact that curiosity is a being's basic function, wherein lies the scientific organization modern culture is so proud of. This process' paradigm has been and still is presenting itself in what is known as sexual information.

In the typical example it is understood that the child seeks knowledge from someone who possesses it for the simple reason of that someone being an adult and who, thus, considers himself with a right to frame and direct the child's knowledge according to his own parameters of opportunity and harmfulness; it is presumed that as time goes by the child will spontaneously integrate into the adult's knowledge. It is unnecessary to point out that this knowledge is not due to a certain formal learning, but to what in a sufficiently expressive manner is known as the 'facts of life', which are precisely those that in the most subtle way urge the children's interest.

This outline answers a picture that, still in effect in family and school pedagogy, has lost all effectiveness at the present moment when adults and children simultaneously receive unknown references and stimuli from unforeseen situations, which determines for them an obligatory contemporaneity; a contemporaneity that most of the parents and most of the teachers have not duly assumed, who when confronted with a child looking out at the Cosmos, maintain such an old-fashioned posture that it would be inexplicable if we didn't know it to be based on the two most powerful forces of cultural inertia: fear and misanthropy. "People," wrote Sufi El-Ghazali centuries ago, "oppose to things because they are not aware of them" but it seems evident that it is the voluntary ignorance that acts as a shield for fear. The urgency with which the phenomena occur is such that children and grown ups are compelled to assume them at the same time with no margin left for delay or postponement. If the adult's responsibility as regards the moral and cultural orientation of the child, that is, of next generations, has always been very big, it is much bigger with respect to the new phenomena, or to those with a new validity for which the adult himself has not yet received previous and sufficient preparation. Any delay or uncertainty in this respect results in the paradoxes of a generation of dwarfs obliged to educate a generation of giants.

What happens with the UFOS serves as a paradigmatic example. Everything authorizes to accept that complex and obscure interests hinder the possibility of an open and healthy attitude towards the UFO phenomenon and that it is not due to scientific precision that their nature and origin are systematically doubted; on the contrary, a copious scientific information (I say scientific, not technical) forces to recognize their presence as a constant phenomenon from the most remote ages and that all the cultures have left documents on the awareness man has had of astronauts and spaceships; to apply a modern judgment to the phenomenon is equivalent to supposing that the Egyptians were less advanced than we are because they did not know the mixer. Press articles and the testimonial reference (which anyone can obtain who seriously intends to do so), show that often those who are faced with the proximity of a UFO, either give way to moments of fright and terror or keep quiet about their experience for fear of their mental faculties being questioned.

In both cases fear is what determines the answer. Such ways of reacting must be thoroughly analyzed by all those responsible: in our culture power is usually linked to the capability for destruction; the power of one government is measured in the general consensus by missiles, by atomic or neutronic bombs, by the quantity and "effectiveness" of bombers and submarines, etc.. He who has the power is, as a rule, he who is capable of attacking and destroying. How could it be otherwise for those who appear in vehicles of an extraordinary possibility for traveling and maneuvering? Those who approach us in this way can only come to harm us, since any human being owning such ships would be sure to use them, at least, to frighten those who do not possess them.

Most adults are compelled to transmit such feelings to the children or at least, to convey to them the uncertainty that, between stupid and skeptic, imposes upon them that which, for lack of a better name, we will call official opinion. Modern man, whether you want it or not, sees himself looking out onto the marvelous wholeness of the Cosmos, and the child, who is the man of tomorrow, has to be decisively prepared for a corresponding attitude. Extraterrestrial phenomena must not be offered to him as creations of science-fiction, but as absolute realities of his surrounding world which he is to approach with an integrating and fraternal spirit.

As regards the correct pedagogic point of view I believe that teachers have the obligation to present to their pupils in an orderly way, the documentation of testimonies that are buried in writings and monuments, and which up to now have not found the least place in teaching programs; if there should not be sufficient didactic material, as is, not probable but almost sure, the shortest way is to regularly take the students to see and analyze documentary films such as "Return to the Stars" and others which although not being documentary, approach in a high spirit problems of relationship between man and the Cosmos, and his destiny on Earth if the present manner of ecologic destruction continues to be followed; it would also be adequate to have them comment paragraphs from books such as von Däniken's, Berlitz, Hansen or Bergier, to mention but a few and accessible ones. But this would all be in vain if at the same time the child and the adolescent are not instilled with an open spirit of cosmic brotherhood and are offered the idea that those who come or may come in the ships are neither invaders nor enemies, but more evolved brothers fulfilling high and necessary missions.

I am aware that such an intention seriously collides with the politically instilled idea that there exist on Earth powerful systems, probable and potential owners of our mediate and immediate destinies, but I believe that the revision of such a myth will be a fundamentally healthy occurrence for the new generations, in the face of whom it is necessary to discredit war as a necessary undertone of culture and a guardian of civilization. In the final analysis, such a policy is but an instrumentation of fear and fears. Children must grow up without such terrors and looking at the extraterrestrial messengers (should they exist or not) as angels and not as destructive persons. It was a highly scientific spirit, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who wrote these words that I will never tire of quoting: "the history of the living world consists of the manufacturing of eyes, each time more perfect, in the bosom of the Cosmos, where it is possible to discern more clearly each time".

I think it is urgent to provide children with that capability to look and I state that our children are ready to acquire it. The wise Jesuit adds "I really doubt there exists for the thinking being another minute more decisive than that in which, his eyes having been opened, he discovers that he is not at all an element lost in cosmic solitude, but that there exists a universal will to live that converges and hominizes within him". UFOS have to be shown to the child as venturesome and fortunate compatriots from the Cosmos who approach man to integrate him with that Cosmos and not to function as cruel bomber-pilots which is the farthest that human technique could reach, by those who continue considering themselves the static center of the world -and not "the axis and arrow of Evolution, which is much nicer". I foresee the objection of those who will say that that may not be true and I do not have rational arguments to contradict them, were it not that I have a very deep mental and spiritual conviction; the good myths help to direct the soul: the fact that the Three Kings should not have existed physically does not at all diminish the force they have signified for centuries as ordainers of man's dreams.

UFOS ARE NOT ALONE
By Dr. Florencio Escardó

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On September 28, 1978, La Nación accepted an article of mine under the title "The Child and the UFOS", wherein I posed the need to try to achieve that the new generations should assume a fraternal and hospitable attitude of cosmic friendship in the face of the "UFO phenomenon", free from the generic fear of novelty and the badly known, and above all, free from the pressure that official powers exercise one way or another to obstruct the free mental access to events and data that necessarily will bring about discredit to the power of their arms and instruments of destruction.

In that article I maintained that in any case it was becoming imperative to offer the phenomenon to the children as a cosmic message of protection, free from suspicion and half-concealments.

At that time I was acting in a carefully limited conjectural zone and making concessions to the prejudice that traditionally weighs upon human behavior, thanks to which anyone who should dare to state the truth of something not sanctioned by cultural dominants and their specific interests, is automatically labeled as insane, a stigma that has marked, with very rare exceptions, the foreheads of all the precursors, a word that ethymologically means those who walk ahead of others, or if you wish, the forerunners. I believe the time has come to recognize more immediate ways of reality, loosening somewhat the frameworks of caution.

UFOS have paraded, literally speaking, over the Buenos Aires airport, maybe celebrating its fourth centennial and provoking (it would be better to say seeking) the direct testimony of qualified witnesses. It is no longer a remote rural policeman belatedly questioned by local authorities, whose timid and doubtful statements are wasted, worn out in a few days by sensationalist journalism.

This time it is a veteran pilot and the technicians of the control tower.

It can be said in a not at all metaphorical way that the extraterrestrial ships have performed an official parade in the Aeroparque Jorge Newbery.

Naturally, rationalists will state it was collective hallucinations, an argument I happily accept, since doing so permits me to be on the lookout for something very profound and important that must be happening in the human being close to me, for these phenomena to occur just around the corner in an evident and notorious way.

Any reflective spirit must ask itself if the fact of denying all reality to UFOS, correlatively permits to deny the validity of so big a collective hallucination.

Anyhow, the cultural prejudice shoots its "automatic" arms: it is merely "a frozen cloud which, being irradiated by sunlight, would show the changing colors reported by the witnesses". Maybe the coastal observers who saw Columbus' ships from afar informed they were condensations of clouds, which, since they were unable to compare them with those of the caravels since the Indians did not know these, were technically reported as unidentified visible objects.

Anyway, a transcendental reality was created from this, from which it will be convenient to adopt a lucid knowledge. Be the last evaluation of the UFOS what it may, it becomes urgent to situate them right now as the presence of a phenomenon of which all civilizations have left multiple and coinciding testimonies; what is new is the notion that it "also" happens to us, and that it must have a meaning. We can adopt a school-simplification: we have visited the Cosmos and the Cosmos returns the visit. Welcome, then. This is what numerous serious, responsible and studious men and women have felt, who concern themselves with the pressing and not so mysterious problems which, for lack of a better name, are determinants of a new conception of the world, and particularly of the historical moment. As is more than reasonable, they move most cautiously, fearing that sensationalist and voracious journalism should wear out in a few days and in a superficial manner, achievements obtained thanks to the assistance of leaders who are neither common nor directly human. Their intelligent hermetism (never was a word so exactly applied) allows them to protect themselves from the impertinent curious, from opportunists not exempt from utilitarian interests, from mocking skeptics and cheap critics.

They conform a "silent brotherhood" that keeps growing like a secret network thanks to retiring contacts, to their brethren in intentions and hopes and who have, I don't doubt it for a minute, guides that are out of the ordinary.

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They constitute a transcendental underworld, which is somehow sacred, that possesses and practises what I have insistently called "cosmic mentality". They are the appointed and chosen ones of the times that are to be called new, giving a renewed sense to this adjective. If you will excuse the pleonasm. No one should expect to find them at a gathering or at the café; they do not manifest themselves but on occasions are felt as a restrained and powerful energy that inspires respect. To put it more simply, they are the committee of reception getting ready for the day when the UFOs will land. And they will. Of that I am sure. And I say no more, as Sancho liked to say.

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JORGE L. GARCIA VENTURINI: "DO YOU BELIEVE IN UFOs? IS A STUPID QUESTION?"

Last week UFOs returned to the papers' front pages. Everyday chronicles and a large number of witnesses reported appearances of these strange objects in Buenos Aires, Mar del Plata, Santa Fe, Entre Rios, Uruguay and Córdoba. Now well: is the subject of UFOs exhausted with the juicy anecdote or is it a part of a collection of phenomena capable of transforming man's life and his conception of the world? Do UFOs exist? In that case, what could their historic consequences be? In a conversation with SOMOS, philosopher Jorge L. Garcia Venturini talked extensively about the subject. What follows is a resumé of the dialogue:

-The UFO subject came up again last week. According to the testimonies, strange presences were detected in the sky in many places in the country. As a philosopher, what perspective do you have of the phenomenon?

-The first thing to do with the UFO subject is to strip it of its triviality. Generally, when these phenomena are talked about, a smile appears, as if it were a lesser subject, unimportant. In the second place, a question that generally is asked clumsily, must be clearly posed: Do you believe in UFOs?

-Why is it a stupid question?

-It is stupid because UFOs, which are unidentified flying objects exist, and the one who does not believe doesn't know what he's saying. What happens is that UFO is confused with flying saucer. If the question is asked like that, the subject becomes unclear, opaque. Let us say UFOs exist in the sky. All these strange objects, some of which can be seen with the naked eye, others with devices, have even been identified in a 93%, that is, they are no longer UFOs. Either they are meteorological phenomena, artificial satellites, or different kinds of aircraft. There remains a still unidentified seven percent, which is an inscrutable mystery. The UFO problem is useful to awaken scientific and serious curiosity as regards the big problem that lies behind them.

-What exactly do you mean?

-I refer to the problem of the existence of rational extraterrestrial beings. This is the real problem, not UFOs per se. The phenomenon has to be placed in its real dimension. I admit the importance of testimonies, many surely are valid, sincere; others are the product of an urge for notoriety... It is a subject that lends itself to hallucinations, fantasies. But the heart of the matter does not lie in the testimonies. Right now I say this is a very serious problem, maybe the most serious, the most decisive one, that was introduced to mankind since its origin. We still don't have a clear conscience as to the meaning of the real existence of other rational beings in other worlds. That is why triviality in this subject is annoying.

-What problems would the consummation of this hypothesis bring about?

-Several. From the eventual disappearance of mankind (these beings could have such a degree of superiority that by simply pushing a button they could make Earth disappear), to the coexistence with extraterrestrials, the learning of higher and different knowledge, the assimilation of another culture. Resuming, the whole human act would change abruptly, as also the conception of the world and even its survival, which might really be threatened if these "people" comes, for instance, prepared for war. Already science-fiction -which is nothing but science of anticipation- has dealt with the matter at large.

-Then how should the question be asked?

-In my opinion not attaching oneself to the testimonial part which, I repeat, is valid. Even the Bible itself portrays alleged UFO testimonies. Personally I'm making it clear that I never saw a little green dwarf on Route #2. Nor am I too interested in seeing it. It's secondary. Even the day when I should see it will I still have some doubts. The problem must be presented at this level: our galaxy (the Milky Way), which is one among infinite galaxies, is formed by 300 thousand million stars. The immense majority of them will surely have planets and satellites as does the star called Sun. So that only in our galaxy would there be more than a billion of possible worlds. Then, according to a theory of chances, it would be absurd and antiscientific to postulate that only on Earth, a secondary planet of a dwarf star, peripheric in the galaxy, should rational life have been born.

-Too arrogant?

-I wouldn't say arrogant, which is an ethic epithet. I would say theory of chances. At this level, in my opinion, it is how the problem should be presented. With regard to UFOs: they exist. Now, with respect to some of them being extraterrestrial ships, which is another thing, well... aside from the eventual testimonies, I should say we must think they also exist. The absurd, incredible, irrational thing, would be that they should not exist, contrary to what everybody believes. The infinitude of sidereal spaces (300 million light years is a lesser figure), the infinite galaxies, should be remembered... If they would not exist we would be in cosmic solitude, something much more incomprehensible than cosmic coexistence itself.

-What other factors should be kept in mind to analyze the phenomenon?

-The time. Many people ask how frequently they come, why they don't visit us more often, why they don't land, why they disappear for several months and then appear suddenly... All this makes no sense either, because it would be supposing there's only one time for all the cosmos, when we know there does not exist a valid unit of time for the whole. What is a year or a month for us does not necessarily have to be the same for them.

-Is any conscious or unconscious concern about these problems being noticed in present day man?

-Yes. Man in general feels attracted to the unknown and the mysterious, by what he doesn't know. There's a tendency to search for the fantastic. That's the reason for the boom of UFO literature or parapsychology, or orientalism. Although it is not always serious literature. It's more or less spurious. Bibliography about phenomena confirmed at academic and university level has not much consumption. For example, the books dealing with parapsychological phenomena that were confirmed scientifically are scarcely read as compared to those that say anything in man, the need to solve the mystery is a historic constant. Existentially speaking, man has the mystery before him, which is the distance that lies between the finiteness of man and infiniteness of God. If God should not exist, or man should not be finite, the mystery would not exist.

-Are UFOs a complex but isolated phenomenon or are they one more ingredient among several?

-The real possibility of the existence of extraterrestrial beings becomes one more ingredient in what I call the New History, to which many others must be added. But first things first. My theory is that the end of history is imminent. This can be understood in two ways: 1) the plain end of all times, that is, the disappearance of mankind, something that always was an eventuality but now is so from history itself. Because only

now is man capable of self-destruction as a species. For instance, with an atomic war. Since Cain went to the East of Paradise the human family was fragmented. It was no longer possible as a species, to commit suicide in one sole gesture. That is why I talk about the end of the adamic cycle. Now, as a collective Adam, man is qualified to push a button and make the world disappear. 2) Before the close of a cycle with our generation and the beginning of the New History. What closes down with us is not a new age, but an era that began with the first man or with the access of man to the age of reason.

-What would be its main features?

-In my book Philosophy of History I had already said some things. I was talking of a relatively close world where men would live 300 or 400 years, of the disappearance of physical pain, the birth of test tube babies, the possibility of crossing the planet and even the cosmos in a few minutes, and to live in a world of permanent sensible pleasures. All this is already possible. The life expectancy with respect to the last century has duplicated. The disappearance of pain is a fact already achieved by science. Test tube babies are no longer an utopia (not to be confused with fertilization in vitro); moreover, it is possible theoretically, because genes are already obtained in the laboratory. That this should not be done for ethical reasons does not change the problem. Even should only one -not all- of these features materialize, it would already present a new state of the art that cannot be compared with former times. The existence of extraterrestrial beings falls within this picture. This ingredient added to those already mentioned and even to others, forms a collection of new, unusual phenomena, a problem that classical philosophers and some modern ones could not face. The existence itself of these extraterrestrials raises other questions: What are their values? Similar to ours, the same? What religious and philosophical concepts do they bring along? What wisdom? What culture? As can be seen, the importance is great. There is no place for triviality.

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Investigations at the CNIE (National Center for Space Research)
UFO: A METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON WAS DISCARDED

The possibility that a meteorological phenomenon should have produced the luminous effects attributed to UFOs such as those sighted simultaneously over different parts of the Argentine territory and neighboring countries, has been officially rejected.

Meanwhile, it was learned that experts and technicians of the Comisión Nacional de Investigaciones Espaciales of the Argentine Air Force, interviewed yesterday afternoon some of the people who had seen the UFO(s) last Saturday, in the capital as well as neighboring cities, in order to confirm the testimonies.

The UFO(s) were seen almost simultaneously on Saturday, between 1900 and 1915, in this capital, Rosario, Santa Fe, Paraná, Río Cuarto, Córdoba, Rafaela, Corrientes and Resistencia, and also in cities in Uruguay and Brazil. Photographers from different papers obtained shots. Day before yesterday, aeronautical and meteorological service experts estimated as possible that the appearances had been caused by the movement of one or several frozen clouds that acted as a prisma reproducing and splitting sunlight into different colors.

However, the National Meteorological Service denied yesterday, in a short communiqué, that those appearances should be due to the "displacement of clouds formed by ice crystals" or "to any known meteorological phenomenon"; for which the UFO mystery here remains unsolved.

An expert from the National Meteorological Service warned that the communiqué issued by that entity "does not intend to affirm that it was a self-propelled metallic object, but only explains that these appearances were not caused by a known meteorological phenomenon".

José Granata, from the morning paper "La Capital" of Rosario, could photograph the UFOs and described them as objects in the shape of a "cigar that emitted a blinding green light and moved vertiginously". (I attended a UFO meeting on August 1 to 3 in Rosario, where Granata personally explained the slide that was being projected, and though I can't remember his saying anything about a "blinding green light and vertiginous speed" nor "cigar shape", I recall his saying that three objects appeared in the photograph, plus the Moon, and the main object in the left hand part of the photo had the shape of a dummy inside a cloud, and three enormous rings were also seen by him (not a reflection of the camera). Another object was near the Moon and a third one over some pine trees in the park where he was at that moment. His short talk was so concise, clear and expressed so much feeling that he left us and the public quite moved, even more so when he confessed to having been a sceptic up till then-J.T.) His colleague from "El Litoral" in Corrientes province, Omar Vallejos, also photographed them.

Meanwhile, José Cantero, in charge of the Jorge Newbery control tower (in Buenos Aires) who saw one of the UFOs, insisted yesterday that what he had seen Saturday afternoon "wasn't aircraft" and set aside the possibility of confusion with a cloud or any other meteorological phenomenon.

"At that moment the sky was exceptionally clear, without any clouds whatsoever, without cloudy interferences and the motion of that ship from the western part of the city up to the runway could be seen perfectly well", Cantero told reporters yesterday.

The UFO sighted at the local airport caused the suspension of operations in the area for several minutes, and its passage was detected as a spot in the radarscope at Ezeiza airport, upon the advice of Cantero and his companions, who offered similar testimonies.

Testimonies from La Plata residents

As we reported in our last two editions, the city and a large part of the country were shocked Saturday night by the presence in our skies of alleged UFOs. As is typical in these cases, most of the people who saw the objects did not agree in their descriptions; while some claimed it was similar to a big moon but enveloped in a big halo, others claimed having seen several bright spheres without a definite shape, and some others in turn said it resembled a flying saucer, like "those that are seen on TV".

Yesterday El Día published a series of testimonies (sorry-the clipping agency did not send these, but I think they won't differ much from all those you already read-J.T.) from local residents who came over or phoned our paper to report on what they had seen Saturday night. Today we publish new stories. The first one belongs to a group of children from Berisso and the second one to a driver from Pálpas (two towns in Buenos Aires province near La Plata, which is the capital of Buenos Aires province - JT)

In Berisso

Luis Alberto Pozzi, 13; Gabriel Alberto Cheren, 12; Daniel Omar Blacatti, 11, and Gustavo Alejandro Caffeta, 12, visited our office to inform us that they also saw a luminous object on Saturday night. According to their story, they were playing at approximately 19.30 in the district of Banco Provincia in Berisso, more precisely in the intersection of Fourier and Banco Provincia avenues in front of the Saints Peter and Paul Church. Luis Alberto (the first one to see the UFO) said that the sky was clear and he cast a glance at the moon, which was in its first phase, when he suddenly saw an object bigger than a moon, surrounded by a grayish halo, that moved from west to east. Gustavo Alejandro continued the story saying that "the UFO seemed to have seen us because it stopped under the moon and started to tilt vertical and horizontally, then to gain speed and disappear among the trees". They then said that they saw a sort of flash that reflected above the trees. This experience lasted approximately seven minutes.

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Pipinas

Tomás Silva, driver of a building company, told our correspondent in Pipinas, Pedro Barreiro, that on Saturday at 1900, when he was driving along Route #36 at the entrance of that town, a sort of star started to grow until it reached the size of the full moon, but enveloped in a circle resembling a halo. It had an opaque white color and moved from north to south. He said it gave the impression of being very distant. Silva said he could see the object for two minutes and it then disappeared.

City and country of incident: El Carrizal, Mendoza, Argentina
Date of incident: June 14, 1980
City and country of paper: Los Andes, Mendoza, Argentina
Date of paper: June 18, 1980

UFO SEEN IN EL CARRIZAL

Three people claim having seen a UFO last Saturday at 1900 near El Carrizal.

The witnesses explained that they were near that dam at that time when they sighted the presence of a strange object "with a dark nucleus and gaseous body" under the moon.

This is what three people told this paper's correspondent in the city of Rivadavia. One of them is called Martínez, the other Longone and the third one requested anonymity.

The three witnesses, well known residents of Rivadavia, finally said that they saw the phenomenon when they were about to return home after a day fishing in El Carrizal.

City and country of incident: Buenos Aires province, near Tigra, a few kilometers from the capital, Argentina (28 km)
Date of incident: June 14, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nueva Provincia, June 24, 1980
City and country of paper: Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires province, Argentina

If you will excuse my saying so...

THE UFO THAT I SAW

By Juan Luis Gallardo (especially written for La Nueva Provincia)

Since some days ago I count myself among the growing legion of eye-witnesses of a UFO phenomenon or whatever it should be called. I'll tell you my experience.

On Saturday, June 14, we were at home waiting for a friend who had announced his visit for later in the afternoon. We then noticed we had run out of whisky that week, so I decided to go and buy a bottle at the store. I took the car and drove on the road to Tigra of the Pan-American Highway. It might have been five minutes to 7 pm, and it was almost completely dark. When I started to drive up the branch at the crowning of José Ingenieros street, I was surprised to see two moons. One of them, the real one, in its first quarter, looked like a small luminous nail, and the rest of its circular periphery almost opaque. Besides it, somewhat lower and to the left of the observer, another moon, somewhat bigger than the real one, like a complete circle with a bluish brightness stronger than that of the moon. The altitude of the second moon with respect to the horizon could have been some 50 degrees.

In view of such a curious spectacle, I reduced the speed to the minimum (I couldn't stop because I had other cars behind me) and turning at Ingenieros towards the river, I continued observing the phenomenon. The false moon moved from left to right, slowly, slower than a plane, I'd say parallel to the horizon in a SW-NE direction, passing under the real moon. While advancing, its size grew, and simultaneously the center of the disc faded until it resembled a circular luminous ring, whose color was changing from bluish to yellowish.

I stopped the car in Ingenieros street and got off to have a better look. But unfortunately the appearance was hidden behind a clump of nearby trees and through them I could only partially see that the circle had continued growing while losing brightness.

While trying to find an explanation, I thought of antisircraft maneuvers at Campo de Mayo (although the location did not quite coincide) and that I had before me a very powerful reflector, with a variable focus, that was illuminating a low cloud. However, returning home I had to discard the hypothesis because the sky was cloudless and if there had been sufficient humidity in the air as to notice the disc formed by a ray of light, the course of the luminous beam would also have been seen, which was not so. I got home intrigued and told my wife and my friend who had just arrived, about the experience, insisting on the possibility of an antisircraft reflector. Upon opening the papers next morning I found many news about the appearance of a UFO in the "porteño" sky, coinciding almost exactly with my sighting (Porteños: is what we call the people living in the capital of Argentina-JT). In fact, the phenomenon seen in Aeroperque that alarmed the people at the control tower as also pilots who were on the runway, took off towards San Isidro at about 7 pm; I saw it near San Isidro at seven less a few minutes. That is to say, it was the same thing. Or, my sighting belongs to what the press usually calls a UFO. So then, I'll provide some pertinent comments.

First of all I must affirm that what I saw and the papers call a UFO, was by no means a solid object. I do not hesitate in calling it a luminous phenomenon of luminescent effect, which eliminates -at least in this case- the presence of flying saucers, astral ships and other hardware generally linked to the subject. It cannot have been a light effect on clouds because, as I said, there were none, and besides, it is impossible to see a cloud, more or less simultaneously, in Buenos Aires, Rosario, Córdoba, Posadas, south of Brazil and Mar del Plata: neither its maximum altitude nor its speed allow such a thing.

Now well, if my experience does not refer to a solid object, there remain two possibilities with respect to the flying saucers: either it is something different, or another possibility based on this luminous effect (about whose existence I am now certain) is that details were added that transformed it into a spaceship in the eyes of a conditioned observer. In that sense, when one is unconsciously prepared to see something in a certain way, it is frequent that one should change somewhat the features of what one is seeing, adapting them without realizing it to what one expects to see.

Anyhow, I believe that these events, which up to now have received no reasonable explanation while incorporating a shade of mystery to the life of modern man, and the certainty of not knowing everything, of confronting him with his limitations, should be celebrated. To clash with the unknown establishes a certain humbleness, contributes to dilute the scientificist arrogance that the present world is suffering from. It is good to recognize that, faced with the UFO mystery, we are in an identical situation to that of past mankind, out to establish the truth about the myth of sirens or dragons. Lest in view of the remarkable technical conquests of our days, we should become too conceited and immersed in our own self-importance, if you'll excuse the term.

City and country of incident: Río Ceballos, Córdoba province, Argentina
Date of incident: July 23-24, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, July 25, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO SEEN IN RIO CEBALLOS

A neighbor of Río Ceballos claims having been surprised by a UFO when he was going to his room in a hotel. Suddenly, he felt weak, then heard an intense humming noise and a powerful reddish light finally blinded him. He half fainted and suffered burns on his face and arms while trying to protect himself. The sleeves of his sweater were also burned, as well as the front part of his trousers, as if an iron had burned it. A doctor.

Córdoba (From our agency) - It was learned today that in the early hours of July 23-24, Francisco Calle, who lives in the Roma Hotel of Río Ceballos, had a strange experience and suffered a nervous breakdown as well as slight burns in the inner part of his arms. Not being able to locate the witness, a reporter from the agency talked to Dr. Marcelo Cardozo, a well known local doctor who had attended Calle. He said that at 02.30 yesterday morning he received a call from the hotel to go and see Calle. When he arrived at his room he found him suffering an acute nervous breakdown due to which he had torn his clothes. He also had slight burns in the back of his forearm, but as these were unimportant he started to try to calm the patient, who was really terrified.

Calle replied to his questions saying that approximately at 02.20 am, when he was going to his room to rest, for which he had to descend some stair lead outside, he suddenly felt weak. At once, a very shrill humming noise deafened him and when he had four stairs left to get down, the place was lit up with a reddish light. He looked up to see where it came from and with the logical terror he saw it came from a sort of ball hovering a few meters from him. He felt much heat in his face and covered it with his arms, this being how he was burned. Dr. Cardozo verified that apart from the burns, Calle's sweater also had burnt sleeves. The doctor added that the patient claimed to have fainted in fear, and when he came to he cried for help, being assisted by some people in the bar, but none had seen anything strange. Calle is 50 years old and works at a local meat packing plant, and it should be stated that the doctor who saw him found no signs of drunkenness, and that he seemed to be truthful in his statements.

We finally located Calle last night at the hotel where he lives. He was resting in bed and still suffered the effects of his adventure. Obviously, standing in front of him the first thing we saw were his lesions. The face seemed to have a suntan, like that of many people in summer.

When we introduced ourselves as reporters from La Razón, he was surprised: "I told the police this morning (yesterday) not to tell the papers. People will think I'm crazy; you know what happens in these cases...". He commented. But he gradually calmed down and made a resumé of what had happened, and it seemed that not even he himself could believe it. But he repeatedly said it was the truth. The arms were also burned like his face, and the sweater he wore yesterday morning showed its burnt sleeves, as well as the front part of his trousers. It looked like he had burned them with an iron. Calle repeated in general what Dr. Cardozo already said, saying that "the reddish light had a movement similar to that of patrol cars' or ambulances' beacons. It was a sort of red ball with a yellow strip in the middle, of about three meters diameter. It seemed to turn and emitted yellow sparks". He added that he fell face up, half-fainting, and that after some fifteen minutes the object went away to the south leaving a luminous trail; when he recovered he cried for help. A room-neighbor said that approximately at the same time he woke up because his room lighted up as in broad daylight, and he also felt similar symptoms of weakness. This person wanted to remain anonymous.

City and country of incident: Spain
Date of incident: July 25, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, July 26, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE FLIGHT OF A UFO ALL OVER SPAIN WAS TRANSMITTED BY RADIO

León, Spain (EFE) - In the early hours of yesterday a UFO flew all over the Spanish territory and ended up landing near this city, finally disappearing. The unusual trip of the UFO was transmitted all the time over the national radio chain that emitted a general call for all radio hams to collaborate with her following the flying saucer. The UFO could this way be traced over several Andalusian provinces, then crossed Galicia, the northern part of the peninsula and finally stopped in the Leonese province. According to eye witnesses the UFO had a round shape, moved at great speed and emitted orange and yellow flashes.

City and country of incident: Río Ceballos, Córdoba province, Argentina
Date of incident: July 23-24, 1980
Name of paper and date of paper: La Razón, July 27, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE UFO THAT BURNED A MAN IN CORDOBA MAY HAVE BEEN SEEN BY OTHER NEIGHBORS

Córdoba (From our agency) - There are news about the "adventure" that Francisco Calle had in Río Ceballos some days ago, at which time he alleges he was burned in some parts of his body by the light emitted by a UFO. On the one hand it was disclosed that the local police has started legal proceedings, since in the curious occurrence there were lesions (remember the police in Arequito-Santa Fe province did the same. The UFO crawls better not land in these places, they would surely meet with some legal trouble...-JT), and on the other, as if to confirm Calle's statements, it now results that the police itself had been warned of the UFO's presence by neighbors of the localities of La Granja and Agua de Oro, near Río Ceballos. Besides, Radio Turismo, the local radio station, said that some fishermen who usually practice their favorite sport in the lake of the La Quebrada dam in Río Ceballos, claimed having seen this type of phenomena several times before, although at a greater distance than that mentioned by Francisco Calle. Anyhow, the zone is upset and there are quite a few patient nocturnal watchmen on the alert, in view of the possibility of being witnesses to new appearances. Up to now this event -which La Razón reported in previous editions- has served to mobilize currents of opinion among those who firmly believe in extraterrestrial life and the others who attribute these experiences to meteorological, or other factors.

City and country of incident: Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires prov., Argentina
Date of incident: July 29, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, July 30, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO IN MAR DEL PLATA

Seen by truck driver and his wife

Mar del Plata, 30 (From our correspondent) - A truck driver and his wife assured having seen a UFO that flew over the car in which they travelled, emitting an orange light.

■ Husband and Wife

Luis Castellanos and his wife Mercedes Ruiz said that when they were driving to the center of this seaside resort, they saw an unknown flying object in the sky which, after remaining motionless for a few instants, moved in concentric circles over their car then to disappear towards the north-south, leaving a fiery trail.

■ "A Full Moon"

According to the eyewitnesses, the strange object was a permanent light the size of a full moon but slightly elongated, and intensely orange.

The Castellanos couple assured it was no plane or sonde-balloon. "I have an open mind about UFOs -said Luis Castellanos- but what I can assure is that in 33 years as a truck driver after having been on the roads permanently, I had never before seen anything like it."

City and country of incident: Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires prov., Argentina
Date of incident: July 23-24, 28, August 2, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, August 3, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina;

19 YEAR OLD CLAIMED HAVING BEEN WITNESS TO AN UNUSUAL ADVENTURE IN FRONT OF THE TV SCREEN

Walter Orlando Bertinat told a local morning paper that early in the morning he saw an engine landing in his TV screen, several feet getting off and burning the ground where they tread. "Later -he said- two

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beings like men, got off. An identical appearance - according to this witness - occurred four days later in the same channel. He also pointed out that some days later he saw the same apparition but on the street. "A man - he added - carrying an intense light, looked me inside a sort of crystal ball to observe me. I remained like that for several minutes - he said - and then he set me free". Other details of the strange events.

Mar del Plata (From our agency) - An incredible case was reported by young Walter Orlando Bertinat, 19, to a local paper. According to the protagonist of this unusual "adventure", he had a strange appearance on his TV screen in the early hours of the morning, at a time when local transmissions were already over. It happened on Monday 21st - affirmed the amazed witness of the fantastic story - I left my place of work late and when I got home started playing telematch with my brother. After that I disconnected it and the TV set continued functioning. Surprised at this, I started to switch over to other channels and on the No.1 a speaker appeared. After the news were over, a shirt was seen with its price in pounds, like an advertisement. And after that, a craft. It was very bright, with luminous flashes. It could be seen landing, getting down a series of feet (sic-JT), burning the place where they touched the ground. Later on two beings got off, looking like men. One was tall and the other smaller. When the craft landed I recall the TV getting unusually warm. Then the transmission was cut off and the set stopped functioning. I saw the same apparition, only more faded, four days later, in the same channel and also in the early hours of the morning. But the most curious thing happened to me yesterday, when I was returning from work. In the middle of the street and the loneliness of the night, a bright light appeared to me. On approaching I could verify it was the same craft I had seen on the TV screen. A man

very similar to us got off from it, but smaller, about 1.50 m, and he had flattened ears, and wore a very bright suit. He looked at me and lifting one hand pointed a strong light at me, like a flashlight, but with his hand, because he was holding nothing in it. He didn't harm me, but left me captive inside a sort of crystal ball to observe me. I remained like that for several minutes and then he freed me. This happened in the middle of Street 43, almost Carrito, where I live". On the other hand, Walter Orlando Bertinat assured he doesn't drink or anything, and also said he had a cassette wherein he recorded the voices of those beings when they appeared the second time on the TV screen.

City and country of incident: Uruguay
Date of incident: -
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 4, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO IN URUGUAY: TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Montevideo - Be they myth or reality, UFOs are taken seriously in Uruguay.

A special commission from the Air Force has taken charge of the investigation of UFO sightings in the country, and will coordinate the work of private groups that have been dedicated to the study of what for some is science and for others fiction, for some 30 years.

The CRIDOVNI (Comisión Receptora e Investigadora de Denuncias OVNI: Committee for the Reception and Investigation of UFO Reports) will also centralize all the official information that should be given the press about the controverted subject.

This measure is aimed at putting an end to sensationalist excesses that had turned into daily news alleged sightings or landings of "extra-terrestrial" ships or "contacts of the third kind".

"The Uruguayan Air Force has no preconceived idea in favor or against the UFO phenomenon. We only want the people not to gain a false image on the subject, said Lt.Col. Eduardo Aquirre, president of CRIDOVNI".

The Air Force itself, being an entity that commenced the official investigation from scratch, does not deny or affirm the existence of UFOs, but our mission is purely and exclusively that of an objective study", he added.

Major Freddy Prieto, who together with 2nd Lt. Ricardo Pórpura, makes up the commission, said that the command of the Uruguayan Air Force decided to create a research center "due to the continuous reports of UFO sightings within the national territory".

Since the Air Force is responsible for all research in our aerial space, it was considered that the study of UFOs also falls within its sphere", he added.

CRIDOVNI has adopted a working methodology that includes the reception of reports, going to the place, study of elements recovered and evaluation of the case.

The commission has published in the papers its phone numbers and a post office box to receive the reports, guaranteeing absolute anonymity to all those making them.

Major Prieto said that two UFO research groups are presently operating. One for "immediate attention", which receives the report and goes to the place at once if necessary, and another for "routing investigation".

The main private research centers collaborate with this group: Comisión Investigadora de Objetos Voladores no Identificados (CIOVI); Comisión Investigadora de Fenómenos Espaciales (CIFE), and Comisión Investigadora de Fenómenos Aero-Espaciales (CIAFAE).

UFO investigation in Uruguay dates back to more than 30 years.

Last year the First National Congress of UFO Research took place here, with the participation of more than 40 groups from all over the country which submitted more than 300 cases, but some were undoubtedly "the result of the fertile imagination of sci-fi readers, according to what one of the organizers admitted.

For instance, the account came up at the Congress of how three men made the occupants of a "flying saucer" flee, shooting at them in the Flores island, in front of this capital.

The press has recently given wide coverage to the alleged "visit" that eleven "small bright beings with large heads", paid to the occupants of a humble house in Treinta y Tres, some 300km from here.

City and country of incident: Cebollati, Rocha dept., Uruguay
Date of incident: August 5, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, August 6, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina;

URUGUAYAN CLAIMS HAVING BEEN ATTACKED BY VERY PRETTY GREEN EXTRATERRESTRIALS

Rocha, Uruguay (EFE) - A couple of beings defined as "extraterrestrials" by their presumed victim, attacked a neighbor of Cebollati, a quiet rural village of the Uruguayan department of Rocha, 270 km to the East of Montevideo, injuring and burning him. The occurrence, told to the press by the victim, Julio César Cabrera Pereira, acquired spectacular characteristics because of the way in which the "unusual visitors" apparently acted. According to what Cabrera Pereira said he heard loud noises outside in the early hours of the morning, so he got up and went to the door. At the precise moment he opened it, he unexpectedly found himself face to face with two almost human beings, "very beautiful and their body wholly green", described the witness. Cabrera Pereira, who is a businessman in Cebollati, assured that the "strange being hit my left hand with a small object resembling a pack of cigarettes, and I had the impression that it had cut off my fingers. On trying to re-enter the house "I had the sensation that an electric discharge was paralyzing me, I felt unable to walk and one of those beings was by my side". He described the first of his attackers as "a tall person, of

slanted eyes and blonde hair. The whole body was a very luminous green as if it were the color of the skin". "By this being was another who had - he explained - features like those of a woman, also blonde, with a sort of green turban and very impressive eyes". "Paralyzed, I only moved under the orders of a device they held in their hands, from which issued a luminous white ray that was directed at different parts of my body", he remarked. Cabrera Pereira said that one of the beings did something like a graph on a white slate, at the same time as the other one was "hitting me on the shoulder to make me turn around and on the knees to throw me to the ground". The witness of the strange appearance remarked that the one who was hitting him seemed to be the one who gave the orders to the other one. "With the very small device he held he dominated me. Without saying anything he sat me down at a signal, threw me to the ground or obliged me to move without my willing it. I was under the control of that object", emphasized the embarrased neighbor of Cebollati. After several minutes both beings disappeared and the witness had an intense headache and pain in the legs. Seen by a doctor, it was verified he had some blows that caused hematomas in different parts of his body. The report of this attack occurs a few months after the appearance in the same region of some ten beings supposedly extraterrestrial, small, with large heads, who glided over the craft at great speed".

City and country of incident: Posadas, Misiones prov., Argentina
Date of incident: August 18, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, August 19, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
UFO

A reporter from this city claimed having seen two UFOs near Posadas, while he was driving on Route #12.

According to Guillermo Reyna Alan, 27, chief of news of LT17 Radio Provincia de Misiones, the event occurred when he was travelling accompanied by his friend Horacio Alcobes, 26, and when his car stopped near the Itaembí stream, due to mechanical failure.

"It was 22.30 -said Reyna Alan- in a clear field and a somewhat cloudy sky. I suddenly sighted two blue luminous objects that approached from the SW at great speed."

"They stopped practically in front of us, and there we could see the circular shape, like an inverted saucer, of both objects that moved vertically and with great ductility. The sighting lasted almost two minutes and both objects quickly disappeared towards the north".

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A Scotts Valley Big Foot sighting

By **ROBIN HUTCHINGS**
The Valley Press

Heavy footsteps came pounding down the steep hillside about one second apart. Earlier there had been a stench in the air described as "dirty, heavy." The sound of breathing was loud and deep. Light from a passing car broke the night, silhouetting a creature estimated to be about 12 feet tall.

It wasn't a human and it wasn't a bear. The two men who were there said it was Sasquatch, also known as Big Foot, the will-o'-the-wisp creature who has tantalized people in California, Oregon and Washington for hundreds of years.

Dave Wilhelm, 20, of Everett, Washington and Ben Lawson, 22, of Santa Cruz, said they met up with the he-she-thing Tuesday, June 9 at about 2 a.m. The place was off Granite Creek Road east of Scotts Valley in a rural residential area.

"I had always passed off Big Foot stories," said Wilhelm. "Now I'm totally positive that they aren't bears and they aren't human."

Locals say the pair's experience is unprecedented in the history of the Santa

Cruz mountains. But even if there have been no other sightings, Wilhelm and Lawson say they will always know that they met Sasquatch, and that the creature meant them no harm.

Sasquatch is an Indian name given to the elusive "wild man of the woods" with giant ape characteristics. Some consider the creatures to be mere legend, others believe they're real and as bright as a man. Most of the reported sightings have been in remote, wilderness areas along the Pacific Northwest ranging into British Columbia.

The two described their night adventure last Thursday, but with some reluctance. They had made a pact that they would tell no one but their friend, Rocky Lapioli, and his father Harry, new owners of Curly's Barber Shop in Boulder Creek.

It was Rocky who convinced the two to share their story. "No way I was going to say anything," said Wilhelm. "I don't want people to think I'm crazy."

Wilhelm and Lawson had been camping around Santa Cruz for the past 10 days, they said, to save money for a

move to Los Angeles. They had come down from Washington, and were visiting Lawson's friends and family in Santa Cruz before heading down south to look for jobs as chefs.

They said they spent several nights on New Brighton Beach and then spent a couple of nights at the site near Scotts Valley. "We were just trying to find a place that looked safe and out of the way," said Wilhelm.

The site where they were camping is a relatively flat, grassy area about a third the size of a football field. On one side is Granite Creek Road, on the other is a steep hillside some 200 feet high covered with trees, dense brush, ferns and poison oak. There are several homes nearby, situated on three to five acre lots.

Lawson said that when they arrived late Monday — "straight and sober" — he noticed a "garbage" stench in the air. "It was a dirty, very heavy smell," he said. "It was the kind that makes you kinda sick to your stomach."

They threw their sleeping bags on the ground and then zipped them up. They later speculated that the zipping sound

might have triggered their visitor to investigate.

A dog across the street started barking. "He was going mad," Wilhelm said. Ben said the dog hadn't barked at them when they arrived.

Almost simultaneously, they heard the footsteps.

"They were very, very loud," Wilhelm said. "It was like they were spread about 10 feet apart — about a second between them. It came down that mountain fast ... really fast."

"Both of us heard the footsteps up on the mountain, but neither one of us said anything."

"We knew it wasn't human. It was too dark for a human to come down like that. It was too steep. It came down too fast and it had two feet," Wilhelm said.

"We could hear the branches breaking underfoot."

"Both of us were thinking 'Sasquatch' but didn't want to say anything," Lawson later joked.

The footsteps stopped about 20 feet

away, in the bushes. "I was scared to death," Wilhelm said, "but Ben didn't sense any danger."

"I knew he was watching us, but I didn't sense any violence," Lawson said.

The creature remained there about 10 minutes, all the while breathing heavily. "It was the loudest breathing I've ever heard. A sound like I've never heard before. I've never heard a sound like that before in my life," Wilhelm said, shaking his head.

"It was a painful sounding breathing ... real hard sucking in," he added.

The creature also made a type of flapping noise, Wilhelm said, like a cow shaking its head.

But the smell was gone. Then he moved, following the woods toward the roadway — a point with full view of the men's sleeping site, they said.

"Who's out there?" Lawson said he yelled. There was silence. "Please just answer us," he pleaded. Again, there was no answer.

"It sounded like he sat down, like he was getting situated," said Wilhelm. The two had not yet seen the visitor, but soon had their chance.

A small foreign car wound its way up the road, and Wilhelm said he started anticipating seeing the creature.

As the car passed, its headlights outlined a figure about 12 feet tall, Lawson said. Wilhelm said he didn't see it.

"That's when I got scared," Lawson said. The "Sasquatch" didn't flinch from the light. "We decided to take off. We got up on our knees and then he took off," Wilhelm said.

"He ran up about 10 steps." (Wilhelm says he thinks he moved about 100 feet up.) All the while they could hear him breathing.

Wilhelm and Lawson said they ran to their car and headed back to New Brighton Beach at a good clip. "There was no way we were going to sleep there," Lawson said.

"Then we both said it at the same time — 'Sasquatch.'" he added.

The next morning Wilhelm and Lawson confided to the Lapioli's.

"It was really funny. My father started chasing them around pretending he was Big Foot," said Rocky. They also made a return trip to the area to look for evidence of the encounter.

"We found prints exactly where we knew he was," said Wilhelm.

"Rocky had on bad boots and couldn't make a print — but we found his," Wilhelm said.

The prints they described are gouges about 2½ inches deep at seemingly regular intervals. "They were like the toes had dug in," said Lawson. There was only one distinctive "print," they said.

Going up the hill, the gouges were about six feet apart. At the area where the creature stopped, the gouges are about three feet apart.

The trio followed what they said was the visitor's route about a quarter of the way up the hill. They said they found freshly broken sticks.

"We knew it was the truth," Wilhelm said. "That's what made it so freaky. I didn't know anything about Sasquatch before," he added, "but now I know he's something I'll never forget."

A neighbor in the area, however, said she doubted the story. "We have a lot of deer in the area — and coyotes. The coyotes are being driven down by something, probably logging," she said.

There are also many large dogs in the area, she said. "If I'm not scared of earthquakes or volcanoes, I'm not going to worry about Big Foot."

GAZETTE, Montreal, Quebec, Canada - July 17, 1980 CR: X

Brush with 'Nessie': 'I'm not a nut'

MANIWAKI — (CP) — Harold Harris has a fishy story to tell.

The retired credit office manager was taking a Sunday dip in the peaceful waters of Lake Baskatong when he encountered a huge, greenish creature that he said easily rivalled the Loch Ness monster in appearance.

Harris said he was up to his waist in the lake when he heard a swishing sound and saw a strange, heavy move-

ment about nine metres away.

"As it moved forward, it undulated up and down like a massive boa constrictor," he recalled.

"Then a head — about the size of a horse's head but not the same shape — came out of the water and went back down."

The monster was between nine and 12 metres long and had a row of jagged spines rising out of the water, says Harris. His wife,

Jacqueline, also saw the creature through binoculars from their cottage before it disappeared into the lake again.

Adds Harris: "I'm not a nut. I don't want to be accused of fabricating the story."

"If there's such a thing as the Loch Ness monster, why can't there be a Baskatong monster?"

Harris, who lives in Aylmer, has spent his summers on Lake Baskatong,

about 45 kilometres north of here, since he retired in 1976.

He's never seen the creature before but there was a story of a lumberjack a few years back who saw a log being dragged across the lake by some unseen force.

Harris said he contacted Maniwaki police who advised him to contact a game warden.

"We knew there were big fish in the lake but no monsters," one officer said.

GLOBE AND MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Aug. 19, 1980 CR: G. Duplantier

Trying to snare snowman

Scientists sniff the yeti's spoor

By **BRYAN JOHNSON**
Globe and Mail Correspondent

PEKING — He is known variously as the Wild Man of Hubei, the Chinese Yeti or the Abominable Apeman. After years of beating around the bush, Chinese scientists now seem determined to track down the tribe of hairy giants believed to inhabit a mountainous region in Central China.

"It's time to capture him," said Liu Minzhuang, a biology professor among a team of Chinese experts who have spent months combing the heavily forested area.

No stone is being left unturned by the expedition. No tactic is too unusual to be given a try.

A member of the team, who says he saw a female of the species gathering food in the 1950s, has returned to the exact spot wearing a hair-covered ape suit and carry-

ing a pouch filled with dates. The fruit, he says, will be his "introductory gift" to the Apeman when he shows up.

Another scientist, presumably swept up in the euphoria of the hunt, told Shanghai's Wenhui Bao newspaper: "I have decided that if it really is a kind of creature somewhere between ape and man, then I want to go in among them and become one of them" — quite an act of self-sacrifice in race-conscious China.

The cause of all the excitement is a hairy, erect creature which stands more than 7 feet tall and has been seen in Hubei province more than 240 times in the past 30 years.

The Chinese press says the savages — as it calls them — have been seen 33 times in the past two years alone. They are described variously as having white, brown, red and motley fur

Often, the creature seems to have been seen at remarkably close quarters. In May last year, for example, an 8-foot apeman grabbed the hand of a herdsman named Zhou Yongfa. After two hours of struggle, the man escaped with swollen hand bearing the imprint of large, powerful fingers.

On other occasions, apemen have been seen who have beckoned to children in a welcoming gesture. One even sat on rock near a Chinese man and clapped his hands in apparent delight.

A Chinese says he has seen one of the apemen crying; another says an angry savage slapped him with the palm of his giant hand.

The scientific apeman-hunters have collected hair, feces and footprints from the mysterious tribe, and even say they have discovered one of their hideaways. So far,

however, none of the apemen has been captured or photographed.

"From the size and shape of the footprints," the Shanghai newspaper quotes a Chinese scientist as saying, "it can be seen that the creature is not a bear or other animal. It is a human being."

"From the large amount of evidence available, it is extremely likely that that the so-called Wild Man is a more advanced species than any of the four types of apes presently known in the world."

Hubei province is about 1,000 miles east of the Himalayan home of the so-called yeti — the Tibetan name for the abominable snowman. If he exists, the Chinese apeman would also be a first cousin of Bigfoot or Sasquatch, the giant who supposedly inhabits the mountains in the northwestern United States and southwestern British Columbia.

'Sasquatch' sighted years ago, they say

Although not a recent sighting, a Boulder Creek family says it, too, has seen Bigfoot in the Scotts Valley area.

Rhoda Wolters and her son Kerry, 16, said that in 1971 and 1972 a "Bigfoot" used to feed in the approximate 60-acre orchard adjacent to their home at 2911 Granite Creek Road in Scotts Valley.

The site is near the area where two men alleged they saw Sasquatch, or Bigfoot, several weeks ago while camping out.

At the time the Wolters lived in an old stagecoach house which has since been torn down. One night, in the summer, Mrs. Wolters recollected last week, Kerry and his sister saw the

"thing" in the window. Kerry had gotten up to go to the bathroom, she said, and saw a shadow outside a window about seven feet above the ground.

"A minute later my sister screamed," Kerry said. At the time Kerry was 8-years-old. His sister, Renee, was about 12.

"My husband said it was a bear," Mrs. Wolters noted. "But it wasn't."

The next day, she said, she and the children found footprints about nine inches long, wider than a hand and with three toes.

The Wolters children, in an attempt to show the "footprints" traced

the prints with their fingers, Mrs. Wolters said.

The recent siting in Scotts Valley result in no clear prints, but the two campers found indentations in the hillside at regular intervals where they thought the creature retreated into the woods.

After that incident, the Wolters said they found that their neighbors had also sighted something in the orchard. "They told us that they watched it in the orchard quite a few times," she said.

At times, the family would hear crashing around in the woods and at night the nearby horses would "raise havoc" for no reason. "We knew there

was something up there," she said.

The horses, she said, would "every once in a while go over the fences from fright."

The neighbors also removed the back stairs of their house because "they didn't want it coming in the house," Mrs. Wolters said.

Although the campers' recent sighting of the alleged Bigfoot was accompanied by what they described as a painful, loud breathing sound, the Wolters said they heard what sounded like a high-pitched whistle. "It didn't grate on the nerves, but it scared the daylight out of us," Mrs. Wolters noted.

DISPATCH, Eatonville, WA - Aug. 13, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

Cow surgically mutilated near Eatonville

Sheriff's investigators can't explain the eerie incident of a surgically mutilated cow found Aug. 6 at the Kreger Lake Farms, Inc. on King Fiander Road near Eatonville.

Farmhand Lonnie Cisco said the cow, a 6-month-old heifer-Angus cross, was found approximately one-fourth mile from the main house of the 800-acre farm. He said the cow was last seen alive between 3 and 4 p.m. Sunday and was

found on an open area about 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Cisco said the sheriff's investigators had been to the farm and told him whoever removed the sex organs of the cow, did so surgically. No blood was found at the scene, Cisco said.

"They knew what they were doing," Cisco said of the surgically perfect mutilation.

Cisco said the strange thing about the incident is that the cow had been dead for several days and had not been eaten by coyotes. "We have lots of coyotes around here," Cisco said, "and it's very strange they never came around."

This incident is just one of many surgical mutilations in the Eatonville area which have taken place for the past five years. Cisco said the sheriff's investigator who was at the scene Wednesday said this is the first one he'd seen that involved the mutilation of a cow. Other incidents involved mutilations of horses.

Ranchers and sheriff's investigators are at a loss to explain why the mutilations have occurred and by whom. Special patrols have failed to turn up any explanation for the mystery.

Anybody here seen Kelly?

By Bruce Ward Toronto Star

BARRIE — Kempenfelt Kelly, the mysterious monster of Kempenfelt Bay, is a pussycat.

Even if you have a broad view of what constitutes a monster, Kempenfelt Kelly wouldn't qualify. "He's very docile, very mild-mannered," says Bob Hollywood, general manager of Barrie's Chamber of Commerce. "He's a very friendly monster."

What that really means is that Kelly is a wimp.

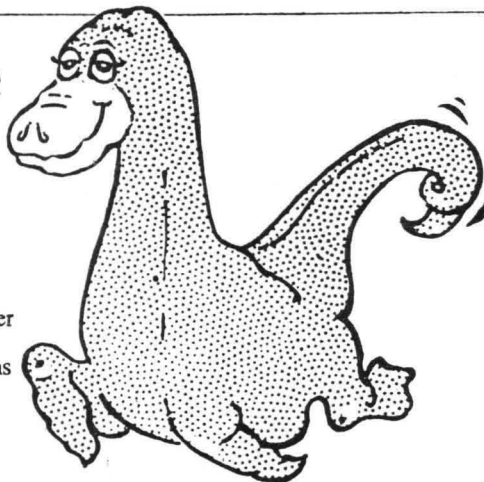
The Lake Simcoe beastie has been named official mascot of Kempenfelt, a holiday weekend festival that winds up tomorrow.

Festival T-shirts and posters depict Kelly as a sort of dumb dinosaur, wagging its tail above the waterline. He has a goofy grin and goo-goo eyes.

Compare the official Kelly to the "big monster" two Metro fishermen say they saw last Sunday on Cook's Bay, which is next to Kempenfelt on the lake.

"It was over 15 feet long and must have weighed close to 1,000 pounds," said Jean-Claude Bergeron of Logan Ave. He said he and his companion feared they would be devoured, by a beast with a "camel's hump and a

That's him at right, the monster of Kempenfelt Bay. But it seems Kelly's really something of a wimp.



tail about seven feet long."

In the past five years, there have been reports of a strange creature living in the lake, and occasional sightings. But an expedition to track it down found no conclusive evidence, and the sightings have been explained away as eels, otters, salmon, swimming deer, tree trunks, and mats of decaying vegetation.

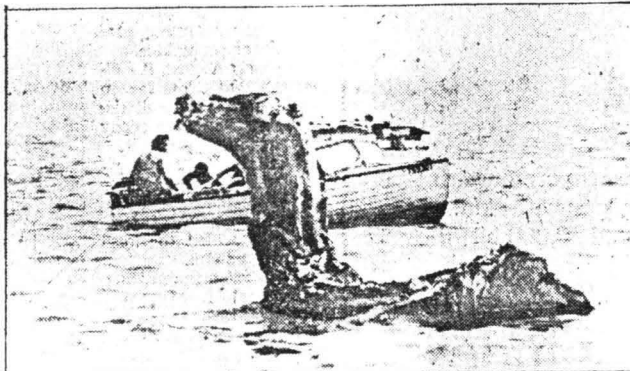
Some scientists believe monsters like Kempenfelt Kelly do exist in lakes around the world. They contend that such creatures are perhaps plesiosaurs — a large marine reptile — surviving from prehistoric times.

But the gruesome truth may be that Kelly is a figment of some inspired public relation man's mind.

However, the folks in Barrie aren't taking any chances. Bags of "Kelly Chow" were dumped into the bay last week to appease him.

Recently, 1 million gallons of raw sewage were inadvertently spilled into the bay from a crippled treatment plant. Since then, Hollywood says, Kelly hasn't been sighted on Kempenfelt Bay.

"We were worried that Kelly might think the sewage was meant as an insult so we're trying to lure her back."



Now here's the real thing. At left, the famous London Daily Mail photograph of Scotland's Loch Ness monster, taken in 1934. Above, a genuine photograph taken in Lake Ontario in 1950. Look closely: the "creature" is really a gnarled, floating log.



JOURNAL, Milwaukee, WI - Aug. 21, 1980 CR: R. Helden

Mutilations solved, magazine reports

New York, N.Y. — UPI — The mystery of mass animal mutilations in the South and West is no mystery at all, Penthouse magazine says.

The magazine, in its September issue, cites information from the chief investigator in a government-funded probe of the so-called mutilations who says they are simply the work of a variety of natural predators, not UFOs or cultists.

The mutilations have been explained at various government-sponsored hearings as the work of UFOs, blood cultists, "mystery helicopters" and the like. Since 1967, the incidents have been reported in 20 states ranging from Alabama to Oregon and have involved nearly 10,000 animals.

LUNAR GLOW

Moon craters emit light

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

On the day before the first lunar landing in July, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts were orbiting the moon and, on instructions from Mission Control, investigating the crater Aristarchus. They were seeking the source of a phenomenon that had puzzled astronomers for years, a strange glow that occasionally flared out of Aristarchus.

"I'm looking north up towards Aristarchus now," Neil A. Armstrong, the commander, radioed. "There's an area there that is considerably more illuminated than the surrounding area. It just has — seems to have a slight amount of fluorescence to it."

At the same time, two amateur astronomers in West Germany reported independently seeing a "brightening" in the northwest region of the crater. Neither they nor the astronauts — nor, for that matter, professional astronomers — could explain what they were seeing. It was just one more of those fascinating episodes, known as transient lunar phenomena, suggesting that Earth's moon, though without air or life, is apparently not completely dead.

Apollo data on glows, hazes

Recent analysis of Apollo data and ground-based observations indicates that these glows, hazes, mists, brief color changes and temporary obscurations of lunar surface features are probably related to tidal forces that trigger the release of gases.

According to Allan A. Mills, a University of Leicester astronomer, the escaping gases could stir up clouds of dust, which he calls moon smoke. These dust clouds could so scatter sunlight or perhaps produce lightning-like electric discharges as to create brief eruptions of light.

The tidal effect of Earth's gravity tugging at the moon is one of the

important scientific results of the Apollo explorations. Seismometers left by the astronauts found that moonquakes occurred most frequently when the moon came closest to Earth each month. Dr. Mills has noted that the 1,400 reported transient lunar phenomena over the years also occurred most frequently when the moon was at the perigee of its orbit, or closest to Earth.

Dr. Mills reviewed the likely explanations for these lunar phenomena in an article published recently in the *Journal of the British Astronomical Association*. A summary of his conclusions also appeared in a recent issue of the *British Journal of Nature*.

Although some of the reported episodes were undoubtedly atmospheric, physiological or instrumental artifacts, Dr. Mills and other astronomers said that many of the observations were of real events. They generally cover an area about 10 miles wide and last an average of 20 minutes. No permanent changes have been observed on the lunar surface after such an event.

About 300 of the events have occurred at Aristarchus, a 23-mile-wide crater with majestic cliffs. In 1958, Nikolai A. Kozyrev of the Pulkovo Observatory at Leningrad created a stir when he reported seeing a half-hour-long reddish "eruption" from the central peak of Aristarchus. From a spectrograph of the event, he determined that the light was caused by the emission of low-pressure gas. In 1963, astronomers at the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., saw red and pink patches of light in the region of Aristarchus.

Even more conclusive evidence of lunar outgassing came from Apollo 15 sensors that detected radioactive radon emissions, the most active being at Aristarchus. This indicated to scientists the presence of other gases necessary for transporting the radon to the surface.

On July 4, the most recently reported transient lunar phenomenon was at Alphonsus, another crater known for these mysterious occurrences. Winifred S. Cameron, who catalogues such events, said in an

interview that an amateur astronomer in Florida noticed an unusual dark patch in Alphonsus. Two months ago, she said, a mist was observed at Piton, a mountain in the Mare Imbrium.

Most of the transients seem to appear in the relatively young craters, such as Aristarchus, Alphonsus and Plato, or around the rims of lunar basins, such as Imbrium, Mrs. Cameron said. She is affiliated with the U.S. National Space Science Data Centre, operated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Greenbelt, Md.

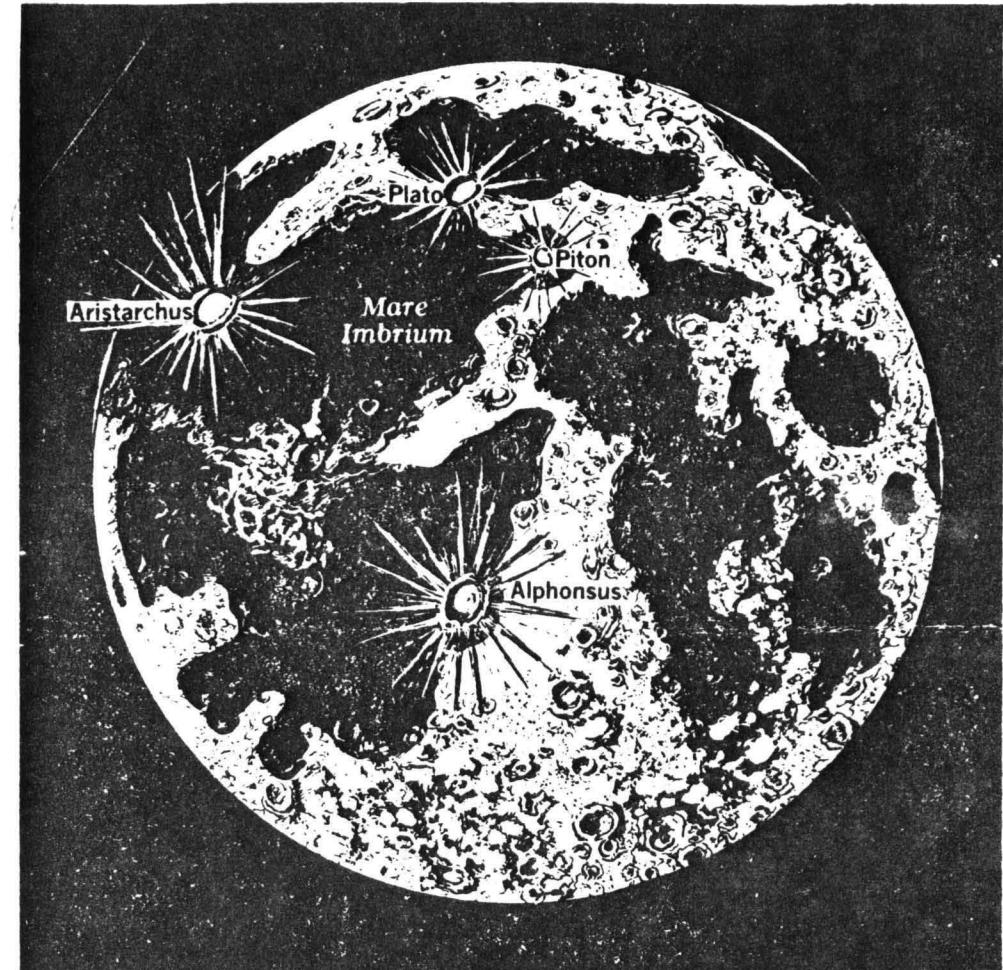
Long ago, astronomers assumed that these transients were volcanic eruptions. But no fresh lava regions have been seen on the moon either by telescope or in spacecraft photography. Dr. Mills, in his article, ruled out another possible explanation. He said that bombardment of the lunar surface by protons in the solar wind was too weak to produce luminescence.

Quakes may initiate leaks of gases

Comparing the epicentres of moonquakes and transient phenomena several years ago, Barbara M. Middlehurst, formerly of the Lunar Science Institute at Houston, found that the phenomena occurred almost vertically above regions of shallow quakes. This association indicated that the quakes could be the force initiating outgassing through faults and fissures.

Dr. Mills goes further to propose that the escaping gas blows dust above the lunar surface and sunlight scattered by the dust particles accounts for the bright glows. He conceded that the scattering of light by moon "smoke" is an incompletely understood phenomenon. And it does not explain phenomena seen in regions of the moon that are in darkness.

Another mechanism — triboelectric charging — may thus also be at



New theory says that some craters on moon glow because of escaping gases blowing dust.

work, Dr. Mills said. That is, friction from the movement of gas-borne dust could produce electrostatic discharges in much the same way volcanic eruptions on Earth often generate lightning.

Dr. Middlehurst said that Dr. Mills' explanations were "very reasonable" and a vindication of her early, generally ignored theories of

the importance of tidal forces in explaining the transient lunar phenomena.

But these are only burps and flickers in a world that, according to other Apollo data, has hardly changed in more than three billion years.

"If we could go back to the days of the cavemen, or even the dinosaurs,

and turn a telescope toward the moon," said Patrick Moore, author and director of the lunar section of the British Astronomical Association, "we would see the mountains, the valleys, the 'seas' and the craters looking to all intents and purposes exactly the same as they do today."

Kingstie: Our forgotten monster

By LYNN JONES
Staff writer

Ahoy there, Kingston!

We're being outmanoeuvred by the Scots. The search for Nessie, the Loch Ness monster, is under way again. As you read this a team of naturalists are dredging the Scottish lake with a motor-powered raft. By this means they hope to catch Nessie in a net.

What's this got to do with Kingston, did you say?

Well, nearly two years before the Loch Ness monster was 'discovered' on April 28, 1933, Kingston had its own monster — a giant sea serpent which, according to the now-defunct Toronto Telegram, was described as "slithering silently through Lake Ontario at Kingston, Whitby, Oshawa and Scarborough."

Those who had seen it described it as a really fearsome beast, some 40 feet in length and about a foot and a half in diameter. The body was spotty in color and the head was said to be something between that of a goat and a walrus, with orchid-colored whiskers and a pair of tusks. For good measure, a couple of horns and hands were added. This was a sea serpent worthy of the best sea monster traditions.

These tales, of course, are as old as civilization. The early Norsemen reported strange beasts arising out of the water and devouring long boats and their crews.

To be fair to the Scots, however, it must be pointed out that Nessie was first spotted by the Irish saint, St. Columba, who founded a monastery on the Inner Hebrides island of Iona. He journeyed to Loch Ness in 565 to

find Jaws, sixth century style, in full swing. As St. Columba and his retinue arrived, the locals were burying an unfortunate colleague who had been killed by a sea monster while swimming in the lake.

But let's get back to our own monster of the deep. Despite what had been seen in those other Ontario towns, Kingston's monster made the others appear as worms. It was an intelligent sea serpent, too. The moment it saw anyone approaching it dived serenely to the bottom of the lake and didn't come up again until it was several miles away.

Of course it was intelligent! Why would anyone doubt it? In those days (1931), Kingston was the home of three great seats of learning — Queen's University, Royal Military College and Regiopolis College — not to mention the family journal, The Whig-Standard, a perpetual fount of wisdom!

Clearly, then, in some way or other, Kingston's sea serpent had drunk of the fount of wisdom flowing from these four sources and had benefited greatly.

If there are those who doubt the authenticity of Kingston's sea monster, let me remind you that two prominent Kingstonians got a close up view of the monster. The two — Dr. R. R. MacGregor and Dr. Frank Bertram — were only too willing to tell of their experiences. The two gentlemen had spent an evening playing cards with some American friends at Alexandria Bay. They made their way back to Kingston later in the evening by launch. It was around midnight when a shout from the helmsman brought them running to the side of the boat where a huge sea serpent was spotted swimming alongside.

According to the two doctors, (with hands over heart) the serpent was about 30 feet long and was continually changing its hue, as though it was descended from a chameleon. When the launch's flashlight was turned on it, the men saw that the monster had an eye right in the middle of its forehead. It had two horns, both two feet long and it also had wings.

The sea serpent followed the boat all the way to Kingston, but when the boat was about half a mile from the Kingston Yacht Club, the serpent suddenly stopped, gave a sort of parting salute (believe me, folks, this is still the two doctors' report) in the nature of a whistle and abruptly dived beneath the surface, never to be seen again. Or was it?

Well now, Jack Burman, of the city's tourism board and the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, here's a crowd puller. The biggest sea serpent ever seen in Lake Ontario is waiting to be rediscovered. We could christen her Kingstie or whatever pleases you.

Just think of it. By resurrecting old Kingstie it would afford our tourists delightful holidays in glorious scenery, with the excitement of scientific research and the stimulus of scientific discipline or of acquiring a scientific education.

Inverness is continually jammed with sightseeing visitors, ever since that fateful day in 1933. It has proved a bonanza for the economy of the town.

Spotting a monster in Kingston's waters is a better way of impressing your personality on an indifferent world that hijacking an aircraft or blowing up a building.

Long live Kingstie!

Cow Mutilation Investigated By Officials in Rio Arriba

Journal Special

ESPANOLA — State Police are investigating a reported cattle mutilation that was found three miles east of Tierra Amarilla off U.S. 64 Aug. 3.

Dulce State Police Officer Gabe Valdez and Chama Officer Joe Mascarenas inspected the animal and concluded it was a "genuine" mutilation that didn't appear to be caused by predators.

"It's the same thing as the other mutilations that we've had," said Valdez. "They cut the tail off, the ear and the tongue," he said, but the reproductive organs which are usually removed with surgical precision were not taken.

Two of the cow's teeth were also removed, something found "every once in a while" in cow mutilations, Valdez said.

The cow's right leg was broken, and when the officers skinned the leg they saw it was "bruised all the way," he said.

Valdez, who has investigated numerous mutilations in Rio Arriba County during the past few years, said he believes the cow was "definitely" not the victim of natural predators.

Former FBI agent Ken Rommel, who recently completed a year-long federally funded investigation of cow mutilations, concluded the animals had actually died natural deaths and were then eaten by predators, such as coyotes and birds.

Critics of Rommel's study contend that none of the dead cows Rommel inspected was the victim of a classic mutilation. They also claim cattle mutilations in Rio Arriba, which were common two years ago, ceased during Rommel's investigation.

Victor Salazar of Tierra Amarilla, who owned the 4-year-old cow, said he discovered the animal about 7:30 that morning "laying out in the middle of the pasture and the other cows were all standing around her."

There were no animal tracks leading up to the cow, said Salazar. He also does not believe the mutilation was caused by predators. "I've been in business a long time and I know what they eat first. They wouldn't eat the ear first or cut the tail off," he said.

It was the second time Salazar lost a cow to the mutilation phenomena. On July 18, 1978, Salazar discovered one of his cows had been mutilated and dumped about 300 yards from the one he found Aug. 3.

Valdez said this mutilation differs from others previously found in Rio Arriba in that the blood had not been neatly drained. The cow was, in fact, bloody, resembling mutilations which have recently occurred near Calgary, Canada, Valdez said. "They don't take the blood any more."

Mascarenas said they skinned the animal's neck and saw the needle marks frequently found in mutilations on the throat. One theory behind the marks is that a syringe is used to draw blood from the throat.

Although the cow's tail was taken, "they missed the joint and started to cut it a little bit higher. You could see the knife cut," said Mascarenas.

Also present during the inspection was Jim Byrd of Chama, a livestock inspector from the New Mexico Livestock Board. Byrd, who said he has seen "quite a few" cow mutilations, also believes there were "no predators involved in this one."

The mutilation is the second one reported in Rio Arriba County in recent weeks. A cow belonging to Pedro and Pat Herrera of El Rito was discovered mutilated about five miles from Vallecitos on July 28.

Salazar thinks it is "kind of fishy" that once Rommel's investigation ended "the mutilations start up again."

Valdez agrees. "It was kind of strange that we hadn't had any reports in this area and now we're getting them," he said. "We're still investigating it."

Okanagan lake monster is back, witnesses agree

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — Ogopogo, the bashful lake monster of the Okanagan Valley, is becoming a showoff.

The legendary beast, usually sighted once or twice during the summer tourist season, made two appearances this week alone, witnesses reported.

On Wednesday, Orm and Edith Pasquill, a retired couple from nearby Rutland, were fishing in the middle of Lake Okanagan when they noticed turbulence and waves about 100 feet (30 metres) from their boat.

"I saw it three times as it moved about," Mr. Pasquill said.

"I saw three humps about 10 feet from end to end," Mrs. Pasquill said. "I saw some of the deep, dark green or dark brown body, but no head or tail appeared."

Mr. Pasquill said the humps looked like dorsal fins. "It couldn't have been a log. There were no other boats around as far as we could see. It was calm and hot. The creature's appearances were spread over about a 10-minute interval. Seeing is believing."

The couple said they weren't frightened by the creature's appearance, just excited.

The Wednesday sighting followed another Monday in which about 30 people at the Bluebird Bay resort south of Kelowna watched from the shore as a creature reared up several times far out into the lake.

Like its Scottish cousin, the Loch Ness Monster, Ogopogo has been a fixture of local lore for years. All efforts to prove its existence have failed.

Cattle Deaths Eerie; Ranchers Patrol Land

GREELEY (UPI) — Sheriff's officials said ranchers in northern Colorado have begun patrolling their land because of the mysterious deaths of several head of livestock in the past few weeks.

"I've heard that some of them (ranchers) are combining efforts to patrol their lands to see if they can find out what's killing the cattle," a spokesman for the Weld County sheriff said Thursday.

Two dead calves were found about a mile apart in Weld County Wednesday. The mutilated body of a heifer was found on a ranch west of Loveland, in neighboring Larimer County, earlier in the week, and a prize steer was mutilated in Weld County three weeks ago.

The two dead calves found Wednesday belonged to Ronald Ball. One had been dead about a week, and the other was killed within the past two or three days.

Ball said the tongue had been cut out of the second calf, its genitals had been removed, and a six-inch circle of skin was cut from its belly.

Ken Bateman, operator of the Ken-Wil Ranch eight miles west of Loveland, called the Larimer County Sher-

iff's Department after discovering the mutilated body of a registered Angus heifer Sunday. A deputy's report said the animal died of unknown causes, possibly a gunshot wound, and part of its rear section had been removed.

"There was a hole that had been cut in the rear of the animal ... and the uterus had been removed," Bateman said. "It was a clean cut, just like it was cut with a razor or some other sharp instrument."

"There was a small wound up on the left shoulder that might have been a gunshot," he said. "But there was no blood coming out of it. No trace of dried blood was found anywhere on the heifer, even at the rear where she had been cut. In fact, I don't think there's any blood in her at all."

Bateman said magpies, scavenger birds that "eat the eyes out of a dead animal," had left the heifer's carcass alone.

"They hadn't touched her," he said.

The rancher said the remainder of his herd had bunched up in a corner of the pasture, "as far away as they can get from the dead heifer."

"They are just scared," he said.