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Residents see mysterious object

BY PAT POWERS

A very unusual visitor passed through Wayne County skies recently. To one observer, the visitor appeared a "big ball of fire". To another it was a "great big orange thing resembling a sunset", and to a third, a "brilliant red" triangular-shaped object that made no sound.

To all evidence, the "visitor" was an unidentified flying object — a UFO — that descended swiftly and silently into a sparsely-populated area southeast of Jesup a week ago last Thursday. No trace of the object has been found since it was sighted by several local residents as it reportedly came down below the tree tops on that date.

Three who caught a glimpse of the mysterious object were Gene Lyons and Jerry and Bonnie Bowen. The three were on some property owned by Lyons along the S. Palm St. extension when they suddenly saw it descending from a northwesterly direction around 6 p.m.

"I was standing with my side to the object," Lyons recalled, "Jerry had his back to it and Bonnie was facing it. Bonnie saw it first and said, 'What in the world is that!' It was just above the tree tops, coming down at an angle. It had visible lights on it — lights so strong the whole thing was illuminated and it was almost as bright as the sun, a very brilliant red."

It was triangular or horseshoe-shaped, he said, and "it appeared to be quite large." Bowen described it as a "great big orange thing" that reminded him very much of the sunsets he often sees on his way home from work. He noted individual lights shining on the object.

Because it was seen for only a few seconds, and because it was difficult to judge its distance, Bowen said he was not sure of the object's dimensions, but it was "probably the size of a large airplane."

The group braced themselves for a terrible explosion and eruption of flames as it disappeared behind the trees, but there came only silence. Estimating it to have come down anywhere from a quarter of a mile to three miles from where they stood, they took off on a search for it but could find nothing.

"We rode down to the police station," Lyons said. "I was a little reluctant to report

a UFO, so I asked if they had any report of a plane coming down in the county."

Told no, Lyons then called Hunter Air Field in Savannah to check for any unusual air traffic in the area. He was referred to the chief of aviation at Savannah Airport, and finally to the National UFO Center in Washington State.

"The man I talked to (from the Center) said the description I had given was a very common one as far as the shape and color of lights on the object."

Lyons, an owner of Jesup Furniture, said he had never seen anything like the object before, had never been especially interested in UFO-related subjects, and had been apprehensive at first to discuss the event.

Lyons and Bowen are at a loss to offer an explanation for what they saw.

"When you witness something like this you can't rationalize it," Lyons remarked. "I'm not saying it came from out of this world — it could have been something the Defense Department was working on."

"It really did fascinate me," he admitted.

Bowen, a senior chemical engineer at ITT Rayonier, was philosophical. "I think this universe is too well put together to dismiss the idea," he said in response to a suggestion that it could have been a craft from outer space.

City worker Delmar Drawdy also noted the object's descent as he stood in his yard off Old Bethlehem Road — about five miles from Lyons and the Bowens.

"To tell you what it was I couldn't say," he commented. "I've never seen anything like that before ... I wouldn't say it was a UFO — it looked like a big ball of fire."

Drawdy watched the object for over a minute, and when he first spied it, it appeared in the position the sun occupies about an hour and a half before sunset. He observed that it appeared to be moving too rapidly for a weather balloon and too slowly for a meteor. After it disappeared he went inside, expecting in vain to catch word of it on the news.

Drawdy opined that the object's appearance was in accordance with a Biblical prophecy forecasting "fire in the skies" during the final days.

And that seems to be as plausible an explanation as any advanced so far to describe the mystery of the Wayne County UFO.

BROAD TOP BULLETIN, Saxton, PA
Feb. 18, 1981

ANOTHER Unidentified Flying Object(UFO) was spotted in the area last week, this one just south of Everett. A woman who stayed up late Thursday night because her water pipes had froze, reported spotting a brilliant white ball on the ridge above her house. The object was many times brighter than the sun. It could be seen clearly in the trees.

IN A RELATED item, persons who watched ABC-TV's 20/20 program last week may have learned a new theory on the origin of such brilliant UFO's. A scientist believes the lights are the result of electrical charges given off by quartz deposits in rock formations.

UFO debaters clash

By ANITA ALEMAN
Express Staff Writer

Those wanting an answer to whether unidentified flying objects are craft operated by extraterrestrials didn't get one at Sunday night's debate at Trinity University on the UFO issue.

Pitting pro-UFO Stanton Friedman against anti-UFO Philip J. Klass did, however, produce some identifiable differences of opinion.

About 300 persons attended the debate in Laurie Auditorium.

Friedman, with 14 years' experience in development of nuclear and space systems, is the only space scientist in North America devoting his full time to UFO study.

He claims the reasons no big-time scientists or journalists are jumping on the pro-UFO bandwagon is partially out of fear of being laughed at, ego and a complete unwillingness to use modern technology to understand UFOs.

He argues UFO disprovers use selective data, innuendo and character assassination of witnesses to argue against them.

Klass, senior avionics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine, admitted there probably will never be a resolution to the question.

In the first session of the debate, however, he took a classic UFO sighting and, point-by-point, provided possible explanations for the "unexplainable."

Klass particularly focused on the changing story of one of the key witnesses and offered that even highly trained people (such as the pilot involved) can have faulty memories when under extreme stress.

In a particularly challenging moment, Klass provided Friedman with a hypothetical star map and asked him to look at it for 30 seconds and then immediately try to draw it from memory.

This took place after Friedman had cited the case of Betty Hill, who supposedly was taken aboard a spaceship and shown a star map, then two years later under post-hypnotic suggestion, redrew it.

Friedman did not participate and later said the test was hardly scientific and would have proven nothing.

Klass showed numerous slides of government documents on UFOs



STANTON FRIEDMAN
... UFO questions remain

which repeatedly stated no evidence existed to prove such vehicles exist.

Friedman countered there are at least 135 documents on the subject which are being kept secret by the government due to their possible effect on national security.

He further argued the present absence of evidence does not prove there is no evidence and that a person would have to be completely naive to think the government would not keep such information hidden.

Klass firmly believes all UFO sightings can eventually be explained but it is the small percentage designated "unknown" that Friedman feels keeps the question open.

Deputy says 'UFO' probably was a helicopter at Eustis

EUSTIS--Deputy Sheriff Frank Sanner of Eustis says the Jan. 5 "sighting" of what some thought might be an unidentified flying object in this area probably was just a helicopter.

He said he knows it was no outer space craft and he has an idea it was a helicopter. Sanner said he watched it "hover" several miles away from a farm where it reportedly appeared to have landed and when it left it turned as a helicopter might and did not move away especially fast.

Although he never saw it when it was on the ground, he said he could see it hovering in the southwest. After it left, he contacted North Platte Radar and the scanner reported no aircraft in that area but the helicopter could have stayed low to the ground as it headed in a direction Sanner figured was about in the direction of Imperial.

Valuable horses and cattle nearby were all right the next day and all appeared calm, he said. There was no sign as to which way a ground vehicle had come

from or which way it left. One reportedly had gone to the area where the craft had landed.

Sanner said there have been reports of cattle rustling in the western part of the state, reportedly with helicopters. He doesn't know that this was what someone had in mind but he admits it is possible.

He said mufflers on helicopters make them far quieter than people normally think. He has had no reports of helicopters in the area since Jan. 5 so all he can do is speculate.

Sanner says is anyone does see anything out of the ordinary in that area they should call him directly. If people in other areas sight anything questionable, they should call the law officer living nearest to the area, he said.

Asked if he had checked the area of the "sighting" the next day, he said he had. He also said he went out to the area the next night to see if there was a star in that general area. There was not, just as he expected, so he is certain that it was a helicopter he and others observed.

Unearthly noise shatters night air, group sights flying object

by Wade Fowler
Record Editor

It's a story out of the Twilight Zone or That's Incredible, but Jimmy Roush and Daniel Barrick of Duncannon RD 1, two of seven people who witnessed it, swear that it's true.

Jimmy, Dan, Pauline Harp, Terry Myers, Beverly Barrick, Butch Barrick and Joe Sheaffer were gathered Feb. 5 at the Barrick residence off Dark Hollow Road near Duncannon when they were paid an unexpected call by an airborne visitor of undetermined origin shortly after 7 p.m.

The Barricks and Jimmy share expenses in a large rented farm house. All are native Perry Countians and enjoy the outdoors together. Jimmy says that he has seen things in the sky that he couldn't explain. He and Dan often sit in a truck atop a hill above the house at night and watch the sky. And they also relate that they have seen weird things in the sky during frequent camping trips to Potter County. But Thursday's encounter was unparalleled in their experience.

"I heard it coming," Dan relates. "The rumbling noise grew louder, and I thought for awhile that the furnace was on fire."

He and his son, Butch, 12, went to the kitchen door and watched as a large object flew slowly over the house. "It was shaped like a boomerang and had at least five lights on the back and several more on the front," Dan says. "It was three or four times as big as any jet plane I've ever seen, and it was up pretty high."

Butch was dispatched to tell the others to come outside for a look. "Butch came inside white faced and

said: 'Come outside, you've got to see this. I have never seen anything like it before in my whole life.' " Jimmy relates.

By the time Jimmy got outside, the object had passed over the house, and he could only see the back of it. "The thing looked like a flying saucer," he says. "It was egg shaped with at least three lights on the back. I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a plane or a helicopter."

The entire company watched the object from the front porch until it disappeared beyond Cove Mountain. "I'd say we watched it for about 15 or 20 minutes," Jimmy says. "Nobody said a word; it was like being in the Twilight Zone."

Dan and Jimmy agree that the most striking characteristic of the sighting was the incredible power of the con-

traption. "I was impressed by its sheer power," Jimmy says. "It sounded like a 1,000 horse engine ready to rip out," his friend adds.

The stillness of the evening is often disturbed by jets from Fort Indiantown Gap which fly over the Barrick residence regularly, but Jimmy and Dan say that the object they saw could not have been a jet. "When the jets come by here, they're on maneuvers and they move real fast," Dan says. "This moved a lot slower."

Both admit a predisposition to believe in flying saucers. "There are so many sightings that some of them have to be true," Jimmy says. "Yes sir, I believe in them," Dan adds.

Their shared belief in UFOs was reinforced by Thursday's encounter. "That was some evening," Jimmy says. "We talked about space ships all night."

TELESCOPE, Belleville, KS - March 5, 1981

UFO Seen at Delphos?

Two young Delphos women were driving just southwest of Delphos on February 19 of the past week when they encountered a lighted object which they said appeared as a light blue fog and made a humming noise similar to the sound of an electric fan.

The two drove into Delphos immediately and contacted Ottawa County Undersheriff Ann Sweezer who returned with them to the scene. By this time several other persons had gathered near the Delphos Grain Co. to watch what they described as whirling discs in the sky.

Undersheriff Sweezer said the disc-like lights were visible for quite some time. She said two discs seemed to be revolving counter-clockwise, sometimes close together and sometimes farther apart, "as if they were playing tag."

Sweezer said she and a deputy drove east on K-41, and the lights were equally visible from that location. The lights would appear, then disappear, then appear again, at intervals.

Ottawa County Sheriff Dean Dunham said he patrolled in other areas of the county that evening, but saw nothing unusual. He said the lights may have been reflections from beacons at Salina.

BEDFORD CO. PRESS, Everett, PA - Feb. 20, 1981



BRIGHT LIGHTS and strange objects have been seen in the area lately. On the ground and in the air, no one can explain what they are seeing.

Residents bewildered by UFO sightings

by Steve Dikun

BEDFORD COUNTY-- Several sightings of strange bright lights have been reported to the Bedford County Press in the past several days. Both in the air and on the ground, the lights bring bewilderment to all that see them.

Although it is a normal reaction for most people to just laugh when the topic of UFOs is brought up, the

fact remains that sightings of UFOs are increasing, not only in the county but also throughout the state.

Where the lights originate no one really knows and the mystery continues.

It has been reported that the Air Force has been training in the area and on several occasions you can see fighter jets flying at low levels

across the countryside in training exercises.

It seems apparent that these jets and the bright lights people are seeing are not the same thing. This brings up an important question. If the lights people are seeing are the training of the military, just what kind of training are they doing? If the lights are not the military, just what are they or who are they?

MORNING ADVOCATE, Baton Rouge, LA
March 7, 1981 GR: P. Gaskilla

UFO authority to probe Alexandria sighting

A leading authority on the UFOs told an audience here Friday night he would begin investigating Saturday an encounter reported in Alexandria.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force adviser for Project Blue Book and technical adviser in the science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," spoke to about 300 residents at Broadmoor High School.

Hynek told the group an Alexandria family reportedly made contact with a UFO one night while watching a family picnic.

The family said they were getting their picnic gear into a station wagon when they

heard a low frequency sound and then spotted a strange-looking ship hovering over the area, he said.

There was this large disc-shaped object gliding toward them," Hynek said.

Hynek said the family described a blue halo of haze that surrounded the object.

The object transmitted a similar haze to the family until "their bodies began to glow," he said.

"That's the part I want to find out about," Hynek said.

Hynek said he could not go into more detail about the incident because it is a confidential investigation.

Nearly half the audience raised their hands as Hynek asked how many persons had witnessed a UFO phenomenon.

Hynek called these persons members of the "legion of the bewildered silent" because many said they hadn't reported the incidents to the proper authorities.

Hynek said the bulk of persons who have reported UFO experiences are sane and rational persons and that too much publicity has been given to false UFO sightings.

"There are too many people who will tell you they went to Venus on a flying saucer or that they received messages," Hynek said.

"They're not crackpots, but they're close to it."

In a slide presentation, Hynek explained that a mechanical device was designed to

play one of the albums in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

However, little girls were cast as the crew of the enigmatic space vessel in the movie, he said.

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Ex-astronaut says he never saw UFOs


By JOAN MORRIS
Times staff writer
LAS CRUCES — U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-N.M., has walked on the moon, but he never has seen an unidentified flying object.

Schmitt, who strolled on the surface of the moon in the Apollo 17 lunar mission, and the astronauts of four other lunar missions are listed in a recent book as observers of UFOs in outer space.

The book, "The Roswell Incident," recounts a supposed series of events surrounding what it claims to have been the crash of an alien space craft in the desert between Roswell and Socorro in July 1947.

The book's authors, Charles Berlitz and William Moore, give 151 pages of accounts and fuzzy photographs they say support the theory a flying saucer crashed and the wreckage was claimed by the U.S. Air Force. Berlitz and Moore said the wreckage, and possibly the body of one alien, still are preserved by the Air Force.

A portion of the book deals with reports of so-called flying saucers. Ber-



New Mexico

litz and Moore list 11 space missions, including Schmitt's, where flying saucers and lunar installations were seen by the crews of the missions.

According to the book, Schmitt's crew saw UFOs "near Earth, close to the moon and in between."

Schmitt said that although he doesn't discount the possibility of UFOs, he has never seen one.

"I don't know where those stories about unidentified flying objects being seen by astronauts come from. They may be from people looking at the transcripts and seeing in the transcripts where an astronaut has looked out the window and seen something," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said he even may have done it himself.

Astronauts may have seen flashing objects in space and commented about them to NASA control, Schmitt

said. But he said the objects always have been explained.

"In almost every incident I know of," Schmitt said, "eventually we and the ground crew working together figured out what it was."

Schmitt said he recalled that during his December 1972 Apollo mission he saw a flashing object, like a light, as the craft headed toward the moon and a landing.

"We had a chance to look out the window for a while at earth, and we saw this flashing object tumbling not too far from us. It took a few minutes, but finally someone said, 'Hey, that's one of the doors off the rocket' that had enclosed the lunar module. Every time it would catch the sun, it would flash," he said.

Schmitt said he has never heard the story about the 1947 Roswell crash, and he said he has never seen an alien craft that he knows of.

"Now, that doesn't mean that I don't think it isn't possible," Schmitt said, "that there would be visitors from other solar systems and galaxies coming to ours. Frankly, we are

probably no more than a 100 years from traveling to other stars ourselves."

Schmitt said it is even possible that spacecraft from Earth have been UFOs.

"Had there been people living on the moon, we would have been the UFOs," he said. "Certainly, if there had been aliens on Mars and they saw our Viking space craft land, well, then that would have been a UFO incident for the Martians."

"So, we can't deny that the possibility exists that other solar systems are inhabited. They may be 100 years more advanced than we are in terms technology, at least," Schmitt said, "and are traveling around the solar system."

But Schmitt said chances are small that aliens would decide to come to Earth, since it is just one "little plant with one little sun."

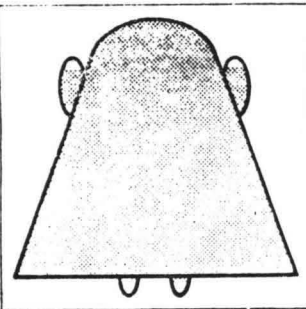
"It's still a possibility," Schmitt said of UFO sightings. "But I haven't had any convincing evidence presented to me that we have actually been visited. But, it's possible."

LIGHT, San Antonio, TX - Feb. 28, 1981 CR: T. Adams

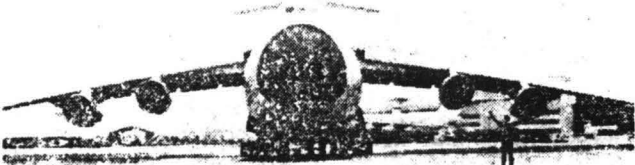
La Vernia's 'massive UFO' is on our side

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LA VERNIA — Phone lines went



San Antonio Light Graphic
 This is what they thought they saw.



This is what they saw.

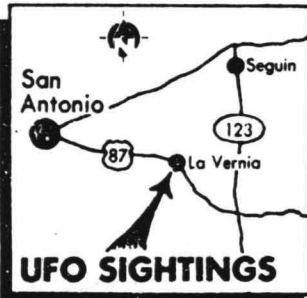
dead, color television screens turned purple, fire alarms sounded, and some residents of this community of fewer than 1,000 watched in fright as a massive unidentified flying object — equipped with huge red and white lights — hovered over the town Sunday night.

When they got together and compared notes, the townsfolk were certain they had seen a UFO.

But there was little cause for concern, as it turned out Friday. The UFO was on our side.

Kelly Air Force Base officials confirmed Friday that a massive C-5A Galaxy, a cargo carrier classified as the largest aircraft in the world, was making a landing approach over this community late Sunday night at the exact time of the UFO sightings.

La Vernia is about 15 miles east of San Antonio.



San Antonio Light Graphic
 This is where they saw it.

Officials told The Light that Maj. Richard Patton, assigned to the Kelly AFB Flight Test branch of the San Antonio Air Logistics Center, landed the huge craft at 10:32 p.m. last Sunday.

The flight path of the plane, en route from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for routine maintenance at the center, carried it over La Vernia at about 10:20 p.m.

Officials said the craft was circling normally at 3,000 feet at less than half its regular cruising speed in preparation for a touchdown at Kelly Air Force Base. The plane's landing lights and red tail warning lights were operating during the landing approach over La Vernia, officials said.

Another newspaper earlier reported the possibility of "visitors from other planets" with front-page photographs and a detailed descrip-

tion of the "triangular-shaped craft" that buzzed La Vernia.

The newspaper quoted residents reporting the sighting as saying the UFO was "as big as a Boeing 707."

It was — only larger.

One UFO witness, later informed of the flight path of the C-5A that night, told The Light, "You may have just hit the nail on the head."

"I hadn't given this thing a whole lot of thought until the (other) newspaper made such a hullabaloo over it," he said. "It looked just like a cargo plane with the landing lights turned on, but what puzzled me was how slow it moved and how quiet it was. I thought it was kind of weird at the time but I didn't think I was watching a UFO. I just went back to work."

Other newspaper reports that the UFO knocked out color television sets and telephones, and mysteriously filled a downtown grocery store with the "acid odor of sulphur" were also discounted.

The television static normally caused by low-flying aircraft is well-documented; a spokesman for the telephone company said he had received no complaints of outages in La Vernia, and a burned out display of fluorescent lights was later discovered at the store.

Other reports that the plane made "absolutely no noise" while passing overhead could be a result of the unusually quiet engines the C-5A has, according to military officials.

They saw a
 UFO fly over
 their house

Hey, maybe we're not alone. That's what an Attica family is wondering after spotting a strange flying object last Thursday night.

"It was about 9 p.m. and we were playing Uno, the card game," the man told The Press, "when we saw it coming out of the east."

"It" — until someone can come up with a better explanation — was a UFO. And because of that, the family doesn't want to be identified.

We happened to notice the big flood lights out our window," he added. "It was lighting up the ground, they were so bright. We were thinking it might be a plane or a helicopter, but then it suddenly turned the spotlights off."

What happened next really threw the 9-member gathering for a loop.

"It started moving toward the house," he explained. "So we went out on the patio to watch. It had red, green, white and amber lights. The lights were vertical. And it was hardly making any noise at all, sort of like a small airplane at idle."

That's what befuddled the Attica clan because the strange craft was only 100 ft off the ground. That estimate was made when it passed over the family's CB tower, which is 60 ft high.

Then the nighttime visitors decided to fly over the house.

"It moved at about 5 mph," the man said. "There was a full moon so we could see that it was flat and triangular-shaped, with rounded corners. But we couldn't see any wings."

After putting on the eerie show, the craft veered off to the northwest and went out of sight.

The Attica man called the Lapeer County Sheriff's Dept. Deputies told him it was the only UFO report they'd received and referred him to a UFO reporting center in Washington.

"I talked to them for about 15 minutes," he said. "They told me they'd call back if there were any reports of planes or experimental crafts in the area."

So far, Washington hasn't called.

Two women share terror of mysterious encounter

only route she knew to get to her home about 38 miles away.

As they drew closer to the object, the light from it became more intense as did the heat it was emitting, she said. It was then that she stopped the car for fear of hitting the suspended "ball of light" that was now, she said, only a block away.

"I'm sure we would have run right into the thing if we hadn't stopped the car," Cash said. "The heat from that thing was

night I saw that thing, whatever it was. "I used to have a thick head of hair that my hairdresser used to fuss over all the time. Now, it's all but gone."

Cash, her friend, Vickie Landrum and Vickie's grandson, Colby, 7, were en route from New Caney to Dayton via FM 1485 about 9 p.m. on Dec. 29 when they spotted what they describe as a "large luminous object" hovering about one-half mile up in the sky.

Not knowing what it was, Cash said, she kept driving toward it, following the

fluid. Near these spots patches of hair fell out, leaving the crown and sides of her head bald and sore to the touch.

She spent most of January in the hospital being treated for this condition, which doctors say is characteristic of radiation poisoning. They will not reveal the final diagnosis of her case.

"It was as though my doctor was afraid. He told me I was going to go home, but he never did tell me what was wrong with me," Cash said, adding it was suggested that she wash her scalp in

can muster just to get out of bed. It wouldn't be so bad, friends say, if the sudden change in Betty was only mental; but it's physical as well.

They first noticed the change the evening of Dec. 29 when Betty began complaining of a severe headache and a burning sensation that pierced her entire body.

By the next morning, she had developed knot-like boils the size of 50-cent pieces about her neck and head which would pop and flow warm, clear

By CATHY GORDON
Courier Staff

(First of two parts)

Betty Cash sees very little of her friends and neighbors these days, preferring to keep to herself in her small trailer, house in Dayton.

She has abandoned her plans to open a new cafe in the town — plans that meant so much a mere two months ago.

Some days it takes all the energy she



Vickie Landrum (left) talks with Betty Cash about their strange encounter they feel is responsible for their present physical conditions.

Women

unbelievable. We had to turn the car's air conditioner on — and it was a 40 degree night."

Vickie Landrum joined in the tale of the mysterious object:

"It was as if the whole sky was splitting ahead of us," Landrum said, adding that "torch-like" fire shot from the middle-bottom of the object, appearing to ricochet off the tree's tops. "The part where the fire was coming out of the thing — it looked to be the size of a water tank," she said.

Landrum said neither she nor Cash could define a shape for the object because of the "blinding" light projected from it. However, she said, Colby, who was viewing the object through the car's windshield insisted that it was "diamond-shaped."

"The light from it was just like someone was up in your eye shining a flashlight at 'em," Landrum said. "Maybe he could see better from in the car or something, but we couldn't tell no shape to it. The light from it was glowing, lighting up the whole road like it would set it on fire."

Cash said after 15 minutes or so, the

object began drifting upward to the right of them, in a direction that looked to be somewhere between Humble and Houston.

At that point, she said, they drove on down the road, then stopped to turn onto FM 2100.

It was then, Cash said, that she heard a "terrible roaring sound" and turned to find a flock of 23 helicopters encircling the object. "I counted them — maybe to help me think I wasn't going crazy," she said.

"Someone knows where the helicopters came from," Landrum said, adding that she feels certain they encountered some sort of military experiment.

"I'm not one to believe in flying saucers or nothing like that," she said. "I think it's more likely it's something the military is up to — why else would all them planes be up there if they didn't know what was going on?"

Landrum says she also connects her sudden loss of sight in her right eye to her encounter with this object. She has been under a doctor's care since early January for signs of cataracts that started appearing shortly after Dec. 29.

"It's as though I'm seeing everything with a plastic covering over it," she said of her left eye. "I'm afraid I'm going to lose this one too."

Landrum's physician said her eyes did appear to be burned, but he did not speculate on how they became so.

"All I'm really concerned about is how all this is going to affect Colby," Landrum said. "He doesn't even like to enter a dark room by himself unless I'm with him. At least the nightmares don't happen as much anymore."

Landrum said once home she saturated herself and Colby with baby oil because they both were sunburned about the face and neck. "I thought maybe we'd just been chapped by the wind or something because we'd been out most of the day," she said. "There wasn't no sun out that day. It was real cloudy. It couldn't have been sunburn from the sun."

"Whatever it was, we need some answers. We know what we saw and we need some answers," she said.

Monday: the investigation

POST-CRESCENT, Appleton, WI - March 12, 1981

Residents excited over UFO sighting

MENASHA — An unidentified flying object with a green light was reported over State 47 near Airport Road about 7:50 p.m. Wednesday night.

Police said several people called the station shortly before 8 p.m. Wednesday to report a sighting of an unidentified object.

Zane Huff of Neenah said he was driving on 47 near Airport Road when he spotted the light. "I looked up and said, 'What is this,'" Huff said. "At first, it was a light-colored light and then it turned bright green."

"It was coming out of the northeast at kind of a 45 degree angle and then went to the west, and it was moving," Huff said. "It appeared to be a plane but it was just too fast. That's why I called the police station because I wanted to find out what it was."

Huff said he thought it was coming at too sharp an angle toward the ground to be a plane. "When it disappeared, it disappeared like it had gone behind some buildings," he added.

Barb Kudrna of Menasha, who was riding in the Huff car, also saw the green light.

"This sounds really weird and I'm not into this at all," Kudrna said. "It was like a green light. At first I thought it was a plane coming down."

"It came down low over 47 and then it went west behind the houses and disappeared," she said. "There wasn't any flashing or noise."

She said the light appeared to be like one on a small plane and was "maybe a couple stories above the telephone lines. It was kind of a small light and it went kind of fast when it went past."

"I didn't see it more than two or three seconds," Kudrna added. "We didn't get a chance to see it twice."

Police said several other persons reported seeing a similar light but did not leave their names.

Woman reports seeing UFO

By KEITH UPCHURCH

Reports that an unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted over Durham are being investigated by Durham police and by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., officials said today.

The sighting reportedly occurred Saturday night by a driver and his wife.

The woman, Susan Hilliard, told police her husband, Keith Hilliard, was driving south on Duke Street near the Roxboro Street intersection about 9:15 p.m. Saturday when they saw two "very bright white

lights" in the sky. She said the lights were "very close together."

As they stopped for a traffic light at the Duke Street-Horton Road intersection, the lights "went out," she said. Almost simultaneously, she added, "a string of red lights came on."

She said the red lights appeared to be standing still.

Police were called to the scene, but the object reportedly had disappeared by the time they arrived.

Mrs. Hilliard is employed at Duke University's computer center.

The information was forwarded by police to the Center for UFO

Studies in Evanston, a private organization that investigates reports of UFO sightings and publishes articles on UFOs.

Durham police also plan to investigate the alleged sighting.

The U.S. Air Force officially stopped investigating reports of UFO sightings in 1969.

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Investigators eye 'close encounter'

Second of two parts

By CATHY GORDON
Courier Staff

Betty Cash's thoughts were numb and vague as she accelerated her car on her way home toward Dayton. Trees were swaying in the winter wind, cars were passing — yet everything seemed to be at a standstill.

Of greatest concern to her was a throbbing headache and a sharp, burning sensation that seemed to suddenly penetrate her entire body. Passenger Vickie Landrum's only thoughts were of the unbearable pain in her eyes, and of her hysterical grandson, Colby, who had buried his face in her lap, refusing to look out at the night skies.

Cash and Landrum shared his fear, but they scanned the sky nevertheless for some sign of the strange-looking object they had previously encountered that night along a lonely stretch of FM 1485 coming from New Caney.

By aerial investigator's terms, what the three had just experienced 20 minutes before was a Close Encounter, a UFO sighting, where objects or very brilliant lights come close to the observer — in general, less than 500 feet away.

By the description the three gave of the incident, the "blinding" object had hovered just above the treetops, not half a block away from them.

"It's an incredible yet unimpeachable case of three common people who find themselves suddenly caught up in events stranger than the wildest of science-fiction," said Bill English, an investigator with the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO) in Tuscon.

APRO is said to be the oldest UFO agency in the world with a consulting staff of 50 medical doctors and scientists.

English and other case workers from APRO have been investigating the "sightings" near New Caney in conjunction with NASA to find out what this object was that was said to shoot torch-like fire along the treetops that Dec. 29 night.

In the course of his investigation, English says, he has located three people from Liberty who are collaborating witnesses to the fact that there was a

"genuine sighting" on FM 1485 that night.

"I scouted all the newspapers in that general area and it's seemed to have paid off," English said. "Three people from Liberty saw the same thing that night. They've substantiated Betty and Vickie's story."

The only difference between accounts was that they saw the object 30 minutes later and from a greater distance, he said.

"Because of this particular case, I've reopened cases nearly 40 years old," English said. "It's an exceptional case in that Betty and Vickie became so ill so soon after their encounter."

English said the burning sensation and loss of hair that Betty now suffers from is a typical symptom of radiation poisoning, a common result after a "Close Encounter" with a UFO.

Speculating on the object's origin, English said it would be "premature" to label the object "extraterrestrial." "To say something is extraterrestrial is a touchy thing," he said. "However, we do have hints that it could have been. I personally favor that possibility."

English said through connections at the Pentagon, he has checked with airbases near Houston and the surrounding area in an attempt to find who, if anyone, dispatched 23 helicopters up to that area on Dec. 29.

In Cash's account of the incident, she counted 23 helicopters encircling the object when it began its ascent into the sky.

"I've found no one so far who had helicopters up there that night," he said, adding that Ft. Hood Army Base, near Killeen, which has the UH-1 "Huey" type helicopters Cash described, was also checked.

"I've checked with the air traffic controllers at Houston Intercontinental Airport — nothing," he said. "They have no reason to lie to me. I can go in there any day of the week and request their transmission tapes which could show that there were helicopters up there that night. Under FAA regulations, they'd have to give them to me."

English said he thinks the helicopters were actually unmanned mariner probes in some way "attached" to the mysterious object, which were here to "scan" the earth for samples.

"It's more likely that they too were extraterrestrial," he said. "We've had reports of other objects that look like choppers or some type of plane that stay

close to the main object.

"Rarely is the object noted to which the light is attached," English said. Neither Landrum nor Cash could define a shape to the object, they said, because of the "blinding" light projected from it. "In the majority of reports we get, people describe their encounter this same way — just a blinding light, no shape to the thing. Nocturnal lights form a sizeable group of the UFO reports," he said.

English said Cash and Landrum's answers to "secret questions" squared with what others have reported about the same type of UFO sightings. "There's positively, absolutely no question in my mind that they encountered a UFO," he said. "Anyone in this line of work will tell you the same thing."

Allen Menz, also an investigator for APRO, said he feels the government knows more about these flying objects than they are letting on.

"Uncle Sam knows an awful lot more than he lets us know about," Menz said. "Whatever it was that those people saw — it probably wasn't a government secret weapon or anything like that — but the military probably knows something about what it was. It wouldn't make sense that it would be a military weapon. Testing of those type of things are done in highly restrictive test range areas."

Menz said he is also "puzzled" over the 23 helicopters Cash described surrounding the object. "I've heard of such a thing happening, but not in a while," he said. "That's why some of the older cases have been reopened. They are very similar to this one."

"This has all the makings of a very significant case," he said. "It sounds to me like Betty has a classic case of some sort of overexposure to radiation — what kind, we don't know for sure."

John Schuessler, the manager of space flight operations at NASA who is also investigating the UFO reports, said he knows of several such "encounters" similar to this one that have happened all around the world. He believes there is a good chance they are extraterrestrial.

"If it was something the military was doing, why would they call attention to it by surrounding the thing with 23 helicopters? That doesn't make sense," he said.

Schuessler said after meeting with Cash, he is certain she saw the helicopters. "She's so insistent about it, so sincere —

she is telling the truth — totally."

He said her description of the helicopters definitely sounds like the "Huey" type the army uses.

He is skeptical, however, of the air controller's reports showing no helicopters in that area the night of Dec. 29.

"We've had trouble getting correct information from the controllers before," he said. "They can be very tight-lipped when they want to be."

Schuessler recalled an incident that occurred three years ago where a Houston airplane pilot had to make a forced landing because of an encounter with a UFO. "A Metro pilot flying nearby heard the whole thing on the radio and got in touch with me," he said. "I went to air traffic control at Intercontinental and requested transmission tapes so I could see if the UFO had been up there and find out what happened. I never did get those tapes — even under the Freedom of Information Act I didn't get the tapes."

Schuessler said he is "intrigued" by Colby's insistence that the object was "diamond-shaped." "I've been following a lot of diamond-shaped objects that have been reported," he said. "I've had reports from all over the world about diamond-shaped objects."

He said the Houston area is not "productive" in UFO reports because of lack of places to report them. "I've personally handled about 40,000 to 50,000 reports from all over the world, but very few from the Houston area," he said. "There just aren't enough places to report them and the city is so spread out. I hear about a lot of reports in this area from other people — sometimes long after it's happened."

Schuessler said he expects to continue working on this case until some questions are answered. "Right now, all I know basically is what Betty and Vickie have said about the encounter," he said. "I believe fully that they saw a UFO. To not believe them would be foolish, especially after seeing the physical pain they've experienced from it."

"There are just too many UFOs reported from all over the world to disregard their word," he said. "And besides that, Betty's loss of hair is characteristic of such an encounter. It's just a shame it had to happen to them."

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'Cosmic Watergate' claimed hiding UFOs

By RICHARD SMITH
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A prominent scientist charges a "cosmic Watergate" by the national government is withholding facts about unidentified flying objects.

Stanton Friedman, an industrial physicist-turned "Ufologist," also said fear of ridicule, along with "fossilized physicists and naysaying newsmen," have made people afraid to openly discuss any sightings or experiences.

"But if there is anyone who does not believe the government is covering up such information, then they are totally naive," Friedman said. "It's a cosmic Watergate."

The remarks came during a debate between Friedman, a lecturing ufologist, and Philip J. Klass, senior avionics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology, a national trade publication.

Klass said he has personally inspected UFO incidents for 14 years.

"More than 90 percent of all UFO reports, no matter how mysterious they might seem, have had prosaic, earthly explanations," Klass said.

"One out of four UFOs sighted, many by law enforcement officials, end up being planets. One out of four sightings turn out being things like advertising airplanes," he said.

Klass and Friedman zeroed in on two celebrated UFO incidents, one in 1973 where an Air Force helicopter narrowly averted a mid-air collision with a cigar-shaped object over Ohio, and another case where a couple claimed they were taken for an intergalactic ride in a ship piloted by small, bald men.

Both protagonists said they regretted the time limitations, but suggested the audience could brush up on UFOs from their books — on sale in the lobby.

Friedman zeroed in on the so-called "Blue-Book Project No. 14," a highly publicized government-sponsored study of UFO sightings from 1947 to 1952, released in 1955.

"It was never released to the public. What was publicized was a press release issued by the secretary of the Air Force," Friedman said.

"We believe no flying saucers have ever overflown the U.S."

Friedman quoted the official statement as saying,

"It's straightforward, but totally false," he said.

He said the percentage of unexplained sightings was seven times greater than the 21 percent in the study, and that sightings by government agencies, such as the North American Air Defense Command, are not public information.

Friedman added that some 130 government documents remain classified information — for national security purposes.

"Every government secretly wants to figure how these things work before the other guy does," he said.

Klass refuted the cover-up theory, citing several cases which have been released through the Freedom of Information Act.

"Repeatedly, the reports concluded there was not a shred of evidence to support the theories," Klass said.

"In 1963, a series of cases was publicized after a White House inquiry about an Air Force captain taken aboard a flying saucer in 1947," he said.

"In that case, the Air Force said

no material evidence supported the incident and it was dismissed," he said.

"Do you think the CIA could keep secret something like that from the White House and everyone else for all those years?" Klass asked.

"But all the lower-level snooks from the Army who talked to Friedman all said they knew about it," Klass added.

In the 1973 incident, four veteran helicopter pilots claimed the elongated, glowing object forced their craft to rise at more than 1,000 feet a second. All reported a green glow filled the cabin as the mysterious object hovered above the helicopter before vanishing in a westerly direction.

"By a curious coincidence, a major meteor show was occurring all over the country, particularly in that area and at that time," he said.

Klass, after talking with the fliers, dismissed the story because of later contradictions, saying the aircraft was probably misled by a falling meteor.

"The overhead cabin windows were tinted green," he said.

McGuire Shares Experiences With Group Studying UFO's

by Bob Roten

Boomerang Staff Writer

Area rancher Pat McGuire was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Paranormal Research Organization (Pro-UFO), a Laramie group interested in UFO's and related phenomena.

Nearly 100 persons filled the Medicine Bow Conference Room of Beta House on the University of Wyoming Campus Tuesday night during a snowstorm.

McGuire, who has appeared on a nationwide television show, "That's Incredible," to relate his experiences with flying saucers, told the audience that he and all members of his immediate family have been taken inside flying saucers.

He also said the beings, presumably from other planets in other star-systems, have apparently walked in his house, he has heard them but he has never consciously seen them. He said they seem to be able to make themselves invisible.

One of McGuire's first "abduction" experiences occurred while he was hunting with his brother-in-law near Jackson, Wyo. On Oct. 7, 1973. He said he apparently lost consciousness for two hours while walking in a snowstorm.

While McGuire's brother-in-law said Pat walked with him the whole time, McGuire feels he was somehow spirited away by aliens to the Middle East where he learned certain things about the Arab-Israeli war which was being fought at that time.

McGuire said he later demonstrated an unusual knowledge of the workings of the war to members of his family and others. He can't account for his pre-knowledge of strategic details of the war, the types of tanks used by the Arabs and other bits of information about the war.

McGuire said he lost consciousness about "1,000 feet into the timber." He awoke with his brother-in-law beside a lake some nine miles from their vehicle in deep snow.

Although McGuire said he was disoriented, he was not tired, but his brother-in-law was tired. "I never walked nine miles. I was fresh and he was plumb played out," McGuire told the audience.

It was five years before McGuire found out, through hypnosis, what happened to him on that hunting trip. In 1978, he met Leo Sprinkle, department head of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming and long-time UFO investigator.

Like a true Wyoming outdoor type, the many strange things that happened to McGuire following his abduction did not lead him to seek Sprinkle's help, he came because his hunting efficiency was suffering.

After the experience he was afraid to go into timbered areas. "That ruined my huntin'," McGuire said, "I wasn't gettin' any elk."

When Sprinkle suggested that hypnosis, in addition to helping him recall his abduction experience, might also help cure his aversion to timber and help his hunting, he suddenly became more receptive to the idea and tried it.

McGuire told the audience his hunting is now back to normal.

The audience saw a videotaped presentation of a television show produced by a Los Angeles television station about McGuire. There was also a slide show of an analysis of some infra-red film taken by McGuire.

McGuire said he was interviewed last October by an Air Force Major who showed him various UFO photos, some

of which were fakes and other appeared to be real photos of UFO's. Some were unfamiliar to him and one photo, he said, was exactly like a UFO he had seen.

When asked if the Air Force is still investigating UFO's, McGuire said the Air Force officer had told him he was doing the investigation "on his own."

When asked by a person in the audience if he would like to go inside a UFO, McGuire said no. He said if one landed nearby, "I'd be the last one in and then I'll wait until I'm asked."

McGuire recommended that people leave flying saucers alone and that firearms are not only useless, but a bad idea when dealing with UFO's.

McGuire said he believes the aliens, "Make themselves known to people who can accept them." He thinks the time will come when they will become known openly.

The Paranormal Research Organization, which held its first meeting in January has

three sub-groups, investigating the psychic, psychological and scientific aspects, respectively, of UFO phenomena.

Head of psychic group is Maurine Stover, 742-5945. One of the groups aims is to contact alien entities by psychic means. Head of the scientific group is Anthony Guzzo, 745-4134. This group is interested in scientific aspects of UFO phenomena. Head of the psychological group is Pat McGuire, 742-0405. This group is interested in the psychological aspects of encounters with aliens.

All of these groups meet periodically and interested persons are invited to attend the meetings. The group also is soliciting funds for its own operation and funds to help host the Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation on May 22, 23 and 24 here.

Members of the group feel that the Laramie area is a focal point for UFO activity and are attempting, through various means to discover why.

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Mysterious Flying Object Said Seen Over Mellen

By PETER MALLER
Telegram Correspondent

MELLEN — In the Mellen area, where he has lived all of his life, John Franklin Windt, 27, has a reputation for being a cool-headed, scientific type, rather than somebody who sees strange lights in the sky.

But Windt, who holds a Bachelor's degree in biology from Northland College, said that he can't deny what he saw with his own eyes.

Just after midnight, Feb. 14, Windt had some things on his mind, so he took advantage of the mild winter weather to take a stroll and sort things out.

As he walked about 500 feet from his parents' house on Henry Street at the edge of the Mellen city limits, he noticed a purple glow in the sky. The light was frozen perfectly still in an area that was concentrated about 20 feet above a neighbor's silo.

Windt was fascinated and studied the strange light for 10 minutes. Then, he decided to wake up his mother, Helen, back at the house.

Solid Citizens

Later he said that if he was seeing an unidentified flying object, he wanted someone else there with him to verify it.

His mother certainly does. And if Windt wanted to pick a more upstanding citizen in the community at that hour, he would have been hard pressed. Mrs. Windt, a lifelong member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and the mother of four children, is known locally as a reserved person and reliable.

Mrs. Windt recalled: "He woke me up saying, 'Mom come outside. There's something I want to show you. There's a funny object in the sky.'"

The young man's mother said that she went to the large picture window in the family room and from there could see the



AWAKEN — Helen Windt said her son woke her just after midnight on Feb. 14, saying that there was something strange in the sky that he wanted her to see.

light that hovered about 300 yards from her house.

"There was no question that it wasn't a star, because it didn't look anything like a star," she said, adding that it resembled neither a satellite nor a helicopter.

As they watched it, the light changed from a purplish-red to a light grayish-blue, she said. But the lights were too dim for any aircraft that she is accustomed to seeing. In fact, she said that she doubts they would have been able to see the object, if it hadn't been such a clear night.

Movement

Mrs. Windt said that they studied the object for a while, then her son decided to get his father's high-powered rifle in order to view it better through the sighting-scope. There were no binoculars in the house at the time.

The mother and son went outdoors with the gun. Windt turned the scope to seven-power, the highest rating, and focused on the strange object that was still in the same place.

He said that it looked like a flat bar, but he wasn't able to determine the size. It had two dim lights in front and another in back.

Windt offered the sighting-scope to his mother, but she refused since she has left her glasses in her bedroom and was too engrossed to go get them.

"I told him it wouldn't do me much good without my glasses," she recalled. As they watched it, the glowing object started moving toward them on a slow and straight course.

Concern

Mrs. Windt remembers her son asking: "Mom, what if I take a shot at it going over the house?"

"I said, 'No, John, don't,'" recalled Mrs. Windt.

As the glowing object came closer, Mrs. Windt said that she became afraid.

"I had one hand on the doorknob and I said, 'Come on,'" recalled Mrs. Windt. "Let's get in the house, so they don't grab us." But he just laughed and said, 'Mom, if they're going to get us, they'll get us in the house as well as here.'"

While they talked, the object passed over their garage which is about 15 feet from the house. Mrs. Windt said that as it got closer she could hear the sound of a motor, but it sounded like no motor she had ever heard before.

"It was a real low sound," she said.

After the light passed over the garage it disappeared, according to Mrs. Windt.

"I don't know if it just vanished, or if it kept going and we couldn't see it any more," she said. The entire episode lasted about 15 minutes.



THE DAYTIME VIEW — When Helen and John Windt looked out of their picture window in the family room of their house, they saw a strange glow hovering over the tallest of the silos in this photo. Later the light moved toward them. (Photos by Peter Maller)

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UFO sighting reported by Spirit Lake citizens

SPIRIT LAKE — An unusual glowing object that changed colors as it moved was seen hovering over Mt. Spokane Thursday night, several Spirit Lake citizens reported to the Press today.

"It would twinkle before moving, turn white when climbing, red when going to the left and light blue going right," said one citizen who asked to remain anonymous.

Citizens said the object, which was reportedly about twice as bright as the North Star, darted about the sky from 9:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at a high rate of speed, stopping from time to time to hover.

Kootenai County Sheriff Lt. Bob Steele said the police had received no reports of UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings Thursday evening.

A spokesman in the Western Washington office of the National UFO Reporting Service, a private organization, said it had received no reports of UFOs in the area of Spirit Lake or Mt. Spokane.

A Fairchild Airforce Base spokesman said the military no longer monitored UFO sightings and could not comment on the Spirit Lake reports. He referred the Press to the National UFO Reporting Service.

At least three Spirit Lake citizens reported seeing the strange flying object Thursday night.

Tubular Object Spotted in Sky

By CHRIS BATEMAN

Jim Herburger must have thought he had entered the twilight zone when he rounded that curve on O'Byrnes Ferry Rd.

Bathed in an eerie red glow, it hung silently in the early morning sky to his right. The 35-year-old rancher, returning from a late dinner at the Poker Flat lodge in Calaveras county, stared through his windshield in disbelief.

"A huge, brilliant tubular object," was the way Herburger described the craft to local UFO investigator Marv Taylor after the encounter.

Herburger's account of what took place in the next 20 minutes, according to Taylor, constitutes one of the most remarkable UFO sightings ever reported here.

Before somewhat shakily resuming the drive back to his Green Springs Rd. home, Herburger reports, he saw:

- Two more UFO's, these saucer shaped and bright white.
- All three objects at such close range that windows and individual lights could be distinguished.
- One of the two white saucers take off southwest at "stunning speed."
- A linkup between the tubular spacecraft and the second saucer.

"We've never had a sighting in this county where UFO's flew so low or stayed so long," said Taylor, assistant state director for the Mutual UFO network (MUFON). "It was very unusual."

Although saucer linkups have been witnessed, Taylor said, "Never in 30 years have I read a report of one being seen at such close range."

Herburger said the UFO's were at an altitude of no higher than 500 feet.

And, adding credibility to the report, Herburger was not the only county resident to see strange things in the sky that morning.

O'Byrnes Ferry Rd. rancher Garland Henington, out to catch a breath of fresh air at about 3 a.m., saw an object sitting in the sky to the northwest of his house.

"It makes everybody think you're crazy when you talk about things like this," he said. "But it was there and it wasn't a plane."

Henington described the object as round, high in the sky, having red lights and being "pretty good sized."

"I lined it up with my gate and it wasn't moving an inch," he remembers. "It was just sitting there."

Henington went in to tell his wife, but before he reached the door the object sped off.

And members of the George Bedford family, also Green Springs Rd. residents, report hearing a "whirling" sound also described by Herburger.

Before the sighting, Taylor reports, Herburger was a skeptic about UFO's.

"He told me he had thought they were a crock," said Taylor, "but now he's a believer. I think he'd go on the Johnny Carson show if he was asked."

Herburger described the cigar-shaped spacecraft that first came into view as 50 feet long, 15 feet thick and hanging still in the morning sky about 500 yards west of the road. The saucers, appearing to be about 50 feet in diameter, came into view moments later.

The three craft were reportedly in a straight line.

Overcome by curiosity, Herburger pulled off the road and got out of his car, turning off the engine and headlights.

He told Taylor he saw "individual square light openings like windows" on the saucers and "a series of square window lights on the tubular object."

After a few minutes, Taylor's report reads, "One white object, which had been in a stationary position, took off and flew southwest at such a rapid rate of speed it stunned Mr. Herburger. As the object took off, he heard a whirling noise like a beehive."

Meanwhile, the second saucer remained still in the sky while the tubular UFO moved toward it "ever so slowly" for the eventual link-up.

Once united, the two craft took off to the southwest, Herburger said, again giving off a whirling noise.

Although Herburger's account is the most unusual sighting Taylor has investigated, it is by no means the only one reported in the west county area.

"Fully 40 percent of the sightings here come from that area," said Taylor. "It could have some connection with Table Mountain. I'm not sure."

Herburger's wasn't even the last sighting in the area.

Henington today told The Union Democrat that he and his wife saw another UFO, much like the one he had encountered at 3 a.m., several days after that initial incident.

UFO

Area has close encounter;
no one knows what kind

By BILL STEWART

Columbian Writer

It could have been little green men - what more appropriate on St. Patrick's day? - or perhaps it was an illegal drug delivery.

But whatever it was, a lot of officials were scurrying around this morning along the Columbia River between Ridgefield and Woodland. There was talk of an airplane crash and of an unidentified flying object.

Some residents reported seeing an "orange ball" in the sky. An Oregon State Patrol trooper even tape-recorded the noise that accompanied a red glow in the sky.

Coast Guard officials were somewhat miffed, after sending two boats to the scene, to discover that no one reported that the "crashed" object later "increased" and flew away.

A Ridgefield man apparently saw something and discussed it on citizens band radio. That conversation was overheard by a Washington State Patrol trooper, who relayed it to Vancouver where it was telephoned to the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

That report was of a "big red glow, and a loud screaming noise when the object went into the river." Ridgefield is about two miles east of the Columbia.

Dick Henderson, director of the Federal Aviation Administration area office in Hillsboro, Ore., speculated that the object might have been a craft heading to or from the Scappoose, Ore., airport, or, he speculated further, might have involved a drug operation - especially since there was a 56-minute gap between first and last sighting.

Henderson said there were no aircraft reported missing or overdue in the area. The aviation official also said some of the details, such as the noise reported, did not match helicopter or high-performance aircraft sounds.

Coast Guard spokesman Norm Swenson said the Oregon police report at 5:05 a.m. resulted in the scrambling of a crew to run a 32-foot patrol boat from the Portland station to St. Helens, Ore. A private boat from the Coast Guard Auxiliary was dispatched from St. Helens.

"The Portland boat got all the way there and found nothing," Swenson said today. "Someone reported it down but did not report it when it went back up again."

Cascade Helicopters, based at Scappoose, said it had no units in the air at that hour.

St. Helens Can't Be Blamed For Mysterious Lights In Sky

ST. HELENS, Ore. (AP) — Police here said they were perplexed on Tuesday about orange lights they saw in the sky over the Columbia River between Portland and St. Helens.

Sgt. Russ Yokum of the St. Helens Police Department said he saw a light northeast of St. Helens at 4:10 a.m. Tuesday and called other officers.

He was joined by Trooper Tom McCartney of the Oregon State Police at Columbia City and three other officers, Yokum said.

McCartney said the light was dome-shaped, "as if the moon was coming up behind the hill."

Yokum said the officers and about 15 other people, some of them newspaper carriers, saw another light to the southeast at about the time the first light became obscured by the fog.

Yokum said a citizens band radio operator, Donald Atkin of Ridgefield, Wash., a few miles south of St. Helens, reported the second light was near his house and was emitting a whining sound.

McCartney and Yokum said they talked to Atkin over their police radio. They heard the sound in their radio receiver and tape-recorded it.

Yokum played the recording for an Associated Press reporter. The sound was similar to a ship's sonar.

"It was a whining sound, not like any aircraft engine I have heard," McCartney said.

Yokum said Atkin, whose CB handle is "Lucky 13," reported seeing the light dip toward the river and heard a sound like a crash. A few minutes later, the officers said, Atkin reported the light moved away from the river and disappeared.

The officers said Atkin, who could not be reached on Tuesday, photographed the light.

McCartney and Yokum said there were no reports of aircraft in the area, and there were no reports of crashes.

The Coast Guard sent a boat from Portland that found nothing, and McCartney could not find anything when he drove to Reeder Beach at the north end of Sauvie Island.

The Mount St. Helens volcano, 50 miles to the northeast, was quiet at the time.

Yokum said the second light was seen until about 5 a.m., shortly before daybreak.

"There were definitely two lights," Yokum said. "I don't know what it was. It could have been a solar reflection in the fog. It certainly was no hoax."

McCartney and Yokum said the Coast Guard speculated the light was made by a helicopter, possibly engaging in some illegal activity.

The Scappoose, Ore., airport is in the area.

Ridgefield man sights UFO?

RIDGEFIELD — What some say may have been a UFO was seen by a Ridgefield man over the Columbia River between Ridgefield and Woodland on Tuesday, March 17th.

The bright orange lights and eerie whining noise were witnessed by Donald Atkin, a citizens band radio operator in Ridgefield.

He broadcast the noise over his radio to police officers after sighting what he described as a flaming ball descend quickly to the river.

Although speculations include the possibility that the light was a flare involved in marking the pickup spot for an illegal drug deal, the incident peaked the interest of the founder of Center for UFO (Unidentified Flying

Objects) Studies. One of its members was sent to southwest Washington to interview witnesses to the unexplainable sighting.

The UFO sighting is the second to occur near Ridgefield in the past six months.

On October 5, 1980, a crew member on a southbound Union Pacific train reported seeing a triangular-shaped craft about 300 feet across hover about 400 feet above the Burlington Northern train tracks near Pacific Wood Treating Co.

The crewman sighted the strange craft with red and white blinking lights early in the morning and reported the incident to police at the train's first stop.

Second UFO sighting reported

A second unidentified flying object emitting a "motor-like noise unlike an airplane or helicopter" has been reported in the Portland metropolitan area.

Glenn Turner, 6901 SE Division St., said he saw a red light, appearing to be about two feet long, moving from north east to southwest about 10 p.m. Wednesday near SE 168th Ave. and Division St. He added that it moved with a foreign sound, but he thought it was some kind of

combustion engine. "I worked 16 years at Moffatt Naval Air Station and am familiar with aircraft noises and this didn't sound like them," Turner reported.

Tuesday night, Oregon State Police officers, St. Helens policeman and a CB operator at Ridgefield, Wash., reported seeing an orange light descend into the Columbia River and later become airborne again. As it rose, it emitted a whining noise.

UFO group seeks data on sighting

By THOMAS RYLL
Columbian Writer

Bright orange lights and a strange noise over the Columbia River between Ridgefield and Woodland Tuesday morning have attracted the attention of a UFO investigating organization in Chicago.

J. Allen Hynek is founder of the eight-year-old Center for UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) Studies. He said in a telephone interview this morning that a Sandy, Ore., "investigator" for the center would be interviewing witnesses. They say they saw a glow and heard a loud screeching noise between 4 and 5 a.m.

The event has bewildered several law enforcement officers who saw the lights. They included Sgt. Russ Yokum of the St. Helens, Ore., Police Department and Oregon State Police Trooper Tom McCartney.

"I always look for a natural explanation," said Hynek, former chairman of the Northwestern University astronomy department in Evanston, Ill. "This was a good sighting in that it has many witnesses who are independent."

Hynek said his organization gathers information on strange sightings all over the world. Paris Allen Braden, of Sandy, who joined the organization less than a week ago, will be interviewing witnesses, Hynek said. Braden reportedly has worked at a similar job in Oklahoma, although Hynek said he was "not sure of his experience."

Donald Atkin, a Ridgefield citizens band radio operator, reportedly saw a light in the fog near his house and talked with McCartney and Yokum. Atkin broadcast the whining sound — like a ship's sonar — over his radio and it was tape-recorded by one of the officers.

The eerie noise, which may have been distorted somewhat by the CB radio, was broadcast numerous times by Portland radio stations Tuesday. An announcer on KGON, a rock music station, said on the air Tuesday afternoon that dozens of callers had asked to hear the recording.

"It was a whining sound, not like any aircraft engine I have heard," trooper McCartney said.

A spokesman for the state police office in Columbia City, Ore., said officers combed the area of the

sighting Tuesday and found no evidence of an aircraft landing. Several callers reported the event and their information was checked out but nothing found, she said.

"This is not something we're going to start pursuing," said Dick Henderson, head of the Federal Aviation Administration district office in Hillsboro, Ore. No aircraft have been reported missing in the area, with the exception of a light plane that disappeared Feb. 9 between Pearson Airpark at Vancouver and Clark County Aerodrome.

Henderson speculated the light might have been a flare and said it might have been a helicopter or float-equipped aircraft involved in an illegal drug delivery.

Henderson flew to Mount St. Helens Tuesday and said he examined the sighting area from the air.

"If somebody knew what they were doing they might have been able to land there," Henderson said. "But I don't know what the surface is like."

There are numerous low, flat areas in the vicinity.

Hynek at the UFO center said his organization is a group of scientists "who have become interested in this problem."

He said he asked the investigator to locate the witnesses on a map and draw lines of sight in an attempt to pinpoint the location of the strange lights.

"He (CB radio operator Atkin, who could not be reached by The Columbian this morning) saw a flare — or at least a glow in the sky — and heard some kind of noise," said Henderson. "I don't know. It could be a prank. It was St. Patrick's Day, you know."

Strange sightings reported over river

The U.S. Coast Guard called off a search for a possible missing plane in the Columbia River off St. Helens early Tuesday, hours after local authorities reported seeing bright lights accompanied by "strange sounds hovering over the water."

The incident began about 4 a.m. Tuesday as St. Helens Patrolman "Russ" Yokum was on routine patrol near the St. Helens City Hall.

Yokum reported sighting two "bright lights hovering above the water" on the Washington side of the river. The lights reportedly were separate, with one of the lights reportedly appearing north of the City Hall parking lot, while the other was located near the north tip of Sauvie Island.

Meanwhile, another St. Helens officer and an Oregon State policeman responded to the scene. A Citizens Band radio operator from Ridgefield, Wash., also was in contact with local authorities, having also observed the object.

Yokum reported to Central Dispatch that the group also noticed a "plume-like cloud" coming from both objects and then heard "very strange noises" like a whirling sound, also coming from the lights. Yokum recorded the sounds on a tape recorder.

Shortly afterwards, at 4:43 a.m., the officer reported that the lights of the object near Sauvie Island went out and the sound stopped. Yokum reported that the Ridgefield CB'er reported hearing the object's "impact with the water."

By this time, officials at Portland International Airport reported that the objects had appeared on radar.

The U.S. Coast Guard, earlier advised, had dispatched two vessels to the area, including an auxiliary boat stationed at St. Helens, to assist in locating the objects, in the event there was a downed plane in the area.

A helicopter from Astoria was also asked to assist in the search, but was unable to take off because of heavy fog, according to Radioman First Class Michael Dyer of the Coast Guard's Portland station.

Yokum reported that a short time after the first of the two lights went out, the second light north of the City Hall also disappeared into the river, and the strange sounds reportedly stopped.

About 5:30 a.m. a state patrolman called for additional units to the St. Helens dock because the sounds had started up again. However, the officer reported that heavy fog over the river hindered the ability to sight anything.

The Coast Guard called off its search of the river shortly after 7 a.m. saying there were no reports of missing or overdue aircraft in the area.

Coast Guardsman Dyer said there was speculation that the orange glow reportedly seen could have been a flare marking the location where an aircraft had landed.

He added that authorities were "not ruling out" the possibility that the incident involved some drug type of activity, although "that's totally unconfirmed," he said.

UFO sighted
HAMPTON — A Hampton resident and her group of friends spotted a "large red ball" as it flew across the sky over the ocean Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
The Linden Lane resident told police that the red ball glided across the sky making no noise whatsoever.
She said she contacted the command post at Pease Air Force Base and officials there reported that they had received several calls from people who saw the same red ball.
The sighting was reported to the UFO Center in Chicago, Illinois, police said.

HERALD, Portsmouth, NH
March 16, 1981 CR: B. Greenwood

SENTINEL (Alex Thien column),
Milwaukee, WI
March 25, 1981 CR: R. Heiden

BOB BARRY of WOKY talked to Bill Nelson, formerly of Delavan and the Andrews Advertising Agency in Milwaukee and now a newspaperman in Niagara Falls.

Nelson is one of the discoverers of a UFO base underwater just south of Toronto's harbor. It's 18 miles long, 1,800 feet wide and about 400 feet deep and perfectly straight. He said it was impossible for humans to have constructed it.

Nelson says he looks out over Lake Ontario every day and sees these UFOs take off and land and has photographed 80 of them. Nelson says they look like conventional Delta aircraft with something like blue neon signs underneath and a flashing stoplight. The government will not comment.

UFO sighted by couple one year ago

Thomas and Mary Kay Willard are a young married couple who live in a mobile home on Route 7 on the Tennessee Road, a quiet area of beautiful pastures, woods, and rolling hills at the outskirts of Texarkana. One year ago, on March 18, 1980, at 10:45 p.m., Thomas and Mary Kay experienced what can only be described as an Unidentified Flying Object sighting. William D. Leet, attorney, journalist, and historian, is also an experienced UFO investigator who resides in Texarkana. Mr. Leet questioned Thomas and Mary Kay on March 23, 1980, and found the sighting to be genuine, i.e., the observers were alert and qualified, and the incident was not caused by their

mistakenly seeing a natural phenomenon, weather balloon, aircraft, or the like. Mr. Leet subsequently included the Willard report in a copyrighted book that he is writing.

The incident lasted for about three minutes and began when electric power abruptly went off within a quarter-mile radius of the Willard home. All the homes in the area have bright outside security lights, which went off in unison. After a few seconds some of the power used in the homes went back on, but not the outside lights. Then the Willards saw two white lights and a red light in a cluster, about the "size of a panel truck", hovering 100 to 200 feet above the Texarkana cable TV tower which is nearby in the neighborhood. It was a

clear and quiet night, and no sound whatsoever came from the lights. In the time that Thomas and Mary Kay saw the lights, they never saw the body of whatever held the lights in the darkness. The lights moved slowly at about 30 miles per hour to the east, still staying no higher than 200 feet off the ground. After three minutes or so, the security lights came back on and the Willards could no longer see the lights in the sky.

When asked if there had been anymore such sightings in the last year, Mrs. Willard said there had been none. Mrs. Willard went on to say that some of her friends are skeptical as to whether or not what the couple saw was a UFO, but that she is the least of skeptics.



Texarkana TV Cable microwave tower and SATCOM installation or "earth receiving station" located on Tennessee Road. This was the secluded and somewhat exotic location of a UFO sighting one year ago in March.

CR: B. Leet

Friendly' UFO Sighted Over Morenci



MORENCI — A boomerang-shaped UFO that witnesses claim is larger than several football fields has been making appearances in the Clifton-Morenci area — and it seems to be friendly, say local residents.

The UFO has been spotted at least three times above the giant Phelps-Dodge Smelter Plant smokestacks. Many witnesses, including the Morenci High School band and its director, Greenlee County Sheriff Ralph Gomez and dozens of local businessmen and residents have reported UFO sightings between October and January.

"It's definitely not a plane," said Joe Nevarez, a repairman for Phelps-Dodge. Nevarez was with four other repairmen on their lunch break when they saw the UFO swoop out of the sky last Oct. 23.

"I'm always looking into the sky," said Nevarez. "I saw this huge thing flying over us and told the driver, 'Stop... Everybody look!'"

He described the UFO as "V-shaped with lights all around it. There was one real bright light, a kind of searchlight."

Nevarez said the UFO stopped above the smelter and shined the giant light into the smokestacks.

He added, "We were amazed and happy. It took off at a tremendous rate of speed, and came back. It acted kind of friendly. I wasn't scared."

About 100 members of the Morenci High School Band also spotted the UFO while they were holding band practice at the football field, about a mile from the smelter.

One student said, "I looked up and saw all these lights shaped in a V. There was no sound, but the lights were red and white, shaped like a boomerang. It just hovered in one place."

Some of the students became frightened and

fled from the area in their cars, he said.

Nevarez said the object seemed to be nearly as large as the smelter, which is a half mile long.

Kent Davis, 19, another Phelps-Dodge worker, was with Nevarez.

"It looked like it was right on top of us," he said. "It couldn't have

been more than 200 yards above the smokestacks. The lights were in perfect formation. They never wobbled or dipped."

The oldest member of the Phelps-Dodge crew, Larry Mortenson, 41, described the incident as a "strange experience."

He said, "None of us reported what hap-

pened to authorities because we didn't want anybody to laugh at us."

He said the UFO seemed to be investigating the smokestacks with an intensely bright light.

"While we were watching, it suddenly accelerated away," he said. "In seconds, it was nearly out of sight."

A more recent spotting of the UFO was made by Sheriff Gomez who said he saw it while he was leaving the sher-

iff's office and driving to his home.

The distance was "too far away" to get a good look at the object, but Gomez said he is convinced it wasn't a plane.

Asked what he thought he saw, Mortenson, said, "I have never seen an airplane stop in midair before, and I've never seen planes take off with that kind of speed and suddenly be gone."

He said he wishes the UFO would return.

"I got the feeling that

it wasn't aggressive and didn't want to do anything to frighten us," he said. "It was a friendly UFO."

Radar technicians at Williams and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base said they haven't noticed any unusual aerial phenomenon in Greenlee County.

Nevarez said some of his neighbors have set up UFO watches.

"I'm going to keep looking up," he declared.

Orange ball in sky still puzzles authorities

Members of the Center for UFO studies, a Chicago-based group, were expected to be in Columbia County this coming week to investigate reported sightings of unidentified flying objects over the Columbia River early Tuesday.

By Richard Spiro

Was it a space ship from another solar system, that flaming orange ball seen about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday over the St. Helens and Ridgefield areas?

Trying to come up with an earthly explanation, police are continuing to investigate the incident.

They speculate the object, seen by local police and a CB operator in Ridgefield, Wash., might have been a helicopter engaged in drug trafficking or some other illegal activity.

Helicopters normally are fitted with bright white, not orange, landing lights, and police doubt that a helicopter bent on illegal activity would draw attention to itself with lights.

Oregon State Police Trooper Tom McCartney, who had reported the object, and St. Helens Police Sgt. Russ Yocum described a bright orange light, dome-shaped, as if a moon was coming up from behind a hill.

Two other police officers and several bystanders saw the same light.

The CB operator, Donald Atkin, said he saw the light over his home in Ridgefield, thought he saw the object crash into or near the Columbia River, then later heard it take off again. He recorded the noise, which was picked up through his radio by McCartney's tape recorder.

Played in the Columbia City office of the state police detachment, it sounded like static, a garbage grinder or food mixer, not a helicopter.

It was still dark, which rules out National Weather Service balloons, which are not equipped with orange lights.

It wasn't the moon, officials say, because the moon was high in the western sky.

There was no sign of any landing or crash when McCartney went to check the area where the object was thought to have come down.

GAZETTE, Phoenix, AZ
March 13, 1981

THE CHRONICLE, St. Helens, OR - March 22, 1981

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1948

Two Pilots Report Huge 'Space Ship'

ATLANTA, Ga., July 24 (UP)—Two Eastern Air Lines pilots who thought they'd seen everything during the war soberly recited today their encounter with a giant, wingless, flame-throwing aircraft.

Captain Clarence Ship, Chiles and his co-pilot, John B. Whitted, corroborated each other's report on the fantastic craft.

They were flying along serenely in their DC-3 at 5000 feet about 20 miles southwest of Montgomery, Ala., when the thing came at them, they said. It looked, they added, like a B-29 "blown up about four times" and stripped of its wings.

In the seconds during which the mystery craft swooshed past them, and shot up into the clouds, it cast a light more vivid than lightning, they said. They reported they saw two decks of big square windows and "it was a man-made thing, all right."

STREAM OF FLAME

"We looked out the right side of the cockpit and saw a tremendous light. The first thing that came to my attention was the long stream of flame coming out the rear end of the plane, or whatever it was."

"Then I noticed the two rows of square windows—we couldn't see any people aboard. It was traveling too fast for that."

"The aircraft seemed to be about four times the circumference of a B-29 fuselage but it was only a little longer," Chiles said. "There were no wings whatever."

"The plane passed us on our right, then, as if the pilot had seen us and wanted to avoid us, it zoomed up into the same cloud it came out of. A 40-foot red flame shot out its rear end. A luminous glow, like a giant fluorescent light, ran along the belly of the thing."

A PASSENGER

Only one of the 20 passengers aboard the DC-3 was awake at the time, the pilots said. He was C. W. McKelvie, Columbus, Ohio, and the pilots claimed he "confirmed their story" when they checked with him.

(In Kennett Square, Pa., however, McKelvie told reporters that what he saw was "an unbroken stream of light" and "no space ship."

McKelvie said he was enjoying watching the stars in a clear night when the "continuous light" spread past above the plane and streaked into a cloud.

"I first thought it was lightning. Then I realized it was not. It was much redder," McKelvie said. He confirmed the pilot's story that the light appeared at 2:45 o'clock. He added "I'm not very

well versed in aeronautics and certainly I was not looking for any space ship."

(In Washington, the Air Force suggested that the pilots may have seen a radar weather observation balloon which has a square, tin-foil box fastened to it. The box reflects light and gives strange illusions, as it twists and turns, the Air Force said.

WEATHER BUREAU

(In Montgomery, the Weather Bureau reported that such balloons, of 10-foot diameter, were sent up every six hours from Maxwell Field, but an observer said he didn't think the balloon "could possibly be mistaken" for such an aircraft as described by the pilots.

(In Santa Monica, General George C. Kennedy, chief of the United States strategic air command, said "the Army hasn't anything like that," when informed of the mysterious wingless aircraft. "I wish we did," he told interviewers. "I would sure like to see it.")

Whitted, who said he had seen the Air Force's best jet planes not on the secret list, estimated the mystery ship's speed "at between 500 and 700 miles an hour."

As the aircraft passed them, they said, their comparatively small DC-3 fluttered in the "prop wash, jet-wash or rocket-wash," the pilots said. "It sent out tremendous shock waves."

The eastern plane was en route to Atlanta. The mystery ship appeared headed toward Mobile or New Orleans, the pilots said.

They said they encountered the plane in a regular "airway," a 25-mile wide strip designated by the CAA.

Green, Purple Sea Serpent Reported Near Lake Huron

DETROIT, July 24 (UP)—More than a dozen passengers and several crewmen of the steamer City of Detroit III claimed they saw a 60-foot sea serpent yesterday in Georgian Bay, off Lake Huron.

They said the monster had a horned head and was green and purple in color. One woman fainted at the sight.

(Paper & City Unknown), Dec. 29, 1950.

Flying Saucers Labeled Fakes

Colonel Harold E. Watson, head of the Air Force's "Project Saucer" unit, said today there are positively no flying saucers, either hostile or our own—but it costs taxpayers plenty to expose this great American hoax.

Writing in the January issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, veteran reporter Bob Considine quotes Watson as saying:

"I wish we did have a form of propulsion capable of doing all the things people attribute to saucers. It would have come in handy in Korea."

According to Considine, the Air Force blames most of the daily saucer reports on weather balloons, flares, meteorites, hallucinations, pilot fatigue, power of suggestion and reflection of objects in aircraft windows and

windshields.

The article refers to the acceptance of the saucers by magazine writers, aeronautical experts, Navy officers and airline pilots. The Air Force, he says, feels "dutybound to investigate" the claims.

Considine points out that saucer reports have been traced to bizarre bits of ordinary machinery built as pranks, to "eyewitnesses" who refused to answer investigators' questions, and to former inmates of insane asylums.

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Hamilton Air Base Reports 'Flying Disc'

HAMILTON FIELD, June 21—Three Air Force trained observers in the traffic control tower at Hamilton Field reported they saw a "flying disc" make from three to five passes over the air base early today.

They said the aerial object, emitting a "thunder-like roar," buzzed the field at an altitude of 2,000 to 5,000 feet. The control operators said they followed the disc with binoculars. They estimated its speed at "between 1,000 and 1,500 miles an hour."

Corporal Roger Pryor, control tower operator, first spotted the object as it sped across the beacon. At first, he said, he thought it was a falling star but he changed his mind when the object held its altitude, turned, and made another pass over the air base.

S/Sgt. Ellis Lorimer and Sgt. Virgil Cappuro, both tower operators, saw the disc in the clear, early-morning sky. They said the object trailed blue flame behind it "like an acetylene torch."

High-ranking Air Force officers at the base had "enough comment" to make although a fourth Air Force intelligence officer questioned the men. Air Force headquarters in Washington have steadfastly denied, after a long investigation, that flying discs exist.

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Saucer Caught On Motion Picture Film, That Is

MEXICO CITY, March 17 (UPI)—One of those elusive "flying saucers" may be caught today — on film.

Lodge Cunningham, a sound engineer with the motion picture crew filming "The Brave Bulls," used a camera with a telephoto lens to take pictures of the "saucer," which appeared over Mexico City's airport yesterday.

The saucer was said to have had a "luminous whitish color" and resembled "a ping-pong ball with an elongated tail."

One spectator said: "The object was visible to the naked eye and moved erratically though often remaining stationary for minutes at a time during the two hours it was in the vicinity."

Berkeley Daily Gazette British Air Expert Eyes Flying Discs

LOS ANGELES, July 7 (UPI)—Scientist Arthur C. Clarke, one of England's leading authorities on space travel, believes flying saucers are more than mirages or myths.

The former Royal Air Force flight officer said he based his belief on new data on saucers supplied him by scientists at the United States' rocket testing base at White Sands, NM.

Clarke, who arrived here from White Sands, said he was "beginning to think there's more to the flying saucer mystery than just a mirage."

He said he was not ready to guarantee the discs are real, but said "a noted American scientist told me at White Sands that he is certain he has seen one. It appeared to be going at a high rate of speed and was close enough for this scientist to see windows in it."

"Yes, you can't help but wonder at the number of supposed flying discs which have been reported in the vicinity of a secret military base like White Sands."

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Saucer Lighting

Navy Aeronautical Engineer Tells Of 'Something' Seen in 1949

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 22—A "flying saucer" that passed a scientific test is described in "200 Miles Up," a book on conquest of the upper air.

The author is J. Gordon Vaeth, U. S. Navy aeronautical engineer. He does not claim the thing was a saucer, but he does not know what it was. It happened on April 24, 1949 and Vaeth says this is the first time the details have been published.

He describes the flying saucers which fooled thousands — namely the new Skyhook balloons. The skyhooks even fooled aviators.

"Balloon personnel," he writes, "had come more or less to the conclusion that their Skyhooks were the primary source of saucer sightings. They accordingly placed little stock in these reported sightings; that is to say, they took little stock in the muntil April 24, 1949."

THE BIG DAY

On that day Vaeth was one of the officers in charge of a Skyhook balloons flight from White Sands, New Mexico. Skyhooks are instrument-carrying balloons, for observations at about 18 miles altitude.

Some distance from White Sands, Charles B. Moore Jr., an aerologist, engineer and balloonist, set up a station to observe weather and upper winds as an aid to the Skyhook flight. Four enlisted men completed his party.

Moore sent up a weather balloon, watching it with a 25-power telescope, a ML-47 theodolite to track balloons. After ten minutes, he took his eye from the telescope, for a naked-eye look at his balloon.

He saw a white object which was not his balloon. He turned the tele-

scope on it and saw an ellipsoid about two-and-a-half times as long as it was wide. It was gleaming white. It did not have a metallic shine. Toward the underside, near the tail, the gleaming white became a lighter yellow.

CLOUDLESS SKY

The sky was cloudless. There was no haze. There was no vapor trail or exhaust from the thing, nor any noise of any kind.

Yet it was traveling too fast to get a hard, clear focus in the telescope to see details.

The amazing fact developed later, namely that this thing was probably many miles up. It could not have been a balloon moving on the course it followed, unless it was higher than 17 miles, for the lower winds were not blowing in the direction this thing traveled.

The winds below 17 miles were blowing in a southerly direction, but the thing moved, first out of the southwest, then turned north, and then made a sharp climb up out of sight. It was in sight for about one minute. Its course was traced scientifically with the theodolite.

"It represents," Vaeth writes, "one of the best substantiated and authentic unidentified objects sightings on record."

The book has been published by the Ronald Press.

ASTRONOMY: The Great 1913 Procession

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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SURELY EXCITING was the so-called Great Meteoric Procession observed February 9, 1913, along a 6000-mile stretch of land and sea. The meteors were first seen in the clear sky west of Regina, Saskatchewan, at about 9:05 p. m. They were traveling from northwest to southeast and, according to some, came up from behind one horizon, crossed the entire heavens and dropped below the opposite skyline.

The leader of the celestial herd was a single big red fireball, trailing a long fiery tail and scattering sparks profusely. But hardly had this left the sky when along came a numerous group of yellowish red meteors traveling close together and along the same path blazed by the leader.

Each was as bright as Venus, many had streaming tails and all were sparking violently. They seemed in no special hurry—truly quite "lazy" meteors.

Celestial Thunder

Groups continued to come at short intervals—all along the same route. It was estimated there were at least 10 groups and each contained 20 to 40 brilliant meteors tangled with flaming sparks. Many observers reported rumblings like distant thunder and some said their houses vibrated.

It seemed that a wild tumult had broken loose in the meteoric department of the heavens. However, about four minutes after the red leader appeared, a single clear, white-colored rear guard without a tail sailed leisurely across the same star path—and the display ended.

Professor C. A. Chant, the Canadian astronomer, at once called for reports. More than 140 observers responded. The display followed a line running southeasterly from Saskatchewan over Minnesota and on to New Jersey; out to sea and over the island of Bermuda; and far beyond to a location across the

equator off the eastern tip of Brazil. Five ships along the ocean path aided in the study.

Professor Chant published many articles on his findings and calculations. About 10 years later Professor W. H. Pickering wrote widely on the subject.

Earth Satellites

They agreed on the theory that the meteors traveled almost horizontally over Canada at a height of about 35 miles, were moving only a few miles per second, and that those seen off Brazil were the same as those over Canada.

Pickering thought they almost became permanent satellites of the earth, since at 35 miles altitude a velocity of only 4.9 miles per second would be required.

Dr. C. C. Wylie, noted meteor expert of Iowa, in 1939 carefully studied the original reports. He became certain each object seen over Canada traveled while luminous only a little over 100 miles and at a fairly steep downward slope, and that those seen elsewhere were, although of the same "showery," entirely different members.

A 6000-mile trip for a slow-moving meteor seemed unreasonable. He failed to interpret any report as indicating the fireballs traveled from horizon to horizon.

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EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - June 26, 1947

Mysterious 'Flying Saucers' Seen Over Oregon by Ranger

PENDLETON (Ore.), June 25.—(AP)—Nine bright, saucer-like objects flying at "incredible" speed at 10,000 feet altitude were reported here today by Kenneth Arnold, Boise (Idaho) pilot, who said he could not hazard a guess as to what they were.

Arnold, a United States Forest Service employe engaged in searching for a missing plane, said he sighted the mysterious objects yesterday at 3 p. m. They were flying between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams, in Washington State, he said, and

appeared to weave in and out of formation. Arnold said he clocked them and estimated their speed at 1,200 miles an hour.

He added he talked today with an unidentified man from Ukiah, south of here, who said he had seen similar objects over the mountains near Ukiah yesterday.

An Army spokesman said, "Nothing flies that fast except a V-2 rocket, which does 3,500 miles an hour—and that's too fast to be seen." He added that the Army is not conducting any rocket or plane tests in the area.



Documentary to centre on pilot's disappearance

Sydney film producer Brian Morris plans to make a two-hour television documentary centred on the disappearance of a Melbourne pilot in 1978.

UFO seen in sky over Lockerbie

Two Lockerbie residents, Mrs Isobel Longmuir, of 2 Glenannan Avenue, and Mr Alex Oswald, of Willow Cottage, Dumfries Road, are certain they spotted a UFO in the sky above their homes on Monday night. Both are equally sure that the object was not an aircraft.

Mrs Longmuir states that she saw the object shortly before 10 p.m. "I thought at first that it was the lights of an aeroplane," she says, "but then I noticed that it appeared to be stationary and was just hovering. At first it was giving off a bright yellow light and later it turned a bright red and disappeared from my view. I watched it for about a quarter of an hour."

Mr Oswald, who is retired, said that he watched the object through binoculars for about half an hour. "My attention was caught by the fact that it was stationary in the sky. It seemed to be of a not too bright yellow colour, and then it glowed bright red for a time before taking

on its yellow shade again. I am quite confident that it was not an aircraft, and there was certainly no sound and no identification light blinking. Nor was there any distinct shape or outline to the object."

Mr Oswald, who regularly studies the night sky with his binoculars, is convinced that the object was not a star or an aircraft. "When I telephoned my son in London later, I mentioned the matter to him and he suggested that it might have been a satellite, but I doubt very much whether I would have been able to see a satellite, even with the binoculars. It was most peculiar, and I was able to watch it for almost half an hour before the light simply disappeared."

STANDARD, Dumfries/Galloway, Scotland - Feb. 20, 1981

The production, with a \$5 million budget will be filmed in Victoria in the South Otways, peninsula areas and overseas.

To be called "Close Encounters of the Real Kind" it will be based on a book written by Sydney author Gary Lester.

In his book "The Devil's Meridian" Lester claims that the Bass Strait area is similar to the Bermuda Triangle where numerous boats and aircraft have disappeared.

His book, and the film report the events leading to the mysterious disappearance of Melbourne-based pilot Frederick Valentich between Cape Otway and King Island in October, 1978.

Valentich, who held an unrestricted licence with 200 hours flying to his credit, after filing a carefully planned flight schedule, flew over the Cape Otway lighthouse on his way to King Island.

After making a strange radio call while reporting his position with the Melbourne flight service he disappeared without a trace.

The disappearance left the public stunned, aviation and Air Force officials embarrassed and UFO enthusiasts ecstatic.

A four-day search of some 5000 square miles of ocean failed to find any trace of the blue and white Cessna 182.

Gary Lester said yesterday he is involved in an advisory capacity

with the documentary production helping with background details and liaisoning with the Valentich family.

He said he was not a believer in UFO's but felt there was a definite mystery about the event and many similar events elsewhere.

Brian Morris, the film producer and owner of the Mingara Film Company has won numerous awards.

In 1979 he won the Australian film award for the Best Australian television documentary for his production, "Mutiny On The Western Front".

Well-known Australian actors will be engaged to play the major roles.

The story will begin from the time the pilot gets up in the morning and follow as closely as possible the sequence of events leading to the disappearance.

Experiment

To add authenticity to the production the company is investigating the purchase of a \$60,000 plane the exact specifications of the plane which disappeared.

A further \$6000 could be spent to bring the plane to Australia.

During the filming, as a purely scientific experiment the plane will be taken to a height of 45,000 feet towed by a helicopter and dropped to ascertain which pieces of the plane if any should float.

Since the disappearance authorities have remained mystified by the lack of evidence or wreckage.

UFO buffs believe the disappearance was an open and shut case of the pilot being taken by some unknown being.

Links have been made between his disappearance and reported sightings of green lights in the sky by 15 people in areas along Bass Strait.

Victorian UFO research society president, Mr Paul Norman who lives in Timboon at present has been assisting the team with preparation for the filming by locating these 15 witnesses and interviewing them.

Mr Norman said sightings in the Western District were among the most important clues to the Valentich disappearance.

He said this "close encounter" was the key case being depicted in the documentary.

The rest of the film, shot on location in England, America and New Zealand will show how the Valentich disappearance compares with others showing similar disappearance patterns.

Mr Norman said there had been 20 aircraft world-wide that have had alleged "close encounters" with UFO's.

Filming in Victoria and the Western District is expected to begin within a month and be completed by the end of the year.

During the next month producer Brian Morris will finalise details in New Zealand and will join Mr Norman in America to interview people who have reported similar occurrences.

GIRL IN FLYING SAUCER SCARE

A girl's claim that a space ship tried to abduct her from her home is being treated seriously by police.

More than 20 people have backed up the girl's claim that a large round object with flashing lights swooped low over homes at Gurdale, near Brisbane, last week.

The girl's mother told police her daughter was in the garden. She ran inside terrified and said: "A flying saucer tried to get me."

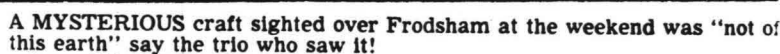
Details

Yesterday the Queensland Police Commissioner, Mr Terry Lewis, ordered his men to treat UFO reports seriously.

In a memo to all police stations, Mr Lewis said UFO sightings must be investigated and details given to the RAAF.

Gurdale residents told police the UFO hovered for a minute, then streaked away at high speed after a vertical take-off.

The reported sighting has baffled air traffic control officers who said there were no aircraft in the area at the time.



It was 8 pm but the clock struck midnight, and their

There have been a number of UFO sightings in the hills

● Above left: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClean discuss the shape of the UFO with neighbours Mrs. Thelma Whibberley.



UFO. And so he shall. I have decided to reveal the cover picture

Some months later, when the film was finally developed, he discovered to his amazement that he had shot the UFO responsible for the disappearance of pilot Frederick Litch, who reported just six minutes after the picture was taken that he was being buzzed by a UFO. The photo was hurriedly sent to America for computer analysis by one of the most experienced groups there, and the result was quite conclusive. The object was definitely metallic, was not a hoax and had an area at the top like a dome. This area coincided exactly with that given by the pilot to control in his report. The object was not a submarine just before he vanished.

BRAZIL -- Credit: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: Brazil (Offshore)
- 2) Date of incident: July 26, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DIARIO DE NATAL, August 16, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Natal. Rio Grande do Norte. Brazil

FLYING SAUCER AT SEA STOPS THE MOTORS OF THE TUGBOAT CAIOBA

Until 7:30 p.m. on the night of the third of this month, the tugboat "Caloba-Seashore," navigating between the Petrobras oil platform of Macau and Natal, everything was normal when suddenly the motor stopped. The sea was calm, the sky was dark, and there was no indication of anything abnormal aboard ship. It was at this point that the crew of this small ship perceived, circulating (circling) in the space above the tug, an enormous lighted unidentified flying object that had approached to a distance of 30 meters. There was total panic aboard ship, and Firstmate Fernando immediately ordered the issuing of an SOS which was received by the Embatel Coast Guard station at Igapo and re-transmitted to the Third Naval District and the Captain of the Ports.

These facts, withheld with confidence until yesterday, were confirmed by Colonel Francisco Hennemann, commander of the Barraza do Inferno, who took (assumed) responsibility for investigating the incident. This unusual event, according to several versions, was witnessed by the entire crew of the tug, who were amazed and terrified and had their trip interrupted for almost an hour. According to the informants, the giant disc of approximately 100 meters in diameter was in the shape of a buoy of an oil platform.

Disc Causes Suspense On The Sea

The "Caioaba-Seahorse" was on the high seas when two of their motors were suddenly paralyzed.

The appearance of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) of approximately 100 meters in diameter, at 7:30 p.m. on the third of August, on the high seas, that flew over the tug "Caioaba-Seahorse" for several minutes, is being investigated by the Aeronautic Ministry through the rocket launching center at Barreira do Inferno. The tug is owned by the multinational "Dowell-Schlumberger" and was travelling from the platforms of Petrobras at Macau to Natal.

The tug, one of twenty of the British company working for Petrobras in the under-water platforms of Pauau, was navigating normally on the high seas, when their motor was paralyzed, without an order from the captain and for no apparent reason. Information gathered by the reporters from the DIARIO DE NATAL from persons who were involved in the event, stated that the tug remained almost stopped and that the entire crew was shocked and dumbfounded, including the captain, when they saw a litte object of approximately 100 meters in diameter, of various colors, that was flying over the tug in circles at a low altitude.

The Firstmate of the tug sent out an SOS at exactly 7:30 p.m., which was received by the Embrolat Coast Guard Station, located in the suburb of Igapo in Natal, which re-transmitted the message to the Third Naval District and the Captain of the Ports. There was difficulty in responding to the SOS of the tug because it was Sunday, but the content of the radio communications between the tug and the Station at Embrolat and the Naval authorities is on record, elaborated by Lieutenant Santino (who was on duty on the night of the third in the Radio Commu-

ious sections of the 3rd Naval District, and other officers of the Navy and which now is in the custody of the Commander of the Rocket Launching Center of the Barreira do Inferno. Colonel-pilot Francisco Hennemann.

Colonel Hennemann, although he believes in Ufology ("I believe in UFOs, yes, of course, there are unidentified flying objects"), confirmed yesterday that an investigation was under way which would be "quiet, serious and with great honesty to verify the truth of the facts which occurred on the high seas on the night of the third and witnessed by more than ten men of the tug "Caloba-Seahorse," which had their trip interrupted for almost an hour.

"I do not have anything to say about the occurrence. I do not know what happened. We are investigating quietly and therefore it is no recommendation to keep quiet or secretive. We are not to cause sensationalism, because it might harm the way that we are dealing with the appearance of flying saucers and this might prejudice our research. I repeat that we are investigating the incident with great probity, principally and honesty," said Colonel Hannemann, adding that he was an aeronautical engineer graduated from ITA of Sao Jose dos Campos in Sao Paulo, a lover of space research and pilot of the Ministry of Aeronautics.

In the 3rd Naval District of Natal, where there was great reluctance by two officials in making any information available about the appearance of the UFO, the reports of the DIARIO DE NATAL were mentioned by Lieutenant Santana. "Look, I do not know anything. Was it you who saw the flying saucer? Who was it that saw it?," he said with a smile, afterwards informing us that the case had been given to the personnel at Barreiras do Inferno. "Lieutenant, how about the transcriptions of the conversations between the crew of the tug and the Navy, via Embratel?," asked the reporter. The response: "Boy! How do you know about that?" "Go to the Barreira do Inferno. Everything about the case was sent there. We do not have anything else here. The Navy is not interested in investigating anything that occurred in space. This is a matter for Aeronautics," said the official of the 3rd Naval District.

Great Panic On The Tug

In spite of the fact that Colonel Hennemann did not reveal more detailed information concerning the appearance of the UFO (he said that he only "investigates and interviews the people who saw the unidentified flying object"), we were able to determine that the investigations were being carefully followed by the Department of Research and Development ("Aeronautico-DEFED") of the Ministry of Aeronautics and that the Commander of Barreira do Inferno was appointed by Brigadier Thales de Almeida Cruz to carry out the research and interview the entire crew of the tug owned by "Dowell Schlumberger."

The report indicated that the crew of the tug was dominated by panic moments after seeing the strange flying object of many colors, rapid and silent. The commander and Firstmate were very nervous during the transmission of the radio messages, received by the Coast Guard Station of Embarat in Igapo, by amateur radio operators and by the radio station of the 3rd Naval District of Natal.

In the interview with Colonel Francisco Hennemann and the reporter Luiz Cortez, the following dialogue took place:

LC - Colonel, how many persons have already been interviewed?
H - No comment.

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- IC - Who appointed you to conduct this investigation?
H - I prefer to tell you that you should not ask me this question.
IC - Was there panic on the tug during the appearance of the UFO?
H - Yes, there was, but you don't need to exaggerate. If I were you, I would not publish anything about this. Maybe in two or three weeks, we will be able to divulge something. Of this I am not certain.
IC - The crew was frightened?
H - We should not exaggerate too much. I am collecting information from the people who saw it.
IC - Is this case considered a high military secret?
H - No. There is no secret. However, we do not want to affirm anything conclusively on this case.

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: I have a very good idea that had it not been for the amateur Ham radio operators that overheard the transmissions of the "Caioaba-Seahorse," that this incident would never have been made public by the Brazilian government. Again we are indebted to the Ham radio operators for bringing this case to light. — Joe Brill.)

- 1) City and country of incident: Brazil (Offshore)
- 2) Date of incident: July 26, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: TRIBUNA DO NORTE, August 17, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

THE APPEARANCE OF FLYING SAUCERS TO INCREASE

The extraterrestrials will appear with greater frequency and face an ever-growing public, was the statement of Nati Cortez, a student of Ufological phenomena (referring to the sighting of or contact with UFOs—Unidentified Flying Objects), as she analyzed the events of the 26th of last month in which the entire crew of the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse" saw the appearance of a flying saucer.

For Cleobulo Cortez, son of the ufologist and professor of Judicial Psychology of the UFRN, the silence of the authorities in relation to ufological phenomena indicates that the social consequences of the sightings can be varied, placing in question the power of political groups when they face a greater power, even a world economic crisis or an integral reformulation of the norms of national sovereignty.

The tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse," together with the ship "Teche-Seahorse," belong to the Artur Levi Company, a multinational firm working under contract to Petrobras. The crew of both ships saw on the 26th at about 7:30 p.m., a strange light that was moving at an incredible speed and left them stunned due to its intensity.

Atilio Sacarpate is a machinist from Argentina residing in Natal who was a member of the crew of the "Teche-Seahorse" that was leading the tugboat because it did not have radar. Being in command, Atilio saw the approaching of a light which was moving at high speed and was not being captured by radar and was not recorded in the naval charts as a lighthouse. The two ships were near Pititinga, from where the coast could be seen.

"The light stopped over the 'Caioaba' at a height of 150 to 200 meters and it was so strong that you could not fix your sight (stare) on it. Due to its being so low, there was no possibility of it being an airplane, a helicopter or the light in the top mast of a ship. To this day, I still have not been able to find an explanation for the fact of what I saw," affirmed Atilio.

The light, after remaining stationary over the ship for ten minutes, left at great speed in the direction of the continent, and disappeared. Jose Ribamar da Silva, assistant administrator of Artur Levi, declared that he could not give out any information about the occurrence. Meanwhile, the Barreira do Inferno, in accordance with the information of commander Francisco Hennemann, filed the testimony of the crew.

The appearance of the UFO was so strange that it frightened everyone and the commander of the "Caioaba," Jose da Silva, who was in bed by virtue of being badly poisoned (from something he had eaten), recovered. No terrestrial explanation was found for the fact and Cleobulo Cortez indicated the reason.

"The sighting is singular because it was made by the crew of an official organization. I am developing a study that analyzes the social consequences of the ufological phenomena and the lack of dissemination that exists surrounding the subject shows that the authorities have a certain fear. To recognize it could cause panic and even create a world economic crisis. Beyond that, the existence of a greater power could cause the questioning of the power of political and military groups and also the reformulation of the laws of the sovereignty of nations. Maybe they will create a World Government for the study of these trans-national problems."

- 1) City and country of incident: Brazil (Offshore)
- 2) Date of incident: July 26, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O POTI, August 17, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil

UFO WAS IN THE PATH OF THE CAIOABA

New and surprising details are beginning to surface around the appearance of the flying saucer, seen by the crew of the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse" in accordance with the reports given by the employees of the company that owns the ship. There were two, and not just one, Unidentified Flying Objects seen by four of the crew of the tugboat, three of whom have already been interviewed by the Colonel-pilot Francisco Hennemann of the Barreira do Inferno.

One of the UFOs was floating close to sixty miles (almost 100 kilometers) off the coast and it became necessary to make a sudden maneuver to keep the "Caioaba" from colliding with it.

Next, a giant UFO, nearly 100 meters in diameter, came near and linked up with the floating object and they lifted together, remaining about ten minutes over the ship and later disappeared in the direction of the open seas.

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THERE WERE TWO UFOs IN THE PATH OF THE CAIOABA

Other Details In The Drama Lived By The Crew Of Touros

Two Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were seen by the crew of the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse," belonging to the Teche Petroleum Company from England, represented in Brazil by Artur Levi of the Maritime Services of Brazil Ltd., with offices in Rio de Janeiro. Employees of the firm under contract to Petrobras informed us that it was not only one UFO, but two UFOs seen by four crewmen of the boat, 60 miles from the coast, at a point situated between the Island of Fernando de Noronha and the "Ponta do Calcanhar" in front of the beach of Touros.

The assistant to the manager of the local office of Artur Levi do Brazil-Servicos Maritimos Ltd., who identified himself simply as Itamir, related all the facts that took place with the crew of the tugboat (he asked us to correct the date of the incident, which was not during the day of August 3rd, a Sunday, but on the night of the 26th of July, a Saturday). He added that he had taken three crewmen to the Barreira do Inferno where they were interviewed (listened to) by Colonel-pilot Francisco Hennemann. The crew: Fernando, Firstmate; Jose da Silva (known as "Ze Capa"), commander, who was sick; and sailors Ivan and Francisco and the Chief engineer, Antilho Scarpate, of Argentina.

"What I know is what the crew told Colonel Hennemann. They said that the tugboat was navigating normally near the 'Ponta do Calcanhar' and they saw a light that looked like a head-light coming toward the tugboat at a high rate of speed. It was 7:28 p.m. The night was dark. In the sky they could only see the strong light coming near. Suddenly, the Firstmate Fernando sighted a round object, ten meters in diameter, presumably grey in color, that was floating a few meters in

front of the tugboat. The Firstmate was forced to execute a sudden change of direction to the right, placing the ship facing the coast. Suddenly, the object (which looked like the buoy of an underwater oil rig platform) turned several lights on—yellow, red, green and blue ones—and continued floating to the left of the tugboat, about thirty meters away. Simultaneously, the strong light seen in space came near the buoy and remained above it, stationary, about sixty meters up in the air approximately. Hanging there, everybody could see the oval form of the object from space with a great luminosity. Slowly, the oval object flew over the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse" and then stopped and descended on top of the buoy-like object floating in the water."

"The object that was floating like a buoy was hooked (linked) up to the oval object, the lights were turned off and both rose together. The larger object became stationary at a height of sixty meters from the waters of the sea during ten minutes marked by a clock (or watch). The final moments were ones of great tension on the tugboat "Caioaba," whose commander, Sr. Jose da Silva, was in bed with gastrointestinal problems. He had eaten spoiled fish and his thorax and legs were semi-paralyzed. With the commotion and the conversations of the crew by radio, the commander resolved to get out of bed and go onto the deck. He was the one of the crew to see the least of what happened, but he did see the objects that were linked together. Everyone was nervous, including the chief engineer, who tried to back up (reverse) the engines in order to continue their journey and was not successful, not knowing if the ship was stopped by the strange object or by their being nervous. Yet, commander Ze Capa was able to see the two objects coupled together disappearing at great speed in the direction of the high seas, without making any noise. What I find strange in all of this," continued Itamir, "was that the electronic radar, that is able to detect even small wooden boats, did not detect either of the two objects. I find this strange because all the crewmen told me that the two objects had a metallic structure of iron or something similar. They saw two objects, but only one flying and the other floating in the water. There were lights on the floating object (in the shape of a buoy), five meters in height, more or less from one to the other. An SOS was sent because they were seeing two objects that the radar had not detected and the panic was great. You should seek the Navy and the Base of Barreira do Inferno for greater details," said Itamir, assistant at the office of "Artur Levi do Brazil."

The administrative manager of Artur Levi in Natal, Jose Ribamar da Silva, informed us yesterday that none of the crew of the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse" was receiving psychiatric treatment, but he added that the commander of the tugboat, at midnight on the 26th of July, was transported from the port to a hospital in the city. The other crewmen were medicated with tranquilizers.

"All the crew have already gone back to sea. 'Ze Capa' is working on another tugboat, but has not yet been interviewed by Barreira do Inferno. This whole subject is being shrouded in a certain amount of secrecy by the military authorities and I do not want to say anything else," said Jose Ribamar da Silva.

"And the tugboat 'Caioaba,' where is it?" asked the reporter of the O POTI. "By coincidence, days afterwards, it was placed in the dry dock of the Naval Base of Natal for external repairs, painting and cleaning, etc. There was nothing wrong with the tugboat," said Ribamar.

MOTHER SHIP RESCUES DAMAGED UFO?

For some of the members of the Center of Ufological Study and Research (CEPEU) in Natal, the unidentified objects seen by the crew of the tugboat "Caioaba-Seahorse" could be related to a rescue mission by the "mother ship" of one of its UFOs (flying saucer in popular jargon), damaged on the high seas or probably stationed to conduct some kind of underwater research.

The writer Maria Natividade Cortez Gomes, one of the enthusiasts of Ufology who believes in these things, interviewed by reporters yesterday morning, stated that she knew of the case of several days but "is surprised with the other details divulged by the DIARIO DE NATAL." "I believe that this case could have international repercussions. It is the first case occurring in Brazil in which the military authorities are involved in investigations about UFOs. Through ufological literature, I know of the occurrence of cases in which ships disappear on the high seas. If the radar of the tugboat did not register anything, could not the ship have 'evaporated' if it had collided with that 'buoy'?", inquired Mrs. Nati Cortez.

ITALY — Credit: Massimo Greco

- 1) City and country of incident: Sassari, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: December 7, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA NOTTE, December 30, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Milano, Italy

UFO "FREEZES" A MAN

It's presented as an irresistible sound at a farmer of Sassari — Also his dog remained paralyzed — An unknown force that is repeated after two days.

Sassari — Are "UFOs" only some sounds? According to Mr. Giacomo Piu, 50, farmer, it would seem so. He says he was paralyzed, for more than one hour, by extraordinary sound vibrations, some days ago, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. or more, in the country of Sassari (locality Filigheddu). He didn't see anything, he only "heard," and all his senses remained inert while his brain preserved his lucidity.

The phenomenon was repeated after two days, but Mr. Giacomo Piu heard it in time and ran away, literally terrified.

A ROTATING SOUND

His account is quite logical even if without any scientific explanation. It occurred during a sunny morning; Mr. Piu got into his car with his dog and headed toward his farm to do some repair work. As he was beginning his work, he heard "a noise that came from the hill, at some kilometers of distance, but well-visible from here." What kind of noise? "It was as if a wall was suddenly tumbled down." But the witness didn't attach any importance to the event and resumed his work—and now began the phenomenon.

He remembered: "Suddenly, I heard a sound, quite strange, I've never heard one like it; it seemed like a hand-bell and at the same time, a metallic sound that approached always closer to me."

He looked around him, but didn't see anything.

USELESS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

Hallucinations? Malaise? Who knows? But it's a fact that at one moment, "the sound, quite strong, began to rotate around the house and then over me; I remained suddenly paralyzed." Nevertheless, he could think clearly. I must get into my car and escape, he tells himself; so he began to move some steps, "but after three or four meters, my legs refused to move. I felt that something stopped me. The sound continued to rotate around me, entering and going out from the house, rotating also on the top of the olive trees, whose leaves were motionless."

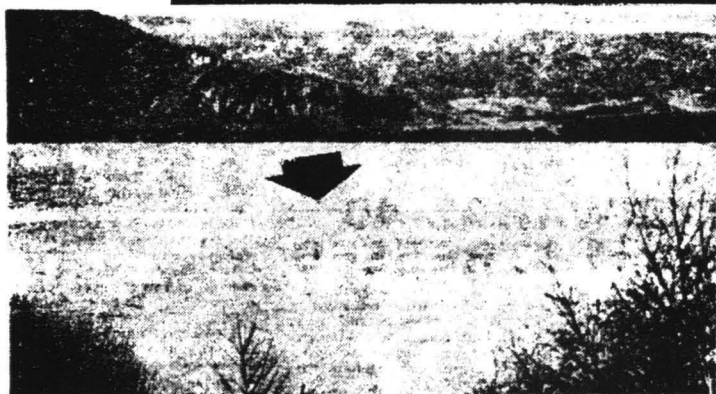
Everything remained motionless, as if crystallized; not a warbling of birds (the zone is rich with game), also Mr. Piu's dog "was laid on one side, motionless—it seemed dead." And the farmer continues: "I invoked Our Lady and at the same time I said to myself (because I couldn't speak), 'Who are you?' 'What do you want?' Then all is over."

IRRESISTIBLE RECALL

When he could move his legs, Mr. Giacomo Piu escaped, reaching his house in Sassari, where his wife was waiting for him. After two days, he thought that the "thing" had to repeat and, as if pushed by an unknown force, he returned to the country, although he couldn't remain for a long time. Just as he again heard that sound (seeming to approach him), he got into his car and returned to Sassari. About the "sounding UFO," he didn't know any more, and no more vibrations made a carousel around him.



I'VE FOUND LAKE TAUPO MONSTER!



REX GILROY'S photograph of what he claims is the Taupo monster (arrowed).

And
here's
the
proof,
says
expert

THE LAKE TAUPO monster exists!

That's the startling claim by controversial Australian field naturalist Rex Gilroy after studying colour slides he says he took of a giant creature swimming slowly across the lake several months ago.

"This is the first photographic evidence of the monster," Gilroy told the 8 O'Clock from his home in the Blue Mountains, south of Sydney.

"It is most probably a plesiosaurus — one of the fresh and salt-water dwelling dinosaurs thought to have become extinct 65 million years ago.

"But they have been sighted off-shore and in lakes throughout the world for years and I am convinced you have a colony of at least 20 or 30 in Lake Taupo.

Gilroy, director of two New South Wales natural history museums and head of the Australian Strange Animals Investigation Centre, will mount a major expedition to the lake in 1981 to search for monster evidence.

He said the Taupo creature was like the famous one in Loch Ness and the many sighted throughout Australia, particularly in the Hawkesbury River north of Sydney.

"I took the photographs while I was in New Zealand earlier this year as a lecturer at the Ancient Astronauts' Conference," he explained.

"I was standing on the edge of an 18m embankment just south of Mission Bay. I was looking north and saw a dark shape moving just below the surface and leaving a long wake.

"I put a telephoto lens on my 35mm camera and took three shots as the shape moved slowly across the lake for about 10 minutes. "About 15m was visible, but the creature was possibly up to 21m long."

"I had a perfect view and am convinced it could not have been a shoal of fish or, as has been suggested, a sand bar.

"Sand bars don't swim," Gilroy said about 50 people reported monster sightings to him in the week he spent in Taupo.

The Tourist and Publicity Department's Hunting and Fishing Officer Rex Forrester, who has fished Lake Taupo for more than 20 years, is sceptical of the monsters' existence.

"If they were there they would have to breed and go somewhere to spawn," he said. "You'd see some indication of that."

"And they've got to die, although to my knowledge a body has never been washed up on Taupo."

HIGHLANDER, Marble Falls, TX - Feb. 5, 1981

Is 'Big Foot' in Kingsland?

FRED TAYLOR
□ Highlander Staff

KINGSLAND — "You're not going to believe this," said the man on the other end of the telephone, "but, we just saw big ape. It looked like it weighed a bunch more than 200 pounds. Honest, no foolin'."

Betty Graham, dispatcher for the Llano County Sheriff's Office, assured the man she believed him. Though she agreed not to laugh at the report, she

found it very difficult to keep a straight face because the man was trying to hard to convince her it was an honest, reliable report.

"He told me right off that he wasn't drunk and that he was very sure of what he saw," Graham said. "I told him I believed him because there had already been another report of a large ape seen near Kingsland just the week before."

The man who called said his friend went out to dump the trash when he saw the

"ape" and all he could do was throw a beer can at it, "but mind you, we were not drunk."

The first report of the large "ape" came into the Sheriff's Office about a week ago, according to Graham, and at that time it was seen near the Kingsland Slab. Sunday night's report had the ape spotted on Eucl Moore Drive, which is closer to the center of Kingsland.

That wasn't the only excited caller, according to Graham.

"We also had a call from a woman who reported seeing a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) east of Llano while she was driving on Texas 71," Graham said. "She described it as a round saucer-like object that was very bright and had beams of light curving up from its sides."

The woman said the light was so bright it made the inside of her car as bright as daylight. There were no other reports of UFO sightings in the area.

HERALD, Provo, UT - Feb. 25, 1981 CR: L. Whitehurst

'Big Foot' May Exist in Mountains

PLEASANT GROVE — Tracks which he believes could be those of the legendary "Big Foot" have been found in the High Uintas by a Pleasant Grove man who is an independent logger.

Leonard Howlett said the tracks were first seen early in January by his son, Lester, at their logging camp in the Uintas.

Howlett stated that he had never believed any of the stories he had ever heard about "Big Foot" because he has spent so many years in the wilds and had never seen anything. Now he says seeing is believing.

The gigantic footprints measured 19 inches from heel to end of toe, Howlett explained. They were more than 11

inches across the widest part of the print.

In addition, the stride was 54 inches. In detailing the find, Howlett said there were two sets of tracks six feet apart. He and his son followed them for some distance but couldn't go on because they needed to get the logging done and get Lester back for school.

Howlett recalled that he had heard a crashing sound in the willows earlier in the evening. He said there had been a pounding noise and a kind of grunt or growl.

He further explained that his horse and dog, who are used to the animals and noises of the area, were exceptionally restless that night. Lester found the big tracks the next

morning when cleaning up after breakfast.

A second logging expedition two weeks later found the first tracks filled in with new snow but other big tracks were found in the roadway and around the camp area. They were not as distinct as the first tracks because the snow had drifted into them, Howlett noted.

Familiar with the tracks of the normal animals found in the Uintas, Howlett said the prints could not have been made by a bear or a mountain lion, nor could they have been those of moose which are in the area.

He discounted the possibility of their being snowshoes because of the

imprint of the ball of the foot, instep and heel being so distinct. Toe marks were also distinguishable in several of the tracks.

Pictures of the tracks were not taken until the day after they were found as Howlett did not have a camera and he had to wait until someone came along with one.

He discovered a beaver carcass which had been picked clean just like a man would do with a chicken. He believes it could have been killed and eaten by "Big Foot."

Howlett plans another trip to the area soon and is hoping that if "Big Foot" does exist it will take him as a friend and come out of hiding.

Bizarre killings lead to talk of devil worshippers

By DARRYL STEWART

FAIRVIEW—A calf has been killed and mutilated in what may prove to be another in a series of apparent ritual sacrifices in this small, east Tennessee community.

Jessie Templeton, a Fairview resident and farmer, reported the latest dead calf to the Meigs County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, February 15. According to Templeton, he missed the calf that morning during a routine count.

"I wasn't too surprised when I noticed one was missing," Templeton says. "That happens pretty often. They just wander off in the pasture, and you have to go out and hunt them down. So I went out and started looking for her."

Templeton found the calf in a wooded part of his pasture, about 500 feet from Highway 58. The 700-800 lb. female Black Angus had been killed and mutilated.

"I knew she was dead as soon as I saw her," Templeton says. "I didn't realize what had happened until I got up close, though. Then I saw that her eyes had been gouged out, and her testis had been cut off. Her sex organs had been cut out, too. There was just a big circle where they should have been. There's not an animal anywhere in the world that kills like that. It had to be people. So I went and called the sheriff."

According to Deputy Sheriff

Jimmy Nelson, the Templeton calf isn't the first bizarre animal killing in the county. In similar incidents occurring about this time last year, at least three calves and a dog were killed and mutilated in the northern part of Meigs County. No one was ever charged in those incidents.

"I worked on the Templeton thing last Sunday," Nelson said, "and it reminded me of the cases we had last year. As I recall it, all three of those calves were cut up the same way. I worked the dog case, too, and it was a little different."

"With the dog, he wasn't just mutilated. Someone found him up on the River Road, just south of the Roane County line. Someone had tied him down, and then skinned him from the stomach down. We worked pretty hard on all four of those cases, but we never could turn up anything concrete. Now it looks like it may be starting again."

The fact that all the animals so far have been mutilated in the same way—at the same time of the year—has led some people to speculate that ritual killings may be involved.

"I'd be afraid to say for certain that it's some kind of annual ritual," Nelson says. "It's pretty obvious that whoever's doing it has a problem, and there seems to be more than one person involved. But it is strange that it should show up at this same time every year."

While the mutilations have no obvious relationship to traditional witchcraft rites, the timing of the killings coincides roughly with the spring equinox celebrated by most covens. Walpurgisnacht, the annual spring celebration, is held on the morning of May 1. But the season begins on the day of Saint Walpurgis' death—February 25. Last year's killings were spread throughout that period.

Dr. Jay Kim, Professor of Religion at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, is familiar with most cults operating in east Tennessee. According to Kim, the mutilations have no known "historical or current significance."

"It doesn't sound like the work of any group operating publicly in east Tennessee," Kim says. "First of all, most of them wouldn't jeopardize their existence by slaughtering someone else's calf. If they needed a calf for a ritual sacrifice, they'd buy one. They'd never risk public hostility by randomly killing animals that belong to other people."

"Secondly, I'm familiar with most of their rites, and I don't know of any rite that requires the sex organs of a calf. As far as I know, there's no known historical or current significance to the mutilations. Now that leaves us with only two prospects. Either it's a group that operates secretly, and no one knows anything about them, or it's simply someone who's

demented. Both of those are good possibilities."

Tracks on a dirt road beside the field where the Templeton calf was killed tend to indicate that more than one person may have been involved. "We found plenty of tracks over there," Templeton says. "There was a truck or car parked on the road there, and then there were several sets of tracks running up into the field. I'm pretty sure more than one person was involved. But there's just no way to know how many exactly, or who they might be."

The field where Templeton's calf was found is directly across Highway 58 from the Templeton home. The dirt road where the intruders parked is about a quarter mile south of the house, adjoining the pasture. Templeton and his family apparently slept through the incident.

"They must have just pulled into the road, parked, and killed the calf," Templeton says. "We didn't hear a thing, or see any lights. Whoever these people are, they're pretty slick. We didn't know a thing until the next morning, when I missed the calf."

One other fact tends to lend credence to the theory of ritual killings. According to Nelson, all the mutilations may have taken place during a period when the moon was full.

Meigs County is directly north of Hamilton County, where Chattanooga is located. +

Noises from out of the dark

Bigfoot is alleged to be an apelike creature which stands 6-8, with gigantic shoulders and a body covered with hair. Over the years hundreds of people claim to have seen the creature and a photographer made a brief movie in California of what he said was Bigfoot. The creature is said to make little sound and flee when anyone approaches. It also has been called, "Sasquatch" by the Indians and is said by some to resemble "Yeti," the abominable snowman. It has been the subject of movies, documentaries and a great deal of conjecture.

M T. PLEASANT, Texas — Just south of here the Big Cypress River, a tributary to Cypress Springs Lake, Lake O' the Pines and Caddo Lake, snakes its way south and then east toward Louisiana. Over the years there have been many stories and legends that have come from the river bottom.

One winter in the mid-1940s, E. O. (Tex) McNeill, then about 15, was coon hunting with his father and two uncles along the Cypress River bottom between Cason and Pittsburg. At that time trees along the river bed had not been cut for timber nor cleared away for pasture land and, if you weren't used to them, could become scary late at night against a winter sky.



Bob St. John

Tex, who was reared in and often hunted the area, said two particular trees used to rub together in the wind, making strange noises which often sent hunters running for what they thought were their lives. But that winter about 11 p.m. their dogs, which had been running, suddenly began to make funny noises. They barked and then kind of whined.

"THEN," SAID TEX, "we heard this strange sound. I can't describe it. Then a noise came that was a little like something between an owl screaming and a panther crying out. All the dogs came running back but one. They nudged near us and had their tails between their legs."

"That last old dog wasn't scared of anything. It would attack a panther. But then it came running back after we heard another noise. We went looking for tracks but couldn't find any. Whatever had been out there was apparently on the dry part of the river bottom and didn't leave tracks."

Tex said they went back a week later. The same thing happened, the noise, the dogs running back and refusing to go back out. This time he said they found tracks. He said the tracks had five toes, were very wide at the front and narrow at the heel. "It was in the middle of winter and no way a human being would have been out there barefooted," he said.

After Tex had gotten back from serving in the Air Force during the Korean conflict, he was at his father's farm in the same area. He said he couldn't sleep and was sitting on the porch about 4 a.m. when the cows and horses began to stir, make noise. He said one cow bolted through the fence. He got up off the porch and then heard the same sound he had heard as a boy.

"IF YOU'VE EVER heard it, you won't forget it," he said. "Something was out there in the dark. It kept making the noise as it moved along the countryside. No, I never saw anything. The only physical evidence I ever saw was the tracks."

McNeill sat in his office as service manager of Sandlin Motors here. The walls were filled with plaques and awards he's received for his service over 19 years. He's well respected, has a reputation as a sensible man. That's why he said he really hasn't said too much about the fact he believes he has three times heard the creature people refer to as Bigfoot.

"Even my wife thinks I'm crazy," he said, laughing. "But I was brought up in the river bottom area. I've hunted and trapped the woods around here all my life and know the sounds and animals. It was a sound like nothing I've ever heard and the tracks were like nothing I've ever seen."

"I began to read a little and see some things on television about what people said who believed they had come in contact with the creature. What I heard and saw was similar. What can I say? I believe it as much as we're standing here talking."

Not long ago a man came in to have his truck serviced. There was a coon dog in back. Tex asked him if he hunted much and where. The man told him. Tex asked him if he'd ever had the experience where his dogs made odd noises and came running back to him.

"HE SAID AS A matter of fact he had," recalled Tex. "He said one night he was coon hunting and the dogs yelped. He said one came running back with its ear split and the other two had blood on their sides but no markings. So we compared notes and they were a lot alike."

Tex said he was very curious but had no plans to try to track the creature. "I'd like to see it, of course," he said. "No, I don't think it would hurt anybody, unless it was cornered. But I don't like to kill animals anymore. I stopped all that. I won't even kill a deer. So what if I was forced to kill it? That would be terrible. Whatever it is out there isn't hurting anybody and wants to be left alone."

He said he had to get back to work. "I believe it but I guess we'll never know," he said, walking out into the garage area. "I guess we'll never know."

Chinese have their own Bigfoot — and he's a redhead

By William D. Montalbano
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Government launches five-year search

PEKING — Bigfoot is a 9-foot-tall redhead. He strides eight feet with each step of clodhopping, five-toed feet that measure 19 inches. He scares some people and intrigues a great many more. Is he a lost link between man and the apes? The alleged Chinese cousin of America's supposed Bigfoot lives in a heavily forested, lightly populated region of the Hubei province in central China. The Chinese call him "ye ren" — wild man. And, being Chinese, they have a five-year plan to track him down. Results of the first summer expedition, now being published in Peking, are intriguing but inconclusive. More than 250 local folk in northwestern Hubei have sighted "ye ren" at different places and different times. However, no one has produced him for an outsider yet, or for a camera. Scientists say they are hoping winter snows will aid their search through rugged, isolated terrain. Investigators say witnesses draw a common portrait: "Ye ren" is very tall. He has red hair or fur, no tail, and walks upright. About 8,000 feet up the side of Jiongdiao Mountain in Hubei, scientists discovered more than 200 footprints. The Chinese press says they are the largest

footprints found anywhere in the world. The tracks show that "ye ren" walks as humans do, with no sliding motion, they say. Hair samples recovered from trees and brambles are fine, red and resemble human hair in their cellular structure, the scientists say. The droppings of "ye ren" are coarse, and analysis shows "ye ren" lives off local vegetation. Droppings often are found in a triangle with two footprints, scientists add, suggesting that "ye ren" defecates as humans do. From analysis of footprints, hair and droppings, the scientists have ruled out the possibility that what they are tracking is a bear or an ape, both of which are animals found in the same mountain area. Although "ye ren" so far has eluded scientific scrutiny, he has left his mark on Chinese history. A statesman-poet named Qu Yuan, who lived in the third century B.C. in the area where the present search is being mounted, referred in his verses to "mountain ogres." A seventh century historian described a tribe of "hairy men" in the same region, and an 18th century poet spoke of a creature "monkeylike yet not a

monkey" in adjoining Shaanxi province. The witnesses also are persuasive, according to Liu Minzhuang, a biology lecturer in Shanghai who has been researching "ye ren" for more than 20 years and who led last summer's expedition. One old peasant told of being with Nationalist Chinese soldiers who tracked eight "ye ren" through thick forests for 10 days in 1947. One creature was killed and dismembered by the soldiers, the peasant said, but any record of the incident was lost in the chaos of the Nationalist-Communist civil war. In a recent sighting, a woodcutter and his niece, calling to one another on a mountainside in thick fog, drew two curious "ye ren." Researchers later found many footprints at the site of the fogbound encounter. In one of the best-documented sightings, six forestry workers came upon a tailless creature with reddish fur at 1 a.m. on May 14, 1976. They were driving on a highway near Shennongjia Mountain — the scene of the most frequent sightings — when the creature suddenly appeared in the truck headlights. Five of the workers got out to investigate and

were able to approach within a few feet before the creature stalked away. They all said it was like no animal they had seen before. Analysis of the witnesses' accounts has persuaded researchers that "ye ren" has become nocturnal in recent years as a means of self-preservation — the better to steer clear of humans. Although the Hubei Bigfoot has awakened the official interest of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, it is not the only bit of missing-link curiosity in China today. In Shanghai, researchers are puzzling over the preserved hands and feet of a curious creature killed by peasants in coastal Zhejiang province in 1957. The specimens, hidden and forgotten after provoking great local excitement, recently have come to light. They are said to have belonged to a creature about 5 feet tall and covered in silky black hair. The creature was said to be neither monkey nor man but, as a Shanghai newspaper reported, an "unknown animal with a human shape." And finally, for Loch Ness Monster fans, China has one of those, too, although the Academy of Science has evinced no interest in it. The monster is reported to live in the 1,000-foot-deep crater lake of a dormant volcano on the border of China and North Korea.

MERCURY, San Jose, CA — Feb. 26, 1981
CR: T. Kam via W. Thompson

Search for the Owens Valley Monster

INVO REGISTER, Bishop, CA — March 19, 1981
CR: J. Clark

by Dave Babb, Certified Wildlife Biologist

Nine years ago this week the Owens Valley, and soon after, the entire country, was excited by reports of a large, shaggy beast roaming the foothills of Round Valley. This "monster" was seen by several people, chased by others, but was never captured. The following are the two articles on this subject that appeared in the Bishop Creek Times in 1882. If anyone has heard this story and knows how it was resolved I would appreciate hearing from you:

March 18, 1882 - A "WHAT-IS-IT" - "Various theories are afloat regarding the origin of a gigantic animal that has lately been seen by several of our prominent citizens in the foothills of the Sierra, a few miles west of town. The animal is pronounced by those who saw it to be simply immense in size, being about 12 feet long and 8 feet high, and weighing in the neighborhood of two tons.

Deacon Giles, who first saw the animal in the winter of 1880, describes it as being of a dark brown color, with long, shaggy hair, a hoof somewhat resembling that of a cow (only nine or ten times as large), and a horn upon its nose very much resembling the horn of a rhino.

A few days ago John Clarke, one of our well-known and respected citizens, while hunting about mid-way between Round Valley and Long Valley came on to the brute while it was asleep under a bluff of rock, and made an unsuccessful attempt to throw a lariat over its head. The animal, awakened by the lariat striking it, gave such unearthly yells and bounded off with such triple elephantine force as to frighten Mr. Clarke out of his very senses. As soon as Mr. Clarke recovered his presence of mind, he measured the strides taken by the animal in its flight, and pronounced them as being 12 feet in length.

Since Mr. Clarke had his adventure with this modern wonder, it has been seen by Paul Myrtengreen, Bob Stewart, Louis Munzinger, and several others. The former says that while prospecting in the region it usually inhabits, he saw the animal sixty feet from him and coming directly toward him. Being of a nervous temperament and partially ill at the time, the extreme proximity of such a moving mass of flesh caused Paul to sink into a swoon, and as soon as he recovered consciousness (which must have been three or four hours) the animal had probably gotten ten miles away, and Paul lost no time in doing likewise.

A letter from P. T. Barnum to one of our citizens - offering a reward of \$10,000 for the animal if captured alive, and \$1,000 for its skin, if killed - has caused a party to be organized for the purpose of effecting its capture. The party consists of all our best shots, and several of our best vaqueros, all of whom are to act under the direction of Captain Jack Ferral. For fear that ordinary rope will not be strong enough to hold the monster in case it is captured alive, John Clarke has ordered an extra quality lariat to be made especially for the occasion. The party expects to have everything in readiness to start next Monday, and we await with interest the result of their expedition.

March 25, 1882 - The "WHAT-IS-IT" - "Jack Ferral, who left here Sunday morning in quest of the strange animal mentioned in our last issue as having been seen in the mountains west of town, returned again Monday morning, minus his horse and with his gun badly broken. He met the animal and it had conquered. Mr. Ferral states that while he was riding through the hills about 9 miles from town he came suddenly upon the animal as it was feeding. He immediately opened fire on it and succeeded in putting five bullets into its body and head before his horse became aware of its presence. As soon as the horse saw the animal, which was advancing upon them, he became unmanageable and dashed wildly down the mountain, breaking the bridle in his frantic plunging. Mr. Ferral, finding the horse unmanageable and fearing he would be thrown off or carried over some cliff, jumped off him, first throwing away his gun, which was broken on the rocks. The rider escaped with but a few bruises but the horse broke both forelegs and had to be killed. Mr. Ferral, nothing daunted at his adventure, immediately procured another horse and gun and is now camping on the trail with 'Blood in his eye and vengeance in his heart'."

Prosecutor Leick Responds To Bigfoot Critic



SKAMANIA BIGFOOT, which inspired ordinance protecting creature from slaughter, is seen in this sketch by Artist Linda Ford Hoffman, based on eye-witness description by Don Cox. Sasquatch was seen near Beacon Rock March 5, 1969, according to Cox.

In early 1969, following presumed Bigfoot sightings in Skamania County, the Board of County Commissioners passed an ordinance protecting the creature. The Ordinance was signed by then Board Chairman Tonnie Lundy and Prosecuting Attorney Bob Leick.

The historic document has been widely publicized and has been frequently debated by believers in the Sasquatch phenomenon.

Prosecuting Attorney Leick has received a letter from a Pennsylvania resident protesting the Ordinance. The letter, and Leick's response, follow.

Box 98233
Pittsburgh, PA 15227.
Mr. Robert K. Leick,
Prosecuting Attorney,
Skamania County,
Stevenson, WA 98648

SIR:
PLEASE READ THIS
LETTER SLOWLY AND
CAREFULLY. THANK
YOU.

I am a resident of Pennsylvania. However, I am quite shocked about what I consider damage being done to the good people of Skamania County, in a state about three thousand miles away from my home.

I am referring to Skamania County Ordinance No. 69-01 which "Prohibits Wanton Slaying of Ape Creatures and Imposes Penalties." The ordinance was mentioned April 4 and 11, 1969 in the Skamania County Pioneer and your name, Mr. Leick, was signed as you were the Prosecuting Attorney.

I understand for an ordinance to make the slaying of an animal a felony (which is what a \$10,000 fine

clearly indicates), the people of the County would have to vote to accept it.

Well, you could have easily left out VERY IMPORTANT information about these ape creatures which would have made these good folks change their minds in one hell of a big hurry. This letter will tell you the truth behind such monsters. These monsters are extremely dangerous. By creating that ordinance, you have given a deathblow to the defense of the good people.

Anyone who studies phenomena about the Bigfoot will, in due time, learn horrible things about them. These creatures have been known to kidnap people. Male Bigfoot have been known to go to cities in the night and kidnap human females. Girls would scream and be abducted.

In the book, *THE ABDOMINAL SNOWMEN* by Erick Norman, an Indian girl in Canada, over a century ago, was kidnapped by a Bigfoot. The Bigfoot covered her eyes with tree leaves and carried her in the forest.

Serpentine, a 17-year old Indian, lived with this Bigfoot monster. After the Indian woman became pregnant, the creature returned her to the spot of the original kidnapping. The baby was born dead. Think of what a horrible thing that was.

In the book, *THE THIRD EYE*, the author Lobsang Rampa, a Tibetan, states a Buddhist nun was carried off by a Bigfoot (or Yeti as the Tibetans say.)

I have before me a copy of *FATE MAGAZINE*, dated August, 1970. On pg. 63 appears an article: *MY EXPERIENCE WITH BIGFOOT*

by Art Reda. The article talks about your state, WASHINGTON. It tells how two men (one was the author himself) saw Bigfoot in the area which now seems to be Olympia National Park. But, this area was just wilderness at the time of the article, 1928. Let me quote you two paragraphs from this chilling report:

"The man said, 'I wouldn't advise you to go there. The folks around here call it Apeland. Some people will tell you that through the years a number of women have disappeared.'

"He proceeded to tell us of one incident that had occurred about five years before. A woman who had lived not too far from them was going to the store one night when suddenly a huge ape-like man had come out out of nowhere, picked her up with one arm and started to run off with her. She screamed and the men who witnessed the abduction ran for their guns and rifles.

"But the apeman was out of sight and shortly no more screaming was heard. A posse went looking the next day but it was always the same story -- nothing but giant footprints were ever found."

I could go on and on, giving more examples, but I think you get the picture on the kidnapping rapist monsters. You see, the face of a Bigfoot looks almost human and the Bigfoot can, of course, recognize the face of a human female.

There are other stories of human beings who got murdered left and right after meeting the Bigfoot. But, this business of kidnapping women is horrible. In India, in 1965, four women were murdered through rape from a Bigfoot.

Your ordinance of so-called wanton slaying is foolish. Very foolish. The only way the world can have proof that such a monster is living right now in our country is for we Americans to kill one and show the world the corpse.

Forget about capturing one of them. These creatures are very intelligent compared to other animals. Also, the ape creatures do not hesitate to murder when provoked enough. I'm tired of reading true accounts of people who saw others murdered by the Bigfoot.

Oh, if you think that business of kidnapping women to have sex with them (rape) is bunk, then realize this: From movies and TV we all have seen stories of gorillas who kidnap women. This is where the old saying, "Beauty and the Beast", really comes from. The trouble is most people do not realize gorillas cannot walk on two legs. A gorilla can stand on two legs but CANNOT WALK ON TWO LEGS.

Most people who see a Bigfoot, Yeti or whatever you call it, think they are just seeing an ape. Thus, in the *FATE* article, the people have called the land "Apeland" because they think just the creatures are apes. Not so.

Another thing about capturing one of the monsters. The Red Chinese Army in 1977 in the province of Tibet tried for more than three hours to capture a Bigfoot... and failed. It ran away. If the Communist Army cannot do it, no hunter can. Therefore, forget about cap-

turing the monster for science. A corpse, well preserved, would help a great deal.

Well, look, help those poor women. Let the truth be known and do something to prevent any more human females from being taken to live in caves with the Bigfoot and give birth to his babies, which are always (according to report) born dead. This is because of two different gene structures.

There are Bigfoots in my state, too -- in the mountains of Forest County and a few other counties therearound.

KNOW THAT I AM,
STEPHEN PASLOW

Mr. Stephen Paslow,
Box 98233,
Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

Dear Mr. Paslow:

I have read with interest your letter of March 11, 1981, challenging both the legality and the desirability of the Skamania County Ordinance which protects the Bigfoot from slaughter and imposes a fine and/or imprisonment for the wanton slaying of such a creature.

As the Ordinance notes, there was reason to suppose that such an animal as the Bigfoot, Yeti, Sasquatch or Abominable Snowman existed in Skamania County. It was our intent to protect such a being, whether humanoid or anthropoid, from willful slaughter.

Our reasons seemed valid at the time the Ordinance was passed and still appear valid today.

In 1969 real or imagined Bigfoot sightings had attracted to Skamania County numerous hunters armed with high-powered rifles and other lethal weapons. A few may have had a scientific interest in the phenomenon but most were out to kill a Bigfoot and turn in the body for a \$3,000,000 reward supposedly offered by the Smithsonian Institution. No such reward is posted but the hunters apparently believed in the myth.

Everyone who moved outdoors was in danger of being shot by one of these amateurs and it was felt an Ordinance protecting Bigfoot would also serve to protect the citizenry.

We do not agree on either legal or moral grounds that the animal, if he truly exists, should be summarily executed on sight.

Even if the evidence, which you so carefully document, points to the Bigfoot as a rapist and molester of female persons, equally valid evidence supports the conclusion that the Sasquatch is a shy, nocturnal creature which avoids human contact.

It would be as unfair to condemn all Bigfoots for the crimes of a few as it would be to condemn all members of one race, white, black or brown, for the crimes of a few.

Like all good Americans we hold that a person is innocent until proven guilty. Should a Bigfoot be captured in the commission of a crime such as rape or kidnapping, even he would be considered innocent until proven guilty.

In the event a Sasquatch was placed on trial, it might be difficult to select a jury of his peers in Skamania County but this would depend on whether or not he is determined to be a humanoid or an anthropoid. If the former, the selection would be less difficult.

As to the legality of the so-called Bigfoot Ordinance, it is true that County Commissioners do not ordinarily pass felony laws. In this case, the Commissioners felt the need was urgent and there was little time for the niceties of a formal election. Besides, the consensus of opinion was for immediate protection.

It is quite probable the Bigfoot Ordinance will not hold up if challenged in the courts, but it is unlikely a test case will be made until a Sasquatch is wantonly slain and a suspect is charged.

I have been asked the question: If a Bigfoot is a human creature, would its murderer be charged under the Bigfoot Ordinance or under state laws covering homicide?

My answer is that if a Bigfoot is an anthropoid, or ape, its slayer would be tried under the Ordinance. If the Bigfoot is a humanoid, or person, its killer would be charged with murder.

As Prosecuting Attorney I am also, ex-officio, the County Coroner. As Coroner, I would make the determination as to whether or not the deceased is man or ape. In this, I would rely on the counsel of qualified anthropologists.

Then, having made the determination, I would proceed as Prosecuting Attorney to charge the culprit appropriately.

In your letter, you accuse the Bigfoot of rape and other crimes against female persons.

We do not condone rape, molestation or kidnapping. Should a female person be the victim of such a crime, we would pursue the case with all of the resources at our command.

However, we would not permit an innocent Sasquatch to be tried and convicted simply because he has large feet and excessive body hair and because his frontal lobes are pushed back.

That is not the American way.

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT K. LEICK
Prosecuting Attorney and
Ex-Officio County Coroner

SKAMANIA CO. PIONEER,

Stevenson, WA

March 27, 1981

New life for old prank?

By Bill Novak
Of The Review Staff

The Loch Ness Monster could have company right here in Sheboygan County.

A vacationing Illinois resident claims that he watched a large, dark object moving through the waters of Big Elkhart Lake last summer, an object that had the shape and size of a prehistoric sea serpent.

Leonard Wopher, a retired industrialist from Bramford, Ill., told The Review that he saw the creature on two occasions in July of 1980, the second time with his wife Katherine at his side to corroborate his story.

Wopher stopped in Plymouth last week on his way to Green Bay for the 40th class reunion of Lincoln high school, a school that closed in 1958.

He felt that it was time to come forward with his story, since there are indications now that another serpent has been sighted in Lake Champlain in New York.

Reports have surfaced from time to time about strange creatures in the seas, the most famous being the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland. Is there a remote possibility that such a creature could be living in Big Elkhart Lake?

According to two researchers at San Diego State university in California, it is possible for a large, plant-eating reptile to have survived for thousands of years in the waters of Elkhart Lake.

Dr. Thomas Beane, chief researcher, and Dr. Charles Cecil, associate director, at the institute for prehistoric reptilian life at San Diego State, said there is a chance the story told by Wopher is true.

Beane and Cecil stated that reptilian life from the paleozoic age could survive this long. "A coelacanth fish, thought to have been extinct for 70 million years, was found alive in 1939, and the shark has been on this earth for the past 40 million years," Cecil added.

Wopher recreated the scene that happened last summer for The Review:

"It happened during the second week of July, while I was out fishing at night on Elkhart Lake.

"I had my rod dangling over the side of the boat, and there was a small light shining at the back of the boat. It was about 11 p.m., and I was just about to pull in, when I heard the water swirling behind the boat.

"I thought it might be a big

one, so I reeled my line in so I could cast it behind the boat. All of a sudden, I saw this large, black hump come out of the water, maybe 50 feet away.

"The hump was shiny, and you could see three or four protrusions coming out of it. It was moving slowly to the west, cutting across the stern of my boat.

"A few seconds later, a head popped out of the water about 10 feet in front of the hump. The head wasn't that big, maybe a foot long and eight inches across. There were two big eyes at the top of the head.

"The whole thing was over in a matter of seconds, maybe 15 seconds at the most. I was spellbound by the sight of this monster, so I didn't make any attempt to pull away from it.

"When the creature went under the surface, little whirlpools were formed, and my boat rocked back and forth. I took a few moments to compose myself, and then went back to shore."

Wopher was not sure that night what he had seen, or even if it was just his imagination creeping up on him on a warm night in July.

He told his wife about the creature when he returned to the cottage they were staying at, but she was quite skeptical of the whole thing.

"I told him he was dreaming, and that he just made up the story so he would have something to tell our grandchildren when we went back to Illinois," Katherine Wopher said.

Wopher went to bed with the uneasy feeling of knowing what he saw, but not being able to convince anyone else that something was in the lake.

The next morning, the Wophers went out on the lake to go fishing. They worked around the entire perimeter of the lake and criss-crossed the middle a few times, but there was no sign of the creature.

That night, however, it made a return appearance.

"We were both sitting on the pier, watching the water and relaxing," Mrs. Wopher said. "It was still a little bit light outside, so we could see clearly into the water."

At approximately 8:20 p.m., the Wophers noticed a large, moving shadow in the water. "It was about 100 feet off of the pier, and it seemed to be about 30 feet long," Mrs. Wopher said.

Katherine stayed on the pier watching the object, while Leonard went back to the cottage to get his camera, in case the creature surfaced.

"By the time I got back to the pier, it was gone," Wopher said. "My wife said the creature raised its head and about four feet of its body out of the water for five seconds, then disappeared under the surface."

The Wophers stayed for another two days at Big Elkhart Lake, and didn't have any contact with the creature the rest of their stay.

They didn't tell anyone about the incidents, fearing that they would be laughed at. "I know it sounds crazy, but I know what I saw," Wopher said.

Could a serpent like the one described by the Wophers have any chance of living in Big Elkhart Lake?

Beane and Cecil both felt that the odds are against it, but considering the depth of the lake and the long stretch of cold weather when a creature could remain dormant, there is a possibility of some form of prehistoric life existing in the lake.

"The most logical explanation I could give is that the creature, or an egg of the species, was deposited in the lake basin when the glaciers crept down over Wisconsin thousands of years ago," Cecil said.

According to Beane, serpents could have existed in Hudson Bay in Canada for millions of years. "When the ice age came, a creature could have been put into a state of suspended animation by the sudden frigid conditions, and could have been carried along in the glacier, until the glacier stopped advancing and the ice melted," Beane said.

Through the gradual warming of the water, the creature could have revived from its extended state of dormancy.

Cecil felt, however, that the egg theory is a more plausible answer. "A fertilized egg of the serpent could have been frozen in the glacier and deposited in Big Elkhart Lake," he said. "Over the course of time, the egg would have warmed and the tiny reptile inside would be thrust into a new environment."

If that was the case, this sea creature would be thousands of years old by now. Is that possible?

"Anything is possible in the plant and animal world," Beane said. "Some trees are more than 5,000 years old. If the serpent subsisted on the plant growth in the lake, and spent a good part of every year in a state of hibernation with the body in a very relaxed state, a creature could indeed survive this long."

Have there been any other sightings of the creature in Big Elkhart Lake?

When local residents were contacted by The Review, most laughed and said the only creatures they saw were panfish getting fat off of the worms fed to them by anglers.

One old-timer of the area, however, said he did know of an incident that happened in the late 1940's. The man wished to remain anonymous.

"Back then, we'd get hundreds of college kids in town during the summer mainly from the Chicago area," he said.

"One night, a bunch of guys from Loyola thought it would be fun to pull a prank on the fishermen out on the lake. They rigged up a bunch of old tires and stretched some green canvas over the tires, making a long cylinder about 30 feet long.

"The cylinder didn't float too well, so they put balloons inside the tires. The balloons didn't fill the cylinder, so there were sections that were out of the water, and other parts that stayed underwater.

"After a whoop-de-do party, the boys pushed the 'creature' into the lake. The wind started to carry it across the lake before they had a chance to put a rope on it, so they waved goodbye to it and went back to the party.

"The whole incident probably would have ended there, if the balloons inside the thing burst and the 'creature' sank to the bottom.

"But as fate would have it, the damn thing floated clear out to the middle of the lake. One guy from Milwaukee who was out on the lake fishing, and had a half-case of beer for supper, heard something coming up behind him.

"When he turned around, he saw this huge green thing bobbing in the water. The beer probably changed his perception about the creature, because he screamed and jumped overboard, thinking the monster was going to eat his boat.

"He left the boat right there, and swam about 250 feet to another fishing boat, a boat I happened to be in. We thought the guy was either crazy or drunk or both, but we pulled him in and went back to shore.

"He called the sheriff's department, but no one believed his story so they didn't send a deputy out. The next day, he was sitting at a local bar and overheard a group of guys talking about the creature they built. After he gave the kids a tongue-lashing for scaring the heck out of him, he forgot about it and so did everyone else."

Until now, that is. "It might have been a prank, but I don't know," Wopher said. "Those eyes and that skin looked too real to be a prank."

Soviets may have discovered lost continent of Atlantis

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet oceanographers say they may have discovered the lost continent of Atlantis on the seabed several hundred miles west of Portugal.

Andrei Monin, director of research aboard the Soviet vessel Akademik Kurchatov, said scientists based their hypothesis on "mysterious structures" seen in 460 photographs taken of sunken Ampere Mountain, 450 miles west of the Straits of Gibraltar, between Portugal and Madeira Island.

"In a number of pictures of the northeastern part of the summit, [researchers] discerned rectangular structures. On one of the photos, we can see rectangular plates (one yard) wide rising from bottom," the Tass news agency quoted Monin as writing in the Soviet magazine Earth and

Universe.

"The position of plates, individual blocks, as well the regular shape of the plates photographed, may testify to their artificial origin," Monin said.

Describing the stonework, he said, "Its surface is divided with equal seams." He said the photographs show "a stone wall (18 inches) wide, made out of blocks."

"On other photos, one can see a plate having a regular form and joining rectangular blocks. All the plates and walls can be clearly seen on the photos," Monin said.

Two years ago, Soviet scientists said a diving bell lowered from the vessel Akademik Kurchatov took eight photographs of Ampere which showed "vestiges of walls and

stairways" similar to those described by Monin.

The Soviet researchers cautiously theorized then that the ruins might be of Atlantis, the sunken continent referred to by the ancient Greek philosopher Plato. Plato's works described a highly developed civilization.

"Archaeologists, after studying the pictures, expressed the theory that they were the remains of ancient stonework," Tass said.

Monin said his research ship made its most recent voyage to follow up similar evidence of Atlantis discovered in 1976 by the Soviet vessel Moscow University.

There are dozens of theories on the possible location of Atlantis and societies seeking to find it have formed in numerous countries and undertaken searches.

Mystery beast is spotted by a family

A new sighting has been reported of the mysterious animal — thought to be a puma — which has been spotted several times in the Wolverhampton area.

The animal was seen on the Perton estate in Wolverhampton by a family of four who were having their Sunday lunch. Police officers searched the area after the family reported the sighting, but saw no trace of the animal. "The family were quite convinced that they did see it and I believe them," said a police spokesman.

The family, who live in Rockingham Drive, were sitting at their dining room window, which looks out on partly built houses, when they spotted the animal. Nearby is a partly built house which has scaffolding about two-thirds of the way up the outside walls.

They saw the animal walking along the scaffolding and it then jumped through an open window into the house. They said the animal was about four feet long and dark brown. It had a cat-like head and ears and a long tail.

The sightings of the animal began in July last year and it has been reported in Compton, Aldersley, Lower Penn and Wombourne.

Bigfoot gets Corps recognition

By JIM DULLENTY

Herold Staff Writer

Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, exists! Just ask the Army Corps of Engineers!

After more than 160 years of reported sightings, Bigfoot finally has become official.

The Corps, known better for its dam building, is the only federal agency to officially recognize the "man-beast," according to its Walla Walla District publication, the Intercom.

What's more surprising, the Corps bases its conclusions on at least two reported sightings in the Tri-Cities area.

In a recent issue, the Intercom reported, "Although most federal agencies scoff at the existence of Bigfoot, the Corps lists the creature as one of the native species in Washington State" in the Corps' Washington Environmental Atlas.

Mitch Barker, who wrote the Intercom article, said the information on a Richland sighting was from a 1968 book by John Green called "On the Track of Sasquatch."

Barker's article also referred to a sighting reported

since 1968 at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers. Barker said that came from a Corps map supplied by the Seattle office.

Green said in his book he was "startled to learn that people had been seeing Sasquatches in the orchard country of the Yakima Valley and also in the Tri-Cities area."

"Nearly all of these reports concerned a white creature reportedly over seven feet tall. Close to Richland and far from any mountains, this creature had frequented an unused gravel pit where it was seen repeatedly by groups of teenagers."

"Renae (his wife) and I talked to several of these boys during our winter trip in 1967 and found that they sounded convincing," Green wrote.

"We also learned firsthand that at least some of their parents had known what was going on. But neither they nor the authorities did anything about it."

The Tri-City Herald in 1975 recalled a sighting which it said was at a West Rich-

land gravel quarry during the fall of 1964.

A 27-year-old Richland man said he and two others saw a 9-foot, 700-pound Bigfoot. The man was not identified, but he was described in 1975 as a Pasco salesman.

He said he was 17 at the time and a Richland High School student. There was talk around school that some students had seen something like a white bear at the quarry.

"Two friends and I decided to take a drive up here just to check it out," the salesman said. "We were familiar with the quarry, which is just an open, rocky pit. We got out of the car and walked around for a few minutes when suddenly we saw a shadow from above."

He said the boys looked up to see an enormous, heavily built beast, which they watched for about three minutes.

"At first we could only make out a silhouette against the sky, but then, with the help of the lights from the city below, we were able to see it was an

ape-like animal, grayish hair."

The thing broke into a run and disappeared. The three fled. The next morning they returned to find 15-inch footprints in the soft, sandy soil.

The late Roger Patterson, a Bigfoot tracker from Yakima, interviewed the three and theorized the creature had made his way from the Cascade Mountains along the Yakima River.

Barker, in his Intercom article, noted that alleged Sasquatch hair samples inspected by the FBI resulted in the conclusion that no such hair exists on any human or presently known animal.

Still, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refuses to recognize the existence of Bigfoot and won't place it on its endangered species list, Barker said.

So, the Corps may be Bigfoot's only salvation. The first step in placing an animal on the list is to recognize it exists, Barker said.

"The only federal agency to do so to date is the Corps."



This drawing accompanies an article in the Army Corps of Engineers' Intercom newspaper that declares Sasquatch officially exists.

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Man Says Marks Are Yeti Tracks

Giant footprints in the snows of the High Uintas are perhaps those of "Big Foot," a Pleasant Grove man reports. Leonard Howlett and his son, Lester, first spotted the prints early in January at their logging camp in the Uinta Mountains.

A professional logger long familiar with the mountainous terrain there, Howlett said he could not explain the prints in any other way. He discounted any possibility of them being made by bear and mountain lion nor by moose which live in the area.

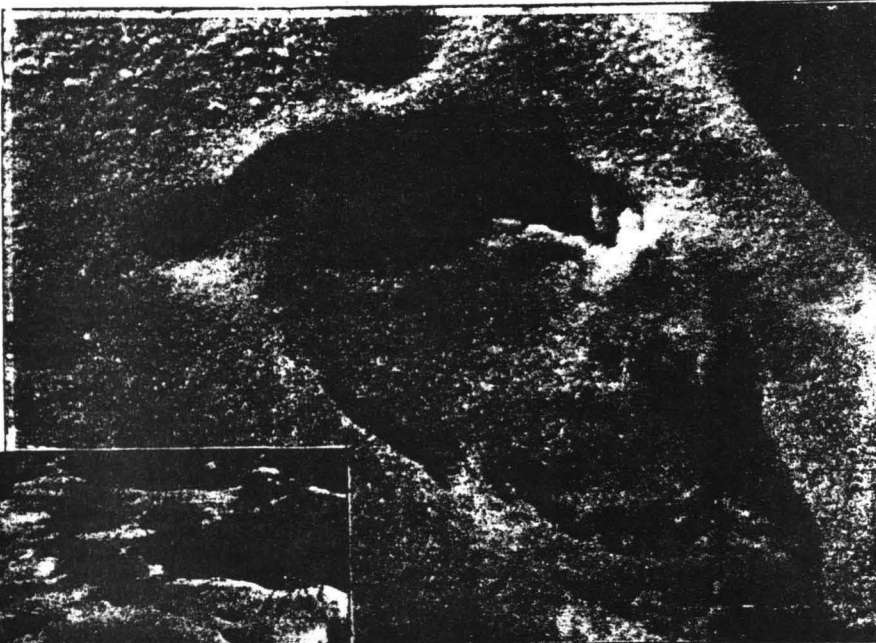
Howlett said he has always scoffed at reports of "Big Foot" or "Sasquatch," as the legendary creature is often called. He explained that he has been a logger or a cowboy in the region for many years and had never seen anything which could be construed as "Big Foot." That is, until the huge prints were located recently.

He said there were two sets of tracks about six feet apart. The prints measured 19 inches from heel to tip of toe and were more than 11 inches across at the widest point. The stride measured 54 inches. Many of the prints showed distinct toe, instep, heel and ball of foot imprints. These types of marks would not have been made by snowshoes either, he said.

Howlett reported that during the evening before the first prints were found, there was a sound of crashing in the willows, a sound of something being beaten and a grunt or a growl.

The Howletts followed the prints for some distance before returning to camp to finish logging as Lester had to get back to school.

A second trip to the camp two weeks later found the first prints



CLOSEUP of one of the giant prints found in the snow of the high Uintas recently (above). Giant footprints in the snow of the Uinta Mountains with the comparative size of a normal man nearby (left). Leonard Howlett Pleasant Grove, attempts to measure the huge prints found at his logging camp in the Uintas (below).

covered with fresh snow although some new prints were seen but filled in somewhat with drifted snow. A beaver carcass was found which had been picked clean much as a man would do to a chicken, Howlett said.

Howlett plans to return to the area soon with hopes the creature will become accustomed to him and perhaps let themselves be seen.



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'Big Foot': Chinese Hot on the Trail

By MICHAEL PARKS,
Times Staff Writer

PEKING—Zhou Xiangqun was gathering wild herbs on the edge of the forest in the Shennongjia Mountains one bright morning late last summer when she felt someone staring at her.

She raised her eyes slowly and saw a hairy, apelike man watching her intensely from perhaps 60 feet away. Both unbelieving and frightened, she summoned her courage and looked again to see that the creature, perhaps 7 feet tall, covered with reddish fur and with long, swinging arms, had moved closer.

What to do? Was this some daytime nightmare? She looked up a third time, to see that he was no more than four or five feet away.

Zhou hesitated no longer and fled to her home two-thirds of a mile away. Other peasants quickly armed themselves and raced to the forest. But the wild man was gone.

All this might have been dismissed by Chinese authorities as the product of the vivid imagination of a girl affected by peasant stories of apelike men said by legend to inhabit the Shennongjia Mountain forests—were it not for the clear, 12-inch-long footprints the creature had left in the moist earth.

These were smaller, about two-thirds the size, but similar to the footprints scientists have collected in a search for the "wild man" of the Shennongjia Mountains of Hubei province in east-central China.

'No Longer Superstition'

Through the winter, spring and summer, search teams had collected footprints, hair and feces. They found what appeared to be two recent nests and they listened to peasant stories of amiable, furry giants.

But Zhou's encounter was a breakthrough—a reliable sighting, confirmed with footprints and a trail that led deep into the forest.

"We are on the track now," a team leader told Chinese newsmen. "We are certain we are no longer dealing with something that is part or even wholly superstition."

Huang Wanpo, a researcher at the Academy of Sciences Institute of Paleontology and Vertebrate Paleontology, found support in the first year's results for his theory that the "wild man" was "man's next of kin in the evolutionary line."

Huang had theorized, without much support from fellow scientists, that the "wild man" was a descendant of the giant ape. Chinese archeologists have found giant ape fossils that go back 200,000 years. The heavily forested, 10,000-foot Shennongjia Mountains, with an adjacent 7,000-foot plateau and deep valleys, may have made it possible, Huang argued, for an otherwise extinct species to live on in small numbers, and he had urged the institute to sponsor the five-year effort to capture one of the creatures.

Like the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas or "Big Foot," the

hairy giant of the U.S. Pacific Northwest, the "wild man" of Hubei has always had his believers—there are accounts of him throughout China's 4,000 years of recorded history—but most Chinese scientists have been skeptical that they were dealing with anything but a giant baboon or perhaps an unknown species of bear.

Analysis of the 2,000 fresh footprints, hair, feces and nests found over the past year in the first full-scale effort to track down the "wild man" has convinced even the skeptics that he is neither bear nor ape—nor purely human.

Most of the footprints are about 18 inches long and show very long strides, often more than six feet when he lopes through the forest.

The size and impact of the footprints indicate that, fully grown, the "wild man" is about 8½ feet tall and

'Green thing' sparks rumors

By MICHAEL BURKE
Staff Writer

NEW KENSINGTON — Along the railroad tracks by Constitution Boulevard and North Street, a young woman saw a group of people pointing to a dark opening in a sewer drain.

"How come everyone keeps gathering here?" she asked.

"There's a monster down there," said Bill Menhart, 13.

Menhart knows. He said he was one of the four boys who saw a green thing hiding by the sewer drain last Saturday night.

One of the four, an 11-year-old New Kensington boy, told police he grabbed the short creature from behind, but it squealed and escaped.

"It looked like a baby dinosaur, a lizard, about two feet," Menhart said. "It has a big tail."

Since the teenage boys made their report to police, rumors about a green man or strange creature arising from the sewers have spread through Arnold and New Kensington like fire in a haystack.



Police have been besieged by phone calls from worried parents who heard reports their children brought home from school.

Most people were taking the reports with a sense of humor, however. A postal carrier walking by the tracks smiled when she saw

the group around the hole. "Is that where that little green thing is supposed to be?" she asked.

Taking the reports more seriously is Bob Goerman, a UFO buff who researches unexplained phenomena. Goerman has spent much of the past two days walking the tracks in New Kensington and Arnold searching for evidence.

"I think if it exists, it's moving upriver," he speculated.

Goerman is convinced the creature is harmless. However, his sketch of what was supposedly seen by the boys looks like the creature from the black lagoon.

After learning of the report from Arnold police, he laid out apple slices by the sewer opening. Why? Because creatures like this seem to go for fruit, he explained.

The technique did not work, however. "The rats and rabbits got the fruit," Goerman said.

The 11-year-old boy who supposedly collared the beast from behind with a full nelson has given police a drawing (reprinted here) of what he encountered.

Arnold Chief William Clark said the creature was described as about 3-feet-tall, two arms and a tail, and hunched over on two legs. Contrary to some rumors of a green, slimy thing, Clark said the animal reportedly had dry, thick skin.

The boy's mother said her son came home to tell what had frightened them and she noticed a foul odor on the front of his coat. "It smelt like a dirty fish tank," she said.

"It's wild the way the kids are acting," she said. One pudgy child reportedly crawled into the sewer, got stuck and began screaming with fear. Someone had to go in and pull him out by his foot, she said.

According to Goerman, two Arnold patrolmen investigating the boys' report looked into the large sewer drain with a flashlight and saw two yellowish eyes looking out. One of the patrolmen who saw the eyes suggested it might have been a cat.

No adults have reported seeing the green thing, but the story has caught people's imaginations. On Monday night, some 40 to 100 people, mostly teens and children, visited the site, some reportedly armed with clubs, flashlights, rocks and pellet guns.

"It looked like a circus was in town," said one Arnold policeman.

Officially at least, police remain skeptical of the report. "I think a few people want to get on 'That's Incredible,'" a New Kensington policeman said.

"Right now, we're treating it as a fable," Clark added. "We're still investigating to see if an animal came out of the sewer."

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Woman Draws Power From Outer Space

By JOHN M. LAVINE
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CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP)

— According to modern physics, heavy gauge stainless steel cannot be bent by a person who never touches the metal but merely thinks "bend."

Wrong.
This Wisconsin daily newspaper publisher and our senior editor went to Minneapolis to test psychic Greta Woodrew, a 50-year old mother of four who, like her husband, runs a successful business.

Mrs. Woodrew demonstrated the powers she says are assisted by beings from many light years away.

We brought her two exceptionally heavy stainless steel spoons which nested perfectly, one on the other.

Holly Meier — by nature a salty, skeptical editor for 35 years — held the spoons in his hand. Mrs. Woodrew never touched them. She concentrated and said "bend." Meier opened his hand. One of the spoons had been bent sharply.

Looking at another spoon, Mrs. Woodrew caused it to bend upwards at the shank while it lay before us on a table. Later, she caused a fork to twist and its tines to bend.

We were told that the editor-in-chief of Macmillan, the major publishing firm, saw the Westport, N.Y., woman twist metal. Next week Macmillan will publish her book, "On a Slide of Light."

During our interview, Mrs.

Woodrew asked Meier to draw a picture in his hard-cover reporter's notebook, which he did while sitting apart from everyone in the room. When he had finished, Meier closed the notebook, and Mrs. Woodrew described the picture exactly.

Her powers, she says, are assisted by the ETIs — extra terrestrial intelligences from a planet called Ogatta — and are intended only to attract other people's attention to a message for mankind.

The ETIs, according to Mrs. Woodrew, predict that by the year 2000 world-wide natural disasters will kill between one-quarter and 40 percent of the earth's population — nearly two billion people.

Yet, later in the day she told an audience of corporate presidents that "more than 20 advanced civilizations are ready to help Planet Earth."

"These ETIs are benign," she said. "They will not harm us nor dictate to us. They will respect man's free will....they will come in light-powered spacecraft....We on Earth will be the beneficiaries of new technologies, new means of communications, new ways of handling our existence."

Mrs. Woodrew says she has been tested by Dr. Andrija Puharich, whom she describes as one of the world's foremost authorities on paranormal phenomena.

She also said she does not accept money for her lectures and will turn over the proceeds of the book to the Space Technology and Research Foundation.

weighs about 550 pounds, according to a field report to the Institute of Paleontology and Vertebrate Paleontology in Peking.

The footprints are human in general form except that the oval-shaped big toe turns outward, scientists from the institute said.

His hair is more like that of the great apes than a bear but has certain characteristics of that of humans.

Two piles of excrement, found while still warm, showed him to be omnivorous, eating both bamboo shoots like the giant panda and small wild animals found in the forest.

He frequently makes a nest of woven bamboo, but moves into some of the 10-foot-tall caves of the Shennongjia Mountains in winter weather.

But none of the scientists on the search teams sighted

one of the creatures, who are now thought to live in several small tribes, despite traveling back and forth more than 4,000 miles to cover 580 square miles in the Shennongjia Mountains. And no photographs have ever been taken of one.

Still, a newsreel documentary film made of the Academy of Sciences search over the past year has proved to be a sensation among Chinese, who are fascinated with monsters, real and legendary, and newspapers here have chronicled the Shennongjia expedition at length.

There was also a report of an attempt by a Shanghai scientist to create an "apeman," inseminating a female chimpanzee with human sperm. The fetus was kept alive in the chimp's womb, Chinese news media reported, until Red Guards destroyed the laboratory in 1967 during the Cultural Revolution.