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HERALD, Uniontown, PA - April 17, 1981

UFO still a mystery

Reports of a UFO in the Fairchance area Wednesday night will probably remain unconfirmed for a while.

Dr. Paul Johnson, assistant director of the Pennsylvania Center of UFO Research, said questionnaires will be sent to any witnesses who called in sightings.

"Until we get the questionnaires, we usually don't do anything," he said. Those who would like to fill out a report can telephone the center at 863-3874.

Witnesses described the phenomenon, spotted from 10:30 to 11 p.m., as a series of lights in a diamond-shaped configuration. Although there were clear skies at the time, there were some discrepancies among reports as to the color of the lights. They were described as either blue, green, red, or white.

"It was very well constructed," said police officer Jack Flowers of Fairchance.

Residents were still comparing notes on the weird object yesterday.

Control towers at Morgantown Municipal and Greater Pitt airports were unable to provide any clues last night.

"We don't keep track of that," said a Greater Pitt spokesman. "I can't remember if there were any aircraft in that area at that time."

The UFO Center will review witnesses' reports before deciding whether or not to send a field representative to the area.

But Johnson said there might be problems in obtaining unbiased reports. "A lot of people who saw this knew one another. A lot of times, people talk to each other and give each other ideas about what they saw. It's usually better if you have sightings from different areas."

Calls to the center came from Fairchance, Uniontown and Morgantown W.Va.

LITTLE RIVER NEWS, Ashdown, AR - Feb. 5, 1981 CR: B. Leet

Ben Lomond residents report troubled aircraft; no sightings

Law enforcement officials in Sevier County decided not to continue searching for a possible aircraft which may have gone down near Ben Lomond about 8:15 p.m. Tuesday.

A Sevier County deputy decided the reports concerned a low flying aircraft which never touched down and declined the assistance of Little River County's Rescue

Unit and the Arkansas Game & Fish officers.

Little River County Emergency Services Coordinator Tommy Lowery said Jerry Day was driving north on Highway 71 from Wilton to Ben Lomond and saw five or six lights go down near Ben Lomond. Lowery also said Larry Thrash and Freida Day heard a noise similar to an

aircraft. Mrs. Day reported the incident to the Little River County dispatcher about 8:15 p.m. and saw lights in a field west of Ben Lomond.

The Sevier County deputy declined the offer of using four-wheel drive vehicles from the Game and Fish officers or the use of a Weyerhaeuser Co. helicopter for an aerial search.

Lowery said he called the state Office of Emergency Services to determine if any flights were over Ben Lomond either civilian or military and they received no confirmation of any flights.

Deputies in Howard County also reported seeing the lights about 7:30 p.m. headed west and the noise sounded like an aircraft engine "having trouble."

The brief search was called off by the Sevier County deputy and no plans were made for any additional searches.

MONTGOMERY JOURNAL, Chevy Chase, MD - March 25, 1981

A UFO Over Bethesda?

By Mike M. Ahlers
Journal Staff Writer

A drum-roll, please.
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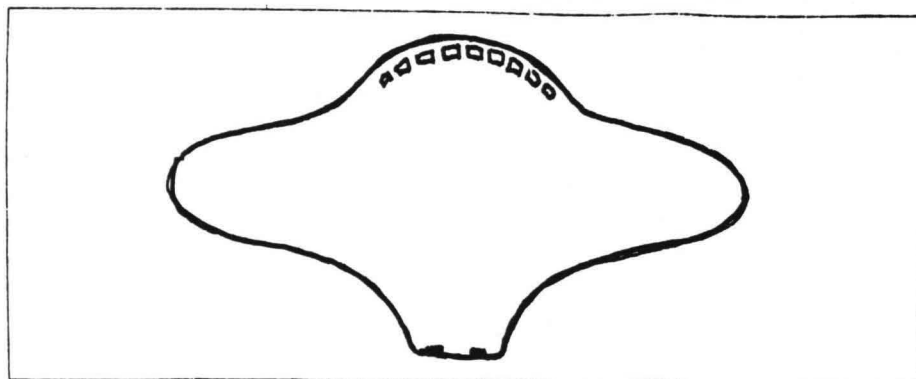
It was just a week ago Sunday when Bethesda's Martin Buxbaum — best known for his 25-years of editing Hot Shoppe's restaurant's "Table Talk" — was driving on Wilson Lane with his wife and noticed the unusual object silhouetted against the dark blue evening sky.

The object had the wingspan of a 747 but was flying low, he says. It was accented by a row of square windows in the front and two "cherry red" exhaust lights to the rear.

But most mysterious of all, the object made no sound at all as it continued a straight north-to-south flight cutting diagonally across the path of the car, finally becoming obscured by some trees, Buxbaum said. Nor did it have port or starboard lights as required by planes flying at night.

Buxbaum, author of nine poetry books and a freelance writer whose stories have appeared in numerous publications including the *National Enquirer*, had time to pull the car over by Pyle Jr. High School and both he and his wife got a good look at the object, which he estimates was flying at an altitude of 1000 feet and speed of 100 mph.

He is certain that it was a UFO in that it was unidentified, it was



This is Martin Buxbaum's drawing of an object he claims to have seen flying in the skies above Bethesda one Sunday evening.

flying and it was an object. But beyond that he isn't certain what it was.

"I think it's man made," Buxbaum said. "I think it's an experimental aircraft and they're trying it out at night. For some reason they don't want it seen."

Who "they" are is not exactly clear, but Buxbaum suggests it may have come from nearby military bases or even a private airport. Nor is it clear why "they" don't want it seen.

But Buxbaum said he saw it and is hoping others will come forward with an explanation. That "would make me feel better — that I hadn't blown my cork," he said.

"Neither my wife nor I drink and our eyesight is good."

Upon returning home, Buxbaum drew a sketch of the object and began listening to the news to see if others had seen the mysterious flying object.

If anyone did see it, they haven't reported it to the police, county police said yesterday. Ironically, one of the last UFO sightings in the county was reported by three Germantown district policemen who saw an object about 60 to 75 feet across and with no clear definition making quick 90-degree turns in the skies above Gaithersburg.

Nor has anyone reported the latest sighting to the Center for UFO

Studies in Evanston, Ill., a clearinghouse for UFO information. The most recent sighting in the Washington area was a March 8 sighting by an Adelphi woman. Researchers at the UFO center believe she saw a lighted advertising plane. They had no quick explanation for the Buxbaum sighting but said they would look into it.

Dr. Jay Allen Hynek, director of the center, said the center usually receives between two and four reported sightings a night "but most of them can be explained," he said.

"Only about one out of 10 are really puzzling," he said. "Everything that glitters is not a UFO."

DAILY NEWS, Irving, TX
Feb. 8, 1981

Family says UFO sounded like 'a lot of bees'

One Irving family slept a little uneasily Friday night.

Carolyn Cantero and her two sons, Lee, 12, and Paul, 15, were watching television in their apartment when they were disturbed by a UFO.

"About 7:30 the TV messed up," she said. "A bright light flooded in through the patio door. The patio was lit up like the porch light was on."

"All three of us ran outside and saw this huge thing flying along about as high as an airplane would be. It was like nothing I've ever seen. The light was so bright ... and blinking so fast ... like a strobe light."

She said they ran around their building onto the service road of Irving Boulevard near Story so they could watch the thing's progress as it went south and disappeared beyond the horizon.

What was it?
If you know, call us at 836-8161.

EVENING NEWS, Southbridge, MA - April 8, 1981 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO sighted in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — An unidentified flying object, brightly lit and moving at high speed, last night was reported sighted over Cedar Lake.

Two 15-year-old girls of Fairgrounds Road reported the sighting to police at 9:30 p.m.

The girls, Penny Ferraro and Michelle Perrault, both of Fairgrounds Road, said they were playing cards in Ferraro's home when they saw a bright light over the lake. When they went out to look they saw a round, or oval-shaped

object, with lights on the top and middle, which moved upward at a sharp angle and a high rate of speed and disappeared into the west.

Deputy Chief Stanley Parzych interviewed the girls, who drew a diagram of the object.

Shaped Similar to this:

Lights:



There WAS something out there

The difference is one between knowing what you're seeing and knowing what it is you've seen, which is why red-haired Mrs. Louis Ferraro could make perfect sense standing in her kitchen in Sturbridge last Thursday afternoon saying, "It was something. I don't know what it was, but it was something."

Something has had the Ferraro household buzzing for the better part of a week now. Police have come up to ask questions and sketch sketches. Reporters have knocked panelessly on their screen door. Uncles and friends have called and made funny Star Trekian noises over the telephone.

Whatever-it-was flew over their house last Tuesday night while mom was in one room watching Masada, pop was in another watching Gator, and the family dog was fast asleep. If 15-year-old Penny and her friend Michelle Perreault weren't playing rummy at the kitchen counter, and if brother Louis hadn't taken out the garbage earlier in the evening and left the front curtain in front of the sliding glass doors opened, it might have smacked right past unnoticed.

Granted, huge oval-shaped flying objects that move faster than a speeding bullet with a glow that could light a baseball stadium shouldn't be easy to miss. On the other hand, there are a lot of people — rock-collectors, typists, and the like — who spend a lot of time looking earthward these days.

The Ferraros don't know yet what it was that buzzed them, but they think they know what it wasn't. It wasn't a helicopter, unless someone has invented a model that glows amber and orange and flies propeller-less.

Steve Varnum



It wasn't one of the jets that frequently roar over the area on their way to Westover Air Force Base. It had no wings, tail, or flashing lights. Besides, those jets never fail to scramble both the family dog's brain and the television reception at the Ferraros, and both were as un-jangled and serene as the spring Cedar Lake waters Tuesday night.

This something was round, Michelle and Penny agree. It was big and round and ringed with lights and had an extremely bright white dome. It moved quickly and silently, passing over the house

from behind the tallest pine tree on the other side of the lake in seconds. By the time the girls shrieked to pappa Louis and made it out the sliding glass door to the porch, it was overhead and climbing rapidly.

People who report UFO sightings come in two varieties, or 55 fewer than the Heinz soup cans some of these crafts are supposed to resemble. The first is travelers of lonely wooded roads. The second is young girls, whose flights of fancy are prone to being nearly as far-flung as the sights they claim to see.

So when Sturbridge police received the phone call, "Is this where you call to report a UFO?" Michelle deadpanned, they didn't respond at first. Only after Penny called back to see if anyone else had reported a sighting did officer Stanley Parzych drive out to

Fairground Road, take their statements and allow that, well, yes, he'd seen a UFO himself back in the '60s.

Penny Ferraro, a pretty, petite brunette, says that reaction was much more sympathetic than most of the ones she got at school the day after the story hit the newspapers. "What were you on that night?" "What was in that milk you were drinking?" "Been seeing little green men?" were more typical.

Except for the lad who listened to the story wide-eyed. An obvious believer. "Why didn't you shoot it so it would stop?" he asked.

"It was kind of exciting, because it just kept going. If it stopped, I would have died," Penny said.

"Afterwards, we were looking for it. We saw a huge star, but when we went out later, it was gone," Michelle, the quiet one whose braces produced a shining smile, added.

The Ferraros are still trying to figure out what their something was. Michelle, who believed in flying saucers to begin with, and Penny, who didn't are convinced. Mr. Ferraro, who didn't see it until it was seconds — and miles — away, isn't sure. Mrs. Ferraro is still skeptical. And son Louis says, "You still tellin' those flying saucer stories?"

"And, think," Mrs. Ferraro was saying, "If my son hadn't opened the curtain to put the garbage out..."

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UFO Seen Hovering Over Treetops

HERSHEY — Derry Township police said today an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting was reported by two area women driving along Sandhill Road, Hershey.

According to Police Chief Donald Hack, the two women observed what they described as "a hovering vehicle twice the size of a house and absolutely silent" just above the trees near the Hilltop Store about 10:30 p.m. last Thursday. The sighting was not reported to police until Friday afternoon, however.

Hack did not identify the women, but said

they were driving in "a personal vehicle" along Sandhill Road when they saw something very large hovering just above trees ahead of them.

They pulled to the side of the road to get a better look at what they first believed to be a helicopter, Hack said, then realized there was no sound from the craft.

As described by the two women, Hack said the aircraft was "twice the size of a house, with numerous brightly-colored lights and antennae-like projections covering most of the craft's surface." It moved away at great speed, but sideways rather

than in the manner of a conventional aircraft, Hack said the women told him.

Hack reported the incident to the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Ill., where Cmdr. Robert Hipp, a field representative, told the police chief he will investigate.

"This is our usual procedure," Hack said. "We report any UFO sightings—or reported sightings—to the center and they take it from there."

He added there had been no other sightings reported to township police this year, but "there was one, at least, during 1980." Hack said he could not recall the details of the latter sighting.

Pawleys Man Encounters UFO In Sky

By ETHELYN MISSROON

A former military man who saw service in Vietnam, saw something about 11 p.m. Sunday that surpassed all of the experiences he had during that conflict.

Doug Nelson, Pawleys Island resident who served as a medic in some of the Vietnamese battle areas, said that he and a friend were sitting talking at a playground when suddenly the area was bathed in a bright white light.

"It lit up the whole area," he said. "It was really strange."

"Did you see that?" he asked his friend and he replied. "I surely did."

Doug glanced over his left shoulder and that was when he saw the source of the light...a tubular sort of thing hanging high above the tree tops.

It shot from a stationary position across the sky in a southerly direction in a matter of 45 seconds, Nelson said.

"It's hard to explain," he added. "I've seen all kinds of fire power in Vietnam and I never saw anything like that."

He said that there was bright moonlight but while the object shed a striking white light on the ground, as it streaked across the sky, it was shaded from red to bright orange.

He thought that he might have been viewing the space shuttle as it orbited across the United States, but according to news releases, the shuttle would have been viewable here only on Tuesday about 7:25 a.m.

Nelson, like virtually all who have been so fortunate...or unfortunate as to see one of these "UFOs," hesitated to reveal the experience and he seriously didn't wish to have his name printed.

"People are going to think I am some kind of nut," he said, "but I'm glad someone else saw it besides myself."

Aid like many others, Nelson is beginning to think that UFOs may have real substance of a native, rather than an alien, kind. "We must have something," he agreed when this theory was suggested.

Mike Rodger of Alpha said he saw an orangish ball coming out of the Delaware River near Martins Creek as he was driving on Route 611 recently. He said the light wobbled as it went up to about 250 yards. "It appeared to come out of the river and it

CR: P. Guttilla

EXPRESS, Easton, PA - April 20, 1981 Another UFO-spotter heard from

came down at a 30-degree cline," he said. "It didn't make a reaction with me until I saw the item in the paper." Rodger was referring to the article in last week's Newline telling of the UFO spotted by three Palmer Township boys.

Woman can't dismiss eerie UFO citing

It was a shallow valley in the hills — filled mostly with brown meadow grasses from last summer and sprinkled with growths of wiry sumac and with chokecherry trees that were just now beginning to blossom. Evening was coming on, and as we came over the rise that looked down into the valley we spotted a small herd of deer making for the woods on the other side.

"It's lovely," I said. From where we stood you could see East Grand Traverse Bay shining like a silver dish in the distance. "And this is where you saw it?"

Pat nodded, pointing to the southwest where a group of low wooded hills rose up against the darkening sky. "It's hard to tell distances," she said. "But it came from that direction. It was huge, and it was absolutely silent."

She was a small, slender woman in her late thirties or early forties, dressed in blue jeans and a blue jacket. She had long reddish-brown hair, a narrow face and almond-shaped eyes that gave her an oriental look even though they were blue. She had moved here with her children four years ago to find peace and quiet, she said — not to meet up with unidentified flying objects.

"I have real reservations about this thing," she said. Her 15-year-old daughter and a friend from school were with us, and they scampered down into the valley to look for traces of the strange thing they saw in the



Mike
Norton

sky on April 24. "I'd really just as soon forget about it — but I can't."

She had gone into town that night to pick up her daughter, she said. It was just before midnight, and they were driving up Five Mile Road when they spotted a pair of bright lights off to their left, just above the hills. They thought the lights belonged to a car at first, and when they realized there were no roads on the hilltop they decided it must be an airliner headed into Cherry Capital Airport. They kept driving up the road.

They had just passed Prouty Road and were nearing a grove of dark pines when the lights appeared again — this time on their right, and moving rapidly toward them. Both mother and daughter were sure it was a plane now, and were afraid it was about to crash into them. In a rush of panic, Pat stepped on the brakes.

But as the car stopped, so did the lights. "It was a standoff," she said. "It sat there looking at us, and we sat there looking at it. We stayed for five minutes or so — but it seemed like eternity. We were sort of in awe."

Behind the lights, Pat and her daughter could see a pair of batlike wings curving away on either side, covered with dozens of red, green and white lights. ("Like Christmas tree lights," her daughter said.) Though the windows of their car were rolled down, they could hear no sounds from the object at all. It simply hovered there.

"It was eerie, very eerie," she said. "But the strange thing is that once we realized it wasn't going to crash we felt very calm. It was a peaceful kind of meeting."

Then, at her daughter's urging, she began driving up the hill again — but the object began to move toward them, too, swooping in front of the car and then heading suddenly northward toward the bay. As it passed, her daughter caught a glimpse of its massive underbelly: dozens of bright-colored lights and a pair of what looked like large hatchway doors.

That was the last they saw of it. They drove up to the top of the hill to see if they could get a look at it as it flew away, but there was nothing to see.

"We went home and shook," she said. "I didn't know how to handle it. I knew it happened, I knew it wasn't a plane — but how do you talk about something like that? We were sort of in awe."

She called the sheriff's department, but the dispatcher on duty wasn't particularly interested. And the more Pat thought about what had happened

the less she wanted to let anybody else know. "I really think that if I hadn't had my daughter with me I'd have been able to talk myself out of it, convince myself it didn't happen," she said. "People look at you and say, 'Oh, you mean to say you think you saw something.' But I know what I saw."

Word got out anyway — mostly through her mother and daughter — and one by one other people began to admit that they, too, had seen such things. A woman who lived near Three Mile Road said she had been chased across a field one winter evening by something that looked very much like what Pat and her daughter had seen. One of her daughter's teachers said a bright light had swooped over his boat one night when he was fishing off Old Mission Point.

"It's as if a lot of people have seen these things, but nobody wants to mention it," she said, watching the girls walk through the brush below. "It makes you wonder."

"Have you ever thought about things like this before?" I asked. "You know, UFOs, space travel, that kind of thing?"

She nodded. "Sure, I've thought about them, maybe. I can't believe we're the only life in the universe. But it isn't something I dwell on, if that's what you mean. I've really never been interested in this stuff."

The sun was beginning to set, gently, over toward Traverse City. The girls were returning — they had found

a big fluffy dog that obviously wanted to play with them. From far away you could hear the sound of other dogs barking.

"I wish I could handle it the way my daughter does," said Pat. "Maybe I still can't accept it. But for her it's just as normal as... as normal as anything. But her daughter had cried a few nights ago when she tried to talk about the experience, and hadn't been able to sleep that night."

She hadn't asked me whether or not I believed her story. For that, I was grateful.

They must have seen something, I thought. But what was it? We walked back the way we had come, down to where the car was parked at the side of the road.

"I'd give a lot to have been there with the two of you that night," I said.

She laughed. "You're not the only one. If everybody who said that had actually been here, I'd have had to have driven a bus." She looked up and down the road, deserted and quiet now in the fading light.

"When I think of all the times I've driven up Five Mile Road," she said with a sigh. "Now it's all different. Whether I come here in the daytime or at night, it all feels different." She leaned against the car. "It's there, you know. When something like this happens to you, it's always with you afterward. You can't just put it away."

Mike Norton is a Record-Eagle staff writer.

UNION DEMOCRAT, Sonora, CA - May 22, 1981 CR: H. Berg

'Bright Lights' In Night Sky

At first it looked like a car's headlights on a mountainside.

Trouble was — no mountainside. Six Calaveras Asbestos employees working the graveyard shift at the plant below New Melones dam saw two diamond-shaped lights in the northern sky for the first time at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday.

The "bright clear lights" remained stationary for about five minutes, then began moving southward. As they moved there appeared two other lights, apparently on the back of the UFO, accompanied by a "yellow-orange" light.

They saw the object again this morning at about 3.

Both times it appeared to be about 1,000 feet overhead.

The six were in three separate areas of the plant when the sightings occurred. Several of them turned off their equipment Wednesday but heard no sound associated with the flying object.

When an airplane flew over Thursday morning, they could hear it.

All these reports were duly recorded by Marvin Taylor of Sonora, who is assistant director of the Northern California Mutual UFO network, an information-gathering organization.

"The six reports were very consistent," said Taylor who has received about 15 UFO reports during the last two months.

Taylor will relay the reports to four Air Force bases and several other installations today and tomorrow and ask whether they picked up anything odd on radar or if they had any planes in the area.

A sighting in the same area was reported several days ago by Jim Herberger. Taylor said more than half of the UFO's seen in this county are in that area.

Mount Sunapee UFO Supports Area Sightings

By DAVE COBURN
Valley News Staff Writer

EVANSTON, Ill. — The unidentified flying object (UFO) seen over Windsor last Wednesday may have come by way of Mount Sunapee, one of the nation's foremost UFO researchers said Tuesday.

According to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., a Hanover man driving in the Mount Sunapee area saw an airborne object about 10 minutes before an object was seen in the skies over Windsor.

The object, described as a huge triangle with red lights, appears to match the descriptions of several eyewitnesses who have reported sightings in the Windsor area.

Eugene A. Fucci, of Hanover, was driving to Concord on I-89 when he saw the object, Hynek said.

The object first appeared as "two huge bright stars" to the east, Fucci told Hynek.

When he first noticed the lights they were stationary, he said, but then "one of the stars seemed to fall several miles straight down" and begin moving on a westward path.

As it approached, the UFO took on the appearance of a huge metal triangle with several red lights on the side and a very bright, high-intensity white light on the leading edge, Fucci reportedly said.

Hynek said Fucci told him the object looked similar to "five B-52s on a low-altitude flight, flying in a staggered V-formation."

The object was flying "very low, lower than the hills," according to Hynek, and passed over Fucci's car as it continued west.

Fucci reportedly told Hynek he saw the UFO shortly before 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Several residents in Windsor and Barnard, have reported sighting the object around 7:30 p.m. Fucci was out of town today and

unavailable for comment.

Hynek, former scientific consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book for 18 years, said the sightings are particularly interesting to him. The Evanston research center, located just north of Chicago, is currently investigating 12 separate sightings, including one reported from Argentina.

"The thing that appealed to me about this is that there are so many independent witnesses," Hynek said.

"Also, I like to have the object of a size big enough so it occupies more space than just a point of light, and this one fits both of my criteria."

According to Hynek, professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, about 80 to 90 percent of all sightings the center investigates turn out to have "natural" explanations. The other 10 to 20 percent are never explained, he said.

The Windsor sighting was first reported by Linda Kingsbury, 33, and Lucile Sloth-

ower, 29. The women, employees of Vermont Public Radio in Windsor, said they saw a large metallic triangle in the sky as they were leaving the P&C supermarket on Main Street at about 7:25 p.m. As in Fucci's case, the object first looked like two bright lights. As it passed overhead, Kingsbury and Slothower saw the V-shape and a gridwork illuminated with lights.

Others in Windsor and Barnard have reported similar sightings.

Some of the descriptions of last Wednesday's sighting appear to be similar to those of a 1979 sighting over Hanover. In that case, the UFO was later discovered to be a military refueling operation. However, calls to several Air Force bases in the Northeast failed to uncover any evidence of such an operation in Windsor last week.

The sighting is also being investigated by the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network in Sequin, Texas.

HERALD, Uniontown, PA - May 3, 1981

UFO report:

What's that over New Geneva?

By THERESA BRADY
H-S Staff Writer

As Mrs. Linda Baker left the Cub Scout meeting to drive to her High Street home in Fairchance, she did not even glance at the clear, night sky.

Little did she know that the next two hours would be spent with eyes riveted overhead to a strange dance of flashing, colored lights that has yet to be explained.

Those who scoff at the notion of UFOs, like this writer, will find that the stories told by Fairchance area residents send prickles tingling along the spine up to the nape of the neck. And then you wonder.

Mrs. Baker left the meeting at a Main Street residence near the VFW post at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

"That night, I didn't look up at the sky, as I usually do. I didn't really notice anything," she recalled. "I got in the car."

"Out of nowhere came this white light in the sky. It came on and shut off. It came on and shut off again."

Mrs. Baker would later wonder if the bright object, which seemed larger than a star, was trying to attract her attention. "I kept thinking, gee, this thing wanted me to see it."

There was more to come.

"The third time it came on, it came on with these colored lights — blue, red and green — all around it. "I realized then that it wasn't just a star. I didn't get scared. I ran home because I wanted someone else to see it. I didn't want anyone to think that I was loony."

The strange phenomena would later be seen by approximately 20 people. Masontown police and others interviewed simply said it was "in the New Geneva area."

Mrs. Anna Marie Garlett was one of a crowd of 14 friends and neighbors who joined the Bakers outside to watch the sky show.

"The red, blue and green ones would flash like a neon light and stop. Then, a minute or two later, it started again. But the white one was constant."

Mrs. Baker added, "They would move a while and stop. It wasn't like a plane that constantly moves."

The white light in the center also seemed brighter and larger, she remembered. It seemed as if "it was the leader and the other ones were behind," Mrs. Baker reflected.

The lights would travel in a southwest direction, according to Fairchance police officer Jack Flowers, and then stay in position for awhile. After hovering in one place for 10 to

15 minutes, they would continue the journey. "They would move awhile and stop. It wasn't like a plane, which constantly moves," Mrs. Baker pointed out.

One pair of lights seemed to be closer to Fairchance than the other set, Mrs. Garlett remembered.

"When I first came outside, there were two lights. They resembled stars but they were much lower. These things were as low or lower than planes."

Area airports could not account for the lights.

"The one on the left hand side was much lower than the light on the right," Mrs. Garlett said. "It seemed like something was suspended from it that resembled the lower part of a cone. The left one moved up higher. Just like a neon light it flashed — red, blue, green. Then it turned completely red and headed toward Morgantown."

Perhaps that light was the one spotted by Fairchance police officer Mike Volek and a Morgantown resident that reported it to the Pennsylvania Center of UFO Research in Greensburg.

"The only thing I saw was one red light, sort of over the New Geneva area," Volek reported. "After observing it for a while (about 15 minutes) it went out of sight. It was a red, blinking light — nothing out of the ordinary."

No noises were detected, even when the red light "circled the sky," as Mrs. Baker described it.

"The red one had just shot straight up," agreed Mrs. James Popovich of Fairchance Road. Mrs. Baker's son, Jamie, a good friend of Richard Popovich, notified the family.

Jamie thought Richard would be interested because of a "close encounter" the Popovich family had three weeks earlier.

Mrs. Popovich noticed a "huge, bright light" in the direction of the Takoch farm about 6:50 p.m. and called her children. She was joined outside by her two teen-aged sons, Richard and Darren, and her daughter, Mary Ann, 12.

"It was a clear night. The moon was almost full — that's when you see these things," Mrs. Popovich said.

Viewed from a pair of high-powered binoculars, the perfectly round object resembled a moon or a dish, with no marks. In size, it was "bigger than a star and larger than a moon," she said.

But there is an eerie development to this story. Mrs. Popovich recount-

ed it this way:

"There wasn't a star out. It was sort of like daylight yet. It was in the middle of the Takoch field. My son, Darren likes to fool around. He said, 'I'm going to run up under there.'"

"I said, 'Don't you dare.'"

"He started jumping up and down, saying, 'They got me. They got me.'"

"When he was doing that, that thing started coming toward us. It must have turned over or flipped over or something because you couldn't see it for a minute. Then it appears again. It was really something — it headed toward us."

"I told the children to get inside." From their home, Mrs. Popovich watched the travels of the strange object.

After hovering about two doors down, it passed by the WMBS radio tower, under the second red light.

Another Fairchance man, who asked not to be identified, might have spotted the same weird ball.

The resident, who commutes nightly to Uniontown, was driving along Route 857 on his way to work about 6:40 p.m. "about three or four weeks ago."

"At first I thought it was a planet, but then I realized it was moving. It wasn't moving at a steady pace — you know, like an airplane moving," he explained. The man considered the idea that the object might be a weather balloon, but its movements did not coincide with wind currents. Although the "thing" was white, at one point it seemed orange "but I don't know — it could have been the reflection of the sun setting."

As he drove his car, the man tried to keep his eye on the strange phenomena.

"From Takoch's farm, this thing was going west. As I started out (Route) 857, it started moving in a northerly direction. The last I saw this thing was when I got to the Red Head station on Route 119."

Mrs. Baker echoed the feelings of the Fairchance man when he said, "I know one thing. When I travel to work at night and then travel home, I'm looking at the sky."

Mrs. Garlett said she wouldn't care if she never saw a sky show again, while Mrs. Popovich is considering the purchase of a telescope.

"There's something out there," Mrs. Garlett said. "There's got to be some logical explanation."

The UFO Research Center reported it is still compiling data garnered from questionnaires sent to area residents.

Were 'fuzzies' really from UFOs?

DANVILLE — One person described them as resembling "hundreds of fuzzies" and another said they looked "like falling cobwebs."

Some people in Danville's 2nd Ward were talking about shiny little white particles that seemed to be falling from the sky at about 2:30 p.m. Monday. Some were still coming down at 4:30 p.m., they said.

It appeared that the silklike particles were being shot from saucer-shaped crafts in front of the sun, said William F. Hummer who lives at 222 Honeymoon St. He said he and about six of his neighbors witnessed the objects. Two neighbors said they agreed with Hummer's account, but they wouldn't give their names.

Hummer said the saucer-type crafts seemed to have round domes on top. He said it looked like the saucers were exploding or "hatching" in front of the sun and releasing the smaller particles.

The particles seemed to disintegrate as they fell to the ground, he said.

DAILY ITEM, Sunbury, Pa. - May 5, 1981

STANDARD-SPRINTER, Hazleton, Pa. - April 11, 1981

Sight a UFO-type light

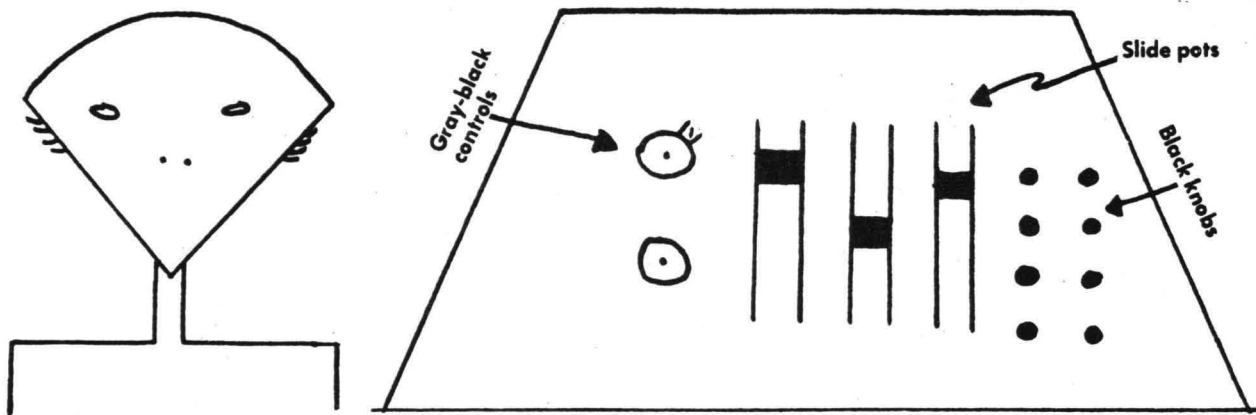
They weren't sure it was a UFO, but a Freeland RD 1 couple spied an "unusual light" in the southeast sky last night at about 9:05, and watched it for several minutes.

"I didn't believe in UFOs before," the husband said, "but now I don't know."

They spied the light, steady and holding in one spot, first through their kitchen glass door.

They watched it over the treetops of Highland mountain, "way out," and then after remaining stationary for several minutes, it began to rise and head towards the east — Sandy Valley. It moved very slowly and eventually went out of sight.

They described it in movement as a "cream" color on one side, red on the other, separated by a black spot that, by the husband's "thumb-to-eye" method of measurement, was about 50 feet wide. There was no sound.



... sketches of "Greensburg creature" and control panel

Greensburg UFO scare detailed

By James W. Siehl
The Tribune-Democrat

A bizarre tale of a close encounter Feb. 14 in Greensburg highlights the current issue of "Researcher," a quarterly publication of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Diane Enion of Pittsburgh, a volunteer staff member of the Pennsylvania Center and editor of "Researcher," reported that a 17-year-old young woman had been babysitting at a neighbor's house in Greensburg.

Watching TV

She had spent the evening watching television and at 1:45 a.m. had walked into an enclosed front porch to look out a window, hoping to see her husband going to work.

After several minutes, she glanced toward the sky and observed an object at housetop level no more than 50 feet away hovering silently with three white lights forming the points of an equilateral triangle. Her impression was that the object was triangular and made from a dark-colored metal.

The light closest to the witness was much brighter than the rear ones, and just above it was a transparent window. To the left and right of the front pane, separated by thin metallic-like partitions, were two windows that wrapped around the sides of the craft.

Dull white light

A very dull white light, similar to a flashlight beam, extended from the bottom to the ground. The witness, Mrs. Enion related, told of seeing the light slowly drop until it

reached the street.

The woman, according to Mrs. Enion, could look directly into the craft through the front window, where she observed two humanoid creatures.

The witness described them as having "very large heads, oriental-like eyes, gill-like ears and two holes instead of a nose."

One creature appeared to be sitting and the other standing behind an instrument panel. The panel was white. The entire scene appeared to be illuminated by a white light.

Head, hands visible

Only the head and hands of the sedentary creature were visible as it operated several controls resembling slide potentiometers, an instrument for measuring, comparing or controlling electrical potentials. The panel also contained groups of black and grayish-black circular controls.

The other humanoid was visible from the waist up and was not wearing a shirt. It had a long, thin neck, broad shoulders, smooth white skin and normal-looking arms, the report continued. The standing creature was extending its arms back and forth across a section of the instrument panel that had no controls. It stared at the witness with pupilless white eyes.

According to Mrs. Enion, the witness was unable to recall the hands or mouth of either occupant.

At first spellbound

The young woman at first was spellbound by the strange phenomenon.

She felt compelled to stand on the

porch and watch for approximately 15 minutes before she reluctantly went back into the living room.

At that time, she was extremely nervous and sat there for several minutes. The television set emitted a buzzing noise and went black. Simultaneously, the only light in the living room also went out.

Mrs. Enion reported that the witness became increasingly apprehensive. She hurried into the kitchen and telephoned her parents to come for her and the young boy under her care.

Object disappears

According to the witness, her fa-

ther arrived at 2:50 — but not in time to support his daughter's testimony. The mysterious object no longer was there.

When the witness' neighbor returned home, she found that the TV set was operating normally, but she had to replace the bulb in the living room light that had gone out.

Through the state police, the witness obtained the telephone number for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Mrs. Enion and another field investigator interviewed the witness the following day.

The witness described them as having "very large heads, oriental-like eyes, gill-like ears and two holes instead of a nose."

Mrs. Enion said the young woman appeared to be honest and reliable

looked out the window.

"It is difficult to understand how a craft with such a bright light could have hovered at that distance without her seeing it for three minutes," Mrs. Enion said. "She also appears to be confused about the time that elapsed during and after the incident."

There have been no other reports of witnesses to the sighting, Mrs. Enion said.

The Pennsylvania Center officially is listing the case as an unknown incident, hoping that other witnesses will emerge.

BOOMERANG, Laramie, WY - May 7, 1981

UFO Witnesses Share Strange Encounters

by Robert Roten
Boomerang staff writer

People who have seen, or heard, UFO's have an almost eerie understanding of each other and share a common range of experiences that must be heard in person to be believed.

An opportunity to hear such experiences was offered to the public at a meeting of Pro UFO at the Beta House at UW Tuesday night. Pro UFO is a group of people interested in UFO (unidentified flying objects) phenomena and membership in the group consists of attendance, which at the Tuesday meeting totaled about 50.

A group of Pro UFO enthusiasts went north of Laramie April 24 to search the sky for UFO's at Pat McGuire's ranch. McGuire is a leading member of the group and is one of the most well-known abductees (a person who has been taken aboard an alien craft) in Wyoming.

McGuire's ranch also seems to be the center of much UFO activity, almost like a UFO base. The group which went to the ranch said there wasn't much activity in the sky until about 2:06 a.m. Then a strange object was seen in the east, roughly disc-

shaped with flashing lights. It was described as being rather like a silent helicopter.

Looking at the object through binoculars, some of the people in the group said they could see an object that was round in the center and had flashing lights on top. It seemed to move away and then suddenly vanish.

A woman in the audience who said she had several psychic experiences saw her first UFO a number of years ago in Kentucky, a bright lemon-colored object which seemed to move close to the ground, then shoot straight up and vanish. Others camping in the same area saw it also.

She saw another one in New Mexico, a bright object crossing the sky and later, between Laramie and Rock River she saw a UFO, the description of which sounded like it came from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

She was driving a car which was towing another vehicle when she saw a bright glowing object in the sky which was coming closer and closer. It sent down a beam of light and then the beam of light suddenly changed and stopped, halfway to the ground, as if

cut off by a knife.

Strange properties of light, impossible by known principles of physics, are a common occurrence in UFO sightings, according to UFO investigator Leo Sprinkle, director of the UW department of counseling and testing, who was at the meeting.

The same woman also had an even stranger encounter in Laramie when she saw what looked to be an alien being through the window of her home. She said the silvery-skinned creature seemed to be communicating to her telepathically, saying, "Well, you wanted proof. Here it is."

A Cheyenne couple who attended the meeting related another strange UFO encounter which happened last fall near Laramie Peak where the man and his wife were hunting.

The two saw a large bright object, sort of like a moon, moving among the trees near the camp and heard shuffling footsteps near their camper. At first they felt an extraordinary fear of the bright, orange-yellowish light, but then became inexplicably calm and went to sleep with the light still moving around outside.

When they woke up the next morning they felt anxious to leave. The man discovered he had a series of small burn marks on his leg and his wife's mouth was very sore. Under hypnosis by Sprinkle the two "remembered" details of their abduction experience in which the mouth of the wife was examined by aliens. This supposedly caused the soreness.

A Laramie man related a strange encounter early one morning in September of 1975. When he was awakened by a loud noise which seemed to come from above the roof. He described the noise as being like stones rattling in something metallic and "zinging wires" and fluttering wing-like noises all happening at once.

He seemed to be paralyzed for some 20 minutes while the sounds went on and he suffered anxiety about the experience afterwards so that suddenly, while driving his car one day he shouted out, "Stay the hell away from our planet!"

He never had a UFO experience before or after that one. He seemed to be saying that that one was quite enough.

UFO Reported In Tewksbury

Power Interruption Coincides With Sighting

By Liz Fuerst

A Tewksbury Township family notified the state police headquarters at Flemington last Tuesday night that it witnessed a UFO glide noiselessly over its Felmley Road home.

Pat and Earl Richards, Tewksbury residents for the past 21 years, said lights in the neighborhood flickered as the object passed slowly overhead and some houses had their electricity go off for as much as two hours.

According to Mrs. Richards, a social worker in the Ewing Township public schools, repair crews from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company said a transformer had burnt out for no apparent reason.

The Richards and their two sons, Earl Jr., 28, and Wayne, 22, were attracted to lights outside their home at about 9:30 p.m. last Tuesday after their electricity dimmed and the television went off.

Earl Jr., who works for Herr's potato chips, said he looked overhead and saw dozens of green, blue and red lights "buzzing" in the southern sky. According to the younger Richards, they appeared to hover around a huge airborne vehicle, itself covered with hundreds of lights.

"The big ship was simply enormous," said Richards, who estimated it to be larger than four or five Boeing 747 planes put together. "It wasn't round," he went on. "It was kind of elongated and had an

outline of wings. To tell you the truth, it looked just like the Battlestar Galactica that you see on the television show."

Mrs. Richards said she saw the headlights of the larger vehicle heading toward Hunterdon County from the Somerville area soon after she walked out on her front lawn. "At first, I thought it was just a star," she said. "But the lights got closer and closer. The thing was flying at the same level as a small aircraft would fly — not as high up as a jet."

All four family members watched the object glide overhead without making a noise. They estimated it to be going very slowly — at about the same speed as a plane is going when it is ready to land.

"If it was a plane," said the younger Richards, "and it was getting ready to land, I don't know where it would have landed around here."

Mrs. Richards, who once worked as the nurse at Tewksbury's Saw Mill School, said she called the state police at Flemington to report the incident. She doesn't know if there were other sightings that evening.

Later in the week, she reported the sighting to the United States Air Force's center for UFO information. "I'm not saying that what we saw was a space ship," said Mrs. Richards.

"We just don't know what it was. We know what it wasn't, though — not a hot air balloon or a low flying plane. It was just an unidentified object. And I'll tell you things around here haven't been the same since last Tuesday."

There have been other reputed UFO sightings in Tewksbury Township in recent years. In 1975, a string of homeowners on Hell Mountain, about five miles from the Richards home, thought they saw an object hovering at treetop height, but they were unable to identify the craft. Property owners on Bissell Road near the Clinton Township line have also reported seeing UFOs in the area. Campers and fishermen have witnessed purported UFOs at Round Valley Reservoir, too.



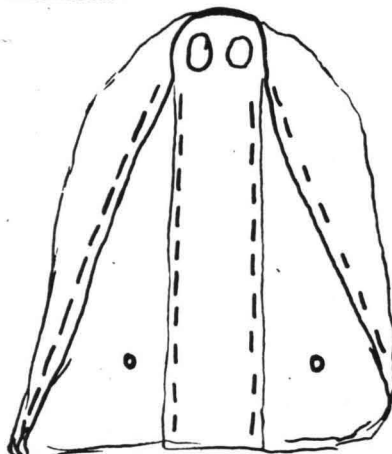
A HUGE unidentified flying object passed over the home of Pat and Earl Richards of Tewksbury Township last Tuesday and the family says things haven't been the same since. The sighting was reported to the center the U.S. Air Force maintains as a central clearing house for UFO information.

Area UFO?

I have never called in but I know you have a lot of people who read your paper. I just had a very strange thing happen to me. At about 1 a.m. on May 2, I was driving home from doing some late work at my office downtown, and I was on the Hearts Island Road. I've never believed in UFOs and still don't think this is what it was. You're probably going to think I'm a nut, but a large white object with the sound of a car came over my car about a couple of hundred feet. It stayed there for a couple of minutes. I pulled over to the side to stop and it just poof — you know — just went off to the side. What I wanted to find out is if there was a weather balloon lost on this date. It was just a large white object and it looked kind of grayish around the side — no lights or anything like that. It was just hovering over the Hearts Island Road. It landed in a field near Orleans Square Apartments. I still don't think it was a UFO, but if no one calls into your paper saying they lost a balloon, then I must have had an experience of the strangest kind.

FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

Two corrections for UFONS #142: On page 11, the item, "Pupil's UFO Shock!", should be credited to STOCKPORT EXPRESS, Cheshire, England, March 5, 1981; the item below it, "Billboard on the wing...", should be credited to GLOBE & MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 26, 1981 — On page 15, the item, "UFO IN THE MIDDLE EAST...", should be identified as having occurred in the United Arab Emirates — The July UFONS issue will be approximately one week late, due to my annual National Guard camp — The use of four pages of older clips in the May issue was due to the lack of current items; please send all clips from local papers.



VIEW FROM UNDERNEATH

AS SOON AS the object had faded into the distance, 28 year-old Earl Richards Jr. quickly sketched out what he thought the ship looked like. It was bigger than a couple jumbo jets, according to Richards, and had hundreds of twinkling lights on its underbelly.



Slight view from top only noticed GREEN RED AND Blue LIGHTS



Clyde Crisp, Jr., was sitting at the wheel of his Ford van when he made an accurate observation of a UFO last April 25 near Avery, Texas.

WEEKLY NEWS, Texarkana, AR - May 19, 1981 CR: B. Leet

UFO spotted neary Avery'

by James Tennison

Clyde Crisp, Jr., a young married man, is an evangelist and a skilled electronics technician who lives at 110 South Kilgore Street, Texarkana, Texas. On last April 25 Crisp was driving his 1974 Ford 300 van toward Bonham, Texas, where he was to pick up his wife. About an hour's drive out of Texarkana, westbound on Highway 82 some two miles east of Avery, Texas, at 12:22 a.m. Crisp first saw one white light, then two white lights about 15 to 20 feet apart on an object that

was traveling at an approximate speed of 100 miles an hour and at an altitude of about 1000 feet in an easterly direction, some 1 - 1/2 miles away from him. He was traveling west at 55 miles an hour and did not stop or slow down his vehicle; then the object with the two white lights on it made a 90-degree turn to the south and in doing so abruptly turned the two white lights away from him and exposed a side of the UFO that had a configuration of five red lights. The red lights sped on, still at an approximate altitude of 1000 feet and at a speed

of around 100 miles per hour, and came within 500 yards of Crisp before going out of sight. The total time of the sighting lasted about three minutes, during which period Crisp quickly discounted the possibility of the object's being any kind of conventional or known aircraft, and it was a clear night with no clouds in the sky.

One week later he reported the incident to Lynn Ward, who is a Texarkana, Arkansas, MUFON investigator, and subsequently Bill Leet, MUFON Director for the state of Arkansas.

Three Verify Local UFO Sighting

HERALD, Denison, TX - May 17, 1981 CR: T. Adams

By IRENE FLAHERTY
Herald Staff Writer

At least seven persons spotted an unidentified flying object over Texomaland last Wednesday morning.

Three of the UFO spotters give corresponding visual sightings and are certain they saw what they saw. Jim Shelton, mechanic at Jim Graham International described what he saw for the Herald and went a step farther.

He drew a sketch.

Shelton said he's been laughed at, poked fun at, and looked at like he was crazy, but won't back away from a single word.

"It may have been for only five seconds, but I saw what I saw," Shelton said.

"It was a flying object with lit portholes. Fire was streaming in sparks from the rear, and it had green and yellow pulsating lights," he said.

"It was real. I saw it, and if they lock me up, I still saw it. It was long, a cigar-like shape."

Karen Robinson, Calera, employee of Texas Instruments, saw it too.

She described it to her friend Linda Tingle as moving in a straight line across the Texas-Oklahoma skies like a Roman candle, only much bigger — like fireworks trailing behind a falling star. Karen was enroute home from her job at Texas Instruments. She got off at midnight.

Linda Tingle saw it too. She described it as a big ball of light. "I thought it was the moon at first glance. But it was coming downward like it was falling. I thought it might be a falling star or something, but it was flashing a light green color, then it turned light yellow, and I screamed to my husband, 'Mike, Mike look.'"

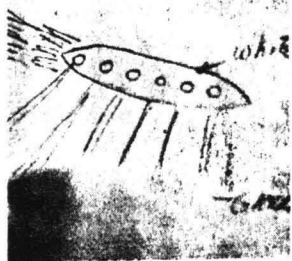
She and her husband were driving home from work. She works at Texas Instruments. He works at Johnson & Johnson. He was driving north on Loy Lake Road. They live in

West Denison and were enroute to pick up their child before going home.

He couldn't see anything but the sky because he couldn't look around much while he was driving. He said the sky lit up. "It seemed to glow."

But Linda said she did not notice the sky. "I just saw that ball glowing and flashing as it streaked downward real fast. Like I said, it first flashed green, a light green, then it turned a light yellow, and it disappeared like it fell to the earth."

Tingle said he talked with a co-worker at J&J who also saw the strange lights.



Shelton's account is the most exacting: "My wife and I were watching television. Channel 13 had that show about the German ship, Graf Spee. The movie had just ended. My wife had gone to sleep. I told her, 'It's time to get up and go to bed.'"

"Channel 13 was going off the air. I know it was right at 12:30 a.m. Out the living room window, I saw a bright light. The whole pasture lit up. I raised up off the couch, turned toward the window and was looking out when I saw the long cigar-shaped ship. I thought it might be a plane crashing, or a helicopter, but there wasn't a sound. Not a motor, a humming or a bit of noise."

Shelton said he got his knees on the couch, leaned over and raised up the window to get a better look as the object got partially behind one of the big oak trees in the pasture just

behind his trailer. "I hollered at Judy, my wife. She woke up and said she saw the pasture all lit up, but she did not get to the window in time to see anything else."

"I expected it to come back into view, but just poof. It was gone. I thought it crashed, and I called the Denison Police. Shelton said, 'I know they thought I was crazy, but they humored me and said since it was outside the city limits they would notify the sheriff's office. They never contacted me, so I know what they thought too.'"

Shelton is positive about what he saw. "If they think I'm crazy, that's their problem. I did see it," he said.

He didn't go to the pasture immediately. "I thought about it, but I was scared. What if it was a flying saucer, something from outer space. I just couldn't see myself walking out and shaking hands with any green men. I'd be too scared. I reported what I saw," he said, "and it is up to someone else to investigate."

Shelton couldn't just ignore it, though. He went out the next morning and walked every inch of that 15-acre and couldn't find a thing. Then he decided someone ought to know about his UFO sighting.

"I was an Air Force brat, and dad is retired and living in Fort Worth. I called him, and he said he would tell the Air Force, and they would contact me. But I haven't heard a thing from anyone — except you."

Shelton said he is an average person who has heard of people seeing UFO's and never thought much about them. He is a mechanic, has three children, is 37 years old and been on the same job for five years.

"I'm not prone to making up things, and I can understand someone being skeptical of what I've said," Shelton added.

"The thing I saw was

about 20 feet long. It was coming down at a fairly steep angle. Its glide path was about 100 yards out in the pasture, and it was moving about 30 to 40 miles per hour, not hovering, or trying to land. Then poof — it was gone. I thought, My God. It scared me. It wasn't a plane, a helicopter or the Goodyear blimp. It was bright as day — then pitch dark again."

A neighbor of the Sheltons who didn't want to be identified also saw the "bright as day" light.

"I had gone to bed. It was well after 10:30, as far as how late. I didn't look at a clock. And my room lit up. It was bright and I woke up. It was that bright. I thought it might have been a car pulling in the driveway, and I was imagining the rest, but I pulled up the covers, closed my eyes again and went back to sleep."

At the police station, the dispatcher didn't record the telephone call from Shelton.

Alton Taylor, day dispatcher, said he knew what it was. "We get a lot of those calls. People are seeing the weather balloons and think it's something else. It was here just last week, and I saw it myself when I was coming to work."

Shelton said he didn't see a weather balloon.

"There's no way what I saw could have been that. It just couldn't have been. It was strange. For one thing, there was a silvery white glow and orange-red flames coming out of the rear of that cigar or saucer-shaped thing."

Strange encounters keep UFO study alive

FREEMAN, Waukesha, WI - June 2, 1981 CR: R. Heiden

Joe Simonson watched closely as the strange saucer-shaped craft landed near his cabin outside of Eagle River.

Inside the saucer, he saw three swarthy men who "looked just like us," he told people later.

One was at a control console, one was standing at what looked like a hot plate and the other held a container which he held up as if to ask for water.

Joe took the container and got some water. Without speaking, one of the humanoid gave Joe some small pieces of the food he was pre-



By Tom Rickert

paring. They were like little pancakes.

The craft took off.

Joe called an attorney in town who he knew was interested in unidentified flying objects — UFOs. The two reported the incident to the U.S. Air Force.

Joe's story was one of several told to Waukesha's Noon Optimist Club members last week by a Wauwatosa man who has been studying UFO reports for 25 years.

He's Lee Jewell, 72, former vitamins-by-mail businessman and retired director of the residence department at Milwaukee's Central YMCA.

Jewell said Simonson is one of several people he has interviewed about reported UFO sightings.

A few years ago, Jewell related, two couples were camping at one of the Phantom Lakes on the Waukesha-Walworth County line. Very

early one morning, one couple asleep in their van were awakened by an intense light.

One of the locked van doors opened mysteriously and their dog was "sucked out" of the van.

The couple peered from a window to see a circular craft about 60 feet around. Out of it came about 20 men, each about 6 feet tall and muscular. One had a completely white German shepherd on a leash.

None of the men spoke.

Then four little creatures, each about 4 feet tall, emerged from the craft. They "acted like kids, climbing trees and jumping around."

At that point, the woman in the van was near hysteria, so her husband awakened the other couple, nearby in a tent.

The craft and its occupants vanished.

The couple in the tent reported later they didn't see the craft, the intense light or the craft's occupants.

"Some people may have psychic abilities that others simply do not have," Jewell speculated.

"There is no hard and fast proof (of the existence of UFOs) that will stand up in court," Jewell acknowledges. And he says he has never seen one himself. But he urged his audience not to dismiss the idea of visitors from outer space.

After his own quarter century of probing, Jewell still considers the whole subject an enigma, he says.

Besides reading everything he can get his hands on about UFOs, he belongs to an organization of people with the same interest, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Members keep in touch and exchange stories of UFO experiences. There is a NICAP newsletter

that keeps track of UFO sightings, which are reported to the Air Force.

General public and media interest in UFOs has cooled since an official Air Force investigation in 1969 of UFO reports, Jewell said in an interview. The report concluded there was not enough credible evidence of outer space visits to warrant further investigation.

Jewell is unconvinced.

"We feel pretty sure the government is still quietly investigating such reports," he says. "The Air Force, CIA and others in government are doing more than they're willing to admit. But, officially, on the surface, they appear to be doing nothing. We haven't heard the end of it yet."

In his talk, Jewell told about some of the theories advanced by UFO buffs:

•The most common is that we're being watched by extra-terrestrial beings, and we may have been under surveillance for several centuries.

Some believe the beings are peaceful, that they don't want to go to war with us or destroy us. Others say the beings are warlike and even now are deciding whether to destroy the earth.

Or they may be using the earth as a laboratory to determine whether we will destroy ourselves. And, if we do, the beings will use our tragic story as an example in teaching their own offspring.

"I believe there can be craft coming here from many places in the universe because of the reports of so many different shapes and sizes of the craft and the occupants," Jewell said.

"We can't assume we're the only intelligent creature Our Creator created."

•Some think the craft being sighted are being sent up for secret testing by the U.S. government, by the Russians, the Chinese, by Bell Telephone or even by Walt Disney Productions.

•There are those who think the visitors come to us from an unknown area in the earth's upper atmosphere, that they're "plasmic beings."

•Some believe the opposite: that the beings come from the bowels of the earth.

•Some theorists say the beings and their craft have the eerie power to weave in and out of earth's spacetime continuum.

Jewell told the story of a soldier in Chile who left his unit to climb a hill. He was out of sight of his fellow soldiers for only a few moments. When he returned, he was dazed and couldn't remember where he had been.

He had left clean-shaven, but returned with a five day growth of beard. And his digital watch-calendar had been advanced five days.

"Almost nothing the mind of man can conceive of is impossible," Jewell told his audience. His stories seemed "fantastic, incredible, unbelievable," but there have been UFO sightings in every country in the world, he said. And they have come, not only from bona fide "kooks," but from highly educated, intelligent and well-trained observers, he said.

His plea was that UFO research not be abandoned. He told his audience:

"Some night, if you see what look like stars maneuvering in unison, especially making sharp right-angle turns, it's likely you're looking at UFOs."

UFO 'contactees' hold conference in Laramie

BY RON FRANCK
Special to The Star-Tribune

LARAMIE — About 75 persons from across the United States and other countries are in Laramie this weekend participating in a conference of unidentified flying object (UFO) investigators and contactees.

Sponsored by PRO UFOS, a Laramie-based Paranormal Research Organization for UFO Studies, and coordinated by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming, the conference is being held on the UW campus.

Most of the participants, according to Sprinkle, are persons claiming to have had some sort of contact with UFOs or are self-described investigators of UFO phenomena.

Sprinkle himself claims two UFO sightings, one in 1949 and another in 1956. He has done extensive research through regressive hypnosis of alleged UFO contactees, including several persons claiming to have been "abducted" by alien beings.

One such contactee on hand for the conference is Albany County rancher Pat McGuire, who through hypnotic sessions with Sprinkle related numerous contacts with aliens who instructed him to search for and dig a well on the semi-arid expanses of his ranch about 35 miles northeast of Laramie.

Following these instructions, McGuire said, he located an "underground river" which has since produced a constant flow of fresh water.

Both Sprinkle and McGuire have related this experience on several nationally-televised programs.

Others on hand include investigators Paul Norman, from Australia, and Dr. Max Edwards, from Canada, as well as numerous contactees and investigators from Wyoming, Colorado, Hawaii, Washington, Arizona, South Dakota, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, California, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

"We know we may look foolish," Sprinkle said Saturday, "but the name of

our game is awareness. We just want to keep on searching. What we have here is a gathering of persons who feel unusual about their experiences and want to share those experiences."

"There are two significant factors about this gathering," Sprinkle said. "First, and common to other such meetings, is a curiosity and desire to learn. Second, and more unusual, is the fact that many of the contactees here have had more than one UFO sighting. This is an unusual proportion among witnesses.

"Many years ago," he said, "it was considered bad form to talk about such experiences, and so-called 'repeaters' were met with skepticism. Now, however, even though it is still unusual, it is accepted.

"Our purpose," Sprinkle said, "is not only to record these experiences, but also to provide an opportunity to share our experiences. We want to learn from these contacts, and I am pleased that this many people are willing to talk about their personal experiences."

Sprinkle said a similar conference was held in Laramie last year, but only about 20 contactees attended.

"At that time," he said, "most were reluctant to have the conference open to the public because they didn't want to face ridicule. Many had self doubts, but they found in sharing their experiences a sense of understanding. They wanted to do it again."

Sprinkle said invitations to this year's conference were sent to 100 contactees and 50 investigators. Of the 75 participants this year, he said, more than half are contactees, and about 20 of them will describe their experiences during the conference.

Sprinkle noted that several persons from Laramie are attending the conference, even though not specifically invited. He said this indicates a true desire by people to learn more about UFO phenomena.

"As researchers," he said, "we've discovered that although many governments around the world are at least covertly, if not overtly, interested in UFOs, most are unwilling to share their findings. My guess is that governments

don't want people to know of their interests.

"Because of this lack of cooperation from government and military officials," he said, "we have simply decided to pursue research on our own."

Sprinkle said there are several similar conferences scheduled this year around the United States, and one is presently underway in London. He said such groups as the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Tucson, Az.; the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Ill.; and the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. in Seguin, Texas, will hold conferences later this year.

Saturday's conference activities included videotape presentations on UFO research, contactee and abductee experiences, and other phenomena; panel presentations by UFO contactees about their experiences; and presentations by UFO investigators.

Also Saturday, from 11 p.m. until midnight, a telepathic experiment was scheduled. Sprinkle said the experiment will consist of a meeting of contactees, investigators, and other interested parties who will concentrate on thoughts which might be communicated to alien beings in the hope of making some sort of physical contact.

At the time of the experiment, Kveta Koutna, a psychic in Praha, Czechoslovakia, will attempt to simultaneously contact alien beings. Koutna will try to gain mental energy from the Laramie group to help project her thoughts into space.

Sprinkle said Koutna has had success in the past with transmitting thoughts to persons at various points around the world, and the effect often seems to linger, as if the other persons might be able to communicate with her. She believes with additional mental energy from the volunteers in Laramie, she can successfully contact alien beings.

The conference concludes Sunday with group discussions, evaluation of the conference, and plans for future proceedings.

People Are Saying . . .

An Arkansas couple, Lawrence and Betty Willett, have been interested in UFO's for many years, and here's why: Mr. Willett, a former manager of the Marion County Airport, has had three close encounters, two in the daytime and one at night.

The first of the encounters was in July 1969. A photo was taken at the airport and after it was developed, there was a strange saucer-shaped object in the background. The photograph was sent to the Aerial Phenomenon Organization in Tucson, AZ. After close examination and testing, experts in the field of op-

tical science, said the object was not a flaw in the film or camera lens nor was it a reflection. It was a solid object flying some one-half to two miles from the camera lens and measuring from 80 to 320 feet in diameter.

The second encounter came in the spring of 1969. One night Willett was called to the airport by two neighbors returning from a hunting trip. Willett was getting dressed when Betty looked out the window toward the airport and saw a gigantic Bunsen burner. Willett rushing to the airport, thought vandals were setting fire to planes. When he arrived he found nothing. The next day in an adjoining field he found two charred, perfectly round circles about 35 feet across. Circles that had not been there the day before. Inside the circles the sage grass and saplings were charred and the sides of cedars inside the ring were skeletons. But

the cedars outside the ring were still green and fresh to the touch. Betty said what later came up in the spot of sage brush were wild strawberries.

The third and last sighting came December 22, 1978 at 9:35 on a bright morning not more than a mile from "Spook Hollow" on HWY. 178. He described the sight as a blur of light surrounding a shiny metal aircraft that hovered, and then moved away at an astonishing speed. Willett told his story to KTLO Radio Station in Mountain Home in hopes someone else had witnessed the object. If they did, nobody stepped forward. But later the same day he visited his barber. The barber had a fascinating story to tell him. His son had seen a UFO and the object described was almost identical to the object seen by Willett. The barber had not heard the news on KTLO that day.

SAUCERS? ASKS RUGBY MAN

MR. ERNEST BOOKER, 45 years old former Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force, would like the answer to two questions. Was he the only person to see strange lights crossing the sky south of Rugby just after 9 p.m. on Tuesday night, and were the lights he saw "flying saucers?"

Mr. Booker, who teaches at Binley Secondary Modern School and lives at 40, Lower Hillmorton

Road, Rugby, was quite surprised to find no mention of it in yesterday's evening newspapers.

It was then that he decided to inform "The Coventry Evening Telegraph" of what he saw, hoping that other readers might also have witnessed something.

Mr. Booker, who has been flying since 1933, and was a trainer of instructors, flew nearly every type of aircraft used by the R.A.F. during the war. He has more than a passing knowledge of lights, heights and aerial phenomena. And he is quite certain that the lights he saw were like nothing he has ever encountered before.

MADE NO SOUND

He told a reporter that on stepping out of the door leading to his garden he saw two very bright lights moving across the sky towards Coventry, at a height of perhaps 1,500ft. Yet close as they seemed to be, no sound accompanied them.

"The lights could not have been attached to balloons drifting with the wind, because the wind was blowing in another direction, and

they would not have been on gliders," said Mr. Booker. "I watched them for a few seconds, and once they disappeared into light cloud, then I ran indoors and fetched my wife. Unfortunately, when we got outside again the lights had gone."

Mr. Booker said the lights were traveling at "a comparatively leisurely speed," and were brighter than normal aircraft lights. When one changed course the other followed.

The former squadron leader added that there was no question of the lights being shooting stars "or anything like that," and that he had an open mind about the existence of flying saucers.

Inquiries at Elmdon airport revealed that nothing unusual had been reported to them. Neither was the air traffic controller at Bitteswell aerodrome able to offer any explanation.

THIS IS AMERICA

New York, Monday

THE air force is clamming up on information about flying saucers, men from Mars, and the like, complains America's dedicated band of saucer-seekers today.

Reports from all over the U.S. on "unidentified flying objects" are collected by two agencies.

One is the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena in Washington, the other the Civilian Saucer Intelligence in New York.

THIS SAMPLE OF THE "EVIDENCE" THEY SIFT AND TABULATE CAME FROM RETIRED SCHOOL-TEACHER MRS. MARY STARR:—

I was awakened about two in the morning at my home on Long Island Sound by a bright light shining in from the garden.

I saw a cigar-shaped object, brightly lit with square port-holes, hovering above my clothes line. I could see three men inside.

The men could not have been more than four feet tall. For about five minutes the thing hovered without sound, then it glided upwards and disappeared.

Richard Hall, one of the organizers of the committee, snatched out at the air force today with these charges:—

It fails to investigate all the reports:

It holds back publication of details which do not fit in with known facts.

"We want a full dress Congressional inquiry," he told me.

But the official reaction in Washington is cold and, I fear, Mr. Hall is not going to get his inquiry until Mrs. Starr's flying saucer comes down in a Congressman's backyard.

EVENING PRESS, Dublin, Ireland - June 16, 1959

Ye olde flying saucer

EVEN the ancient Romans apparently saw flying saucers. Only, they likened them to flying shields.

This is probably the meaning of a passage in a work by Julius Obsequens, a fourth century Latin poet, says Knobby Railsback, an American scholar of the classics. Mr. Railsback, of Moline, Illinois, has been studying in Rome since the war.

He says he came across this sentence in one of Obsequens' writings on ancient prophecies: "At sunset a circular object like a shield was seen to sweep across the sky from West to East."

Mr. Railsback says Obsequens was referring to a phenomenon reported to have been observed in 100 B.C. near Tarquinia, North of Rome.

DAILY SKETCH, London, England Oct. 8, 1953

Space man starts panic

It was the biggest scare since film star Orson Welles' "Men from Mars" broadcast "panicked" America 15 years ago. And it happened yesterday as radio columnist Jinx Falkenburg was interviewing Major Keyhoe, writer of the recently-published book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space."

A 'phone call came through to Miss Falkenburg's hotel broadcasting room in New York. Said a voice: "I am speaking from outer space. Stop talking about bombs and flying saucers. Live in peace—or your planet will be annihilated."

The caller's words were picked up and broadcast.

SEEN ONLY BY CHILDREN

Squadron of Flying Saucers Causes Neighborhood Riot

By BOB RODEN

A squadron of red, blue, orange and silver "flying saucers" landed here yesterday, according to a story attested to by a dozen Casa Blanca youngsters.

At least two of the youngsters were "paralyzed" briefly by "flashing lights" aimed at them from "space ships as big as three houses."

Ronnie Strickland, who was climbing a tree when the first "saucer" arrived, said a silver arm beckoned to him, "and I just floated off into space from a housetop." He couldn't say how he got onto the house, "but I sort of slid over there."

Other youngsters swore they saw Ronnie leave the roof and fall straight down, landing on his head. He was unhurt.

The youngsters, most of them residents of Sonora Pl. and ranging in ages from 14 to three or four, saw the "flying saucers" about 3:15 p.m. yesterday.

Street in Up roar

Shortly before 5 p.m. when this reporter conducted an on-the-spot interview, the entire street was in an uproar and everyone tried to tell his story at the same time.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson, 2894 Sonora Pl., said that the youngsters, who had been playing along the street suddenly broke into shouts, screams, yells and floods of tears as the first "flying saucer" landed in a nearby field. One youngster reportedly ran

and jumped on his mother so hard as she dashed outside that he nearly knocked her to the ground, hiding his face against her in fear.

Cried Long Time

Nearly two hours after the "little men with four arms and four legs" arrived in their "space ships," one of the little boys still was crying real big tears that ran repeatedly down his cheeks.

Blanche Campbell, 13, said that many of the children saw the "objects" at about the same time, but Kermit Douglas was credited with being the first to see the incoming "saucers."

Blanche said that Ronnie turned red before he jumped off the house when one of the "rocket ships" came zooming in toward him. She said something pointed at him and he jumped off the house.

She claimed the "little kids saw it too and they were real scared."

Round in Shape

The youngsters were unanimously in agreement when they said the flying saucers were round "like basketballs" and of different colors. The first "object" landed in the field, another landed on top of a house and another knocked a branch off a walnut tree.

Kermit said he saw a man about 3½ feet tall get out of the "saucer" in the field. He had "big red eyes, a big red mouth and four diamond shaped things where his nose should be."

The "creature", Kermit couldn't tell if he was human or not, had four arms and four legs and was "sort of shadowy." He had two guns and a rifle.

Paralyzing Guns

Wayne Gardner said he saw the "man with a funny costume with two guns that paralyzed two of the boys."

Marvin Simms said that the "space ships sort of spiraled down and when they took off they pulled up off the ground and then disappeared with a whirling motion."

The "little men" talked to some of the boys, telling them to climb a certain tree and wait to be picked up. The boys did. But some of the others talked them into coming down before the 15 minutes was up.

Parents of the youngsters were out in force along the street asking their offspring dozens of questions, but the Captain Jet enthusiasts stuck by their ray guns, claiming their story was true.

Indications were that last night was one minus television and comic books.

ENTERPRISE, Riverside, CA - Aug. 30, 1955

EVENING DESPATCH, Birmingham, England Jan. 9, 1958

MAN FROM SPACE CALLS, SHE SAYS

A BIRMINGHAM woman's claim that she has twice seen and talked with men from outer space is being investigated by the chief investigator of the International Observer Corps, the Hon. B. le Poer Trench.

The woman who claims to have seen the space visitors in her front room is Mrs. Cynthia Appleton, 27-year-old mother of two children, of Fentham Road, Aston.

Mrs. Appleton said the first "visitation" was about a month ago. Then the young man "like a Greek god", told her he would return in January.

This week he came back, she said.

She added: "It was early afternoon. My children were having a rest and I went into the lounge, where the baby was asleep in his pram."

"There, just a few feet away, stood this slender white-skinned man. He had blond hair."

"He was the same as any human being except that he wore a kind of dome over his head and a tight-fitting, all-in-one suit of a grey metallic colour."

"I was rooted to the spot—and terrified—until he spoke."

"He said we were going about space flight the wrong way and that men of his world—which he did not name—would come to earth before we reached theirs."

"They would come because they needed a mineral—with a name like titanium—from under our seas."

She thought afterwards of all the questions she should have asked. "Then I sat down and went for half-an-hour, I was so upset," she added.



DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, England - Sept. 9, 1954

U.F.O.?

Sir—You reported the sighting by Portcawl police at 11.45 p.m. on Sept. 1 of a "mysterious red disc which appeared to rise from the Bristol Channel." It moved westward at a fantastically high speed and disappeared silently "in a white fleck of light."

At midnight that night, according to the Western Mail, a "phantom light" was seen off Tenby. Tenby lifeboat was launched, but scoured Carmarthen Bay in vain.

Surely these two reports must be linked?

I was in the Tenby area early in August, and this mysterious light had already been observed by numerous people. The lifeboat had gone out vainly at least twice.

Official observers round our coasts should watch for and photograph such cases whenever possible, and report them fully. Yours faithfully, M. DAVID.

Sir—Asked to comment on the Portcawl police report, an Air Ministry spokesman is said to have explained that "the planet Venus at certain times of the year plays all kind of tricks."

An elementary knowledge of astronomy confirms the facts to have been as follows: Venus was not visible at 11.45 p.m., having disappeared below the horizon within an hour after sunset, which on Sept. 1 took place at 7.48 p.m.

As an ex-fighter pilot, I trust you will publish this contradiction and correction. Yours faithfully, A. R. HEAVER,

London, S.W.1.

POST, Houston, TX - April 24, 1956
NOT AIRCRAFT NOR BIRDS

'Flying Saucers' Highly Illusive in Official Movie

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)—What be bright, white and highly illusive. Producers Clarence Greene and Russell Rouse said their soon-to-be-released film is the first full-scale movie treatment

of unexplained air phenomena.

THE REAL MEAT of the 90-minute movie is a few seconds of sketchy filming of bright objects against a blue sky. The producers declined to explain how the films were released to them.

Film clip Number 1 was taken by Nicholas Mariani, general manager of the Great Falls, Mont., baseball club, at the ball park Aug. 15, 1950. The film shows two white spherical objects moving laterally and at the same distance from each

other.

Film Clip Number 2 was photographed by Navy Chief Photographer Delbert C. Newhouse on the Utah desert July 2, 1952. It shows a dancing formation of from seven to 16 white spots. As with the Montana pictures, these appear to be in the shape of two inverted saucers.

THE MOVIE declares that the Pentagon decided these objects were neither aircraft, balloons nor birds. The final decision on their identity is offi-

cially "unknown."

The movie, titled "Unidentified Flying Objects," documents the entire flying saucer controversy including the presence of 14 unidentified flying objects tracked by radar over Washington, DC, July 27, 1952.



SUNDAY STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - April 5, 1981

Spot a UFO? Blame an earth tremor

By John Picton Toronto Star

That light in the sky you saw last night wasn't a flying saucer. It wasn't marsh gas, the heebie-jeebies, or any of the other familiar explanations.

Chances are that "UFO" was caused by a mysterious process on earth that scientists are just beginning to observe and understand.

Blame an earth tremor.

That's what Michael Persinger, a psychologist teaching at Laurentian University in Sudbury, and Brian Brady, a geologist at the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Denver, believe.

Fed into computer

"More than half the UFO sightings are because of earthquake lumination," Persinger told the Sunday Star.

Of the remaining sightings, he says: "The concept of explaining all UFOs is out of date, anyway. The average person must realize that not all sightings are from the same

source."

He adds that such sightings may be a warning of earthquakes to come weeks, months or even years later.

Persinger, who majored in geophysics, began studying unusual phenomena in 1971, feeding all the data he gathered into a computer.

"When we did an analysis, the trend jumped out with unbelievable intensity," he says. "It went back to the 19th century in England and the U.S. when these lights were called devil stars and comets and aero ships."

One area he's researched, one he says proves his theory, is the New Madrid region where the borders of Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas come together.

The most severe earthquakes in North American history occurred there in 1811-1812. In 1958, earth tremors were recorded there again, and "there was an eight-fold increase in the number of luminosity reports in the region in the

previous six months."

Over a fault line in the earth's crust running from Quebec City to Chicoutimi, there were as many as 30 UFO sightings reported between 1975 and 1979 — "and there was a marked increase in the number of luminosity reports."

Intense as lightning

Persinger and Brady have discovered that when quartz-bearing rock breaks up, balls of light are produced — short-lived, but as intense as lightning.

Laboratory experiments showed the luminescence from a single crack would last only for microseconds, but in that time it might streak away, hover, and then move again in the characteristic movements of UFOs.

The movements are explained by complex theories of ions, electrons and electro-magnetic fields.

The Chinese already call such luminosity "earthquake lights."

One case the scientists studied

was a series of sightings made from an aircraft flying a midnight run from Wellington to Christchurch, New Zealand, on Dec. 30, 1978.

The crew had spotted brilliant and mysterious lights in the sky a few days before and a TV crew was on board in case they happened again. About 25 minutes out of Wellington, the light appeared and seemed to follow the plane's flight path, sometimes hovering and then speeding away.

The position and altitude of the lights from blips was confirmed by blips on radar screens.

On the ground, researchers looked for rational explanations — fishing boats, meteors, secret aircraft, sightings of Jupiter or Venus, city lights or simply a hoax. None seemed reasonable.

The sightings remained a mystery until Brady laid a geological map alongside the flight path of the plane and realized it had been flying parallel to one of the earth's great fault lines, the Alpine Fault.

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland
April 10, 1981

UFO 'sighted' over beach at Aberdeen

A NUMBER of Aberdeen people have reported seeing an unidentified flying object over the beach early today.

One of them — Mr Graeme Sutherland, of 9 Abbot's Place — described it as "a single ball of white light."

He said two of his friends who had been at the beach had also got a very clear view of it.

Graeme, a sales representative, said: "I was in my bed about 1.55 a.m. when I saw this light high in the sky."

Through binoculars he saw the "white ball" accelerate and slow down.

He woke his father William, a senior executive with the Gas Board.

Graeme added: "When we went outside we thought we heard a swishing noise. The light seemed to stop periodically and then go off again in the opposite direction."

He said two of his friends had also seen the object in the sky, before it just seemed to disappear altogether.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority in Aberdeen said today that there had been no sightings reported to them.

OBSERVER, Wigan, Lancs., England - May 7, 1981

A close encounter for Lian

A 17-year-old Billinge girl is convinced she had a close encounter of the mysterious kind last weekend.

Student Lian Sayers was being driven by taxi to her home in Claremont Road, Billinge, in the early hours of last Sunday morning after finishing her part time job at Tiffany's in Wigan when she saw some mysterious lights in the sky.

At first she thought they were stars — but then they began to move and appeared to be following the taxi.

Lian, who works on the spotlights at Tiffany's at weekends, said: "We were coming past Simms Lane End when I noticed the lights and told the taxi driver. When they started moving we were both puzzled as to what they were because there was no noise like an aeroplane or helicopter."



Lian Sayers

A pupil at Winstanley College, Lian said she and the taxi driver could see the lights all the way back to Billinge and she admitted that after being excited when she first saw them, she began to get a little frightened when they were just 60 feet above the taxi.

"We could see an object then," she said, "it was a funny shape and was just above the taxi so we got a very clear view of whatever it was."

The lights were still there when she got home and Lian handed on the door and told her grandmother, who then saw "a bright glow" disappearing over London Fields.

"I believed in UFO's before this," said Lian. "But now I am convinced that there is something up there. I watched the lights for about ten minutes and had a clear view of them, as did the taxi driver and it couldn't have been an aeroplane, there was just no noise coming from the object."

STAR, Johannesburg, South Africa - May 9, 1981

UFO had a ball in the Lowveld sky

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

LYDENBURG — A mysterious "yellow ball with a long tail" travelling at tremendous speed was seen over the Lowveld sky this week.

Mr Ian McIntyre of White River was travelling on the Long Tom Pass between Lydenburg and Sabie at 5.15 am on Thursday when his car's generator light started flashing.

It kept going on and off until he drove past Lydenburg some 20 minutes later. Then, about 20 kilometres along the Burgersfort road, he noticed the bright yellow ball in the sky.

"It appeared to be about four kilometres up and was the size of a large beach ball," Mr McIntyre said.

As he watched the ball, which had a "tail" about three-quarters of a

kilometre long, his car's lights dimmed and the generator light kept flashing intermittently.

He followed the object for about 30 seconds until he saw its colour change from yellow to red and blue then disappear. "As it vanished, my generator light gave one last flash then started functioning normally again."

Mr McIntyre is certain it was not a shooting star and thinks it was either a meteorite or some UFO.

"It made no sound and appeared to be flying at an angle like an aircraft preparing to land so it must have fallen somewhere in the area," he said.

Although the flashing generator light might have been coincidental, Mr McIntyre believes the flying object somehow affected the car's electrical system.

CR: C. Hind & J. Brill

RECORD, Rimbe, Alberta, Canada
April 14, 1981

UFO sighted near Crestomere

An unidentified object (UFO) was sighted for about 35 minutes on Sunday, April 5 three miles south-west of Crestomere by 11 different persons. Corporal Dwight Davidson of the Rimbe R.C.M.P. detachment confirms the sightings.

The object was described as being "a large object about 100 feet across with two red lights" in one report. The object appeared "cigar shaped" to one observer and "100 by 200 feet" by another observer. All reports stated the object was "very large with two red lights" Corporal

Davidson says. It was maneuvering with no problem in the very strong wind that evening, Davidson quotes the observers' reports.

"I have no reason to disbelieve these people and in my mind they believe what they saw."

The National Research Council has been informed of the sightings and the R.C.M.P. are still investigating the incident. Anyone who may have observed the UFO is asked to contact the Rimbe detachment of the R.C.M.P.

TIMES, Hinckley, Leics., England - April 3, 1981

SAW "MYSTERY" LIGHT IN SKY

A Hinckley man claimed this week that a bright object he saw in the sky two weeks ago was a UFO.

The man, 35-year-old Brian Jones of Roston Drive, Hinckley, said that on the evening of Sunday 22nd March at about 7 o'clock, he was coming out of his home when he noticed a very bright white light very low in the sky.

He said it was travelling very slowly and there was no sound. After a few seconds the light then stopped and hovered almost directly over the Deveron Way flats.

Mr Jones added: "I stood and watched the light for almost a minute and it did not move, it seemed to be revolving, then, all of a sudden, it turned pink and shot off very fast towards the east. I am certain it was not an aircraft or a helicopter because there was no sound at all coming from it, I am sure others must have seen it too because it was so bright."

The sighting has now been reported to Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigations who said that up until now Mr Jones appears to have been the only witness to the object as they had received no other reports.

"We will investigate the sighting fully", they added.

Riddle of 100 UFOs

by ANDREW McINNIS

A PROBE has been launched into more UFO sightings in an area where there are two nuclear power stations.

In the same area — the Scottish Borders — 12 people have died in mystery plane crashes.

Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Joyce Byers, both of Annandale Road, Moffat, Dumfries, have logged the series of UFOs in a diary provided by Eskdalemuir Observatory.

Swirling

They are convinced the Moffat Hills are a "base" for flying saucers.

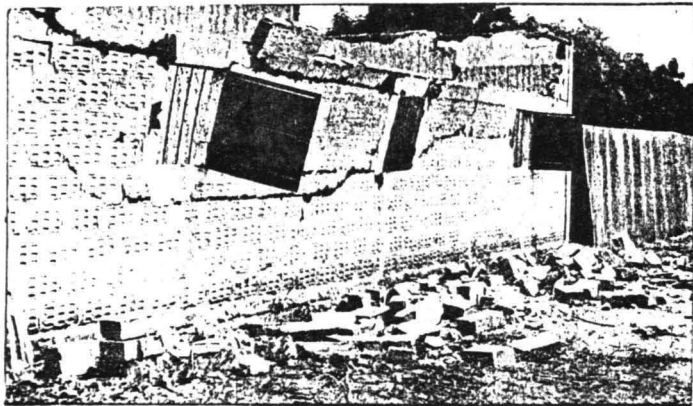
And they believe there is a link with the fact that two nuclear stations, Chapelcross and Windscale, are not far away.

Mrs. Byers said: "We have noted everything from swirling, saucer-shaped objects to orange and red triangles."

Mr. Stuart Campbell of the British UFO Research Association said: "Inquiries are being made as the two women concerned are not the sort to make up stories."

DAILY STAR, London, England - May 13, 1981

(Damage done to the village of Baridiame, Senegal on September 9, 1980. See the following translations for a complete account of this UFO (?) incident.)



TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: Baridiame, Senegal
- 2) Date of incident: September 9, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: ZONE TWO, September 18, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Dakar, Senegal

SEEN ABOVE A VILLAGE NEAR KEBEMER A FLYING OBJECT DESTROYS BUILDINGS AND INJURES FIVE PEOPLE

Stupor in the village of Baridiame, located 90 KMs north of Diourbal, in the department of Darou-Mousty; a flying object which was seen Sept. 9 and has not

been identified.

With an elongated shape, white with a bluish head and giving off an intermittent red light, according to the testimonies of the villagers, its passage lasted only about 2 minutes. But it injured some people and caused some major damages. About 50 houses were blown down and some trees uprooted.

Three people were injured by the destroyed buildings. Two other injuries have been recorded at Keur Amadou Mactar, another village close to Baridiame. Witnesses state having felt an extreme heat for several seconds and having heard a deafening noise.

Part of a squadron of gendarmes went to the site with the deputy mayor of Kebemer. The gendarmes conducted an investigation of the phenomena, which has mobilized since September 10th a scientific team headed by the director of the Polytechnic School of Thies (l'Ecole polytechnique de Thies), according to a good source.

Three hypotheses are being considered at the moment. The well-known "object" could be either a flying saucer, or a sonic boom from an airplane, or an extraordinarily violent whirlwind.

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UFOs, A MYTH OF MODERN TIMES?

Mirages? Hallucinations? Are they real phenomena which are misunderstood or are they extraterrestrial? In any case, UFOs have for a long time not been an exclusive part of the realm of science fiction. For tens of years they have peopled the imagination of man. Some people say they have seen them. In numerous countries also, the squadrons of gendarmes, the police station, the institution specialized in the observation of space, those who study astrophysics, the security services, etc., have collected many testimonies of UFOs which have flown by or of their landing for several seconds. Africa, particularly our country, seems to have been spared until now these strange visitors. Since Tuesday this is no longer the case. Senegal just officially recorded its first UFO sighting.

In testimonies given by most of those who have seen UFOs, there is often the question of burned ground, of energy given off by the flying machine, of light, etc., as in the UFO at Baridiame. The shape of the object (a crown) makes one think of flying saucers which are spoken of in UFO reports.

Only a thorough investigation carried out by the authorities can perhaps explain the phenomenon which occurred at Baridiame. In certain cases it has been realized a UFO was only a meteorite, an artificial satellite, a weather balloon, a meteorological phenomenon, etc. It remains a question of natural causes, of still unknown natural causes (plasmas, atmospheric or photographic phenomena) or artificial causes created by man, as for example, rockets and paranormal manifestations.

Are there extraterrestrials in all this? Are they little green men with three arms and five legs and endowed with a superior intelligence, like these peaceful beings that are seen in the film by Spielberg, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"? Some think so. Others think that they are only the fruit of our imagination. It is not for nothing that a rocket was sent several years ago to Saturn or Jupiter (I don't remember which) with a message onboard in the form of symbols and the poem "L'Elevation" by Baudelaire, destined for the eventual inhabitants of this planet.

It is necessary then for some light to be shed on this event which occurred at Baridiame for the subject to be decided. If no plausible explanation can be found, there is no doubt that with the films which are shown on our TV screens, the people will see UFOs everywhere. The testimonies will be concerned less with the Devil and more and more with flying saucers, because there are those who think that this is one way man will be liberated, consciously or not, from his metaphysical anguish. In the meantime, throughout the world the UFO phenomenon is not neglected. — Djib DIEDHIOU

THE "UFO" OF BARIDIAME...THREE HYPOTHESES CONSIDERED BY THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

Baridiame is a small village located 30 KMs to the North of Darou-Mousty and some nine KMs from the turn at Ndoysne, in the rural community of Touba-Merina, in the department of Kebemer. September 9, about 6:40 p.m., while the inhabitants were getting ready for the prayer of Maghrib, an unidentified object coming from the north caused panic in the population. The phenomenon came with a violent storm accompanied by a terrible noise. Mr. Mbaye Khouma, one of the principal victims, claims that the whirling object made more noise than 10 trucks running at the same time.

His son saw the unusual object which he showed to his father. At first Mr. Khouma believed that it consisted of a rocket, because it consisted of a shaft of about 15 meters wide by 30 meters long, with a crown of which the body was filled with white smoke, the unidentified object itself being blue in color.

Disturbed by the wandering nature of the phenomenon, Mr. Khouma ran into his house. He was deafened by the noise and suffocated because of the sudden heat at the moment that the UFO whirling above his house took off the roofing and threw it several kilometers. At this moment, the sides of the wall were destroyed before his eyes, all the bricks invariably falling into the house. The passage of the phenomenon left Mr. Khouma with a distressing view of two buildings and seven houses destroyed, eight twisted beds, three armchairs or privates (closets or wardrobes?) pulverized, four tables of dishes reduced to powder. A 200-liter cask filled with water was carried five meters and then turned over. The other cask, along with a four cubic meter reservoir also filled with water, were spared. But the water contained in these reservoirs became superheated. The walls of the house were destroyed in a bizarre manner because the threshold serving as a reference, the left side fell to the interior of the house while the right side fell outside of the house. The straw huts were scattered in a circle and the trees which were affected were first laid over to the east and then thrown to the south, with the roots in the air and all the branches curiously orientated to the south as if the trees had been combed in this direction.

The phenomenon attacked only some houses, of which the majority were situated along a north-south axis, but it also jumped over entire blocks at a whim to hit other allotments further away. It acted like a whirlwind which selected its victims.

All the people who were interrogated stated having seen a long object with a head like a crown, blue in color, rapid and noisy, lifting up sand and gravel in its passage which it threw against any object in its path. Everyone who saw it stated that it was an object that they had never seen before. Its passage across the village did not last more than two minutes, stated Mr. Mbaye Cisse, who saw his two buildings destroyed before his eyes, of which the bricks all fell to the inside of the rooms.

Two kilometers to the north, the village of Keur Amadou Mactar underwent the same effects and under the same conditions as Baridiame. One woman owed her life to her son, who wanted to run to his father. In order to stop him, the sick lady left her bed, which was then crushed by a falling wall.

At Keur Amadou Mactar, 24 houses were lost and two people were seriously injured. There have been no serious burns reported on any of the damaged objects.

The UFO at first resembled a snake, then a tiger with a head, and flew 50 meters above the heads of those who dared to watch it because the crown was blinding

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white in color, according to Mr. Mbaye Khouma, whose son, frozen with amazement in his doorway, watched him run.

A scientific commission, led by the director of the I'Ecole Polytechnique de Thies, went to the site to investigate.

Three hypotheses are being considered: Either it actually was a flying saucer, or it was a sonic boom from an airplane, or it was simply an extraordinarily violent whirlwind. Five people in all were injured by the collapse of buildings blown down by the object, which gave off an intermittent red light.

- 1) City and country of incident: Baridiame, Senegal
- 2) Date of incident: September 9, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE SOLEIL, September 19, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Dakar, Senegal

THE MYSTERY OF THE PHENOMENON AT BARIDIAME CONTINUES

The mystery still continues as to the exact nature of the phenomenon reported Sept. 9th (see our preceding edition). The prefect of Kebemer, during an interview by the national radio, reported yesterday at 1 p.m. that it consisted only of a thunderbolt without giving any precise indications supporting this idea.

Obviously, this was acting much too quickly as this is a very hasty conclusion. Everything leads to believe that it is not a question of a thunderbolt. First there was no rain either before nor after the phenomenon. Then there were no fires reported even though the houses and sheds which were destroyed should have been burned if it was a question of a thunderbolt. If it is a natural phenomenon, it could not in any case be anything except a waterspout, according to the meteorological office.

To tell the truth, it is still too early to arrive at a conclusion. A list of damages is much worse than formerly announced: 32 houses destroyed, six others damaged, ten sheds destroyed, six victims with slight injuries.

- 1) City and country of incident: Baridiame, Senegal
- 2) Date of incident: September 9, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE SOLEIL, September 20, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Dakar, Senegal

THE PHENOMENON AT BARIDIAME: IT IS INDEED A QUESTION OF A FLYING OBJECT... SAMPLES WILL BE ANALYZED IN A LABORATORY

No definitive or complete conclusion can yet be made of the phenomenon observed September 9th in the village of Baridiame. A preliminary judgement is, however, possible if several elements are considered.

It is not possible to ignore the testimonies of the villagers who saw and went through the phenomenon. Considered and reconsidered by the scientific team which went to the site, the testimonies are absolutely in agreement. The scientific team was headed by Pr. Djibril Fall, director of the Center of Studies and Research for Renewable Energies (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Energies Renouvelables), formerly the Institute of Meteorological Physics.

The village of Baridiame did indeed see a flying object resembling from afar a kite and which afterwards appeared as a disc, elongated by what the witnesses compared to a train of smoke.

According to Pr. Djibril Fall, the phenomenon of Baridiame cannot be explained by only the local atmospheric conditions. True, the sky was slightly cloudy before the appearance of this phenomenon, but that is completely normal during the winter season. It is also true that some drops of rain fell in Baridiame, but that occurred well after the phenomenon and the villagers themselves refused to establish a connection between this small and very short rainfall and the phenomenon.

In any case, according to the director of CERER, it cannot be a question of a wind and even less that of a thunderbolt. To the contrary—and Pr. Fall is explicit on this point—what blew down the trees and houses was a whirlwind.

However, a whirlwind of such violence that it is out of the ordinary. The whirlwind doesn't explain everything because, as reported by Pr. Fall, a manifestation was entirely caused by a foreign body, because the evidence is convincing that there were two completely separate phenomena; the second phenomenon being the occurrence of the whirlwind, which was just an effect of the first. That is to say, as the flying object, which was actually seen by the villagers at low altitude.

Once again, an objective proceedings could not ignore the testimonies which are explicit and in agreement; a disc elongated by a long tail of smoke, according to the villagers.

In the village of Keur Amadou Makhtar, about 2.5 KMs from Baridiame, the inhabitants did not, however, see the flying object but only the whirlwind. At Baridiame, on the other hand, both the disc and the whirlwind were seen. This would seem to confirm that it is necessary to separate the two. Put simply, in the case at Keur Amadou Makhtar, the effect—the whirlwind—occurred while the cause—the disc—could have swerved and taken another course.

Even if one admits that there was a flying object and a whirlwind, still not everything is cleared up. Many questions still continue. What could it have been, this flying object? Why did it fly at such a low altitude? Was it a terrestrial machine or—not being able to exclude any hypotheses—extraterrestrial? One could continue indefinitely. One can only let oneself be carried away by scientific curiosity while trying to verify the hypotheses and presumptions with the most meager evidence available.

It is just that which the team from CERER will proceed to analyze in the various samples. The villagers at Baridiame collected leaves of plants which fell after the passage of the phenomenon. The team led by Professor Fall also collected samples from the trees blown down the length of the passage of the phenomenon, along with pieces of bark.

A sample of mud was also taken from the bottom of a small reservoir in the village of Baridiame from the land of the head of the village. An interesting sample because the water of the reservoir, which is normally used to water the domestic animals, was extremely heated during the two minutes that the phenomenon occurred.

All these samples will be analyzed, along with the urine from one of the injured people, a small boy of Baridiame who, although not exhibiting any sign of sickness or of violent shock, still has not completely recovered his senses.

These various analyses may not result in anything certain, but they can reveal traces of the smoke or residues from products, such as some motor fuel. In any case, the eventual results of the lab work will be the object of comparative analysis by a more specialized organization, to which will be sent the evidence available in Dakar.

This is a problem to be watched and to leave hereafter to the scientists who promised they will let us know the fruit of their research.

- 1) City and country of incident: Baridiame, Senegal
- 2) Date of incident: September 9, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE SOLEIL, September 22, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Dakar, Senegal

UFO AT BARIDIAME: THE HYPOTHESIS OF A THUNDERBOLT SEEMS IMPROBABLE

Despite the statement that the prefect of Kebemer, who attributed the phenomenon at Baridiame to a thunderbolt, the mystery still continues. The explanations which the listeners of L'ORTS (radio station) heard in the news bull-

etin at 1 p.m. yesterday do not seem to us to be plausible. The complementary information which we received yesterday from a good source has reinforced our skepticism on this subject. As the Senegalese Agence de Presse announced, it was Sept. 9 that the authorities were informed of the appearance of the phenomenon. It was indicated to them that a bizarre machine crossed the localities of Tandji and Baridiame. At first everything led one to believe that it was a thunderbolt.

The following day, September 10, information on the passage of the "object" was more precise and better detailed. The damage caused by its passage had just been ascertained. At Kandji, three persons were slightly injured, eight houses destroyed and six houses damaged. At Baridiame, the bill was higher: 24 houses destroyed, four concrete buildings demolished, five wooden sheds and three others in corrugated iron were torn up. Also, there were three slight injuries.

On September 11, more characteristics of this phenomenon turned up. It was learned that the machine hopped or skimmed the ground, that it was circular in shape. It was whitish with a blue tail and was about 30 meters long. It was headed in a north-south direction. A curious fact: The "thing" sucked up sand and lifted up several objects; it tore up trees or smashed them, but it did everything intermittently. It also gave off a deafening noise. Another notable fact: The phenomenon lasted two minutes. The temperature was very elevated after its departure. And above all, there were no fires, neither in the houses nor in the trees which were in its path. There was no rain either before or after its appearance. Furthermore, the wind before the appearance was moderate.

It is still too early to draw any conclusions, even though many people who are interested in this event lean to the theory that it was a space machine, and other specialists lean to the theory of another atmospheric phenomenon (for example, a waterspout). Several scientific teams have gone to the site. We have tried in vain to join the director of the I'Ecole Polytechnique de Thies to have the results of the investigation that he headed at the site. Perhaps in the next hours we will be able to contact him and we will be enlightened on the subject of the UFO of Baridiame.

- 1) City and country of incident: Baridiame, Senegal
- 2) Date of incident: September 9, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: ZONE TWO, September 24, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Dakar, Senegal

THE MYSTERY OF BARIDIAME

Baridiame, a small village located between Kebemer and Darou-Mousty, with a population of a little more than 500, and three centuries old (the village was founded 376 years ago by Abdou Karim Khouma, whose ancestor, Magana Khouma, came from Djolof) could have continued for a long time its peaceful existence with the time divided between farm work (peanuts, millet, and "niebe") in the winter season and the reading of holy books. But Tuesday night, September 9th, there was a rendezvous with history because for two minutes, Baridiame would be the star of a unique (at least until the present) moment in Senegal.

The villagers were terrified by the appearance of a "mysterious blue saucer trailing a long tail and emitting a white and suffocating smoke."

What exactly happened at Baridiame?

The last inhabitants had just come from the field, and after the prayer of "takoussane," some of them chatted in front of the doors of their shops or in the village square waiting for the prayer of "timis." The sun had not finished its journey after leaving about enough light to contemplate the calm and restful countryside. It was then, according to Mbaye Khouma, head of the village, who was sitting underneath a tree in front of his house, that an unusual and deafening noise came to him. "It must have been about 6:40 p.m. when my son showed me in the sky a disc coming from the north which descended rapidly on the village," he said. The man moved quickly in front of his house in order to see the mysterious machine with a round blue head, which destroyed everything in its passage. "It was only afterwards that I noticed a long tail which trailed behind it, emitting a white suffocating smoke and sucking up everything in its path." Mbaye Khouma hurried inside his house in order to protect his family. And in the village square there was no longer anybody. The whole village was in a state of excitement and above all frozen with fear.

WHITE SMOKE

Macoumba Cisse, a farmer but also a shop keeper, was in the village square during the arrival of the mysterious machine.

"I thought at first it was a cloud but because of the deafening noise I thought the end of the world had arrived. The machine was there, turning above the part of the village where we live, with a long spindle which gave off a white and warm smoke and with a round head close to 30 meters by 15. When the machine went upward, it sucked up only, but when it descended it destroyed everything in its path," he explained. It was thus that two of the cement walls of his shop were blown off. This house was the third visited by this mysterious machine.

The two first visits were those of El Hadji Gora Khouma, a farmer and scholar, which is located at the north entrance of the village at the site of the cemetery, coming from Keur Abdou Moutar, a neighboring village which first received a visit by the mysterious apparition before Baridiame.

ROUND SHAPE

"We were there, sitting in the yard, when a deafening noise came to us, similar to that of several airplanes. It was then that we saw the roof of my concrete house fly off into a thousand pieces and a sudden heat suffocated us. The machine was there above our heads with a round form, followed by a tail which sucked up everything in its path while giving off a white suffocating smoke," stated the old El Hadji Gora Khouma, who underwent the first damages caused by this machine coming from the sky. Everything which was in zinc or wood was destroyed by the passage of the machine, and the water which was in the cistern of the house became hot, too hot and unfit to drink. "Except if the water was hot, too hot to be used, it was nevertheless not boiling," he added. And, still according to him, the passage of the mysterious machine did not last more than 3 minutes. "Some people have said 2 minutes, concerning its appearance and disappearance in the village. All I know is that its speed was prodigious when it moved upward but just moderate when it descended."

Mbaye Dlop, another farmer, received the last visit from the mysterious object. "I had just come from the field with my children and was still in the yard. Upon hearing the noise I thought at first it was a storm. But when I saw a flying object, I told myself it was an airplane. But it was to the contrary, and I hid myself rapidly in my room with my four children. The house collapsed on us and the roof was blown off, sucked up by the tail of the machine which gave off a suffocating heat."

After the passage of the machine over the village of Baridiame, and the destruction of the houses, of sheds and of sections of walls, almost all of the witnesses agreed on its shape, its long tail giving off a white smoke, and the heat. Furthermore, the machine uprooted some trees and threw them on the ground. No one was injured or carried off. Neither the fields nor the domesticated animals of the village underwent any damage.

MAJOR DAMAGES

At the end of these two infernal minutes, the inhabitants regrouped and were able to get an idea of the damage from the passage of the engine. The prayer of "timis" was not made. The hour was devoted more to commentary of these unusual events. "We never thought of it as a divine calamity. It was mysterious for us, but we never lost confidence," explains A.S., an inhabitant of the village.

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The same day the head of the village sent his son, Khadim Khouma, to warn the chief of the gendarmes of Darou-Mousty, who came to the place Tuesday night. On Wednesday, it was necessary to return early to make the routine report. Thursday it was the turn of an army helicopter from the national Senegalese army to come to the flight along with the prefect of Kebemer. "We remained three days without touching a thing. It wasn't until Friday that we began to re-construct our homes," explained Mbaye Khouma, the head of the village.

So it was a village in commotion and with houses under construction that we saw last Sunday at Baridiame. Indisputably, something bizarre and unusual happened in this farm village of Cayor. "The hypothesis of a thunderbolt advanced by some people does not hold up. We are well acquainted with thunderbolts. It was never seen. One sees only the light. He who sees the thunderbolt does not survive it. And what's more, thunderbolts burn and nothing has been burned nor are there any traces of charcoal in our village," explained El Hadji Gora Khouma.

It is true, according to him, that the engine with the tail appeared "with a whirlwind and a very intense heat accompanied by some drops of rain, but that has never been from a thunderbolt. Thunderbolts fall on some part and burn what they find (touch?), leaving visible traces of charcoal, but here there were no after-effects of this type. I don't know what it was but it wasn't a thunderbolt," added Gora Beye, from the village of Baridiame.

The same conclusion at Keur Amadou Matar, a small village of no more than 100 inhabitants located 2 Km from Baridiame, which was the first to receive the visit of the space ship. It is furthermore the village which counts two injured people.

VIOLENT SHOCK

Modou Loum, a young adolescent of 13 years, seemed to be more under the influence of a violent shock than injured. The after-effects of the extreme fear which he underwent with the appearance of the mysterious engine and the infernal noise, are still visible. He still seemed bewildered and in another world. His grandfather, Chiekh Moacke Sene, an old farmer who hid with him inside their house, explained.

"It was upon hearing a deafening noise that I ordered them to leave....believing that it was a violent storm which was going to destroy the house. Modou ran out and ran into a bush in front of the house. Stunned and with the terrible noise, he tried to run to his mother and fell back on his legs. His head hit a stone and his young sister came and fell on top of him." These are the circumstances in which the young Modou Loum was injured. The other injured person was his mother, who seems to be in the same state, the violence of an unusual shock which caused them to lose their minds.

Another disclosure was made to us at Keur Amadou Matar: the separation of the mysterious object into two parts. This comes from Ndiassé Sene, originally a fisherman from Joal, who became a farmer at Keur Amadou Matar. "Yes, I was coming from 'dahira,' when near my house I heard a mysterious noise and ordered my family to return to their rooms. It was then that I saw a flying machine about 30 meters by 10 meters trailing a 'thing' behind it. Arriving above the cemetery, the 'thing' separated into two parts. The smaller part destroyed three rooms of my shop before rejoining the other part above the neighboring house," claimed Ndiassé Sene. True or false? There seemed to be (indiscipherable) of his imagination following the line that he underwent, because he has been the only one of the two villages to purport this idea.

Nevertheless, in the village of Keur Amadou Matar, the mysterious machine destroyed the mausoleum containing the tomb of the founder of the village which carries his name.

FLYING OBJECT

Finally, what really happened at Baridiame, Tuesday, September the 9th, about 6:40 p.m.? After the passage of the military authorities and the scientific authorities over the terrain and following the declarations of the inhabitants, three things are now clear.

1. An unidentified flying object flew over the village during less than 3 minutes, causing panic and destroying houses and trees in its path.
2. A non-storm of rare violence because there was no heavy precipitation of water, only some small droplets.
3. It was not a thunderbolt because nothing was burned nor were there any traces of anything having been burned.

All this shows that it was a flying object with a round shape (a disc) trailing a tail which sucked up things behind it.

The question now is to know whether it was a terrestrial engine or machine or extraterrestrial. In the case of a terrestrial machine, it would be nice to know whether it was military or civilian and to identify its nationality. Also to know from where it was launched and why it appeared only at Baridiame.

In this village, the people have begun to attend to their daily occupations and do not fear for their security. The only uneasiness which they have had since the passage of the mysterious object is that it has not rained. "Before, the rain was satisfactory," said Mbaye Khouma, the head of the village. While waiting for the scientific authorities or Professor Djibril Fall of the scientific research to find an explanation for this mysterious appearance, the only thing that the inhabitants of Baridiame want to continue to see in their sky is that of rain.

- 1) City and country of incident: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2) Date of incident: March (?), 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: KHALEJ TIMES, March 16, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

POLICE CHIEF CHASES A FLYING SAUCER

The mysterious flying saucer, which moved many science fiction writers to produce thought-provoking novels and puzzled the scientific world, was seen in Dubai some time back.

This was not just another story of a flying saucer confusing the world for quite some time, as it was seen by the chief of Dubai Police during an early morning inspection tour.

It all happened like this.

The commandant-in-Chief of Dubai Police, Col. Dhahi Khalfan Thamimi, has been in the habit of going round the city at odd hours. On one such tour recently, at 3:15 a.m., he was accompanied by Major Khader Muhsin Abdulla, Director of Emergency Force and Dubai Police Training School and his driver, Constable Sultan Obeid.

When they were half-way along the Hatta road between the Jebel Ali roundabout and the Hatta-Al Ain road roundabout, to the surprise of everyone there appeared a huge shining object about 200 feet above the ground.

Since it was early morning and the object was about half a kilometer away, Col. Khalfan instructed the driver to put the headlights on for a better view.

Within minutes, they saw a part of the object separating from the main body. Although the separated portion looked white initially, within seconds it changed to dark red. The part began to descend, but while coming down it disappeared.

Radio Contact

Col. Khalfan tried to contact the operations room at the police headquarters

to alert the meteorological division at the Dubai airport. But, to his surprise, he found the radio transmission was completely disrupted, although the equipment had been in perfect condition only a few minutes before.

Even after the disappearance of the reddish portion, the main object remained in the air in clear visibility and the police chief moved forward for about 20 minutes to have a closer look. By then, the object had begun to move towards the left before swiftly vanishing in the air.

While driving ahead for a better glimpse, Col. Khalfan repeatedly tried to get in touch with the operations room, but in vain. The response came only after the object began to move. Operations room officials said they could hear him but not clearly. Asked whether any of them, or any patrol vehicle, saw such a thing, they said "no." Seconds after the disappearance of the main object, the radio contact returned to normal.

The brightness of the object was so intense that it was not possible to form an idea of its exact size, although vaguely it looked like the size of a helicopter.

- 1) City and country of incident: Various areas, United Arab Emirates
- 2) Date of incident: March 23, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: KHALEJ TIMES, March 24, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

UFO SEEN IN AL AIN

Col. Salim Al Tajir, deputy director of Al Ain police, said that a "flying saucer" was seen about 9:45 p.m. yesterday in Al Kattara and Al Gimi regions.

He said that the police rescue patrol called the police centre and gave details of an unidentified object which appeared suddenly and dashed off at great speed towards the west.

Quoting the members of the patrol, he said that the object looked like a ball with brilliant light.

Col. Salim Al Tajir also said that he received another message from Al Wagn region, 120 kilometers south of Al Ain, about a "flying saucer" of the same description.

He added that the object was last seen heading towards Oman. - WAM

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- 1) City and country of incident: Carvoeiro, Portugal
- 2) Date of incident: December (?), 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CORREIO DA MANHA, December 10, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Lisbon, Portugal

UFOs PURSUED CARS

According to witnesses, several bright objects have been seen over the beach of Carvoeiro.

The same phenomena were observed by some people while they were driving along the road between Póvo do Boliqueime and Loulé. They said that the objects were very bright and pursued the cars for some seconds, disappearing suddenly. The light was blue and very strong. They "thought it was lightning, but the weather made this hypothesis improbable."

- 1) City and country of incident: Feteiras, Azores
- 2) Date of incident: January 4, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O ACRORIANO OCIDENTAL, January 10, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: ?, Azores

A STRANGE BRIGHT PHENOMENON

Six fishers from Feteiras almost got into a panic when a bright phenomenon with a strong light appeared on the surface of the water, while they were fishing near some rocks.

The object was observed at 2 a.m. of last Sunday. The six fishers, very frightened, stopped fishing and stood near the port of Feteiras for three hours to observe the object, but they couldn't identify it. After that, they went back home at about 5 a.m. Later, they returned to see if there was anything that could cause what they observed. It was gone.

On Monday, a lot of people talked about the event, concluding that there were other witnesses of the phenomenon of Sunday.

- 1) City and country of incident: Soviet Union
- 2) Date of incident: N/A
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CAPITAL, February 19, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Lisbon, Portugal

SOVIET SCIENTISTS SAY: UFOs ARE REAL!

Three Soviet scientists have concluded, after studying 250 UFO sightings, that those were real phenomena.

The work of the two scientists, Guindolis Menkoy and Petroskaia, consists of 70 pages and is very serious, considering that it was declared available by the Soviet Science Academy. The analysis includes sightings over almost all the Soviet Union.

They also made a study of the shapes and colors of 457 reported objects. Also considered were the movements, speeds and so on.

- 1) City and country of incident: Fuentecen, Spain
- 2) Date of incident: February 12-13, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CAPITAL, February 23, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Lisbon, Portugal

UFO AND A ROBOT

A robot getting out of a UFO was seen by a Spanish family in the night of 12 to 13 February in the little agricultural town of Fuentecen (200 KM from Madrid towards the North). The Madrid newspaper, "Pueblo," published an interview with one of the witnesses, Luis Dominguez.

He says that in that night at about 4 a.m., he was going back home with his wife and son when, suddenly, they saw a machine in a neighboring field, emitting two red lights. "The night was dark, we heard noise; it was a cubic-shaped robot 1.40 metres tall. It was like metal. He made a noise like dogs do, but in a lower rhythm."

Afterwards, the robot got into the ship and it took off.

- 1) City and country of incident: Various areas, France
- 2) Date of incident: February 19, February 26, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, March 11, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Lisbon, Portugal

UFOs IN FRANCE

UFOs were spotted in Bourgogne and in France-Comte in the end of February, according to several reports published in local papers.

In Yvonne, the 26th of February, a police Coronel, Jacques Chicaud, saw a saucer-shaped object emitting a strong blue light that disappeared very quickly. In the night of February 19th, a strong light was seen in the skies of Fouchereaux for more than once.



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Encounter convinces couple there is a 'Bigfoot'

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C-N Staff Writer

Has Bigfoot returned?

A young couple who sighted a large, hairy animal near Veedersburg, Ind., Thursday night think so.

"I never did believe in it (Bigfoot) but now you'd never convince me there isn't one," said the man. "What I saw is what I saw. I don't care if anybody believes me or not."

The man's girlfriend also said she had never believed in the existence of a Bigfoot. She does now.

The two declined to have their names published, saying they're afraid people will think they're crazy.

But they told the following story to The Commercial-News Saturday.

The two had been playing cards at a friend's home near Veedersburg. They left about 11:30 p.m. The man said he had had only one beer, so what they saw was "definitely not" a hallucination.

They stopped on a blacktop road about five miles north of Veedersburg, off Highway 41, to neck. The

man left the car's engine running and the bright lights on.

"It had just rained that night," he said. "It was a nice night, no wind. We both stopped kissing and turned our heads to the front at the same time. That's when we saw it. It was on the outskirts of our lights (beam), about two telephone poles away."

"Both of us saw it simultaneously," she said. "We watched it until it was out of sight. It was only a few seconds. It went from the left side of the road to the right. It crossed the road in about three or four bounds."

The man and woman said they both thought it might be a horse or a cow, but knew it wasn't.

"It was too tall," he said. "I saw it from the waist to the back of its shoulders. Its shoulders were what amazed me. It must have been that big across in the shoulders." He held his arms about 2½ feet apart.

"It's hair looked like the color of a dirty collie's hair. It looked clumped. The hair wasn't loose. It looked like it weighed 300 pounds easy. And it wasn't 300 pounds of fat — it was a hard body," he said.

The couple agreed the animal appeared to be 8 to 9 feet tall and moved in an upright position, somewhat like a gorilla, but not as hunched over.

"I like to fish. I like to hunt," the man said. "I go out in the woods all the time. I've never seen anything like it before. We thought the only thing it could have been was a bear. But it didn't have the same color hair as a grizzly."

"That's all I can tell you. I can't tell you it had feet 2½ feet long or what its head or arms looked like. It looked big enough to be a gorilla, but I've seen a gorilla before. It leaned over a little, but not as much as a gorilla does."

"We were both surprised. I live near there," the young woman said, "and I've never seen anything like it."

The man added, "It looked big enough to be mean but it seemed not to want any part of it. We wondered why it didn't come and punch our window out."

The two said they were too scared to get out of the car and check for footprints. They said

they headed toward Highway 41, but decided to return to the site. The man said he had remembered a rumor about Bigfoot — that it leaves a horrible odor in its trail.

The two drove back to get a whiff. Both said there was a strong, sewer-type smell.

The man said he thought about reporting the sighting to authorities, but figured no one would believe him.

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Gary Wilford, a naturalist at Forest Glen Preserve, said he might have an explanation for the creature the couple saw.

The answer may be a deer. "When a deer bounds — especially when he bounds across a road — it can get up to eight or nine feet in length," Wilford said. He added that a deer would match the color described by the couple.

No conservation officials have received reports recently of such a Bigfoot in the area, he added.

"Every once in a while people ask if there's a bear in the area. But there haven't been any reports of a bear around here since the late 1800s."

LEADER & GARLAND TIMES, Tremonton, UT - April 2, 1981 CR: P. Guttilla

Legend Of B.E. Bigfoot is Alive Near Garland

By Tom Kornegay

Do you believe in Bigfoot?

"No way."

That's what this reporter said. Better yet, that's what this reporter used to say.

Even the most stout "Doubting Thomas" would have to reconsider his or her position on Bigfoot in North Box Elder County after considering the personal accounts available.

Certain facets about Bigfoot sightings in this area remain consistent. First, there is only one Bigfoot inhabiting this area. Second, Bigfoot only travels at night. Finally, and to the delight of this reporter, Bigfoot is a VEGETARIAN.

Accumulative reports of Bigfoot remain consistent, in regard to physical characteristics. The following is a general composite of what Bigfoot looks like: Bigfoot is a He. He ranges in height from 8 to 9 feet. He carries a brown coat of fur with a distinct and hideous odor. And the most important trait regarding the recognition of Garland's Bigfoot is the loss of two toes on the animal's enormous 18-inch right foot. That may be true, but this is one reporter who will never get close enough to find out!

The most specific sightings of Bigfoot in this area have been in the Garland cemetery and canal areas. Subsequently, the most credible source and authority on the subject is Garland Police Chief Mark Spence.

"It all sounds funny," said Spence, "but it actually isn't funny at all."

Spence's first encounter with Bigfoot was some time ago, but he remembers the evening vividly. "I spotted it one night while I was patrolling in my police car (on West Factory Road by the railroad tracks) and tried to get my spotlight on the darn thing, but it was just too quick," explained a definitive Spence, adding "one minute he was there, the next he wasn't."

Aside from Spence's personal encounters, he is also responsible for follow-up investigations regarding the discreet creature. The accounts range



"THE BIGFOOT OF MONTE CRISTO," touts Bob Richardson, proud owner of this unsightly beast.

from a young girl being treated in a hospital ward for "Bigfoot shock" to a young boy being thrown from his horse during an encounter with the huge mammal (the horse, incidentally refuses to return to the spot).

According to Spence, Bigfoot's greatest adversary is, of course, man's best friend. "It seems to really be afraid of dogs," says Spence, adding, "But the other animals really get all shook up."

The two most recent cases of Bigfoot sightings have both been in the canal-cemetery areas. The first was three weeks ago. "It was a Sunday evening, and two local boys were shooting fish in the canal (while the water level was down) and then they spotted it," stressed Spence. "There he was, lying on his belly, drinking."

Another sighting involved Garland youths, Russ Rose and Ryan King. The two, accompanied by their dates, were driving in the cemetery area when all four identified the creature as "Bigfoot". Rose says, "He sorta hopped as he ran away."

Rose and King went to town and found Chief Spence. When they returned to the Bigfoot locale — they found nothing, except "those eerie footprints."

This seems to be the key to the entire Bigfoot issue. Plenty of eyewitness accounts. But no lasting, concrete, physical evidence.

"Bigfoot, as far as we know, has never tampered with anyone," said Spence with assurance, adding, "About four or five years ago there were reports that animals were having their throats ripped out by something, although there hasn't been any definite association with Bigfoot."

That information I could have done without.

Tremonton Police Chief, Ron Ogborn, probably summarized my feelings best on the Bigfoot issue following his investigation of a Bigfoot sighting in Tremonton. He said, "We couldn't find a thing."

Do I believe in Bigfoot? "I just don't know."

Local team researching "Bigfoot" sightings

By Elaine Crisp
Special Writer

In the last few weeks, the Mammal Research Team of Lima, have received and investigated five sightings of the elusive Bigfoot. The sightings were not in Canada or the Carolinas where evidence is often seen. These sightings were much closer to home.

Bill Sheets, Director of the organization says that the reports usually come in at night. When something happens, it happens so quickly and then it is over and people tend to disbelieve what they have seen," he explained.

In one recorded incident the research team had found fresh evidence that something had moved just ahead of them. They moved to the edge of the hill to get a better look. Something was moving in the brush about 100 yards away. "All of a sudden it moved to the opening and then off into the thicket. All we could do was watch it move off at a speed we could not keep up with," said Sheets.

The team has pictures of bigfoot tracks found two years ago after the blizzard. Sheets brother had his van stuck in the driveway, about 1:30 in the morning, he was tired of digging the van out, and glanced up toward Mack Truck business on Fourth Street. He saw something moving toward the light he thought was about 3 feet across the shoulders with hair blowing and stood about 2 to 2½ feet above the stop sign which is 7½ feet above the ground.

He moved out of the light and Sheets brother lost sight of him. The following day two snowmobilers found the tracks about 3 miles east of where Sheets brother had seen him. There was no way they could have been faked. The snow was powdery and couldn't even be packed. The tracks were about 8 inches deep.

They were 18 inches long, 8" across the toes and 6" across the heels with 7½ foot strides. "We sent them to a computer expert who works with us in Canada, and they returned the information that the tracks we had photographed were made by a bipod, not a man, weighing 800 to 1000 pounds and standing 8 feet 4 inches tall.

John Thomas, another member of the Mammal Research Team figures there are about 1000 bigfoot mammals living in Ohio. They have been seen looking in windows. Sheets has a photograph of a bigfoot looking in a window that was photographed by accident.

Some people in Bellefontaine had been having a housewarming party and were taking snapshots of the event. A few weeks later the prints came back and there was Bigfoot, looking in the window. "We took the picture and tried to blow it up. We tried blue, red and brown filters but nothing worked. By accident we bleached the face of it out," said Sheets.

A month after the picture was taken, one of the men who was present at the party (a deputy sheriff) walked out behind the barn and saw two of the creatures. He was wearing his 357 but he didn't want to shoot the creature anyway. He went back in the house and got his shotgun and flashlight and went around the other side of the barn hoping to be farther away from Bigfoot. That was when he saw the second one.

The Mammal Research Team went down to investigate the scene. They had to sneak into the area to avoid the sightseers. The team saw three of the bigfoot creatures that night and the next day did some plaster casts of the footprints. The evidence the team has collected point to a family of four inhabiting that particular area of Bellefontaine.

Several plaster casts are on exhibit at the center. Among them are tracks taken from the area around a swimming quarry. Other tracks belong to what the team calls a teenage bigfoot who is roughly 6 feet tall. Other casts belong to cougar who were found approximately five miles northeast of Lima. "People think there are no cougar around here either," said Sheets.

"In Van Wert county, three cougars were found wandering the streets," Sheets said.

"In Ohio City, there are some railroad tracks used about once a year to haul grain. There were 15 inch tracks presumably Bigfoot's going west off of these tracks toward a hog farm. About twenty yards down the line, the tracks were headed back. Later we found out that Bigfoot had gone over to the pig farm around farrowing time and scooped up 16 newborn baby pigs who still had cords attached etc.

He took a feed sack and put them in that to carry them," said Sheets.

"As Bigfoot walked down the tracks he ate one pig all but the head. Then the sack got wet and the babies began to fall out of the sack. They were laying at intervals along the rails. About a mile away, we found 30 to 40 feeder pigs that had been laying there about 6 months to a year. They too were in feed sacks," he said.

Bigfoot eats small rodents, berries and a largely vegetarian diet. It is difficult to get dropping tested because there is nothing to compare the analysis with. "They usually mark the faces unknown as human type digestive track. One sample found west of Lima was sent in and the analysis revealed that the feces contained berry seeds, and a large amount of hair, and that it came from a human type digestive track. There was no explanation for the wood fibre that was in it."

"The intimation was that the sample was that of a man who lived off the wild, eating animals, hair and all, and chewing on trees," said Sheets.

"The hair samples we have found are wire like, much different than a gorillas or a mans. The colors vary. The one we saw in Bellefontaine was black with a reddish brown face. Sometimes they are described as all black."

Sometimes the team will discover a section of the woods where Bigfoot has apparently travelled. Many trees in the area are snapped off about 8 feet up.

In the past two weeks the center has received numerous calls of sightings. Sheets says the biggest problem is trying to get help from the authorities. People don't want to be laughed at when they come up against something they can't explain," said Sheets. "People get tired of that. They want answers and that is what we try to provide."

Sheets says he has never found a tooth or bones of a dead Bigfoot. By way of explanation he contends that gorilla bones have never been found in the wilds either. "We don't know if they bury their dead or if they are cannibalistic. Everyone has their own theory and I think they are like prehistoric man."

"The Indian legends are prehistorical old," says Sheets. "I think that Bigfoot was virtually extinct but now that crops are available for food, they have begun to multiply again. A creature that is part man but who has the instincts of an animals is naturally very hard to find."

"How do you know Bigfoot isn't out there?" Sheets asked. "Education shouldn't end with diplomas. I know he is there and one day I will find him. That will provide the opportunity for the beginning of more education," he said.

DOWN CAME A SHOWER OF FROGS

ATHENS: Most people have complained at some time of it raining "cats and dogs." But the inhabitants of Narplion, in southern Greece, woke up one morning recently to find it raining thousands of little green frogs.

Scientists at the Meteorological Institute in Athens believe the frogs, weighing no more than a few ounces each, were sucked up from north African marshes as a whirlwind passed over the area.

Then a fast air stream carried them 500 or 600 miles over the sea to Greece and there the little frogs came to earth again. Many of them remarkably escaped injury and have taken to their new home, keeping the local residents awake at night with incessant croaking.

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Lassen Bigfoot is a surprise to rangers

By GARTH SANDERS

The reported sighting of the mythical monster Bigfoot last month on Mt. Lassen by two Bay area men has thrown Lassen Volcanic National Park officials into a tizzy — slightly tinged with envy.

Ranger Jim Fox said he has spent seven years in the park and has neither seen nor heard of an appearance by the incredible hulk of anything resembling Bigfoot.

Park Naturalist Dick Vance has spent nine years studying the park's flora and fauna but has failed to find even a footprint of the beast that some skeptics term "the abominable snowjob."

Bigfoot's alleged presence in the north state

was first reported in a 1958 Record Searchlight article. There have been hundreds of reported sightings since then in the surrounding mountains.

Bigfoot buffs have seen little bigfeet, big bigfeet, white-furred bigfeet, brown-furred bigfeet, voluptuous female bigfeet and macho male bigfeet. But nobody has produced a corpus delicti of a bigfoot.

The Mt. Lassen sighting of Bigfoot allegedly was made April 12 by C. Thomas Biscardi of San Jose, president of Amazing Horizons Inc., and Robert Irwin, also of San Jose.

Biscardi told news reporters that he and his group took a photograph of Bigfoot during a three-day expedition on Mt. Lassen.

Biscardi said the group saw Bigfoot emerg-

ing from thickets and trees at a distance of about 100 yards. The party uses a "Bigfoot Detector" in searching for the alleged monster. The device's TV screen picks up an image of anything that moves in the area, he said.

Biscardi described the Lassen Bigfoot as a "male, 7 feet, 4 inches, some 450 pounds." He said he and his party tracked Bigfoot to a lava tube, then lost the creature.

He said he plans to capture one alive by dropping a "sleep bomb" on it from an airplane.

Biscardi's description of the terrain has puzzled Lassen Park officials.

Both Fox and Vance said the nearest lava tubes are 10 miles from the park boundaries. Fox said there have been no reported sightings

of Bigfoot by visitors or park employees during his years in the area.

Vance said his years of park duty has been markedly free of Bigfoot reports. One visitor did report seeing a peculiar glowing light near his campfire one night, Vance said.

Vance and Fox said if Biscardi and others of Amazing Horizons visited the park, they didn't register at either the eastern or western entrances.

There was considerable snow in the park during April and "if he (Biscardi) went up on Mt. Lassen he did a lot of walking," Vance said.

The park officials insist they are not challenging Biscardi's report — they said they would like to find out from Biscardi for sure if Bigfoot is one of the park's natural resources.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - May 21, 1981 CR: F. Hudson

Man-Like Beast Reportedly Seen By Soviet Group

MOSCOW (AP) — Amateur explorers claim to have encountered a hairy, man-like beast resembling an abominable snowman in the mountains of remote Soviet

expedition last year to the Gissar mountains in the Pamir region of Tadzhikistan, where local shepherds previously reported seeing a man-like creature.

PRESS AND JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland

April 21, 1981

Bid to show Nessie isn't just debris

THE most sophisticated sonar equipment used in the search for evidence of a monster in Loch Ness will be brought into operation this summer.

It will be used by a team led by Surrey naturalist Mr Adrian Shine, who has been involved in previous expeditions on Loch Morar in search of its reputed monster — "Morag."

Last year, he turned his attention to Loch Ness, and this summer he plans to return to conduct an ecological study of the loch.

Over the Easter break, he was in the area to construct a cabin for the sonar equipment on the 50ft. raft he plans to use this summer.

Director of the Loch Ness Monster exhibition at Drumnadrochit Mr Tony Harmsworth said Mr Shine would still be operating at Loch Morar, but would be concentrating his attention on Loch Ness.

"He will not be looking for the monster as such, but trying to find the answer to certain inconsistencies in previous surveys of the loch," said Mr Harmsworth.

"His main objective will be to pick up on his more sophisticated equipment what other people have already found with sonar. His equipment will tell him much more accurately what size the objects are and at what angle they are moving. One of his aims is to prove that it could not be floating debris."

Mr Harmsworth said Mr Shine would also take core samples from the bed of the loch in an attempt to find out whether it was ever open to the sea and if so for how long. "If it was, this is possibly how the animals got into the loch," he said.

Dr Robert Rines and his colleagues from the Boston Academy of Applied Science in the US will also be resuming their Nessie-hunting activities this year. Mr Harmsworth said they were more interested in trying to photograph the monster or monsters under water, and would be working quite separately from Mr Shine's team.

Mr Harmsworth also had news of two other regular monster hunters Mr Geoff Watson, a sociology student from London, is back in the area in an effort to capture the elusive "Nessie" on film. He is trying to amass enough material to publish a book.

And Mr Roger Parker, who runs a marine research establishment in Cornwall, is expected to return this summer. His previous plans involved the suspension in the loch of containers crammed with sensors.

They were designed to beam information to a space satellite, which would pass the data to the US Space Centre at Houston and then to a computer centre in France.

Mr Harmsworth said that a new item would shortly be on show at the Drumnadrochit exhibition, which attracted large numbers of Easter holidaymakers over the weekend.

It is the submersible craft used by Mr Shine during his monster hunt in Loch Morar. The spherical craft, only 4ft. in diameter, was the smallest submersible in the world, said Mr Harmsworth, who stressed that it was "totally unsuitable" for use in Loch Ness.

Bigfoot-like prints set tribe to talking

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKY BOY, Mont. — It may not have been the legendary creature called "Bigfoot," but they're still talking about the big, four-toed footprints left outside Jimmy Eagleman's house.

Rocky Boy Reservation Tribal Police Capt. Larry Bernard said Tuesday that he investigated the incident that reportedly occurred outside Eagleman's house early Sunday.

Bernard said about 30 "large" footprints were left around Eagleman's house, and the trail disappeared in the Bearpaw Mountains. He said that some long, reddish hairs were also left on a barbed-wire fence.

Bernard said he plans to send casts of the footprints and hair samples to the state crime laboratory in Missoula.

By "large," Bernard said the prints were slightly longer than 14 inches and were 8 inches wide. He said the prints were about 2 inches deep in soil packed so hard that his own 200 pounds didn't make a dent.

Pete Walking Eagle, Eagleman's son-in-law, who was staying at the house, said "We heard noises kind of like a horse. I went outside and there weren't no horse."

Walking Eagle said he didn't see anything, only the prints.

Bernard said that the prints were not from a domestic animal, because the Eagleman yard is fenced, and they don't own large domestic animals.

"Now other people are saying they've seen this thing before, too."

Walking Eagle said his brother

saw what appeared to be the creature some time ago and it was "big

and red and running down the road like an ape."

HERALD, Everett, WA

May 27, 1981

CR: P. Guttilla

Experts say big prints not Bigfoot

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA — A bear walking in its own footprints, not an elusive Sasquatch, was probably responsible for the strange tracks found in a remote area of Thurston County, sheriff's deputies say.

Experts, who examined plaster casts of the prints Tuesday, believe the tracks were made by a "bear with a funny walking pattern," said John Turner, a sheriff's office spokesman.

Turner said the bear's back feet apparently landed in the prints left by his front feet, leaving larger than normal footprints.

The footprints were 12 inches long, six inches wide at the toes and four inches wide at the heel. They were discovered Friday on a logging road near Alder Dam, 30 miles southeast of Olympia, by a bulldozer operator.

Cliff Crook of Bothell, who has been engaged in Sasquatch research since 1956, said the footprints did not match those found in the past that were believed to have been made by the legendary creature.

"Footprints generally believed to have been made by a Sasquatch all had a big toe," he said. "The Olympia footprints had toes all about the same size, like a bear's paw."

Crook said he agreed with the theory the tracks were made by a bear walking in its own tracks. "Bears often walk in this manner," he said.

HERALD, Everett, WA

May 26, 1981

CR: P. Guttilla

Tracks near Olympia: Bigfoot or big joke?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA — Thurston County sheriff's deputies have summoned help in studying some mysterious tracks that may lead to another Bigfoot hoax — or to the legendary Sasquatch.

Deputies took photographs and plaster casts of giant human-like footprints discovered along a one-mile stretch of logging road in a remote wooded area near Alder Dam, 30 miles southeast of Olympia, then turned over the evidence to an anthropologist from The Evergreen State College.

The anthropologist, who asked not to be identified, was at the scene Monday to examine the tracks, which measure 12 inches long, 6 inches wide at the toes and 4 inches at the heel, said Deputy Neil McClanahan.

The footprints appeared to have been made recently and had an imprint of five toes at the front and another toe near the middle of the sole, McClanahan said.

The deputy said the anthropologist believed the footprints, spaced 25 inches to 39 inches apart, indicated a gait much larger than a human stride.

He said the "large and deeply imbedded tracks," if authentic, would have been made by an animal weighing at least four hundred pounds but did not resemble the footprints of a bear, the only indigenous species that large.

McClanahan said Melvin Frost found the footprints Friday while operating a bulldozer for the Weyerhaeuser Co. in a remote stretch of company-owned land where access was restricted by locked gates. The nearest public road is 23 miles away.

McClanahan said he had seen nothing like the odd tracks in 11 years as a hunter and woodsman.

"It's either a hoax or unexplainable," McClanahan said.

"I'm being kind of open-minded," he said. "I'll refrain from judgment."

Anthropologist summoned to examine Bigfoot tracks

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THIS intriguing white image on the stairs illustrates the start of the book *Photographs of the Unknown*. In 1938, the caption explains, professional photographer Mr Indre Shira, was commissioned by Lady Towns- end to take a series of pictures at Raynham Hall, Norfolk. As Shira and his assistant set up their equipment a "vapoury form" came down the stairs in front of them. Shira had the presence of mind to release the camera shutter before fleeing.

Insight into the unknown?

THE COLOUR picture on page 101 of a new volume of curious photographs published yesterday might be found in any family album of snapshots.

The photograph shows a red two-door saloon in the driveway of a suburban house in London — taken in March, two years ago. It is quite undistinguished either for its composition, or for its quality. Yet, if what the person who took the picture says about it is true, the sunny snapshot of her daughter's car is not only a curiosity, but astounding in its implications.

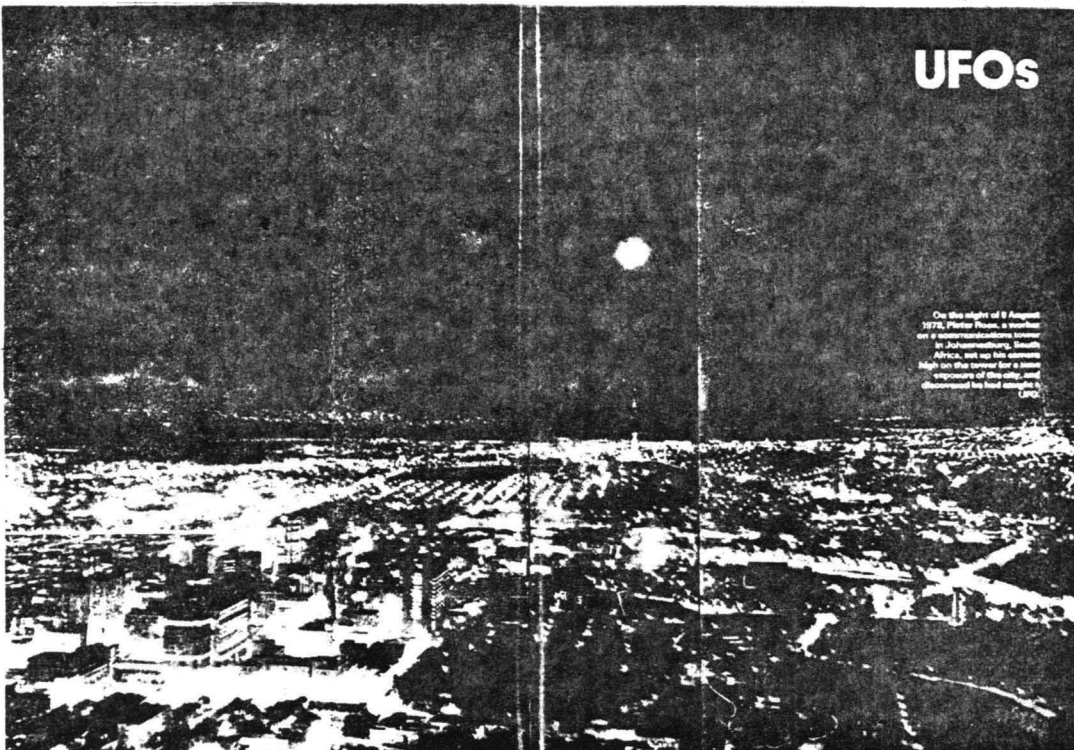
Authors and researchers Robert Rickard and Richard Kelly have included the picture among scores of *Photographs of the Unknown* a collection they have painstakingly pieced together illustrating the paranormal. What then was unusual about the picture of the red car?

Rickard and Kelly explain: the photograph was taken in March, 1979, by London medium Gladys Hayter of her daughter, Dawn, who had just driven up in her car. Dawn was alone, but the photo shows the image of an unknown blonde-headed girl in the back seat.

The anyone-might-have-taken-it theory is clearly stretching things a bit far, but the two researchers do make the point in an introduction to the book that there are possibly "numberless photographs of strange phenomena" languishing forgotten in drawers or old albums, probably because their owners feared disbelief or ridicule.

It is to owners of such photographs that Rickard and Kelly address the invitation to submit photographs for examination and possible inclusion for a companion volume to this first chronicle of the unknown. "To these people we offer a fair hearing, a sincere interest, and a chance to show the pictures to the world — anonymously if they wish."

To do them credit, the authors also offer a phenomenal range of paranormal headings to which readers might contribute: historical and contemporary illustrations of ghosts, poltergeists, unusual



UFOs

On the night of 8 August 1978, Pieter Roos, a member of a paramilitary South African unit, set up his camera high on the central bar of a communications tower in Johannesburg for a time exposure of the city and discovered, the book says, "he had caught a U.F.O."

NIGHT SKY OVER JO'BURG: an illustration from the book *Photographs of the Unknown* which shows an unexplained light in the sky over the vast South African city of Johannesburg. The picture was taken during the night of August 8, 1978, by Pieter Roos, a worker on a communications tower in the city. He set up his camera high on the tower for a time exposure of the city and discovered, the book says, "he had caught a U.F.O."

natural phenomena from living rocks and ghost lights to falls of hailstones, psychic phenomena like the Stigmata and bleeding images to ectoplasm and the concept of thoughtography — the ability to transmit thought into pictures on film.

The range looks limitless, which is probably the underlying point of the book. The absorbing photographic collection includes the frequently-published pictures of *Nessie* of Loch Ness mystery fame, a sequence on Uri Geller's fork-bending demonstration of psychokinesis, the fire-walkers of Bali, and an entire section on unidentified flying objects.

It is from this section that we have reproduced three pictures for this review. Your reaction to the U.F.O. phenomena will test your appetite for the book, which in paperback format costs £4.95. But there is a whole lot more besides. Judging by the number of times our review copy was thumbed while waiting in Reproduction this will be a sure bet for the curious.

John Bailey

Photographs of the Unknown, by Robert Rickard and Richard Kelly, New English Library — £4.95

Cigar-shaped puzzle

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: but this one remains a mystery. The photograph on the right is purported to be a picture of a crashed U.F.O. in the Andean foothills in January, 1964.

A tight security blanket was thrown round a region near the town of Mendoza, in Western Argentina. According to rumour a U.F.O. — "widely witnessed" says the book — lost speed and



crash-landed with a crew of tiny men in luminous uniforms.

A correspondent of the respected U.F.O. journal FSR obtained a copy of one of the pictures showing the 13ft. craft.

POST, Denver, CO - May 6, 1981 CR: D. Anderson

Family of missing man, 84, turns to Bible for solace

LONGMONT (AP) — The family of the Rev. Maurice Dametz, an elderly pastor who vanished last week while rock hunting in the Pike National Forest, turned to the Bible on Tuesday and said they found the solution to the pastor's disappearance.

Martha Newman, the Presbyterian minister's daughter, said Genesis 5:24 provides the answer: "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."

The verse refers to one of Adam's descendants who, according to Biblical accounts, was taken into heaven.

And Dametz's family believes that's what happened to the 84-year-old Longmont man, who

'I really believe the lord took him'

was rock hunting when he disappeared without a trace last Wednesday.

"Daddy certainly walked with God," said Newman. "I really believe the lord took him home to be with him. I can't imagine Dad being hurt or abused in any way."

"He couldn't have disappeared that fast into nowhere," she continued. "I have perfect peace about it. I don't believe he's suffering some place. If I did, I wouldn't be able to stand it."

"You know God took Enoch," said Myrtle Dametz, the missing minister's wife of 51 years. "They can't find a trace of him. I know he wouldn't get lost. He knows that place — every inch of it."

A five-day search for Dametz was called off Sunday and the investigation was turned over to the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. Authorities were looking into the possibility that the man may have been abducted.

But Dametz's family doesn't agree.

Had he been hurt in the forest, they said, he would have been found by some of the many dogs used in the search. They said that had he been abducted, they would have received a message or ransom demand by now.

Mrs. Dametz said that when her husband went out rock hunting last week, "he was wearing old bib overalls and a white cap. No one would think he was from a rich family."

"Maybe someday I'll see him come in the door again, if he's still on the Earth," Mrs. Dametz added. "We just don't know until God tells us for sure or they find him."

Dametz, a minister for 60 years, served churches in Nebraska and Colorado, most recently the Little Church of the Pines near Boulder.

He had a lifelong interest in geology.

David Beckman, president of Rockmont College, said Dametz taught church history, geology and archaeology at the Christian liberal arts school.

While Dametz's wife and daughter say they have found the answer to his disappearance in the Bible, Beckman is not so sure.

While there are Old Testament instances of people taken by God, he said, "There's no recognition in church history of that happening in the last couple thousand years."



IT LOOKS very much as though this tiny figure is being taken into custody. But if it was, no one knows — or is saying — what happened to it.

This photograph — one of many fascinating pictures included in the U.F.O. section of Rickard and Kelly's book *Photographs of the Unknown* — is said to show the body of a dead pilot of an unidentified flying object which came down near Mexico City in the 1950's.

The body was believed to have been sent for examination in Germany, but that was the last anyone heard of it.

Under the item *Aliens*, the authors comment: "Since the first U.F.O. scares of the 1940s, rumours have abounded of crashed U.F.O.s (they refer to the 1964 incident in Mendoza, Argentina reported elsewhere in this page) and their dead occupants allegedly preserved in government establishments."

Man's Disappearance Puzzling

By CHANCE CONNER
Camera Staff Writer

The family of an 84-year-old Longmont man who was reported missing while rock hunting last week in Pike National Forest is offering various theories to explain his disappearance.

The five-day search for Dr. Maurice Dametz was abandoned at dusk Sunday. Douglas County Sheriff's deputies said they will launch a full investigation into the puzzling case.

Dametz, a former teacher and pastor at several Longmont area churches, vanished last Wednesday while rock hunting with a friend, David McSherry of Boulder. McSherry told authorities Dametz disappeared while he (McSherry) walked approximately 300 yards to drop off some equipment at his parked car.

Rescuers focused their search on the Devil's Head area, approximately six miles west of the town of Deckers.

Dametz's daughter, Martha Newman, who lives in Longmont, suggested that her father might have been kidnapped.

She said Douglas County Sheriff's deputies advised her to cancel all of her father's credit cards as a precaution.

"I believe he's been taken for a ride," Newman said. "In the first place, my father does not get disoriented. However, the car he went down there in with Mr. McSherry was a brand new vehicle and Dad wasn't used to it."

McSherry told authorities he walked to his vehicle, leaving Dametz behind to gather up equipment. McSherry said he saw no cars in the area while he walked to his car and back to where he and Dametz were looking for rocks.

Scent dogs brought to the scene apparently were stumped while trying to find a trace of Dametz, who lives at 6489 Ute Highway.

"The dogs ran around and around in circles," said McSherry's wife, Jackie. "My husband is absolutely mystified by this whole thing. We think Dr. Dametz may have been taken by the Lord."

Authorities have been checking daily at Denver area hospitals to see if Dametz

may have been brought in for treatment. However, none of the checks have produced leads.

Dametz has been taking heart medicine twice daily since suffering a heart attack 20 years ago.

A grandson, David bon Koehs, 25, of Fairfield, Calif., said he and Mrs. Newman also believe Dametz was "taken up to heaven" by God.

"We're strong Christians," he said, "and we feel he's been taken to be with the Lord. There's no sign whatsoever of him in the area, which leads us to believe he was taken up."

"It's an equally strong possibility as the one about him being abducted. We feel he's with the Lord."

McSherry echoed that theory. "We're familiar in the Bible with how Enoch was taken," he said. "He was taken to be with God. We feel like we're going to hear from him (Dametz)."

Hundreds of volunteers, dogs and helicopters combed the Devil's Head area for five days in search of Dametz.

Experts say photo of lake 'monster' is authentic

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A photograph of an object in a lake between Vermont and New York wasn't doctored, but it will take more than that to convince scientists that the "Lake Champlain monster" is real, says a zoologist who hopes someday to trap the elusive critter.

Dr. Roy P. Mackal of the University of Chicago, a specialist in the study of rare and extinct animals, told a news conference that "if we're talking about real animals, and not goblins," catching one is "the only way we are going to satisfy the scientific community."

The news conference capped five months of computer and other examination here of a photograph that purports to show the dinosaur-like denizen of Lake Champlain.

Experts here voiced doubts about what's shown in the photo, but Mackal said he hoped to work out a plan to trap the creature, dubbed "Champ," and

prove its reality.

Mackal, who said he had seen Nessie, the legendary monster of Scotland's Loch Ness, said he thinks Champ will prove to be a rare relative of primitive whales thought to have died out 20 million years ago.

The color photo, now copyrighted, was taken in 1977 by the wife of Connecticut shipyard worker Anthony Mansi. The tiny image in the photo shows something resembling a long neck, a humped back and a flipper.

The tests, which included use of computer imaging equipment at Kitt Peak National Observatory near Tucson, concluded only that the photo hadn't been faked, researchers said.

B. Roy Frieden, one of the University of Arizona experts who conducted the examination, agreed that the photo and wave pattern it showed indicated the object was surfacing and wasn't just

floating or bobbing along in the lake.

But, he said, "there is one suspicious detail in the picture that merits looking into: a brownish streak going horizontally across the picture right up to the object in question. A woman who lived at Lake Champlain and saw the picture said she thought it was a sandbar."

In such case, he said, "then there is a distinct possibility that the object was put there by someone, either by people who took the photo or by the people who were fooling them, because you could simply walk out on such a sandbar and tow the object behind you and hide behind it as you made it rise out of the water."

Alan Neigher, a lawyer representing the Mansi family, said they "could no more have constructed such a hoax than put a satellite in orbit."

The photo was taken during a family picnic by the lake.

The day she said hello to a Yeti...

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from
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WHEN the group of students, out on a bird-watching expedition, first saw the shadowy figure beneath the trees they thought they were looking at a lone hunter.

But then the figure suddenly jumped into a clearing and 18-year-old Nina Grinova, who was nearest, got ready to run.

For she was sure that coming straight towards her was one of the legendary creatures of the Parnis area of the Soviet Union... an abominable snowman. But Nina stood her ground and became the first person ever to be reported as having tried face-to-face communica-

tion with one of the man-like beasts. As the creature sighted Nina it stopped and girl and snowman just stood there staring at each other no more than 30 yards apart. Would it attack?

There was, however, not the slightest hint of menace and, in an interview with Kommunist youth newspaper, Nina said: "It made no sound, stood absolutely still and looked extraordinarily friendly. It was over six feet tall and was almost as wide as it

was tall, giving it a strange, square shape. It had a short neck, long arms, and stood bending slightly forward. Suddenly I didn't feel scared any more and moved towards it until I was just 15 yards away.

"And still it didn't budge. I thought of trying to communicate with it and said: 'Hello, can you understand me?' I don't suppose it could. At any rate it made no response of any sort and just kept on looking at me in that friendly way as if trying to figure out what I was."

Now, thousands of letters have poured into the newspaper office with readers' offers of cash and help for any future expedition to catch an abominable snowman.

Sasquatch seems to be ape over Sussex

If you want to know if Sasquatch is for real, the Lakeland area may be the place to find out.

Sasquatch — an Indian name for the so-called man-like hairy monster who has created a stir in the Lakeland Area in the past — has been referred to in past Daily Advance articles as Bigfoot. But what's in a name when they mean the same thing?

And he's now the topic of a book which includes mention of The Advance. White Meadow Lake — the scene of reported sightings in 1976 — and Wantage in northwest Sussex County.

Not only that, Bigfoot researchers recently designated Sussex County and other parts of the Lakeland area as a prime location for determining whether the animal truly exists.

Since the last alleged sighting of Bigfoot — anywhere — was in Wantage in 1977, author John Green declares the Lakeland area is a prime spot to do research. His conclusions — in "Sasquatch, The Apes Among Us" — are based on the unusually high number of sightings of the elusive

creature for such a small area.

Bob Jones, a member of Vestigia, a group that has studied and searched for Bigfoot here, is familiar with Green's comment. He says the group has been collecting data since 1973. The last reported sighting he remembers was a year ago but he doesn't recall the location or who saw it.

Jones says the only way the animal can be proven a reality is if a live or dead specimen of it is collected. Evidence found to date by Vestigia has only shown an unclassified animal has passed through this area.

Records of Saquatch encounters in Washington State and Oregon and other western regions of the United States go back to 1811. Since then, stories have popped up all over the country of an animal similar to the one described as roaming the northwest wilderness.

Until recently, it was assumed Sasquatch was a different type of "monster" than Bigfoot. But Green says they are one and the same — a possible "missing

link."

The last sighting of Sasquatch was on May 12, 1977 in Wantage when Mrs. Richard Sites and her 16-year-old daughter claim to have seen something standing by the road near their rabbit pen, Green reports. Her husband and several visitors ran out to see the creature but it was frightened away when the girl screamed.

The next night the group waited and fired rifles at it. The animal ran into the farm's chicken coop, emerged from a window at the opposite end and escaped through an apple orchard. Although it walked on its hind legs, police said it was probably a bear.

Green also talks about a sighting The Advance recorded on Aug. 3, 1976.

The Advance reported four teen-aged boys claimed to have seen a 10-foot hairy creature in the woods near White Meadow Lake in Rockaway Township. The story says three-toed footprints 18 inches long were found.

Several days later, about 12 miles south of the site near Bernardsville, three

children found 11 three-toed footprints 17 inches long.

But police in the area also discounted this report, saying the beast was probably a bear.

Morristown police reported that four young people saw a seven-foot monster covered with long black hair in the Morristown National Historic Park at dusk on May 21, 1966.

Green says as many as 28 people, ranging from farmers to park rangers, have reported seeing Sasquatch in Sussex County.

"The stories from much of New Jersey don't add up to anything special but Sussex County is another matter," says Green in his book. "If there continues to be even two or three substantial reports a year from so small an area and if a substantial number of people continue working on the problem, it has to be considered one of the most likely areas anywhere for some kind of breakthrough."



Bob Jones displays "Bigfoot-print."

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Scientists plan expedition in African jungles in search of live dinosaur

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It sounds like a "Late Show" movie, but two scientist-adventurers say they're going to search uncharted African jungles this summer for what may be a living species of dinosaur that somehow escaped extinction 60 million years ago.

"Whether there are dinosaurs or not, we don't know. But we're going to check it out," said biologist Roy P. Mackal of the University of Chicago. "I admit to having some romance in my soul."

He concedes much of the scientific community is skeptical or worse, but "That doesn't bother us. You have to have a thick skin."

"If they say it's extremely unlikely, then I'm the first to agree," he said Wednesday. "But it's not impossible. We've got to check out the longshots because

they pay off once in a while."

Mackal said in a telephone interview that natives, primarily pygmies in remote areas of the Congo, frequently have reported encounters with a bizarre creature twice the size of an elephant. Such tales, he said, were almost always second-hand. They called the water-dwelling creature mokele-mbembe.

But last year, Mackal said, he spent a month in the Congo and "we were able to penetrate to an area where we got first-hand reports, not just people saying, 'My grandfather told me about this when I was a boy.'"

He said members of different tribes and regions "all described essentially the same thing. That leads me to think that there is an animal of some kind out there."

He said the region, rarely visited by outsiders, has changed little in 70 million years, "so if

there is a relic species, this would be a good place for it ... It's like a lost world in some ways."

In Los Angeles, consulting engineer Herman Regusters, a co-organizer of the three-month search to begin in the Congo in August, said Mackal showed the natives pictures of a variety of animals.

They readily identified the creatures as an elephant or hippopotamus. They almost always identified as the mokele-mbembe an artist's drawing of a brontosaurus, a classic

vegetarian dinosaur.

"The interviews he conducted are pretty convincing," Regusters said. "I wouldn't waste my time if I didn't believe in it."

Regusters said natives describe a brownish-gray creature with short, thick legs that weighs perhaps 9 to 15 tons and stretches some 35 feet from its small head on a long neck to the end of its tail.

He said stories tell of fishermen being killed, but not eaten, by the creature and of at least one

mokele-mbembe being killed by pygmies about 1959.

He also cited reports of footprints "a lot like the footprints of an elephant but with claws. They were about 36 inches across."

"They said it (the creature) is rarely seen except in the early morning and late evening when it emerges from the water (to feed on riverside vegetation). Other than that, it seems to stay in the water like a hippo."

Regusters said the expedition,

which also is to include botanist Richard Greenwell of the University of Arizona, has been approved by the government of the Congo. He says the team has no interest in killing or capturing a mokele-mbembe, but only photographing it.

"What would three guys do with a 10-ton carcass out in the middle of the jungle after you had to hack your way in?" Regusters said.

"I'm not a believer in fuzzy pictures," he said referring to

photos that are often offered to prove the existence of other mysterious creatures such as the Loch Ness monster of Scotland or bigfoot of the American Northwest.

"I think we would have to have sharp photographs that will stand up under scientific photographic analysis," he said.

The expedition, with the official

support of no institution or foundation, is being run on a shoestring. Regusters said they may take the trip with as little as \$30,000 in private contributions and an assortment of instruments, cameras, weapons and other equipment donated by various companies.

He said the group plans to live off the land most of the time.

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