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...flipped the shotgun safely to the "off" position and jumped out of the cornfield.

"Hold it right there!" he yelled, his shotgun leveled at the light.

Boots lunged forward and made about a bark and a half before he stopped dead still.

For the next few moments, Hankins and his dog were both nearly frozen with fright, unable to believe their eyes.

They saw no feet and legs beneath the light, no head and shoulders above, no hands, no lantern ... nothing.

"It was just a ball of fire about 16 inches through," Hankins recalls. "It illuminated a circle around the whole road, fence and edge of the cornfield for about a 50-foot radius, I'd say. It was a bluish-like light."

"I stood dumbfounded, and Boots crawled back to me and just whimpered."

The light continued to move down the middle of the road, ever nearer to where Hankins and the dog stood — too shocked to move.

Then, suddenly, just as it drew even with them, it turned to the left and passed through a farm gate beside the road. Then it turned right and moved along the fence where the livestock had made a path to the creek.

When finally the light reached Barnett's Creek, it turned right and moved down the middle of the channel, still bobbing up and down 3 to 4 feet above the water.

"When it took off down the creek, it followed every little creek and turn, and I watched it go out of sight under a bridge on the county road."

To this day Hankins is convinced that what he saw that night was what old-timers sometimes refer to as a "jack-o-lantern," a ball of light that floats about in midair.

He says he was later told by hunters that they too had seen such lights while fox hunting at night in the creek bottoms.

Hankins believes that it was something like swamp gas. Wind currents, he believes, moved it around the buildings, down the county road between the banks on both sides, through the gate and into the creek.

But Dr. Burt Monroe of the University of Louisville, a respected source on the subject of aerial phenomena, is not so sure.

Such a light as the one described by Hankins "just isn't going to be any naturally produced gas source," Monroe said.

He adds that such lights have been seen for many years in parts of Arkansas, but it is yet to be determined what they are.

"I thought and thought afterward what would have happened if I'd have fired that 12-gauge shotgun into that ball of light," Hankins told me. "But I couldn't at the time. I was just completely paralyzed for a few minutes."

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His faithful dog followed at his heels as Hankins crept down the road toward Barnett's Creek, where he was sure the thieves had parked their car.

The way he figured it, they were bound to come down the road past him, and he planned to surprise them.

If there was trouble, he'd already made up his mind to sprinkle someone with shotgun pellets. He made it to his hiding place just in time, for when he glanced back over his shoulder, there was the light coming down the road.

It was undoubtedly a gas lantern, about 3 to 4 feet off the ground, and moving at about the speed of someone in a brisk walk.

Hankins was at the edge of his cornfield, so he stepped two or three rows into the corn patch to avoid being seen until the right moment.

Boots lay quietly at his feet, and the light moved closer.

Hankins waited until it was about 30 yards

In the spirit of Halloween, I am obliged to relate a story befitting the occasion. It was told to me as fact, but like so many stories in the dark world of the unexplained, it cannot be proven.

The setting was rural Ohio County in about the year 1955.

J. F. Hankins, 72, who now lives in Shelby County, then owned a 256-acre farm in northern Ohio County, off U.S. 231, about halfway between Hartford and Owensboro.

From his house he could look across the borderlands that "ell away toward Barnett's Creek. Beyond the county road that ran through the property, several hundred yards from the farm, were two barns and, nearby, an unoccupied tenant house.

Hankins had recently noticed that a few of his tools were missing, and he was keeping a pretty close watch on the outbuildings, hoping to catch a thief in the act.

His dog, Boots, was a large white collie-and-shepherd mix, well-trained and unfraid, an excellent watchdog.

One night in October, Hankins heard his dog raising a fuss about something, and peeped out the window to see a bright light moving about one of the barns.

He watched curiously as the light left the first barn and went to the other. It circled the second barn, then headed toward the tenant house.

By this time Hankins had grabbed his double-barrel 12-gauge shotgun, loaded it with two No. 6 shells and sneaked out of the house.



Staff Drawing by Steve Durbin

DAILY NEWS, Galveston, TX  
Dec. 3, 1981

### UFO REPORTED

**HITCHCOCK** — About ten people called police late Tuesday to report seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) swoop and hover between Hitchcock and Sante Fe, authorities said.

Witnesses reported seeing the craft near FM 1764 at about 10 p.m.

One caller told police the UFO hovered over his house for several minutes, flew north, and then returned to hover over his house again.

A second caller reported a similar incident, police said.

One witness said he saw U.S. Air Force jets chase the UFO. However,

officials at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston, were not available for comment.

A Galveston County Sheriff's Department dispatcher said she had about five calls reporting the UFO.

Officers with the Sante Fe Police Department went to the location of the sighting, but did not see any UFOs, sources said.

Scores of people reported seeing a UFO hover and swoop over parts of Galveston County last month.

Authorities do not yet have an explanation for the strange sightings.

ADVANCE, Lynchburg, VA - Nov. 5, 1981

## Reported UFO sightings in area remain mystery

By LAWRENCE HUGHES  
Staff Writer

A UFO apparently used a regular landing pattern as it traveled from the Lynchburg Municipal Airport over Evington and Brookneal Oct. 28 causing witnesses to call sheriff's deputies.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said the witnesses may have seen a plane taking off and a new landing light system at the Lynchburg Municipal Airport.

Larry Cole, local FAA tower chief, said, "Evington is our approach pattern. The landing lights direct that way. You can really get some weird sightings off of clouds."

Airport weather records show a low cloud cover Oct. 28 with no fog.

The UFO flight pattern was the same as Air Virginia's 7:10 p.m. flight to Roanoke. That flight may have been slightly late fitting the time of the sightings at about 7:30 p.m., an airline spokesman said.

Officials said Piedmont Airlines does not fly that late in the day. Officials also said no air military operations have been reported in the area.

Three people contacted authorities to report they had seen an unidentified flying object. The first witness spotted lights in the sky at Airport Road, the second saw lights over Evington, and the third saw lights over Brookneal.

The witnesses asked not to be identified, deputies said.

According to Campbell County Sheriff's Department, the descriptions of the UFO were similar.

The Airport Road sighting at 7:27 p.m. was described as "a large, bright light that appeared to be chan-

ging shapes."

The Evington sighting at 7:29 p.m. was described as "round in shape, five feet in diameter and it disappeared from sight through the trees."

The Brookneal sighting at 7:39 p.m. was described as "long tubular with sparkly lights on each end."

Cole couldn't say for sure what the UFO might have been, but he explained his theory:

In May, the airport installed a radio-activated landing light system that allow the pilot to turn on the approach lights as he comes in. The system is designed to save energy because the lights are only on while the pilot is landing, not all night.

The system is also designed to vary in intensity depending on the pilot's needs. The pilot can control how bright he wants the landing lights by radio. The new system has one setting that is brighter than the original fixed system was. If that setting was used by a pilot, residents might not have been used to it and thought it was unusual.

Cole had one problem with his own explanation, however. "Approach lights are used on landing, not takeoffs," he said.

The path of the object was away from the airport.

Officials that handle aircraft traffic when the Lynchburg tower is closed said there are no records available to show if any additional planes used the airport that night, officials said.

Cole said the FAA has not had a UFO research bureau for years and refers all reports to private organizations. FAA officials have had no reports of UFO activity.

## First of two parts

## Studying the UFO phenomenon

By S. DIEFFENBACHER  
Observer Staff Writer

One is a technical writer for Hanford Nuclear Facility near Richland, Wash., the other is an unemployed Pendleton man with training in law enforcement.

Although as different in appearance as they are in occupational background, they nevertheless have one common bond — their mutual fascination with the UFO phenomenon and what they call their healthy skepticism of it.

Greg Long, 34, of Richland is a lanky, scholarly-looking man with dark hair and a quiet eloquence of speech. Cole Cordray, 38, of Pendleton has the solid build of a boxer, coupled with a frank, open, personality.

Neither has any resemblance to the wide-eyed eccentrics who hover about the fringes of the UFO cult. Neither talks glibly about trips to Venus and Mars or of telepathic contacts with alien beings who dole out cryptic messages for the betterment of mankind.

Instead, the empirical objectivity of Long and Cordray seems as stern as that of scientific researchers in more accepted fields, an objectivity so strict, the two will not permit themselves to publicize their personal views of the five or so current UFO theories.

There is simply not enough information, they say, and they must keep their minds open to other possibilities.

Their mutual quest for the underpinnings of the UFO mystery is a lonely, usually thankless search done with their own funds and spare time, they admit. Yet neither has thoughts of giving it up. It is important that SOMEONE look into the phenomenon, they maintain, since the U.S. government won't.

At present the only NATO country with an official government investigation of UFOs under way is France, says Long.

The U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, a low-level effort to collect such information during the 1950s and '60s, was discontinued in 1969.

Both Long and Cordray are members of a UFO investigation organization called MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), composed of about 1,200 mem-



Cole Cordray of Pendleton and Greg Long of Richland, Wash. look over a MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) field investigator's manual. (Photo by Steve Dieffenbacher)

bers. Headquartered in Seguin, Texas, near San Antonio, the organization's purpose is to scientifically document legitimate UFO sightings, says Long.

Long is Washington state director in the organization, Cordray is Oregon state director.

There is no sense of territorial turf in the titles though. When a promising UFO sighting presents itself, the two often work together on the old premise that two heads are better than one, says Long.

"The reason we work so well together is that we both think alike," said Cordray. "We're both skeptics."

Although they do not have the mechanical equipment to measure burn marks and other physical evidences of UFOs which were popularized in the TV series "Project UFO," they ask careful questions, using printed MUFON guidelines. They also will take photographs of burn patterns when appropriate.

Besides the appearance of the UFO, they collect data as to duration of sighting, the object's altitude, speed and distance.

When possible, they get statements of corroborating witnesses. They record this

data on forms, which are then sent to MUFON headquarters. All inquiries are kept confidential.

"There is a growing public awareness of the UFO phenomenon, but there is still a reluctance to take that first step and tell someone about a sighting," says Long.

Because of the government's official indifference to sightings, many still feel there is a stigma attached to seeing a UFO, the two say. Witnesses risk being labeled eccentric by relatives, friends and public authorities.

Consequently, MUFON recommends that witnesses NOT contact the military, at least not until after a MUFON representative has been notified, says Long.

The reason is that the government, for whom the UFO phenomenon is an embarrassment, may not make good use of the information, he maintains. MUFON will at least keep a record of it, unless it proves to be a hoax or is identified as a recognizable object, he says.

The two are quick to point out that they know of no conspiracy by government to suppress UFO information. The phenomenon simply receives little attention there.

Neither Cordray nor Long have personally had a UFO experience. They both became MUFON investigators out of sheer curiosity — the characteristically human desire to know. Greater public familiarity has made their quest seem less eccentric now than it was as recently as 10 years ago, they say.

"Surveys have shown that three out of four people in this country believe UFOs exist," says Cordray.

Despite Eastern Oregon's low population density, it is actually as good or better a place for UFO sightings than a metropolitan area, Long adds.

"The problem is that ranchers or farmers are more apt to keep things to themselves, unless they can find someone who will treat them with the respect they deserve," he says.

"Actually, city people tend not to look up as often as rural people and the skies aren't as clear in cities. A higher percentage of UFO sightings are reported in less populated areas."

Next: an account of a "close encounter" as reported to MUFON investigators Greg Long and Cole Cordray

## People in Wisconsin are very, very special

Associated Press

That glowing object on Chrystal Jackson's Christmas cards isn't the Star of Bethlehem; it's a UFO that she says chased her car through a Wisconsin woods recently.

"It just looks like Christmas," said Mrs. Jackson, of St. Louis, Mo.

"That very bright, glowing object peeking through the tall pines seemed to carry a very optimistic message," she said. "It's not a star, but the same feeling was there."

Mrs. Jackson, who recently wrote a book on painting, has been commissioned to paint in Bavaria for National Geographic magazine.

But the Christmas card she painted

differed from her earlier work.

"My painting changed after we saw the UFO," she said. "Seeing it made a deep impression on me. I'm not afraid of what might be out there. I feel privileged to have seen it. I have a very optimistic feeling about it."

Mrs. Jackson said she was asleep in the back seat of her car when her son Chris first saw the object hovering low over an empty field as he was driving north near Rhinelander.

"He woke me up, and I was amazed," she said. "And then it followed us for about 10 minutes."

"I hope people don't make too much fun of me about this. I feel very serious about it. I think it may be the future."

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## Two UFO Sightings Are Reported

Two sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported in two Martin County communities Saturday night, just minutes apart with both persons giving vivid descriptions of the objects seen.

At 9:08 p.m., Saturday a subject informed telecommunications at Martin County Communications that he had

sighted an object that was long and oval shaped over Martin Plaza. The object was reported to have emitted a white light and hovered at tree top height without emitting any sound. The object was reported to have been followed by the subject reporting the sighting from the parking area into the River Fill area of Bertie County, where it simply disappeared. The object was stated to have moved at approximately 65 miles per hour at tree top level during the period it was followed, which was just prior to 9:00 p.m.

At 9:10 p.m., a subject came into the Martin County Communications area of the Town Hall and informed the telecommunicator there that he had sighted a strange object over Hamilton. The object was described as multi-colored with extremely bright lights and was reported to have moved up and down while making no sound.

The UFO reports are the first official reportings in the area in some time but are part of a continuing number of sightings that have been reported to various authorities in eastern North Carolina in recent weeks.

# UFO investigators study close encounter on I-5

Second of two parts

By S. DIEFFENBACHER  
Observer Staff Writer

The young man and his girl friend had stopped their truck along Interstate 5 midway between Seattle and Astoria when they saw it — a cylindrical-shaped object with two orange lights and a bright white one. The three lights were roughly arranged in the shape of a triangle.

The driver had noticed the lights earlier in his rear view mirror as he was driving down the dark highway. But each time he turned to look at the road behind him, he could see nothing.

It was a clear, fogless night, sometime between 1:30 and 2 a.m. The driver mentioned the lights to the woman, who noticed the two orange ones, but couldn't see the third because of her position in the truck.

After trying to dodge the mysterious beams for miles, the driver, frustrated, angry and puzzled, finally decided to confront them. He pulled over on the right hand side of the highway and opened the door.

The object was hovering about 500 feet away, across a

ravine above the 30-40 foot high trees on the other side of the highway. It was shrouded in a strange mist.

The man and woman watched transfixed when suddenly a white light came on beneath the bottom two orange lights.

Just as the driver stepped down from the cab, a white flash blinded him.

"It felt like...it was something there and it was watching me...like it was scoping me out," he said later.

The object quickly approached to within 100-200 feet of the truck. Struck with fear, the man leaped into the cab, started the engine and sped away.

"I'm glad she (his girlfriend) was with me," he noted later. "Otherwise I would have been going nuts."

The story is a true account of a close encounter.

It was probed by Greg Long of Richland, Wash., one of two field investigators working in Eastern Oregon and Washington. He and Cole Cordray of Pendleton are members of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), an organization dedicated to probing the UFO phenomenon.

At right is an artist's ink rendition of the UFO described in the accompanying story. The rendition is based on a sketch by the female witness. The swirling lines around the vehicle are an attempt to show the mist surrounding it.



After investigating the incident, Long concluded that it was a legitimate UFO sighting — meaning that it couldn't be identified as any known object or aircraft.

What it was, a craft from another planet, a psychological projection or time machine, no one knows.

The search to discover what lies behind the UFO phenomenon is rife with such cases, say Long and Cordray. Witnesses often wait days or even weeks to talk about the incidents and the physical evidence is, for the most part, nonexistent. Often, all that remains are some descriptions, perhaps a schematic drawing and a desire to forget.

Despite these drawbacks, the search has yielded valuable information hinting at a common bond behind most sightings, say the two men.

"There seems to be a strong psychic component in most encounters," Cordray says.

"For instance, there are numerous instances of people having a strong urging to go to a window. Once there, they often see a UFO near their house."

"They report that the UFO seems to be observing them. In many cases they have a telepathic experience where the craft or beings in the craft give a message to them."

"In addition, they frequently report objects

materializing and dematerializing out of nothing.

Many say they see objects lifted off the ground as if by telekinesis," Cordray adds.

"The basic problem with UFOs is that you have a non-material object which looks material and apparently interacts with the environment, a concept hard for the human mind to comprehend," says Long. "UFOs often burn the ground and stop car engines, then disappear."

All the current "theories" of UFO origin are highly speculative at best, Long says.

The most common is the extraterrestrial hypothesis, which identifies UFOs as spacecraft from a more advanced planet. Other popular explanations are that the craft come from a parallel universe or from a different time dimension.

Some theorists suggest the craft are secret American weapons, or craft from a mysterious civilization deep in the earth (the hollow earth theory) or under the sea. The most modern theory attributes the craft to psychological manifestations of a collective unconscious, based on concepts developed by psychia-

trist Carl Jung.

"There are strong indications that a person's expectations may affect what he is seeing, that personal needs may have an impact," Long says.

Studies have also shown that UFOs take shapes relevant to the times, he says. In days of the Roman Empire, scribes recorded accounts of burning shields in the sky, while in the 1890s, there were widespread reports of mysterious dirigibles.

Fortunately, computer analysis is helping eliminate some of the obvious modern hoaxes, Long says. Under scrutiny, several pictures of purported UFOs have turned out to be plates dangled by a string. Careful investigative work has also eliminated many unreliable witnesses.

Time and money dictate that only promising cases reported by responsible witnesses will be investigated by citizen organizations like MUFON, Long says.

"I believe it is some kind of phenomena, but I can't attribute it to any particular thing," says Cordray. "I do believe there will eventually be a scientific explanation for it."

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The World  
of UFOs  
by Bob Pratt

Eerie glow  
puts holes  
in ground

Abe and Betty Hildebrand were awakened from a deep sleep by the furious barking of their two dogs, Tommy and Fuzzy.

The Hildebrands and their two young daughters had moved into the 70-year-old stone house just three weeks earlier. It is on a farm 5 1/2 miles south of Morden, Manitoba, not far from the North Dakota border. The date was May 2, 1975.

"It was 4:15 a.m., and the dogs woke us up with their barking, which usually means the horses are out or something," said Hildebrand, then 22. Just the year before he had given up teaching high school mathematics after 10 years to sell real estate.

"We looked out our windows and we immediately noticed there was a light in the corner of the driveway out there."

Their bedroom is on the second floor of the house, which sits on a hill. The driveway runs about 100 yards down from the house, bends around a big oak tree and goes on out to the road.

"It wasn't a bright light," said Hildebrand. "It was more like a fluorescent glow with no focus on it or anything."

"It was about twice the size of a car, maybe 15 to 20 feet long and 10 or 12 feet high. I didn't notice any edges to it, so it's hard to say exactly what shape it was."

The object was perhaps 50 yards from the house. The oak tree was between them and the object, but there were no leaves on the tree yet and they could see the flowing light very clearly.

"Betty and I sat at the windows watching it. It was a clear night but there was no moon. It was windy. I know because I went downstairs and stuck my head out the door to see if I could hear anything."

"I wasn't really tempted to go outside. The dogs wouldn't go down there. They stayed right by the house barking. I figured if they weren't going down there I wasn't either."

"I don't know if I heard anything. When I stuck my head out for a minute I thought I heard what sounded like a neighbor's tractor. But it was too windy to tell."

"It would not be unusual for a tractor to be working at that time of night. With Canada's short growing season, farmers work around the clock."

"We watched for about 45 minutes and it started getting light in the east, and in a very short time the glow just faded and was gone," said Hildebrand.

"There was no movement that we could see. It didn't take off or anything. It just faded and was gone."

Later that morning, in the daylight, Hildebrand found something interesting.

"I went out there to see if there was any evidence and I found four round holes in the ground maybe two inches in diameter and three inches deep. They were in the sod on the far side of the driveway."

"The holes were not symmetrical. Two of them were 29 inches apart and the other two were closer, about 22 inches. The two sets of holes were maybe four feet apart."

Have any questions or comments about "UFOs"? Write to: World of UFOs, Enquirer and News, 155 W. Van Buren St., Battle Creek, Mich. 49016.  
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# Exploring, Explaining the UFO Phenomenon

(Marvin Taylor of Sonora is assistant state director for Northern California of the Mutual UFO Network, a voluntary organization for the investigation and compilation of reports on unidentified flying objects. At the request of The Union Democrat, Taylor wrote the following report on a recent international meeting of UFO experts in Chicago. — Editor)

By MARVIN TAYLOR

THE RECENT three-day International Conference on UFO's in Chicago had to be the most exciting experience for me since becoming a serious investigator of UFO phenomena.

The gathering of the scientific community at an event of this kind was very impressive. Much credit must go to Dr. Allen Hynek, astro-physicist, who heads the International Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern university. His sponsorship of the conference generated an interesting presentation of papers ranging from an actual recording of a UFO to new abduction cases.

ONE VERY AMBITIOUS project was introduced by Bertil Kuttlemann, who represented the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences. This was beyond a doubt the most comprehensive solicitation to get a world

order of countries to cooperate by sharing in the collecting and computerizing of UFO reports. The project is called URD-UFO Report and Data.

THERE WERE discussions to standardize UFO reporting forms and field investigative techniques. More international conferences were suggested to foster advance theories on UFO behavior.

Other papers produced were:

1. The UFO phenomenon in Argentina, by Guillermo Aldunati.
2. UFO maneuvers and radiation: A theoretical perspective by Dr. Alan Holt.
3. The investigation of abduction reports, by Budd Hopkins.
4. Narrow band acoustic analysis of a recorded UFO sound, by Dr. Allen Hynek and Howard R. Schecter.
5. UFO's and the "Psychic Connection," or are we missing the message by not asking the right questions? by Joan Jeffers.
6. Size, distance and duration parameters of the ignition interference effect, by Donald A. Johnson.
7. A touch-stone for fallacious abductions: Birth trauma imagery in close encounters of the third kind. Narratives by Alvin H. Lawson.

8. The McMinnville (Oregon) UFO photos analysis, by Dr. Bruce Maccabee.

9. The contactees: A historical survey, by J. Gordon Melton.

10. Evidence of UFO's in Italian past, by Dr. Roberto Pinotti of Italy.

11. A summary of vehicle interference reports and a description of a possible natural phenomenon causing some events, by Mark Rodeghier.

12. Results of sound spectrum analysis of a tape-recorded radio transmission between Cessna VH: DSJ and Melbourne flight service, by Dr. Richard F. Haines.

13. Medical injuries resulting from a UFO encounter, by John F. Schuessler.

14. A sociology workshop on UFO's by Ron Westrum.

15. The 1966 Oregon photo analyzed by Dr. Irwin Wieder.

THE INTERESTING thing about this conference is that even though hard core, tangible evidence may be lacking, there are members of the scientific community able and willing to spend time pursuing this elusive phenomena while putting their credibility on the line. As you can see from the papers produced, these investigators feel that UFO's do exist and their presence needs to be explored and explained.

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## Ayuh—it was a UFO all right

MADISON, Me.—The kids on Bud Hendsbee's school bus were giving it to him again yesterday morning.

"Hey Bud," one of them asked New England's newest UFO-spotting celebrity, "you see any more of them green monsters lately?"

"Ayah," the 54-year-old teetotaler and part-time sheriff's deputy replied, "Green ones and blue ones and pink ones and yellow ones."

But Kenos Henry takes his close encounter a little more seriously. For one thing, the 26-year-old ironworker hasn't been back to his house on Branns Mill Road after dark since it happened, and for another, well, Christmas is coming up.

"If you want a detailed story," he explained, "It'll cost you 10 bucks."

Unfortunately for Kenos Henry, though, so many other residents of Madison and Starks have been stepping forward with their own UFO stories that the value of his has plunged to nothing.

"Well, you can't blame me for trying," he says. "I'm a poor man."

Meanwhile, things keep happening. UFO buffs in Massachusetts are trying to find someone willing to make

HOWIE CARR



the 4½-hour trek to Somerset County. At the Skowhegan bureau of the Waterville Sentinel, a letter from a kid arrived yesterday. He said he has seen the UFO too—"it was big as a house," he wrote.

All in all, this is the biggest thing to happen here since old Clayton Weston, the bank manager, caught with his hand in the till, went down to the basement and shot himself in the head. That was July 15, 1947.

Nowadays, everybody works at the Chinbro paper mill. If you want to drink, you go to the Oasis. If you want to eat, you go to the Hollow Log, which is OK to a point but does tend to get a little boring, which is why Bud Hendsbee ran into his UFO.

See, there's this new restaurant over in Farmington, 22 miles away. So on Saturday night Bud and his wife Helen, who is a Madison selectman,

hopped in their '79 Dodge Warlock truck and headed down Route 43. But when they saw a car pulled over to the side of the road and Kenos Henry standing beside it, Bud figured he'd better investigate.

"Bud," Kenos Henry told him, "don't go up over that hill. There's a UFO up there." He considered Bud's disbelieving stare. "You don't believe me, do you Bud?"

"Sure I do," Bud Hendsbee said.

Then Kenos Henry dragged his dog into the car and he and his friends took off. Bud pondered a few seconds, then drove over the hill. He saw nothing, so he continued on to Farmington, where he ordered skish kebobs and Helen had haddock.

Driving back through Starks, they were listening to the country-western station from Bangor, climbing a different hill, when they saw it. A light, fluttering 40 or so feet above the road. Bud Hendsbee skidded to a halt, and turned off the radio. It was absolutely quiet. Then the light disappeared, and he tried to head up the hill. The light returned—"quick," he said later, "like a flashlight."

"Bud," said Helen, "whatever it is,

it's not going to let you over the hill."

So they waited until the light disappeared again, and then he started backing up. The light returned, beaming into the cab. "Bud," said Helen, "it's following us."

Finally, after going about a quarter-mile down the road in reverse Bud Hendsbee was able to turn around, slip the Warlock into third gear and finally get home on Route 148. All night Saturday and all day Sunday he thought about it. Finally, Sunday night, he called the Sentinel.

"I figured people ought to know what was out there," he said.

Kenos Henry quickly confessed that he'd seen the thing on an off for months—"But I didn't say anything," he said, "I got enough problems without everybody thinking I'm nuts."

Meanwhile, after dark, Route 43 in Starks has become like Storrow Drive. Helen Hendsbee's boss in Skowhegan told her he'd fire her if she got any more calls at work. And Kenos Henry is still figuring angles.

"I'll give you the whole story," he said, "for five bucks."

(Howie Carr's column appears Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.)

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## UFOs Professor's not sure . . .

By JOE RANKIN  
Sentinel Staff

FARMINGTON — Dr. Donald Robinson has never seen a UFO, but he sure would like to.

"I'd like to have with me my camera and telescope, and a few other tools too," he said laughing.

Robinson, who has taught physics, astronomy, and meteorology at the University of Maine at Farmington for 15 years, doesn't disbelieve in unidentified flying objects piloted by beings from other galaxies, but he doesn't believe in them either.

As a scientist he's withholding judgment until he gets some hard evidence.

Robinson does say there are a lot of natural phenomena that could cause the type of light display that many UFO sightings, including the one recently near Starks, involve.

Temperature, air pressure, and moisture in the air all have an effect on the way light behaves; some of those conditions are only imperfectly understood.

Under the right conditions light rays entering the atmosphere are sometimes split, causing flashes of red and green. At other times ice crystals or water droplets bend light, separating it

into its constituent colors, colors which often have a definite pattern, he said.

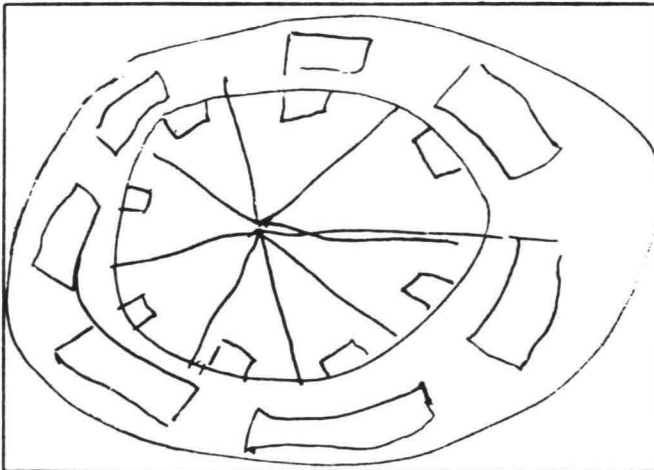
There is one interesting feature called "looming," said Robinson. Under rare conditions a light source far away on the surface of the earth could appear to be hanging in the air. If that light source was moving it might even be appearing to rush toward someone watching it.

Other than the meteorological explanations for many UFO's, there are some astronomical ones as well. Many can be explained as meteor showers. And the reflection of the sun off a low flying satellite could appear as a white ball travelling at a very fast speed, even though the sun had already set.

There are two ways to take UFO's, said Robinson: On the basis of hard and fast evidence, or on the basis of faith — a willingness to believe.

"It seems as though in most cases they're (sightings) very, very qualitative observations, and are influenced by how the person feels about this emotionally."

As far as the chance for intelligent life out there in space, Robinson points out it's basically a "numbers game" — how many suns are there like ours in the universe, and how many of those suns have planets, and how many of those planets are conducive to evolution



A 10-year-old Canaan boy's drawing of the object he reported seeing Sunday.

of life. Unfortunately no one knows for sure.

"I'm not a UFOlogist, though I have read with curiosity and lukewarm interest accounts of sightings and so on," Robinson said.

The professor is also an avid science fiction fan, though he reads it more for its social comment than for the author's vision of reality.

"Maybe there are little green men

or sentient lizards . . . but currently no astronomer has information to let you believe that."

Robinson sometimes wonders "if mankind as a whole doesn't kind of look toward some super race as a means of pulling us out of some of our problems, kind of like a father figure. We want to see people as badly as there is any evidence to support their actually being there."

## UFO left bush pilot stunned

Hartley Weston steadied the single engine Beaver with one hand as he reached over for the microphone with the other to call his dispatcher.

The veteran bush pilot had flown supplies to a mineral exploration camp 150 miles to the north and was returning to his base at Pickle Lake in Ontario, Canada.

"It had been a routine flight until then, but suddenly off my left wing I saw a very bright flash," said Weston, a big man with a shock of dark, wavy hair.

It was nearly afternoon in March 1971. Weston, then 36 and with 10,500 hours of flying time behind him, thought it was just another plane.

"But as I watched, this bright flash got increasingly bigger and bigger and then grew to some unbelievable proportions. I just watched as it came up to me and seemed to cover the whole horizon.

"I was paralyzed with fright. I didn't know what it was. I didn't know what to do. It was coming at me, and I thought it was going to ram me.

"There was no way I could get out of its way. But then it seemed to just stop in the air in front of me. I was stunned.

"It appeared to just sit there in front of me, yet I didn't come any closer to it. That was the oddest part about it. It was just like everything stopped.

"It was unbelievably huge, like a silver-colored rocket with short reddish-gray flames coming out the back and followed by a contrail.

"There were no windows, no openings, nothing. It was perfectly smooth in appearance. The contrail was very short, maybe 300 feet."

The object gave off a flash of blue light, off and on, like someone switching a light off and on. It hurt Weston's eyes.

"I swear I hung there, too. I didn't realize it at the time but I don't think I was moving. It was such a queer sensation.

"I had time to study the thing. I'm a licensed engineer, and I looked for details, anything, but there was nothing. This contrail was full of little sparkles. I found out afterward this is called ionization. The air was being ionized."

Weston doesn't know how long he watched this thing.

"I was so stunned by it all. And all of a sudden it started to go again, off to my right, and it disappeared the same way it came, just a sudden flash and it was gone.

"It seemed to travel just so far and in a very sharp flash it was gone. It was like stopping a motion picture and starting up again. It was gone just as fast as it came, out of nowhere and it went nowhere. It was like it had gone into another dimension."

Then Weston discovered his plane was going down.

"A Beaver floats like a glider, and it suddenly dawned on me that the engine wasn't running, and I was down to about 1,000 feet. I started looking for a place to land.

"I had started turning toward a lake when the engine started again with a terrible roar. That was the most frightening part. I'd psyched myself up to land with a dead engine and when it started again it gave me a bad start. I just about came out of the seat.

"This whole thing left a deep impression on me. For a year after, I felt very uncomfortable flying.

"It makes you feel rather humble and insignificant. You're sitting there in your iron bird and this thing comes along and takes a peek at you. You know you've been had. There's nothing you can do about it.

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## Group Wants Supreme Court to Free UFO Data

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An organization of UFO buffs is seeking a close encounter with the Supreme Court in a battle over 135 UFO-related documents held by the super-secret National Security Agency.

A New York City-based group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy wants the justices to order the agency to release the mysterious material under the Freedom of Information Act.

The case began in late 1978 when the UFO group filed a formal request for 18 agency documents under the information law. The National Security Agency flatly refused to release the information, claiming that it is exempt from disclosure under the law.

A few months later, the group expanded its request to include "all documents in the possession

or under the control of the National Security Agency relating to or pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects and the UFO phenomena."

In response, the agency admitted it has 135 such "UFO-related" documents, but again declined to release them. It claimed that such disclosure would reveal some of its top secret electronic monitoring and interception techniques.

The agency is a Defense Department unit headquartered at Fort Meade, Md. One of its main responsibilities is to gather foreign intelligence information by intercepting radio communications sent to or from foreign governments.

The agency told the UFO buffs, "NSA must focus its interception activities on those particular communications lines,

channels, links or systems which yield the highest proportion of useful foreign intelligence information."

"What foreign governments do not know is which of the vast number of radio communications NSA attempts to intercept, which are intercepted, and, of those that are intercepted, which yield to NSA processing methods and techniques," NSA Policy Chief Eugene Yeates said in a letter to the UFO group.

"It is the protection of this critical information that is at the heart of the instant case," he added.

That refusal prompted the organization to file suit in federal District Court in Washington.

The agency, urging the court to throw out the case, filed one public affidavit and one confidential affidavit that was re-

viewed in private by Judge Gerhard Gesell.

The judge dismissed the case in 1980, declaring, "release of this material could seriously jeopardize the work of the agency and the security of the United States."

The UFO group then took the dispute to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, but that panel affirmed Gesell's decision.

Appealing to the Supreme Court, the UFO buffs argued, "The district court accepted without question NSA's overbroad claim of exemption" from the information act.

They went on to argue that UFOs have "been observed for the past 35 years by reliable and responsible individuals including scientists and military personnel."

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## UFO sighting reported by Eagle Creek resident

By Kate Scrivener

Are we alone in the solar system?

Once again strange lights have been reported in the sky over the Eagle Creek area. Are they meteors, odd refractions of light, normal aircraft — or could they be alien spacecraft from other worlds? Though the term "UFO" is tainted with connotations of craziness on the part of the beholder, it contains the truest description of what these sightings are. They are unidentified flying objects.

Earl Garrick didn't really want to tell the world about what he saw Wednesday night.

"People think you're crazy when you talk about spaceships," said the Eagle Creek resident.

But his wife told a neighbor and the neighbor told the Clackamas County news so Garrick gamely described the bright light that woke the dogs at about 1:30 a.m.

"They were really making a fuss," said Garrick, "and that got me out of bed." Garrick and his wife thought they heard a squeaking, like alien chatter or weird radar blips.

"I got up and went to the bathroom. I could see out the window a huge, bright light hovering over the pump house. It was round. I thought it was the moon at first. Then I realized the moon was above it," said Garrick.

Then the dogs got quiet and the squeaking noise stopped.

"It hung there, right above the pump house, for a long time. Then it took off in a northerly direction towards Sandy," said Garrick. "I'm not saying it was a real UFO—I'm just saying I don't know what it was."

After the light passed through, Garrick went out to call the dogs and they wouldn't come. The biggest one had taken refuge in the doghouse and refused to stir.

Garrick said he has seen other unexplained lights in the sky years ago, when he was still living in Arizona. He thinks he knows what's coming.

"People think you're either crazy or were drunk. You really hate to say anything. But there it was and I saw it. I just don't know what it was," said Garrick. He thinks if more people saw things like this, they'd be a little more charitable. "It's kind of scary, really, because it doesn't fit anything you know about. The thought of not knowing what it is and what it might want is also frustrating. Then you're left with a feeling of wonderment. How did it get here? Where is it going?"

Garrick said a neighbor in the Wildcat Mountain area of Eagle Creek reported seeing a similar moving light about two weeks ago. In 1979 other families living in Eagle Creek and Barton reported seeing UFO's over the Barton flats on Christmas Eve. Then, the sighting was described as red lights which flew at great speeds, making amazing aerial maneuvers in the sky over Barton.

The tales from the first two witnesses brought other stories. One man said he was pursued by flying objects as he rode his motorcycle on Highway 224 through the

UFO was  
seen here



Earl Garrick saw a huge white light hovering over his pump house last week. Extremely bright, the light paled the moon which was suspended above it. After a time, the light moved off toward Sandy from its place over Wildcat Mountain. [Clackamas County News photo by Kate Scrivener.]

Barton flats. He was chased again on another occasion, by a white light that behaved like the object sighted by Garrick this week. It was a huge white light that followed his car, hovered above his barn and shot off in a northerly direction.

On Dec. 30, 1978, more than 40 volunteer firemen from Boring as well as Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies spent over two hours searching for what was believed to be a downed plane. The authorities had been called by an Eagle Creek woman who watched through a large picture window as two huge white lights streaked toward their house. The entire family watched the lights come nearer then gradually fade away. They listened for a crash but heard nothing. Then they saw what looked like fire falling through the sky and smelled an odor akin to burning plastic or insulation. Searches of the area near the house were fruitless.

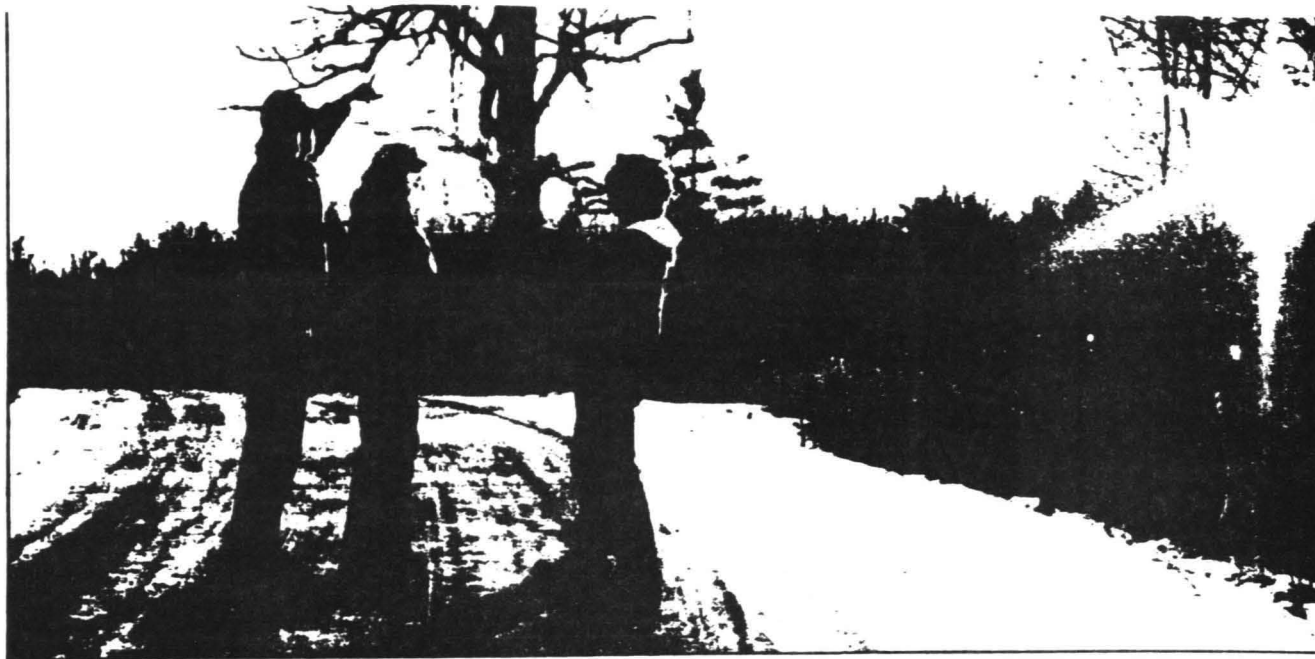
As Garrick said, it's not easy to see the unusual objects in the sky and talk about them to others. "I know what I saw and I know my state of mind at the time, but that doesn't mean anyone will believe you. You just have to go with your senses," said Garrick.

His sightings come at the tail end of a period of meteor showers, the Geminid showers, which fall in December. This year's meteor activity has been intense, making the news with bright flashes even in the daytime. Garrick said his object was too big to be a meteor. "Anyway, it wasn't falling, it was hovering over my pump house," he said.

"You feel like you're being looked over. I felt very frightened because I was helpless and couldn't do anything about it."

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Three Starks residents who say they sighted a UFO Saturday night visited the scene of the sighting, on the Branns Mill Road there Monday afternoon. They are, from left to right, Arte Cor-

rieri, Lisa Preble, and Kenos Henry, all of Starks. The glare at the right is the sun, but was the same direction from which the UFO reportedly came.

## Starks UFO witnesses compare notes

By BRUCE FARRIN  
Sentinel Staff

STARKS — "If I stay up here another six months, I believe I will see the UFO again," said Kenos Henry, as witnesses gathered here Monday to talk about what they had seen last Saturday evening.

"I had seen the object a couple of times before," Henry said. "It was like two half spheres with light that

would stretch up and down with a silvery center.

"Then on Saturday, about 5:15 p.m., from my house on the Brann Mills Road, I observed the object moving from side to side but making no noise. My black Labrador was whining and got really scared. Then I noticed it was getting closer, with red and blue spiraling lights. It was about the size of a brief case, about a

quarter of a mile away."

Henry said he really got scared when the object began sending red flashes down on his eyes while in his car. "I then drove two miles down to a trailer where some friends were; the object was shining blue and green beams of light as I drove.

"Now I've got to tell you, I was not on any medication, drinking or anything, I was totally straight," he

said.

While at the trailer, Arte Corrieri, Lisa Preble and Mike Daigle were going to drive Henry back home because he was too scared to be alone.

"We had just driven out of the yard when Kenos said, 'There it is!' I thought it was the North Star and then a planet," Daigle said.

According to Corrieri, "The object moved with us for a ways and then dropped in front of us, although it was still quite high in the sky. It just made you shake all over. It showed a goldish white light, bright enough so you really couldn't tell the size and shape of the object."

"What was unusual during this was that four cars had passed by us with no problems. The object just seemed to focus on us. We turned the car around and then we warned Bud not to go up the hill. We then went to our friends house on the other side of town," he said.

"We saw the light to the right of us and then it disappeared. But when we came back from Farmington, the light came out of no where in the same area and would not let us over the hill," said Harold "Bud" Hendsbee.

Two men, Leslie Bugbee of Cornville and Lloyd Haggart of Cambridge, members of a private research team called Parallel Phenomenon Research, listened on.

In talking about UFOs, Bugbee said, "It has not been proven that these come from outer space, but they definitely are not man made. When you have as many reports of this phenomenon as there are, the percentage of them being a mirage is relatively nil."

The initial reaction by a spokesman for the Brunswick Naval Air Station, whose radar can track this area, was that there was no record of a craft in Starks Saturday evening.

It was noted that one of the witnesses, Lisa Preble, was about eight months pregnant. Robert Gribble, director for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said, "We have had many instances with encounters occurring with pregnant women. Although the connection is not known, many involve women who are pregnant, just had a child, or get pregnant soon after an encounter."

He added that Starks area, with repeated sightings, could soon be classified as one of the "hot spots" in the U.S.

"If this kind of activity continues, we may try to send people out to investigate this region," Gribble said.

Asked about his feelings on the encounter after the meeting, Hendsbee said, "I am just glad we were not harmed. I want to forget this now, like it never happened."

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## Brownsville residents report UFO sighting

By FRANCES BORSODI  
Herald-Standard Staff Writer

It's happening again.

Unidentified flying objects have been reported in Fayette County once again — this time in the Brownsville-Grindstone-East Millsboro area.

Diane Enion, a Pittsburgh representative of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, has announced that seven people have reported seeing an unidentified flying object near Brownsville Monday night between 8:30 and 9.

The object has been described as large and white and it flew evenly with the cloud line. One group of people said the object projected a white beam that moved in a circular motion. However, the people could not say whether the beam was solid or transparent. These people also said the object emitted a whooshing sound, not the sound of an engine.

Enion said her agency has received two calls — one from a family of four and another from a group of three girls. Neither were identified, due to the agency's policy. However, Enion was willing to supply on information from their calls.

The family was traveling along Rush Run Road in East Millsboro towards Brownsville when they first detected the object.

"As they were traveling, their car started to lose power and the car radio developed static and then cut out," Enion said. "Now, it was an old vehicle — a 15-year-old car — but the family said that never happened before.

"When they were near Brownsville, they stopped at an Arco station. They parked on level ground. But when they stopped, their car began moving backwards," she said.

Enion admitted that such occurrences may happen to an older vehicle but said the family had never experienced them before. The occurrences began when they detected the flying object and continued until the family reached its home Brownsville, some five miles.

The second call came from two sisters and a friend who live on a farm in Grindstone.

"These three witnesses saw almost the same thing, but they heard a noise. The family didn't

hear anything because they had the windows rolled up in the car," Enion said. "The girls didn't experience the static because they were outside walking. One girl was walking home from another farm about 10 minutes away and she detected it all the way home."

Enion said the girls were frightened because their mother was not home at the time. They locked themselves inside and did not look for the object again. The family also hurried inside their home when they arrived in Brownsville and did not look for the object. Therefore, Enion cannot be certain how long it remained visible in the sky.

In order to gather more information, Enion is asking that anyone who saw the object please contact her at 412-884-3084.

Her agency has already begun an investigation, but would like to gather as much information as possible.

"We have about 15 to 20 different sources that we contact to try and explain the sighting. If we can't determine what it is, then we label it an unidentified flying object," she said.

According to Enion, another sighting was made last Friday night in Avella, Washington County in which state police answered a call.

This time, not only a car, but also a house was shaken by the object and the driver of the car said a tape from a player in the dashboard was ejected into the back seat.

Witnesses said three objects joined and then separated while flying in the sky. Enion reported authorities claim they were two CL-30 jets on their way back from Kentucky. However, she stressed doubt, noting the objects made only soft noises — not like those of a jet.

Another sighting was made a few weeks ago in Pittsburgh where witnesses reported seeing eight to 10 objects at a time.

Like the others, Enion was concerned about the Brownsville sighting.

"Anytime seven people report a UFO, you start to wonder what's going on."

She noted this is the first time a circular beam has ever been reported. Prior to this, most UFO beams shot straight down to earth and disappeared.

# UFO Investigator Challenges U.S. Government Secrecy

By CLIFF SCHECHTMAN  
Courant Correspondent

COVENTRY — Craft piloted by creatures from far-off planets have been penetrating our airspace for years. Many federal officials know this and have been covering it up since the mid-1950s.

That, at least, is the contention of many Americans and foreigners who claim to have seen UFOs. It is a theory at which federal authorities scoff.

But Lawrence Fawcett is a believer.

Fawcett, an amiable and articulate police officer who has worked for the Coventry Police Department for 12 years, says he has seen such craft, investigated them and believed in them for 20 years.

On the walls of his home are photographs he says are evidence that unidentified flying objects from outer space have visited Earth.

And the official documents Fawcett has pried from government files since 1977 present what he considers proof positive.

Many of the documents were released under court orders in freedom of information suits filed against the government, which keeps a heavy lid on all reported sightings of UFOs, an acronym that, for many people, evokes a special blend of fear and cynicism.

Many sightings never are reported because of fear of official retribution, according to many who believe UFOs are from far-off planets. And some believers say cover-ups by the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency and all arms of the military constitute a rug under which 20 years of sightings have been swept.

"Since 1947, the government's posture has been that UFOs do not exist and pose no threat to the country," Fawcett says.

When the government admits that the objects reported by military pilots and others are from other planets — an admission Fawcett believes will have to be made eventually — it "will shake up all of civilization," Fawcett says.

When questioned recently about Fawcett's assertions, officials of the CIA, FBI, Air Force and the National Security Agency either flatly denied or laughed at the suggestion that UFO reports have been covered up.

Fawcett is one of seven regional directors of the nationwide Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, a non-profit organization that since 1977 successfully has sued the government for more than 3,000 formerly secret reports of sightings by military and civilian personnel.

If they do not prove the existence of creatures from far-off planets, Fawcett says, the documents at least contain convincing evidence that unidentified flying objects have been penetrating both foreign and domestic airspace for years.

Standing in his "command post," the basement of his Coventry home, Fawcett points to the photographs on the wood-paneled walls and recalls the tale behind each picture.

There are framed pictures of saucer-shaped blurs streaking across a cloudless sky. There are photographs of cattle whose hearts and genitals

have been removed with surgical precision possible only with a laser.

And there are cornfields — eerie stretches of farmland punctuated by 11-foot-diameter bare spots where, says Fawcett, "Nothing will grow for three to four years although everything was fine the morning before."

As a regional director of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Fawcett investigates UFO sightings throughout New England. After conducting an investigation, which often includes the work of chemists, doctors and other experts, he sends his report to the Center for UFO Studies in Arizona. He has conducted more than 100 investigations since 1977.

He recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he is suing the National Security Agency, the FBI and the CIA for withholding what Fawcett calls "an additional 135 documents which further prove the overwhelming evidence that UFOs definitely exist."

Fawcett said a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals will rule in 1982 on his suit, an appeal of a lower-court ruling that the federal agencies do not have to release the documents.

The National Security Agency contends that disclosure of the documents would compromise the nation's intelligence-gathering techniques and jeopardize national security. The agency used the same defense when unsuccessfully arguing against release of the many documents Fawcett and the Citizens Against Secrecy already have obtained.

"We have no interest in information on how CIA agents conduct their work or anything like that. We only want information pertaining to UFOs. The people of this country have the right to know," Fawcett says.

The reports Fawcett does have — from the Air Force, the Navy, the State Department and other agencies — contain accounts of observations and the pursuit of unidentified objects by military planes.

The typical military account of a UFO sighting describes an Air Force command post's picking up inexplicable signals on its radar screen: unaccounted-for blips moving at unusually high speeds.

Several U.S. fighter jets take off to investigate. They find the object, which often is described in the reports as a helicopter, a saucer, lights or merely an unconventional aircraft.

The jets pursue the object but cannot keep up with it. Typically, the UFO demonstrates extraordinary speed and the ability to make instant, 90-degree changes in direction, which airplanes cannot.

Pilots in three cases attempted to fire missiles at the unidentified craft but found as they did so that their instruments were providing inaccurate readings or no readings at all.

The UFOs had disappeared by the time the pilots got proper readings again.

Reports of such sightings by military personnel are forwarded immediately to the classified drawers in various federal agencies' offices.

But the NSA, which is in charge of monitoring radio communication throughout the world, usually has the bulk of UFO information, Fawcett says. It is the NSA that picks up radio



Lawrence Fawcett keeps tabs on UFO information from the office in his Coventry home. On the wall are photos he has compiled to support his case.

communication of military personnel pursuing such "unconventional aircraft."

Fawcett's interest in UFOs stems from a 1965 incident in which he was standing in an automobile dealership across the street from an electric substation in Manchester.

As he tells it, a disc-shaped craft "the size of a 747" descended and hovered yards above the electrical plant. A long metal rod was extended from the craft.

"Then electricity jumped from the substation to the UFO for about 25 seconds. Manchester had a momentary brownout. Then it just lifted up and was out of sight," he said.

What frightens Fawcett about UFOs is the degree to which our technology pales beside "theirs."

"The ability of their technology to penetrate our military bases is scary," he said.

Speculation about what extraterrestrial creatures are like and what motivates them is not a favorite topic of conversation for Fawcett.

His reluctance to make wild assumptions about alien beings increases his credibility and sets him apart from UFO believers who are more willing to speculate about humanoid creatures piloting the craft.

"I don't like to deal with those questions. That is when people say you are a quack. I only deal with things that have been documented and (with) getting those documents," he said.

But as an investigator, he does have to deal with those questions as he listens to witnesses reporting humanoid creatures milling about and spacecrafts' plucking hapless drivers out of their cars, only to return them days later.

"I don't take every story at face value. Many stories are simply contrived. But there are also many instances, credible instances, of close encounters," he said, although he expressed reluctance to discuss the more unconventional tales of alien kidnapping.

Fawcett says contrived stories hurt the credibility of more reliable witnesses and make it easier for the government to disregard reports of sightings.

Both military personnel and civilians "are sure to be called lunatics whenever they report a sighting," Fawcett says.

"There are hundreds of stories about people losing their jobs, their spouses and their self-respect after reporting one," he says.

Fawcett says the popular movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was based on one such true story about a man who lost his job and wife after seeing an alien spacecraft and becoming obsessed with the need to prove his sanity.

Although the U.S. government has been much less willing to investigate UFOs than some other countries, most notably France, the Air Force did conduct one study, Project Blue Book.

Fawcett calls that investigation "a total sham."

Like many others, Fawcett believes, "The government got more than they bargained for, so they ended the whole project."

The Air Force closed the covers on Project Blue Book in 1969.

When federal officials discuss UFOs now, they blame reported sightings on atmospheric phenomena, conventional aircraft unfamiliar to the observer or unconventional aircraft from foreign nations.

A Pentagon spokesman who requested that his name be withheld because "I don't want to be harassed by UFO nuts for the rest of my life" said, "Project Blue Book of the '60s concluded that there was not enough evidence of UFOs to justify spending all that money and time on the matter. And Project Blue Book showed that they (UFOs) didn't appear to pose a threat to national security, so we stopped looking into them."

"There is no coverup. We don't deal with UFOs. You can't cover up something you have nothing to do with," he added.

Concerning reports of UFO sightings, he said, "We tell people to report the incidents to their local law enforcement officials."

A National Security Agency spokesman said, "We can't discuss the matter (UFOs) because the incident is under litigation, and we can't discuss our operations anyway."

CENTRAL MAINE MORNING SENTINEL, Waterville, ME - Dec. 4, 1981 CR: B. Greenwood

## Radio station planning UFO 'hunt'

FARMINGTON — WKTJ radio is planning a UFO hunt in the Starks area, News Director Larry Bisbee said Wednesday after several area residents telephoned the station's "Insight" program to report encounters with UFOs.

Bisbee said the station plans to set up a remote in the area where unidentified flying objects were sighted recently by several residents and hoped to "have people come out and watch with us." No date was immediately set.

"We want to be the first to speak to an alien," said Bisbee. "Can you imagine if something should happen while

we're out there?"

Several area residents called the station's "Insight" program Wednesday morning and reported seeing objects in the sky recently, including two people who apparently saw the same thing from different places.

One lady who said she lived near Maine Dowell said about a month to six weeks ago she saw a bright object, without color, in the sky at about 9 p.m. on two successive nights.

The object "seemed to be bouncing along," she said.

A mother and son also saw the "big, yellow" object on Porter Hill.

On Nov. 23 or 24, a Farmington woman reported, she looked out a window after hearing a "loud explosion" and saw a "bright object" over the woods that was "moving from side to side."

Anna Kirschner of Porter Hill said two years ago she saw two UFOs, one over Farmington and one over Wilton.

One, she said, "we sat with binoculars and watched for over an hour and it was so close . . . that we could see the portholes in it and it flashed red, blue, green, and yellow colors."

# The World of UFOs

By Bob Pratt

## Invisible object stirs sea

Joseph and Nola Daniels had been hunting for seashells along the beach for about an hour, starting out just before daybreak, but they had had little luck. It was cold, and there were few shells.

After walking nearly two miles along the Gulf of Mexico side of Fort DeSoto State Park that February morning in 1977, they decided to quit. The park is on an island west of St. Petersburg, Fla.

"There was no use going any farther," said Daniels, then 65. "We had been hunting along a sandbar 30 or 40 feet off the beach, but when we headed back we decided to walk along the dry beach.

"We got about halfway back when we heard a faint sound like a jet plane coming in directly toward us from the west out over the gulf.

"It kept getting louder and louder. There was no wind blowing or anything. There was just a light ripple of waves maybe three inches high washing over the sandbar.

"All of a sudden, this noise got very loud, and when it got within 200 or 300 feet of the sandbar, it seemed to turn into a noise like a diesel engine on a freight train. But we couldn't see anything.

"Suddenly, it seemed to become stationary just beyond the sandbar, and whatever it was seemed like it was hovering just a few feet above the water.

"It seemed like there was a depression in the water out there. This noise kept rumbling like a diesel, and we noticed waves about three feet high washing about 100 feet to the right of us and about 100 feet to the left of us."

Mrs. Daniels, a year older than her husband, sat quietly, nodding her head from time to time as Daniels told their story. Daniels had been on disability since 1969 after suffering four heart attacks, and they often hunted for seashells to make into necklaces as a hobby.

"We were dumbfounded," said Daniels. "We were staring right at it, whatever it was, and

we couldn't see anything. We didn't know what to do, whether to run or what, and there was no one else on the beach.

"We knew darned well something was there, but we couldn't see it. We kept looking all around. The sky was clear as could be, and there were no airplanes or ships in sight anywhere. You could see for miles up and down the beach.

"Right where we had stopped they were going to dredge a channel, and they had a lot of pipes out there on big pontoons and this was all helter skelter out there not too far from the sandbar.

"Then there was a big barge that's like a machine shop, where they work the pipe and stuff like that. But it had been broken down for a week or two, and there wasn't a soul on that.

"I've had many frightening experiences in my life, but

never one like that. It made your hair stand on end.

"This lasted for maybe eight or 10 minutes, and suddenly the noise seemed to fade off in the distance. And immediately the waves subsided into little wavelets again.

"It gave us an odd feeling that there was something out there spying on us. We've been on that beach many, many times before but we never experienced anything like that before.

"There must be an answer. There must have been something invisible out there causing that sound and those waves."

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CENTRAL MAINE MORNING SENTINEL, Waterville, ME

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## ...Expert in Bay State may visit site at Starks

By BRUCE FARRIN  
Sentinel Staff

SKOWHEGAN — Joan Thompson, a member of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Cambridge, Mass., commented Wednesday that she may visit the Starks site where a UFO was reported on Saturday.

Ms. Thompson, who does work for a professor at the Harvard College Observatory said, "There has been a big flurry of sightings throughout Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine in the last couple of months." She indicated that MUFON investigates UFO sightings.

"I will take pictures of the area, have witnesses fill out report forms on what they saw and interview each one," she said. The compiled information will be used with other reports to learn more about the phenomenon.

Meanwhile, a drawing was made by a 10-year-old boy living on Nelson Hill in Canaan of a UFO he saw last Sunday evening sometime between 10 and 11 p.m.

In describing the object, he said the outside rectangles were black and the inside ones were emitting light. He saw it at about treetop level and said it was about the size of a small house. It dropped down very rapidly from the sky, was stationary for a minute, and then went back up very rapidly.

The father, who wished their names

kept secret, had called Harold "Bud" Hendsbee Monday evening to tell him of the sighting. Hendsbee had reported sighting the object Saturday evening.

"Our son was telling us about the sighting Monday morning before anyone had seen the paper or listened to a radio. We didn't really pay any attention to him until we saw it in the paper," the father said. He added that his son is very responsible and a good student in school.

Ray Fowler, director at the Center for UFO Studies in Wenham, Mass., said, "The description of the object seen by the youngster is very similar to a report we received of a sighting by two women on Nov. 12 at a Texaco station in New Hampton, N.H."

Officials from Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Plattsburg Air Force Base in New York, and Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire all said they did not have craft assigned in the area during the weekend of Nov. 28-29, when the sightings were reported.

Mike Ciccarelli, director of public affairs in Burlington, Mass., for the Federal Aviation Agency's regional headquarters for New England, said "There is no way we could keep track of aircraft in that area unless they ask for flight instruction rules. There are so many small planes in these areas that come and go as they please."

ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Tucson, AZ

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## UFO researchers ask high court to open U.S. files

By Mary Powers  
The Arizona Daily Star

The federal government says national security would be compromised if its information on unidentified flying objects is released. UFO researchers argue that the information is scientifically valuable and thus should be released in some form.

Yesterday, the UFO researchers asked the U.S. Supreme Court to render its opinion.

It's a case that the Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization is helping to finance. The group claims 3,000 members worldwide.

Coral Lorenzen, the organization's secretary-treasurer, yesterday called the national-security argument a "bunch of bull. In our organization's 30 years of documenting these things (UFOs), we've found no evidence they are a threat to anyone."

Lorenzen explained that her group believes the government documents are important because they could lend credibility to civilian UFO reports. She suggested the government is fighting the release because "it might make the public aware that there is perhaps another civilization with perhaps higher morals and ethics."

Peter Gersten, the New York attorney handling the case, said in an interview yesterday that he's pessimistic about chances that the high court will agree to hear the case. The court usually takes a month to decide if it will hear a case, he said.

The 16-month-old suit began when the National Security Agency refused to release information it had on UFOs. The New York-based Committee Against UFO Secrecy sought the data under the Freedom of Information Act.

Gersten said the agency acknowledged having 131 UFO-related documents, but refused to release them on grounds of national security to release them.

A federal district judge in Washington, D.C., and a federal appeals court have both upheld the agency position. If the Supreme Court does review the case, Gersten said, he's optimistic that the justices will recognize the scientific importance of the information.

Meanwhile, Gersten's client has asked the U.S. Air Force, Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department to search their files for UFO information.

The Air Force said it has no information, Gersten said. The CIA is still checking its files and reviewing information it previously refused to release, Gersten said, and the State Department recently released three documents from its files and withheld one on national-security grounds.

Gersten said his clients will file suit again to try to win access to CIA or other State Department information.

EVENING CITIZEN, Laconia, NH - Jan. 22, 1982 CR: J. Clark

## Whatnot

Mark Brinkerhoff of New York City, a friend of Fred Stoessel of Governors Island, expressed a theory today about why UFO sightings often increase before and after earthquakes or natural disasters such as the Mount St. Helen's volcanic eruption last year.

It's all tied into the invisible energy pockets around the earth, known as the "power grid" or "ley lines." This force, which emanates from inside the earth, is disturbed prior to an incident of consequence such as an earthquake "and this is why animals, sensing changes in these energy patterns, know

something is coming, and 'freak out' before it happens," Brinkerhoff said.

Brinkerhoff, who said he was taken aboard a UFO when he was five-years-old, said UFOs often congregate in areas where these energy pockets are disturbed. "UFO's also respond to the earth's energy, and work with it," he alleged.

Brinkerhoff, now 28, said since he was taken aboard a UFO years ago, from time to time UFO's have followed him and communicated with him telepathically, although this has not happened since he moved to Manhattan, he noted.

Brinkerhoff said he only saw one seven foot figure while aboard the craft, "although I could sense others there." The figure had "brown colored skin and elongated eyes ... he

talked with me with his mind," he added.

Since the recent earthquakes in Maine and New Hampshire, there have been no sightings of UFOs reported in the area, although that doesn't mean they aren't around, Brinkerhoff contends.

"People don't see UFOs sometimes because they don't look up in the sky, they don't look for them," he contends. People miss them, too, because UFOs are from another dimension, revealing themselves to people only at their own discretion.

Brinkerhoff also said UFO sightings come in waves, the last one being in 1978-79. He said at that time UFO beings told him telepathically in a dream that "1982 is the year to look out for, it will be a time of earthquakes." This year UFO sightings will increase once again, Brinkerhoff predicted.

NEWS, Port Angeles, WA - Dec. 21, 1981

## Meteoroid splashdown near Sequim?

Local police agencies investigated several sightings of a low-flying meteoroid Saturday night, but found no trace of a landed meteorite and abandoned the search.

Cathy Logg, Port Townsend, said she saw a bright white glowing object, about one foot in diameter and with a 10- to 12-foot white tail, cross Highway 101 near Dean's Trailer Sales at Solmar Drive at about 10 p.m. Saturday. It was traveling southwest about 20 feet above the telephone poles, she said.

The object was falling at an angle and looked like it would fall

into a nearby field, she said, though she didn't see it land.

Her 11-year-old son Brian was traveling with her and also saw the object, she said. They were headed east on the highway, returning to Port Townsend.

Bill Logan, dispatcher for the Clallam County Sheriff's Office, said he received two other calls reporting sightings of a meteoroid-like object at about the same time as the Loggs' sighting.

One report was from near Sequim Bay State Park east of Sequim and another from Highway 101 and Kitchen Road.

# Ellenboro Residents See 'Fire In Sky'

By Joe DePriest  
Star Staff Writer

Every time C.J. Willis of Ellenboro closed his eyes Sunday night, he saw an airplane on fire and about to crash.

"I couldn't sleep none," said Willis, 69. "The next morning I called the Sheriff's Department."

As Willis drove to the Plainview Baptist Church shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday, he stopped at a railroad crossing and looked east toward Mooresboro.

Willis saw fire in the sky.

"I thought: Lord have mercy, that is a plane going down," Willis said.

Other Ellenboro residents area reported seeing the fire about the same time.

But an aerial search of a 15-square-mile area yesterday failed to turn up any evidence of a plane crash, according to Ken Sims, emergency management coordinator for Rutherford County.

Also, Sims said there were no reports of aircraft missing in the area. "Atlanta tower said there was one

missing there but that it wouldn't have been headed up here," Sims said.

"The people saw something, that's for sure," said Sims. "Every description is basically the same."

Despite the fog and rain Sunday night, Willis said the illumination "was so great I could distinguish the airplane."

The incident disturbed Willis so much he left church early. He turned on his car radio, expecting to hear something about an airplane crash. "I was anxious to find out but I didn't hear anything about it," he said.

At home, Willis tried to get in touch with the Civil Air Patrol office in Shelby. "No one answered the phone," he said. "I figured someone else had contacted the Sheriff's Department. I didn't know what to do."

Willis said he spent a sleepless night thinking about the falling plane and phoned the Sheriff's Department Monday morning.

Sims said he flew over an area from Mooresboro to the edge of Golden Valley for about an hour yesterday. "We never did find anything," he said.



Daily Star/Sam Jones

## Otis Mathis Describes Fire In Sky To Deputy Tommy Ledford

Deputies from Cleveland and Rutherford counties interviewed several residents. "Everyone we talked to was quite sure it was an airplane," Sims said.

After reporting the incident to the

Civil Air Patrol today, Sims plans to continue to interview residents of the Ellenboro area. "I want to plot it (the light) on a map," Sims said.

Although the search revealed no traces of an aircraft or anything else, Willis said, "I know what I saw...I do know something went down."

Tom Lawson and his wife were driving east on Highway 74 to the same church as Willis when they saw the lights.

"It was seven minutes till six — I know because I had just looked at my watch," said Lawson, 35, of Forest City. "I first thought it was someone shooting Roman candles but I got to thinking: I'd never seen any that big," he said. "And I've never seen anything that red."

The Lawsons watched the fireballs hit a field. "Then it went blank, that's it, except for a few little spots of fire."

Guy Morehead, who lives on the New House Road in Ellenboro, heard about what happened behind his house around 6 p.m. Sunday from his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Fagan of Chesnee, S.C.

The Fagans were just pulling into the driveway at Morehead's residence Sunday when the whole sky lit up in the direction of Campfield Church Road.

"Then they saw this big ball of fire falling from the sky," said Morehead. "It was an airplane — that's all I can figure."

Something could get lost very easily in that direction, Morehead said.

## Virginia Voices...

# UFOs: A Cosmic Watergate?

By LARRY W. BRYANT

In the letters column of various newspapers, back in the sixties, I used to voice my concern about an issue that to this day remains unresolved.

Oh, I know federal officials say there's never been a need for concern about what they could (and did) pass off as mere myth: the spacy UFO encounters that every seven years or so would whet the fancies of aficionados and fallacy exposers alike.

AND I'M AWARE that every time a wave of UFO sightings sweeps over the populace, the government's UFO policymakers hasten to remind us that their past overt investigative efforts (e.g., USAF Project Blue Book and the Condon Committee Report) should allay any alarmism.

At the risk of being labeled alarmist, however, I advise the uninitiated reader that the evidence can, and eventually will, speak for itself. And there are two kinds of evidence: that which the government admits to, and that which it resists admitting to.

THE FIRST KIND often gets paraded out by officials to bolster their contention that certain privately-funded UFO researchers should get off their government's back; the second kind often leaks out at the most inopportune time — much as did the evidence of the Watergate coverup. Indeed, what we're dealing with here is nothing short of a Cosmic Watergate.

As happens with such societal issues, the facts and contentions have found their way into court. Already a matter of record in Washington, D.C.'s Federal District Court are two landmark Freedom-of-Information-Act cases involving hundreds of UFO-related documents maintained in an extremely low profile by such Federal agencies as the Departments of Defense and State, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Agency.

THE FIRST CASE, filed against the Central Intelligence Agency over three years ago by Ground Saucer Watch, Inc., of Phoenix, Ariz., has produced nearly 1,000 pages of UFO-

related documentation. But that package of everything from UFO-sighting reports to policy memos on the roles/missions of official UFO research represents only the tip of the iceberg. The base of the berg lurks behind a paper curtain reinforced by the several FOIA exemptions trotted out at the convenience of the government. That curtain shields not only the CIA but also its sister body — the super-secret National Security Agency, which is trying to get itself totally exempted from FOIA compliance and which is trying to defend itself in the case of *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) vs. NSA*.

ON OCT. 28, a three-judge appeals court panel heard oral arguments in the NSA appeal by the plaintiff, a public-interest group headquartered in Arlington. Six days later the panel ruled in favor of the Agency, setting the stage for the first UFO-related freedom-of-information case ever to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In representing Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, New York lawyer Peter A. Gersten brings with him a modest record of success in making the government accountable for its vast storehouse of UFO documentation. Already he has succeeded in having the Central Intelligence Agency disclose a formerly secret batch of material that, in his view, shows that certain critics of the government's UFO research back in the sixties knew what they were talking about. Right now, he's doing the ground work for still another FOIA suit — to compel the Air Force to release all the details surrounding

the now-famous series of UFO flyovers at some sensitive U.S. military installations in the Northeast back in 1975.

UPON ANNOUNCING his latest litigation plans during the week of Oct. 25-31 (National Freedom of UFO Information Week, as declared by CAUS), Gersten set the tone for the months ahead. He would, he said, provide free legal assistance to any present or former military person who because of having come forward with the necessary "hard evidence" of UFO reality incurs persecution or prosecution at the hands of government authorities.



For 23 years, the author has pursued an active interest in what he calls the "politics of UFOlogy." His examination of the roles of federal, state and local agencies in official UFO investigation has culminated in his becoming Director of the Washington, D.C. Bureau of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy.

GAZETTE, Alexandria, VA - Jan. 7, 1982 CR: L. Bryant

# Three local hunters sight UFO

Three East Prairie men, coon hunting Friday night close to the Mississippi River between Belmont and Hickman, Ky., apparently observed an unidentified flying object, according to Dr. Harley Rutledge, SEMO State professor and UFO specialist. The three men refused to be identified.

According to Dr. Rutledge, the three men arrived at the isolated area at approximately 8 p.m.

As they were unloading three wheelers, they saw a large bright red light at tree-top level over some woods less than a half-mile away. The light was executing fast movements up and down and sideways, Dr. Rutledge reported, and as the men approached, the light disappeared into the woods.

The men hunted for two and one half hours, and when they came out of the woods, the red light reappeared, executed the same maneuvers again, and a white light appeared to come out of the red light and went into the woods.

The lights were approximately a mile away, and the men turned off their three-wheelers and observed the light through binoculars. According to Dr. Rutledge, the men were not able to see any structure behind the lights.

As the men drove toward the light, it again descended into the woods and disappeared, Dr. Rutledge reported. He said one of the men said, "It looked like it was searching for something as it moved about." The man said they were in the

woods for two and a half hours and believed whatever the light was, it was in there with them.

The East Prairians told Dr. Rutledge, "It was real strange. We have been hunting there every night, but tonight, it was real quiet. No coons, no coyotes, no hoot owls, not even a bird. It was real eerie."

Dr. Rutledge added that while no one could say for certain what the lights were, he was "reasonably certain" that what the men saw could be classified as an unidentified flying object.

The specialist, who has himself sighted many UFO's in Missouri and elsewhere, recently authored a book, "Project Identification, The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena."

He said the sighting Friday was "close to what I've seen before, and I started UFO research in 1973."

According to the professor, many local hunters and residents have seen unidentified flying objects, and sometimes they come with a white light, and sometimes fly by or near residents. They have also been known to shine their lights right down on people.

In 1973, for example, Rutledge said two men were fishing at midnight on a lake near Scott City, when an unidentified light landed on top of them. "There's not much you can do in a situation like that," the professor noted.

Private pilots have reported the phenomenon while flying in small aircraft in Southeast Missouri. One such pilot

reported a ball of light, six inches in diameter, flying along beside his aircraft. This was an amber light, which disappeared, and then reappeared, coming right toward the airplane. "A light then came out of that light and flew alongside the airplane briefly and then outdistanced the airplane as it tried to follow it."

Others have seen little balls of light, not only at night, but in broad daylight, Rutledge said.

The professor himself has seen seven vehicles or strange aircraft, with witnesses. He said one such craft, which had four lights on it, was long and narrow. As its lights reflected off of the craft, the ship appeared to be made of aluminum. He said estimating distance and height, they figured this ship to be traveling approximately 90 miles per hour and at being wider than a football field.

The second night an hour before dark, Rutledge and two groups of men were observing and "heard airplane sounds coming from the east."

He said the craft appeared as a triangle of red lights. As it neared, the right side became a huge blue-green ball of light.

Late in the summer of 1973, Rutledge and others observed a bullet-shaped object, without wings or a tail. "It was short and blunt, square behind like a .45 caliber bullet."

He said he first attempted to get a fix on the object, and as he did, it changed in color from steel grey to olive drab. As he took his eyes off it for a moment to reach

for binoculars, the aircraft vanished. This could only be explained in one of two ways, "either it shot away or de-materialized. The latter is hard to accept," Rutledge said.

In 1976, the professor received a pretty good clue that the craft "shot away," he said. He was in his office one morning at 10:30 and looked out the window and saw the glint of the sun on an object which shot almost straight up. He said the image faded out and that the eye could not follow its movement.

Rutledge said in 1973 he also saw another object flying a block away from his home. This one showed a yellow light within its dome and was "moving very fast. It was really moving."

Another time, the professor thought he heard an aircraft coming. He was in Illinois and he heard what seemed to be an airplane to the northeast flying south. This one had a rotating beacon, and when he looked at it with binoculars, it changed to a flashing strobe type light, jumping up and down.

He said every indication from the East Prairians, coon hunting near Wolf Island, would indicate they saw a similar phenomenon—the flashing and jumping strobe light.

Out of all the sightings Rutledge has made, only three have made sounds, and he has made 40 sightings of UFO's from his yard alone.

He added that he is not saying the UFO's were extraterrestrial beings.

## Several People Report UFO Tuesday

By TERRY SPRAGUE

A strange formation of lights moving slowly in the sky Tuesday night caught the eye of several people in Guilford and Brattleboro. But so far, no explanation for the observations has been found.

John and Calista Kristensen of Guilford noticed the lights about 6 or 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday. Kristensen, who is a lawyer in Brattleboro, described what he saw as an object with "a double set of red lights in a rounded line with another red light following at quite a distance behind. Behind that light was another pulsing white light."

The unidentified flying object flew from the south to the north and "took about 4 or 5 minutes to pass over the crest of the hill," he said. His wife, a librarian at the West Brattleboro library at Academy School, told him she heard a humming sound coming from the object.

### Second Sighting

Linda and Everett Masters, who live a short distance away from the Kristensens on the Goodenough Road in Brattleboro, also saw the strange sight at about the same time.

Mrs. Masters, who was teaching at Academy School on Wednesday,

learned of the Kristensen's sighting when Mrs. Kristensen spoke of it to several teachers.

"My husband and daughter were coming home in the car when they saw it," Mrs. Masters said. "They ran in the house and yelled 'Come out, come out.'"

Everett Masters, who is the principal of the Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield, Mass., gave this description of the UFO:

"It was a row of flashing red lights approaching from the south. It looked strange," he said. "There were four flashing lights in a row, all in line with each other. Then there was a fifth light behind it."

The Master's two children, who also saw the object, said they also heard a humming sound.

### 'Rounded V'

Mrs. Masters said the UFO looked like an upside-down and rounded "V" with flashing lights. Another light was further behind and there were three lights in front, she said.

"It looked to be very low in the sky," Mrs. Masters said. "It moved slowly, but it was hard to judge."

Her husband added that it was a beautiful clear cold night.

"I guess that is what made me take a second look," Masters said.

What was the UFO? Officials can only guess.

Donald Saunders of the Federal Aviation Administration in Springfield said Wednesday that no reports of a UFO had come in to his office. Perhaps, it was a military refueling operation, he said.

### Refueling Planes?

"They can have an odd appearance and sometimes will refuel as many as three planes at a time," Saunders said.

The FAA official suggested calling the watch desk controller of the Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center in Nashua, N.H. The controller in Nashua, however, said they had nothing in their logs to show a flight over southeastern Vermont at that time.

An official spokesman of Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H., said they had no flights in the area at that time. Neither did Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Mass., nor Plattsburg Air Force Base in New York, according to Air Force officials.

Several of the officers suggested

that the lights could have been an evacuation helicopter, but could not account for the lack of sound.

### 'Green Men?'

"Was there a little green guy looking out the window?" the officer at the Plattsburg base asked.

One man took the question quite seriously. He is Ray Fowler who is the director of investigations for a private national organization which consists of two groups called the Unidentified Flying Objects Network and the Center for UFO studies.

If they were lights from a classified military mission, the military might not acknowledge them, Fowler said.

Numerous sightings are reported to his organization every year and each one is investigated, he said. Often they have a simple explanation.

The UFO group is looking for actual "close encounters," Fowler said.

"That is where the person is within 500 feet or so of the object or where the object is low to the ground and there is a backdrop behind it," Fowler said. "The sightings of a series of lights in the air, even if it were an alien spacecraft — well, there is not much you can do."

## Last Week's UFO Is Today's Jet Planes

By TERRY SPRAGUE

"I was thinking that if I was ever going to see a UFO, a night like that would be ideal and as I gazed at the sky, what should appear but a huge flying object coming toward us on the right-hand side of the road."

The report of the strange sighting came from Elaine B. Collins of West Lebanon, N.H., in a letter to the Reformer this week. Mrs. Collins said she hoped she was seeing a real UFO, but was disappointed later to discover that it was a flight of jets in an unusual formation flying high and quietly in the cold winter air.

The "mammoth flying object" appeared in the sky over Ascutney at about 6:20 or 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, as she and her husband, Nick, and mother, Leila Bemis, were driving south on Interstate 91.

It was the same night and approximately the same time that several Brattleboro and Guilford residents reported seeing a strange

formation of lights moving slowly north in the sky. Their story had been reported in the Reformer on Jan. 16, a story later read by the Collins family, former residents of Brattleboro.

A quiet humming was the only sound both the Collins family and some of the area residents said they heard coming from the formation.

Mrs. Collins, a secretary at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., said she became very excited when she saw the odd red and green lights. She said she tried to remain calm because her husband "will have nothing to do with the thought of a UFO." Lt. Col. Nick Collins is a deputy commander at the Army's Cold Region Research Engineering Laboratory in Hanover.

As they drove along, she asked her husband if he saw the lights, then whether or not he'd ever seen anything like that before.

"He replied that he had not and

when he asked if I wanted to stop, I nearly leaped out of the car. With the car parked on the side of the road and us freezing in the bitter cold, we watched as the object came closer and closer, until it was directly overhead," she wrote.

"Only because the night was so completely clear were we able to look straight up and 'through' the object to make out six jet aircraft," she said. "There were four to the front, making a half-circle shape with only the outside planes with strobe lights on, and there were two more jets to the center rear with strobe lights on, traveling in this strange formation, making it look like one huge object."

Air Force officials at bases in Plattsburg, N.Y., Chicopee, Mass., and Portsmouth, N.H., told the Reformer last week that they did not have planes flying in this area at that time. But Ray Fowler, a UFO expert from Massachusetts, said that officials often do not acknowledge

sightings when they are on secret missions.

Although the Collins story appears to clear up the mystery of the UFO, one Guilford resident still has doubts. Mrs. Constance Burton also saw the strange lights, three bright lights which formed an isosceles triangle, followed by another light a distance behind, as she described it.

"They appeared to very low in the sky," she said. "I don't understand why there was no sound if they were planes."

For Mrs. Collins, who hopes one day to identify a real spaceship, her view of the aircraft was clearly a disappointment.

"My stomach went to my feet with disappointment as we were clearly able to make out the aircraft. My UFO sighting was going to have to come at a later date because I do believe they're up there somewhere."

CR: B. Greenwood



## Top Spanish general sees UFO

### Military probe calls UFOs 'craft of unknown origin'

By A. Hovni

(Continued from page 1)

(Second in a two part series)

In our previous article we saw how two dramatic UFO sightings in the Canary Islands on November 1974 and June 1976 had put the military authorities there on a high state of alert. And they would not have to wait for long since on November 19, 1976, the UFO presence enveloping the Canary Islands would strike back again when another object surrounded by a huge halo was seen by scores of witnesses. And average witnesses they are not. Many of them, in fact, fit within what the Spanish Air Force categorizes as "A1" type of witnesses, which includes military and civil pilots, aeronautical engineers and aeronautical authorities, astronomers and meteorologists.

Indeed, the highest-rank military authority in the islands, General Carlos Dols de Espejo, Commander-in-Chief of the Canaries' Air Zone, was among the main witnesses who saw the UFO. His statement, together with that of other military and civilian pilots, officers from the Spanish Navy training ship "Juan Sebastian Elcano" and military personnel from the Gando Air base, form a 70-page detailed "Informe sobre O.V.N.I.s 02 76" (UFO Report 02 76) prepared by a team of enquiry from the Spanish Air Force.

Once again, this impressive official documentation was later leaked to the public through the usual procedure of giving it to UFO journalist Juan Jose Benitez. But let's take a more detailed look at this case, which is perhaps one of the best and most thoroughly investigated UFO sighting on record anywhere.

#### General sees UFO

General Carlos Dols de Espejo was flying in a T-12 military transport plane towards the Gando Air base on the Grand Canary Island. Traveling with him were his aide de camp, Commander Alfonso Ruiz Crespo, a Lt. Col. piloting the plane, and a brigadier acting as mechanic.

At about 7.05 p.m., General Dols observed a white noiseless object three times the size of the moon that began to glow, "forming a perfect semi-circular halo with a white gray color." The general's report indicated that inside the large halo and right on its center there was "a figure with a bright green color and the approximate form of a barrel, with a smaller and rectangular form of the same color above." By this time, the general and his staff understood that the object "could not be our satellite."

Meanwhile, the phenomenon was also observed by officers and crew of the Spanish Navy training ship "Juan Sebastian Elcano" navigating between the island of Lanzarote and Las Palmas, the capital of the Grand Canary. At about the same hour, Lieutenant Fernando Gomez Guerra, with 12 years of service in the Spanish Navy, reported "a luminous spot which formed a geometrically perfect semi-circle with a white-yellowish color." According to the Navy officer, the object began to glow, yet "the luminous spot continued a little bit more diffused for another 20 minutes."

There are still the testimonies of two pilots flying a commercial plane from the local company "Spantax", who confirmed the observation of

General Dols and his staff. For instance, the pilots reported that when the object and its perfect semi-circular halo occupied a large space of the horizon, they could see "some green radiations in the center of the halo." From a wider distance and thus less detailed, the phenomenon was observed also by military personnel from the Gando Air Base and by numerous civilians in the islands.

#### UFO hypothesis accepted

Perhaps the most interesting part of the dossier 02 76 are the final conclusions reached by the Air Force investigators after all the testimonies had been collected and thoroughly analysed. Many pages of the thick final report were devoted to several alternative explanations that could solve the mystery. Some of these were the launching of a surface-to-air missile or a surface-to-surface missile, a gigantic solar reflection, the fall of a meteorite, a phenomena similar to the aureola borealis, a nuclear explosion in the ionosphere, Saint Elmo's fire, etc.

One by one, and after plotting all the possible permutations, the military experts were forced to discard these explanations as highly unlikely. The experts also knew that they had to consider previous UFO sightings in the same area that had remained unexplained so far. It shouldn't come as a surprise then that the key paragraph in the "UFO Report 02 76" became one of the strongest admissions issued by military authorities anywhere about unknown crafts buzzing the skies of planet Earth. A literal translation of the final conclusion of the report follows:

"If we study as a whole the three reports issued up to the present (1 75, 1 76 and 2 76), we would have to think seriously on the necessity of considering the possibility of accepting the hypothesis that a craft of unknown origin propelled by an equally unknown energy, is moving freely over the skies in the Canaries."

#### A postscript sighting

The fact that the military publicly admitted their impotence towards the unknown objects buzzing the Canary Islands didn't prevent either a final fantastic "tour de force" over the islands — considered to be Spain's furthest defense outpost in the Atlantic Ocean. On March 5, 1979, at about 8 p.m., another impressive luminous object surrounded by a huge halo illuminated the skies over the islands of La Palma, Tenerife, Gomera, Gran Canaria and Hierro. Thousands of civilian witnesses were terrified by the huge globe moving and changing colors, and a few scattered scenes of panic occurred.

It is known that on the days following the incident, Air Force investigators collected the testimonies of several witnesses and analysed a series of high quality color photographs of the object taken by at least two different photographers. Yet the military would not leak the report to Benitez this time (probably code-named "Informe sobre O.V.N.I.s 01 79"), as it had often done in the past.

We do have, however, the descriptions of two witnesses who photographed the UFO. Gilberto Naranjo, who took several photos of the object, works in the main relay station for television signals for all the islands. He described the object as "a globe of fire, a device that emerged from the sea



Juan Jose Benitez, the Spanish journalist who has published about nine books on UFOs, and who has become the semi-official link between the Spanish government and the public for UFO-related material. Benitez is a friend of King Don Juan Carlos, as well as of several generals of the Spanish Armed Forces.

and whose brilliance reached every spot in the canaries. It was something strange as I have never seen, and it made me shake to the bottom of my bones."

The fact that the UFO came from the sea was confirmed also by Antonio Gonzalez Llopis, a professional photographer who took the shot of the luminous disc-like object shown here with a camera mounted on a tripod. Gonzalez noticed what appeared to be a strange and highly unusual late sunset while driving on a road in the Grand Canary. He decided to take a few pictures of it and when he was ready to go back to the car, he saw "a luminous shaft emerging from the bottom of the sea with something like a very brilliant ivory color. I am sure that the object came from the sea... It ascended at a great speed. The great ball of light was like an energy field and in the top there was a UFO with the shape of a pyramid."

Both photographers, as well as the two pilots of a charter plane from the

local company "Naysa," were interviewed by Air Force investigators. We can't but speculate about the final conclusions reached in the enquiry: Do the UFOs have an underwater base somewhere near the islands, as many people in the Canaries believe nowadays? Are the military becoming apprehensive towards the repeated appearance of these "crafts of unknown origin?"

This is most likely, for since late 1979 there has been much talk of strengthening the Atlantic defenses on the islands. In November of 1979, for instance, then Defense Minister Augustin Rodriguez Sahagun visited the Canaries, declaring to the press that, "whether we join NATO or not, a Naval Air Base will be built in Las Palmas because it is essential to the islands." Besides the conventional strategical arguments, we know that other unconventional factors — namely UFOs — are also involved here, which is more reason for the nations of the world to finally face this problem in a united and responsible way.

MID-WALES COUNTY TIMES & EXPRESS, (City Unknown), Wales  
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## Sisters tell of UFO

Two sisters travelling home from work are the latest to experience a close encounter with a UFO in Mid Wales. The sisters, who declined to be named for fear of public ridicule, say they saw the mysterious saucer-shaped object near Abermule on the Newtown to

Welshpool road at about 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7. One of the sisters told a County Times and Express reporter: "As we approached a bend in the road an object, which looked like a flying saucer, suddenly appeared in the sky above trees in front of the car."

"It had a ring of orange lights with blue lights below. We couldn't believe our eyes. The object rotated slowly across the sky in front of us but by the time we had stopped the car it had disappeared over the tree."

"It was so clear that it couldn't have been an aeroplane like some of my friends have suggested. I never used to believe in flying saucers but now I have definitely changed my mind."

"I can't blame anyone if they don't believe me because I used to be one of the biggest UFO sceptics. But now I have seen one it is frustrating because people just don't believe you."

If anyone else saw the mysterious object on the same night, we would like to hear from them.

HESWALL & NESTON NEWS & ADVERTISER, Birkenhead, England  
Dec. 11, 1981

## Deja-vu mystery of a flying 50p piece

It was a case of "deja-vu" when a Neston woman read an account of a recent UFO sighting

by Heswall firemen in last week's News.

For only two nights before, on Wednesday last week, she was returning home from Birkenhead with her sister-in-law, who lives in Heswall, when they saw a UFO "shaped like a 50 pence piece".

The woman, who does not wish to be named, but lives in Ralegh Road, explained: "We were travelling towards Thornton Hough when

we saw two bright lights so we stopped at the church to get a better look."

"Then it stopped moving and we saw that it was shaped like a 50 pence with two lights at the front and back, and a red light in the middle."

"It then moved off again at a very fast speed."

She now plans to report the sighting to the British UFO Investigation Bureau.

# Chile jets chased huge UFO

## Pilots saw gigantic 'triangle' over base

By A. Hovni

(AP Wire Service)

"It was approximately 20 hours (8:00 p.m.) when we received orders to take off. The presence of an object with huge dimensions at some 10,000 feet of altitude had been reported from Calama." These words marking the beginning of an intricate scramble after a large triangular shaped UFO by three US-made F5-E's supersonic jet fighters do not belong to the long list of US Air Force jets chasing flying saucers over American skies. They belong, instead, to one of three crack pilots from the Chilean Air Force's First Wing, stationed at the Cerro Moreno AF Base near Antofagasta in Chile's Northern Atacama desert.

The incident began on the evening of December 16, 1978 when at first policemen from San Pedro de Atacama and Monturaqui, and later thousands of civilians from the city of Calama as well as personnel from the airport of Calama, spotted a large red UFO. According to a photograph taken at the time, the object had a small triangular center with three huge luminous flashes coming out of each of its angles. The air force base was soon alerted by the police and three F5-E's were ordered to intercept the UFO.

Besides the descriptions of thousands of witnesses on the ground, the accounts by the three pilots involved in the chase coincided totally. The huge UFO, they said, was stationary at some 50,000 feet of altitude and had a triangular shape "similar to three neon

lights tied together on their extremities."

### UFO hovered over base

Captain Luis Lira Bustos, one of the First Wing's pilots involved in the chase, was resting in the officers lounge at the Cerro Moreno AF Base when the first reports were received from Carabineros (police), "informing us that an unidentified flying object was flying from San Pedro de Atacama towards Calama." Five minutes later, continued the Captain, "a non-commissioned officer told us that we had an unidentified object stationed in a vertical position over the base." When all the pilots around there went outside, they confirmed that indeed, there was a UFO on "a vertical position over the base."

Orders to scramble followed immediately, and three F5-E's took off. When the one piloted by Capt. Lira reached 26,000 feet of altitude, he radioed the base telling them that the object "wasn't a balloon," as they had first thought, "but a very brilliant, metallic-like triangle, made of aluminum and reflecting a lot of sunlight. But it could be seen as a triangle." The chase was on.

Commander Javier Prat Corona, an experienced F5-E fighter pilot, directed the operation to intercept the UFO. Flying on a similar jet was Lieutenant Jose Fernandez Martin. Commander Prat recounted later that after climbing to 20,000 feet and flying over the nitrate mines where the UFO had been spotted first, "we encountered another plane involved in the same task, looking for the object at 10,000 feet." It was that of Captain Lira, which had been scrambled once the UFO took a vertical position over the base.

Commander Prat then reached a height of 35,000 feet when, "all of a sudden, looking to my right, a round, brilliant and huge object strongly called my attention." Comdr. Prat radioed Lt. Fernandez to ask him whether he was also seeing the object, and "he responded affirmatively, telling me that he would fly towards it." Comdr. Prat also explained that at this height, the UFO "started to change its shape from round to triangular, and the

proportion of size that I was able to estimate between Lt. Fernandez' plane and the object was approximately of one to 50." Later on, when he got even closer to the object, he described it as "a triangle similar to three neon lights tied on their extremities. The color was the same to that of neon light: very intense sky blue with black in its center."

Meanwhile, Lt. Fernandez had been able to approximate even closer to the object, and he reported that "what I was able to discern was that its center was darker. It was still sky blue but more diffuse... its form was that of a triangle and it seemed that it had a cord... but I didn't see anything else." He did feel, however, that the object was not "anything terrestrial."

The third jet involved, that of Capt. Lira, had to make at one point "a typical combat maneuver" when he thought the UFO had made a turn towards his jet. Yet he later acknowledged that he might have "imagined" the turn under "fear of the unknown."

Back to the Cerro Moreno base, the three pilots were still able to "keep visual contact with it" for quite a long time. When it became darker, the UFO acquired a brilliant red color and finally moved on very slowly in a general direction of 230-240 degrees.

Although the sighting over the city of Calama was reported in the Chilean media during the following days, the participation of the Chilean Air Force would remain a closely-guarded secret until six months later when another spectacular UFO chase took place over the Cerro Moreno AF Base.

### A Radar/Visual Close Encounter

It was sometime in May of 1979 when a second triangular UFO was spotted near the First Wing headquarters at Cerro Moreno AF Base in Antofagasta. Wing Captain Danilo Catalan Farias, a flight instructor for F5-E's fighter planes with 11 years experience in the Chilean Air Force, was the officer involved in this scramble operation. While on a routine training flight, Capt. Catalan received orders to intercept a UFO that had

been just detected by the radar units of the Cerro Moreno AF Base. The Captain locked the UFO on its own radar, estimating that "its trace in the radar screen was a little bigger than the normal trace of an airplane."

He then kept accelerating until "I was finally able to establish visual contact. Suddenly, I had it at two miles distance. I looked and I saw a nebulous blot." Excited by a type of experience "I had not expected," Capt. Catalan was still unable to identify the object. "The only way to get a look was to put myself in a parallel position," he later told a reporter from the prestigious Santiago-based daily newspaper, *El Mercurio*. "I then saw that it was some kind of black triangle with two little tails. When I reached approximately a mile and a half distance — which is quite close, almost nothing in the air — the UFO made a turn, moving violently in the opposite direction. The maneuver was detected by the radar in the control tower. I estimated that its speed was three times that of the speed of sound. In that moment, I thought that this was something outside reality. I was a skeptic... not now. I think that there are beings from another planet..."

### General Backs Pilots' Testimonies

This incident caused quite a bit of stir in the Chilean press when, contrary to their usual silence concerning these matters, the Commander-in-Chief of the FACH's First Wing, Air Brigade General Benjamin Opazo, declared to *El Mercurio* that, "the case is real and was reported to the higher ranks of the Air Force," including its Commander-in-Chief and member of Chile's ruling military Junta, Gen. Fernando Matthei. Although Gen. Opazo indicated that it was too soon to conclude that these objects had an extraterrestrial origin, he did vouch for the testimonies of his pilots, saying that they had "my absolute trust and their statements merited my full faith. In these aspects of trust, quality and capacity (of the pilots), I don't have the slightest doubt." Furthermore, the general stated that he himself had given the orders to intercept the UFO.

## Hot UFO pierces farmer's pond

SPRINGBROOK - Area farmer Gert Kubenz can hardly wait until spring to find out what is at the bottom of his farm pond.

All available clues to what might be termed the unexpected Christmas present, point to establishing that it was fairly small and very hot and was probably either a small meteor or a piece of space garbage.

Kubenz, whose farm lies a few miles north and east of here, discovered the phenomenon on his pond on Boxing Day.

"It wasn't there yesterday," he said. But as of Saturday afternoon, his best guess was that it could have happened any time within the preceding 18 hours, when he had last checked the area.

A former forest warden in Germany, Kubenz said he has lived with nature all of his life and he knew something was unusual about the hole in the pond. From a small body of water which had been solidly frozen, there was a clean, almost circular break near one side. Marks indicated melting around the immediate vicinity of the hole, about 20 inches wide, plus a darkening and turning to slush of the several inches of snow over the pond.

"There were no tracks near the hole and the object seemed to have hit at a sharp angle," Kubenz added.

He remained curious about the incident throughout the day, eventually deciding to plunge a thermometer through the hole. Even hours after he discovered it, the temperature read 48 degrees Fahrenheit. Small insects had been disturbed and were crawling around the edge of the hole from the pond bottom. By late afternoon, the temperature still read 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The water in the pond is only about five-and-a-half feet deep, but Kubenz is resolved to wait until spring when he can pump out the pond and try to discover what might be at the bottom.

His only other concern though is, what would have happened had the object struck his home, a scant 100 yards away.

### Christmas mystery

A very hot object, either a small meteor or a piece of space garbage is believed to have made this small hole through several inches of ice on the farm pond of Gert Kubenz near Springbrook. Kubenz is preparing to mount a thermometer on a long pole so he can check the temperature of the water, which had been running sharply above normal.

(Photo: Jack Evans)

## State U.F.O. poser cases decline

The number of unexplained U.F.O. reports in Tasmania has fallen to a record low, according to the Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre.

The centre's annual report lists only five unexplained cases in 1981 compared with 53 in 1974.

The secretary of the centre (Mr Keith Roberts) says the decline appears to be a world-wide trend.

Although the number of investigations was up on the 1980 figure, only 6.5 p.c. were unidentified.

Of the 76 reports made, 27 were found to be astronomical, 11 aircraft, 10 insufficient evidence, seven meteorological, six satellites, four balloons and six other explanations.

No patterns emerged for the five unexplained cases, although three occurred in February.

The most interesting of these occurred about 140 km north-east of Flinders Island.

Two people were sailing their yacht in Bass Strait on February 8 when they saw two white lights on each side of their heading.

They looked light distant street lights, but a beam of light pulsed from right to left in an irregular fashion.

The area around the yacht lit up like moonlight, except there was no moon.

The following morning, the crew found that the yacht's new battery was flat and that two clocks on board had stopped.

One of these has not worked since. The crew started the yacht by hand and the battery recharged itself after a day. It was still running several weeks later.

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## Soviet scientist calls for study of UFOs

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects exist and should be thoroughly studied to establish their origin, a prominent Soviet radio-physicist, Dr. Vsevolod Troitskiy, has told the Russian Press. He said UFOs could be of artificial or natural origin and should not be brushed aside immediately with beliefs from other planets.

Dr. Troitskiy also said it was perfectly possible that there was intelligent life elsewhere in the universe.

"The observations of UFOs make one believe that there are, probably, extra-terrestrial flying apparatuses in near-terrestrial space and in the earth's atmosphere," Dr. Troitskiy told Tass news agency.

"What these objects are and where they come from it is still impossible to say. One should not link unexplained phenomena with beings from other

planets. These objects behave in a strange, unexplained way. The characteristic of their movement does not tally with the present-day notions about the movement of objects."

The problem of UFOs should not be dismissed offhand. It does not matter what hypothesis a researcher might adhere to—artificial or natural origin of the "flying saucers." The phenomenon exists and therefore thorough studies are needed to explain it, to establish the truth.

Dr. Troitskiy, a corresponding member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, organised a recent symposium, "Search for Intelligence in the Universe," held in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. In Press interviews he has said: "Nothing points to a unique nature of life on Earth. Those who deny the possibility of the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligence are guided by purely emotional motives."

# Yarrawonga UFO — children claim

FIVE children failed to identify a bright flying object they claim was in the sky above Yarrawonga at 9.45pm on Sunday.

One of the children said he first spotted the object when washing his feet in the garden.

He told the other children and they used a pair of binoculars to take a closer look.

"The object became more than a bright star for the children when they saw its dome shape through the binoculars and red, green and blue lights between two white lights," a mother of two of the children said.

"What is uncanny is

that the coloured lights on the object were in the same order as those used on sea vessels for navigation.

"The children watched it dive within seconds towards the earth near Yabulu, 20 kilometres north of Townsville. It was the speed and brightness of the object that dismissed any idea that it might be an aeroplane or anything man-made."

balcony. This could be because it had moved and its angle had changed."

### Dived

The sitting lasted about seven minutes, the mother said. When the object dived to earth its lights seemed to go out as it disappeared.

The mother and her husband were greeted by five excited children when they returned to the house about an hour later.

"They all shouted: you are not going to believe us but we have seen a UFO tonight", she said.

"I rang the RAAF at 11.45pm but they said they had had no reading of the object on their radar screens."

The children drew and wrote separate accounts of their sightings the next morning. Their pictures revealed great similarity between them, the mother said.

"We will keep a close vigil each night in case the object appears again. The RAAF is going to send a form for the children to fill in to record details of their sighting."

### Not a plane

They knew it was not a plane with its landing lights on because they had seen that many times before, she said. The object appeared to be west of the house between Yarrawonga and the airport.

"Before it dived it hovered completely still and the children heard no sound from it. The girls were scared and thought it might drop a net over them but the boys were ecstatic about their find."

"The 14-year-old boy who first saw the object RAAF is going to send a thought that it was brighter than when all the children saw it from the

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan  
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364-Year-Old UFOs

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese scholar says things resembling today's UFOs — unidentified flying objects — were mentioned in Chinese books as long as 364 years ago.

In the People's Daily Sunday, Ke Yang of Lanzhou University quoted six passages from books of the Ming (1368-1644) and Ching (1644-1911) dynasties that gave definite dates and places for sightings of unexplained flying objects.

The first mentioned sighting in the summer of 1618 of an "incense-color" (deep yellow-brown) spinning object that plunged into two ponds, rolled up the water, and then flew away.

Ke wrote that one of the descriptions from 1644 probably could be explained scientifically today, but the others "all were very similar to current descriptions of UFOs."

The descriptions included a few traces of superstition, he acknowledged, but generally were fairly meticulous, vivid, objective and scientific.

## TRANSLATIONS

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City and country of incident: Rufino Ortega Gutiérrez (Mendoza), Argentina  
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City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SEVERAL WITNESSES SAW A UFO IN MENDOZA AND CLAIM IT LANDED ON THE TRAIN TRACKS  
Someone Ventured That a Railroad Worker Suffered Serious Burns

MENDOZA (From our agency)—A confusing episode was reported here this morning by persons who said they observed a strange unidentified flying object (UFO) with changing luminosity. It was even revealed that it had landed on the railroad tracks, in the town of Rufino Ortega, Gutiérrez [sic—the inclusion of the comma seems to be a mistake—trans.], in the department of Maipú, 20 kilometers [12 miles] from this capital. [The site is probably what one map calls General Gutiérrez, a suburb SE of Mendoza—trans.] A supposed witness indicated that the "craft" made a railroad locomotive stop, "causing burns" to the engineer or a gatekeeper, for which he had to be hospitalized. Inquiries made by LA RAZÓN at the local 29 in Gutiérrez confirmed the account of the episode. In that branch details were given of a uniformed commission that looked over the place mentioned by the informants, without verifying a thing, not even the supposed situation of the railroad employees. A quick check with the main hospitals did not give any results either. As of early this morning, no one with burns, nor any railroad employee answering the characteristics stated by those who said they saw the event, had been admitted to those hospitals.

City and country of incident: Eugenio Bustos, department of San Carlos (Mendoza), Argentina  
Date of incident: approx. July 14, 1981  
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City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE MOUNTAIN RANGE STANDS WITNESS TO THIS DAZZLING EVENT  
THREE CHILDREN AND A MYSTERY

In a distant Mendoza town an event occurred that is being exhaustively investigated by doctors, psychologists, and students of the paranormal. Three students clearly saw the body of a man materialize from a small luminous sphere that descended from the sky

EUGENIO BUSTOS. By Enrique O. Sdrecht. [sic—I think this is an error for Serech—trans.] Photos by José M. Ortega. (Special envoys in Mendoza.)

The singular adventure of three children in this small town in the south of the province of Mendoza [sic—Eugenio Bustos is really in the northern third of the province, though 105 km. (65 mi.) SSW of the city of Mendoza—trans.] has caused an uproar in this town, and has even aroused the interest of students and men of science.

It all took place in the middle of this month, at night-time, when Daniel Francisco Núñez, age 9, and his sister Susana Noemí, age 11, were returning home from the office of Dr. Togarelli, where Daniel had gone for a troublesome sore throat.

When passing in front of a vacant house, in a place with a large open area belonging to the General San Martín Railroad, they both stopped to watch a small luminous object descending in the sky.

"It first seemed that it was going to hit a plane that was passing by at that moment, but then it continued descending and we saw that it was something like a ball that gave off sparks and light, and kept on coming down," relates Daniel.

"It kept coming down," adds Susana, "and it stopped very close to us, hovering a few meters [yards] from the ground, until suddenly that luminous ball began to form a body, something like a man, but from the waist up."

"And what did the two of you do then?"

"I ran away, very scared, to call my daddy and mommy, but Daniel stayed as though nailed to the ground."

"Why didn't you escape with your sister?" we asked Daniel.

"First because fear itself was not letting me move, but also because I wanted to see more. When Susana was at a distance of some 20 meters [65 feet], the entire body of a man about two meters [6'-7"] tall had been formed from between the lights. His eyes were turning around and he had little antennas of some kind that gave off sparks. I saw it clearly. Suddenly everything disappeared. Man, lights, sparks...."

Martha Elena Salinas de Núñez (28) and Francisco Núñez (34), parents of the children, confirm that they both returned home noticeably upset.

"Daniel's heart was beating so rapidly that it frightened us, and he had a violent problem that he has still not recovered from. Susana was also very upset."

"Did you make a report to the authorities?"

"Of course. Even professor Vittorio Corradi [sic—his name has been given elsewhere as Victor or Victorio Corradi—e.g., UFONS #122, p. 14, and #124, p. 11—trans.], who is president of the Institute of Extra-Human Phenomena Studies, took personal charge of the investigation, an investigation that includes psychologists, radiologists, doctors, and researchers."

At this point in the account it should be noted that the little Núñez children were not the only witnesses to this dazzling experience. María Fernanda Montenegro, age 11, who was returning home that night after a guitar class, shared Daniel's fear and surprise, just meters [yards] from where he was paralyzed.

The three children regularly attend Bernardo Quiroga school, where the teachers confirmed that they are absolutely normal students and not at all given to fantasy. It is more than evident that that night something very strange took place in this humble Mendoza town. The authorized opinion of professor Vittorio Corradi [sic]—one of the most serious and responsible investigators of these phenomena—only adds to the mystery and the doubts:

"The children have observed a process of materialization and dematerialization of a being they prefer not to call human"...■

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1) City and country of incident: Various cities, Argentina  
2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981  
3) Name of paper and date of clip: DIARIO DE CUYO, November 2, 1981  
4) City and country of newspaper: San Juan, Argentina

### A UFO TRAVELS THE SAN JUAN SKIES

IT WAS SEEN BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IT WAS ALSO SEEN IN CORDOBA, LA PAMPA AND LA RIOJA.

The appearance of a phenomenon which some call a UFO, others a weather balloon, last Saturday evening, caught the attention of practically the entire country and has given rise to widely varying reports regarding its shape, size and brightness.

According to Mrs. Carmen de Moscardo and Fanny de Cardozo, of Rawson, at about 9:00 p.m. they watched a UFO moving slowly from south to north in the western sky. It was oval-shaped, surrounded by a circular nebulosity, in whose center was shining something similar to a star. "Actually," they said, "we wouldn't have words to describe it, we can only say that it wasn't glowing like others who have seen UFOs say they do, but was rather dark, like a cloud."

Since we received numerous calls at the time of the phenomenon, we consulted the Felix Aguilar observatory, where we were informed that they too were watching it, but attributed it to the fact that in Desamparados they were celebrating a religious festival with fireworks, and that it was possible that the smoke, combined with the right meteorological conditions, produced the effect.

On hearing that version, residents of Rawson said it couldn't be, as they saw it moving from south to north. If one takes into account the location of our county, one would never assume that the object had come from Desamparados. What it could have been, they said, was a weather balloon launched in Mendoza and sent by the winds to our county.

In addition to reports coming from places far removed from our capital, several persons came to our offices to make their own reports. One was young Ramiro Robledal, of 402 S. Juez Ramon Diaz St., Desamparados, who told us that at the time he was playing with some friends when "an object approached us, from which shone two white lights which lit up a row of willows and also a football field nearby. This caused us to become scared and we ran to our house because we didn't know what it might be; so we called to my parents, who were watching television, and which suffered a loss of picture at that moment, and they all came out to see. We all watched it for about 5 minutes, until it dissolved toward the north."

Another report came from Mr. Antonio Reinoso, of 535 N. Concepcion, who also saw at about 9:00 p.m. an object somewhat different in description from what others reported. He described it as "a kind of cloud about 50 cm. across, in whose interior was a white, star-like light together with a reddish light shaped like a human mouth, which shone intermittently. The object became more diffuse as it moved, and its lights, while always shining, became smaller in size."

Our correspondent in Caucete reported that many people in this area were amazed (continued on page 14)

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at the sighting, which "there is every reason to compare with a UFO," and that almost everyone agreed that the data lead to one of two conclusions: "that it was a strange confluence of the moon with a passing cloud, or a weather balloon which exploded, releasing gases which generated a luminosity in space."

From Jachal, reports said that inhabitants there were astonished by the sighting, and that many went out into the streets to watch it and to attempt to explain it. The same happened in Calingasta and in Valle Fertil, where in the latter place it was seen heading from east to west. Also, highway police of Jocoli reported that together with other motorists in the area, the object was seen as having a cone shape with a light at the leading edge, and was moving toward the east before turning toward the peak known as Pie de Palo.

Just as surely as the phenomenon was real and was seen by numerous people, it is also certain that observers described its dimensions in terms approaching the fantastic, and some claimed having seen the object giving off lights.

#### In Other Provinces

Cordoba, 1 Nov. Two commercial airline pilots reported seeing, at an altitude of 180 meters, a luminous circle of great size, in whose center could be seen another bright object of smaller size, which could not be seen from the ground because of weather conditions.

The first report originated from the Cordoba International Airport, as pilot Pedro Heslop was busy preparing to land Austral flight 408 at about 9:15 p.m.

The other case comes from the vicinity of Marcos Juarez, when pilot Alberto Paracampo, flying an Argentinian Airlines plane, gave a report similar to that of his colleague, Heslop, and adding that other commercial pilots, whose names were not reported, had also seen the same object at the airport in Pajas Blancas.

Oddly, a few minutes after this report was made, numerous people in Santa Rosa, capital of La Pampa Province, watched the object pass over that city.

According to reports from witnesses there, it was seen as an oval white light, with a weaker or more diffuse light source in the center.

And last, dispatches from La Rioja tell of an object of great size, with lights at its center, being seen crossing the sky at about 8:30 the day before yesterday.

The object had been seen over an area comprising the cities of La Rioja, Punta de los Llanos and Patquia.

#### TECHNICAL DATA ABOUT THE SIGHTING

A person who does not want to be identified but who can be relied upon, explained that by chance he was at the Felix Aguilar Observatory at the time the object was sighted. According to him, the object was seen moving at about 45-48 degrees above the western horizon, in a southeast to northwest direction, at 9:06 p.m. Its velocity was estimated at 200,000 KM per hour, and it moved along this trajectory in a nebulosity which diminished as it went. At the beginning its glow was brighter and later it produced several flashes, finally disappearing toward the northeast at a speed of 60,000 KM per hour.

He added that it passed through the apparent space between the moon and Venus and that this made observation difficult at first. But when it cleared the light produced by the moon and Venus, its magnitude was immediately measured. For this person the object was an extraterrestrial device or some craft from the Soviet Union or NASA; he rejected the notion that it was a weather balloon or an artificial satellite.

- 1) City and country of incident: Various cities, Argentina and Chile
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: TRIBUNA ROSARIO, November 2, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rosario, Argentina

#### A UFO PASSES OVER ARGENTINA AND CHILE

MENDOZA — A UFO sighting which occurred in a vast region comprising the provinces of San Juan, La Rioja, Cordoba and La Pampa, caused great alarm among the large numbers of people who saw it.

The sighting took place between 8:30 and 10:00 p.m. (local time), spawning reports of a strange device, flashing multicolored lights while traveling silently at a relatively low altitude, and tracing enigmatic figures along its course through the skies. Many witnesses have aeronautical experience, such as the two commercial airline pilots who told of having seen the strange object and even of reporting it to the control towers at the airports to which they were headed.

The first case occurred at Pajas Blancas de Cordoba International Airport, as pilot Pedro Heslop was busy making preparations to land Austral Flight 408 at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Saturday.

The second case happened near Marcos Juarez Airport, as Pilot Alberto Paracampo, at the controls of an Argentinian Airlines plane, gave details similar to those of the other pilot, and adding that other pilots as well had observed the strange object.

#### IN LA PAMPA

Oddly, only minutes after the first reports, in Santa Rosa (La Pampa) numerous people spotted the UFO over the district capital. According to witness accounts, it was seen as a "strange, white, oval-shaped light, with a center more pale or diffuse than the borders."

Reports arriving from La Rioja indicated that sightings were also made in an area comprising the cities of La Rioja, Punta de los Llanos and Patquia.

#### IN CHILE

News agency dispatches mention sightings of brilliantly luminous lights which conformed to the Argentinian objects. Reports from Chile said that at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday a strange object with multicolored lights was seen moving slowly over the cities of Santiago, Vina del Mar and Arica.

Hastily-consulted Argentinian observatories coincided in calling the phenomenon a "refractory cloud," which, due to its gaseous composition, sometimes acts like a mirror and reflects light sources from the earth. It was also possible, they said, that the object was a weather balloon bursting from meteorological causes, and causing the flash reported.

#### SATELLITE?

Naturally, explanations abound, among them that the object was a communications satellite. Or, a variation of that idea, that the lights could come from their "solar screens," which not only absorb the sun's rays, but on occasions--of which this might have been one--the saturation of such charges are emitted as brilliant lights.

Although it is well known that these strange "apparitions" have happened on many occasions, the people who see them the most often say that they are manned extraterrestrial spacecraft, and even in some cases are described as "divine apparitions." However, those holding such views are usually poorly educated or of "gullible personalities."

In any case, this particular event deserves to be "observed" thoroughly. The statements coming from those who spend a good part of their time in the sky--the pilots--plus the agreement in details coming from widely scattered places and the "coincidence" of the timing, combine to make one think that something really did happen out there.

- 1) City and country of incident: Menioze, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: EL ANDINO MENDOZA, November 3, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Mendoza, Argentina

#### THE UFO WHICH CROSSED THE MENDOZAN SKY

Mendozans had a turbulent Saturday evening. Around 9:00 p.m. hundreds of people observed in the clear skies prevailing at that hour, a strange phenomenon which was quickly called a UFO.

At first it was thought that a space rocket launched from some base had exploded in the atmosphere, but subsequent reports from those who had seen the movements of the apparent UFO did away with that idea and left open the question of the reality of so-called "flying saucers."

This morning your reporter interviewed a man present in the Valley of Uco, who had the luck to photograph the event.

Roque Hector Maldonado, public employee, photographer and passionate fisherman, was about 50 KM out on Route 40, heading west, toward San Carlos, in the area of Diamond Lake, along with three other sportsmen preparing to spend Saturday night camped out before doing some serious fishing on Sunday.

"Listen," he said animatedly, "I've spent many nights outside, but I swear I've never seen anything like this. It was a beautiful spectacle, the strange, bright luminosity we saw. My companions (Antonio Rodriguez, Carlos Borrafero and Enzo Pezzella) and I are still amazed, but we were calm enough not to get scared and to just observe carefully what was happening."

"Suddenly my companion Pezzella yelled 'What happened?!!' He had spotted a bright light toward the moon. All four of us looked. It was a luminous point, like when an airplane is coming right at you."

"This light," he continued, "was followed by a kind of cone, or something like a triangle. Really, it had no clearly defined shape, but it was a white trail. Surprisingly, the bright light turned northward and the original triangle changed into a circular cloud. It was a perfect sphere, the size of the full moon just coming over the horizon."

Maldonado told us that the movement of the light began very close to the moon and then headed northeast before he lost sight of it.

"When the object turned, we saw something like a nebulosity, like very thin smoke similar to car exhaust, which lasted a few seconds. The cloud which formed with the object's turn was in the beginning of a really magnificent brightness, kind of similar to an explosion but without any noise. Then the luminosity began to fade, from the outside toward the inside, and the sphere stayed a white color, but in the center we later noticed a very weak light which was moving. But it was so faint that we all doubted whether it was there or not; we thought it was a star which had been behind the sphere, but when it passed, we knew that there hadn't been anything behind it. Also, the sky was completely clear."

According to Maldonado, the odd episode lasted no more than five minutes--plenty of time, however, to take several photographs.

"Look," he added, "we are used to carrying a camera or two at times like this, because often some of our catches are worth a photograph. The sighting lasted five minutes, because I had time to go look for the camera and take many pictures. I didn't know if it would be worth it, but I took a chance because you don't see something like this every day..."

#### HOW DID IT DISAPPEAR?

We couldn't leave without finding out how the UFO vanished.

"This thing was moving, as I said already, toward the north or northeast, but the striking thing was, it then began turning westward and began to disintegrate. Actually, I don't know if it disintegrated literally, but that cloud or circle kept fading until it became totally unnoticeable."

Believe it or not, last Saturday Mendozans had a UFO visitor. The polemics are once again raging: Do Flying Saucers exist?

- 1) City and country of incident: Cordoba, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: TAL GUAL MAGAZINE, November 6, 1981
- 4) City and country of publication: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### THE UFO'S ARE BACK AND ALMOST COLLIDE WITH TWO PLANES

##### A PILOT WHO SAW THEM IN CORDOBA TELLS OF HIS AMAZING EXPERIENCE

An Unidentified Flying Object has been the main topic of conversation all over Argentina since last Saturday night, when two commercial and several private pilots saw it flying over Argentine territory.

Pedro Heslop is 46. He is tall, sandy-haired and very handsome. Moreover, he is commander of an Austral Airlines DC-9 cargo jet. On Saturday, Oct. 31, at 9:30 p.m., he watched a UFO near Cordoba International Airport.

"Of course," he told "Tal Gual," "in my years as a pilot I've seen some of these things, but never so clearly or so close."

--"Where exactly did you see it?"

--"Between Marcos Juarez and Cordoba. It was toward the west, moving between 210 and 0.30 degrees."

--"What was its shape?"

--"It was a round shining object, with a brilliant glow and with a pulsating light toward the rear."

--"Could you call it a UFO?"

--"Yes, I would say it was an unidentified object."

--"About how long were you able to watch it?"

--"About 5 or 6 seconds. Then it went on its way."

--"Were you afraid at any time?"

--"No, never. I felt a strong desire to find out what it was."

--"When it came close, did you have any problems with your plane's controls?"

--"No, no kind of interference with the controls. Everything stayed normal throughout."

--"Did you think it might have been a vision, something imaginary and not real?"

--"I had my doubts, but pilots from Braniff and Pan American, flying similar routes, also saw it."

--"Is there any official explanation for what you saw?"

--"No, not yet."

Capt. Heslop's story is eloquent by itself. But if one adds to it that the UFO had also been seen in control towers at the two airports of Mendoza and San Juan, and also in various cities of Peru and Chile (Ica, Vina del Mar, Santiago and Arica), no doubt remains that we are dealing with a genuine UFO.

Numerous people who were at San Juan Airport last Saturday told of having seen a brilliant explosion of light which lasted for several seconds, traveling northeast, until disappearing into space.

In La Pampa Province, many people crowded into the offices of the local daily paper, "La Arena," of Santa Rosa, claiming to have seen the UFO as "a strange, round white light with a center of more diffuse, or pale, light."

The entire country, especially the northern and central parts, saw the phenomenon, thereby adding proof of its reality.

And the question now is: are we facing a new invasion of Martians?

- 1) City and country of incident: Various areas, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, November 13, 1981
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

AN EXTRA-HUMAN PHENOMENON

It was revealed in Mendoza that the brilliant object seen in many parts of the country on October 31, is connected with the earthquake of November 7, which had its epicenter off the Chilean coast. Several mountaineers saw what they thought was a space ship take off from among the mountains. Other witnesses coincided in reporting that in Godoy Cruz County the object stopped over a police patrol and another vehicle. Strange anomalous marks are also being investigated.

Mendoza: The director of the "Instituto de Estudios de Fenomenos Extrahumanos, Hombre Cosmico," literature professor Victor Corradi, said that the phenomenon seen all over the country on October 31 is "closely related" to the earthquake of November 7, whose epicenter was off the coast of Chile. He said these were manifestations of "non-human action, particularly the phenomena known as UFOs."

In an intensive study of the October 31 event, brought by Corradi to "La Razon," various eyewitness reports are compared and certain "explanations" discarded: that it was due to a meteorite captured by the earth, or that it was "space junk" entering the atmosphere. The latter can be eliminated because this type of material "doesn't behave in this way: it doesn't turn, it doesn't stop, and it isn't described in the way this particular phenomenon was described."

Corradi also records the statements given by several mountaineers who saw the supposed UFO take off from the midst of the mountains.

In one part of the report he reveals the case of Mrs. Julia Balda, a third-year Economics student, and what happened to a police patrol and another car in Godoy Cruz County, whose occupants watched dumbfounded as the object stopped practically over their vehicles. The woman looked at her dashboard, noticing that her ammeter needle was turning wildly (as a compass needle or other electrical instruments will when a UFO is nearby), and that the temperature gauge shot up to the limit as though trying to break out of the glass. Corradi said that the woman got out of the car, a gray-blue Chevy 230, after "the motor died on me," and that the occupant of a Dodge coming behind her had the same thing happen.

Corradi reiterated that neither meteors nor space garbage nor two-stage rockets create such effects. He adds, after analyzing the October 31 case in relation to other facts, and listing an extensive bibliography, that his staff is now involved in investigating and analyzing some strange marks which appeared on the floor of a house at the foot of the mountains. He indicated that they are also trying to determine why two of the women who live in the house began to suffer simultaneously—after the apparition of the marks—from nosebleeds and other physiological disorders which Corradi called "strictly feminine."

CREDIT: Jose Aulestia (Translator: R. Girard)

- 1) City and country of incident: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: EL COMERCIO, November 4, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Quito, Ecuador

UFO'S IN THE SOUTH

Diverse explanations and opinions are being offered as to the origin of the strange phenomenon seen in the skies of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru last Saturday night.

Between 23:50 and 01:00 GMT, from southern Peru through central Chile, central Argentina and northeastern Brazil a UFO was seen maneuvering through the skies.

To the thousands of witness accounts, including some made by reporters of the EFE wire service in Chile, were added reports made by private and commercial pilots of various Argentinian and Chilean airlines.

Perhaps the greatest amount of dramatics occurred in Arica, Chile, some 2,050 KM north of Santiago de Chile, where many people ran panicked through the streets while others fainted in the middle of the streets, causing at least three automobile accidents.

The UFO was described as "an immense light which suddenly surrounded itself with a luminous ring, which kept increasing in brightness while the center of it was fading out." While the UFO zig-zagged at high speed, its center darkened and the rest expanded without disappearing.

The "vision" lasted 10-15 minutes in all areas in which it was seen.

An astrophysicist at the University of Chile said "for the moment there is no scientific explanation, unless it was some accident happening to a rocket launched on Saturday."

In Brazil, a UFO is frightening the population of the city of Parnarama, some 500 KM from Sao Luiz, the capital of the northeastern province of Maranhao.

The object—according to witnesses—emits an intense glare, varying from green, orange, red and yellow, and capable of causing a kind of "electric shock, increased body heat, loss of speech, paralysis and weight loss."

According to the report of a hunter, Jose Soares Rodrigues, in the daily "O Estado do Maranhao," the object caused the deaths of four hunters in the forests of the region, and police are investigating the facts in the villages of Flor do Tempo, Canafista, Paixto do Coco and Paiol do Marroco, where sightings are most numerous.

The first victim, it said, was one Abelborbo, a hunter, found "at the foot of a tree after being chased by the object as he hunted at night," according to his companion, who was so frightened that he couldn't speak for some time.

The second victim, Raimundo Souza, was found dead in the woods around Canafista by his children, "with a strange expression of horror stamped on his face, and totally mulberry or purple-colored," according to the description of another hunter.

The third victim, Jose Vitorio, died in the same circumstances as the second and the fourth, in the forests near Parnarama, was hunter Dionisio General, of the village of Paixao Grande.

Reports of UFO sightings had disappeared from the press and the public in recent months, but at a recent symposium in Rio de Janeiro, students of ufology said they anticipated the return of UFOs in the coming months "in preparation for a landing."

In other reports, seven veteran mountain climbers who were camped in a zone of the Andes near Mendoza, Argentina, gave details of a supposed UFO which was seen Saturday night in cities in Chile and Argentina. The alpinists said they were practicing climbing on the mountain El Cajon, some 40 KM from Mendoza, when they were surprised by the take-off of a mysterious ship.

Diego Lemos, one of the climbers, described it as "emerging as a strongly luminous point which rapidly, and soundlessly, rose up leaving a glow of light which reflected on the mountains."

"It was as if someone had projected light from a powerful reflector, and in that light one could see a kind of clouds which danced, as though you were looking at exhaust from automobiles reflecting in your headlights."

Antonio Sanchez, another member of the group, added that "the thing changed quickly into a brilliant sphere, and then you could see in the middle of it a kind of darkened hat-like shape, which could not have been anything else but the unknown spaceship."

He pointed out that later, the ship disappeared and transformed itself into "white contrails which in a matter of seconds took on a triangular shape, and in one of its extremes the ship could be seen."

- 1) City and country of incident: Cuenca, Ecuador
- 2) Date of incident: December 10, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: EL COMERCIO, December 13, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Quito, Ecuador

UFO OVER CUENCA

Cuenca, Ecuador, 12 Dec. 1981 - Downtown Cuenca, the day before yesterday, during the afternoon: attention is focused toward the sky, there is bafflement and even a traffic mishap. The cause—an unidentified flying object (UFO) which was seen by thousands of Cuencans in a totally clear sky, causing wonderment and an infinity of conjectures during the more than one hour in which it could be seen.

There was no lack of wild speculation among the thousands of curious observers, through which the "fantasy" reached a climax: a traffic cop in the middle of the city just could not resist the novelty and dropped his concentration of his duties to gaze at the sky—the result of which was a spectacular traffic accident.

The strange flying object which, according to many eyewitnesses, remained fixed in the sky for about an hour, was seen to display numerous radiant aspects. And, there was a humorous note. For children, it represented the first sign of Christmas, and for adults the flying saucer was as high above the clouds as today's food prices!

CREDIT: Michael Heseemann

- 1) City and country of incident: Hamburg, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: January 7, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, January 22, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

GERMAN POLICEMAN SWEARS: I PHOTOGRAPHED THIS UFO by Norbert Schubert

Hamburg, January 22. - The Hamburgian constable Wilhelm Eisenburger (42) swears: "I have photographed a UFO." With his reflex camera (Pentax ME Super), he photographed on January 7 at about 11:00 p.m., Hamburg's Michel (St. Michaelis-church) four times. On his photo, you can see a red saucer next to the green spire. Why the policeman couldn't have hoaxed it and what experts think about his story, you read on page 5.

UFO - RED RING WITH RED HAT

Policeman Wilhelm Eisenburger was on his night shift at the 14 police station, near Hamburg's Michel. At 10:00 p.m., he drove alone in his green-white BMW ("Peter 14/1") on patrol. Occasionally he stopped in front of the Michel, took his Christmas gift from his wife (the Pentax ME Super) out of the black leather box. He screwed his 540-DM camera on his tripod, set his lens (Pentax 1.4/50mm) exactly on the church tower and took four exposures.

When he picked up his color film from developing, he looked a few times at one photo. "Heavens, I'm going mad. What's this?" On the second photo, left of the church tower, was a well-focussed red circle with a red hat on it. Policeman Eisenburger did not want to be ridiculed. "Night after night I looked at the tower at the same time. It might be the reflection of a street-light. But there was nothing, absolutely nothing." Then he showed the photo to his wife and colleagues. "At first they were perplexed, but most believe as I do; it can only be a UFO."

Is this possible? BILD photo-expert Hans Rosena: "I have checked the negative and the prints very thoroughly. A trick or even a manipulation is impossible. It might be a very extraordinary lens-flare."

Tax-consultant August Wörner (67) who observes UFOs together with 6 collaborators for years: "From March till November 1981, we have observed 22 UFOs." Professor Kaminsky from the Bochum observatory: "UFOs do not exist."

- 1) City and country of incident: Hamburg, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: January 7, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, January 23, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

WE HAVE SEEN THE HAMBURG UFO, TOO by Norbert Schubert

Hamburg, January 23. - Policeman Wilhelm Eisenburger (42), Hamburg's UFO photographer, is confirmed by four witnesses; two housewives, one businessman and one employee. They all say: "We have seen the red saucer near the Hamburg Michel on January 7, about 11:00 p.m., too."

UFO SHONE IN THE ROOM

At the same time Policeman Eisenburger photographed the UFO with his Pentax camera, employee Peter Vollrath (37) was on his balcony in Elmsbittel (suburb of Hamburg), looking at the sky through his telescope. "Suddenly the UFO appeared over the harbour, flying straight to the northeast, and disappeared in the black night."

Businessman Gustav Leue (62) was watching TV "when suddenly a tremendous glaring beam shone through the window. A red disc flew from the harbour over my house."

Housewife Beatrice Ahrend (43): "It was like a searchlight shining in my room." Housewife Gertrud Funk (64) from Brunsbittel (another suburb) was going to bed with her husband. "There was the reddish disc in the sky. I was scared to death and awakened my husband."

The little red disc made the UFOs the No. 1 overnight topic of conversation in Germany. In front of BILD's showcases and the store-windows of many kiosks with original colour prints, crowds of people formed who discussed: "Do UFOs exist or not?"

Pensioner Kurt Sieler (62) from Essen believes it "because man flies to the moon, too."

Helmut Dellbrugge from Bielefeld sighted a UFO at Sylvester in 1980. Monika Weber (32) has seen a reddish glittering object at night between 1:30 and 1:50 a.m. over Dortmund. It was not a star and not an aircraft because it moved in a zigzag manner.

Professor Pesek from Prague, head of the International Astronautics Committee, told BILD: "Surely we did have visits from outer space. But the spaceships are probably not manned with living beings, but with computers or robots."

Anny Baguhn (80) from Hamburg's UFO study group: "I have collected 1150 UFO photographs from all over the world. The saucer from the Hamburg Michel surely had peaceful intentions here."



HERALD, Calgary, Alberta, Canada - Nov. 6, 1981

## Turtle Lake monster search is on

Now that summer and the fishing season have passed, all die-hard fishermen will be reminiscing about the big one that managed to break free from the unsuspecting lure.

However, in Northern Saskatchewan, the talk has been about a huge fish — so-called monster — which comes and goes. Many newspapers throughout Western Canada have carried articles on this creature, simply referred to as the Turtle Lake monster, named from the lake which it inhabits.

Every summer, numerous tourists, residents and fishermen tell of seeing this monster. Indians of the area talk about the "big fish" which has been seen, even as early as the turn of the century. Recently, on Oct. 23, residents on the south-west end of the lake had a first-hand look at the "creature".

We are attempting to gather as much information on the Turtle Lake monster as possible. The type of information we are interested in is:

Year, month, day, time of day the monster was seen; the appearance, such as color, skin or scales, etc.; the size of the portion seen, approximate in feet or inches; where seen in the lake, for exam-

ple, in the middle of the lake, etc., where you were when you saw "it"; drawing or a sketch of what you saw, if possible; movement or speed of the monster.

There are over 70 lakes in the world which are said to have some kind of "creature" inhabiting them. The better known are the Loch Ness Monster and the Ogopogo.

Can we in Saskatchewan lay claim to a real, live monster?

If you can be of any help in this research, contact me at: Turtle Lake Monster Research, c/o B. Blatz, 9028 Abbott Avenue, North Battleford, Sask. S9A 3G3; or phone 446-2245.

B. BLATZ

North Battleford

DAKOTAN, Isabel, SD - Nov. 12, 1981

CR: P. Guttilla

## News From Nearby...

McLaughlin—"I don't know what it is, but there is something out there", says Ambrose Dog Eagle, who lives on the west edge of Little Eagle. His feeling is echoed by a number of families living in and around Little Eagle.

They report their dogs are terrorized at night. "The dogs crawl under my car whimpering and won't come out," says Dog Eagle, a much-decorated World War II veteran.

People also report hearing strange noises in the night. They describe them as "screams" and say they are nothing like what they have heard before.

BULLETIN, Latrobe, PA - Jan. 12, 1982 CR: S. Gordon

## Remember 'Bigfoot'? He's still out there!

Residents of Pennsylvania reported numerous encounters with UFO's. (Unidentified Flying Objects) and strange animals during 1981 according to the Pennsylvania Association For the Study of the Unexplained located in Greensburg, a non-profit volunteer research unit made up of specialists from various fields of science and technology who are making a study of UFO's and other mysterious events.

The association serves as a statewide clearinghouse for such reports. According to Stan Gordon, director of the research group, "Most incidents when investigated are found to have a logical explanation. Most UFO's turn out to be astronomical in nature, and many Bigfoot and cougar sightings turn out to be mis-identifications of other common animals. There exists, however, quite a number of incidents reported to us by reliable witnesses, and with some instances of physical evidence left at the scene which indicates to us that some of the cases still defy normal explanations."

The association has had a particular interest in Bigfoot, the large, hairy, apelike creature which now has been reported from most sections of the state. The group also has been accumulating information on the increasing reported sightings of cougars or mountain lions in Pennsylvania.

According to the research unit, some witnesses face as much ridicule reporting a cougar as they do a UFO, since officially these animals have been extinct in the state since the 1800's. The association is currently correlating their data on the cougars with a research biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is studying reports of the cougar from various other sections of the country where they normally don't exist.

Some examples of unexplained incidents in Pennsylvania during 1981 include those northern Westmoreland County:

Beginning in April, and continuing for several months, a family reported several encounters with a Bigfoot-like creature which seemed to correspond with sightings of unexplained hovering lights. The lights were observed by other residents of the area. Some local residents heard the sound of the creature which was recorded on tape by one of them. Three toed, 18-inch footprints also were found in the area of the sightings.

Apollo—In July a mother and daughter were driving down a back road on a bright, sunny morning when they noticed ahead of them some type of strange animal. Not sure of what they were watching, they drove up to within one car length of what they described as a "black panther". The animal, which was observed for over five minutes, had fur-like shiny black silk. The animal stared at the car curiously, then slowly turned and walked out of sight. The passengers were shaken by their experience and quickly left the area.

Latrobe — In November, a witness familiar with wildlife was shocked to see a large animal which he described as a mountain lion. The "cat" was large and muscular and light tan in color. It was observed for five minutes before it walked over a hill and out of sight.

Anyone who has had a strange experience may report this confidentially and without ridicule by contacting the Pennsylvania Association For the Study of the Unexplained, 6 Oakhill Ave. Greensburg, 15601, or they may call 412-838-7768. The group also can be contacted through many police departments.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Dec. 2, 1981

## Contractor tests pyramid power by building one for his family

The Associated Press

GURNEE, Ill. — A 6-story pyramid rising out of the plains near Gurnee is being gilded, the better to resemble the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt, its owner says.

Artisans have begun applying paper-thin, 23-karat strips of gold leaf to the Pyramid House of Gold, which when complete will be a wood-framed, 5-bedroom, suburban home for contractor James Onan and his family.

If the test strips withstand winter weather, the entire 15,000-square-foot surface will be double-gilded next year.

Onan began building the one-ninth-scale reproduction of the Cheops pyramid in 1978 because he's been fascinated by the ancient shape for years.

Having previously built several models, the highest of which was 14 feet tall, he decided to test the mysteries of so-called "pyramid power" by using himself, his wife and 5 children as the subjects of pyramid experiments.

The gold, which alone will cost \$500,000, supposedly will intensify "by 10 times" the purported powers of pyramids, the 44-year-old Onan said in a telephone interview.

The interview was cut short because after some minutes Onan's voice could barely be heard. That fadeout is just one of the mysterious things which Onan said had happened since the pyramid was built.

"I have 10 lines coming in here and the phone company has

## Mystery creature shakes rowers

"My heart stopped beating as the green snake-like thing came towards the top of the boat."

This was the reaction today from one of two brothers trying to row around New Zealand, after an encounter with an unidentified creature in the early hours of Monday morning.

Max Dedekind (31) was keeping watch off Little Barrier Island at 3am on Monday "when I saw a streak of green coming towards me."

"It was coming for the top of the boat, but nothing happened. Then I heard a breathing sound."

The breathing noise continued for a short while before stopping. Max could only describe the creature as snake-like. It appeared to be luminous green and "most spectacular".

Max and his brother Steve Harre (32) were today anchored about five miles north-east of Mokohinau Island, off Bream Head.

The two said "lumpy seas" had caused them to become a little "tired and disorientated," but they were extremely pleased to be on their way after four days of being trapped at Kawau Island by strong winds.

Max told the Star by radio-telephone today strong tail winds had helped them to cover more than 22 miles in the 24-hour period ending last night. The two were again forced to stop rowing by strong winds gusting to 20 knots.

They reported their specially built boat Kiwi One had performed extremely well with a tail wind. Although they are well behind their schedule, they said favourable winds for four days could see them around North Cape.

"We are feeling moderately optimistic although present winds could keep us here for some time," said Max.

checked, but there's nothing wrong. I can hear callers but after a while my voice fades off and they can't hear me any more."

"Believers" say that pyramids can prevent food spoilage, sharpen razor blades, speed healing, improve wine and take the bitterness from coffee, as well as deepen meditation, Onan said.

So when the pyramid is finished next year, Onan and his family will undergo a battery of medical tests and move into the 4 upstairs floors of residential space.

They'll be able to conduct pyramid research under controlled conditions "for the first time," Onan said. Plants and laboratory animals also will be subject of experiments.

Strict security, and water, surround the pyramid, which measures 85 feet per side at its base and is 54 feet tall. Guard dogs patrol the island on which it sits. An electrified fence and a burglar-alarm system complete the picture of impregnability.

"I'm not really qualified to explain or interpret what's happening. We'd like to see a university that has the know-how come in and do these experiments."

Onan added, "Some people walk inside and say they can feel an energy. I don't feel it, myself."

Other mysterious happenings include the appearance inside the pyramid of a natural mineral spring. Water tanks burst at the seams far below normal pressure levels and plywood delaminated.

# Creature, strange happenings reported in Westmoreland

said Mr. Frew noticed something going by — something very large and hairy.

"It was the creature," she said. "The creature was going this way the brush. It was making a sound. There was nothing breaking sound. There was no noise from its weight yet Mr. Frew was on a trail that was almost perfectly clear and he could hear himself walking. He looked at the creature and it kind of looked over its shoulder at him. It appeared to be 15 feet tall."

Fifteen feet is considerably taller than reported Bigfoot heights. However, there is a possible explanation:

"He felt that it might have been floating," said Mrs. Enion. "Even though it was going through the brush, it was making no noise."

Noting that Mr. Frew was not armed, Mrs. Enion said the man was scared but didn't think it was going to attack him.

A few weeks later, Mrs. Enion

said, the Frews' 11-year-old son, J.D., spotted the creature as the youth was returning home from a neighbor's house at dusk.

Mrs. Enion said: "He was coming down a hill and he saw the creature in a clearing. He described it to Paul (Dr. Johnson) as being about 10 feet tall. He said it had long dark hair. It was bulky and his guess was around 500 pounds."

Mrs. Enion said the creature had been down over the hill a short distance but not so far that for the boy could have mistaken it for a bear.

In July, a PCUFOR investigator found an unusual three-toed footprint near a gasoline on the southern side of Route 819. It measured 12 inches long.

**Corn ripped up**  
About six weeks ago, Mrs. Enion said, ears of corn were ripped from stalks behind the Frew residence.

"Deer don't have hands to rip and shred," she declared. "Sam said something was stealing his corn, and he didn't think it was people because the corn was being eaten and dropped all over the place."

One night, Mrs. Enion said, Sam Frew heard a noise behind his house, grabbed his rifle and a flashlight and went to take a look. "A few minutes later," according to Mrs. Enion, "Mrs. Frew heard her husband calling but she was afraid to go outside."

Mrs. Frew heard her husband call two more times, Mrs. Enion said, and finally decided to go out:

"She walks around the corner of the porch. Sam's standing there. She scared the heck out of him. He said, 'What are you doing here?' She said, 'You called me.' He said, 'I did not. I told you to stay in the house.'"

"We don't know. It's weird," Mrs. Enion said about the episode.

**Mysterious lights**  
Then she talked about mysterious lights that have been sighted.

"And, they are strange," she said. "I saw them myself. I didn't believe it. I thought they were all crazy. We sat on the Frew porch one night, and they were all screaming. I looked between two trees, and sure enough this yellowish haze came over the trees. It lit up the area below about 10 seconds and faded out. A few minutes later, it came back and was much stronger."

Mrs. Enion quoted Dr. Johnson as saying that he knew of no scientific term to describe the effect. Because there is a nuclear power station nearby, she said the biochemist had taken soil samples and examined the area with a Geiger counter. She said Dr. Johnson was satisfied there is no radioactivity involved.

The Frews first saw the creature in the spring of 1979 about a week after Sam and Ruth had observed an

unusual flying object shaped like a keg.

According to an account in the PCUFOR Researcher, the object was rolling and tumbling in the air. It was described as being shiny on one side and a dull grey on the other with no windows or projections.

**Noises heard**  
Soon the Frews and several neighbors reported eerie, growling, hissing sounds from both sides of Route 819.

Mrs. Enion doesn't believe the Frews are publicity-seekers because she said it wasn't until a few months ago that they went to the state police.

**Tape recording**  
The Frews recorded heavy breathing and sounds attributed to the creature. Mrs. Enion listened to the tape and said:

"It makes four different types of sounds. One is a heavy breathing noise. Then it makes a high-pitched whining noise and a low-base growl like someone gargling. The other sound is like letting air out of a balloon real fast."

According to Mrs. Enion, unconfirmed reports are circulating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in the Westmoreland County creature.

Then, tongue-in-cheek, she asked:

"Why in the world would the FBI be called into investigate something that doesn't exist?"

River from Apollo, Armstrong County.

Mrs. Enion, who has discussed UFOs and related topics on Pittsburgh television stations, said an unusually large creature had been reported near the Bell Township home of Sam and Ruth Frew. Mrs. Enion said the Frews live in a 150-year-old farmhouse near Routes 66

and 819. Not long ago, Mrs. Enion related, Sam Frew crossed Route 819 and followed an old road leading into woods.

## Came upon creature

As he approached a point where the road narrows into a one-person trail near a waterfall, Mrs. Enion

## Not hoax, probers say

The creature was described as very large, covered with long, shaggy, dirty brown hair. It had an oblong-shaped head with "a sort of pointed crown." The shoulders were wide with a narrow waist and long arms.

Several other sightings of unusual creatures in the Kingwood area also have been received, according to the magazine. However, the information came second- and third-hand and still is under investigation.

He summoned his brother, according to the account, but by this time the creature was 250 yards away and "taking tremendous strides. While moving, the animal turned its head and shoulders as one unit and looked back before disappearing into the woods."

They noticed that the area was unusually quiet.

A research team of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research (PCUFOR) is satisfied that a creature-sighting in Somerset County in autumn of 1980 was not a hoax.

According to a report in the organization's monthly PCUFOR Researcher, two Kingwood brothers were hunting about 500 yards behind their residence on a clear, crisp Oct. 22 in Upper Turkeyfoot Township.

Sightings just inside the western border of Westmoreland County of a three-toed creature with dark brown or black hair and orange-red eyes and from 7 to 10 feet tall and about 800 pounds in weight have stirred investigators from a Pitts-

burgh-based volunteer organization known as the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research (PCUFOR).

"I'm really excited," said Diane Enion, who, along with Dr. Paul G. Johnson, an assistant professor of biochemistry at Duquesne University, has become absorbed in happenings on a farm across the Allegheny

nearly 17 inches long and 8 inches wide on the Young property spurred speculation that it was Bigfoot who had crushed the spirit of a normally aggressive family dog.

Whether the huge track was legitimate or a hoax never has been established, but Sasquatch lore in Western Pennsylvania continues to surface.

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## 'Stone-Age' Tribe Reported in Himalayas

**NEW DELHI, India (AP)** — The United News of India on Friday quoted an Indian army expedition leader as saying he encountered a Stone Age-like tribe at the foothills of the Himalayas.

The tribespeople ate raw meat, wore no clothes, lived in caves, and did not know how to kindle a fire, he was quoted as saying.

There was no independent confirmation of the claim.

The agency quoted Capt. Harbhajan Singh Chauhan, deputy leader of the expedition, as saying that the team members were passing

through the Geeling Forest, near the border with Bhutan and China, when they saw two nude women running away from them.

The Mongoloid-featured women, who had long hair, "got frightened to see men like us (and) tried to run away," Chauhan said, according to the news agency. "It was a hell of a job to convince them we were not killers, but people like them," he was quoted as saying.

Chauhan reported that the tribe, living near Chetak

Pass, 220 miles northeast of Calcutta, "ate raw flesh" and stayed in caves, UNI said.

The report did not explain how the group could survive the biting cold if it had no clothes or fire. Chauhan was quoted as saying the area was covered with 10 to 16 feet of snow.

The agency did not say anything about the implements used by the group in hunting or how it warded off wild beasts. It also did not explain how the expedition members communicated with the cave people.

# Family endures more than Bigfoot

By DAVE McVETY  
Times Herald Reporter

**BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP** — A problem with the unknown is that it's usually unbelievable.

Ask the Barone family. After news leaked out about the family's strange encounter with some sort of huge creature Nov. 19, the visitors and phone callers to their home in the township may even have been stranger.

The family has dealt with the local doubters, the nationally curious and people who claim to be experts. They all want to know about the creature or offer opinions about what it might be: whether it is Bigfoot, a bear or a product of the imagination.

"We get several calls a day," William Barone said. "The people here don't really seem to believe what we saw. We also get a lot of people in our woods at night with lights trying to find it. It's been kind of crazy around here."

Most local callers ridicule the Barones' claims. And Barone's daughter, Tina, 13, said it gets rough at school sometimes. She may be the only person who ever

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touched a Bigfoot or Sasquatch — if that's what it was.

"They tell me I'm stupid and didn't see anything," she said.

But calls from around the country have been from people who seem to believe that something extraordinary might have visited the Barone's farm. They usually have advice on how to get along with what may be a seven-foot tall barnyard companion.

David Barone, William's 18-year-old nephew, has received several phone calls — some of them supportive. He was one of the family members who saw the creature.

"I had one guy call and say, 'I don't think you're crazy, I saw it too,'" David said. "He told me he

was working alone on a pipeline around here, the thing stopped, looked at him and started screaming at him.

"He said he was afraid of saying anything because he'd lose his job. He said, 'People will think I'm crazy.' We talked for an hour about it."

The calls sometimes get a little more interesting.

"A scientist called and told us we'd never catch it," David said. "He said it was too intelligent and that it could read right into your mind."

"He said if you're angry and go out with a gun it knows, and it'll run. But if you're peaceful, it will stick around."

William Barone said everyone who calls seems to have an opinion about the creature, but these opinions vary.

"Some people call and say we should try to kill it right away, because it will wreck our barn and hurt our animals," he said. "They say eventually it will break into our house."

"Other people call and say we should be friendly to it. They say to leave food out for it and it will

become, well ... sort of a pet.

"Somebody else said that the only way to get rid of it is through mental telepathy. You could write a book of all the different ways we've been given to capture it."

The national curiosity isn't confined to the Barone family. Art Smith, editor of The Yale Expositor, said his office has been deluged by phone calls throughout the week, mostly from media people in Florida and California. He said they all ask: Could the Barones have seen a Bigfoot?

Smith said he's not surprised by the scornful attitude of area residents to the Barones' claims. He said the residents' attitude might be a reaction to their fear of what could be lurking in Brockway Township.

For the Barones, it's all amounted to what they say is unwanted publicity. Still, they seem to have a nagging feeling to prove that something is really out there — somewhere.

"I don't really like all this," William Barone said. "I'd like to see a picture of a carcass of a bear or a Sasquatch. That's the kind of publicity I'd like."

## Clues uncovered

# Mystery beast escapes detection

By CARLA McCLAIN  
Citizen Staff Writer

The great and fearsome beast "Mokele-Mbembe" remains an elusive and fantastic legend rumored — but still unproven — to be lurking in a dark and stifling jungle of Africa.

A team of scientists, including a University of Arizona researcher, ventured into the African Congo a month ago but failed to sight, photograph or confirm what the pygmy natives of that country say are huge, plant-eating, aquatic dinosaur-like creatures, possibly the only survivors of the unknown holocaust that wiped out the dinosaurs some 63 million years ago.

"A lot of people will say that because we didn't find the animal, we failed," said J. Richard Greenwell, a member of the UA Arid Lands Committee, who returned to Tucson Tuesday night, somewhat exhausted after a harrowing African odyssey that began at the end of October. "But we don't think of it as a failure. We did not see the dinosaurs, but it was a good scientific expedition and a good adventure."

However, the team of 12 persons — led by Roy P. Mackal, a biologist from the University of Chicago — did confront two major clues that may have meant the beast, dubbed "Mokele-Mbembe" by the pygmies who fear it, did indeed live there and was not too far from the exploring Americans.

A Congolese hunter led the group to a trail that he thought may have been Mokele-Mbembe's. Leading to an iso-

lated jungle lagoon, the trail showed large indentations in the mossy ground, obviously made by something very heavy. Tree branches along the way were broken, as if snapped by a large object passing by, said Greenwell.

"I wouldn't call them footprints," he said. "We're reserving judgment on that. They may or may not have been the tracks of this animal. All we can

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say is it was something that could not be explained."

Legend describes Mokele-Mbembe as about 25 feet long, elephant-sized, with brownish-gray skin, a long neck topped by a chicken-like comb, a long tail and three-clawed feet the size of frying pans.

What intrigued Greenwell and others was that these footprint-like marks led into the lagoon but not out of it, meaning the animal had to be aquatic and therefore could not have been an elephant.

(Mokele-Mbembe most closely resembles an ancient, small aquatic dinosaur known as the camarasaurus, said to have been extinct ages ago.)

The second clue was a large wave that broke in the swampy Likouala River the group used for a route through the thickly vegetated jungle. Traveling in two motorized dugouts, they noticed at one point a wave ahead of them so large that they thought there must be another motorized boat on the river.

"But there wasn't," said Greenwell. "The wave had broken from the side of the river, and it was obvious to us that something very large had entered the water at that point. There are no hippos in that area, and an elephant would not have stayed underwater. A crocodile is a possibility, but they slide into the river without a splash."

"It was very puzzling, very tantalizing," he added. "Was it one of the dinosaurs? It was just another unexplained event."

Greenwell and Mackal have for years studied various legendary creatures reported around the world, including the Loch Ness monster, whom Mackal said he has seen. Greenwell's

interest is more personal than professional and grew out of his long friendship with Mackal.

Mackal last year toured the Congo region, where Mokele-Mbembe has been reported by word-of-mouth for more than 200 years. He said he talked then with pygmy villagers near the Likouala swamp, who identified a picture of the camarasaurus as the beast Mokele-Mbembe.

This trip — to actually find the animal, if possible — was fraught with problems and frustrations that the group had not expected, said Greenwell.

First, they were held up almost two weeks in Brazzaville, haggling with Congo government officials, trying to get permits to enter the jungle region.

That obstacle was hurdled only after the government assigned two Congolese security men to go with them "to keep an eye on us," said Greenwell.

Then, about halfway down their grueling, snake-filled and exhausting river trip, they got lost, spending a day paddling in circles in the confusing swamp until a native hermit helped them get back on the trail.

The group never did reach their ultimate destination — the remote and unexplored Lake Telle, said to be home for Mokele-Mbembe — because their maps proved to be inaccurate. The lake could not be reached by their river route. So they scrubbed the last effort to make it to Telle, partly because they were running out of gasoline.

"The last thing we wanted was to be stuck at the end of the world with no gas," said Greenwell.

Unexpectedly, they repeatedly ran into Congo village chiefs who refused to talk to them about the creature of their search.

"They told us flat-out that they know nothing about it," said Greenwell.

What they found out through their Congolese companions, however, was that the villagers did know about Mokele-Mbembe, but they would not deal with any Americans and would not even tell the two Congolese anything as long as they were traveling with the Americans.

"The Congo is a Marxist country," Greenwell explained. "The Soviets run the country and have filled the people with propaganda about how aggressive we are and how we drop bombs on people. We were surprised by such hostility."

They dined on what they could catch: fish, wild boar, gazelle and ... monkey.

"Well, it tasted good," said Greenwell of his monkey stew. "But I felt a little queasy eating it — it was like eating your second cousin. It didn't help to see its little hand floating around in the stewpot. I felt bad doing it because I really like monkeys."

The group studied and recorded much about the Congolese culture, as well as the ecology and geomorphology of the virtually unexplored region, said Greenwell.

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## No answers, only questions in animal mutilation cases

By Jim Broede  
Staff Writer

An unmarked helicopter swoops down on a herd of cattle.

Usually, it's a lone helicopter. But groups of up to seven have been sighted.

Then the ranchers report cattle mutilations.

"I know of about 200 cases like this, where helicopters have been linked to cattle mutilations," said Tom Adams.

Adams, of Paris, Texas, runs Project Stigma, a loosely knit national organization of volunteers.

"We keep track of animal mutilation reports," Adams explained in a telephone interview, "to determine if there's some pattern to it all."

The mutilations were almost unheard of before the late 1960s.

Since then, Adams said, experts estimate 4,000 to 12,000 mutilations, mostly to cattle.

"It's hard to get an accurate number," he explained. "So many mutilations go unreported."

Despite numerous investigations, nobody, or anything, has been linked conclusively to the mutilations.

"But there are theories," Adams said, "all of them bizarre."

What about the helicopters?

"In some parts of the country, there has been public furor over the helicopters," Adams said. "Some people think they are linked to the military. Who else would have that many helicopters? Others say they are unidentified flying objects disguised as helicopters."

The UFO theory is based on circumstantial evidence.

"We've had UFO sightings that coincide in space and time with some of the mutilations," Adams said.

There's the cult theory, too.

"The United States had an influx of Caribbean refugees in the past 10 or 15 years," Adams said, "some of whom are reported to belong to cults with rituals that involve animal mutilations and the drinking of blood."

"Investigators say it's difficult to conceive of

humans capable of conducting such an operation, especially with such impunity for so long.

"Nobody has been caught. Nobody slips up. Nobody leaks information. That strains the investigative imagination."

"So I understand why some investigators suspect something other than a mundane human organization."

Adams rejects speculation that predators are the mutilators.

"Predators feed on the carcasses," he said. "But there's a difference between marks left by predators and the clean incisions made by mutilators."

Adams also cites eyewitness observations of longtime farmers and ranchers.

"These aren't young people just out of college," he stated. "They include people who have ranches all their lives."

"Anyway, the same predators were around in earlier years. These same ranchers didn't see mutilated animals then."

Adams became interested in the mutilations in 1970 while attending East Texas State College.

As part of a social-psychology class, he trekked to a remote area of southern Colorado to talk to the owners of Snippy, the horse.

"The horse," Adams recalled, "was found dead in a pasture about a quarter mile from a ranch house. The flesh and hide was stripped from the neck up, leaving only exposed skull. But everything below the neck was intact."

Investigators found no tracks around the horse. Apparently, Snippy took off on a run. Then the tracks stopped, abruptly. Some distance away was the dead horse.

The rancher and his mother, who both lived in the house, told of hearing or seeing nothing that night.

"It's a wide open area, where everything usually goes unnoticed," Adams said.

Meanwhile, investigators were unable to explain holes in the ground near Snippy's body.

"The speculation is that something heavy set down in the pasture," Adams said. "It's just another of the many unsolved animal mutilation cases."

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By JAMES DONAHUE  
Times Herald Reporter

## Sanilac woman reports hairy visitor

# It's those bears again

LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP — Kathy Hensley saw a large hairy animal with big feet early today — but she thinks it was a bear, not Bigfoot.

Hensley, 33, of 4295 Eighth Road, said she saw a large animal pick up her pet German shepherd and throw it before running off into the dark.

Sanilac County deputies and state conservation officers were searching the area today in hopes of catching the animal — or at least determining if it was a bear.

Hensley's report is at least the second of a bear in the area this fall. The William Barone family, 7227 Jordan Road, Brockway Township, has reported visits by a large, furry animal that they now believe to be a bear.

But the Barones' initial reports of their nocturnal visitor has generated theories locally and around the nation that a Sasquatch — or Bigfoot — is in the area.

Hensley said she went out of the house, about 10 miles southwest of the Barone farm, at 6:15 a.m. to see what was causing her dogs to bark. She said it still was dark, but the light from the porch allowed her to see the animal stand on its hind legs and throw the dog.

"I've never had anything like this happen before. I almost had a heart attack when I saw that thing," she said.

Hensley said she was in the kitchen preparing breakfast for her husband and four children when she heard the dogs. She said they keep three dogs in a pen, while a German shepherd, Max, is allowed to run free.

"I heard the German shepherd start carrying on, and I thought he was in a fight with the neighbor's dogs. When I went out there, the dog started screaming," she said.

Hensley said she saw a large shape in the dark, about halfway between the house and the barn, and yelled, "Something's got Max!"

"When I said it, it raised up. I saw his eyes, and it was a big bear. He was over six feet tall. I don't know how I got back in the house. I probably ran, but I don't remember it."

Hensley said Max was mauled and thrown some distance by the animal, but he seems to be all right.

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# Mexico's strange 'Zone of Silence'

## Mysterious area seen as another 'Triangle'

By Dennis Stacy  
(Special to the NEWSWORLD)

Why do some areas seem to act as a focal point of UFO activity and others do not? Only a few years ago, Calvert, Texas, was being celebrated as the "UFO Capital of the World" because of a rash of saucer sightings. Later, Calvert was superseded by Westminister, England, where the city fathers offered "Weekend UFO Tours" of the surrounding countryside. They failed, however, to offer a money back guarantee if the saucer enthusiast should come back empty handed.

Lately, Hillsboro, New Hampshire, has claimed all the attention. One local investigator claims that as many as 350 of the town's 3500 inhabitants have seen a UFO, or nocturnal light, within the past ten year. Accounts of the Hillsboro flap have been written up in sources as divergent as the coffee-table "Cosmopolitan" and the well-closeted "UFO Report."

### Mysterious events abound

Now similar stories are beginning to surround an isolated stretch of desert in northern Mexico known as La Zona del Silencio, the Zone of Silence. The Zone derives its name from the discovery of several strips, or bands, in the region where radio waves within the Hertz AM frequencies can be neither received nor sent. Something apparently absorbs this particular section of the electromagnetic spectrum.

First discovered in the mid-1960s by Augusto Harry de la Pena, a graduate of the Sorbonne and an engineer for PEMEX, the state-owned oil and gas monopoly, the Silent Zone has since been imbued with all the legend and aura of another Devil's Triangle.

Meteorites are said to fall here almost every night of the year, strangely drawn to the Zone by local anomalies of gravity and magnetism. The protective ozone shield overhead is thought to be particularly thin which allows for a greater than normal influx of cosmic rays and ultraviolet radiation with resulting mutation of local flora and fauna. Large rocks which litter the landscape will make a compass needle jump and spin, but will not attract a magnet or iron filings. Smaller, pebble-sized rocks have all the outward appearance of meteorically-fused iron ore, but take on the most fantastic shapes, including those of shrimp, forefingers, bent nails, and pieces of broken cable or twisted, pretzel-like bread sticks. A curious species of tail-less tortoise, its eyes ringed by an uncommon yellow sclerotic, lives here and nowhere else in the world.

The Zone lies about 120 miles north of the farming and industrial center of Torreon, in Durango, where the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila and Durango come together in a far flung triangle. This is the heart of vaquero country, between 104 and 107 degrees longitude, and squarely astride the 27th, or Mystery, Parallel, the latitude which passes through the Great Egyptian Pyramid at Giza, the site of legendary Shambhala in Tibet, and, of course, the infamous Devil's Triangle of Bermuda.



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Area marked shows "Zone of Silence" where gravitational and magnetic anomalies create a number of baffling and mysterious occurrences. The area lies on the 27th or "Mystery" Parallel which also runs through the pyramids of Egypt and the Bermuda Triangle.

### Strange cosmic debris

But unlike the Bermuda Vortex, where ships and planes are said to vanish with tragic regularity, it is what comes down in the Zone of Silence that rouses all the curiosity. Take the Allende meteorite, for instance, which fell near the Zone's westernmost rim in 1969, close to the village of Pueblo Allende. Numerous eye and ear witnesses to the meteorite's greenish-glow and supersonic clap of thunder allowed for easy recovery of what has gone on to be the most thoroughly investigated piece of cosmic debris in modern history.

The Allende meteorite has, in fact, altered science's thinking about the formation of our own solar system, for this chunk of celestial real estate has proven to be incredibly ancient, older even than the moon rocks brought back by our lunar astronauts. According to astronomical theories B.A. — Before Allende — the sun and planets were thought to have condensed out of a vast swirling cloud of cosmic dust some 4.5 billion years ago. But carbonaceous material in the matrix of Allende has been Argon-dated at more than 5 billion years by researchers at the Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg. And since such material could only have been formed at extremely high temperatures like those found in the gaseous shell of an exploding supernova, astronomers theorized that the birth of the solar system may have begun with the explosion and rapid collapse of a pre-solar star, perhaps a red dwarf.

Besides Allende and alleged UFOs, another curious stranger came calling here the following year. On July 11, 1970, an American Athena rocket was launched from Green River, Utah, bound for the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Instead, it fell to earth 880 miles downrange in the Silent Zone, its nose cone breaking open on impact and scattering radioactive material. Apparently something in the rocket's gyrocompass or radio guidance system had malfunctioned — or was interfered with — causing the payload to stray off course. Could it have been the same anomalous mag-

netic force which absorbs AM Hertz radio waves in the Zone?

### Theory to explain the Zone

At any rate, these two highly coincidental events alone have been enough to convince some people that something very strange indeed is going on here. Richard Downs, a space physicist formerly employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has developed a theory that would account for some of the bizarre goings-on.

According to the Down scenario, a huge meteorite of nickel and iron composition may have plunged into the ground here, hundreds of millions of years ago, at a time when the earth's surface was still in a plastic state, completely burying itself. Today, this meteorite exerts a powerful magnetic field, and as the earth rotates on its own axis, a slight wobble, or irregularity, in rotation causes the field to take on the shape of a spiral, or vortex. It is this vortex, in turn, which disrupts the linear propagation of radio waves. If the hidden meteorite were of sufficient mass, it might even account for minute effects in the local gravity field.

"But this is only a theory," advises Dr. Luis Meada Villalobos, an oncologist of Japanese-Mexican ancestry with a practice in Torreon. "We don't know." Dr. Meada is the current Coordinator of El Instituto de Investigaciones Cientificas, Historicas y Geograficas, Unidad Laguna, a privately funded research organization which looks into the natural wonders of the Zone of Silence.

The Zone itself is only a small part of the Unidad Laguna, a region of alternating mountains and ancient sea beds, including the great Mapimi Basin, which characterizes northern Mexico. One hundred million years ago all this territory was awash under the waters of a Cretaceous sea, the Mare of Tethys.

The Institute maintains today a museum on the third floor of Torreon's federal building where the visitor can see the results of some of its field investigations in the areas of geology,

archaeology, and biology, plus a photographic display of the Athena rocket recovery. But there is nothing quite like a visit to the Zone of Silence itself to convince the curious that this indeed is a region deserving of further study. In the words of de la Pena, who discovered the narrow bands of radio blackout, "what we have here in the Silent Zone is a natural laboratory."

### UNESCO helps establish laboratory

In fact, the Mexican government, in association with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has established just such a laboratory, devoted to learning more about the local biosphere. The Zone and surrounding territory has been declared a national wildlife preserve where no collecting or hunting is allowed. This helps protect what is probably the area's most renowned inhabitant, *gopherus flavomarginatus*, an endangered species of land-dwelling tortoise which lives up to 200 years and may weigh as much as 40 pounds when fully grown. The Bolson, or yellow-margin, tortoise, is most clearly marked by the malarial-yellow sclerotic of its eyes.

Dr. Meada thinks the coloration may be an adaptation to the Zone's highly filtered ultraviolet radiation, but again, "this is only a theory and we don't really know," he cautions. Ray Pawley, Curator of Reptiles for the Brookfield Zoo, came here in 1965 to study the tortoise in its natural habitat. "Of course most species of *gopherus* prefer dry land," Pawley says, "but it is rather uncommon to find one in a climate as arid as northern Mexico."

The predominating theory is that *flavomarginatus* probably evolved *in situ*, the descendant of great marine turtles which once swam a salt sea here. As the climate became increasingly drier, the tortoise lost its tail and webbed feet, developing strong forearms ending in claws and suited for burrowing in the sand where it carves out extensive excavations and from which it surfaces during the brief three-month rainy season which strikes the desert.

A visitor to the Zone will find a land of stark contrast and beauty perched precariously on the edge of civilization in the heart of Mexico's vaquero country. Temperatures soar toward the century mark by day, only to plummet dramatically when night falls and the moon moves through a frosty necklace of stars. All around the horizon is sharply scissored by the jagged peaks of mountains looking down on the white plans of a long dead sea. Cactus and scraggly brush thrive here. Black scorpions and huge tarantulas scuttle over the desert sands.

Fellow travellers are rare, but they do come, drawn by the aura of the Zone's natural, if not supernatural, wonders. The saucer-hunters have been here, leaving neatly lettered inscriptions like "The International Club of Friends and Admirers of Extraterrestrial Beings" in red paint, followed by a Torreon telephone number. Another group, the School of Philosophy of the Zone of Silence, holds occasional weekend retreats in the area, the better to meditate.

Whatever the truth of the saucer stories, it seems unlikely we have heard the last of the Zone of Silence.

## Cave Man Sighting Disputed

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NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — Two American anthropologists said Sunday an Indian Army's reported sighting of naked cave men who never discovered fire and live in Himalayan snows is "ass-tounding" and "inconceivable."

The scientists, however, said naked holy men and ascetics often tramp the frozen glaciers of the Himalayan mountains and could be living in caves near the Tibetan border.

Anthropologists Gerald D. Berreman, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley, and Joanna Kirkpatrick of Bennington College in Vermont were commenting on an Indian Army expedition's claims to have seen Stone Age cave men and women eating raw meat because they never discovered fire.

The army said the cave people were living naked in the Himalayan snows near Tibet.

Indian Army Capt. C. Cauhan said his expedition discovered the cave people with Mongoloid features in 15-foot snows in the lower Himalayas close to the Chetak Pass on the border of India's Arunachal Pradesh

state and the kingdom of Bhutan, about 700 miles northeast of Calcutta.

Berreman, one of the world's specialists in Himalayan ethnography, told UPI "it is inconceivable that there's any group of people in the world who have existed in the past 200,000 years that don't know the use of fire and don't know about cooking."

"The army must have been seeing the Yeti and not human beings," Berreman said referring to the name given to the legendary abominable snowmen.

He said "snow dwellers there would be the Lepchas, Tibetans, and Sikkimese who are all heavily dressed."

# In search of the brontosaurus

By Dean Jensen

Roy P. Mackal has seen what he believes is a Loch Ness monster and has walked in the tracks of an animal that could be a dinosaur.

The eminent scientist leads a life that may be only slightly less adventurous and perilous than that of Indiana Jones, the hero of the film, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," who braves deadly snakes, tarantulas and scimitar-wielding Arabs in quest of the Ark of the Covenant.

Mackal returned a few weeks ago from one of the remotest, most infernal regions of central Africa, where he headed the second of two expeditions in search of a monster that natives say resembles a brontosaurus, a dinosaur that scientists thought had been extinct for 60 million years.

## He has seen tracks

Mackal has not seen the animal, known as the "mokele-mbembe," (mo-KEL-ly-mm-BEM-be) but he is convinced that beasts resembling the brontosaurus roam the steamy, snake-infested part of the Congo he has explored. He said he has seen tracks

The scientist said it is conceivable that dinosaurs could still inhabit part of Africa since the climate and habitat of the region in question have remained essentially the same for millions of years.

Mackal said he has shown Pygmies pictures of numerous species of animals in trying to get them to describe the mokele-mbembe. Whenever he shows them paleontologists' conceptions of the prehistoric brontosaurus they shout, "Mokele-mbembe — mokele-mbembe!"

He said he has offered a \$2,000 reward to anyone who can provide him with physical evidence of the animal, such as a skull or tissue.

In 1963, Mackal was named scientific director of an expedition funded by World Book Encyclopedia to find a Loch Ness monster, a creature

some people have reported seeing in Loch Ness, a lake in Scotland. He continued the search off and on for 10 years and in 1970 observed what he believes was a "Nessie."

Mackal said he and a group of scientists were in a boat trying to record the underwater sounds of Loch Ness monsters with hydrophones when he got a glimpse of an animal he could not identify.

"Thirty feet away from the boat, I saw the water starting to boil up," he said. "The next thing we knew, some great animal partially surfaced. It had skin like an elephant and all we could see of it was its back before it went under again."

Mackal's theory is that the monsters are deep-water, snake-like, primitive whales that mostly inhabit the sea, but occasionally swim in the streams and then enter lakes like Loch Ness that have depths of 600 and 700 feet.



Roy P. Mackal

Searches for hidden, unknown animals

Sentinel photo

of an animal that natives said were made by a hairless, reddish-brown behemoth with a long neck and tail.

"It's a long shot that this animal is, in fact, a dinosaur," he said. "Maybe what the Congolese Pygmies are seeing is some giant lizard that is still unknown to zoologists. But there seems to be strong evidence that mokele-mbembe exists."

Pygmies who claim to have seen mokele-mbembe estimate their length to be about 15 feet. This would make them much smaller than the brontosaurus, which, scientists believe, might have been as long as 70 feet.

Mackal, 36, was born in Milwaukee and returned to the area recently to be with relatives for the Christmas holidays.

A professor at the University of Chicago since 1965, Mackal is a cryptozoologist, which is a fancy word for one who searches for hidden or unknown animals.

## Thought it was end of world

Mackal said the region where sightings of the animal have been reported is one of the most untamed areas in the world.

"The first time I went there, I absolutely thought I had come to the end of the world," he recalled. "Our search is being made in about 40,000 square miles of the worst jungle swamp. You receive about 1,000 mosquito bites per hour. It is filled with snakes that are deadly poisonous. The place is so hostile that the life expectancy for the Pygmies is 25 years. Malaria is endemic."

He said that he and members of his safari party "live off the land" in the Congo, which means their diet consists of such foods as lungfish, monkey, wild pig and bananas.

Accompanying him on the expeditions were an anthropologist, a geomorphist, a professional photographer, a missionary who lives in the Congo and knows the language of the Pygmies and a group of Pygmy porters. He said two soldiers and a zoologist sent by the Congolese government joined the expedition.

Mackal said the expeditions were financed in large part from royalties from two books he has written, "Searching for Hidden Animals" and "The Monsters of Loch Ness."

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# Turtle Lake monster has given area status

TURTLE LAKE, Sask. (CP)

Depending on who you talk to, the Turtle Lake Monster is three to nine metres long, smooth-skinned or scaly, with or without a fin along its back and has a face like a dog, horse or a pig.

Regardless of its appearance, the monster has an honored place in local lore. The legend of the Turtle Lake Monster is printed on paper place-mats at the Northlander Inn, situated on the southern tip of the lake, about 240 kilometres northwest of Saskatoon.

The inn serves monster burgers and Lyle Burkitt, operator of the Lakeview Store on the west shore, sells Turtle Lake Monster hats.

Catherine Okanee, 84, has lived by the lake "off and on for 40 years." She says many people have sworn they have seen the monster.

"Near Indian Point (on the east shore), there are three places where it is very deep, just like an underground river," she says. "It was said if you went around that area,

you would never come back because the monster lived there."

The majority of longtime residents say they believe the monster is actually a giant sturgeon. Northlander Inn waitress Stella Jacobsen believes the theory.

"I've never seen the monster," she says. "I've never had that much to drink."

But Ben Blatz heard so much about the shy beast during the four years he ran a lodge on the lake that he is convinced something out of the ordinary lurks in the depths.

Blatz, a 45-year-old former school teacher, recently began researching a book about the monster. He says there is no evidence of sturgeon in the lake and has another theory to explain the numerous sightings.

He has researched the aquatic dinosaurs that lived in Saskatchewan millions of years ago when the province was covered by sea. He is particularly intrigued by the

long- and short-necked plesiosaurs, reptiles that had long tails, four strong fins and small, smooth heads with a row of tiny, sharp teeth.

As the seas dried up, did the plesiosaurs retreat to the depths of Turtle Lake? Blatz says he has no scientific training that would allow him to make an educated guess.

But he says his research also shows Turtle Lake is similar to other lakes where monsters have been sighted. Like Loch Ness in Scotland and Okanagan Lake in British Columbia (home of the Ogopogo), Turtle Lake is cold, deep and was once part of a sea.

Like the others, Turtle Lake does not give up its dead, which Blatz says could explain why a monster carcass has never been found.

Obtaining good descriptions

of the beast is not easy and Blatz knows of no photographs of it. He has had to rely on sketchy descriptions, like one given by a local bus driver 25 years ago who said he saw something "too long to be a fish."

Blatz has had to take some reported sightings with a grain of salt.

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# Sasquatch myth? Ask museum

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Museum of Natural Sciences is sure the unicorn is a mythical beast, but it seems to be leaving a door ajar concerning the existence of the sasquatch.

In its current show, Animals and Myths, the museum says tales of the large, hairy man-like creatures said to hide in some parts of North America, including British Columbia, have some scientific credence.

The elusive creature, known in some parts of the United States as Bigfoot or yeti and in Asia as the abominable snowman, has been part of North American Indian lore for centuries.

Sasquatch is derived from the word for "wild man of the woods" used by the Salish tribe in southwestern British Columbia.

No material evidence for the existence of the sasquatch has been found. No bones, hair, or remains of sasquatch bodies have been identified with certainty.

However, thousands of people have claimed to have seen the sasquatch or found its footprints. A woman in Florida said she saw a Bigfoot last spring, and that it smelled "like an uncovered septic tank."

The museum says footprints have been found in two shapes, one like an hourglass and the other like a

flat-footed beast. But the footprints are always too perfectly formed to be really believable, the museum says.

Indications of the existence of the sasquatch "are at best circumstantial," the museum says in a poster beside an artist's conception of a sasquatch's hairy arm and a leg disappearing behind a tree.

"Most scientists have found it difficult to accept evidence for the existence of the sasquatch, but many have kept an open mind."

The museum also seems equivocal about kraken and other sea monsters. Some stories from the Middle Ages about them do seem

outlandish — creatures with bodies two or three kilometres wide which could be mistaken for islands and which, when aroused, could swallow a sailing ship whole.

But most of the museum's show on mythical animals is light-hearted. It makes no claim for belief in unicorns, those symbols of virgin purity which have origins in India and the Near East dating back long before classical Greece's glorious times about 400 BC.

Knights in the age of chivalry certainly went hunting them, and as late as the 1600s in Europe the dust of a unicorn horn was said to be a potion against poisoning.