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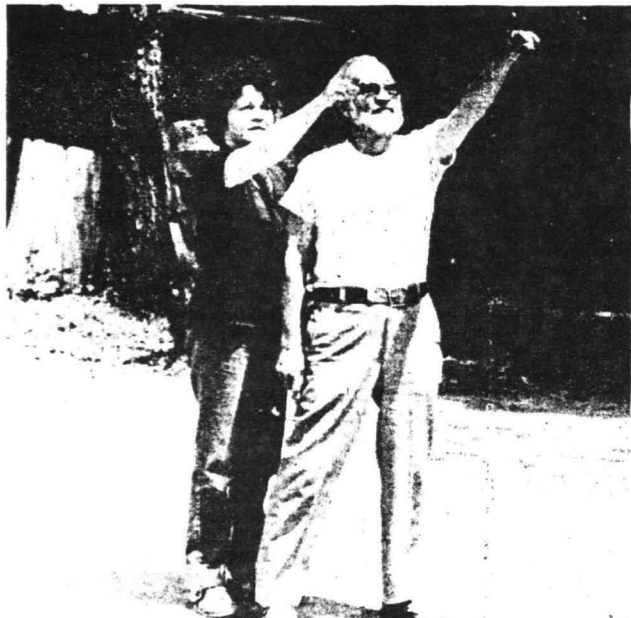
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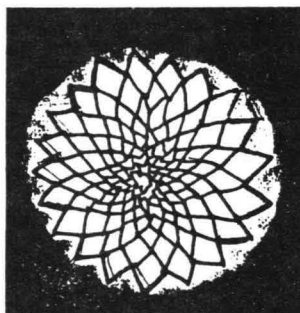
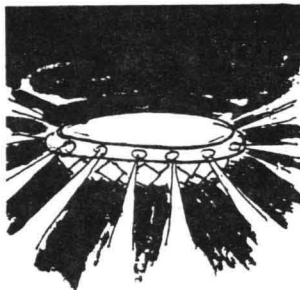
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Martins Point Where They Saw Lights



Drawings Show UFO

Did They Or Didn't They? Couple Spots Flying Disc

By LYNNE TAYLOR HART

"I wish to heck I hadn't seen it. I wish I'd gone to bed. I don't know whether it was us, them, or the others," says Herm Martin.

He and his wife Wilma believe they saw a UFO over Murrells Inlet.

Two Sundays ago, in the early hours of April 24, Martin woke up. He was worried about the weather.

The Martins were heading the annual Murrells Inlet Arts and Crafts Festival. Saturday's rain had cancelled afternoon activities. Over 100 craftsmen were waiting to see if the sun would shine on Sunday.

Martin walked down the dirt road in front of their house about 4:30 a.m., still half asleep. "I looked up in the sky and saw a big clump of stars.

I said, 'Thank goodness we'll have good weather,' and started walking back to the house.

"Then I realized that stars don't clump together like that. I looked back and watched," he says.

He decided the lights he saw were about 1,000 feet up. Estimating plane altitudes was part of his training. Martin had worked at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base for 17 years and was a civilian in charge of a crash crew.

"This wasn't like any plane or balloon I had ever seen, though.

"The lights were about the size of two full moons from where I was standing. They looked to be hovering south toward Georgetown.

"They never went up and down. They would vary to the left and

right," he says.

Martin watched the lights for about 15 minutes, sure that they were an optical illusion. "I decided Wilma would never believe me, so I called to her to come see."

She saw exactly what he saw.

"The color of that thing was so beautiful. It was like a lady's diamond dinner ring, but it didn't sparkle. You didn't want to leave it. It sort of hypnotized you," she says.

"They were the most brilliant lights I've ever seen," he adds.

Herm hoped the lights would land so he could talk to whoever — or whatever — was inside. "Oh Herm, if they picked you up, they'd just throw you back," kids his wife.

They say the lights flattened and a band of brightly-lit "holes" became visible, resembling port holes on a ship. Rays of beautiful, pale multi-colored lights — lavenders, pinks and blues — came from the sides of the object.

After about 20 minutes, the couple decided to call Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. He struck a match for her to find the telephone number, since the area was experiencing a Santee Cooper power outage at the time.

They talked with Col. Dwight E. Roach. He asked them to describe what they saw. He told them no one was tracking an object like they described on radar in the area.

They talked with the Colonel off and on for about 45 minutes. One would watch the lights and another would talk on the phone.

The sky lightened as sunrise approached. The Martins couldn't see the "port holes" or colored lights any longer.

"It began to wobble at each side. Then I heard a humming noise. It was a high-pitched hum with an occasional clackety-clack thrown in," says Mrs. Martin.

"Sunlight started to break around the trees. It ascended in a matter of seconds. It went straight up," she says.

The Martins say they checked with local fishing boats later, to see if they had been heading out that time of morning. The boat motors could have accounted for the humming sounds.

No boats went out because of gale warnings.

Did the Martins really see a UFO? Col. Roach says he has some doubts.

"About sunrise his wife called me and told me they could see lights up about 2,000 feet," he says. Roach looked south toward Georgetown and could see nothing. He called the Coast Guard station at Belle Isle, which also reported nothing.

During his 45 minutes of phone conversations with the Martins, Roach checked with several flight centers in the southeastern United States. They reported nothing unusual on radar.

In cloud formations at several thousand feet, light from stars can be magnified, he says. "If you've ever looked at objects through a raindrop, you'd see pretty much the same thing. It magnifies what you see," he says.

The Martins descriptions fits weather conditions well at that time. The "natural telescope" theory would also explain why no one else reported the object.

Did they or didn't they? Only some rain clouds — or a ship somewhere in space, slipping past radar, will ever know for sure.

NEWS-JOURNAL, Kent, WA — June 23, 1983 CR: D. Goudie

UFO sightings reported in Maple Valley

By CATHY STONE
Staff Reporter

Maple Valley seems to be the focus of "some pretty strange activity" involving unidentified flying objects, according to a UFO research group.

Dale Goudie, director of Puget Sound Aerial Phenomena Research, says that reports on sightings of unidentified flying objects from the Maple Valley area seem to indicate that the activity is fairly constant.

"It's not once a month or once every two months. It's there all the time," he says. "You have to remember that out of every 100 sightings, we're only getting about 5 percent."

Numerous sightings

The researchers recently started

working with radar equipment and a mobile radar unit in the Maple Valley area and also have been flying over the area using optical and ultraviolet observations to look for natural or unnatural phenomena. Goudie says the results of their research will be released within three months.

Meanwhile, the organization has received numerous reports of sightings during April and May, including two in Tukwila.

The first Tukwila sighting occurred Sunday, April 24, about 5 p.m. The witness said he was traveling west on Highway 405 near Longacres when he spotted an object coming from the north. At first he thought it was a reflection, but then it looked like neon, according to the PSAPR report. The object assumed the

form of a tube four to five feet long and went directly over his car at an altitude of 20 to 25 feet.

Matching description

The second sighting, which came three days later, occurred at the same general location at about 5:45 p.m. The witness gave a description matching that of the earlier report. She said it zoomed past her, then came from the north over power lines, traveled over her car and sped away.

Goudie says it is not unusual to see objects in the daytime, though he notes that often people are more reluctant to say what they've seen. "I haven't figured that out," he said, "but it seems like that is the case."

PSAPR also has received numerous reports of triangular objects over Puget

Sound, flying singly or in formation with up to four others. At least two separate sets of witnesses saw five of the objects flying in formation on different days in April and May.

Triangular objects

In one of the incidents May 9, a couple was looking into the sky about 10 p.m. in hopes of catching sight of the comet IRAS-ARAKI-ALCOCK. At first, they saw two triangular objects coming from the west. About five minutes later, they saw three more objects coming from the west, which then made a 90 degree turn north, according to the PSAPR report.

Goudie says it's unusual for there to be repeated sightings over a number of days "because then it's hard to put a name on it, like a meteor or a sort of natural phenomena that we don't understand."

Hickson tells of encounters

By DON BROADUS

UFO Contact at Pascagoula, the long awaited book about the tale of Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker's experience with what they believe was a spacecraft on the Pascagoula River is finally off the press almost 10 years after the incident.

It answers many questions raised over the years about the incident and provides some additional information that is not generally known.

For instance, Hickson says he was contacted three more times within seven months following the original contact on Oct. 11, 1973.

The 273-page book which contains many pictures and sketches of space beings and their vehicles was written by Hickson and William Mendez, a college professor from Detroit.

The book contains many pages of transcripts of interviews with Hickson and Parker while they were under hypnosis induced by John Kraus.

Mendez, who begins the book by saying he was very skeptical when he began the research, said he failed to find any major flaws in the tales related by Hickson and Parker and concludes the most logical explanation is that Hickson and Parker told the truth.

Mendez explores the accounts of the incident given by Hickson and Parker immediately after it happened to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, including a transcript of a secret tape recording of a conversation between Hickson and Parker when they were in a room alone; the account they gave to Keesler Air Force Base officials several hours after the incident; and the accounts they gave



Don Broadus

under hypnosis, which presumably allowed them to remember details they could not recall in conscious memory.

The transcripts are presented by Mendez as testimony in a trial of law. He then acts as an advocate of sorts to interpret the evidence in favor of Hickson and Parker, or at least in favor of their story.

I suppose a good lawyer could take the same set of facts and jump to another conclusion but Mendez does his job well.

For those who don't remember the incident, Hickson and Parker, who worked at a local boatyard, said they were fishing off a pier just south of the U.S. 90 drawbridge on the west bank of the Pascagoula River just after dark when a spacecraft landed behind them.

With water on three sides and a space craft on the other, the men froze as strange-looking creatures floated toward them, took them by the arms and floated them aboard the craft.

Parker apparently fainted but Hickson said he was examined by an eye-like instrument before he was floated back to the pier and the

spacecraft zipped off just as it had appeared.

Mendez tells of two other UFO sightings in the area but does not mention hundreds of other reports of UFOs in and around Pascagoula following the incidents.

The two mentioned by Mendez involve Charles Delk, a Forrest County constable who said he followed a UFO in his patrol car for several minutes and miles on the night of Oct. 7, 1973, and a graphic description of a UFO provided by Larry Booth of Pascagoula which Booth said he saw on the night Hickson and Parker were picked up.

Hickson next claimed he was contacted by a UFO in January, 1974, while hunting on a tree farm in Jones County near his parents' home. He did not report this sighting to lawmen or the press. He also did not report two other contacts which followed within a relatively short time.

Hickson said he was still hunting when he saw what appeared to be the same craft involved in his first encounter and a radio seemed to be turned on in his mind. A voice told him, "We mean you or anyone else no harm. We will contact you later."

Mendez discounts this encounter as an attempt by Hickson to justify in his mind what had happened to him.

He also discounts an encounter Hickson says occurred the following month, in February, 1973, when he walked into the woods near his College Villa apartment late one night when he couldn't sleep and the radio-like voice again told him, "We mean you no harm. Your world needs help. We will return soon."

However, Mendez said he could not discount the next encounter which Hickson said occurred late at night on May 12 on Mississippi 67 between Saucier and Ocean Springs.

Hickson, his wife and child and son-in-law and daughter had spent the day in Jones County and were returning home when a speeding light appeared behind the car, moved to the right of the car and finally stopped ahead of the car.

The adults in the car each gave similar descriptions of what they believe was a spacecraft which hovered just above the small pine trees along the highway.

Hickson said he had an almost uncontrollable urge to run to the craft, to board it, to meet the beings on it.

But his wife and others in the car were screaming and urging him to remain in the car.

The radio voice told him: "Go, there will be another time, another place."

Although the book is just now in the hands of Hickson, Mendez completed the work before Hickson reported only a few months ago that he had been contacted again and told that a force would be unleashed on earth at the beginning of this year which would gradually change mankind for the better.

Although there has been no drastic changes wrought by the force, if any, Mendez' conclusion may have been different if the book had been completed after the last announcement.

Copies of the book may be ordered from Charlie Hickson, 2024 Carol Drive, Gautier, 39553. The price is \$14.95.

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Space Engineer Links Sickness To UFO Sightings

By Dennis Hannon
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

If you chance upon a flying saucer — or any other form of airborne dinnerware — don't stand around rubbernecking like someone from a Steven Spielberg movie. Those things can be dangerous.

That's the advice of John F. Schuessler, a space industry engineer who has been studying such encounters for 18 years.

He told a meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis on Sunday that many persons who reported experiences with UFOs had exhibited many of the symptoms of acute radiation poisoning.

Schuessler is writing a book about a UFO experience near Dayton, Texas. In December 1980, Betty Cash, 54; Vickie Landrum, 59, and Mrs. Landrum's 9-year-old grandson, Colby, were driving through the woods, taking a detour home after abandoning their search for a Bingo game.

Colby noticed a flash from an object descending from the sky to about treetop level. Ms. Cash skidded the car to a halt, about 135 feet from the object.

The odd thing was that the flying object — an elongated, diamond shaped thing — was being pursued by about 20 large, double-rotor helicopters similar to those used by the U.S. armed forces.

Although the car became almost unbearably hot, Ms. Cash and the Landrums managed to drive home. Later, all three developed severe nausea, then sunburns. In about two weeks, Schuessler said, Ms. Cash and Mrs. Landrum began to lose their hair, and skin fell from their faces in clumps.

Both women since have suffered various degenerative ailments, and Ms. Cash eventually developed cancer, he said.

Schuessler accompanied his talk with slides that showed Ms. Cash and Mrs. Landrum in their pre-encounter days and in the deteriorated state in which they have more recently appeared.

The missing element in what Schuessler calls the "Cash-Landrum Case" is hard proof: physical evidence, records, multiple witnesses.

Schuessler said he had found three witnesses to helicopter flights in the vicinity of the woods that night and one man who had seen a diamond-shaped flying object. The armed services at first gave an informal confirmation but now deny that a large number of helicopters were operating in east Texas that night, Schuessler said.

Ms. Cash and Mrs. Landrum filed \$10 million damage claims against the U.S. Air Force but lost their case because they could not prove their suffering was a result of anything done by earth-based craft, Schuessler said.

Schuessler calls the possibility of extraterrestrial visits a "working hypothesis," rather than a demonstrable fact. But he scorns the habit of dismissing such reports as mere lunacy.

"That is answering a mystery with a mystery," he said. "I don't subscribe to that. I'd rather say I don't know."

Schuessler says he hopes to see "a responsible solution to the problem" in his lifetime.

"As long as there is a mystery, why not work on it?" he said.

Space center may be base for UFO probe

By STEPHEN FISCHER
Citizen Patriot Special Writer

A blinding glow suddenly surrounds a car as it moves along a country road. The car lights and engine stop. Nothing works.

Then, just as suddenly, the glow disappears — and another UFO sighting is reported.

"They (Unidentified Flying Objects) seem to be here to stay," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific director of the research and investigative office of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Hynek was at the Michigan Space Center to discuss with director Charles E. Gass the possibility of basing a center for UFO investigation and research at Jackson Community College.

"We don't study UFOs because we don't have any UFOs to study," said Hynek. Reported UFOs tend to avoid large crowds — preferring rural areas. They seem to take a particular "delight" in following cars late at night, said Hynek.

One recurring phenomena is that they tend to be highly localized in time and space. Unlike an airplane — which people can view simultaneously from many locations for a sustained period of time — reported UFOs are usually seen only by immediate witnesses and they seem to appear and disappear very suddenly.

But Hynek says nobody can deny that UFO reports persist from all over the world. He said that his center has 75,000 reports from 140 countries. In the past four months, he has traveled to Korea, Uruguay, Argentina, Italy, Sweden and Brazil to talk to people who have investigated UFO sightings and to do his own investigating.

Hynek and Gass think that a UFO center at the Space Center could attract scientists from all over the world to form a think tank to exchange ideas and to research UFO reports. Hynek and Gass say administrators at the college have been receptive to the idea.

"They're certainly ahead of their time in recognizing the potential scientific and social implications of this subject," said Hynek.

Gass said the Jackson community also seems to be interested in UFOs. In April, a program sponsored by the Space Center titled "UFOs are Real" drew about 270 people to JCC's Snyder Theater.

Up in the Sky — A Bird, Plane ...

The sighting of a large glowing object in the skies over western Fairfield late Thursday night prompted several calls from concerned residents to the Fairfield Department of Public Safety.

The first reports of the UFO came in about 10:15 p.m. Thursday, with callers indicating that the object was hovering over the Ash Court area, a Fairfield police spokesman said.

Police officers checking on the reports confirmed that there was some type of round, silvery object in the sky, but they were unable to identify it.

Several residents reported a large, glowing green object in the vicinity of East Travis Boulevard. Another caller described the airborne mystery as "big and glowing with blinking lights," police said.

A motorist on Interstate 80 who saw the UFO said she followed it along the freeway until it disappeared near Red Top Road in Cordelia. When initially contacted, Travis Air Force Base authorities said they had no knowledge of the flying object. They later began referring all calls to the California Highway Patrol.

The CHP, obligingly referred those calls back to Travis Air Force Base. As of midnight the glowing object was last seen traveling east from Tolenas area and had not yet been identified.

Hynek, who is a former consultant to the Air Force on UFOs and was technical advisor to the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," said that despite decreased publicity, UFOs continue to be reported in large numbers by respected people with strong technical backgrounds.

"You simply can't call all these people nuts," he said.

UFO in Cornville

By Bruce Farrin

CORNVILLE -- "There's a star following us," said 12-year-old Piper to her mother, Linda Braga, as they travelled on the West Ridge Road here near their home.

"At first, I thought it was a helicopter," said Linda. "It was an off-white color and seemed to get closer to us and lower to the road as it began to follow us."

It was a brightly moonlit night around 9:45 back on April 27, a full moon she recalled.

"We picked up Still some four miles from their home, Linda stepped down on the accelerator as the two anxiously watched to see if the object was still following.

Travelling around corners on the fairly flat piece of road, the object was still there, even appearing to get closer.

"We were going 65 and it was to the side of the vehicle, got bigger and closer to us, and was in front of us. I switched my lights on and off high beam, sort of playing with it. It seemed to attract it," said Linda.

Both Piper and her mother estimated the object at this point to be some 35-45 feet in diameter. "It felt like you could reach out and touch it," Piper added.

Soon they reached their driveway as the object backed off and hovered over the pine trees in a nearby field.

"Then it came around to the other side of the house. It was unbelievable!" Linda said.

In trying to describe the object, Piper said it was bright and shaped like a plate, was bright red and yellow, and went round and round. "It went up and down and sideways, like it was riding on air. It was strange."

They then telephoned their neighbors and got Evelyn Demmons on the line.

"They were all real excited and told me to go outside and look at the object. It has rained so much, I haven't seen many stars lately, but they said to watch the big one," said Evelyn.

"Sure enough, I could see one big star in the northwest just hanging there. It was bigger than a star. I saw something up

there. I don't know what it was, but it was different. It was kind of a strange feeling that the object made no noise or nothing—it just hung there," she said.

Linda and Piper then came running down the hill to stand with Evelyn and watch from the middle of the road.

"We kept saying this can't be real yet we were all seeing it, so it had to be real," said Linda, as they watched the object bob and change places.

After some 20 or 30 minutes, Evelyn decided to go in her house and get her field glasses to get a closer look. While in the house, she tried to get her husband, Ervin, to come out and watch, but he had retired for the night.

As she tried to look through the glasses, she said the object continually moved out of her focus. Linda observed that the object seemed to hide itself at that moment, "turning around" so that it became black with some red around it.

The object then began to get smaller and smaller in the next 10 minutes until it disappeared. Evelyn guessed that it had been moving away from them.

"Until I saw it, I was scared to see something like this. Now, I want to get some more people up here if it ever comes back," said Linda.

"You feel funny talking about it. You don't want to be the only ones to see it, yet we were seeing it," added Evelyn.

And Piper? Evelyn said she was a little scared but found some comfort in the reassurance that the object would not be back.

Linda contacted Skowhegan Police Chief Larry Jones the following day and told him their experiences that night.

"This is the first kind of report like this I've come across since I've been here," he said, adding that that no other reports were received concerning the object witnessed on April 27.

Linda felt that perhaps the full moon might have been significant in the UFO sighting. If so, the next full moon will be on May 26. It might be a nice night to take a ride. Or maybe not.

Novel idea but no way

New Mexico science fiction writers discount alien visits

By OLLIE REED JR.

Tribune Arts Editor

Recent government reports on unidentified flying objects make New Mexico sound like a pit stop on the way to the moons of Mars or to a rendezvous with Rama.

They tell of 3-foot-tall aliens — dead aliens — discovered in three crashed saucers somewhere in the state in 1950 and of numerous UFO sightings in the Land of Enchantment over the past 35 years.

There was the flying disc of Roswell in 1947, the scrambling egg of Socorro in 1964 and the leaping lights of Kirtland Air Force Base in 1980.

But if there is one thing New Mexico has a lot of besides UFO reports and skiers from Texas, it's science fiction writers.

And the ones contacted by The Tribune aren't convinced we have been visited by anything out of this world.

"We make these things up for a living. That doesn't mean we believe in it," says George R.R. Martin, 34, a prize-winning writer who lives in Santa Fe.

"Science fiction writers tend to believe in science, and they demand hard evidence."

"I can't speak for all science fiction writers, but I have met a fair number of them and I have never met one who believes in aliens from outer space scooting around visiting us."

Martin's feelings generally echo those expressed by Roger Zelazny of Santa Fe, Albuquerque writers Fred Saberhagen, Suzy McKee Charnas and Robert Vardeman and by Jack Williamson of Portales, one of the deans of American science fiction writers.

It's a distinguished group. Most of them have won a Hugo or a Nebula, the top science fiction awards.

As the author of one of the books in the popular "Star Trek" paperback series, Vardeman has thought a lot about space travel and intelligent life in other parts of the universe.

"Do I believe there is other intelligent life in the universe? Yes, I do,"

says Vardeman, 36. "Have they contacted us? Well, if they have they have made it so abstract we can't pick up on it."

"If they are smart enough to troop across those vast distances, I think they would be smart enough to know who the leaders are," he says. "The president's red phone would ring or they would land on the White House lawn."

Williamson, who was awarded a Grand Master Nebula in 1976, says he is "totally convinced we have not been visited by little green men from other planets."

"I think there is intelligent life in other parts of the universe," Williamson says, "but if interstellar flight is possible they would do something in a more convincing manner than they have up to now."

Williamson, now 75, and his friend and sometime collaborator Frederik Pohl personally investigated the 1964 Socorro sighting.

In that incident, Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object in a gully. When he approached it, Zamora said, the object flew away with a roar.

But Williamson, noting that the site is very near the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, says Zamora was probably the victim of an elaborate college prank involving a balloon and noisemakers of some type.

Still, the author of such genre classics as "The Humanoids" and the "Legion of Space" series thinks that if an alien landing ever occurs it might be the most exciting thing ever to happen to man.

"It might destroy us or it might turn our world into a paradise," he says.

Zelazny, the author of a number of award-winning works including the novel "Lord of Light," says he spotted a mysterious green light in the skies a few years ago but concedes it probably was a slow-moving meteor.

"It was just something flashy," says Zelazny, 45.

Santa Fe's Martin saw mysterious things too: "When I was a kid, I read up on the subject and for a while there I saw a UFO every night. But if I had read a book on sharks, I probably would have seen a shark in my room."

Zelazny, though, keeps "an open mind about the whole thing. Theoretically it (alien contact) is possible, but all the evidence in favor of it is pretty anecdotal."

Saberhagen, 53, who penned the "Berserker" series about war machines that zip around the universe zapping anything that lives, says he would be astounded if he stumbled on anything that looked like an alien artifact.

"I think you will find a lot of science fiction writers who think there are other civilizations out there that are capable of flight but who have never seen any evidence to support that."

Ms. Charnas, a 44-year-old Nebula award winner, says she has never seen anything like a flying saucer but wishes she could.

And, unlike most of the others, she says she believes a certain percentage of UFO sightings are legitimate.

"There is no reason why our corner of the universe should be immune from surveillance and tourism," she says. "We sure would do it to them if we could."

But she disputes Vardeman's argument that aliens would contact our leaders.

"If you were an intelligent being from another part of the universe," she said, "would you contact Ronald Reagan?"

Are TV ads keeping real ETs away?

STAR-NEWS, Pasadena, CA - July 3, 1983 CR: P. Norman

Paul Cerny, speaker at the 14th annual Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) Symposium in Pasadena yesterday, said it: "There's a reason UFOs don't land on earth. The extra-terrestrials are watching our TV commercials and they have learned about humans. We suffer from many ills — headaches, colds and the like."

Cerny was among a number of researchers investigating the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects. The headlines included J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., Evanston, Ill., scientific director for the Center for UFO Studies and author of "The Hynek Report," speaking on "The Case Against ET"; William M. Moore, co-author of "The Roswell Incident," on "UFOs: Uncovering The Ultimate Answer"; and Ann Druffel, Pasadena, Associate Editor of MUFON UFO Journal, on "Southern California's Straight Line Mystery in UFO sightings."

Today's speakers include Peter A. Jordan on "Cattle Mutilations and the Imagined Culprits: A Psychological Perspective" and Richard M. Neal, "Close Encounters — Accounts by Witnesses."

Cerny offered arguments on "The Continuing UFO Deception and Confusion Syndrome." He spoke disparagingly of what he saw as the far-out faction — the UFO crackpots who say visitors from outer space have come to save us from ourselves, from disease and to bestow peace on earth, often as a way to make money.

"The disbeliever, the 'debunker buff' is at the other end of the spectrum. He discredits researchers with flimsy and absurd explanations," Cerny stated.

He charged the federal government, particularly the U.S. Air Force, with keeping information from the public and with confiscation of pictures as a part of its Project Bluebook. "Since position and attitudes of government and debunkers so often dovetail, some wonder if the connection might be more financial than coincidental," he added.

Others gave their own views on UFOs:

Ms. Druffel said that studies of UFO observations showed sightings to be in straight lines and in association with four American Indian sacred places in Southern California: Tahquitz Rock near Idleywild, Eagle Rock, Stony Point at Chatsworth and nearby Castle Rock.

Joanne Cusack of Tucson, Ariz., a specialist in Kirlian photography, said she is interviewing and photographing two area residents who have been psychologically regressed to a point in their lives when they were said to have been transported in a UFO. The Kirlian process, according to Ms. Cusack, shows that "colors and patterns imprinted on the film have definite meanings." She correlates the mental, physical and emotional states of a person with the colors.

UFO seen by 2 men in Springs

By Bob Shaw
GT Staff Writer

They don't care if anyone believes them. But they do want to know if anyone else saw the immense flying triangle that made their flesh crawl for seven seconds Saturday night.

Russell Hughes and Tommy Holland said they reported to the North American Aerospace Defense Command post Sunday that they'd seen the UFO fly over their Palmer House Motel room at Interstate 25 and Fillmore Street.

"The stars are different now. Every night since then, I sneak out and take a look at the sky," said Hughes, the chief executive officer of the Scherling Film Club of Denver, rolling his eyeballs.

"Ha! I have been doing that, too," said Holland, a salesman with the company. "I want to see it again."



Hughes



Holland

The two talked about the UFO Wednesday night. The men are Denver-area residents in Colorado Springs on business, selling their company's film processing services out of two motel rooms.

Hughes and Holland gave this account of what happened Saturday.

At 9:30 p.m., they took a break from the stream of customers and strolled outside onto the lawn. It was a clear night.

"I said to Russ, 'Look at those five jets over there,'" said Holland. "Did you ever see any in such a perfect pattern?"

"They are really moving," said Hughes. The five white lights were very dim, he said, and were flying in a V-shaped formation.

Then, when the lights were overhead, both men noticed something.

"It wasn't five jets. It was five lights on one thing," said Hughes. "It blocked out two stars of the Little Dipper at one time."

Hughes said it was a huge aircraft of some kind, "so black it was like a cave, only triangular."

Holland said, "There was no noise, no jet trail."

Hughes held his arm out straight, and put his hand facing the UFO. The outline of his hand wouldn't fit inside the triangle, he said.

"It was as big as 10 747s," he said. "As big as a city block. I was stunned."

The lights were visible for about seven seconds, said Hughes, from the time they appeared on one horizon to the time they vanished on the other.

"I said to Tommy, 'Did you see that?'" said Hughes. Holland said the same thing to Hughes. They stood outside for several minutes, then dashed inside.

One of the customers was a lieutenant colonel at Fort Carson. He told Hughes and Holland to write a statement about what they'd seen to NORAD.

"We even had to have it notarized," said Hughes. He gave it to a NORAD official Sunday, he said.

Are they worried about people believing them?

"I am not one of these kooks in the Ozarks that will tell you they went up in one of these things. I know that if I said there were bright lights and they were on a saucer, more people would believe me. But that's not what I saw."

Long study of flying saucers makes former Idaho pilot a 'believer'

DUNCAN'S PEOPLE



DON DUNCAN
Times Sunday columnist

Kenneth Arnold's name and face do not trigger instant recall. Nor is his hometown, Meridian, Idaho, known to many beyond the confines of nearby Boise.

But when Arnold, 68, shuffles off his mortal coil, the occasion almost surely will be noted by newspapers and radio and TV broadcasters across the land.

Thirty-six years ago last Friday, while flying his light plane near Mount Rainier to look for a downed aircraft, Arnold saw nine swiftly moving, crescent-shaped objects. He later told a United Press reporter in Pendleton, Ore., their erratic, skipping flight pattern resembled that of a saucer thrown into the air.

The reporter picked up on the description and the modern-day "flying saucer" was born.

Life never would be quite the same for Arnold — a former University of Minnesota football player, devoted husband and father of four daughters, two of whom live in the Seattle area; a trained pilot, with more than 12,000 hours flying time; founder of the Great Western Fire Control Co. in Boise; unsuccessful Republican candidate for lieutenant governor and congressman in Idaho.

Arnold's mail still is heavy at times, mostly from pilots who write, "Well, I've joined your club. I just saw a cluster of them." There still are requests for TV appearances, which Arnold feels generally are stacked to make UFO-sighters look slightly ridiculous.

Arnold says he saw UFOs

seven more times after that first sighting. Twice he took in-flight movies of them. Each time he noted similarities: a center spot in the UFOs gave off pulsations, "as if they were alive," the speeds were "fantastic" (1,000 miles an hour and more); the maneuverings were unbelievably swift and erratic — "on their sides, upside down, right side up. Any human inside would be torn to pieces by the G's (gravity forces)."

But the most remarkable thing about the UFOs he saw, Arnold says, was their apparent ability to change density at will, like jellyfish in the sea. While photographing them over Mount Lassen, "a pine tree on the ground shows right through one of them." And yet, moments later, they all appeared to have solidified.

Finally, says Arnold, those he saw were always in groups — the

largest, 23 or 24 in a string, "resembled a flight of birds." Unlike regular military aircraft formations, the "leader" always was higher and the others followed in a descending pattern.

So much for the observations of a skilled pilot, who carefully plotted flight directions, noted weather conditions and made speed calculations based on his own position and the terrain. What everybody always wants to know is what he thinks they are.

In the beginning, says Arnold, he was certain they were military guided missiles. Subsequent interviews with scientists and apparent military puzzlement have convinced him they aren't.

Could they be from another planet? The reply is cautious. "Nobody knows... perhaps other-worldly" is the right word. "Maybe, just maybe, mind you, there is another world related to this planet that has the ability to materialize at will."

Arnold repeats his jellyfish analogy: "You put your hand in the ocean and it is stung by a jellyfish which you can hardly see until you get stung, and then you notice that by touching it, it has solidified. Well, what if something like that existed in the atmosphere, as well as in the sea?"



Kenneth Arnold first saw flying saucers in 1947 near Mount Rainier (1947 photo).

One thing about which Arnold is certain: "I wasn't the first to see UFOs, just the first pilot to see and then report them in modern times." There are, he says, men-

tions of UFOs in the Bible, "Ezekiel supposedly saw one." The logs of 14th Century British sea captains contain detailed notations and even drawings of UFOs.

Being a UFO pioneer certainly hasn't made Arnold wealthy. There are no "little green men" in the two books he wrote, "The Flying Saucer As I Saw It" (1961) and "The Coming of the Saucers" (1982). And neither was a best seller. He steadfastly has refused to profit from offers by the sensational publications found near supermarket checkout counters.

Arnold feels airline and military pilots have been effectively muzzled by orders — real and implied — not to go public about what they have seen. "They don't say you can't talk, but you'd better not go on any lecture tours."

That UFOs exist, Arnold is certain. That anybody knows what they are, he says, is highly unlikely.

An Army veteran, Hughes said, "I have seen MIGs in Korea, weather balloons, 747s. The only explanation I could dream up as to what it could have been is someone made a kite as big as a city block, put five battery lights on it, and somehow it traveled 2,500 miles an hour or more in a perfect pattern."

"I will take any polygraph test, or sodium pentathol, or any test you want. I know what I saw."

The two said they hadn't been drinking and were not taking any type of drug at the time.

"The main thing I want to know is if anyone else saw this," said Holland.

In the News

■ Larry Bryant, a Alexandria, Va., writer who heads the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and contends the Air Force is secretly holding outer space aliens who crash-landed in the New Mexico desert, was told by a federal judge in Washington that his "Writ of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial" for release of the aliens was being dismissed.

Those weren't just any UFOs

By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

The unidentified flying objects that recently lit up the night skies of Westchester and Putnam may be gone, but they're not forgotten.

The UFOs, which were spotted by hundreds of residents over a monthlong period in March and April, have not been seen in more than a month. But the sightings, which occurred on a half-dozen nights, are still being investigated by

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UFO experts, and residents are still coming forward with detailed reports of their encounters with the strange lights in the sky.

Philip Imbrogno, a local field investigator for the Center For UFO Studies in Illinois, has been working on the case

since the lights were reported by more than 100 people in Putnam and northern Westchester the night of March 24. He believes the lights have now been seen by at least 3,500 people.

"I have 350 reports," Imbrogno said, "And it's been my experience that about 10 percent of all people who see a particular UFO report it. So I'd estimate 3,500 people, possibly more."

COURIER TIMES, Levittown (N.J.), PA - June 10, 1983

CR: T. Beckley

ters with extra terrestrials. The space creatures told the earthlings about a league of planets they hope man will some day join, she said.

But the space creatures are afraid to invite earthlings to join the league right now, she said. They fear "man's war technology will be transferred to other planets in the universe," according to Mrs. Volpe. Beckley, a 35-year-old New Yorker, circulates about 40,000 copies of his newspaper to 37 countries. His interest in UFO's began at the age of 10 in his hometown of New Brunswick, N.J., where he claims to have sighted his first UFO.

"It was a warm night in the middle of the summer in 1957," he recalled. Beckley, his parents and some neighbors were sitting on the front porch.

"One of the neighbors pointed to some lights in the sky. . . They seemed to be under intelligent control. One stopped over an abandoned factory. Then it seemed like somebody turned off a light switch. It just disappeared."

The next day the local newspaper reported the sighting, he said. "The authorities said it was nothing more than a weather balloon. I knew it wasn't a balloon. It was circling and brilliantly lit."

Four years later Beckley began publishing his own news letter about UFO sightings. Today he is president of Global Communications, which in addition to putting out UFO Review, also publishes books and magazines about outer space.

Like the Volpe's, Beckley said he wants to spread the message of peace extra terrestrials are attempting to instill in earthlings. He's reported on nearly 700 UFO sightings and other close encounters with beings from other worlds.

"Our file (of letters) is literally bulging," he said. And the letters have come from just plain folk and celebrities alike.

Beckley said former heavy weight champion Mohammed Ali has reported at least a dozen UFO sightings while preparing for fights at his Deer Park training camp in the Pocono Mountains. Beckley also recalled the experience of actor Stuart Whitman, who while staying at a hotel in New York City during the 1965 black out said he was contacted by a creature from outer space.

A voice emanating from a brightly lit, egg-shaped object hovering outside Whitman's hotel window asked him to work "against the use of nuclear power in a war-like manner," according to Beckley. "They were drawing a similarity between the weapons and the darkness as to what might happen if we ever did have a nuclear conflict."

Mrs. Volpe and her husband spin similar tales of close encounters. And according to Mrs. Volpe, the messages from the extra terrestrial beings are always the same.

"Love one another," she said, "and see beyond religious, racial and national boundaries. . . That's what will save the world."

self ever since the first nuclear bomb was detonated. The warning from the extra terrestrials is simple, she said: Man's propensity for destruction not only threatens his world—but their's as well.

If man destroys the earth in an all out nuclear war, she warned, it will strike an imbalance in the universe. And that imbalance, the creatures from outer space fear, will imperil worlds inhabited by highly intelligent beings that are light years from earth.

Del Val UFO Inc., which boasts about 300 members, has attempted to spread the warning. The group meets monthly to share experiences, listen to expert speakers in the field of UFO research and view pictures and slides of UFO's and UFO landing sites.

The Volpes also promoted "universal brotherhood. . . It's cosmic racism," Mrs. Volpe told the audience, "to think we are the only ones in the universe."

"Man is part of a galactic community," she said. Intelligent beings elsewhere in the universe would like man to join that community, she said.

She based her assertion on the accounts of persons who claim to have had face-to-antenna encounters



Courier Times photo by Bill Johnson
Anthony Volpe, left, Tim Beckley and Lynn Volpe listen to the messages

By Guy Petrozello
Courier Times Staff Writer
For Northampton residents Anthony and Lynn Volpe "E.T." is more than a movie; it's the message they hope man will heed before it's too late.

The five-year residents of Alms-house Road have both sighted UFO's and consider themselves experts in the field of UFO research. They have sought out and talked to people from around the world who claim to have been abducted by visitors from outer space.

On Wednesday the Volpes and their houseguest, Timothy Beckley, publisher of "UFO Review: The Official Flying Saucer Newspaper" appeared on KYW's "People are Talking" show with what they said is documentation of extra terrestrial encounters and UFO sightings.

"The message from space people is that there are dire changes taking place around the world of a cataclysmic nature," explains Mrs. Volpe. The recent upturn in volcanic activity, floods and other natural disasters have come about as a result of man's misuse of nuclear forces, she said.

According to Mrs. Volpe, extra terrestrial beings realize this and have tried to save man from him-

"This is, I feel, one of the most important cases in UFO history," Imbrogno said, "because of the number of witnesses."

J. Allen Hynek, director of CUFOS and the former head of the U.S. Air Force "Project Blue Book" study of UFOs, agreed with Imbrogno.

"I think we do have a very interesting case here," said Hynek, who has interviewed a number of the witnesses by telephone from the center's Evanston, Ill., headquarters. "One of the things that is unusual is the number of people who have sighted it. Usually there are just a handful, two or three, who see it."

"From past experience, where a UFO is seen by a great number of people it frequently turns out to have a natural explanation," Hynek said. "But no one has yet been able to provide a viable natural explanation in this case."

Most people who saw the UFO described a massive V-shaped object with multi-colored lights ranged along it. The object was said to hover as low as 30 feet from the ground, to make sudden right-angle turns, and to emit a low humming noise.

According to Imbrogno, the lights had been spotted by a few people in the area as long ago as the summer of 1979. But on the night of March 24, the lights were seen again, and not by just a few people. Police department switchboards were flooded with calls from people who saw the UFOs in Yorktown, New Castle, Mount Kisco, Putnam Valley and Carmel.

Multiple sightings in the area were also reported March 26, April 13 and April 17, and isolated sightings were reported other times in March. In addition to Westchester and Putnam, the lights were reported seen in Dutchess and Orange counties, in Manhattan, and in the Danbury and Sandy Hook sections of Connecticut.

The explanation most frequently given for the lights is that they emanate from a flight of low-flying aircraft. But so far, attempts to find such a flight of planes has failed.

"It's easy for skeptics to say, 'It must be planes,'" Hynek said. "But you've got to show which planes and where."

In one sighting in Danbury, the V of lights was immediately identified as Cessna 150 aircraft in formation, Imbrogno said. The sighting, which differed from most other reports in that the engines were very loud and that the objects were easily identified as aircraft, did not surprise him.

"This has happened with UFO cases before," Imbrogno said. "Where a rational explanation crops up which just doesn't fit. There's one or two possibilities — it's people trying to imitate the sightings and create a hoax, or it's some kind of coverup, where they're trying to convince people that that's what they saw."

But Imbrogno and most witnesses are convinced that the Westchester lights did not come from aircraft.

"The more I get into it, the more a conventional explanation is unlikely," he said. "The low altitude — one witness said if he climbed on his roof he could have hit it with a stick — the humming, the maneuvers, I can't see anything explaining the appearance of this object."

Some people feel the lights were from a flight of ultralight aircraft (a sort of motorized glider) out of Stormville Airport in Dutchess County. The theory was checked out by Imbrogno.

"I tracked down the ultralight guys from Stormville," Imbrogno said. "They said they could never get them up with that much luminosity, the things wouldn't carry the weight. And they said they only fly in the day or in the evening, they wouldn't fly at night because it's dangerous."

Both Imbrogno and Hynek theorized that the lights could come from a secret government craft, which was allowed to be seen so that authorities could study the reactions of the populace.

"The only other explanation," Imbrogno said, "is that it's an unconventional vehicle from who knows where."

Because of several cases in which different witnesses reported seeing the lights at the same time at different places, and because descriptions of the UFOs seem to indicate differing objects, Imbrogno now believes at least two separate UFOs may have been in the area.

"One object is described as triangular-shaped," Imbrogno said. "A wide V about 300 feet long. The other is described as boomerang-shaped, almost like one of those smiles from the 'Have a nice day' buttons, about 150 feet long, end-to-end."

One piece of evidence that particularly baffles Imbrogno is "the most fantastic thing — many witnesses said the lights blinked out and they saw stars where the object was, then the lights appeared there again or somewhere else."

Another enigma, Imbrogno said, is that a number of witnesses said they tried to take close-up pictures of the object, but that when the film was developed it came out blank, or would show background details but no UFO.

Imbrogno said he will now begin to search for physical evidence of the craft.

"I'm sure physical traces are there," he said. "Broken branches, burn marks, depressions in the ground."

In a related development, police are investigating mysterious explosions that occurred in an isolated area in Easton, Conn., near where the UFOs have been spotted.

"They found a burned spot in a desolate wooded area," Imbrogno said. "They're trying to determine what caused it."

Imbrogno asked people who have seen the lights to call him at (203) 531-5267 or (203) 384-9656. He said he will continue to interview new witnesses, a task he feels will take some time.

"I finish with one witness, and I get five more," he said. "I went to Putnam Valley last Saturday, and interviewed an entire block of people about a sighting on March 24. It took four hours, but it was worth it. It was utterly fantastic what they witnessed."

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Andrus explains his passion with UFOs

By KRISTIN GAZLAY
Associated Press Writer

In 1948, Walt Andrus changed his life by looking up into the clear Arizona sky. What he saw made him believe — he says "know," — that unidentified flying objects exist.

Now UFOs are Andrus' passion, and a full-time job to boot.

Andrus is the international director of the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization formed in 1969 with about 1,100 members worldwide.

MUFON operates from Andrus' home in Seguin where books on UFOs and thick files on mysterious cases share shelf space with his bowling trophies.

"Any scientist or engineer who takes the time to look at the scientific data, they wouldn't question the existence of UFOs," Andrus says.

MUFON, he said, is "a network of investigators, researchers and consultants working together to document cases of UFOs."

Andrus readily concedes that many UFOs hysterically reported to police departments or radio stations turn out to be merely the Goodyear blimp or an errant weather balloon.

It's the cases that remain tantalizingly unexplained, those with baffling physical evidence or in-

volving close encounters with alien "entities" that fascinate MUFON members and overflow his organization's file cabinets, he said.

UFOs became real to Andrus 35 years ago in downtown Phoenix, when he looked into a cloudless sky and saw four silvery balloons instantly disappear, only to pop back into sight about 10 minutes later.

"There could be no explanation for it," said Andrus, a retired executive. "Something that defies any earthly definition we call UFOs."

MUFON's hotline logs about 20 calls a month, Andrus said, though many tips don't pan out.

"Reports have really tapered off now," he said. "Things have just dropped out and we don't know why."

UFOs must be good copy, too, because Andrus receives frequent calls from tabloids like "The Globe" and "The National Enquirer," which often dispatch staffers to interview witnesses at the latest sighting.

MUFON puts out its own monthly magazine, considerably more staid, and plans its international convention the first week of July in Pasadena, Calif.

Andrus believes UFOs merely want to observe life on Earth, to collect terrestrial samples or satisfy their alien curiosities about humans.

"They've been here maybe a thousand, a million years," he said. "We walk on the moon, we've had craft fly around space, but the things they do look like magic. They're at least a thousand years ahead of us."

He pulls out files documenting dramatic changes in soil content, burnt vegetation, radiation levels and other physical phenomena he says verify reports of UFOs — or at least should raise questions in skeptics' minds.

MUFON's meticulous files, and voluminous tapes of hypnosis sessions, also detail about 300 cases of the ultimate extra-terrestrial confrontation — close encounters of the fourth kind, or abduction by aliens, he said.

Dear to Andrus' Earth-bound heart are the thousands of pages of documents laboriously obtained from the government through the Freedom of Information Act.

One such document, released by the

Air Force, describes a bizarre encounter involving two airmen at Ellsworth Air Force Base near Nisland, S.D. on Nov. 16, 1977.

The airmen answered a security call and "observed a bright light shining vertically upwards," according to the report, signed by the colonel in charge of base security.

One airman, Wayne E. Raeke, "observed an individual dressed in a glowing green metallic uniform and wearing a helmet with visor," the Air Force report said.

"The intruder turned towards Raeke and aimed an object at Raeke which emitted a bright flash of intense light," it reads. "The flash of light struck Raeke's M-16 rifle, disintegrating the weapon and causing second and third degree burns to Raeke's hands."

The second airman, Kenneth C. Jenkins, "observed two intruders dressed in the same uniforms ...," the report said. "Jenkins aimed and fired

two rounds from his M-16 rifle.

"One bullet struck one intruder in the back and one bullet struck one intruder in the helmet," it continued. "Both intruders fell to the ground. However, approximately 15 seconds later, both returned to an upright position and fired several flashes of light at Jenkins."

The report said Jenkins, who was not hit, followed the fleeing "intruders" over a hill and "observed them go inside a saucer shaped object approximately 20 feet in diameter and 20 feet thick" that "emitted a glowing greenish light."

"Once the intruders were inside," the report said, "the object climbed vertically upwards and disappeared over the Eastern horizon."

High radiation levels were noted at the scene and "Missile Maintenance examined the missile and warhead and found the nuclear (nuclear) components missing from the warhead," the report said.

"Raeke's M-16 rifle could not be located at the site," it concluded.

To Andrus, the reports in his files signify a private about-face from the government's official posture concerning UFOs.

"Our government says 'We don't have UFOs,'" he said, "but all the top agencies are involved. They all have documents like this."

And though he labeled movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial" as "glamorized and Hollywoodized" pastiches of the truth, he conceded they did help MUFON.

"People said when 'Close Encounters' came out, 'You'll have all kinds of reports flooding in.' But I said no," Andrus said. "I said it would just make it more socially accepted to talk about UFOs. People now would come forward and say what they saw."

"We heard from people who had seen UFOs 20 years ago and never said a word," he said.

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"They reported this enormous thing, silent, hovering over their homes for 45 minutes. It was 70 feet in the air, hovering, and made right-angle turns. They were shocked — how could this thing hover for 45 minutes and no authorities come? They didn't know that the police were racing all over the place that night answering reports of UFOs."

"Many people in the Westchester area have changed their minds about UFOs," Imbrogno said. "And most think it was a positive experience. A lot of witnesses keep reporting sensing some kind of intelligence. They say, 'You'll think this is crazy, but I felt I was being watched, that some intelligence was behind it.'"

The surprising thing, Imbrogno said, "is that I have not met one kook yet. They're all good, stable people who just had this incredible encounter."

By ERIC CROSS

STORMVILLE — Two residents have a theory about the recent sightings of so-called UFOs in the Northern Westchester-Putnam and Southern Dutchess County areas. The two, a former police chief in Brewster and the state trooper assigned to the Stormville barracks, themselves recorded sightings Saturday around 10:30 p.m. along Route 52 and Interstate 84 five miles north of the Putnam County line.

At the top of Stormville Mountain near the Mount Storm ski area, said he saw the "T-shaped" object flying directly above his house. Clair said that the craft had a "drone-type of engine." "You could hear it very specifically. It wasn't the sound of a regular airplane," Clair said.

Trooper Michael Gadanski of Stormville also saw the object Saturday. "I've seen these things on several occasions. Always around 10 or 10:30 at night. When we see them, our phones light up like Christmas trees. People think the world is coming to an end. I think whoever is doing it is just out to stir up the public."

PATENT TRADER, Mount Kisco, NY — June 2, 1983 More 'UFOs' are sighted

RECORD, Stockton, CA — May 29, 1983 Mystery object in Stockton sky

The Jedi only returned to Stockton Wednesday but it may be the "force" behind a mysterious object that appeared in the heavens above the city early Saturday.

"It was like a giant flashlight being dragged across the sky," said Dr. Edwin Swillinger who was among those spotting the bright light shortly before 5 a.m.

Rosanne Cervantes was another who sighted the object, hovering several thousand feet above the earth and giving off an intense beam of light.

Stockton police reported receiving numerous calls about an unidentified flying object — UFO — around 5 a.m. The Record also received several calls from alarmed residents who spotted the object.

Cervantes said she and her husband were driving on El Dorado Street near the intersection of Pine Street when they saw the light which she said appeared to be centered above Rough and Ready Island.

Both Cervantes and Swillinger described it as having a "cone-like" beam. Police were at a loss to explain the mystery as were officials with the U.S. Air Force.

Sgt. Richard Couch, public affairs spokesman at Castle Air Force Base near Merced, said any man-made object should have appeared on their radar screen.

But nothing was out of the ordinary at the time Swillinger, Cervantes and others in Stockton were observing the object in the sky.

"I don't know what it could have been," Couch said.



WALT ANDRUS serves as international director of the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization headquartered in Seguin. MUFON was formed in 1969 and now has about 1,100 members worldwide. (Staff photo)

Had A UFO Experience? Call Abintra For Help

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — If your love life falls apart, there's Dear Abby. If you drink too much, you can go to Alcoholics Anonymous. But if you see strange, winking lights floating over your house or furry green men sitting under your apple tree, where do you turn?

Barbara Schutte, 31, hopes you'll turn to her group, Abintra Inc., where you'll find someone to talk to who doesn't believe you've seen too many science fiction movies.

"Seeing a UFO can be very traumatic — it's something you don't know and don't understand," she said in a recent interview. "If people realized how many others saw UFOs, then they wouldn't feel so singled out. That's why we're here — to show people they're not going nuts, they're not insane."

The name Abintra is derived from the Latin for "from within," referring to the group's aim of providing a friendly, trusting atmosphere in which people can make their UFO revelations.

Ms. Schutte, a nurse who formed the support and research group earlier this year, claims she has seen an unidentified flying object.

She said she was at a southeastern Iowa farm on March 22, 1978, when she saw "three huge red globes" hovering above some power lines.

"About every 30 seconds, they faded in and out in a random light pattern. When the lights went out you could just make out the outline of a little square. Then they began to move off very slowly," she said.

Ms. Schutte said she called the local flight service to see if any special aircraft was being

used to survey recent local flooding.

"The man at the flight service said no. He said, 'I suspect what you saw was three geese with red lights strapped on their backs,' and hung up. That really insulted me," she said.

Ms. Schutte said several other

people apparently saw the same UFO, but when she tried to talk to them about it, they refused.

When confronted with the suggestion that UFOs do not exist, Ms. Schutte countered with statistics of reported sightings.

And while she was never able

to discover what she saw, her persistence eventually led her to become an investigator for the Center For UFO Studies, a research group in Evanston, Ill. She said the biggest problem she encountered was people's unwillingness to talk for fear they would be branded lunatics.

Today, she said, people who have a UFO experience can call Abintra and talk about their sighting either with her or her colleague, Robert Cweirniak, a clinical psychologist.

"We get as much information as we can about what was seen and the person who reported it.

Then we check star charts, military bases, airports, flight services, the weather service — we try to explain it every way we can," she said. "But if you've checked out everything and come up with nothing, then you have to leave it unidentified."

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - July 15, 1983 CR: G. Fawcett

Pentagon ordered to find E.T.'s body

Scripps-Howard News

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has been given 60 days to come up with the body of E.T.

Pentagon spokesman Henry Catto said the Air Force has been served with a writ of "habeas corpus extraterrestrial" filed in U.S. District Court here.

The writ, filed by Larry W. Bryant of Alexandria, Va., contends the Air Force has the bodies of "one or more occupants of crash-landed UFOs of apparent extraterrestrial origin."

Bryant said in the document that the habeas corpus writ was being issued under the same legal rights that allow citizen arrests. He charged that the Defense Department, Air Force, Army, State Department, FBI and National Security Agency has engaged in a massive cover-up of UFO cases and cloaked known instances of UFO encounters in a "veil of secrecy."

Appended to the writ is a March 22, 1950, report by unnamed FBI agents quoting "an Air Force investigator" as saying "three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture."

The FBI report goes on to quote the Air Force investigator as claiming the UFO crashed in New Mexico because the Pentagon's huge radars there "interfered with their controlling mechanisms."

Catto declined comment on the allegation. "It would be inappropriate to comment further," he said. Bryant could not be reached for comment.

Air Force officials said there have been periodic allegations that they have bodies of space travelers pickled in bottles on the shelf of a warehouse at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Bryant said in his writ that some of the extraterrestrials might be still alive "in secret custody of U.S. authorities" and being held against their constitutional rights.



Barbara Schutte, 31, looks over a drawing of a reported Unidentified Flying Object sighted in the Muscatine, Iowa area. Ms. Schutte said she formed Abintra, a UFO support and research group after her own experience in seeing a UFO. (AP Laserphoto)

Goodhue man describes how light followed him 3 miles

By FLORA BURFEIND
staff writer

GOODHUE — Fact or fiction? An unidentified flying object tracked Mike Jonas and his three-wheeler on the way home along a dark Goodhue Township road last week.

"People may think I'm crazy, but I saw what I saw," Jonas said. "It sounds like a big story, but it followed me for three miles. My mother saw it too when it hovered near the house."

Jonas, 19, described himself as generally a trustworthy type and his mother, Marcy, concurred. They have no explanation, just accounts of what they saw near their rural home 3 miles west of Goodhue.

About 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jonas was returning home from doing chores at his brother-in-law and sister's farm five miles away in Belle Creek. He headed east, then south, riding the edge of the ditch.

"I NOTICED IT about three miles from home. I saw a light behind me but didn't think too much about it. At first I didn't think it was moving," Jonas said. "As I went up a hill, I noticed it was getting closer, maybe 100 yards away."

It's hilly country, with curves in the road and groves of trees lining the fields. "I looked back as I was going down a hill and around the bend figuring it would lose me, but it stayed, following at the same distance. I could only see the light."

Unnerved, Jonas said he wondered, "Should I stop and see? Maybe I'll never get home again." He turned south at the crossroad, it stopped and waited before moving across the intersection where "it turned a perfect 90-degrees and began tracking from my right." He accelerated to 55 mph. "I don't know what would have happened if my three-wheeler had quit," he said. "It went up over trees, then came right back to the same level, never ahead of me, always behind."

"I HAD THE feeling it was tracking the sound of the three-wheeler," he explained. It appeared to be remote-controlled because of its smooth movements and the way it hesitated, then homed-in on the sound, he said.

Reaching the corner close to home, he turned off his lights and drove in the dark as far as the front lawn. "It kept coming." There he stopped the engine and heard the object's sound, a low hum like an electric motor after it's turned off and just before it stops, slightly wavering and not very loud.

"When I stopped, it stopped, too. A car went by and it never moved. It just swayed a little bit."

Jonas said he was excited, disbelieving and eager for someone else to see it.

HIS MOTHER WAS in bed, but not asleep because she was waiting for him. "I heard him coming and knew he was going fast. Then it (three-wheeler) stopped. I thought he flipped in the ditch," she said.

When he ran to the house, she was relieved he was safe. "I was tired. He was excited, but I told him to go to bed. I just kind of dismissed it at first."

Jonas said he wanted to prove that it followed him. "If you want to see something spooky, come on out here with me," he told his mother. "I thought I'd better get some witnesses."

Together they went outside. "I knew he was scared," Mrs. Jonas said. "We could see it plain as day. It would dim out and get bright." It hovered over the pine trees, 200 to 300 yards from the house. They thought of calling someone else, but didn't because it was late.

"We should have," they agreed. They didn't wake Mike's father, Donald, already asleep.

MRS. JONAS WENT back to bed; Mike went upstairs. "I could hear him running back and forth," Mrs. Jonas said. He took binoculars and studied the object from an upstairs window before pulling the shades.

"I was so wide awake I could have sat there all night and watched it, but I didn't." He sketched what he saw.

He described it as about 12 feet across a perfect flat edge on the bottom, shaped like an inverted soup bowl about 3 feet or more high at its highest part. He estimated it to be the size of a car. A bright white light was centered in a foot-high section across the bottom that shown red hot.

"When I saw it with binoculars, I knew it was a UFO," he said.

Mrs. Jonas awoke at midnight and looked out the window. It was still there, she said. The next morning it was gone.

Mike said he believes it was drawn by the sound of the three-wheeler. "I didn't have the feeling it was spying. It didn't have anything to do with me after I stopped."

Working alone at night will be unnerving for awhile, he said. "I'll always be looking."

The next clear night he expects to be out watching the sky. "But I won't go alone," he said.



Mike Jonas on the three-wheeler he drove home with what he says was a UFO following him. — staff photo by Flora Burfeind



UFO flap — RAAF called in Hundreds see 'lights'

By DON GREENLEES

BENDIGO. — Hundreds of people in central Victoria today reported nine brightly-colored UFOs "buzzed" the area overnight.

Reported sightings came in from Castlemaine to Maryborough, Kyneton and Bendigo.

The Royal Australian Air Force will investigate the reports.

The RAAF and air traffic control, Tullamarine, were alerted by a Bendigo radio station, but could not track anything on radar.

They said they were baffled by the sightings.

Theories about what caused the phenomenon included a rock band experimenting with laser lighting, and atmospheric conditions causing light refraction.

But the president of the Victorian UFO Research Society, Mrs Judith Magee, said she believed the UFO reports were authentic.

"In that area the skies are very clear, and there seems to have been quite a number of reports."

She doubted atmospheric conditions could explain the mystery.

The society's researcher, Mr Pat Gildea, would probably be going to Bendigo to research the reports, in co-operation with the RAAF, she said.

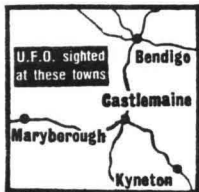
Mrs Magee said it was not uncommon for UFOs to change color.

The sightings were unlikely to have been a planet, and appeared to have been a "genuine UFO."

Most people described the UFOs as cone or cylindrical in shape, with oscillating red, green and white lights.

A RAAF spokesman said the air force would seek confirmation of the sightings before deciding what type of investigation should be made.

In Canberra, an air force spokesman said the unexplained aerial sightings — the air force's term for UFOs — would be logged by the Canberra-based air force intelligence group.



Mr Evans said the objects disappeared from the sky about 3 a.m.

The man, who phoned 3BO, claimed he was "tailed" by a UFO from Long Gully, about 5 km from Bendigo, into the town.

"He said it was almost directly above him at about 70 degrees," Mr Evans said.

"He drove flat-out into Bendigo trying to get away from it."

Mr Evans said many people were at first bewildered and curious about the light, but later became worried.

"It certainly scared the hell out of some people, they didn't sound too good," he said.

People in Bendigo said dogs and other animals became upset and restless after the objects appeared.

The first sighting of the objects was made by a man at Kangaroo Flat. This was followed by the report from the man who said he was being tailed from Long Gully.

The RAAF made a radar scan of the area about 11.40 p.m., but said none of the objects showed up.

A second check was made at 2.15 a.m., soon after nine of the objects were reported bunched together, but also proved fruitless.

The RAAF said that if the objects were too high or too low, they would not show up on radar.

Mr Paul Mulqueen, of Bendigo, said he saw eight and possibly nine objects hovering over Kyneton about 12.30 a.m.

He said he watched the objects through field

glasses for almost an hour.

"After I heard about them, I went out looking," he said.

"I saw the objects as I was heading towards Kyneton, and got out and started looking with my field glasses.

Hovering

"They all seemed to be just hovering there."

"There was a constant rotation, changing color."

"They looked cone-shaped, but they were a hell of a long way up."

"They were easily bigger than a star."

A Weather Bureau spokesman today said the appearance of lights in the sky may have been caused by an atmospheric inversion.

The spokesman said the inversion could have caused car headlights to be refracted in the sky.

He said an atmospheric inversion happened when there was a layer of warm air up to 500 metres from the surface of the earth.

"Normally air gets colder as it rises, but with an inversion, it stays warm," the spokesman said.

But the spokesman said he could not explain why lights would be seen in one area, when the whole state was covered by an inversion.

RAAF to sift UFO reports

The Royal Australian Air Force today was waiting for official reports before investigating claims of "UFO" sightings in central Victoria.

A RAAF spokesman said once formal sightings reports were received, people would be contacted for further information.

The spokesman said that if he received reports, it was the RAAF's duty to investigate.

A Weather Bureau spokesman said today an atmospheric inversion may have caused the appearance of lights in the sky over central Victoria at the weekend.

The inversion could have caused car headlights to be reflected in the sky, he said.

The spokesman said he could not explain why lights could be seen in one area, when the whole state was covered by an inversion.

The RAAF spokesman said that if he received sighting reports, he would then seek to make an assessment as to what they were.

Because of a shortage of resources, the RAAF would probably be allocating a low profile to the reports, he said.

The spokesman said a RAAF duty officer received a phone call at the

weekend from a person claiming it was his rock music band which caused the flashing lights by putting lasers on the clouds.

"But unfortunately he did not leave his name," the spokesman said.

Hundreds of people from Kyneton, 84 km north-west of Melbourne, to Merrigum in the Goulburn Valley, 183 km north of Melbourne, reported "cone-shaped objects with flashing lights" on Friday and Saturday nights.

The last sighting was at Monbulk, in the Dandenong Ranges, at midnight on Saturday.

Many people who reported sightings to news papers, police, radio stations and the RAAF said the flying objects were conical or cylindrical in shape, with lights that changed color.

The UFOs were reported to be changing from red, to green and white.

Radio announcer Mike Evans, of 3BO Bendigo, said the first reported sightings were made to the station about 11 o'clock on Friday night.

He said he later saw six objects through the studio window.

Mr Evans estimated the objects were hovering at about 800 metres.

He said the UFOs would at times move a small distance, disappear, then re-appear in another part of the sky.

The radio station was flooded with phone calls soon after the first sightings.

People in Bendigo said dogs and other animals became upset and restless after the objects appeared.

A man at Kangaroo Flat, south of Bendigo was the first to report seeing the objects.

Cop car's battery flattened by UFO

TWO police girls who spotted flashing lights in the sky have started a UFO mystery.

They thought no-one would believe them, but male colleagues reported seeing similar lights, accompanied by a roaring noise, on the same night.

Now Bristol police, who checked with the Ministry of Defence and aircraft controllers, admit they are baffled by the objects.

The women, who do not wish to be named, said they first saw a strange light hovering over a hill top in the city's Hartcliffe area.

"We got in the car and followed it for two miles to a nearby village, where it stopped in the sky," said one.

"Another light joined it from another direction. Then they went straight upwards. It was very creepy."

She said the next day their police car would not start — the battery had suddenly gone dead.

More mystery objects were spotted in another part of the city by Sergeant Ian Lock.

I SAW THE UFO

I WRITE to confirm that I, too, saw the unidentified flying object at about 9.30 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, April 27 (your front page article last week).

From my house in West Chilshurst, I observed a bright orange light to the east proceeding in a direction from south towards the north. There was fairly low cloud covering about 80 per cent of the sky and, like Mr Newcomb, I confirm that it moved too slowly to be a meteorite (besides which it was too bright and the wrong colour). Satellites or meteorites must in any case be ruled out because they would have been above the cloud cover, whereas this sighting was quite clearly below.

Nor could it have been an aircraft as there was no noise and aircraft lights are white, red or green but never — to my knowledge — orange.

Obviously, one would not necessarily equate UFOs with flying saucers, but I wonder whether the light could have come from a hot-air balloon or similar device.

G. N. CROSS.

Yester Road,
Chilshurst.

... AND I DIDN'T!

REFERRING to Mr Newcomb's strange sighting in last week's issue two bright orange lights—one hovering above the other, descending slowly above the trees and later, one light fizzled out while the other still remained; all of which appear to be a plausible UFO. However, I would like to draw my conclusions.

A paragraph taken from the same passage, "A spate of similar sightings have been spotted in the area over recent months. Like those the lights were accompanied by a trail of smoke (presumably an orang-outang's tail) and the objects moved slowly up and down, standing still for several moments." (The activities of a typical monkey). Has an owner lost his pet monkey? If so, he had better put himself out to find it before any other sightings are made.

M. A. KEANE

Meadow Road,
Shortlands.

BROMLEY TIMES, Kent, England - May 12, 1983

DAILY STAR, London, England - May 17, 1983

Was It A Comet Or A UFO?

"I have never seen anything like it. The light from it just about blinded me" said an elderly Summerside man this morning in describing the bright unidentified flying object he had spotted in the north to northwestern sky last Tuesday night.

Edison Williams of 225 Linden Avenue said he's not alone either. Several other people from the senior citizens apartments on Linden Avenue also spotted the bright object high in the heavens. "We've been waiting all week to read something about this in the Journal. Since we haven't, I thought I had better call and relate my own experience," said Mr. Williams.

He said when he first spotted the object he and several others in his car were returning from a card game. The time was about 10.20 p.m. He was just driving up on Linden Avenue when this bright object which sort of "was shaped like a big fish" was making its way through the northern heavens.

He said the bright light lasted for a good 10 minutes or more and had sparks flying out its sides and then eventually the brightness seemed to diminish to a "sprinkler or sparkler effect..... you know what those sparklers look like that we see now and then" such as on Halloween night.

Mr. Williams, who is 89, says he has never in his whole life ever witnessed anything quite like what he witnessed on Tuesday night.

He said he intends to call Canadian Forces Base Summerside today to see if military people there might be able to offer some sort of an logical explanation.

About the only thing he can think of is that a comet was supposed to be visible from earth last Tuesday night, and possibly he feels what he saw may have had something to do with the passing of the comet.

At any rate Mr. Williams remains puzzled by the whole experience.

UFO sighted by policeman



Senior Constable Harry Witkiss of Romsey police was another one of the hundreds of people who saw a UFO.

However, Senior Constable Witkiss saw a UFO a week before the sightings last weekend.

A passing motorist stopped at the police station one night to report a strange light in the sky.

The constable was sceptical at first and after noticing the man was driving, asked him if he wanted to be breath-tested.

The motorist said he saw the light in the direction of Kyneton.

The motorist said he had been watching the UFO for about 20 minutes.

Constable Witkiss said it was a bright light with two cones of green light coming from it.

He watched it for about 15 minutes.

It appeared to be descending gradually but made no noise, said Constable Witkiss.

When he returned home the motorist rang him and told him the object had vanished after rotating.

Constable Witkiss declined to say if he believed in UFOs. He said he was merely checking what the motorist had told him.

Flying friend baffles police

ULLO, ullo, ullo... What's going on up there then?

Bristol police have drawn a blank in their investigation into the mysterious unidentified flying object of Dundry Hill.

A family in nearby Hartcliffe have seen the UFO regularly for the past two years.

The father, aged 46, who

asked not to be named, said it had flashing lights of red, yellow and sapphire blue, and moved across the sky.

The family calls it "our little friend" but have become embarrassed about telling other people about it.

But recently they reported it

to the police.

Two police women were called out from Broadbury Road police station, Knowle, and followed the object for two miles towards Dundry where it stopped.

Then another UFO joined it from the Bedminster area.

"We waited and one of them went up in the air and flew away. It was a bit creepy and we left the other one there," they said.

The police women checked with nearby Bristol Airport and the Ministry of Defence and were told there was no trace of air traffic in the district.

THE MYSTERY LIGHTS OF BENDIGO



By PETER DOHERTY

IS THIS the UFO that had Victorians gazing into the sky?

Sydney Airport weatherman Ken Morley thinks it might be. But his colleagues in Melbourne don't agree.

The glistening silver pyramid which could have lit up the skies over Bendigo on Friday night is a radar reflector, which hangs beneath a weather balloon.

And Ken reckons it may hold the answer to the UFO mystery that has puzzled Australia.

He said: "Weather balloons have been mistaken for UFOs before.

"The balloons carry equipment up into the air, then burst.

The balloons carry a radar reflector for tracking, so the weathermen can calculate wind speeds.

A small torch lights up the reflector.

"At times the reflection can appear as a bright light in the sky, especially at night," said Mr Morley.

David Stokes, of Cranbourne, Victoria, reckoned he'd solved the UFO mystery when he found the equipment from a weather balloon in his back yard over the weekend.

But Melbourne weathermen think it is unlikely one of their balloons was mistaken for a flying saucer.



Throwing light on a mystery

THE mystery of Bristol's UFOs deepened yesterday.

Already two policewomen and a Hartcliffe family have reported seeing unidentified flying objects over Dundry Hill.

Now Mr Peter Coomber, aged 36, and his wife Sandra say they saw two UFOs 18 months ago.

They were outside their home in Petherton Road, Whitchurch with friends Trevor and Vivienne Glasspool.

"All of a sudden these two blue lights came together ever so fast," said Mr Coomber.

"They split again as

quickly and both came down over Dundry, and changed lights to red and orange.

"The children were a little bit worried. We told them it was a fire engine."

Mrs Glasspool, of Imperial Road, Knowle, said: "It seems most peculiar. I can't possibly say what it was. It couldn't possibly have been an aircraft to go off that fast."

Caution: Lights ahead

POLICE in Bristol are investigating independent reports by three officers of UFO sightings in the area. Two policewomen said they drove two miles following a flashing light in the sky until it suddenly shot up and away. And a sergeant who claimed he also saw it said it was joined by a second pulsating light.

MYSTERY LIGHTS SEEN BY LOCALS

Several Foster residents saw bright, flashing lights in the sky, last Friday and Saturday evening.

About 7 p.m. on Friday night Allan Court residents Hugh Davis and Graeme Ketchell were standing talking in the street. Hugh noticed flashing lights in the north-west sky.

A few minutes later he remarked to Graeme: "That plane seems to be taking a long time to move". The pair watched for about 10 minutes, and the lights seemed to be stationary.

About 9 p.m. Mr. Davis came outside and saw similar lights higher in the sky, and two other further to the west.

On Saturday night, Mr. Davis again saw similar lights in the sky to the west, and these were seen by neighbours Graeme Ketchell, Dennis Roberts and Steve Mills, before they disappeared very quickly over the horizon.

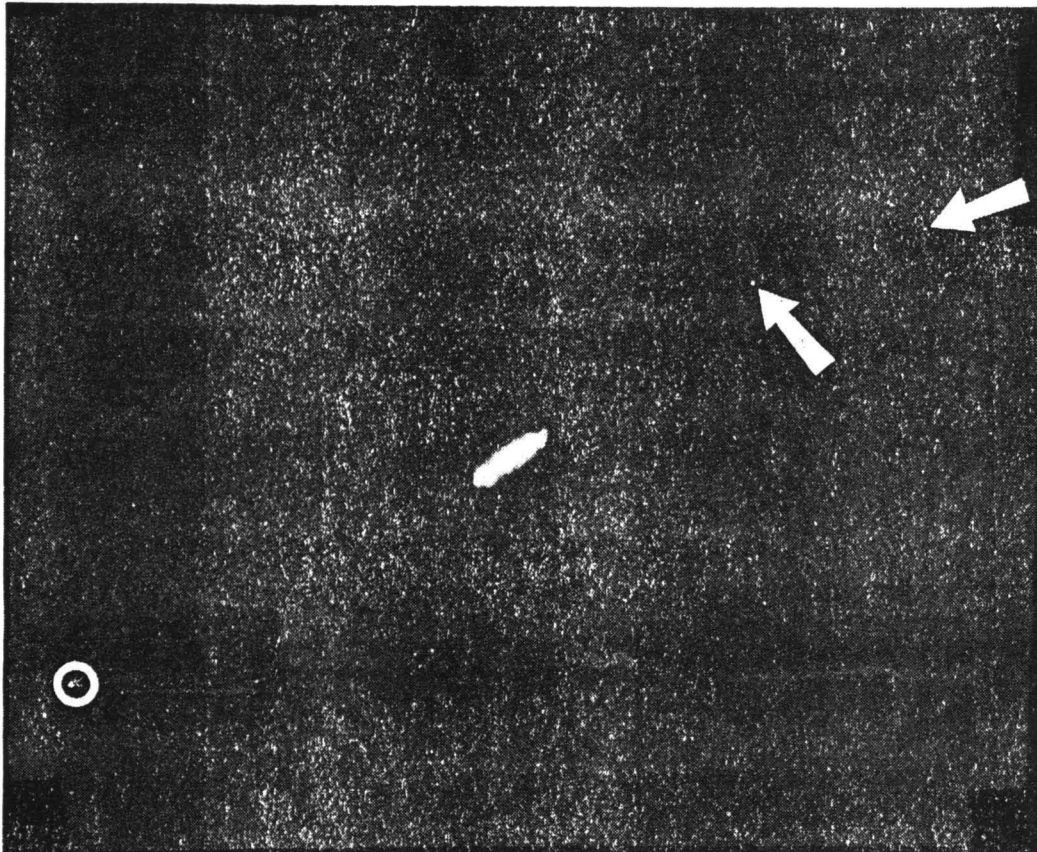
Through binoculars, Mr. Davis said the lights were alternating red, white and green with a blue tinge in the white. They alternated with a kaleidoscope effect.

The sky was completely clear of clouds on both nights, and all who saw the lights agreed they were too big for a star.

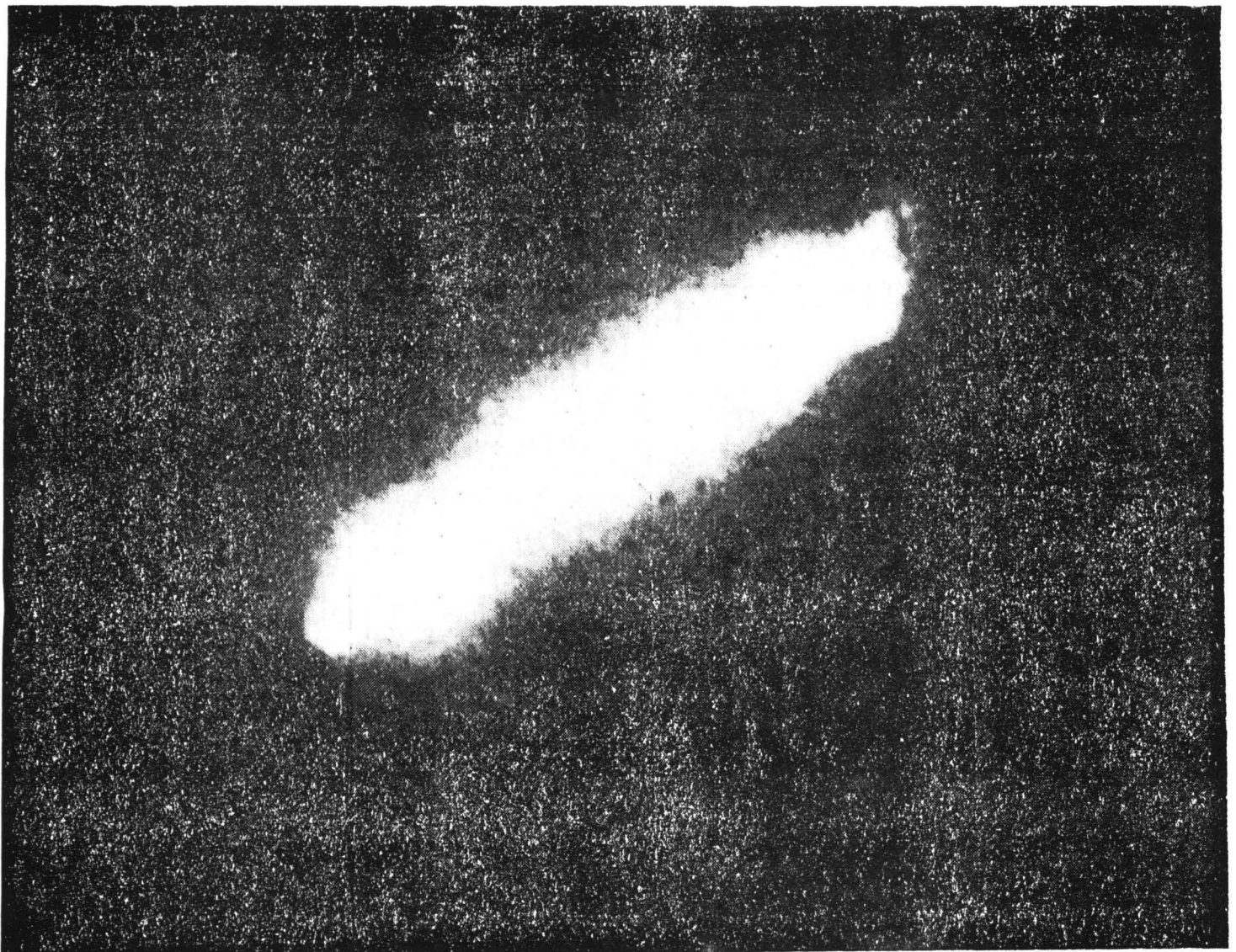
On Sunday morning Mr. Davis contacted 3UL, and within 10 minutes other calls had been received from people in Gippsland who saw the brightly coloured lights.

Man snaps object

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• LEFT: This shows the object in association with the only two identifiable stars (arrowed) in the picture. The ring encircles a mark on the negative.



• ABOVE: This is a highly magnified picture of the unidentified object Michael Evans claims he photographed from Flora Hill. The eight times enlargement shows an irregular cigar-shaped light in the sky.

It is thought the irregularity was due to either faint camera movement during the 15 - second exposure with such a high-powered lens (the equivalent

840 mm) or some up and down movement of the object. The cigar shape is due to the slight linear movement of object during the exposure.

LIGHTS IN THE SKY BAFFLING

No one knows what the lights seen in the sky around Bendigo are. They are, so far, truly unidentified flying objects.

'Planet' one

The Advertiser chief photographer, Cliff Pinder, was sceptical that the object was a UFO.

Theories

about

sky at fantastic speeds, loons or even the aircraft could be responsible, but if this was so the air force would hardly consider it worrisome to make an investigation. Today, perhaps, RAAF might be more inclined to investigate. Some others have suggested kites with split canes and had panels of different colored transparent paper.

Lights

The illumination was provided by the light that kept the air hot as they sped to or at least to change color as they spun round and round in the breeze.

It was months before one got caught in a tree and was discovered. One theory about the spate of sightings is that it has been caused by many reflections from the sheer planes between layers of air of greatly different temperatures.

Opposed to this is the fact that such lights are generally very unstable and travel across the

More UFO sightings

More sightings of UFOs over Bendigo were reported last night, but police and the local radio station said they were probably hoax calls.

A spokesman for Bendigo's commercial radio station 3BO said they had half a dozen calls at about 7.30 pm from people saying there were lights in the sky.

"We're a bit sceptical though because the sky was heavily overcast at the time and the calls came just after a news bulletin on TV about the UFOs," said the spokesman.

Bendigo police were also sceptical about a woman caller from the Bendigo suburb of Long Gully who claimed she saw red lights in the sky north-west of Bendigo.

She said she saw a big cigar-like object which appeared to be station-

ary, then another small object appeared on the right of it.

But police said they looked out the window and could not see anything unusual in the sky.

Details of these latest reported sightings are likely to be added to the long list being investigated by an RAAF intelligence officer, Flight Lt. Bret Biddington, who has been sent to look into the sightings in Bendigo and Ballarat.

One of the first theories suggested to explain the cone and doughnut-shaped UFOs was that a rock group's laser beam lights was being shone into the sky.

Then the Weather Bureau suggested it could be the result of freak weather conditions that often give rise to strange lights in the sky.

The Powell and Metcalfe boys of Curliwa had plenty to tell their friends on their first day back at school yesterday after school holidays.

They were among hundreds of people throughout Victoria and in border areas of NSW to report Unidentified Flying Objects.

The boys, Mark, 13, and Luke Powell, 12, and Robert, 11, and Andrew Metcalfe, 9, were camped opposite the Powell home on the bank of Tucker's Creek, Curliwa, on Friday night.

They saw flashing lights in the sky between 11 p.m. and midnight, and despite a sleepless night, were up at first light to row back across the creek to tell Mr and Mrs Neil Powell.

"They were so excited," Mrs Powell said yesterday. "Even more so when the television news came on that night to tell of UFO sightings across the State."

The boys told her that the object they saw was round in shape, with four

Boys sight UFO

red lights around its perimeter.

They thought it was about one kilometre high, moving toward them from two kilometres away, and travelling "very fast - faster than a jet."

The boys were among hundreds of people from a wide area to report strange sightings of round, cylindrical or conical-shaped objects on Friday and Saturday nights.

Reports were phoned to newspapers, radio stations, police and the RAAF.

Weather Bureau staff and RAAF officials have suggested that the unusual sightings were the result of the weather conditions at the time.

They told the callers it was not unusual for sightings at this time of the year.

MAIL, Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia May 24, 1983 CR: J. Magee

Lights in sky

Castlemaine district people were among those reporting sightings of UFOs north of Bendigo last Friday, at about 11.30 pm.

One Maldon resident said a group saw the event from the roof of the Bendigo Hospital and described the UFOs as flashing red, green, blue and yellow, with one main one, and eight others.

The following night similar sightings were reported at Maryborough and north of Ballarat.

An official theory is that a rock band group were using lasers lights which were reflecting off clouds.

But district reports had it that there were no clouds at the time, and sightings were reported as far as south as Kyneton.

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NO LIGHT SHED ON SIGHTINGS

So far there's no explanation of the mysterious objects seen in central Victorian skies.

The CSIRO, astronomers and the Bendigo College of Advanced Education can offer no enlightenment.

Worse than that, the Weather Bureau has no idea what the objects were in the skies to the south of Bendigo on Friday and Saturday night.

Even the Royal Australian Air Force, which generally knows everything there is to know about such matters, is not prepared to say anything definite about them.

The objects appeared in the night sky over Bendigo to the south on Friday - Saturday as flashing red, white and green lights.

Eight

One observer was able to count eight of them at one time and another, who saw four at one time from a Bendigo vantage point, actually photographed one of them.

So many people saw them they jammed the nine lines into the radio station 3BO from 11.30 pm to about 4.30 by which time the last had disappeared.

Michael Evans was on duty at 3BO when the first report came in. "People kept ringing up from all over the place," he said.

The most distant calls were from Epsom, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Taradale.

Shortly after he ended his shift at midnight, Mr Evans said he decided to go to Nish St in Flora Hill and try to photograph one of the objects.

Mr Evans said he loaded his Praktika MTL3 with some black and white 400 ASA film, fitted it with a 210 mm zoom lens and four-times converter and attached it to a tripod on the roof of his father's garage. The attachment to the lens gave him a lens equivalent of about 840 mm.

He said there was

practically no wind at ground level and he picked what appeared to be the nearer of the four objects he could see.

It was about 75 degrees up from the horizon.

There was no cloud visible in the sky, but for the want of anything better, he compared it with the brightest natural object he could see, the star Sirius, and it was very much brighter and very much larger.

On careful examination Mr Evans said, he was able to see a permanent white light at the top and to see the red and green lights were switching on and off around the underside. It was spinning rapidly.

Through the viewfinder the object did not appear to move, but after a 15-second exposure, with a cable release, he saw that it had shifted slightly.

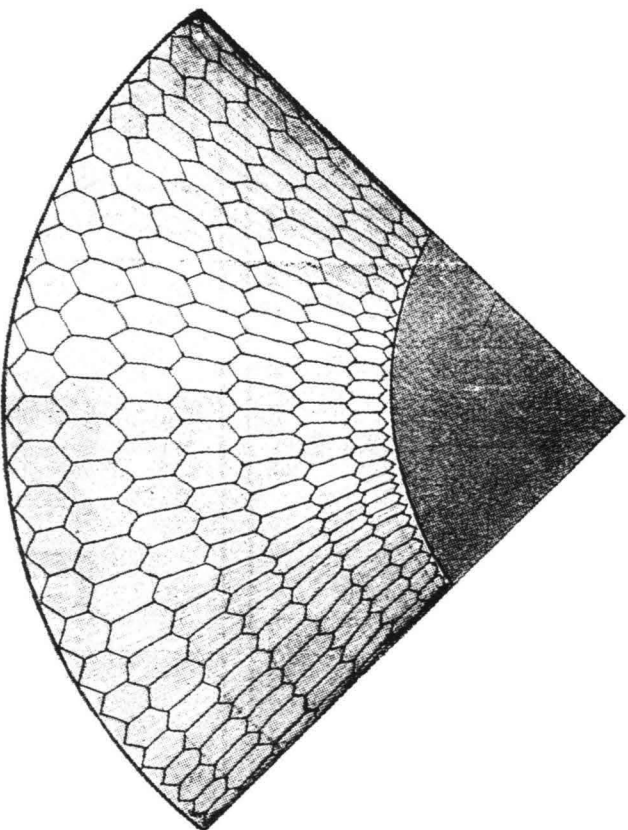
Because he concentrated on the nearest of the objects, Mr Evans said he did not notice the movement of the others. But he said the one he watched appeared to remain almost motionless and then move on.

Chase

Another viewer tried to chase the objects. Paul - Mulqueen, a sound technician at TV8 and part-time volunteer at 3OCC, said he chased the objects in his car into the Sedgwick and Harcourt districts and was rewarded by seeing eight at one time.

He looked at them through binoculars and thought they looked like "a rounded cone" and "kept up a regular rotation of all colors."

Both men agreed



• ABOVE: This is our artist's impression of the object shown on the front page. It was drawn according to the description of Michael Evans who said it appeared as a cone with red and green lights turning on and off around the top in the honeycomb area.

What one object looked like

One sighting is a star

Mysterious night lights appearing over central Victoria and Melbourne have set many minds wondering, but the RAAF has an explanation for at least one of the lights.

The light seen in the western to southern sky over Melbourne between 11 pm and midnight on Wednesday could have been the star Spiker, but was more likely the star Canopus.

RAAF investigating officer, Flight-Lt Brett Biddington came to this conclusion after listening to descriptions of the light, watching a HSV7 video of the light and taking weather conditions into consideration.

Flight-Lt Biddington said the light, which closely resembled those seen in central Victoria earlier this week, had been seen from all parts of Melbourne, Werribee and Mornington Peninsula.

He said inversions, caused by hot air trapped below a layer of dense cold air, would distort light projected from the earth and coming in from the stars which could have caused the UFO effect.

People reporting the lights said it had been basically white with red and green flashes and seemed to be revolving. The light moved from the west to the southwest.

Flight-Lt Biddington said this was the RAAF's explanation, but it was up to people to decide whether to accept or reject it.

While finding an explanation for the light over Melbourne was not all that difficult, Flight-Lt Biddington is not satisfied with that explanation for the lights seen over central Victoria.

He said only one light was seen in Melbourne, while in Bendigo people have reported seeing five or six lights at the same time.

He said investigations into the phenomena would continue, with all possibilities including the lights being caused by lasers, being investigated.

Paul Mulqueen, of Bendigo, who chased the lights and saw eight at one time, said the lights filmed over Melbourne by HSV7 cameramen closely resembled those he saw over Bendigo.

But he is not totally convinced they are the same as in Melbourne. There was only one light and in

Bendigo there were more than that.

He said there were too many variables such as weather conditions, atmosphere distortion and magnification to be positive the lights seen in Melbourne were the same as those seen in Bendigo.

MIRROR, Foster, Victoria, Australia - June 1, 1983

Light in sky too fast for a plane

An object too fast for a plane, but with a flashing red light, was seen near Toora last Sunday week.

Mr. Merv Hammett, 80, of Doran's Road, had just finished milking his house Alf said it appeared to disintegrate. He believed it to be a satellite.

Mr. Hammett called his base at East Sale, and the son, Alf, and they watched it officer agreed to send a

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ANOTHER PHOTO. OF NIGHT LIGHTS

A White Hills Technical School student has captured on film one of the best likenesses of a "flying saucer" seen anywhere.

Russell Henthorn, 16, took the pictures from his parents' home in Theodore St, Flora Hill on Tuesday after a sighting at 8.58 pm.

His pictures reveal an object which appears to be circular, of considerable width in relation to its diameter, surmounted by a superstructure, also circular, and surrounded with green and red lights.

His film is in color. One of the seven pictures he took during 45 minutes of observation clearly shows three lights on the side of the object facing the observer. Two of the lights were blue and one red.

Each was in a clearly defined five-sided frame, the adjacent frames being reversed so each fitted snugly together, the point

of one being at the top and the bases of its neighbors at the bottom.

Another picture showed the object tilted so its superstructure was visible.

This appeared to be like the traditional dome on the traditional flying saucer, except it had vertical sides.

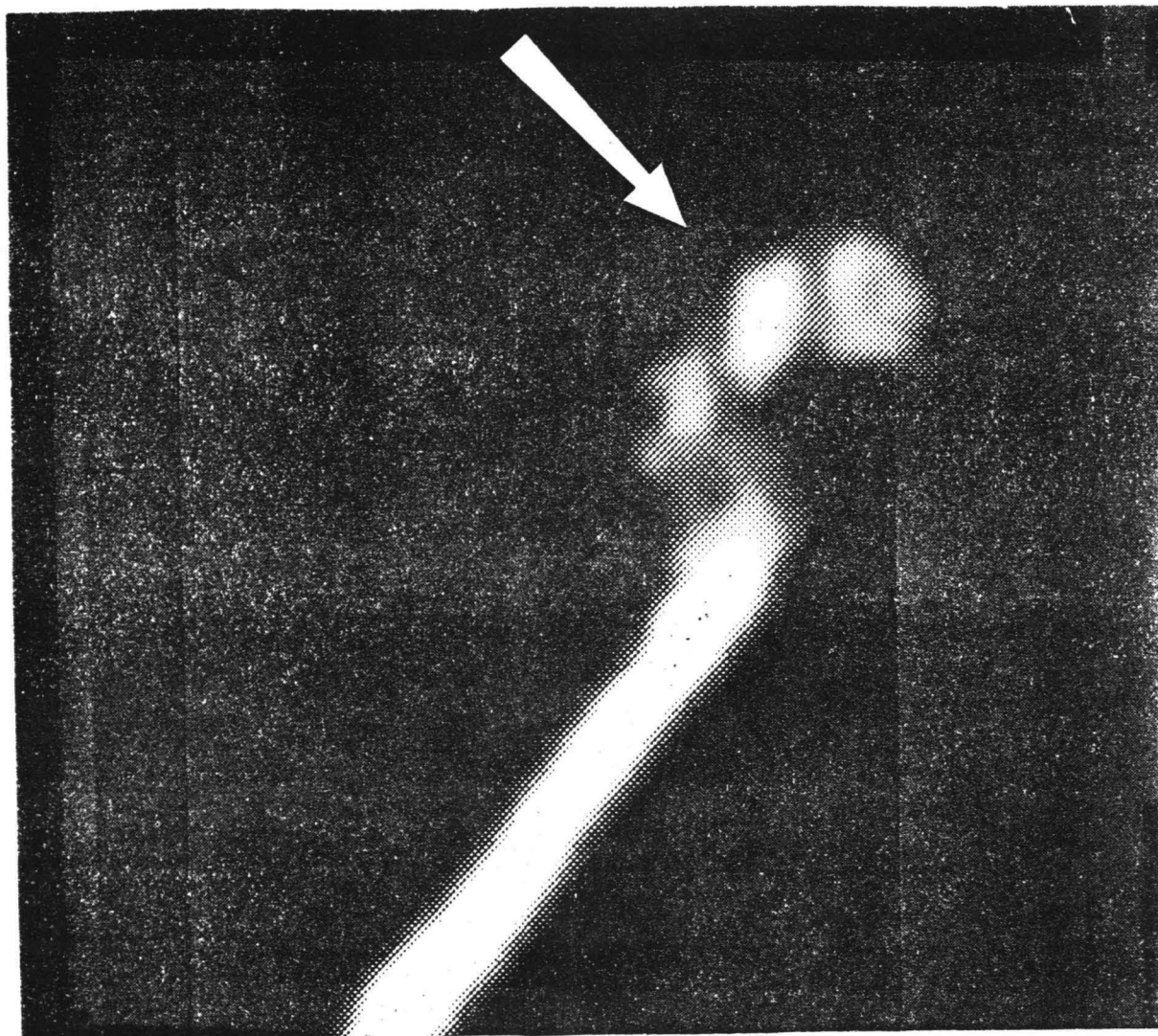
Russell took the pictures with a Fujica STX 1 body attached to a 500 mm lens backed by a two-times multiplier. He used Fuji-color film rated at 100 ASA, which is slow by present day standards, and his exposures ranged from 10 seconds to 10 minutes.

The camera was mounted on a tripod and was triggered with a cable release.

At the beginning the object was at an angle of about 45 degrees from the horizon in the north-west part of the sky, but appeared to rapidly drop towards the horizon.

There was some light cloud in the sky at the time, but not in that part of it occupied by the object.

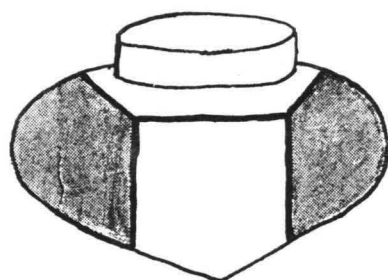
Although the resolution of the pictures was not great enough to be certain it appeared there were six lights around the circumference. Many observers, including Russell, reported the objects either were spinning or created an impression of spinning by flashing the colored lights on and off.



Mystery object looked like this

• ABOVE: This remarkable picture of an unidentified flying object was taken on Tuesday night by Russell Henthorn, 16. This picture, blown up 16 times from the original, shows the pentagon-shaped lights (arrowed) around the circumference of the object. These were impressed on the film the moment the shutter opened at the start of an eight-minute exposure. All the longer exposures showed the same straight trail of light as the object moved out of the frame.

• RIGHT: An artist's impression of the object. The object looked like an elongated Chinese lantern or 1920s era lampshade. The central panel emitted a red light and appeared to be either flat or recessed and two outside panels gave off a green light. These were also pentagon-shaped but extended outwards in the centre in the form of bosses. The object had a brilliant white light on top and the other lights appeared to be flashing on and off.



A great weekend for UFOs

An unidentified flying object has been sighted near Penshurst.

The UFO was observed by five people—three Penshurst residents and two visitors to the town—on Saturday night.

One of the observers, who did not want to be named, described the object as being a "round ball of light".

She said the UFO changed colors. At various stages it was red, a tan-yellow color, and blue.

According to the observer, the object faded but it did not go down towards the horizon.

Another observer said the object was viewed from a farm house on the outskirts of Penshurst.

The UFO was seen to be in a north-westerly direction from Penshurst. It was first sighted about 9.30 pm, and was in view for nearly 30 minutes.

The second observer also saw the object change color.

He said that at different times, it was white, blue, red and a tan-yellow color.

"It (the UFO) started off real bright, and kept fading," he said.

Hundreds of people, from areas stretching from Kyndeton to Merrigum, claimed they saw UFOs.

Did it happen?—Three women who say they were kidnapped by UFO

CLOSE ENCOUNTER AT THE SHAMROCK CAFE



HYPNOTISED: Viv

SPECIAL REPORT

by KEITH BEABEY and PIPPA SIBLEY



KIDNAPPED: Valerie and Rosemary, UFO victims

STRANGE red and white lights hovered overhead as three women drove home from their weekly night out.

Mysteriously, their car came to a halt outside the Shamrock cafe on the A5 in Shropshire, though the driver had her foot hard down on the accelerator.

Then the lights suddenly vanished and the trio rushed excitedly to a nearby police station, where they reported a close encounter with a UFO.

But that was when they noticed something even stranger had happened. The drive to the police station should have taken five minutes. Instead, it took twenty-five.

Only now, with the help of hypnosis under the strictest supervision, has an explanation been found for those missing twenty minutes. And it is amazing.

Each of the women has independently told the same story—that they did indeed have a close encounter, far closer than they first imagined. For each says she was taken aboard a spacecraft, examined by alien beings and then released.

Gruff

None of the three had been drinking on that fateful Thursday night. They had all stuck to Coca-Cola. But, although hypnotised separately, they each describe the spaceship and its inhabitants the same way.

They say the ship was steel, circular and brightly lit. They speak of 4ft tall aliens dressed in green, and imitate the spacemen's distinctive gruff voices.

And they have each made similar drawings of what the ship looked like.

The News of the World has videotape recordings of the women re-living their astonishing lost moments.

And a panel of expert witnesses, including doctors, a lawyer and a police chief, has also been present during the hypnosis sessions, which are still going on.

All the experts are convinced that the women's claims are genuine.

The police chief, Det. Chief Inspector Norman Collinson of Manchester's fraud squad, says: "I am perfectly satisfied that this is not a hoax."

And one of the medical men, Dr Albert Kellar, says that under hypnosis one of the women's pulse rate and blood pressure shot up.

"These conditions cannot be simulated," he says. "Whatever happened to her was real."

Lights

The three women all live on the outskirts of Telford in Shropshire.

They are pretty blonde divorcee Rosemary Hawkins, 27, a mother of three, and her housewife friends Valerie Walters, 26, and Viv Hayward, 27.

Most Thursdays they would go off in Viv's Avenger saloon to Tiffany's disco in Shrewsbury, for a "girls' night out" with their menfolk's blessing.

And it was while they were returning from there in the early hours of the morning, near the tiny hamlet of Atcham, that they first saw hovering lights.

Rosemary tells what they remember before hypnosis. She says: "I opened the car window to get a better look."

"The lights hovered—four white and two red—about 200 feet."

"The lights became blinding. There was no noise. By chance I looked at my watch."

It was 2 a.m. and the trio should have been five minutes from home.

Rosemary says: "It became obvious we were looking at a flying saucer—a UFO. It followed us along the road."

"We were very frightened. Viv tried putting her foot down but it was as if the brakes were on."

Instead of roaring along the deserted road home, the car was almost at a standstill when it reached the Shamrock cafe in the shadow of The Wrekin hill.

"Then the lights dimmed and the craft disappeared," says Rosemary. "We were so excited we drove straight to Telford police station."

They arrived at ten minutes to three and their sighting was logged. But the trio couldn't account for that missing 20 minutes.

Then they were contacted by UFO expert Mr Harold Harris, a lawyer, and agreed to be hypnotised.

Three Manchester medical men undertook the hypnosis—Dr Joseph Jaffe, Dr Leslie Davies and Dr Albert Kellar.

Each of the women was interviewed separately in the presence of witnesses, with most of the questions being put by Mr Harris, the lawyer.

This is Rosemary's version of events under hypnosis: "Bright lights. White tinged with yellow and red. So strange it's there. No sound."

"We are so frightened. The lights are attached to a spacecraft of some kind."

"I am floating and I'm not in the car any more with Viv or Val, I feel big and bloated."

Wheels

"It is a semi-circular room. I'm on a bed in the room, like a long table on a stand."

"There's something coming. I can hear them. Something is in the room. It's metal. It doesn't walk—it sort of rolls on wheels."

"It's about four feet tall, round on the top with a round body and round legs."

"It's looking at me. There's more coming. It's the same noise. There are four. They are around me."

"They haven't got a face. Their heads move up and down. That's how I know they are talking about me."

"They don't seem to be nasty. They just want to have a look. I feel so relaxed and they feel friendly, I like them."

She adds: "I am floating again. I can see the car. Everything has gone black."

"I'm in the car now. Val and Viv are there with me. Viv's got her foot down hard on the accelerator. We are trying to get away from it."

Rosemary's friend, former nurse Mrs Viv Hayward, says under hypnosis that she had been driving the car but it was suddenly taken from her control.

"I feel I'm floating," she says. "I'm being drawn up. The car is being taken up." Sobbing she adds: "I can't see the road any more. I see a white cloud."

"I'm on my own. I can see the door of the UFO open. It is round. I'm looking through the car windscreen. The car roof is going in first."

"It's like two big doors opening. It's made of steel. Inside the craft she describes windows and lights and a bank of computers with TV screens."

She says: "I can feel these aliens holding me down. They seem as though they have taken me out of the car. I'm in a chair."

Legs

"They're holding me down. They feel very strong. They are trying to find out things from me. They want to know how we're made."

"It feels as if they are taking something from my body. My legs. There is a lot of pain in my legs."

"They are putting their hands inside my legs and pulling my bones. They are telling me not to be frightened."

In a gruff voice she imitates how the aliens spoke to her.

"Somebody in charge is talking to me. I feel that they are hurting me. They seem to release their grips but I can't move. They have scanned me. My top half and then the rest of my body."

"They carry me to my car. The car is back on the road."

Asked to describe the creatures, she says: "They are four feet tall. They have no hair. They are ugly. They have a strange-looking nose; thin arms. I can't see their legs."

"They are dressed in green cloaks. They look like men."

Valerie Walters, the third girl on the mystery trip, says:

"I can see the lights. It's hovering and gliding towards us."

"There's a bright light in my head and I feel big and clumsy. I'm walking down the road looking for Rosemary."

Then she cries out and says: "Somebody has touched me on my shoulder. Somebody is carrying me."

"I can feel them but I can't see them. I hear voices. They seem to be telling me: 'Don't be afraid.'"

Back at home, Rosemary says: "That night will live with me for the rest of my life."

"And the hypnotic sessions are not over. I have to tell more with the doctors' guidance."

"It seems the aliens were waiting for us three because we are so different in our personalities and outlooks."

"I know people may laugh. But we know what happened and we're telling the truth."

Planet

Her friend Val says: "I know from what happened to me that beings from another planet have been here and I'm proud they chose me to visit."

The aliens that Valerie met were like those seen by her friend Viv—but Valerie also saw a female alien.

Val says: "I told the doctor and the experts I'd seen a man and a woman-like creature dressed in long, green robes."

"The woman was fascinated by my shoes. She

took them off me and tried walking in them. She had bare feet."

"The creatures kept feeling my clothes and my hair. I wasn't afraid of them, but was frightened of what was happening."

Lawyer Mr Harris, who was at the hypnosis sessions and is a member of the Manchester Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, says: "I have no doubt this UFO existed."

"These women were hypnotised individually and there was no collusion, yet they describe similar things."

"The voice is particularly pertinent. The same voice has been heard by other people who claimed to have seen UFOs. But never by three people who have been taken into the craft. This is a unique case."

The videotapes of the hypnosis sessions, seen only by the experts and the News of the World, will be viewed at an international conference organised by the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

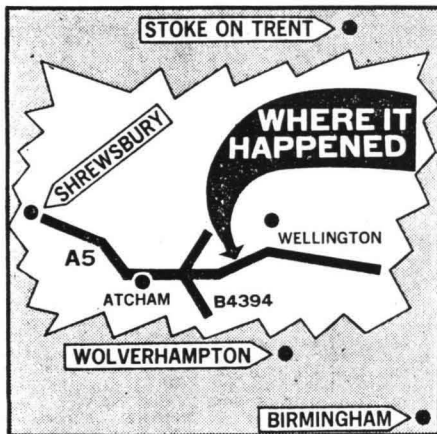
This will be held at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire in August.

Mr Harris says: "This case will provide vital evidence for us. I'm sure these women have met alien beings and they're telling the truth."

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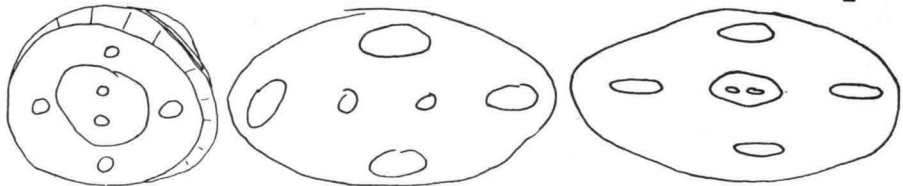


TERRIFYING: Artist's impression of the scene aboard the spaceship. Aliens examine one of the women



THE SPOT where a UFO captured the women

Victims' view of the ship



UNCANNY: Under hypnosis the three women produced similar drawings of the spaceship's underside

YES, IT HAPPENED —EXPERTS

THE doctors and panel of experts at the hypnosis sessions are in no doubt that the three women did have an alien experience on their drive home.

EXPERT Mr Michael Sacks, 42, a member of the Manchester Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, says: "This case must be the most convincing that has ever emerged."

"The most astounding thing is the time factor. These women may never have discovered what they'd been through if they had failed to notice the missing 20 minutes." After seeing Rosemary being hypnotised, he added: "There is certainly no way the three women could have collaborated before they went under hypnosis."

"I think there's absolutely no reason to disbelieve the women's evidence."

Traumatic

"All the signs shown under hypnosis were typical of them going through a traumatic experience."

Mr Sacks, who claims to have seen a UFO himself and lectures up and down Britain on the mysteries of flying saucers, also says: "I doubt if we'll see anything like it again."

EXPERT Det Chief Inspector Norman Collinson, 39, deputy head of Greater Manchester Police Commercial Fraud Squad, says: "I am perfectly satisfied that this isn't a hoax."

EXPERT Mr Harold Harris, a solicitor, says: "These women had a missing length of time. What happened during that time was revealed by hypnosis."

"I am almost certainly convinced that everything those ladies said happened did so and that this UFO existed. It was a nuts and bolts craft of unknown origin."



HYPNOTIST: Dr Jaffe



LAWYER Harris

Truth

DOCTOR Joseph Jaffe, who is in charge of the Hypnotherapy Clinic in the Department of Psychiatry

at North Manchester General Hospital, says: "I find it extremely interesting."

"There is still a considerable amount of experimental research to be carried out, so I cannot say more at this stage."

DOCTOR Leslie Davies, a doctor of homeopathy who also conducted some of the hypnosis sessions, says: "The ladies were fully under hypnosis and what they said was involuntary."

"They were examined as individuals, with witnesses in the room, and I don't believe they were telling anything but the truth as they saw it."

DOCTOR Albert Kellar, a general practitioner, says: "The lady I saw told of the whole scene when she first had the sighting."

"Then under hypnosis she had a severe fear reaction."

"Her pulse rate jumped from 70 to 136, says the doctor, and her blood pressure shot up, too."

"These conditions cannot be simulated," adds Dr Kellar. "There's no doubt about it—to her whatever happened was real and she was in absolute terror."

"There's no doubt she was fully under hypnosis and telling the truth."



POLICE chief Collinson with Michael Sacks

RAAF still baffled by lights

DAILY SUN, Brisbane, Qld., Australia
June 10, 1983 CR: J. Magee

THE RAAF is still baffled by the hundreds of reports of UFO sightings over central Victoria.

The RAAF has just released an interim report into the multi-colored cone-shaped lights sighted in May over a 400m front between Shepparton in the north and Warrnambool in the south.

It simply says "there is no explanation at this stage."

However the short report did say there were no unusual radar returns on the nights of May 20 and 21, when most of the 450 sightings were made.

Special investigator Fit-Lt Brett Biddington said detailed investigations were continuing both here and in America.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England - June 3, 1983

Flying saucers on West flight path

By Mark Hanna

BRISTOL's Dundry Hill could lie under a regular flight path for unidentified flying objects, says London-based journalist Mr Barry Everitt.

Mr Everitt a specialist in UFOlogy investigated the sighting of two UFOs over Dundry recently by two policemen.

The policewomen, followed one of them for two miles.

Six other people living near Dundry have also recently reported UFOs.

Mr Everitt, aged 35, is linking the Dundry incidents with well-documented sightings over South Wales in January.

There two detectives reported seeing a gigantic object "bigger than two football fields" followed by a smaller craft over Morriston, near Swansea.

The same night many people in Cardiff reported seeing a UFO. Some reports said it was bigger than a jumbo jet. At one primary school 22 children said they saw it.

Mr Everitt says a flight path south-east from Morriston through Cardiff would pass south of Bristol near Dundry.

UFOs: Fact or imagination

Report by
Anne Blythe

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects — are they a product of overworked imaginations or proof of extra-terrestrial intelligence? The answer is not that simple. There are at least a dozen theories explaining UFOs.

Some say they are only seen by people purporting to be psychic. Others say they are space animals—the cosmic equivalent of very deep sea beings. Another theory is that these objects share the earth with us but are in a different dimension. It's all a bit much to take. Small wonder that those who have sightings are reluctant to talk about them for fear of being labelled a crank. And even the British UFO

Research Association (Bufo) is sceptical. Bufo says over 90 per cent of the sightings reported to them are either hoaxes or mistaken sightings of IFOs — Identified Flying Objects.

But what of the remaining 10 per cent? They are still a mystery yet to be explained. Science teacher Mr Albert Budden, of Wandsworth, is investigating sightings in Orpington as part of his research for Bufo.

His interest in Orpington began after he received a letter from Mr Tony Thurlow giving details of a sighting in The Highway.

Mr Thurlow says he was walking his dog one night last summer when he happened to glance up at the sky.

There he saw an intensely bright, white oval shape about three to four feet long shoot down the sky and then up again.

Two months later Mr Thurlow saw a luminous kite shaped object in the same area.

Now Mr Budden wants to know if other people in Orpington have had similar sightings.

"Often people see things but are too frightened to tell the Press or police in case people say they are crazy," he said.

"My aim is to encourage people to tell me their stories in confidence and to build up a pattern from the sightings."

But Mr Budden admits his research cannot explain what UFOs are.

"We can collate evidence from several witnesses and that can help establish if they all saw the same thing."

"But there are so many external factors that can lead to mistakes. We can only try and eliminate as many as possible but often there is an earthly explanation for the sighting."

There are still sightings that cannot be explained away and these are the ones that interest Mr Budden.

"If they are seen by several people this dismisses the theory that they are psychic phenomena."

Close encounters of the second and third kind also disprove this theory.

In a close encounter of the second kind the UFO has an effect on the environment — such as burning trees or interfer-

ing with electromagnetic equipment.

In a close encounter of the third kind the object has visible occupants.

Reports of both kind of encounter are logged in Bufo's records.

"But the mind can play tricks. Balloons, stars, Venus and even the moon have been cited as UFOs," said Mr Budden.

So how do you know if the lights and objects you see in the sky are UFOs?

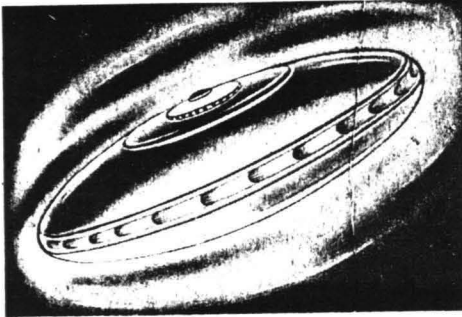
"First of all they behave in a way contrary to the laws of physics — they dart about at phenomenal speeds and change direction at seemingly impossible angles."

Unusual shape is another factor and the colour of the lights.

A blue light can be an aircraft tail light and white could be an intensely bright star.

But if after all this you believe you have seen an unusual object in the Orpington skies — write to Mr Budden at 76, Ravensbury Road, Wandsworth, SW18.

And remember there could be someone out there watching you watching them watching you!



POLICE REVIEW, London, England - June 10, 1983

Avon and Somerset

TWO WPCs in Bristol who followed a couple of UFOs were unwilling to identify themselves to *Newsbeat* because of the jibes they would have to suffer from their colleagues, but their account of two flying objects has been corroborated by other officers in the area.

The two WPCs were called by a member of the public, who reported a UFO which, he claimed, had been passing over his house at different times for the past two years. The officers, followed a 'hovering' light from his house to a hilltop two miles away, where it was joined by a second light. One light then went upwards and disappeared.

The lights were also seen by PC Nigel Marsh, who told *Newsbeat* that he saw a red and white light travelling faster than a plane, followed by another similar light. Checks with local aerodromes and the Ministry of Defence showed that there were no recorded flights in the area at the time.

STAR, Wycombe, England - June 17, 1983 CR: L. Beer

UFO spotters "invasion"

OUT OF THIS WORLD

A VILLAGE will be invaded this summer by hundreds of people dedicated to solving the riddle of UFO's — unidentified flying objects.

The UFO spotters are travelling from all over the world to listen to lectures and swap theories about mysterious, unexplained incidents which some claim as evidence the Earth is being visited by beings from another planet.

Experts

They will gather over the August bank holiday weekend at Lane End near High Wycombe for the International UFO Congress.

Delegates from at least 23 countries will pay up to £120 to hear the views of the world's top

experts on flying saucers.

One will be Britains top UFO investigator Jenny Randles who said: "At Cuddington, near Thame, only a few miles from the conference centre, there was a sighting which forms the hardest evidence in the world that UFOs do exist."

●Have you spotted a UFO? Write to the Star, Castle Street, High Wycombe. There's £10 for the best letter.

JET ALERT IN MYSTERY UFO SEARCH

By CAMPBELL REID

RAAF jet fighters were on full alert again last night as the search continued for the mystery UFO spotted by Sydney airport radar.

Mirage jet crews at the Williamtown airbase, near Newcastle, have been on 24-hour stand-by since Friday.

Every night since then one jet, "armed" with photographic equipment, has been ready for instant take-off.

Pilots have been sitting in the jet's cramped cockpit on an hour roster, as temperatures have fallen as low as 4 degrees.

An RAAF spokesman said last night the radar sightings had to be

treated seriously "until there is some explanation."

The high-flying mystery object was spotted seven times by Sydney airport radar in the 24 hours since Thursday night.

The object first appeared on the radar screens early last month.

The sightings put the speeding object at between 100km and 250km north of Sydney and airport officials estimated it was travelling at about 2400km/h — twice the speed of sound.

Six pilots unit have been involved in the RAAF alert and while four of the pilots wait on stand-by two spend an hour on and an hour off in the cockpit of the Mirage throughout the night.

The instant the "object" appears on Sydney airport or Williamtown radar screens a jet will take to the air, the RAAF spokesman said.

The pilot's mission is to locate and photograph the UFO.

The object could be one of half a dozen things, the spokesman said.

Theories range from a weather disturbance or space debris to a genuine extra terrestrial spaceship.

The RAAF jets will remain on standby until instructed by the Defence Ministry to wind the alert down.

RAAF officials expect the full stand-by orders to be reviewed some time today.

DAILY TELEGRAPH, Sydney, N.S.W.,

Australia - July 4, 1983

CR: M. Stott

SUN, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - June 13, 1983 CR: J. Magee

NEW UFO PICTURE BY CHANCE

A PROFESSIONAL photographer unknowingly snapped a picture of what experts believe is the unidentified flying object, seen across central Victoria three weeks ago.

The picture shows the definite outline of a cone-shaped, silvery-grey object.

It was photographed over Bendigo, but unlike previous pictures was taken during the day.

The negatives are now in the hands of experts from the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Research officer Pat Gildea said the photographer did not want to be named or have the

From MICHAEL ROBOTHAM in Melbourne

picture published until it had been fully analysed.

"The photographer was on a job and had no idea he had taken anything unusual until he was developing in the darkroom," he said.

"His studies and those made by our own people have ruled out the pos-

sibility of the object being caused by a fault in the film, camera or processing procedure."

Mr Gildea said the object in the picture was cone-shaped and was covered by a honeycomb pattern around the base which has a steady white light.

Amateur photographer Mike Evans used a similar description to explain what he

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MYSTERY 'CONE'

had seen and photographed over Bendigo on May 21.

Mr Gildea said the society was excited about the new evidence and would get its own experts to compare the

pictures with those taken by Mr Evans.

"We will then have both sets of negatives checked using sophisticated computer techniques only available in America," he said.



'Strange Harvest' Theory Disputed as Hoax

by Steve Marsh

KMGH-TV Channel 7 originally broadcast its Emmy Award-winning documentary, *A Strange Harvest*, on May 25, 1980. An update was prepared for Friday, April 1 — adding information to a popular cattle mutilation theory.

In that well-researched production on cattle mutilation, written and directed by Channel 7's former special projects director Linda Moulton Howe, more than a dozen innuendos about UFOs made a strong case for cattle mutilation activity perpetrated by aliens from outer space.

However, as in any discussion, statements and facts may be introduced or withheld to support some preconceived notion.

In rebuttal, statements have been presented to support an opposing mutilation theory: the cattle killers are earth-bound, para-military personnel using sophisticated equipment for a grand, alien hoax. It should be noted that both theories lack hard evidence. Yet the following statements were gathered from equally credible "mutilation experts" willing to back their findings with reams of documentation.

At the Orange, California-based Mutilation Data Center, nationally acclaimed mutilations expert Eugene Edwin Austin revealed current data on the Hughes 500-D silent helicopter. Main rotor/tail noise has been significantly reduced since development of its predecessor, the Hughes 500-C. Noise has been minimized to a barely perceptible whine — scarcely audible at a distance of 1,000 feet.

In a March 27 interview, Austin asserted, "UFOs linked to cattle mutilations are actually military vehicles. I'm thoroughly familiar with media twisting, government propaganda and intrusion meant to distort that fact."

Austin appeared on *Good Morning America*, the *McNeil-Lehrer Report* and the *Tonight Show* this year. Speaking on the subject of cattle mutilation, he told the *Creek*: "Cattle mutilations absolutely reek of CBW (Chemical-Biological War-

fare) experiments — which are starting up again. Trace UFO theories and you will invariably find military disinformation."

"There are two possible explanations only," added Austin, "the Hughes 500-D helicopter . . . and a recently developed rocket system using artificial gravity acceleration. To that I refer to US Patent 2-949-550, filed August 16, 1960, by scientist Thomas T. Brown — last known to be at a secret Navy lab in Stanford University."

Austin "basically" believes a theme presented in a recently released movie entitled *Endangered Species*. And he mentioned extensive interviews with New Mexico police officer Gay Valdez, who was included in the original Channel 7 documentary.

"Valdez found white fluorescent dust all over animals near a mutilation site," said Austin. "This dust penetrates the skin very quickly, like DMSO, and is available to anyone. In a similar case involving Colorado rancher Robert Blake, two weeks later, the same dust was discovered — which caused erratic conduct and glowing eyes in Blake's sheep."

Mutilation Center researchers claim that 75 percent of all ranchers affected by cattle mutilators have been involved in "anti-drug activity or have had conflict with military land grab efforts in some way."

"Our research," said Austin, "shows that the whole thing is designed to divert the public from CBW activity. Someday we'll be waiting with an infra-red camera when the bastards go to work."

In a September 24, 1975, letter addressed to David Rice, president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, an unnamed government official stated:

"The only organization that could possibly be operating such equipment is an agency of the federal government which is presently testing powerful nerve gas poison dispersed from the air . . . (and) would have little detectable trace for discovery by a pathologist."

The letter claimed animals are taken to nearby laboratories for testing effects of

the poison. "They wish to know," said the letter, "did the poison reach the stomach, the brain, the heart etc." And the prime reason for hitting local farms: "If tested at a fixed location such as a military installation, complete security couldn't be maintained."

A sheriff stationed near Stratton, Colorado, made this statement on January 15, 1981: "People get some kind of high out of working themselves into hysteria over this thing . . . The editor of the Stratton Press was upset with me because we wouldn't buy the story of a spaceship landing in a pasture northwest of Stratton . . . There was nothing particularly unusual."

Elbert County Sheriff George Yarnell investigated many cattle mutilations in his jurisdiction. At one point in 1976 he said: "There is no question in my mind that two-legged creatures are responsible."

Also highlighted in the Channel 7 documentary was Carl Whiteside, Deputy Director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. While Whiteside lent credence to the UFO theory in Howe's documentary, he also said, "Most of the wounds were inflicted by other animals."

Kenneth M. Rommel Jr. also appeared in the TV-7 Special. Rommel conducted a year-long study on mutilation reports under the auspices of the Santa Fe, New Mexico, district attorney and the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. In April, 1980, he said: "Mutilation stories were the work of news reporters who indulged in creative writing, aided and abetted by official reports based on inadequate investigation."

Rommel attributed most cattle mutilation cases to "victims of natural predators, scavengers, decomposition, quarrels between ranchers," and other theories unrelated to flying saucers. And he failed to find "one credible source for assertions that the cattle's fates were anything but natural."

Others point to cult activity, which also has an exhaustive library of documentation. And in a 1980 study

conducted by New Jersey parapsychological researcher Peter A. Jordan, four renowned East Coast psychics were hypnotized — to reveal the astral truth behind mutilation theories.

Jordan's information is introduced herein due to Howe's injection of "UFO mutilation" witnesses hypnotized by Dr. Leo Sprinkle (University of Wyoming). One witness claimed a sighting while standing by the roadside; suddenly she spoke as if aboard some extra-terrestrial craft. The reporter failed to explain the witness transition from roadside to spacecraft; viewers were led to believe the account was largely a "psychic vision" — fed by E.T.s.

Thus, the *psychic visions* presented below could be considered equally credible.

Under Jordan's carefully controlled psychic experiment, New Jersey clairvoyant Ronald Mangravite described "two men in shiny black nylon jumpsuits . . . chopper . . . wind . . . trained ex-military personnel."

New Jersey psychic Elizabeth Lerner reported the following while under hypnosis: "Mutilations involve a network of . . . perhaps paramilitary forces" who inject cattle with certain tranquilizers and that "blood can only be fully drained when veins and arteries are completely relaxed."

"I feel they are cross-breeding animals," said Lerner, "forming a sort of blood bank . . . to produce a more perfect breed of cattle." Lerner, by the way, blamed the entire affair on "the Mexicans."

Under similar conditions, Jordan quoted psychic Nancy Fuchs who said: "machines used . . . arrowhead surgical instrument . . . drill-like bit used to make cuts . . . Army background . . . plastic shoes. Liquid filled. Leaves no footprint. Major oil companies backing this heavily. Chopper with plaid bucket seats . . . plans to intimidate ranchers into leaving property. Land wanted. UFO beliefs fed by mutilators."

And on, and on and on. For this documentary, military drum and bugle music could be added for the desired effect in place of synthesizer space effects.

Loch Ness monster has relative in Pathfinder Lake

Editor:

When we were fishing near Buzzard Ranch area, I was amazed to see a water monster swiftly moving in Pathfinder Lake.

My husband said some schools of large fish (as carp and suckers, etc.), make these formations. He said the fish follow the leader like that.

However there were two big humps sticking out of the water as it moved along. It was quite far from us but to me it certainly appeared to be a two-humped monster. It was not a boat or other mechanical device.

This was way out in the boondocks. I do not drink any alcoholic beverages. My husband takes an occasional nip. Has anyone else seen this water monster?

E. FRANCK
Casper

The other thing with the 'copters is they're used to ferry heroin and coke. That's right. Why don't you think the federal narcs can't crack the bigtime drug movers in the West? Easy. The government, or the Army is doing it. Does that blow your mind? Delta's big bases are all

underground and on Indian reservations. HQ for operations (and where a lot of the choppers are based) is 28 miles east of Albuquerque on I-40, then 14 miles north on a dirt road into the Laguna Indian Reservation. I'm not putting you on, OK?

Ciao,
"Bart B."

Alcova has its own 'Pathfinder Monster'

Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter written by E. Franck. In her letter she asked if anyone else had seen the two humped monster in Pathfinder Lake.

I have never been to Pathfinder Lake, but I frequently go swimming in Alcova Lake. Last summer while I was swimming, I had gone further out than usual. I suddenly felt something brush against my leg. I dove under the water for a look. The water was murky and I couldn't see, but when I came to the surface, approximately twenty feet away I saw an extremely large snake-like creature.

When I told others of my experience, they told me it was probably an old tire. Could this be the same monster? And could these strange occurrences be related?

DAWN BRUNER
Casper

They affectionately call the lake monster, 'Pathy'

Editor:

In the Letters to the Editor on April 7, we were surprised to see that someone else also had seen the monster we have dubbed "Pathy."

While fishing one early August morning in the reservoir, we spotted a large, two humped, snake-like creature moving rapidly across the water. It moved about twenty yards towards our boat and mysteriously shifted back into the fog. We tried to follow it but were soon dispossessed of our view because of the fog.

Although (for obvious reasons) we were reluctant to report this sighting, we commend E. Franck, who has come forward with her report. The monster does exist.

W. HAMMONTREE
D. WINTHROW
Casper

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Wonderful

Editor:

It's wonderful your paper could cut the crap and blow the whistle on the cattle mutilations ("Strange Harvest Theory Disputed," April 1). I thought the press had lost interest. Let me tell you a story that'll raise your hair. I was in the Army stationed in New Mexico. Got out in '81.

I was in intelligence and learned what's really going on. I trust you won't print my name, or I'll be dead in a year. The mutilations are all done by a secret government operation called "Delta." It doesn't use tax money, mainly it uses support from Exxon and Atlantic Richfield. The money is laundered through General Meyer's office in the Pentagon. Mainly the purpose is to freak out the public, and, like your reporter wrote, also the ranchers from reporting what they might see is going on, but they also take the animal parts to test the effects of germ warfare and poison (some weak mix of cyanide and dioxin) they're testing on the civilians in America. I guess now if there are black helicopters over Denver, they're testing in the cities, too.

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STAR-TRIBUNE, Casper, WY - April 15, 1983)

Pathfinder Monster connected to cattle mutilations

Another sighting of 'Pathfinder Monster' reported

Editor:

In response to the letter of April 7th, concerning a creature sighted at Pathfinder reservoir, we are compelled to respond. We, too, have witnessed this amazing phenomenon on two previous occasions.

Our first citing occurred last June while rafting on the reservoir. At first we thought that we had discovered the remains of a sunken boat. After careful observations, and several movements by the creature, we concluded that the phenomenon was, in actuality, a true "Loch Ness Monster" of Natrona County.

Our second citing occurred in early September of last year at an extreme distance. Although our theory has been challenged, we believe the monster to be correlated with several cattle mutilations and UFO citings that have occurred in Wyoming.

Bravo, Ms. Franck — for bringing these unusual sitings to the eyes of the public.

K.J. PARKER
W. COLGIN, JR.
Casper

Editor:

I, too, have seen the "Pathfinder Monster." My sighting occurred last July on a cool foggy morning.

My wife and I were fishing about 50 feet from shore when all of a sudden the water started churning. We both saw what we know were two humps skimming across the water. It lasted for only a few minutes and then they disappeared.

Naturally, we didn't tell any one of this incident because of what people would think. But now we know something is there.

J. KOEHL
Casper

DAILY RECORD, Glasgow, Scotland
May 18, 1983

Happy return

NEVER mind the cuckoo. Ignore the weather forecast. The real harbinger of Scotland's summer is back.

Yes folks, the Loch Ness monster has put in an appearance again ... as usual just in time for the tourist season ... on the 50th anniversary of her very first sighting.

For a full 45 minutes she disported herself on the surface of the Loch, taking care, as any well-bred lady of mature years would, not to get too close to the curious.

Good old Nessie, what would the tourist trade do without her.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - April 28, 1983 CR: T. Adams

Another Series? ... Rancher Reports Tenth Mutilation

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

Manuel Gomez once again prepares for a go-around with the most elusive cattle rustlers of all — he's found another mutilated cow on his ranch near Dulce.

March 29, State Police Officer Gabe Valdez responded to yet another call from his longtime friend, Gomez. Gomez told him he'd found another of his cows dead, the tenth of his herd to be a mutilation victim. It was a four-year-old black baldie found near the family cemetery.

Valdez, upon examination, agreed the cow was mutilated.

Whether mutilations will continue through the summer remains to be seen, but in past years, the mutilation of a Gomez cow was an omen, the first in a series of county cattle mutilations.

"I hope it doesn't go again," thought Valdez, of mutilations.

Valdez has investigated so many mutilations he dreams of them at night. Even a mystery can get tiresome if it hangs around long enough, tantalizing with clues that lead to dead ends with no solution in sight.

As other county ranchers wrestle with schemes to catch two-legged varmints stealing

their cows, Gomez and Valdez, like it or not, are perplexed with the same mysterious rustling problem they've been dealing with since 1976. Another Gomez cow is dead, and its death doesn't seem natural at all.

The cow, Valdez explains in a State Police report, died sometime during the night of March 28 or the early morning hours of March 29. Her udder had been removed "with a sharp instrument" in a scalloped pattern — a deviation from the standard pattern of cattle mutilations, but one, none-the-less, that Valdez is familiar with.

"I've seen this before," he said of the scalloping, explaining that in the time he's put in as a mutilation investigator, he's witnessed other cows similarly mutilated. It's a pattern familiar to many ranchers, he said, one noticed particularly in Montana.

Other organs had apparently been left intact, his report states. The left rear and front legs had bruises, and he speculated that it is possible that the animal had been dragged. Its back appeared to be broken, he said in his police report.

According to the report, the mutilation was the tenth on the Gomez ranch, and

criminal damage is estimated at \$550.

The case is open pending further investigation, the report states.

Unfortunately, much evidence will be lost before any investigation at all is possible, Valdez said Tuesday evening.

"We couldn't run testing," he explained. It is too muddy to get to the place. We couldn't even try. It's a mess."

The mud, he explained, makes it impossible to remove the cow from its present resting place, and it precludes the ability to collect the kind of evidence it would take to promote the carcass to the annals of "genuine mutilations." No tests can be made on the cow because no valid evidence could be transported through the mud when the find was "fresh."

"There was too much mud and junk," Valdez explained.

Valdez and Gomez, however, know enough to know a real mutilation when they see one, and this is one of them, they concur. And evidence or not, they are unlikely to change their minds.

"He's just getting used to it," Valdez said of Gomez, couldn't be reached for comment on his latest mutilation victim.

When springtime comes to Dulce, people start asking if a Gomez cow has fallen victim to the mutilations — whoever or whatever they might be.

When one of his cows is mutilated, it seems to be a forerunner for a rash of mutilations in the county. More than once, he's found an animal mutilated on June 12, but the mysterious cattle rustlers, in recent years, have been rushing the season, and this cow, proclaimed by both Valdez and Gomez a true mutilation, is the earliest one yet.

"Here we go again," they are saying in Dulce.

USA JOURNAL/Marfa, Texas

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - May 5, 1983

Town can't explain light of its life

By Pat Henry
USA TODAY

As Marfa, Texas, celebrates its 100th birthday this weekend with a rodeo and barbecue, some often-present visitors will be on hand.

Glittering like ghostly birthday candles on the edge of town will be the mysterious Marfa Lights, a phenomenon that has been around longer than any of the 2,500 residents.

"We should build an observation tower out there and play up the Lights like some kind of natural resource," says centennial organizer Jane Shurley.

She thinks the lights are the best show in town.

But the focal point of Friday's celebration in the local football stadium will be recalling that in 1927 the Barnum & Bailey Circus train broke down here.

Pageant writer Mary Katherine Earney remembers the incident. Most of the town left church and rushed to the depot to see the animals unloaded.

Another historical highlight: In 1955 the movie *Giant* was filmed in Marfa. Marfans still speak with awe about star Elizabeth Taylor.

But those are things in the past. The Lights are in the town's past, present and future. Five generations of Marfans have grown up with, courted by and circulated stories about the glow-



LIGHT SHOW: Are they car lights? Ranch lights? Radiation from mineral deposits? Why do they skip, change color?

Town may ride horse to fame

Besides this weekend's centennial festivities, Marfa might have another reason to celebrate.

A horse named Marfa — after the town — will run in the Kentucky Der-

by. It's owned by Bobby French of Midland.

The centennial committee plans to have a TV set up near the rodeo grounds so Marfans can watch the Saturday race.

ing blobs.

Evenings, folks drive six miles east out Highway 90. They drape their elbows on the gate that leads to an abandoned Army air base and they watch tiny spectral balls bouncing across Mitchell Mesa.

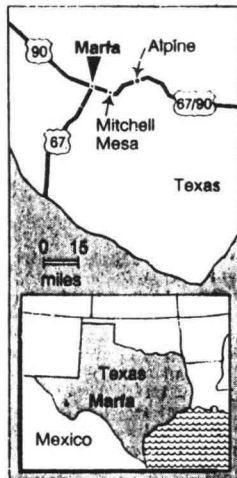
Commercial airline pilot Claudia Jones, who just moved to town, has written a song about the Lights.

"They're not spectacular. They're not glamorous. You have to look close to see

them. They are small, rather ethereal," says longtime resident Julia Plumley.

In 1883, her father, Robert Ellison, on a trail drive through Paisano Pass, saw starlike flickers against the backdrop of the Chinati Mountains. The Indians said they were for a chief searching for his lost people.

There's the tall tale about the rancher, lost in a blinding snowstorm, who follows a Light to the shelter of a cave. Some folks say that people who follow the Lights



By Julie Stacey USA TODAY

across Mitchell Mesa sometimes disappear, often leaving behind charred vehicles.

Just tales. Are the apparitions car lights? Ranch lights? Radiation from mineral deposits?

Fritz Kahl, co-chairman of the centennial activities and manager of Marfa Municipal Airport, wishes people would be more scientific about them:

"The Lights have never been seen from the air and have never been triangulated ... I've never felt any hostility from them ... they're kind of friendly."

Lake Champlain's creature sighted

SOUTH HERO, Vt. (UPI) — Champ — the elusive serpent-like creature said to dwell in Lake Champlain — has made another appearance.

Ten counsellors and 25 children at a YMCA camp reported seeing ripples on the water near Camp Greylock on Thursday. Then, they said, two brownish-colored humps surfaced about 15 centimetres out of the water and headed south.

Counsellor Lora Coble, 17, of Essex Junction, said the humps were about 10 metres off-shore in what had jokingly been dubbed "Champ's Cove," and the creature seemed to be about 15 metres long.

"My first reaction was to scream, 'Champ! Champ! Champ!'" she recalled.

"Everybody suddenly realized what I was talking about and looked."

Witnesses said the humps disappeared beneath the surface about a minute later.

Joseph Zarzynski of Wilton, N.Y., who specializes in recording and investigating sightings of Champ, said it was unusual that so many people claim to have seen the creature at one time.

He said there have been seven reported sightings this year.

GAZETTE, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
July 9, 1983 CR: J. Zarzynski

SCIENCE SURVEY

The roots of knowledge

13.5 thousand years ago, a gigantic catastrophe on Earth dropped the curtain on the preceding history of mankind and there is some evidence that it cut off a highly advanced civilization.

The wealth of scientific information reaching us through millennia is striking in its high level.

For example, 3,000-year-old Chaldean sources claim that the Earth's radius is equal to 6,310.5 kilometres, whereas the latest data puts it at 6,371.03 kilometres. (The insignificant difference can now be explained by the hypothesis of Earth expansion.) Six thousand years ago the early Indians knew that bacteria, invisible to the naked eye, were responsible for diseases while the microcosm only became accessible to us following the invention of the microscope. When dividing space into 360 degrees and time into 60 minutes and 60 seconds we are upholding the Sumerian tradition, which is 3 to 4 thousand years old, on the basis of time and space unity. Six thousand years ago the Egyptians had precise knowledge of the Earth's magnetic poles.

No matter how deep we go into the history of the earliest civilizations, we keep coming up against the same phenomenon - high-level knowledge is omnipresent in a "ready-made"

form, with no hint of what we call proof. It seems that this "ready-made" knowledge originated at another time.

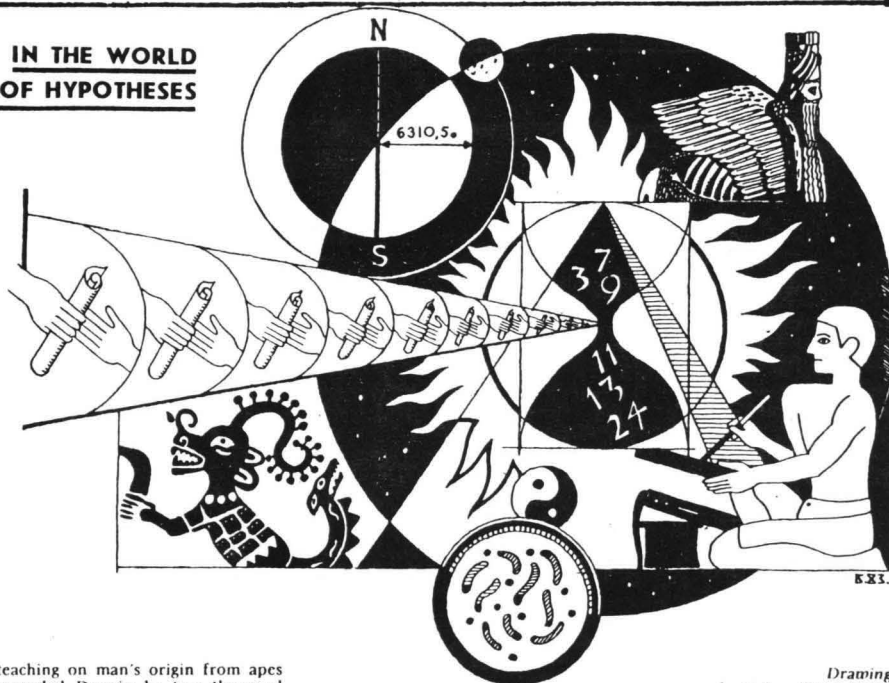
When and by whom? The Kiev Professor Yuri Kanygin, D. Sc. (Economy), has tried to answer these questions.

THE GREEK PARADOX

A paradox of Ancient Greece has become an unexpected stimulus for the hypothesis.

Modern theories of matter structure at its deepest level are similar in essence to those put forward by Democritus who lived in the 5th century B. C. Today's views on limitless and the discretion of space and time had already been formulated by Epicurus in the 4th century B. C. Theophrastus, a contemporary of Epicurus, already knew about chemical warfare and chemical mutual assistance among plants. But we only discovered this in the 1930s after the discovery of phytoncides. We learn from Empedocles (5th century B. C.) that there was separate genesis for flora and fauna while the Galen

IN THE WORLD OF HYPOTHESES



Drawing by Valery BELYAKOV

teaching on man's origin from apes preceded Darwin by two thousand years...

So where is the paradox? It is that, contrary to all logic, the knowledge which, from the modern point of view, is the deepest and the most precise, does not belong to the late Hellenic thinkers (Ptolemy, Aristotle, etc.), but to their precursors—Thales, Solon, Anaxagoras, Heraclitus and Pythagoras... Yuri Kanygin believes that they were able to give a powerful impetus to the origin of Greek science because they had access to the "esoteric" (mysterious) knowledge of Ancient Egypt, Persia and Babylon—the countries whose intellectual potential has remained enigmatic to this day.

In fact, the "leading light" in Greek science, Thales of Miletus, made all his discoveries in astronomy and mathematics after visiting Egypt and Mesopotamia. The same can be said about Democritus who studied astronomy with Egyptian priests and Babylonians, and medicine with the Indian yogi. After several years in Persia Heraclitus was the first to formulate the dialectic understanding of the world saying that the basis of all should be seen in the continuous struggle of contradictions which form the supreme unity of world harmony. As for Pythagoras, whose personality was enigmatic even to his contemporaries, he gave the Greeks the teaching of numbers as the key to the understanding of the universe. Pythagoras not only travelled to many countries of the Orient but, after 22 years in Egypt, was admitted to the priesthood following incredibly severe initiation tests of willpower.

The initiated... They returned from their travels with a ready-made doctrine, or theory, or system. They talked of incomprehensible things. Their contemporaries did not understand them, and neither did posterity for thousands of years to come...

What did their teachers know?

A GALLERY OF KNOWLEDGE

According to Yuri Kanygin, all attempts to trace the origins of certain knowledge in the Ancient World end up, in our being able to perceive just the top of the "tree of knowledge", or at best, its crown, we cannot see its trunk or roots.

While the most brilliant European minds were struggling to count with their fingers, the Mesopotamians were operating fairly large magnitudes in their calculations. Cubic and biquadratic equations, negative and transcendental numbers, systems of indeterminate equations, curves of the third and fourth order, etc.,—all this was known in Mesopotamia, India and China thousands of years before the Greeks...

The Egyptians not only knew that Earth is globe-shaped but also that it rotates in space, following the same laws common to the other planets in the solar system. As for the law of blood circulation, discovered in the 17th century by William Harvey, it was known to the Egyptians 6,000 years ago, as were the functions of the heart and brain.

While searching for a clue to the phenomenon of ancient knowledge, one can hardly bypass their apothecis in stone—the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza. Do you remember its "surprises"? The perimeter of the base divided by twice the height gives us "pi" (3.14159). The height multiplied by one thousand million equals the distance between the Earth and the Sun. Other measurements point out the Earth's weight, the exact bearing to the four directions of the world, etc. And the gallery leading to the Pharaoh's burial chamber gives an unobscured view of the North Star...

What can we see through the thick layers of time several thousand years old? Where does the gallery of knowledge take us?

AN INDESTRUCTIBLE TESTIMONY

In the 6th century B. C. Egyptian priests told Solon: "Oh, Solon, you Greeks are like children... you know nothing about ancient times, about the grey-haired knowledge of the past..."

The chronicles described to Solon by the Ancient Egyptian priests stated that, thousands of years earlier, the country had been occupied by an army from the powerful island of Atlantis...

According to the legend, mysterious island Atlantis possessed an unusually high level of knowledge and technology. If so, could it be the visible tip of the iceberg as far as the early civilizations are concerned? Or were there several such icebergs on Earth?

In any case Kanygin is certain that supercivilization is an historical fact.

If Homo Sapiens, says Kanygin, physiologically similar to ourselves, lived on Earth for 50-70 thousand years, why could humanity not have reached, during this period, the results we have achieved in only the 5-7 thousand years of "recorded" history?

We are looking for material, "physical" traces of an "earlier civilization", yet cannot find them. Hardly surprising: the elements and time could reduce them to ashes. In the meantime, knowledge is the only indestructible evidence, a testimony which is not subject to Time. Information has passed from one generation to another throughout the entire history of mankind. The fact that the transfer and storage of knowledge has always been surrounded by the utmost secrecy and entrusted to only the chosen few is proof that it had limitless value in the Ancient World. People also realized then that depending on the purposes, knowledge can serve both good and evil.

Kanygin believes that because the ancient peoples, from the very beginning, had "ready-made" knowledge, this is tangible proof that an earlier civilization did exist.

The calendars of the world's oldest civilizations—the early Indians, Egyptians, Assyrians and later the Mayas—pinpoint the date of the

Catastrophe as 11,542 B. C., and begin their chronological systems from it.

The cause of this catastrophe is unknown. According to one opinion, Earth "seized" the Moon: others say that our planet collided with a celestial body, while still others believe that the Sun's activity has become catastrophically greater. What was the result? Did Earth's orbit change? Have the poles shifted? Has the planet slowed down its rotation? (Incidentally, the ancient Inca calendar with its 290 days implies that, before the Catastrophe, Earth used to rotate 1.25 times faster around the Sun.)

A sharp change in climate. The great "flood". Terrible earthquakes. Mountain-formation processes... Could any civilization, however well developed, have survived this hell? Dust and gases went up into the atmosphere and obscured the Sun for a hundred years. Those who survived were scattered all over the Earth carrying their most treasured possessions—children and knowledge... In many respects humanity had to begin all over again...

A new world rose from the ashes. The leap to civilization occurred in strictly localized regions—in the valleys of large rivers: the Nile, the Tigris, the Euphrates, the Indus and the Huanghe. The upsurge was given a boost by the technique of basin agriculture which requires specific knowledge. In these circumstances, the groups of people—the "splinters" of a once flourishing "protocivilization"—could play the role of catalyst. Of course, they were not responsible for creating the powerful states in the river valleys, but, by storing their "ready-made" knowledge, they were able to accelerate a new rotation on the spiral of history. True, their knowledge must have been fragmental, but it was specific and carried the features of a single origin. It is no accident that the cosmogonic myths sound the same throughout the world. The same numbers were considered sacred in the various corners of the world—3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 24, 27, 36. This is not accidental either. The information they bear has now been partially deciphered—the number of planets in the solar system, the rhythms of solar activity, biorhythms, and time characteristic. It is even possible that they may be information codes of certain world constants.

...Mankind has always wondered what the beginning of the world was like? Now we are already operating the genetic code, but the origin of life is as much a mystery now as it was to people living many thousand years ago. Sooner or later science will unravel the mystery because mankind needs to have this knowledge.

But maybe it has already been done some time ago? Maybe the answer is close by, lying coded in the pyramid blocks or in the elaborate euphemisms of the myths? Perhaps a different, more intent approach will be enough to do the job?

Vladimir KYUCHARYANTS

HERALD, Everett, WA - May 26, 1983 CR: L. Williford

Adventurer claims African creature is relic of dinosaur era

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A recording made in a remote African jungle captured the roars of a previously unknown, dinosaur-like creature, an adventurer claims. But at least one expert said the evidence is inconclusive.

Herman A. Regusters, an engineer who made the recording and claims to have seen the creature, said the animal looks very much like a dinosaur and may be 35 feet long.

Regusters said he and other members of a 1981 expedition to the Republic of the Congo's swampy and nearly inaccessible Lake Tele saw the creature five times over 32 days. Regusters is associated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is not involved in the project.

He insisted he saw "an animal I can't identify (and) the only thing I can conclude at this point" is that it is a relic species—something similar to a dinosaur that somehow escaped the great extinction that wiped out the giant lizards 60 million years ago.

He said he saw a thick, snake-like neck "with a serpentine type of head," rising 6 to 8 feet out of the lake.

No useful photographs were taken, however, at least partly because of equipment failure in the harsh re-

gion, Regusters said Wednesday, leaving the tape recording as the only physical evidence for a mysterious creature local tribesmen call "mokele-mbembe."

Kenith W. Templin, a sound analyst and manager of the Dynamics Research Facility of Borg-Warner Corp. in City of Commerce, said, "I am convinced in my own mind that it is an animal that has not been identified before."

Computers were used to filter out the heavy jungle noises and to break the low growling roars into component parts, Templin said.

But Ian Maddieson of UCLA's linguistics department, said such analysis, though procedurally sound, "is not very conclusive evidence by itself."

But Maddieson said he had not heard the tape nor seen Templin's analysis. He discussed only general problems with tape-recorded evidence.

Western explorers since the 17th century have repeated native reports of giant half-elephant, half-serpent animals in the region, Regusters said.

Regusters said the group is planning another trip in the first half of 1984 to seek more evidence, although he conceded only very powerful proof would convince some in the scientific community.



Dedicated Nessie watcher Frank Searle took this photograph of a mysterious shape swimming in Loch Ness

By GORDON FYFE

NOT to be outdone by King Kong who celebrated his 50th anniversary this month, the Loch Ness Monster is about to reach an equally significant milestone.

Next Monday it will be half a century since the Nessie story hit the headlines for the first time.

That was when Fort Augustus correspondent for the Inverness Courier, Alex Campbell, wrote the first story suggesting something mysterious really did lurk beneath the dark and very deep waters of the loch.

Black and shining beast

The sighting which persuaded Mr Campbell to write his historic story was made by Mr and Mrs John MacKay, who owned the Drumadrochit Hotel at the time and are still alive and living in the Highlands.

It was Mrs Mackay who witnessed something unusual as the couple drove along the Inverness-Drumadrochit road at a point near Abriachan.

Mrs Mackay recalled:

Happy birthday Nessie!

"It was a brilliantly sunny day and the loch was flat calm. You could have gone over it with an iron. I was watching the salmon jumping in the loch when suddenly this big black and shining beast appeared.

"It was such an unusual sight that you had to see it to believe it."

Mrs Mackay, now in her 80s, told a few friends of the experience, but asked them to treat the information in the strictest confidence. "I was worried that people might think me a bit eccentric," she said.

However, the story reached the ears of Mr Campbell, who persuaded the couple to let him use the story, agreeing not to reveal their identities.

Mr Campbell, who

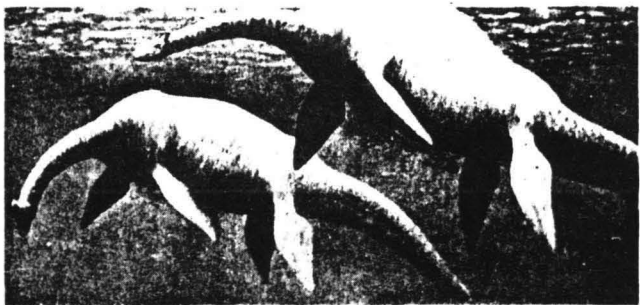
was the Courier correspondent for more than 60 years until his retirement 18 months ago, gave a graphic account of the Mackays' sighting.

He wrote at the time: "The creature disappeared itself, rolling and plunging for fully a minute, its body resembling that of a whale and the water churning like a simmering cauldron. Soon, however, it disappeared in a boiling mass of foam."

Now 81 and living in the house in which he was born on the shores of the loch, Mr Campbell has seen the monster on 18 occasions, so has become probably No. 1 authority on the subject.

The early interest was heightened by the belief that the monster was amphibious.

London businessman George Spicer claimed in a letter to the Courier on August 4, 1933, that the monster crossed the road in front of his car as he drove between Dores and Foyers.



Naturalist Sir Peter Scott's impression of what the monsters could look like, based on previous sightings

a high back and it was very ugly."

At Abriachan, veterinary student Arthur Grant, from Drumadrochit, saw a strange creature cross the road, slither down an embankment and then plunge into the loch.

He gave a detailed description to the police. It had a head like a snake or eel, a large oval eye which was black and beady, a longish neck, two very slight humps on its back and a long tail.

The amphibian theory has since been discounted by experts.

In November, 1933, Inverness businessman Mr Hugh Gray captured the first photograph of the monster and six months later London Surgeon Colonel R. K. Wilson produced what is now known as the "surgeon's picture."

Colonel Wilson was so busy taking photographs that he was un-

able to give a detailed description. "Naturally, when I saw the object rise in the water I got a bit excited and made a rush for my camera."

"What I saw was an object with a swan-like neck almost three feet out of the water."

Monster business

"The head was small but, as I said, I really had no chance of making an accurate observation in my hurry to get some snaps."

One man was so optimistic at capturing Nessie he even placed a newspaper advertisement: "A giant tank is wanted as a home for the Loch Ness monster — if and when it is caught."

Scientists are still trying to discover whether Nessie is real or not. Meanwhile, the Loch Ness tourist industry celebrates 50 years of monster business.



This newt-like beastie is how Professor Roy Mackal sees the monster

Eerie Flames Chase Family From House

WHARNCLIFFE, W.Va. (AP) — Flames shot from electrical outlets and closets in a house here, and a mystified fire chief said it was like "something you'd see in a movie."

"It beats all I've ever seen," said Chief Jerry Grimmert of the baffling fires in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Clemons.

They reported seeing "fire shooting six inches" from the electrical outlets.

After the power was shut off, flames appeared in trash cans and closets, officials said.

When firemen were first called to the home a mattress, a towel on a wooden bathroom rack and spots in the middle of the carpeting in two other rooms were burning, Grimmert said.

Isolated fires continued even after firemen had turned off the power and the Clemonses began moving their belongings

into the church next door, Grimmert said. After controlling the flames, firefighters called Appalachian Power Co., which sent a crew that disconnected all power except the ground wire at a pole behind the house.

Still, when firefighters

arrived back at their station 10 miles away they were summoned back to the Clemons home, Grimmert said. Scorched trash cans and even burned roller skates in a closet were found then.

At that point, Grimmert said, firefighters discon-

nected all three of the power lines at the corner of the house while the Clemons family continued moving furniture and household belongings into the basement of the church. It was then that two bulletin boards at the church were found smoking, Grimmert said.

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Most snicker at cryptozoologists

New York (AP) — With topics such as the Giant Octopus, Sasquatch and the Loch Ness monster, the program for a conference of scientists who study hidden and unknown animals sounded like something from a late-night monster movie.

The first meeting of the International Society of Cryptozoology drew about 50 researchers dedicated to the study of hidden and unknown ani-

mals. While cryptozoologists are very serious about their work, most other people aren't.

"In a sense, we'll always be an illegitimate child of zoology," said Lee Frank, who has been on three or four expeditions to Scotland since 1972 in search of the Loch Ness monster and is trying to raise \$2.5 million for another trip.

"The subject is still something to be snickered at," Frank said Saturday, adding that funds for studies to

prove or disprove the myths surrounding the alleged beasts are not abundant.

Joseph Gennaro Jr., a New York University biologist and member of the society who was host of the daylong conference, said only about 10 percent of the society's 500 members were employed by academic institutions.

Other sun may have a planet

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (UPI) — A swirling, gaseous object discovered near a young star 450 light years from Earth may be the first planet ever seen outside our solar system, an astronomer said Monday.

Douglas N.C. Lin, one of three University of California astronomers working on the project, said the object is called "TIRC" (pronounced "turk"). TIRC is an acronym for T Tauri Infrared Companion. T Tauri is the object's sun.

Lin said the object is five to 20 times larger than Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system. It is 7.5 billion miles from its central star, T Tauri.

Earth is only about 93 million miles from its sun.

"This is very exciting," Lin said. If it is a planet, it will help astronomers test models of how our solar system formed some 4.5 billion years ago, he said.

"We have always been interested in whether there is any extraterrestrial life," he said. "Well, life would depend on there being other planetary systems around other stars."

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Norwegian folklorist is a spirited researcher

By PAT MOORE
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DECORAH, Iowa — How does one become a teacher of Norwegian folklore?

Well, first you go to Norway....

If that sounds like another in the endless round of Ole and Lena jokes, take heart. There is some truth to this one.

At least in Kathleen Stokker's case. It was a trip to Norway that spurred her interest in Norwegian folklore.

The associate professor of Norwegian now teaches a class on that topic at Luther College, a campus of 2,100 students in Decorah, Iowa. She also teaches courses in the language and literature of Norway. Her students can select from at least 400 books on folklore in the school's library. But they are written in a variety of difficult-to-read Norwegian dialects.

"Some are quite a challenge," said the petite Ms. Stokker, who's 5 feet tall and has a gamin style haircut. She's working on her own book about Norwegian legends and folk beliefs.

Most of the folklore books in the school's library, incidentally, are written for adults. Many are first-person accounts of having seen one of the numerous will-o'-the-wisps reported to dot the fjords and farms of Norway.

Each year about 120 students take the course in first-year Norwegian. And 50 students are currently taking the folklore course.

"It's the first time I've taught it since I've done all the research," said Ms. Stokker, who's one of less than a half-dozen Norwegian folklorists in the country.

Though her paternal grandfather was German, she's three-fourths Norwegian. Still, she couldn't have been less interested in "all that Norwegian stuff" while attending St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. She majored in chemistry and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

In 1968, during her senior year, on a lark she decided to attend an international summer school at Oslo, mostly because it was taught in English. A summer turned into 1½ years and led to graduate courses in Scandinavian studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

It also led to several return trips to Norway, and a year spent studying folklore at the University of Oslo, with still another trip planned this summer for more study.

While tracking down tales of an amusing, and sometimes frightening, array of sprites and spirits, Ms. Stokker found that even today, some of them are

not entirely discounted, even by well-educated Norwegians.

"Even in this country today, there are still some whose grandparents swear they've seen the Huldrefolk," she confided. The Huldrefolk, the hidden people, are a type of ghost many Norwegians once believed in.

Their belief in the little people, called Nisse, is something akin to the Irish belief in leprechauns. And while American Norwegians may talk about the Nisse, (pronounced Ne-sah), in Norway tales of the Huldrefolk are far more prevalent.

The Huldrefolk are imaginary beings who looked like humans and who would get you if you didn't watch out.

"A lot of times the Huldrefolk would kidnap people and take them into the mountains," said Ms. Stokker. "Maybe the people would come back and tell their tale...and maybe not. In a way, that's not so dissimilar to today's UFOs."

The Nisse were wee folk who look like miniature adults only a couple of feet tall. They lived in the barn and guarded the horses. Horses were necessary and invaluable to the farmer, struggling for survival in a country where the scenery is breathtaking but only three per cent of the land is tillable.

Special care was taken at Christmas time to remember the Nisse with a bowl of porridge left in the barn.

Then there was the Gardvord. "Nobody really knows what the Gardvord looked like, but he was probably male," said Ms. Stokker.

Most farms have a grave mound and the Gardvord, who guarded the farm, personified the first person to work the farm and to be buried in the mound. Many Norwegian homes had a special bed for the Gardvord.

The Oskorei were a frightening and unruly band of men and woman who could be seen in the air, at Christmas time, riding their horses. "They were often described as souls that were not bad enough to get into hell, but surely not good enough to get into heaven," said Ms. Stokker.

They would often steal people, beer and other Christmas goodies, and they often chased or rode a farmer's horses until they were exhausted and near death.

The Deildagast was the ghost of someone who, during his life, had moved someone else's land marker to increase his own land holding. The Utburd was the ghost of an unbaptized child born out of wedlock. Right after the Reformation, the mother of a child born out of wedlock was often executed. So, very often, unmarried pregnant women would kill their

child after it was born, rather than face the stigma and the wrath of the community. The Utburd, or the ghost of the child, would come back to haunt her.

The Draug were the living dead. Either they had committed suicide or committed a crime they had not been forgiven for in life and were not buried in hallowed church ground. The sjodraug were souls of sailors and fishermen who died at sea. Often the sjodraug appeared as a headless fisherman.

The Hamann was a merman, a creature with the upper torso of a man and the tail of a fish. The Havfrue was a mermaid and the marmel, a merman so small he could stand on a fish hook. "They were beings of prophecy, always seen in nice weather; and if you had any sense at all, you'd know a storm was coming up if you saw one and you headed for shore," said Ms. Stokker. "Kindness to them was always rewarded."

The Sjoorm was a huge sea serpent, similar to Scotland's Loch Ness Monster. It was first described in a 1555 history of Norway.

The Nokk was a water sprite who could change himself into something you would desire, like a beautiful white horse. The horse would then lure you into the water so you would drown. The fossegrim lives in a waterfall and plays the violin.

Trolls were fictional fairytale figures. "Folklorists refer to them as huge, bigger-than-life beings that had full-size pine trees growing out of their heads," said Ms. Stokker, who brandishes a drawing of a troll so large the lakes surrounding him in the drawings look like puddles.

"The Industrial Revolution came late to Norway, but it did signal the end of the belief in most of these creatures. Most of the beliefs had to do with farming and fishing and a non-mechanized economy," Ms. Stokker added. "Their fairytales were quite inspiring, unlike legends which dealt more with fear of the supernatural."

"It was almost as though it was the supernatural, or things beyond their control, that decided whether they survived or did not survive," she said. "Fear of these beings also became a way of regulating their behavior to see that they would survive."

Does she really believe in all these spirits?

"I guess not," she said, with a grin. "But what they might tell you in Norway is that when you're up in the mountains and the fog comes in at night, you hear things off in the distance and see the hugeness of the mountains...it's not all that hard to believe."

And as you're driving out of Decorah, population 8,000, glance at some of the windows in the homes. Yes, those are cut-outs of the little people, the Nisse, in the windows.

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Chinese peasant tells hairy tale of rape by blue-eyed ape-woman

PEKING (IPS) — A peasant in south-west China was having a quiet afternoon nap in a forest hut when a tall, hairy "wild woman" with blue eyes burst in and proceeded to rape him.

It sounds like a lurid sexual fantasy, but an official Chinese newspaper recently recounted the story as evidence of the existence of a tribe of neanderthal ape-people said to live in inaccessible parts of the country.

The Chinese have published many articles in recent years about their version of the "yeti," known in the Western world as the Sasquatch or Abominable Snowman, elusive, hairy, ape-like creatures.

But the recent revelation that the females of the species have a passion for "real men" is a new twist to the story.

The sleepy peasant stared in horror at the big-breasted female that had forced its way into the hut, said the Zhejiang provincial daily newspaper.

"He was too frightened to call out, and was powerless to resist," it added. "The wild woman slept with him for several minutes and then left."

Wild women living on the lower



slopes of Mount Everest in Tibet have similar sexual preferences, according to last month's edition of the Chinese magazine Fossil.

The magazine reported that in 1976 a Chinese official spent a night in a lonely mountain hut and woke about midnight to find a wild woman standing in front of his bed.

Her whole body was covered in hair,

she had huge breasts and she stared at him "as if wanting to have sexual relations with him," the magazine said.

The official woke a companion in another room and they were able to tie the wild woman to a pole. But when they awoke next morning, they found she had bitten through the ropes and left, the magazine said.

In another incident in 1972, the maga-

zine said, a soldier disappeared while on patrol in Tibet. A few months later, soldiers passing through the same area heard a shout from a cave high up on a cliff face. As they looked up, a man fell from the cave onto the rocks below. It was the missing soldier with his uniform in tatters and his hands and feet tied with leather thongs.

Just then, a hairy wild woman with large breasts appeared at the cave mouth, the magazine said.

One of the magazine's conclusions about the incidents was that the wild men and wild women were capable of having sexual relations with normal people and that offspring could be conceived, "which proves that they are human beings."

Chinese scientists have conducted an intensive search for the creatures in the past few years and say they have collected formidable evidence indicating that they exist.

But despite the many reported sightings and encounters, none of the alleged creatures has ever been captured or photographed.