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BANNER, Cambridge, MD - July 21, 1983



UFO SPOTTER-Francis Gilbert of 212 Henry St. who reported sighting an unidentified flying object over Cambridge early Tuesday evening. (Staff photo)

Local teen spots UFO

A Cambridge teen-ager reported to The Banner yesterday that he had spotted a UFO (unidentified flying object) over Cambridge early Tuesday evening.

Frances Gilbert, 15, of 212 Henry St., said the sighting occurred about 6:30 p.m. while he was walking across the Cambridge Creek bridge from East Cambridge. He said the object appeared in the western sky at a height he could not estimate.

Gilbert described the object as "round with black stripes going down it. It had a piece of red sticking up to it like an antenna. It had all different color lights flashing."

The youth said the object was "moving slow" and appeared to be circling over the city and revolving at the same time.

"It had long legs on it and like a round wheel on the bottom."

Gilbert said no one else was around at the time to confirm the sighting and added that it was the first time he had ever spotted a UFO. He discussed the sighting with a number of people immediately afterwards, he stated.

When a reporter noted the Star Wars T-shirt he was wearing and asked whether he was a science fiction fan, Gilbert said, "No."

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL - July 13, 1983

One for every neighborhood

We're not sure yet, but The Grill thinks it may have discovered a new trend for the '80s, which is actually a throwback to the '50s and '60s, just like many other recent trends.

Twice now, in the dark hours of the night, calls have come into The Tribune; the voices on the other end telling of a mysterious unidentified flying object seen hovering over different parts of Hillsborough County.

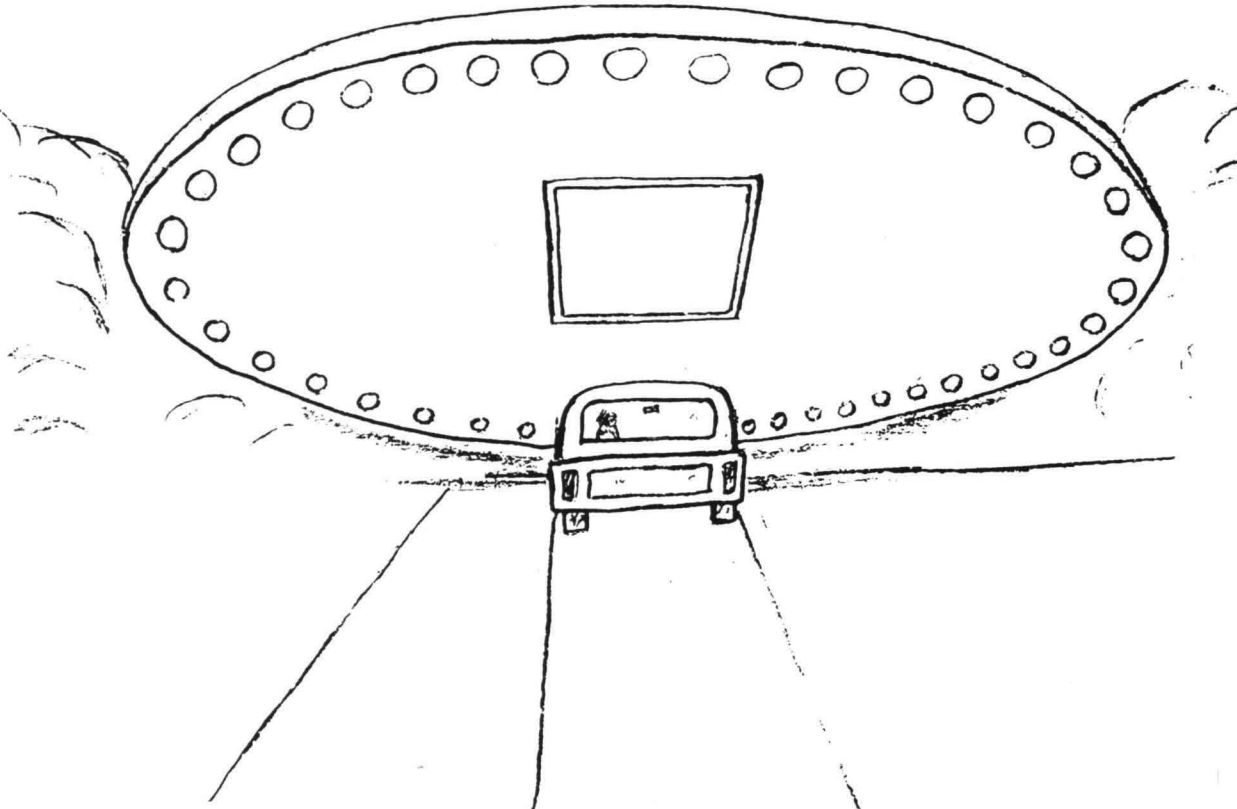
Although the calls were three nights apart, the callers both agreed the UFO appeared on a recent Monday night around 10. One call said it was at the intersection of U.S. 92 and State Road 579, another placed it above the Hillsboro movie theater.

The object shared all the classic characteristics from the days when such sightings were almost common place:

It was shaped something like a Frisbee and was silent as it hovered about 100 feet off the ground. A ring of lights flashed around the edge of the object at high speed

If one of these shows up in your neighborhood, just remember, you read it here first.

BULLETIN, Latrobe, PA - Sept. 7, 1983 CR: S. Gordon



UFO spotted near Latrobe in past month

This is an artist's conception of a UFO spotted in the Latrobe-Derry area in recent weeks. A Derry man reported seeing the object on Route 217 at the Kingston Hill cutoff area at 11:55 p.m. Aug. 30. The man observed a series of bright lights above his vehicle, about 40 feet overhead. The object was round, battleship gray and emitted a high-pitched sound. The man tried to flee, but the object moved with the vehicle and again appeared above and to the front of his vehicle. After trying to flee the area a third time, the object continued to follow his vehicle. He said the bottom appeared to have a door in the center with amber-colored lights around the perimeter. Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, said his group has received a rash of calls of similar sightings all summer, especially since June in the western Pennsylvania area. A great many of the sightings have been in the Latrobe-Derry area, particularly near the sewage plant and in the Teledyne Vasco area. Gordon asked that anyone who has seen a UFO or Bigfoot to contact him at 838-7768 or via mail at 6 Oakhill Avenue, Greensburg. All reports are held in strict confidence and the names are never made public. An object similar to the one in the drawing was later reported near Jeannette and at another location in Westmoreland County. The drawing was done by Bob McCurry.

DENNIS STACY

An interview with Dr. Hynek, leading expert on UFO mystery

Probably no other name is so prominently associated with the UFO phenomenon in the public mind as that of J. Allen Hynek, professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO Studies, in Evanston, Ill. That association began on a spring day in 1948 when Hynek, then an astronomer at Ohio State University's Perkins Observatory, was approached by three men from Wright-Patterson AFB and asked what he thought about "flying saucers." Hynek said they "were a lot of junk and nonsense. That seemed to please them, so they got down to business."

Business turned out to be acting as a consultant in astronomy for the Air Force's fledgling UFO investigations program, Project Sign, a capacity in which he duly served for 20 years. The name changed from Sign to Grudge to Blue Book, but the Air Force attitude was basically intractable: UFOs did not exist, therefore there had to be prosaic explanations such as weather balloons, misidentified aircraft and the almost omnipresent Venus.

It was Hynek's job to provide a great number of those explanations, a sometimes odious task that culminated in the now infamous "swamp gas" sight-

"It seemed to me that from the scientific point of view a lot of data was being washed down the drain. So I said let's do something and make a Center for UFO Studies."

ings in Michigan in 1966, and which led directly to the House of Representatives' investigation called for by then Rep. Gerald Ford.

By the time of the Condon Report and the dissolution of Project Blue Book in 1969, Hynek's attitudes had undergone a 180-degree turnaround best expressed in his own words. He was interviewed at the recent MUFON Mutual UFO Network Symposium at the Sheraton-Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, Calif.

Dr. Hynek, your change from a hardboiled skeptic to a more receptive approach toward the study of the UFO phenomenon is fairly well known by now. What caused that attitudinal shift?

Two things, really. One was the completely negative and unyielding attitude of the Air Force itself. It became apparent that they simply weren't going to give UFOs the chance of existing, even if they were walking up and down the street in broad daylight. Everything had to have an explanation. I began to resent that, even though I basically felt the same way, because I still thought they weren't going about it in the right way. You can't assume that everything is black, no matter what.

Secondly, the caliber of the witnesses began to trouble me. Quite a few incidents were being

reported by military pilots, for example, and since I knew them to be a fairly well-trained group on the whole, this is when I first began to think that, well, maybe there is something to this after all.

The famous "swamp gas" case which came later on finally pushed me over the edge. From that point on, I began to look at reports from a different angle, which was to say that some of them could be true UFOs.

As your own attitude changed, what about the Air Force's toward you? Did the air begin to chill?

Oh, most definitely. Toward the end I was barely speaking with Maj. Quintanilla, who was in charge. We had started as really good friends and then things got very bad because he had one lieutenant who was such a nincompoop, it seemed to me. Everything had to be Jupiter or Venus, or this or that. You have no idea what a closed mind, what a closed attitude it was. I kept doggedly on, but I can safely say that the whole time I was with the Air Force we never had anything that resembled a really good scientific dialogue on the subject.

I was with them right up until the very end, but it was just on paper. No one had cut the chicken's head off yet, but the chicken was definitely dead. The last days at Blue Book were just a perfunctory shuffling of papers.

The best I could do was play Kepler to the Air Force's Tycho Brahe. If you remember that story from the history of astronomy, Brahe had the observations and didn't know what to do with them, and Kepler, who was nearsighted and couldn't make the observations, did.

I knew the Air Force was getting the data and I wanted a look at it, so I made very full use of the copying machines at Wright-Patterson.

Following the furor over the 1966 Michigan sightings, some of which you thought might be attributable to methane, or "swamp gas," the Air Force convened the University of Colorado committee which resulted in the Condon Report, a basically negative review of the subject. But what was going on with the UFO phenomenon itself, during and immediately after?

Well, as you know, the Condon Report said that a group of scientists had gotten together, looked at UFOs, and that the subject was dead. What happened, of course, was that the Air Force, instead of going to a group of universities, as the Brian O'Brien committee had recommended, went to a university and a man, Physicist Edward U. Condon, who they were certain would be very hardnosed about it and he was. Fortunately, the UFOs didn't bother to read the report and during the flap of 1973, they came back in force.

It was at the time that I just got totally disturbed. It seemed to me that from the scientific point of

view a lot of data was being lost, washed down the drain. There was no longer anyone minding the store. So instead of just waving my hands wildly about in the air, I said let's do something and make a Center for UFO Studies.

One of your major contributions to the public's awareness of the UFO phenomenon was your classification of Close Encounters into three kinds, which ultimately resulted in a blockbuster movie by Steven Spielberg. How did you come to arrive at such a system?

About 1970, right after the Air Force fiasco, I thought it would be interesting to write up some of my experiences. In writing up the Air Force cases I first of all divided them into two separate groups. I wasn't going to assume any kind of classification that would depend on a theory of origin. I wanted something that was completely observational in nature.

Well, the first obvious observation was, did you see it far away from you or close up to you? I chose to call near sightings, say within 500 feet, Close Encounters. Then quite naturally the Close Encounters divided themselves into three groups. There were those that were close, but didn't do anything, those that were close and did something, and those that were close and had creatures in them or around them. So I now had Close Encounters of the First, Second and Third kinds. I didn't think the classification would take off and fly like it did, it was mostly for my own edification, a way of separating the cases I had.

How did the movie itself arise? Did Spielberg call you up and ask to use the name?

No, the other way around actually. I'd heard that Spielberg was making a movie called "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," so I called him up and we had a very nice talk. He apparently wanted to make some kind of financial arrangement with me and here I made a very bad mistake. Unfortunately, I said, "Be my guest." Of course it's impossible to copyright a title alone, so he didn't pay a thing for its use. He was kind enough, however, to ask me to be technical consultant to the movie, so that worked out very well.

You received a fee for that work, then?

A very small fee, I actually lost money. What happened was that my publisher withheld \$25,000 in royalties from the sale of my book "The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry." The argument was that I had sold the movie rights to Hollywood. I pointed out that I might be a dumb professor, but I wasn't so dumb as to know you don't sell movie rights for a thousand dollars. Finally, the thing was settled with me getting \$15,000 and paying \$9,000 in legal fees out of that, so I didn't get very much. Some people think I made a lot of money out of the movie, but I didn't. I lost.

RECORD-JOURNAL, Meriden, CT - Aug. 24, 1983 CR: J. Tierney

UFOs taking on Elis at Yale Bowl?

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — Unidentified flying objects have been sighted in the night sky over New Haven. Those reporting the objects got excited, but for the employee on duty at Tweed-New Haven Airport, it was all in a night's work.

The UFOs — described as oval shaped and equipped with multi-colored lights — were seen from diverse points in the city Sunday night. One was reported straddling the unoccupied Yale Bowl, ordinarily the scene of football games. Another or perhaps the same one was seen gliding toward the roof of a newspaper plant.

"The thing was huge. It looked bigger than a 747," said Shawn Fricker, 24, of

Milford who said he saw the object over the Yale Bowl as he and John Trendine, 25, of West Haven were driving home from downtown New Haven.

"It freaked me out," said Fricker, "I was not drunk."

Security guards Jose Velasquez and Kenneth Rayon were making their rounds at the Jackson Newspapers when they saw something move toward the plant roof.

Rayon said it was too big to be a plane. "And the lights would suddenly go out. That's what baffled us."

"We made a joke about," Rayon said. "We thought maybe they were watching us as if they didn't want to be seen."

The UFOs didn't baffle Louis Coveyduck. He was on duty at Tweed-New Haven Airport when the first of about 20 calls started coming in at about 10:30 p.m. That was about the time police department switchboards began buzzing, too.

"I've been here for 20 years and I hear this stuff all the time," said Coveyduck. "I didn't even go outside and

look."

The control tower closes at 10 p.m. and Coveyduck assumed people just saw the lights of the last plane leaving the airport for the night.

Another reason he said he wasn't getting excited about the reports was that the Air Force concluded after an exhaustive 1969 study that UFOs don't exist.

MORE THAN A FLIGHT OF FANCY

BY E.B. WALZER

IT WAS LIKE "The War of the Worlds" all over again. Except this time you didn't have to turn on the radio.

All you had to do was look up in the sky.

And on the night of last March 24, hundreds of people in Westchester and Putnam were doing just that.

Motorists veered to the side of the road, staring upward. Mothers grabbed their children and ran indoors. Between 8:30 and 10, police switchboards were jammed with calls from residents, curious, puzzled, frantic.

"People couldn't believe it," said Sgt. Vincent Puma, the desk officer at Carmel police headquarters, as he told a reporter of the incident the next day. "They kept reporting this huge thing in the sky. They just went wild about it."

In the middle of Yorktown Heights, traffic was halted in a tangled jam at the intersection of Routes 202 and 35, as motorists stopped, got out of their cars and took a good look at this really, *REALLY* strange thing that passed overhead.

On the Taconic Parkway, more drivers stopped, singly and in groups, to stare at the lights that sometimes appeared to hang right over the treetops. Some people later recalled that the... the... the *Object* inspired such fear that their only thought was to get home—fast. Others simply felt intense curiosity, which compelled them to follow the *Object* as long as possible.

The cause of all this concern—a large, slow-moving, silent V-shape of multicolored lights—cruised in a looping pattern over Yorktown, Somers and Carmel for more than an hour and then disappeared to the north.

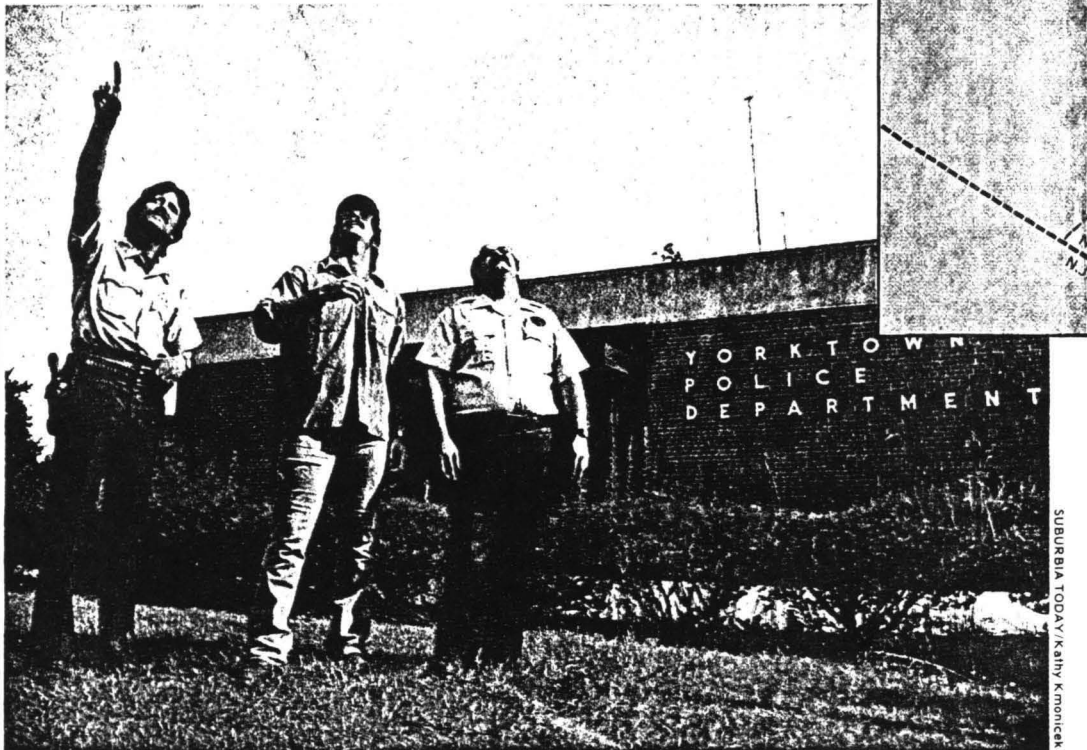
Five months later, people still aren't sure just who—or what—it was that lit up the sky that warm spring evening and in so doing entered Westchester and Putnam firmly into the annals of Unidentified-Flying-Object history.

As a matter of fact, the lights have been seen around these parts, off and on, for more than a year, but never on the scale of the March 24 sightings, when everybody and his brother seemed to have seen something up there. More than 100 calls were received by various police departments. Since then, nearly 400 people have reported sightings to UFO investigators who believe the total number of people to see the lights that night was probably in the thousands.

Less than a month later, between 50 and 75 residents of Yorktown's Countryside section called police to report mysterious explosions that shook their homes. No strange lights were reported then, but the explosions, which seem to have resembled those reported in other areas where UFOs had been seen, have never been explained.

Since March 24, the lights have been seen elsewhere in the Hudson Valley on an irregular basis, in the Kingston area one night, in New Paltz the next, near Hook Mountain in Rockland the next. The sightings have also continued to be reported in northern Westchester, Putnam and southern Dutchess. They have been seen as far east as Danbury and as far south as Manhattan.

And recently, people have been reporting other strange sights in addition to large V-shaped lights. In July, people in Tompkins Cove in Rockland and in



Patrolman Kevin Soravilla, left, was with Mike Samuels and Dispatcher William Wolf Jr. when he saw March 24 lights.

Yorktown, again, said they saw shiny, slow-moving, DISC-shaped objects.

"It really looked like a typical flying saucer," said Liz Pierce of Yorktown, a witness.

So what's going on here, anyhow? The answer depends on who you talk to.

The most common theory is NOT that the Hudson Valley is experiencing encounters of the first, second or third kind. Rather, it is that the lights are caused by stunt pilots who enjoy flying in formation at night and reading about themselves in the newspapers the next afternoon.

The airplane theory, which has been adopted by most of the police and much of the public, is buttressed by the observations of several witnesses. State troopers from the Stormville barracks in Dutchess say they regularly see the lights—which, they said, are from clearly visible, single-engine aircraft—fly overhead, occasionally break formation and land at nearby Stormville Airport.

How boring. Trooper K.C. Evans said he once followed the lights to the airport, a tiny strip east of the Taconic and that he went up to the pilots and asked what they were doing.

"It's four or five guys who fly in close formation every week," Evans said. "I think they get a kick out of the (UFO) reports. I think that's what the idea is now, although I doubt they'd admit it." Evans said he didn't bother to get the pilots' names, since they weren't breaking any laws.

Adding support to this theory is the fact that a number of people who called police on March 24 said they believed what they saw was a flight of airplanes in a tight V-formation. They said they could make out separate fuselage shapes and could hear engine noise.

Aviation officials at Dutchess County Airport to the north of Stormville have said they privately believe that a flight of Cessnas out of Stormville are responsible for the UFO reports. But

Stormville officials have repeatedly denied knowledge of any formation flights from their field. Because pilots do not have to file flight plans for local flights, there are no telltale records.

There is one simple argument against wholehearted acceptance of the airplane theory: Many witnesses insisted that what they saw was NOT a formation of planes.

The lights were flying too low and too silently to be those of airplanes, some of these people said. Others said the lights gave off a slight humming noise, unlike that of a plane or a helicopter.

The lights hovered or stopped in midair, only to go back the way they came, said others. The lights—or "the *Object*," as many witnesses called the lights—behaved unlike any conventional aircraft, they said.

A case in point is the experience of Monique O'Driscoll, a Putnam woman who saw the lights on Feb. 26, a month before the mass sightings of March 24.

Driving on Ninham Road in the town of Kent at 8:30 p.m., Mrs. O'Driscoll and her 17-year-old daughter, also named Monique, saw something that compelled them to stop and stare.

Hovering just over a nearby pond was a V-shaped *Object* with flashing lights. From left to right, the lights flashed on and off in succession. No noise came from the *object*.

"It was very, very close," she said. "I could have hit it with a baseball."

The *object*, Mrs. O'Driscoll said, "was bigger than my mother's house. It was a magnificent sight."

The craft turned slowly and began to drift away. The O'Driscolls followed in their car and managed to catch up to the *Object* a few minutes later as it hovered over a field next to the road.

Mrs. O'Driscoll left her car and walked until she was directly beneath the *Object*, which, she said, was made of solid, gray metal and hovering in the air "about 15 feet higher than the telephone poles."

"I looked up and saw whole mech-

anisms," she said, "long, tubular things," protruding from the bottom of the *Object*, which, she added, was covered with a heavy metal grillwork.

(Months later, an Ossining couple told a UFO investigator that, on the night of March 24, the lights passed over them as they were driving home from a restaurant. For a moment, the *Object* was outlined against the moon, and they could see a solid V-shape. On the bottom of the *Object*, they said, was a pattern of heavy metal grillwork.)

Mrs. O'Driscoll returned to her car and honked the horn to attract the occupants of a nearby house. The *Object*, she then noticed, began to float away and was out of sight within a minute.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC view of the lights can be found on a strip of film owned by 17-year-old Jeffrey Salmonese of Putnam Valley. He was another of those who saw the *Object* of March 24.

His description of the phenomenon, "a humongous boomerang with lights," closely matched accounts of many other witnesses. The *Object* has been described variously as "a V," "a wedge-shape," "a triangle" and "a boomerang-shape."

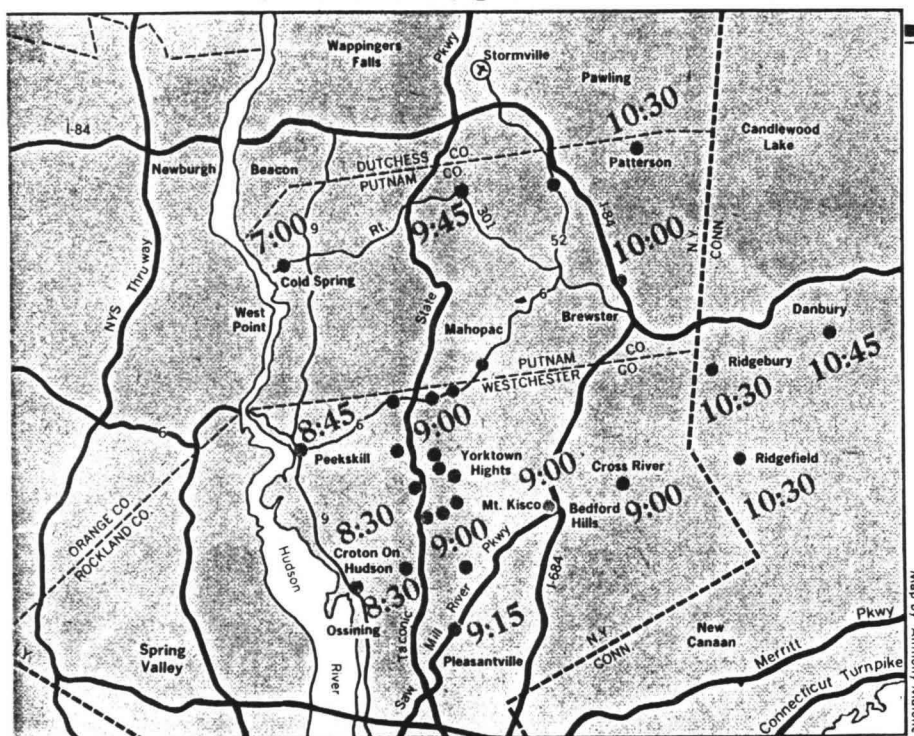
At about 8:45 p.m., Salmonese said he was in his parents' home on Butterfly Lane when he heard a frantic knocking on his door. It was a friend, telling him to come outside and look at the strange lights in the sky.

Salmonese took one look and dashed for his car, where he had left his 35mm camera, loaded with fast-speed, black-and-white film.

Standing in the front yard of his home, Salmonese (who happens to be president of the Mahopac High School photography club), photographed the lights as they moved south toward Mahopac.

He made a print of the best shot—a wavering image of a V of lights. Admit-

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This map, drawn from information collected by UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno, shows the wide range of sightings of V-patterned lights on the evening of March 24. Times are shown in red.

On March 24, hundreds of people witnessed an 'Object' with strange lights hovering over northern Westchester and Putnam. Today, police say mysterious stunt pilots were the sole cause of the sightings. Others, however, suspect more sinister agents.



Monique O'Driscoll describes the Object she saw in February off Ninham Road in the town of Kent: 'It was bigger than my mother's house.'

tedly, it's a lot easier to make this out after Salmonese tells you what it's supposed to be.

At about the same time as Salmonese was taking his picture, Yorktown Patrolman Kevin Soravilla was watching a large, lighted thing move toward him while he drove along Route 118.

"At first, I thought it was a large transport aircraft," Soravilla said afterward. Then, he said, the Object looked like "an equilateral triangle with one side missing—a V."

"It had six or eight bright lights on it, and the thing was huge."

As Soravilla watched from his radio car, "It looked like it stopped, and then it turned and looked like it went perpendicular to the ground."

"Then," Soravilla went on, "it swerved and went in the other direction. I thought maybe it was a dirigible, because it seemed to be floating, but a dirigible couldn't have moved like that."

Less than an hour later, Soravilla was standing in front of the Yorktown police headquarters with two other men when the lights passed directly overhead. This time, however, they made out five separate shapes as the lights passed in front of the moon. Airplanes, perhaps?

Dennis Fleming, a Yorktown resident, saw the lights as he drove north on the Taconic Parkway.

"I noticed four green lights high and to my right," Fleming related later. "They appeared almost stationary. The car in front of me slowed down and stopped, so I realized that he also couldn't figure out what it was."

white. As I watched, it made a very slow 180-degree turn and began heading north. It was large, but I could not make out any shape. I could hear no sound."

Fleming decided to continue home, where he could look at the object through a telescope.

But he soon had to stop to take another look.

"I could see the object over Turkey Mountain," he said. "I stopped the car and watched and listened. It was very quiet. The moon was almost full. Possibly with the help of the valley, I could hear the engine of the Object very clearly. It sounded like a small, single-engine aircraft."

"I continued home and grabbed the kids and telescope and tried to focus on the Object. There were five or six lights visible, some green and at least one red and one yellow-orange. Even with the help of the telescope and the moon, I could not make out any shape."

Route 301 can be a lonely road at night as it winds across Putnam. But Mary Fauteux had company as she drove toward Cold Spring at about 8:50 p.m. on March 24.

"I saw these lights, six or eight lights in a row," she said. "I immediately knew it was something strange. It just hovered there."

Mrs. Fauteux pulled over to the side of the road and stared at the lights, which she thought were about 1,500 feet up and maybe 1,000 feet off on the other side of an open field.

"After 15 seconds or so, all the lights suddenly went out," she said. "It

along a reservoir, McMahon looked out over the water and saw five bright lights, stationary above the water.

"It was triangular-shaped," McMahon later said. "The lights were in a row, and the lights went off and on."

"It was big as a house," he said. "No way this was a plane. It was so close that we discerned a shape to it."

The object, which McMahon said seemed to hover and then to "drift" slowly, gave off "an audible humming sound."

Eventually, he said, the object drifted down until it was backdropped against the trees which lined the opposite side of the Middle Branch Reservoir, a quarter of a mile away.

"I've tried to reason it out," McMahon said. "But no way do planes move like that."

McMahon, like Mrs. O'Driscoll and many other witnesses, said he sensed an "intelligence" behind the lights, that he felt the object was watching him.

REPORTS SUCH as this intrigue Philip Imbrogno of Greenwich, a science teacher at the Windward School in White Plains and a "field investigator" for the Center for UFO Studies, a 9-year-old private research group based in Evanston, Ill.

Imbrogno has been assigned to the Hudson Valley sightings since March 24 and has collected nearly 400 reports from couples and individuals who saw the lights in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Fairfield counties.

Imbrogno, who has investigated hundreds of UFO reports over the past 10

number of witnesses and the kind of detail they are providing."

Then Imbrogno pointed out that this year's sightings weren't the first strange lights that had startled area residents.

In the summer of 1976, four teenage boys in Mahopac saw a circular object in the southern sky, hovering and flashing multicolored lights. After Carmel police were notified, three patrolmen watched the object, which officer Kenneth Stern described as "turning in a clockwise position and going from red to blue to yellow." After a half hour, the light, which Stern said appeared to be several miles away, moved out of sight.

Two weeks later, the lights reappeared. Eleven police officers from Carmel and Yorktown, along with more

Is the Object part of a CIA plot to flush out Soviet spies?

than 50 other people, including the Carmel town supervisor, watched the collection of red, white, green and yellow lights, formed in a T-shape, dart back and forth in the night sky over Mahopac for more than five hours. In October, a Port Chester patrolman reported disc-shaped objects whisking above a friend's auto-repair shop.

(Sightings became so frequent in Putnam the following year, that one

he responded. "I've been here 20 years and I hear this stuff all the time. I didn't even go outside and look," he said. "It's like trains, when you live next to them, you don't even hear them after a while." Besides, Coveyduck noted definitively, the government says UFOs don't exist.

Police in New Haven and West Haven also began getting calls after 10:30 p.m. Robert McBride and his wife saw a circular object with blinking lights and called out to their neighbors on Washington Avenue before calling the cops.

What do the police do when someone complains about a UFO above their house?

"I don't know," said a West Haven policeman. "We write a report. What are you going to do?"

No such report was authored Sunday night but a crowd near an auto accident on Derby Avenue was watching something in the sky, West Haven police reported.

Not far away, in the parking lot of the Jackson Newspapers building, security guards Jose Velazquez and Kenneth Rayon saw an object move toward the roof of the newspaper plant.

"We were doing our rounds and it just sat there in the air," said Rayon. "The thing was too huge to be a plane. And the lights would suddenly go completely out. That's what baffled us."

"We made a joke about it," he said. "We thought maybe they were watching us as if they didn't want to be seen."

Edward Schoonmaker, the assist-

ant manager of Tweed-New Haven Airport, is also a trained meteorologist. He noted that the nearly full moon, the clarity of the atmosphere and the large number of aircraft traveling through the air corridor could all have contributed to UFO reports Sunday night.

"On a night such as that," he said, "more people are out looking at the sky so consequently they're seeing more."

In 1969 the United States Air Force ended Project Blue Book, an investigation of 12,618 sightings of unidentified flying objects since 1947.

The study accounted for all but 701 UFO sightings and suggested that misidentified objects, the weather or similar natural phenomena could explain the remainder, according to an Air Force spokesman.

The study concluded that there was no evidence that UFO's presented a threat to national security or represented an advanced technology unknown to the United States.

"There was (also) no evidence that the sightings were extra-terrestrial vehicles," Air Force spokesman Lt. George Jamison said Monday.

Project Blue Book remains open to the public in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. However, said Jamison, the Air Force no longer keeps records of UFO sightings.

A nationwide Gallup Poll conducted in 1974 found that 15 million Americans, or 11 percent of the population, said they had sighted unidentified flying objects. Among the witnesses was former President

Jimmy Carter, who reported a UFO in 1973 when he was governor of Georgia.

Sightings in Connecticut were recorded shortly after the Air Force began keeping track of UFO's in the late '40s. Robert H. Bletchman, a Manchester attorney and director of the state chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, said he's interviewed 150 witnesses of unexplained UFOs. "And I haven't looked hard," he said.

In 1973, five Milford residents reported UFOs in three separate incidents. In 1975, two policemen responding to calls from several residents sighting a large unidentified object floating over Whitney Avenue. In 1976, two East Haven policemen were sitting in their patrol car on North High Street when they spotted a metal object flying in a zig-zag pattern across the sky. Dogs in the area began growling and barking as the object passed, one of the patrolmen reported. The Air Force said the object was a research balloon.

In 1978, sixteen motorists on I-91 called police to report a bright, fast-moving object in the sky near the Hartford-Windsor line between 11 and 11:20 a.m.

Last July a Hamden resident said she spotted a rendezvous between two UFOs, sporting orange and blue lights, above her home on Mill Rock.

North Haven police in 1980 received several calls relating to a UFO flying above town. It turned out to be an airplane carrying a lighted sign advertising an upcoming jazz festival.

There were no messages from Madison Avenue on the object which Fricker, Tenedin, McBride, Velazquez, Rayon and others saw in the clear summer night sky Sunday.

Its purpose, like its actual substance, if any, were unknown.

That's why Fricker sat with his friend atop the car outside the Yale Bowl — waiting.

"We waited for it to take off before we left," he said, describing the same disappearing series of lights on the object.

"It seemed like they didn't want you to see it."

SOUTHWEST TIMES RECORD, Ft. Smith, AR
Sept. 17, 1983

Briefs

Photographs of an unidentified object in the night sky near Muldrow are genuine, according to Allen Hynek, scientific director for the Center of UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill.

John Shellenberger, 62, of rural Muldrow took the photographs at about 10:30 p.m. June 13. He said he watched the object for 45 minutes.

"I ain't going to call them UFOs, but let's put it this way, there was something bright up in the sky," Shellenberger said. "I often wished something like that would happen," he said. "I figured somebody's got to be a little right (about UFOs) somewhere along the line."

Authorities with Air Force bases in Oklahoma and Arkansas and the Arkansas Air National Guard at Fort Smith said they had no aircraft in the area during the night of June 13. The North American Aerospace Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., also said there was no space debris returning to Earth that night.

The photographs, which show a bright object the shape of a dog biscuit, were sent to Hynek last month for inspection.

"The photos seem to be genuine," Hynek said Friday. "There didn't seem to be any signs of fakery."

Hynek said he was unable to identify the object in the photographs. But, he said, "It's interesting."

GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR - Sept. 30, 1983 CR: W. Leet



Robert Kerr
BYWAYS

Keeping an eye on close encounters

It just really wasn't a good night for her to visit with extraterrestrials.

All she wanted to do was make a quick trip from Longview to nearby Jefferson and go to bed. It was late, and her little girl wasn't feeling well anyway.

They left relatives in Longview and started for home about midnight. The first clue that something was up — literally — came when the radio began changing stations by itself. Then the woman heard a beeping sound she couldn't identify.

The next thing she knew her car had been lifted off the ground and was rising up through the bomb bay doors of a strange craft hovering above the highway.

Inside, three small creatures approached her and called her by name. She was terrified, but her 18-month-old daughter found them funny, sort of like the Pillsbury Doughboy.

When the woman refused to unlock the car doors, the creatures simply popped one off with some sort of unseen force. They examined her, but didn't harm her.

That's the story she told a field investigator with the Mutual UFO Network in 1980. A hypnotist help her recreate the experience.

The network, which refers to itself as MUFON, is a non-profit corporation with some 1100 members dedicated to the study of UFOs — unidentified flying objects. It has more than 60,000 reported sightings logged into a computer in Evanston, Ill.

MUFON won't reveal the identity of the Jefferson woman, a courtesy it extends to many such interviewees who request anonymity. Too often, society still tends to snicker at their stories.

But the director of MUFON says the woman's story fits the pattern of similar reported UFO experiences. He has every reason to believe she had what is called "a close encounter of the fourth kind" — an abduction by aliens.

Walter Andrus Jr. is a retired Motorola executive from Seguin, Texas. He says MUFON is a skeptical organization that is able to explain 80-90 percent of the reports it receives as natural phenomena.

"But it's the other 10 to 20 percent that defy any earthly explanation that we are interested in," he says.

His background is typical of MUFON leaders. One deputy director is an aircraft engineer who's worked on the Space Shuttle and Skylab programs. Another



Staff photo by JERILEE BENNETT

For Walt Andrus, UFOs are a serious subject.

is president of an electronics firm. The treasurer is a bank president. The state director for Texas is an Episcopalian priest. All consultants are Ph.D.s.

And Andrus was in Texarkana recently to recruit more of the same kind of serious UFO students for his organization. He had already made similar visits

to St. Louis, Memphis and Fayetteville the same week.

"We are always seeking new members, people who we can rely on to go out and gather facts on UFO reports for us. Without the facts, we can't do anything," he says.

"We look for people with leadership potential," he says. "Quite often a scientific background helps. College professors are good."

He said the organization wants to establish chapters in every major city, and recruit at least one investigator in every county. The chapter in Dallas-Fort Worth is one of the network's largest, and will host the 1984 MUFON UFO Symposium in June.

MUFON has been holding such symposiums annually for nine years. Professors and doctors and researchers gather to present formal papers with titles like "Analysis of Humanoid Reports," "The Unified Field Theory and the UFO," and "The Case Against E.T."

The bottom line, Andrus says, is that all the evidence overwhelmingly proves UFOs do exist. He says MUFON has obtained reports through the federal Freedom Of Information Act that show every government intelligence agency has been studying UFOs since 1948.

Andrus says the government has kept most of the information it gathers secret, for various reasons. However he predicted that a book written by a MUFON member and titled *Clear Intent* will blow the lid off government secrecy and create "a cosmic Watergate" when published in 1984.

He admits many reported UFOs are actually no more than falling stars, earth satellites, airplanes, weather balloons, clouds, camera lens flare, or outright hoaxes.

And it doesn't help much when supermarket tabloids rewrite serious MUFON reports — as Andrus says they often do — and slap headlines on them like "My Baby's Father Was An Alien!"

But he maintains the number of determined UFO students is growing so fast that the movement must be taken seriously. He suggested local residents interested in the subject contact Bill Leet, MUFON's state director for Arkansas, who lives in Texarkana.

"We don't have the answers. Otherwise, we wouldn't be here," Andrus says. "And we know the answers won't be found tomorrow."

"But we take our UFOs very seriously."

Close Encounters of Worst Kind

UFO's Collision With Windmill

By BRAD BAILEY, Dallas Morning News

AURORA, Tex.—A man named S.E. Hayden once sold the world a yarn that won't go away.

It was a newspaper report.

It was filed 86 years ago as a factual account, and it was accepted as such. Still is, by many.

It's about a prototypical E.T., a pre-Air Age space ace who had a humiliating close encounter of the worst kind.

Despite the tragic elements, it's a funny little tale.

According to Hayden's account, in 1897, at, of all places, Aurora, Tex., a cigar-shaped spaceship smacked into, of all things, a windmill.

But there's a touch of pathos in the twists of fate that led to far-fetched tale: the real-life stories of writer Hayden and the tale of the spaceman emanate from the same shrinking universe—Aurora, Tex., 1897.

Hayden, chronicling the ill-starred trekker for Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers on April 18, 1897, wrote:

"The airship which had been seen previously was sighted over Aurora early on the morning of the fatal crash (April 17) traveling at a much lower altitude and only about 10 to 12 m.p.h.

"In the north part of town, it collided with Judge J. S. Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a tremendous explosion. Parts scattered over acres of ground. The windmill, a watering trough and the judge's flower garden were destroyed."

'A Little Man'

Hayden reported that the men who ventured onto the scene saw the pilot, "a little man" who appeared to be the lone occupant. Hayden went into great detail in his account of the adventures of the otherwise-undocumented alien:

"T.J. Weems, U.S. Signal Service officer at this place and an authority on astronomy, gave it as his opinion that the pilot was a native from the planet Mars. Papers were found on his person—evidently a record of his travels—and are written in some unknown hieroglyphics and cannot be deciphered. The ship was too badly wrecked to form conclusions as to its construction or motive power.

"The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathering specimens of strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place tomorrow."

There are some obvious deficiencies in the story.

For instance, what was a Martian spaceship pilot looking for in Wise County in 1897? Ma Proctor's jelly recipes?

But the story traveled around the world—and it is resurrected every so often. You can find straight-faced recountings of it in most UFO publications.

Adding some credibility is the Texas Historical Commission Marker erected at 1976, commemorating it as "legend," not fact.

Wise County historian Etta Pegues believes that the story began not on Mars but in the mind of Hayden.

Hayden's Heaven

Aurora, once a thriving town in Wise County, for a while was Hayden's heaven.

The wealth revolved around cotton, and Hayden was well-placed; he made his living as a cotton buyer.

The town claimed two lawyers, one undertaker, a brass band, three cotton gins and a couple of hotels.

Hayden, in addition to writing for the big Dallas papers, was something of a luminary with his local columns. He needed notoriety, Pegues believes: Based on reading his other literary efforts, particularly his poetry, she has arrived at the opinion that he was quite an egoist—a man who needed to stand out.

In the 1890s, bad things started happening, and here the stories of Hayden, Aurora and the Man From Outer Space link up.

One problem was that King Cotton had feet of clay: Overplanting depleted the land and erosion carried away the topsoil. Then the boll weevil invaded Wise County in great, decimating armies.

Times were getting hard—even before the sought-after railroad went bankrupt and a fire destroyed the west end of town.

All these events played havoc with the town's economy and with Hayden's livelihood, but Aurora Cemetery still bears witness to the greatest tragedy to plague Hayden and the town.

Hundreds of graves there were filled by an 1890s epidemic of what they called "spotted fever." It may have in fact been meningitis. The residents didn't know the cause; many of them blamed the water supply.

Burial Wagons

The burial wagons came to Hayden's home three times, to carry away the bodies of his wife and two of his sons. Another of Hayden's sons was blinded by the disease; yet another was crippled.

Boll weevil, fire, disease, railroad failure—one by one, Aurora residents were giving in, loading their belongings and heading out.

Pegues said it simplest: "The citizens puffed out their coal oil lamps and departed." At the turn of the century, only one grocery store remained.

As one modern writer put it, "not even a Martian would be caught dead in Aurora in 1897."

But in April of that year, statewide papers began printing eerie dispatches now believed to be the work of practical-joking railroad men with access to the telegraph. From Forney, Mansfield, Whitney, Tioga, Waxahachie, Denison, Beaumont and Garland there came reports of a "mysterious flying object" seen in the sky.

Whirlpool in lake called UFO

35 gather in Safford to share tales of unearthly 'encounters'

By Don Dale
The Arizona Daily Star

SAFFORD — Cosmic communication or simple whirlwind, whatever it was, the spinning swirl of water on tiny Dankworth Lake yesterday lasted for several minutes, creating a whirlpool of whitecaps and shaking the spellbound UFO conventioners.

"That's a real UFO," said one, who advised using infrared photography to capture its image.

"It could come right up out of there," another said of the alleged unidentified flying object.

"I have one (spaceship) that's been assigned to me," said a woman who claimed she has been in communication with a vehicle from Jupiter.

Thirty-five people from all over the country who say they have been contacted by aliens shared their tales yesterday.

The whirlpool capped the first day of the second annual convention organized by UFO Contact Center International.

"The true contactees get to the point where they have to talk to someone, want to get it off their chests," said Dan Edwards. He and his wife, Aileen, both of whom claim contact with aliens, organized the convention for that reason.

The two are directors of UFO Contact Center International, based in Mesa. One of "hundreds" of UFO-related groups worldwide, it specializes in gathering information on alleged personal contacts with alien crafts or beings, Edwards said.

(Scientists who have extensively investigated reports of visits to Earth by extraterrestrial beings and vehicles say no evidence exists that any such visits have ever occurred.)

The convention, which continues today and tomorrow at this state-owned lake on Arizona 666 south of Safford, features speakers such as Tom Courtney of Phoenix and Tim Beckley of New York City. But the crux of the meeting is the average "contactee" with an experience to share.

Take Helene, of the Safford area, for example. She does not want her name made public, because UFO contactees can be harassed as heretics or kooks.

In 1976, when Helene was living in British Columbia, she was dying of pancreatic cancer, she said. But a couple of months before the date doctors predicted she would die, a voice called her out of bed, out of her house and into a clearing several miles away, she claimed. There she saw a brilliant light and a spacecraft, she said.

"From the center of this large craft came a cylinder of light, and in this cylinder these two beings came down," Helene said. "They were small humanoids," wearing "tight-fitting, metallic-looking suits."

They floated her up to the ship, where another being used a number of strange instruments to cure her can-

cer, she said. The reason, they told her, was that they might need her help in the future, she said.

She showed a small, circular scar on her stomach that she said was left by one of the instruments.

Healthy now, Helene has become active in the contact group and claims to be able to translate unearthly symbols that were placed in her mind as a child. They tell how to survive what she said is the coming destruction of the Earth and include map coordinates of "safe areas."

Much of Arizona, incidentally, is a "safe area," she said.

Or take Monique Shahrivar of San Clemente, Calif., who said she has "experienced telepathy" and seen what she believed were alien beings.

Or take Courtney, one of the speakers, an ordinary-seeming builder and house-designer from Phoenix who said his life has changed "utterly" after what he believes was a close encounter with extraterrestrial beings on the Beeline Highway south of Payson.

Or take Beckley, called "Mr. UFO" by the contactees because of his expertise and many books on the subject. Now the editor of UFO Review, Beckley said his interest was piqued at the age of 10 when he sighted two chandelier-like images that he thinks were spacecraft.

"This is something that is happening all over the world," Beckley said. He has information on "up to 2,000 contacts," and the stories "keep repeating themselves over and over again."

Beckley said two probable reasons for these contacts are the aliens' concern that humans may destroy themselves, and the creating of a "spiritual awareness" among the contactees.

"Maybe the god Moses talked to is part of the same thing these people are communicating with," Beckley said.

Edwards said his "research" indicates there are many people who have had contact with aliens but have no knowledge of the experience. They need help bringing their knowledge to a conscious level, he said.

Some of the symptoms of contacts, he said, are pains in the shoulder, back or knee; crying for no reason; surges in so-called ESP ability; buzzing or ringing in the ear; close brushes with death; and an affinity with eagles.

"We've noticed that a lot of the contactees are of Jewish or Indian heritage," Edwards said.

As for those who seem to actually believe they have had contact with extraterrestrials, tears may well up in their eyes as they relate their alleged experiences.

Edwards said his group is needed to give those people an outlet.

"We're contacts helping contacts," Edwards said, inviting people to write to him at P.O. Box 873, Mesa 85201.

The story got such play that, in Dallas, residents had lawn parties to watch for the object.

Hayden, his family members dead or disabled, his business going down the drain, read the papers and watched his local audience pack up and leave.

And then he wrote the story that he may have thought would put Aurora back on the map—about a spaceman, and a windmill and T.J. Weems, "U.S. Signal Service officer, an authority on astronomy" and his opinions of the "little man's" Martian origins, and how everyone was flocking to Aurora to gather strange metals from the wreck.

Many Factual Holes

There are many factual holes in the story. Pegues has been unable to find any survivor of that era who ever saw Judge Proctor's property adorned with a windmill.

T.J. Weems really did exist—but he was only the village blacksmith.

Pegues, in her definitive but appropriately brief 1975 history of the doomed town, wrote:

"After Hayden's yarn got the pilot buried in the hillside cemetery, the people believed his purpose in publicizing the incident was to create an interest in the town he loved and possibly draw the citizens back. But whatever his intentions were, they were defeated—for 1897 at least."

She added "at least" because in 1966 someone stumbled across an ancient clipping of Hayden's account and sent it to a Dallas newspaper columnist known to take an occasional tilt at a windmill, and the tale of the stogie-shaped object was flying once more.

Excitement ran high when bits of "strange metal" were found in Aurora, until an expert examined them and pronounced them to be of an alloy frequently used in the 1920s for stove lids.

Interest peaked again in the middle 1970s, fanned by

diligent media coverage of quotable UFO groups, which descended with more "investigations."

By day, curiosity-seekers rolled into town, and smart entrepreneurs sold them pieces of rusted tin cans and other aged alloys, telling them they were Pieces of the True Spaceship.

Reporters harried the older residents, some of them in rest homes, for "memoirs" concerning the spaceship.

Nightlong Vigils

By night, vandals stole or defaced tombstones until cemetery association members began nightlong vigils to ward off trespassers and to prevent exhumation, fearing more a recurrence of the "spotted fever" than men from Mars.

Then the UFO groups lost interest. Newsmen found other, hotter stories to cover. Things at Aurora Cemetery quieted down again.

Though rumor and tradition keeps the spaceman tale alive in Aurora, nobody these days seems to be able to pinpoint the site of the grave with any precision, so possibility of exhumation is remote.

And there are two ways to look at that.

The first is that there is no spaceman in the cemetery, that it was just a hoax resulting from a writer's desperate bid to save his town at the expense of his own credibility.

On the other hand:

Suppose Hayden wasn't lying.

Suppose that after millennia of technological trial and error some vast intelligence devised a way to bridge the emptiness between the stars—only to whack into a peace justice's windmill and wind up buried incalculable light years from home, and even a good little drive from Fort Worth.

After ignominious bad luck of that magnitude, the poor guy probably deserves to rest in peace.

Hot air talk over UFO flap

THREE hot air balloons flying in convoy are thought to have been responsible for one of the biggest UFO flaps in Britain in recent years.

After a three-year inquiry, Derbyshire area of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society has no explanation for the objects seen by 50 people in 15 different locations round Ashbourne.

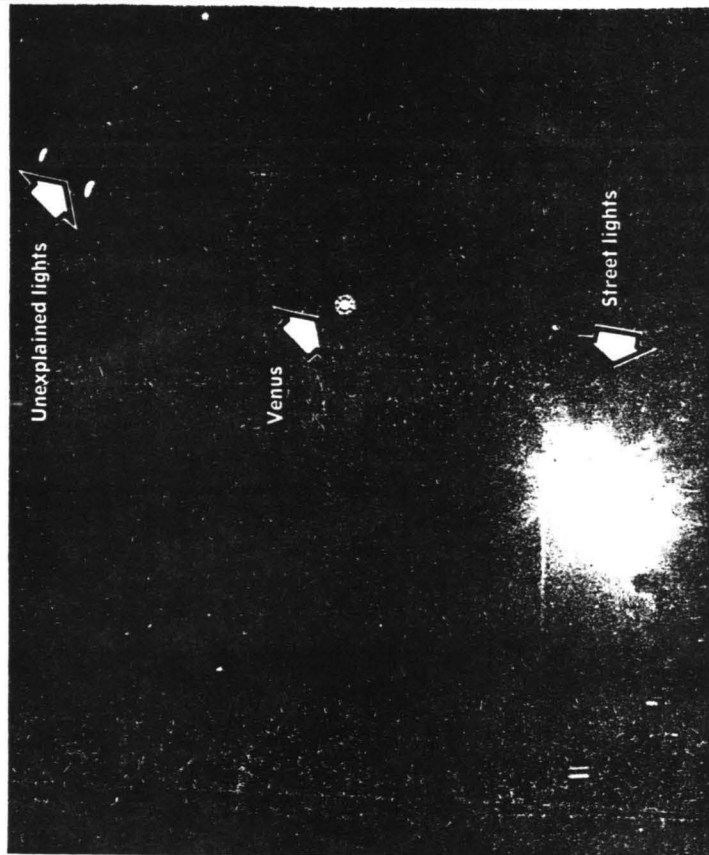
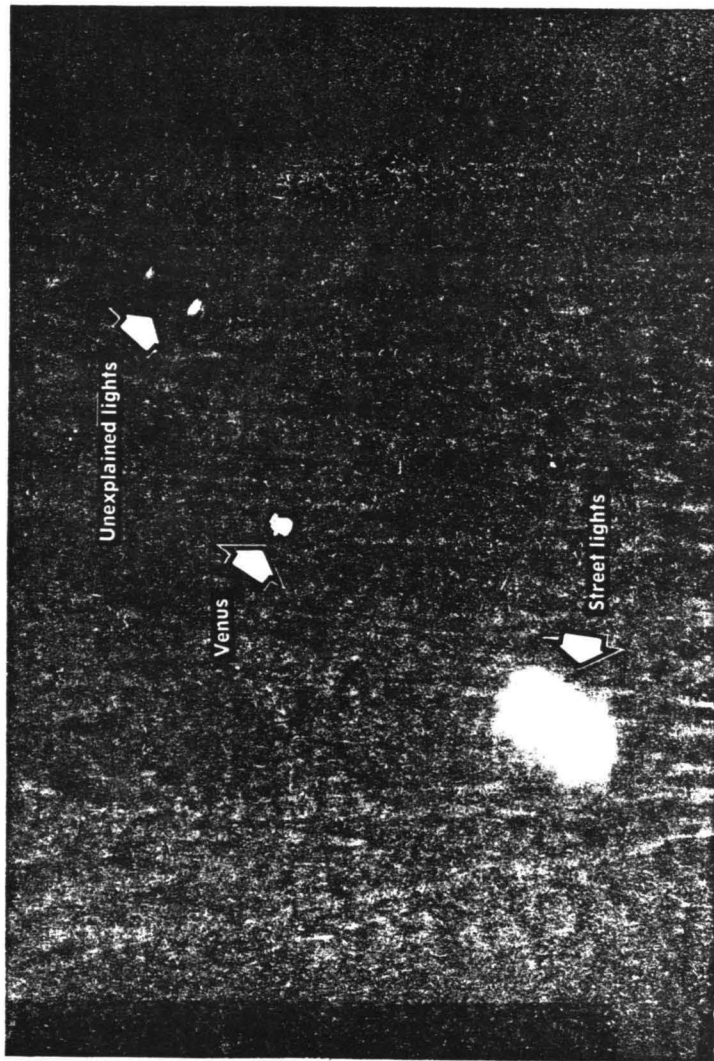
But it adds that the balloons are the most likely reason for the night alert which prompted numerous calls to the police and emergency services.

"We have failed to identify even one of these airships, never mind three, so the sightings must remain a mystery. We have to keep an

open mind," said Mr Peter Ann, the group's Derbyshire co-ordinator, after a 500-page report was released today.

During the alert on August 31, 1980, which lasted much of the night, people reported seeing a string of bright lights over about 15 miles. Others said they heard roaring noises, while animals were distressed.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT?



The darker photograph, left, was taken first with the camera resting on a rock on the sandspit at Matapouri at a shutter speed of about two seconds. The two lights to the lower left are street lights. Above and slightly to the right is what Mr Dave Coppard of the Whangarei Astronomical Society believes is the

planet Venus.

Further above and to the right are the unexplained lights. Camera movement accounts for the squiggly shape of Venus.

In the second photo, right, an exposure of about

five seconds was used and the camera was held more firmly on the rock to eliminate movement. The hill and the cabbage trees which the lights were seen over on Tuesday night are clearly visible. Note the different position of the lights in the two photographs, which were taken about one minute apart.



FOREIGN NEWS

MID-SUSSEX TIMES, Haywards Heath, England - Aug. 12, 1983

Flying Shreddie's second sighting

A SECOND sighting of the 'flying Shreddie' was reported to the Mid Sussex Times this week.

Eight hours after David and Patricia Wise saw the mystery object above Haywards Heath a Pease Pottage couple spotted it on their way home from an evening out.

The two, who do not want to be named, were driving home at about 10.45 pm on July 30, when they saw the glowing white light hovering overhead near the Pease Pottage crossroads.

"We thought it was a helicopter or a plane at first," said the woman. "There was a bright light going on and off. But it didn't seem to be moving at all — then all of a sudden it darted forward at a rate of knots."

The couple are used to seeing aircraft landing lights — but this they say was different.

The couple stopped their car and watched the UFO for a full five minutes until it disappeared. "The light altered and gradually faded until it had gone," explained the woman.

The couple did not report the incident immediately for fear of being thought cranks but when they saw the Mid Sussex Times report on the Wise's sighting they realised that they had not been the only ones to see the 'flying Shreddie'.

Mr and Mrs Wise saw the object at 2.30 pm and reported it to Sussex Police as they thought it was in the flight path of aircraft using Gatwick Airport. They described it as a ten-foot gold coloured square flashing as it darted forward in 100-yard bursts.

A Defence spokesman said that the incident would have been investigated but that results were never revealed to the public.

"In any case we only investigate sightings to see if they are a defence threat — and if not, we lose interest," he explained.

He added that UFOs often turned out to be meteorological balloons, crop-spraying aeroplanes, or even a reflection off clouds or leaves.

UFO evidence from police

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, West Yorkshire, England - Aug. 31, 1983

A POLICEMAN'S photograph of a strange, bright lights near a cliff face in the Yorkshire Dales has been claimed as possibly 'one of the most conclusive sightings ever' of an unidentified flying object.

The picture, published in the Yorkshire Evening Post, shows three points of light apparently near the face, between Grassington and Skipton.

According to the newspaper, members of the Yorkshire UFO Society have investigated and decided that the photographer's experience "could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever."

North Yorkshire police said the picture was "certainly not an official police picture or report." But Police Sergeant Tony Dodd at Grassington, who has written articles about UFOs, said: "A policeman's wife happened to look out of the window and saw this object."

UFO? Do you know?

SCEPTICAL colleague John Hewitt had a sight of a somewhat unusual UFO on Tuesday morning.

"I caught sight of it from Bolling Road, Ilkley at 7.45," he says. "I thought it was a balloon at first travelling at perhaps 500 feet or so more or less following the railway line."

"But if it was a balloon it was an odd one. It was disc-shaped and metallic, turning so that it kept flashing in the sun. At the speed of a light aircraft it kept a straight course and was lost to sight in the bright morning sun."

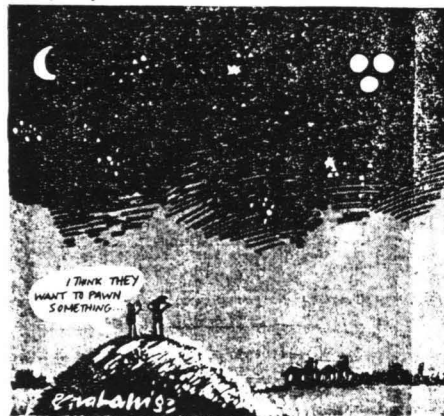
"My first thought was that it was being towed by a plane, but I could hear no noise and no plane was visible."

"So what was it? It looked manufactured and possibly scientific."

Did anybody else see it and can they solve the mystery?

PEOPLE WHO'VE SEEN THE LIGHTS

□ **ANDREW GRIMES** reviews a new book by Jenny Randles, *The Pennine UFO Mystery*



ORANGE balls over Blackpool. Green balls over Buxton. Yellow balls over Uppermill. White balls over Derbyshire. The sky, it seems, is full of flying balls of every hue, huge, menacing and mysterious.

Jenny Randles' book, *The Pennine UFO Mystery* (Granada £1.50) is full of these flying balls and other phenomena.

Miss Randles is a dab hand at chronicling such sights, this being her fourth contribution to the UFO genre.

But her new book marks a change in attitude and objectivity. It opens on, and repeatedly returns to, the sad death of Mr Zigmund Adamski, Yorkshire miner of 56, who, 25 miles from his home, and five days after he had inexplicably disappeared, was found on a pile of coal with a slight burn on his head, neck and shoulders.

DISEASE

Mr Adamski was an ordinary working man with a lung deformity and arterial heart disease, troubled by the NCB's reluctance to grant him early retirement.

He set off to buy potatoes from his home

near Wakefield. He never returned, but was found wearing jacket, shoes, trousers, but no shirt, on a coal heap close to Todmorden railway station. It was established that he had been dead eight hours. The pathologist thought that the burn, which appeared to have been treated with a kind of ointment, was too slight to have killed him. Death was from natural causes; but because of the time lag before he was found dead in a very strange place the inquest jury returned an open verdict.

PURSUIT

Miss Randles proceeds from this mystery to discuss a series of incredible, uncorroborated mishaps that some people claim to have befallen them elsewhere. "The connection may be entirely spurious," she comments, but only several pages after she has planted in the mind the possibility that the luckless Zigmund was dropped on that coal stack from a great height.

When Miss Randles abandons setting up and pursuing pseudo clues, she can be interesting. She is good on the case of Pc

Alan Godfrey who, while in pursuit of straying cattle in Todmorden on a November morning three years ago, believes he drove up to a windowed dome, 20ft across, 14ft high, and hovering five feet above the road. The object disappeared before he could finish sketching it.

Subsequently, he was regressed by two hypnotherapists — assigned to this task by Miss Randles' team — and under hypnosis described being transported inside the dome and examined against his will by a bearded, skullcapped man, assisted by robotic pygmies.

One suspects that Pc Godfrey, a healthy young man suffering from no psychosis, was the victim of a waking hallucination, brought on perhaps by exhaustion, of a sort many have experienced. The clincher, for me is an unpleasant detail he added to his description of the dome's interior. There were not only repugnant midges in there; there was also a horrible black dog. It is impossible to envision an extra-terrestrial civilisation travelling the cosmos with black dogs, but no bad dream would be complete without at least one snarling brute, snapping at one's pinioned ankles.

NORTHERN ADVOCATE, Whangarei, Auckland, New Zealand - July 25, 1983

Further lights sighted

Two more sightings of strange lights in the sky have been reported from the Far North, following the unexplained sightings reported in the Northern Advocate last week.

At Takahue, about 12 kilometres south of Kaitiaki, a woman farmer reported an encounter with a strange green light on Tuesday night. At Ahipara to the west of Kaitiaki, a family has reported several sightings of unexplained lights over the ocean to the west.

Mrs Jo Braddick, of Takahue, said she was feeding her baby about 8p.m. on Tuesday night when her bedroom was lit by a strange light. She looked out the window to see

"an enormous green ball of light descending over the hill".

Mrs Braddick said: "I felt quite excited. It was sort of an adrenalin feeling, but I was not frightened, more thrilled." Mrs Braddick said she watched the light for about one minute before it suddenly disappeared from sight over the hill.

It is the only time she has ever seen such an unexplained light.

The sightings from Ahipara were first made two weeks ago by Mr Colin Moore. Last Sunday Mr Moore and three members of his family saw the light and again on Friday night.

The sighting on Friday night was

the most positive of the three. The family was able to confirm that the light on Friday night was above the horizon as they saw it in relationship to two trawlers working in the area. The light was described as "orange-ish with green and red spikes about its edges."

It stayed stationary for some time about 8.30p.m. before disappearing from sight behind Reef Point to the south-west. As it moved, the light became fainter and the speed it moved at was considered faster than that capable by an aeroplane.

Sightings of a strange light in this general region made by crewmen on the coastal tanker Kuaka were re-

ported in Friday's Northern Advocate.

The published reports and photographs of the sightings made from Matapouri on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week are being forwarded to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of America by a Napier man, Mr Norman Alford. About 70 per cent of ufo sightings could be discounted, as hallucinations or visions of Venus or shooting stars, Mr Alford said.

He had been interested in ufos since 1956, but there had not been many sightings in New Zealand recently.

EDMUND, MILL HILL & KINGSBURY TIMES, England - Aug. 18, 1983

Light in the sky remains a mystery

DID you see what might have been a UFO flying over Kingsbury the other day?

Mrs Jessie Land, 67, of Lavender Avenue, Kingsbury, certainly did. She was in her kitchen at 1.05 pm on August 3 when out of the window, high in the sky, she saw an extremely bright light.

"It was like a star. The reason I looked up was that I thought it was a plane with its lights on during the daytime. I watched it for ten minutes but couldn't see any shape, only a smudge behind it as the light was so bright," she said.

"I watched and it came towards here a little slowly. It wasn't in a hurry and then it went back a bit and then it went up and up. I had to lean forward to see it," said Mrs Land. She was facing the north-east at the time.

She added the light appeared to be twinkling as if it was twisting, and that a normal passenger airliner passed beneath it, heading east, as she watched until the light disappeared from sight.

Mrs Land, who says she has never seen anything like it before, telephoned Kingsbury police and was told they would telephone her back. They never did.

She is certain it wasn't a

helicopter as she couldn't see any fuselage or rotor blades. Nor could she hear any sound through her kitchen windows.

"It was moving very, very slowly. It wasn't like the helicopters that go around Wembley Stadium. It didn't seem in a hurry to go anywhere."

"I've heard about UFOs like cigars and saucers but it was not like that at all," she said.

The sighting has been reported to RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, who refused to comment on it, and is being looked into by the British UFO Society.

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancashire, England - Aug. 15, 1983

Midnight sighting sparks Oldham UFO mystery

A SHAW family claim to have spotted a UFO circling over Oldham late on Friday night.

The mysterious "ball of light", which was twice the size of an aeroplane and moved at up to 500 mph, was sighted by the Hague family, of Rivington Drive.

Mark Hague (18) said he first saw the unidentified flying object shortly before midnight as he was going home with a friend.

"It was travelling at a very fast speed. At first I thought it was a meteor, but then I noticed a red light flashing intermittently," said Mark.

Mark's father, Norman, also saw the object, as did his sister, Vicky (14).

"I don't know what it was, but it certainly wasn't a jet plane — it was too fast for that," he said.

Mr. Hague, a joiner, added that the UFO made no noise and moved across the skyline in less than five minutes.

"It was impossible to make out its features because, apart from the red light, it was simply a globe of light," he said.

Mr. Hague added that it disappeared towards the Sholver area, but returned briefly about an hour later.

He added that, as well as his family, other people in the area witnessed the sighting.

Oldham Police said today that there were no reports logged of any incident on Friday evening, but it was the best night of the year for watching shooting stars.



Norman Hague and his son, Mark.

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancashire, England - Aug. 24, 1983

An old UFO

MANY years ago workers were coming out of the the Larch Mill in Bleasdale Street, Royton at 5.30 p.m. — we worked till that time then.

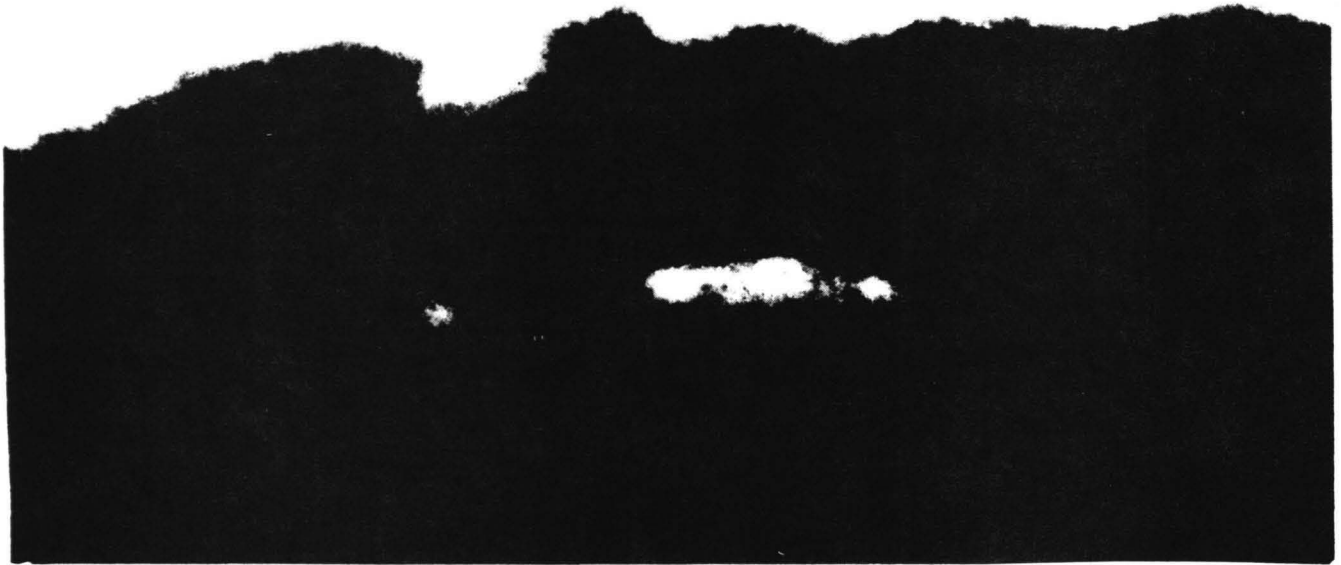
It was a bright sunny day, so there was no excuse of car-light reflections, city lights and so on. Suddenly there appeared over the Larch Mill, about 100ft. up, a silvery disc 18in diameter and travelling towards Shaw. It looked like two plates joined at the edges. It banked over to the left to pass the Park Mill, then over to the right travelling over the golf course towards Shaw. It was plainly visible travelling at 30mph, and fitted the description of the disc which entered a Flying Fortress on a sightseeing tour. The crew reported that it travelled along the fuselage and back

again as if it was a television camera taking pictures.

Three days later, in the Chronicle, there was a report of a flying saucer being seen over Shaw. This disc was seen by three people near me, and although I did 5½ years Army service I never say anything like that on my travels.

I SAW, SIR.

UFO over Yorks



A photograph taken by two North Yorkshire policemen of a stationary object in the air near Grassington is being hailed as the most conclusive evidence of a UFO taken in Britain.

The photograph, produced exclusively by the Yorkshire Evening Post today, shows three balls of bright light seen hovering on the side of a sheer cliff face at Cracoe Fell, between Grassington and Skipton.

Graham Birdsall and his brother Mark, of the Yorkshire UFO Society, have investigated the scene of the sighting and come to the conclusion that the policemen's experience could be one of the most conclusive sightings ever.

The Birdsall brothers, from Leeds, have been in contact with top American UFO photograph analysts, Ground Saucer Watch, to have the picture checked.

It was broad daylight at noon on March 16 this year when the two officers saw the object, and they watched it hovering for about 50

YEP EXCLUSIVE

By CHRIS CHILD

minutes. Two American tourists also witnessed the object.

Mark Birdsall said that the photograph, the copyright of the Yorkshire UFO Society, had already been analysed by the top British photo experts and they had been "astonished" by it.

"There was no explanation for it, and there has been no tampering," he said.

"This is the most dramatic photo we have ever had. It is the best photographic evidence in this country ever of a UFO."

During the time that the object appeared there was a very large NATO exercise going on, but police inquiries revealed that they were as oblivious to the nature of the lights as were the local authorities.

"They said it would be an impossibility to put markers on the face in any event," said Mark Birdsall.

"The object was seen at the bottom of the fell seven days earlier by the same officers."

Mr. Birdsall said that the main glowing object was about 60 feet in diameter, and was a brilliant light.

They feel that the light to the left has some connection with the main object, although they cannot explain it.

An investigation of the site showed that the rock face has a dull surface, and there is no evidence of running water which may have reflected the sun.

"There is no way of climbing the rock face unless you are experienced climbers," said Mr. Birdsall.

The lights were also tinged with a red glow, and were hovering about 30-40 feet below the top of the cliff.

It was because of the brilliance of the light that the officers decided to take the photograph, using a 35mm. camera.

"Some callers have told me the UFOs were as 'big as a house'."

"Both craft were well lit from within, callers said."

"Their lights varied in colors from green to red, yellow blue and orange."

"One woman, who stopped her car at Bateau Bay after seeing the UFO, said her car radio was blocked out with static."

"Some callers have said the UFOs were noiseless, others said they had a low roar like that of a steam engine."

TELEGRAPH, Brisbane, Qld., Australia - Aug. 3, 1983

UFO fever hits NSW

SYDNEY: There were more sightings of UFOs over the NSW central coast last night.

Scores of residents have reported sighting two types of UFO over the past 10 days and last night Gosford police received calls from people reporting "flashing lights" in the sky.

RAAF authorities at Williamtown are investigating the reports.

They said some sightings had been aircraft, but others remained unexplained.

"We received three calls last night," said a Gosford policeman.

"They were from residents at Saratoga, Tug-

gerah Lakes and Wamberal between 8 and 9pm.

"Callers said they saw flashing colored lights."

Mr Ross Bryant, a newsreader at radio station 2GO, said the station had been inundated with UFO reports since last week.

"There have been two types of UFOs reported," he said.

"One was described as a 'frisbie type' with lights all around the outside."

"The other was 'delta-winged' with two lights at the front and the two at the rear."

UFOs are spotted in Ulster

SUNDAY NEWS,
Belfast, Ireland
Sept. 4, 1983

FLYING saucers are cruising about Ulster skies carrying bug-eyed monsters — if a Portuguese newspaper is to be believed.

The paper has claimed that saucer-shaped unidentified flying objects — known as Ovnis in Portuguese — have been spotted regularly along the Irish east coast from Dublin to Fair Head.

The newspaper, Jornal Do Incrivel, reports that the mystery objects come from that area to Cardigan Bay in Wales and move to the west and north.

Creature

And it quotes a number of people as having seen the Ovnis, including eye-witness Stephen Taylor, who has described a "space creature" which appeared when one of the objects landed.

The Lisbon newspaper includes a drawing in the report, based on Stephen Taylor's description.

It shows a tall creature which has a body like a man and a head like a cat. It is dressed in a Flash Gordon-style space suit and has long arms, with boney hands and long fingernails.

The paper claims most of the flying saucers operate from secret bases in a remote part of Wales. And it quotes another eye-witness, John Petts (62), as having spotted one near Carmarthen.

Saucer

It names other witnesses to the flying saucer visits as Pauline and Billy Coombs.

Earlier this year, there were claims that flying saucers had been seen over Lough Neagh, and a couple who live on the Armagh-Monaghan border said a flying saucer had landed near their home.

But experts, including Armagh Planetarium director Terence Murtagh, concluded that the strange sights in the sky had been Army surveillance devices which are on the secret list.

The Portuguese newspaper makes no mention of Army activity here, although it notes that there is a missile test range in Wales where rockets are fired up the Irish Sea.

- Colonel's top secret report tells the facts
- Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour
- Animals flee from strange glowing object

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

A UFO has landed in Britain—and that staggering fact has been officially confirmed.

Despite a massive cover-up, News of the World investigators have proof that the mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

It happened in a pine forest called Tangham Wood just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

An American airman who was there told us there were three beings in silver space suits aboard the craft.

Farm cattle and forest animals ran berserk as the spacecraft, a sloping silver dish about 20ft across its base, silently glided to land in a blinding explosion of lights.

About 200 military and civilian personnel, British and American, witnessed the astonishing event. The airman said the visitors appeared to be expected.

Two nights later a series of fast-moving objects beaming powerful lights earthward were spotted

NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES

By KEITH BEABEY

over the base by a number of airmen.

It sounds like aliens coming to earth in the film Close Encounters, but the PROOF that an Unidentified Flying Object landed in Britain is irrefutable.

The key witness is Lt. Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed alongside the RAF at Woodbridge.

With the help of UFO experts in Britain and the US we have obtained a copy of his official report on the incident, part of which is reproduced on the right.

On official USAF note-paper and headed "Unexplained Lights," Colonel Halt wrote:

Early in the morning two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge.

PULSING

Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate.

The on-duty flight chief allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot.

The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres across the base and approximately

two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.

The object was sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate. The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground.

The following night, the colonel reported, the area was checked for radiation and readings were found in the depressions and on a tree.

His report goes on:

Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and disappeared.

Immediately thereafter three star-like objects were noted in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degrees off the horizon.

The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed green and blue lights. The objects to the north

appeared elliptical through an 8-12 power lens.

They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of lights from time to time.

Numerous people, including himself, witnessed these events, Colonel Halt concluded.

Last week he declined to say anything further when we called on him at the base.

"This is a very delicate situation," he said.

"I have been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it."

But before filing his report Colonel Halt sought advice from the RAF base commander, Squadron Leader Donald Morland, who told me:

"The Colonel sat in my office and was a very worried man."

TRUTH

"The first I knew of these events was when he came to me and related what he had seen. I know Col. Halt well and respect him and I fully believe he was telling me the truth."

"Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air which no known aircraft is capable of doing. I put the events the Colonel related to me down to inexplicable phenomena."

The Colonel's report confirms the strange events in the forest that night, but lacks the eyewitness detail given to us by Art Wallace, a USAF Security Policeman, now back in America as a civilian.

He was sent to the site in a convoy of military vehicles from nearby

...toward the depressions.

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Charles I. Halt
CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

EVIDENCE

DETAIL from Lt. Col. Charles Halt's confidential report about the sighting of "unexplained lights" and a strange glowing object that lit up the forest



NO HOAX: Brig. Gen. Williams

NO HOAX SAYS THE AIR CHIEF

THERE has been no hoax, says the man who was in charge of the USAF base at Woodbridge when the UFO came down.

The Wing Commander, now Brigadier-General Gordon Williams, said back home in America: "I recall Lt Colonel Halt's report."

"I don't know exactly what happened. It is all there. He is not a man who would hoax the British Ministry of Defence or the American Air Force Department." Despite official silence, News of the World reporters discovered that the UFO was tracked on radar by RAF Wotton, 50 miles from where it landed.

Radar technicians reported: "Tracking unidentified object."

They followed its progress across the east coast until it disappeared off the screen.

U S A F intelligence officers later checked the tapes of all radar installations in the area.

Bentwaters that night and describes what he saw:

"We looked up in the sky and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees."

There was no noise, no sound at all. We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of colours, all kinds of colours.

We were momentarily blinded and when the colours died down there was a machine."

Art said there were beings in the craft, but he could not see them as he was on the wrong side.

SILVER

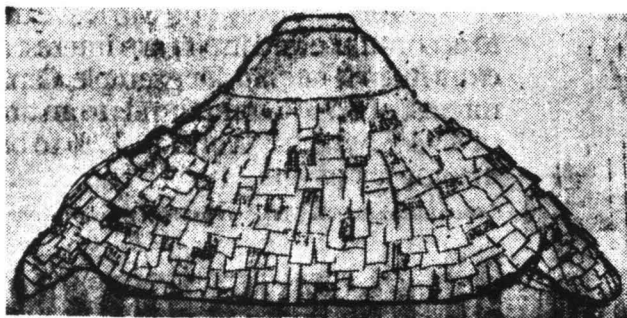
"But others did. They said there were three, wearing silver suits."

Art Wallace—we have changed his name for security reasons—tells his story on Page 3 today.

One theory is that the craft was a military space vehicle returning to earth from a top secret mission, but that would hardly explain why Colonel Halt knew nothing of it.

Last word goes to gamekeeper Roger Boast, who lives in his cottage near the airbase:

"Something happened that night. The cattle in a nearby field ran amok. And deer and rabbits ran from the woods. "It is all very strange."



VEHICLE LOOKING like a giant tortoise, this is airman Art Wallace's drawing of what he saw when the pulsating craft came to earth in the Suffolk countryside

UFO lands in Suffolk—the airman's story

THE FOREST EXPLODED

WITH BLINDING LIGHT

THE FIRST terrified thought to penetrate U.S. airman Art Wallace's brain as he saw Britain's first authenticated UFO landing was that he was seeing something from Star Wars.

To Art, the mystery machine that landed silently in a forest in an explosion of red light looked like "the spaceship from the movie."

He told me: "It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves and things."

"It was about 20ft across the bottom with sloping sides up to the top 12ft to 15ft high... certainly big enough to handle people."

Art's rendezvous with the unbelievable came in the early hours of December 27, 1980, after he was ordered into a jeep at RAF Bentwaters, Suffolk, where he was a security guard.

The jeep drove in convoy towards nearby RAF Woodbridge, then pulled up on the edge of lonely Tangham Wood. Said Art:

"We were all told to hand in our weapons. I had an M16 rifle. Then we took lights into the woods."

Amazing things seemed to happen even then. I noticed animals running in panic from the forest.

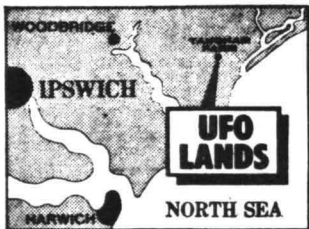
Fuel gauges on the vehicles registered empty when we knew they were full.

As we approached a clearing we could see some very bright lights.

We were a bit shook up to come across a U.S. medic treating one of our security police who appeared to have broken down and was crying.

The clearing was full of RAF and USAF security people—about 200 of them. Several movie cameras had been set up and choppers were flying above.

Then we saw an object. It appeared to be resting



MAP showing where it happened

From BOB SMITH
in New York

on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent.

We were in awe, never having seen anything remotely like this. Nearby, there was an airman carrying a radio. Suddenly, we heard a chopper pilot telling him: "Here it comes."

We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees. In the distance, it looked about 100ft high

and appeared to be coming in to land.

It came down right over the transparent aspirin on the ground. There was no sound at all.

We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of all kinds of colours.

We were blinded. When the colours died down, we looked again, and there was a machine there.

A captain motioned us to approach the ship. We walked up close enough to touch it. It was giving off a metallic bluish light.

There were three groups of about four security men



LANDING SITE: UFO hunters Brenda (left) and Dorothy at Tangham Wood, where the craft landed

each crouching the thing. I could see our shadows on the craft. As we walked, they moved.

But when we stopped, the shadows seemed to take another pace. It was weird. Suddenly, a green light came on at the top of the spaceship.

It moved down the sides of the craft until it reached our heads then bounced from one to the other along the side. Just like the ball bounces in a video game.

SHADOWS

Then I realised the spaceship was inhabited. There were beings aboard.

I didn't see them because I was on the wrong side of the craft. But others did. They said there were three, and they were wearing silver suits. I had a strange feeling and seemed to black out.

The next thing I knew, it was about 5 a.m. and I was waking up, lying half across my bunk. I still had my uniform on and was up to my knees in mud.

To this day, I don't know how I got back to the barracks, or what happened after I saw the green light bounce off our shadows.

My roommate said I'd been brought into the room by some people—he didn't know who—and just dumped on the bed.

Later that day, myself

and several of the guys who had been at the field were given the once-over with a geiger counter but we were never told why or what the results were.

We were all called to the base security office at Bentwaters and told what we'd seen had been classified top secret.

Several civilians were doing all the talking. We took them for CIA.

They said if we ever told the story, no one would believe us. One guy added that if we did talk, then bullets were cheap.

I thought, "This guy is actually threatening our lives. He obviously meant it."

Looking back, the one thing that bothers me is

that the officers and civilians present seemed to know all about it—they weren't all that surprised.

Art Wallace—that isn't his real name—was honourably discharged from the USAF in June, 1981. He is now aged 22.

If named, he could be jailed for saying what he saw.

Attempts to penetrate the mystery have been made by two Suffolk UFO spotters, Mrs. Brenda Cutler, 38, of Leiston, and Mrs. Dorothy Street, of Oulton Broad.

Said Brenda: "We met a wall of secrecy."

But they linked up with American UFO expert Larry Fawcett, who ques-

tioned Art Wallace and obtained a copy of the report on the incident by Lieutenant Colonel Hail, USAF deputy commander at RAF Woodbridge.

The colonel later saw us in his office," said Brenda. "He was upset because the report had leaked out, but then became helpful."

"He even pointed out on our map the place he said the craft had landed."

At the Defence Ministry in London, a spokesman would only say: "We are aware of the report, but this is a matter for the USAF, not us."

But a USAF spokesman at Mildenhall, Suffolk, said: "All reports of this incident are now with your Defence Ministry."

I saw UFO land

—American officer

A SENIOR American Air Force officer reported sighting a UFO landing in Suffolk during Christmas 1980, the Ministry of Defence confirmed last night.

Lieut-Colonel Charles J. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Wing at RAF Woodbridge, told of seeing a "red, sun-like light" near the air base in the early hours of December 27.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said: "There was a 'sighting' by an officer in the USAF. He was off-duty and off the base. He made a report and submitted it via the RAF commander at

Woodbridge, to the Ministry of Defence."

Sir John Nott, who became Minister of Defence within a fortnight of the reported sighting, said last night: "I know nothing about it. Certainly I never saw any report about a UFO landing. I don't believe in UFO's, anyway."

Another former Minister of Defence, Sir Ian Gilmour, said: "I should think this is absolute rubbish."

Yes, it is true

UFO expert Larry Fawcett (right), a police lieutenant in Connecticut,

says: "I am sure an alien flying craft did land in that forest."

"Despite intensive questioning, Airman Wallace has never been caught out in a lie."

"We also have corroborations of his account. It is

doubtful if any person, never mind several, could make up such a story."

Lieut. Fawcett, 44, a chief of the American organisation Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, added: "Both the British and American military know an awful lot more about this than they have ever told."



THE OBSERVER, London, England - Sept. 25, 1983 CR: L. Beer

Silver suits, flying saucers and ET

HUGO DAVENPORT explains why the UFOria about mystery objects in the sky is waning

NOT a single silver-suited alien dropped in to join the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association in London yesterday as it celebrated 21 years of sky watching.

And it an extra-terrestrial had turned up and parked his spaceship outside Kensington Central Library, the UFOlogists would, on the whole, have been more surprised than the crowds of Saturday shoppers.

According to research by Shirley McIver, a postgraduate sociology student at York University, only 44 per cent of the research association's members believe that "physical extra-terrestrials travelling in vehicles" are the most probable UFO cause.

Although no full public survey has been conducted in Britain, she points to a US poll which indicated that about half the population believe in flying saucers.

Her survey, carried out two years ago, still places extra-terrestrials at the top of the possible explanations league, while 19 per cent of her respondents favoured 'unknown natural causes'; 12 per cent 'psychic events'; and 8 per cent hadn't

the faintest idea.

The decline in the standing of aliens seems also to have coincided with rapid shrinkage in the association's membership, down from 550 two years ago to about 350. The association says numbers rise and fall in concert with 'flaps'—waves of UFO activity—and British skies have been fairly empty during the past year. There are, however, more mundane reasons.

Mr Lionel Beer, a founder member and organiser of yesterday's conference, blames the earthly recession. "When we had our inaugural meeting in 1962, people were spilling out of the doors... you might say the UFOria has somewhat waned."

"We did a survey to find out why we had lost so many members, and a lot of people said they had been made redundant and could no longer afford the subscription."

The present eclipse seems light years from the first flush of cosmic rapture which brought together eight small independent bodies to form BUFORA.

In the 1970s, it drew up a list of 147 different phenomena which had been misidentified as UFOs. The current

estimate of reports worth following up is between two and 10 per cent.

Jenny Randles, Liverpool investigator, found what could be number 148 after she received a promising UFO report. On closer inspection, the 'UFO' turned out to be a luminous stuffed owl abandoned in a bush.

Alternative explanations have proliferated. The arcane science of 'socioUFOlogy', for example, has attracted a growing number of adherents, including Miss Randles. She distinguishes firmly between what she calls UAPs—unidentified atmospheric effects—and 'close encounters', in which people claim to have met aliens.

"The more closely you look at these experiences," she says, "the more closely they become aligned with dreams, visions and hallucinations. It's not as simple as that because they have a sort of quasi-reality—they are on the threshold between dreams and reality."

Another school is the ball lightning theory. Its main, indeed only, proponent is Stuart Campbell, an Edinburgh architect.

He said: "Ball lightning isn't properly understood, so I'm accused of

substituting one unknown for another. It's very unfair. Ball lightning is a natural atmospheric phenomenon, thought to be electro-magnetic, consisting of an ionised plasma."

"UFOs don't exist—they are all ball lightning. Aliens don't exist either—they are only tricks of the light, or wishful thinking, or hallucination."

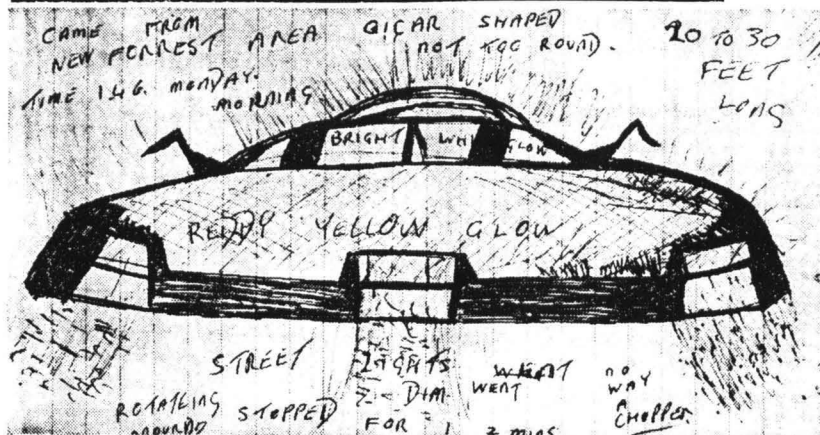
An interesting theory has been proposed by Paul Devereux, a writer in Wales, who claims a 'remarkable correlation' between UFO activity and geological faultlines.

He says some so-called UFOs may be produced by rocks rubbing together under pressure which can emit light and has succeeded in producing coloured lights from a small granite core in a rock-crusher.

Traditionalists have not been totally routed. Founder member Graham Knewstubb, now in his mid-seventies, states confidently: "The most likely hypothesis is that technological civilisations have risen elsewhere in the universe and that contact has been going on for a long time, probably on a very small scale because of the vast distances involved."

Still more revelations in the story that gripped the nation

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK
And that's OFFICIAL
HOW we told you of the UFO



GRAHAM'S UFO sketch from memory—he says the originals were seized

Sketches that were hidden away

PEOPLE from all over Britain have reported UFO sightings since the News of the World's exclusive story last week.

Engineer Mr Leslie Frost, 48, claims to have seen monster spaceships in 1980 near his home at Hopton, Norfolk.

He says: "What I saw on August 20, 1980, could not have been built by human beings."

"We don't have the technology to put into the air a vast structure 600ft long by 120ft tall—which my engineering training tells me must weigh 35,000 tons, compared with the 2,000 tons of the Space shuttle."

"Yet I saw two of these, plus a triangular smaller machine along the lines of the illustration in last Sunday's News of the World. I watched these machines for half an hour with my

wife from our garden." CB enthusiast Graham Herring says his radio log has been seized by Government men—because he sketched a UFO in it.

Promised

Graham, 34, made two drawings of a cigar shaped object which hovered near his home in Hinkler Road, Southampton, three months ago.

His account of the mystery aircraft appeared in his local newspaper.

"Shortly afterwards two men came to my home and said they were from the Ministry," said Graham.

"They were very interested in my sketches of the UFO and asked if they could borrow them to show some experts. They promised they would return them—but they never did."

Graham made new sketches from memory.

Mr and Mrs Roy Webb and their daughter Hayley, 15, had an uncanny experience near where the UFO landed in Suffolk—and on the same night.

Said Mrs Webb: "We were driving home to Murtleham, near Woodbridge at 2.30 a.m. when Hayley said, 'Look at that star—it's following us.' "We could see a bright

white light keeping level with us as I drove along at 30 mph."

"When we stopped, the light stopped, hovering above us without a sound. Then in the blink of an eye it went up and away very fast."

Hovered

That same night, near the same spot on the same road, a white light terrified Robert Newstead.

"It followed me all the way home to my cottage near Beccles," said Robert.

"It hovered about 6ft in the air and a few feet behind me, not making a sound. I was scared."

THE SINISTER PLOT TO HUSH UP THE TRUTH

A FORMER senior Ministry of Defence official has backed the News of the World's demand to end the huge cover-up on the UFO that landed in Britain.

"I must speak out," he said. "The Ministry of Defence know far more than they are prepared to say. But now they have an obligation to tell the nation what occurred that night in a British wood."

The official spoke as two other astonishing facts came to light following our dramatic revelation last week of the UFO landing in Tangham Wood, near RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk. These were:

● **SECRET SERVICE** agents "invented" a plane crash as part of an elaborate plot to hush up the UFO incident at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980

● **AN AMERICAN** airman is convinced he was brainwashed by interrogators to blot out all memory of the alien craft.

BAFFLED

The Defence Ministry official was an Assistant Under-Secretary of State—a post that allows access to top secret papers.

He is still bound by the Official Secrets Act, so cannot be named.

He said: "It is in the public interest to push this hard. What worries me is not what the Ministry may be concealing."

"It's the alarming possibility that they may be trying to brush under the carpet something stupendous which has got them as baffled as the rest of us."

The ex-official claimed that reports of "little green men" leaving the UFO at Tangham Wood would not be disputed by the Ministry.

HOPE

He said: "It will probably pay official circles to let you go on down this line. On past form, public interest will peter out in a week or two."

"The Ministry and others can then settle back on their haunches and hope it doesn't happen again."

What the man from the Ministry really thinks happened is amazing.

He reckons top-secret space experiments could have been carried out

By IAIN MACASKILL and KEITH BEABEY

over England—and something may have gone drastically wrong.

"Those of us who have been following the UFO phenomenon in recent years were aware of this incident."

"Enquiries produced the usual blank at the time but there was sufficient unease in the response on the American side to suggest that something very significant had happened."

"Congratulations to the News of the World on bringing the matter to public notice. Now ques-

tions need to be pressed vigorously in the House of Commons—and they should be answered."

Farmers and foresters living in the remote countryside **KNEW** something mysterious had happened that December night.

Within days United States airmen, who share the Woodbridge base, took action.

RUMOURS

They deliberately spread rumours that a plane had crashed.

At the same time they visited radar stations which litter the strategic East Anglian region. And discovered that some stations had recorded the

UFO on tape. The Americans confiscated those tapes. And Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of Defence Staff, said there IS an official cover up policy on UFO sightings.

He revealed in an exclusive interview that every year there are 10 to 15 visual or radar "telling sightings" over Britain.

All are reported to the Ministry of Defence's special UFO unit.

"But after the reports arrive there you never find out what happened," said Lord Hill-Norton.

"It's my contention that there is a deliberate cover up by governments in the United States and here."



HILL-NORTON: Unexplained

MAN WHO NEVER WAS

THE man whose eyewitness account of the UFO landing first broke the official secrecy barrier, has told of how he was involved in the giant cover-up that followed.

And when he later tried to rejoin the U.S. Air Force, there was no record of his existence.

Airman First Class Art Wallace — an assumed name — told us how he saw the strange triangular-shaped craft come in to land. He said he was under strict orders not to talk about it.

"It seems far-fetched in the cold light of day," he said, "but I have a feeling I was drugged in some way. After the forest inci-

dent I woke up in the barracks without knowing how I got there."

Wallace said he remembers thinking a few days later that he was in an underground cavern, being shown films of American astronauts on the moon.

Records

In the background were strange spacecraft.

But, he says, it was all part of the bizarre brain washing efforts of U.S. intelligence agents.

The lengths the American secret service appear to have gone to cover up the landing of the space ship are extraordinary.

Art Wallace said that,

after leaving the air force, he was unable to find a job and tried to re-enlist.

But he was told that he could not—since there was no record of him ever having been in the USAF.

A colleague, John Burroughs, who also witnessed the landing of the brightly lit craft, had never existed either, according to air force records.

Yet Burroughs did speak to Lieutenant Larry Fawcett, 44, deputy police chief of Coventry, Connecticut—who is also Deputy Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy — and confirmed the evidence given by Art Wallace.

Even Lt Colonel Charles Halt, the Deputy Comman-

der of the base who saw the incident and prepared an official report on it, was given strict orders to stay mum.

Col Halt told us: "This is a very delicate situation and I've been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it."

Delicate

"People who know about what happened are scattered to the four corners of America and beyond and are bound by the same regulations as I am."

"It has been made clear to me that there is no loophole."

Light in the sky remains a mystery

DID you see what might have been a UFO flying over Kingsbury the other day?

Mrs Jessie Land, 67, of Lavender Avenue, Kingsbury, certainly did. She was in her kitchen at 1.05 pm on August 3 when out of the window, high in the sky, she saw an extremely bright light.

"It was like a star. The reason I looked up was that I thought it was a plane with its lights on during the daytime. I watched it for ten minutes but couldn't see any shape, only a smudge behind it as the light was so bright," she said.

"I watched and it came towards here a little slowly. It wasn't in a hurry and then it went back a bit and then it went up and up. I had to lean forward to see it," said Mrs Land. She was facing the north-east at the time.

She added the light appeared to be twinkling as if it was twisting, and that a normal passenger airliner passed beneath it, heading east, as she watched until the light disappeared from sight.

Mrs Land, who says she has never seen anything like it before, telephoned Kingsbury police and was told they would telephone her back. They never did.

She is certain it wasn't a helicopter as she couldn't see any fuselage or rotor blades. Nor could she hear any sound through her kitchen windows.

"It was moving very, very slowly. It wasn't like the helicopters that go around Wembley Stadium. It didn't seem in a hurry to go anywhere.

"I've heard about UFOs like cigars and saucers but it was not like that at all," she said.

The sighting has been reported to RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, who refused to comment on it, and is being looked into by the British UFO Society.

TIMES, Oxford, England
July 22, 1983

UFO rings considered a hoax

A set of five strange rings in a field near Wantage has started a UFO mystery. They have appeared in a field of wheat just below The Ridgeway, off the Newbury Road, and can be seen clearly as dark circles in the green corn.

The main theory is that they are the work of a hoaxer trying to copy the rings which appeared last week in Warminster, Wiltshire — the centre of many UFO stories and mysteries.

There is a large circle about 50 feet across and four smaller ones about 12 feet across on land near the Old Berks Hunt point-to-point course.

The field is owned by Wantage farmer Mr David Castle, who was not available, but a neighbouring farmer said: "I reckon it is a big hoax. I hope the idea doesn't spread or we shall all be having crops knocked down for people's amusement."

If something had landed, it isn't likely that all the corn would have been laid down in a near-perfect circle.

Already the circles have attracted visitors who appear to have trodden down other tracks from the edge of the field to get a closer look.

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England - Oct. 3, 1983 CR: L. Beer

UFOs? They're our boys really!

By JOHN RYDON

MYSTERY over a UFO "sighting" deepened last night when a peer made an astonishing claim that the Americans and British are using flying saucers.

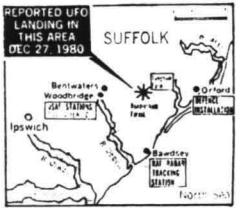
Lord Clancarty said he was convinced by sighting claims a UFO landed near the U.S. Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk three years ago.

"I know for sure that such man-powered machines are being used by both the Americans and the British," he said.

Lord Clancarty, 72, who heads the worldwide UFO investigation group Contact, said: "Both sides have been working like mad on this secret project."

"Apparently they have succeeded in locating some form of electro-magnetic energy in outer space which power these things."

Speaking from an hotel in Switzerland, Lord Clancarty then described a conversation



he had had with Sir Peter (now Lord) Hill-Norton, who was then chief of Defence Staff.

"I said, 'Peter, you know there's been a cover-up about these things?' He replied: 'I didn't then but I know now.'"

Claims of the visit by ET's extra-terrestrial pals at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980, were made yesterday by a Sunday newspaper.

An American airman is quoted as saying he saw a spacecraft, containing three beings in silver space suits, land "in a red ball."

Two nights later a series of fast-moving objects with powerful lights were spotted over the base by several airmen.

But a USAF spokesman said last night: "The whole thing is really so far out."

"There wasn't an official investigation when it happened and we certainly have no interest in it now."

An off-duty airman told security men he had seen a light in the forest and his observations were recorded.

"It happened over Christmas when people were seeing coloured lights all over the country."

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: F.A.D.A. (Translation Credit: George Andrews)

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City and country of newspaper: Metz, France

CHINA ALLIED TO UFOs

A new insight concerning UFOs, the unidentified flying objects long called flying saucers. The strangest thing about it is that their reappearance—in book form—brings about both revelations and disputes.

The skeptics are the most numerous. In a book which contains agonizing statements made by witnesses, Jacques Vallee begins to unmask the counter-culture of UFO contactees. He asks if "all this is not an enormous hoax camouflaging a genuine international plot?". A second unanswered question that he poses is: "Do human programmers manipulate UFO phenomena according to a conditioning process that seduces the masses?".

Philippe Schneider, author of "OVNI, PREMIER BILAN," (UFO, FIRST STATEMENT) thinks that the public has been misinformed. The population of the world seems to have been dominated by a mysterious and powerful control system. According to the author, it all happens "as if there was already among us a very secret group which is aware of the true nature of certain types of UFOs, and which uses this knowledge for its own objectives."

If someone can tell me how to join this group, I am ready. It should indeed be interesting and exciting to approach the real facts of this problem which humanity has puzzled over since time began. Balls as mysterious as they were luminous were mentioned in an Egyptian papyrus dated between 1504-1450 B.C. Unfortunately, this document has been lost! Closer to us in time, during the 17th century, John Winthrop, the governor of Boston, noted in his diary two cases of observed anomalies, brilliant lights zig-zagging above the Charles river. Many other examples could be withdrawn from the archives, but these witnesses of the past did not yet speak of extra-terrestrials. Flying saucers only appeared after the Second World War. Since 1947, they have been seen more and more frequently.

What is the situation today? Is the public really so misinformed, and are official organizations concealing the truth? In the absence of genuine debate, the question remains unsolved. Specialists like Philippe Schneider or Alfred Nahon, author of "EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS AND WORLD-WIDE MUTATIONS DURING THE AGE OF AQUARIUS" (Buche/Chastel), think that "the time when it could be laughed off is over with." They want all official documents on this subject made public. It is true that this subject is still taboo.

Nevertheless, in 1977, the French government founded an appropriate study group, officially part of the National Center for Space Studies, named GEPAN. GEPAN was in charge of collecting all reports of UFO sightings and encounters transmitted by the police. In 1979, GEPAN yielded up the fruit of its scientific investigation: a five-volume document on which over 80 researchers had collaborated—engineers, physicists, biologists, meteorologists, and psychologists.

What was the result of all this? The result was—silence.

This strange attitude is enshrined in the law of January 3rd, 1979, the decree of December 3rd, which stipulates that it is illegal to make public the archives of statements made to police officers by witnesses of unidentified aerial phenomena for 60 years! Mr. Charles Herne was then a Socialist deputy, and is now a Socialist minister. At the time he protested vigorously against this law, but since then has done nothing whatsoever about it! It is to be wished that these remarks may elicit some accurate information. At least, let us confirm or invalidate the statements of people like Alfred Nahon, who think that extra-terrestrials exist and have bases on the Moon.

These people want to alert the public, thinking that this insight into the situation would change considerably our ways of understanding what goes on, and would enable us to avoid catastrophe. At the dawn of the age of Aquarius, extraordinary mutations await us. Furthermore, one French citizen out of four is awaiting this information. A poll taken in June, 1979, revealed that 25% of the French think that UFOs are extra-terrestrial machines. For those under 25 years of age, the percentage rose to 40%!

The existence of UFOs is not recognized in either the U.S. or Russia. How about China, that enormous nation already confronted with another mystery, the Yeti? Mr. Shi Bo tells us about it in his very interesting book, "CHINA AND EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS" (Mercure de France). The author has never left his native land. It is a revelation the way in which his sightings and witness statements correspond with those of the so-called "free world." It is surprising that Chinese descriptions gathered from the most unimpeachable sources are exactly like reports from the rest of the world. This is a fact of staggeringly great importance, which will have to be taken into account from now on. Now that UFO phenomena have become really world-wide, perhaps the subject will emerge from the stagnation in obscurity it has been stuck in, whether or not it be by the fault of "those in the know." After 40 years of sightings and thinking them over, we are still at the "I don't know" stage. The patient and ingenious Chinese will perhaps be able to transform these questions into certitudes. At any rate, they have made up their minds. The first article to be published on this subject appeared only on September 21, 1979. Since then, interest in the subject has become passionate. Thousands of case histories are pouring in to the Chinese research groups. They are all as precise as this one, a report made by all the soldiers in an artillery brigade stationed at a strategic key position:

"We are the fighting men of an artillery unit stationed in the province of Jiangsu; last year we saw a UFO. We wish to tell you what happened. It was about 11 o'clock in the evening on September 6th, 1980. We were carrying out nocturnal military exercises in the countryside near our barracks. Suddenly one of us noticed a luminous flying machine coming in our direction. When he cried out, we looked around and we all saw a round object like a luminous pancake flying slowly through the air. It was large as a dish, it shone bright red, and was followed by a shining trail about three feet long. Something red and round with a shining trail against the dark blue of the sky, what a magnificent sight! This luminous trail kept changing in color. According to an eye-doctor stationed with reconnaissance scouts, the object was at an altitude of about 600 feet, and was traveling at about the same speed that airplanes usually travel. Two minutes later the object suddenly burst into high speed, shone much more brightly, and its trail became blinding. It disappeared mysteriously in the flicker of an eye-lash. The amazed soldiers gawked at it with their mouths open. After this phenomenon took place, the secretary for our unit wrote to Zijingshan Observatory in Nanjing to report the incident, but we have not received any reply."

The signatures of all the soldiers in the artillery unit are affixed to the end of the report. — Gaston Schwinn.

City and country of incident: Sommerecourt, France
Date of incident: July 17-18, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: L'EST REPUBLICAIN, July 19, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Nancy, France

MYSTERY BETWEEN HAUTE-MARNE AND VOSGES

A man claims: "I was sucked up by a ball of fire...which was a UFO"

Sommerecourt is a village in the Neufchateau section of Haute-Marne. Did a mysterious ball of fire in the sky really "inhale" a man of that village as he claims? Is it a tall story, a natural phenomenon caused by the storm occurring at the time, or a UFO? No one knows, but all Sommerecourt is talking

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about it. Their village has suddenly become a stopping-off place for extra-terrestrials.

Mr. Stephane Gasparovic, 45 years old, a wood-worker, made this formal statement from his hospital bed:

"I was lying in the alfalfa field and I saw this ball of fire which suddenly came to a stop with a strange noise directly above me. I was sucked up by itAfter that I don't remember anything, it all goes black. I remember having been dropped to the ground from a height of about six feet at a distance of about seven kilometers from where I had been taken up."

One thing is for sure: something unusual did happen at the place called "the Mountain," a large clearing surrounded by forest, on the heights of Sommerecourt between Sunday night and Monday morning. The weather recently has been favorable for outdoor nocturnal expeditions. Friday evening, Mr. Gasparovic and some youngsters decided to sleep out at "the Mountain." As the weather was still nice, they decided to sleep out there Saturday night also. Early Sunday morning, Mr. Gasparovic told his daughters that he had gotten up three times during the night to watch the movements of "a strange very bright ball going in the direction of Jainvillotte." Rather worried, the daughters decided not to continue the camping trip. However, they did not count upon their father's curiosity. Sunday evening, Mr. Gasparovic decided to return to "the Mountain" with binoculars. When he had not returned by midnight, his anxious family decided to go looking for him, led by his son Thierry. Nothing, no one at "the Mountain," only Mr. Gasparovic's car with its doors open, parked beside the alfalfa field at the place where they had camped previously.

They returned to their house and to a surprise. Christine, aged 17, explains: "Papa was sitting on the bed with wild and vacant eyes. He was murmuring, 'You will never believe me.' He no longer remembered his own name, kept talking about the 'little ones' with pointed ears, pretended that his name was Ivan Azar and he was on his way to Spain. In short, he frightened us terribly. About 2 A.M., he said, 'They are there, I'm going.' He then got up and walked out barefoot into the rain, walking like a robot. Finally we got him back to the house."

Later on, after having brought back the car from "the Mountain," an ambulance was bringing Mr. Gasparovic to the main hospital of Neufchateau. As they passed near "the Mountain," the ambulance driver and personnel stopped to watch "a strange reddish light."

Although there is no physical evidence of this adventure (except the bruises on one of Mr. Gasparovic's arms), it has undeniably traumatised the entire Gasparovic family. The father swears he will "never again set foot on that damned Mountain." Meanwhile, the police have opened an investigation which may be able to throw some light on these "strange lights."

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

City and country of incident: Lachute, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: November 25, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE QUEBEC, July 23, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Quebec, Quebec, Canada

ABDUCTED BY EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS

(SUMMARY)

A 37-year-old inhabitant of Montreal had an extraordinary experience on the morning of November 25, 1979. He was abducted against his will with his automobile, and brought on board a large spaceship, where he encountered two strange beings. This adventure lasted an hour and a half, after which he was returned to where he had been taken up from The problem with this case was that the subject, who insists on remaining completely anonymous, did not remember what had happened. Only a few glimpses remained in his memory, but they were sufficient to make him understand that something extraordinary had happened. Here is what he remembered.

The evening of November 24, 1979, he went alone to the bar in which he works at Lachute, to celebrate the birth of his daughter. About 3:30 A.M. on the morning of the 25th, he left the bar to return home by route 158. This trip normally takes half an hour. Only a few minutes drive away from his home, he came to an intersection where a dark object, partially hidden by an advertising sign, was about 200-300 feet in front of his car. It was shaped like a boot, and had red and blue lights that were not blinking.

At the same moment he went into a strange fog-bank, then came out of it with his car out of control, going off the side of the road and hitting a road-sign. As the car was not seriously damaged, he got right back on the road and returned home, where the clock was at 5:45. There was about an hour and a half of missing time. What had happened during this period?

His suspicions were confirmed after he dreamed several times about lying on a sort of operating table and wanting to bring back some sort of proof. In December, 1981, he contacted the Center for Research

City and country of incident: Lachute, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: November 25, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE QUEBEC, July 30, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Quebec, Quebec, Canada

ABDUCTED BY EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS

(SUMMARY)

From December, 1981, up to the present, the Center has thoroughly investigated this story. As the witness was unable to remember hardly anything, hypnosis was indicated Yvon and Yvan Gagnon of Beauport Hypnosis Clinic in the suburbs of Quebec agreed to assist in the research without payment.

First Mr. X had to be tested to see if he was a good hypnotic subject. As the results were encouraging, three hypnosis sessions of over an hour each took place on February 5, March 19, and April 23. Two researchers from the Center were present during the sessions, as well as both hypnotists.

The details of the story did not come out until the third session. Although it has not yet been proven that he really lived what he described, the precision of certain details of his story is strong evidence in favor of its veracity. Here is what he described under hypnosis.

There were about 15 people left in the bar at Lachute when he decided to return home at 3:33 A.M. on the morning of the 25th. This was according to the bar-room clock. He considers it strange that on route 158, he only met one other car, a 4-door dark blue Pontiac with a man at the wheel. Under hypnosis, Mr. X was able to provide us with the license number of this car.

About half-way home he began to feel as if there was a presence above his vehicle. He felt that something was about to happen. He heard a buzzing like an electrical appliance and shouted, "Leave me alone!" He felt himself to be no longer in control, and cried out to his wife and daughter, although they were not present. Suddenly his vehicle entered the fog, and was sucked up into the flying object. The motor had stopped and he had no control over the car. Then there was silence. Mr. X and his car were in a large room with very clean and shining metallic walls.

Next week we will describe what happened next.

CREDIT: Luis R. Gonzalez

City and country of incident: Winifreda, Argentina
Date of incident: August 7, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, August 11, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A MAN CLAIMS THAT HE HAS BEEN ABDUCTED BY EXTRATERRESTRIALS - THEY TOOK BLOOD SAMPLES, HE SAYS

Santa Rosa. - A citizen of Winifreda claims that extraterrestrial beings abducted him and took some blood samples from his arm. This curious piece of news appeared in the newspaper "La Reforma" and its subject is a farm worker, Julio Platner, who is well known and appreciated in this small town. Mr. Platner says that "When I was going to open Mr. Humberto Nervi's ranch gate, located about 15 kilometers from the town, I was surprised by a bright flash of light that immobilized me." He added, "I was picked up--with van included--by a spaceship, up to a mule-track towards Villa Marisol (3 kilometers from the original place), where they dropped me." During the flight, they took blood samples from his right arm and, through some kind of telepathy, the beings, doubtless extraterrestrials, told him that he could reveal everything that had happened if he wished. Finally, the article added, "the marks on the arm and wrist were clearly visible."

City and country of incident: Madrid, Spain
Date of incident: July 12, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: SUR, October 5, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Madrid, Spain

CONFIRMED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT - A UFO FLEW OVER MADRID LAST JULY 12TH AT 22:15 P.M.

A UFO flew over Madrid in July without being detected by radar and warning systems, according to a Government answer to Mr. Gabriel Elorriaga, Member of the Spanish Parliament.

The Government says that last July 12th at 22:15 P.M., a formation of several Phantom aircraft from Torrejon air base saw a UFO, also seen by the air controller of the base, two Iberia flights and a U.S. Air Force jet.

No radar or warning system detected the object that, according to some descriptions, left a bright trail at great altitude toward the southwest.

Near Madrid, the UFO made a sudden turn to the west and ascended very quickly, spinning and winding up until it disappeared.

The Government thinks that it could be a meteor that entered the atmosphere and disintegrated (this would explain the sudden turn and the spirals) or some space debris returning to Earth.

As the object did not appear on the radar screens, its estimated velocity must have been much higher than those of our aircraft. This fact, plus the short duration (about one minute), prevented any procedure for air identification.

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

City and country of incident: Cabo Frio, RJ, Brazil
Date of incident: September 15, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, September 22, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Renato Barros de Assunção, captain of the fishing-boat "Mestre Aprigio," a ten-meter long vessel, declared in Cabo Frio yesterday that it will take him a long time to take to sea again. He was still panicked from his experience that occurred between the islands of Ancora and Santana, 22 miles from the coast on September 15 at 11:30 a.m., when his boat was attacked by a "horrible monster."

"I am 39 years old and have been at sea for 25 years. I have never seen anything like it before. You may call me crazy, but it's the truth. The monster must have weighed five tons. He was kind of rounded, had antennae, no fins. It was about 15 meters long. Its tail was large, of an irregular shape and pointed. Its head was also of the same shape and it had a crest around it. Its mouth was very large."

There are three more witnesses to the event, the fishermen who were with Renato on the boat: Raimundo Barros de Assunção (his brother), Celso da Costa, and Nelson da Silva Mendes.

The captain and his men also said that the monster was seen on the 18th at 4 a.m. by Master Ninico, of the "Saraiva Junior." This boat was fishing near where the others had seen the creature on the 15th, and the crew became panicked too.

According to Renato, the boat "Portugal" that disappeared last August, and the bodies of its crew, were recovered in several different spots and may have been sunk by the monster, for it was fishing in those same waters. Master Renato believes that the "Pesca Nova," another fishing boat that disappeared last year, may have been another casualty caused by the monster.

The head of the National Museum's Department of Ichthyology, Gustavo Nunan, believes that what the fishermen saw must have been a whale shark, the largest sea fish in existence, but it could also be a kind of Cetorhinus shark or even a manta ray. He admitted it could be a very deepwater fish and he intends to organize an expedition to the place where the monster was seen.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: Cabo Frio lies along the coast, 168 kilometers north of Rio de Janeiro.

City and country of incident: Cabo Frio, RJ, Brazil
Date of incident: August, September 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, September 23, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

TWO MORE MASTERS ASSURE HAVING SIGHTED THE CABO FRIO MONSTER

Many fishermen are not venturing out to the north of this town, partly because of the bad weather, but also because they are afraid of having to face the monster.

Master Ninico, 38, for 18 years a sea-farer, saw the creature at around 4 A.M. last 18th, when fishing between the Ancora and Santana islands. "I was traveling at 90° East when, after two hours, now in deep waters, I saw the monster. The water at that spot was 50 meters deep. I took my flashlight with a 20 meter beam and was shocked to see a strange creature over 20 meters long. I asked the helmsman to turn from starboard to port so as to approach it. When I saw it better, it had a huge head, so large I cannot say what it measured, and two huge eyes emitting light. The body was greyish. I felt nearly paralysed with fear, and more so when this creature opened its mouth and expelled a smoky breath that filled our boat."

According to master Ninico, his 16-man crew were all paralysed for the next 45 minutes. As soon as they recovered, they sped full speed back to Cabo Frio, giving up their idea of fishing there and then.

Master Ninico has a good reputation with the owner of his boat, who believes every word he says.

Ademir Nascimento, master of the "São Pedro," saw the creature about a month ago in the same region as the others, when traveling in waters 40 meters deep. "It was a strange fish, about 20 meters long, longer than my boat, that is 18 meters long, and weighing about six tons. My crew of 15 were fearful and I felt so afraid that I knocked my back against the boat and broke my arm. If it weren't for the ability of my crew, we would have been attacked."

The owner of the "São Pedro" said that two of the fishermen of that boat left him to go to Santos, saying that never again would they fish in those waters.

Another fisherman, Vanderlei Ribeiro, said that some of his companions who had seen the monster were taken to hospital in a state of shock, but that they did not reveal what had happened to them for fear of ridicule. The TV team of "Fantástico" will be going over today to visit the region where the monster was seen.



BEE, Sacramento, CA - July 31, 1983

Tahoe Tales



Photo by Jim Sloan

On a chilly, overcast autumn day, the wind-swept, almost bottomless waters of Lake Tahoe may well appear to conceal some unsolved mysteries of life.

Legends Persist of Monster Fish, Strange Doings

By Jim Sloan
Bee Correspondent

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE — Kris Beebe had already water-skied about halfway across Lake Tahoe when he dropped into the water to rest. The lake was probably well over 1,000 feet deep and as Beebe bobbed in the early morning chop, he looked at the shoreline. The closest piece of ground was six miles.

Suddenly, a black slimy shape broke the lake surface about 25 feet away. Beebe remembers that it looked "a little like a snake — or like it was the back of something." Whatever it was, it had no fins and no scales. Beebe yelled to his speedboat driver — Jerry Jones, a fellow Reno police officer — and as Jones brought the boat around, the creature broke water again. The two men swear they saw 10 or 12 feet of fish, but no head or tail. Jones gunned it and Beebe rose up on his skis as they fled.

"We saw it," Beebe said recently. "We didn't think we saw it; we saw it. It wasn't threatening us. It was just gliding right past us. Scared? I believe I went into a state of shock. We checked into everything — divers, subs . . . everything — and we're convinced it was some very, very large creature."

Beebe and Jones didn't report their encounter until the next day and they were surprised by the reaction: For the most part, people thought their story was credible. The Coast Guard took a report and then the two policemen got calls from fish and game experts, some reporters and the author of a popular fishing and natural history book about the lake. They did get a little tired of people asking how much they had been drinking that June morning in 1982.

Beebe and Jones long for an explanation. Their only satisfaction is knowing that theirs is only the latest in a long line of monster fish tales that have persisted throughout Tahoe's recent history.

Although stories about giant fish have surfaced since man has been around, the great lake, those tales are really just part of the intriguing folklore that has found a niche at Lake Tahoe.

Many of the region's legends can be traced to Tahoe's first vacationers — the Washoe Indians who spent their summers on its shores — but many others have been perpetuated and embellished by modern writers and tale tellers who figure the lake's grandeur deserves some fictional embroidery. Consider these myths:

- Somewhere, hidden among the peaks and valleys of Tahoe's 1,600-foot depths, is a hole in the lake — an outlet that drains water into the Carson Valley in Nevada. This story may have first appeared when miners at the Comstock Lode began encountering heavy seepage and flooding in the deeper courses of the tunnels.

The story probably grew in popularity when engineers began studying ways to dig tunnels from Tahoe to San Francisco and Nevada.

Today's story holds that some wealthy financiers found the hole in the 1800s and plugged it so they could buy up cheap stock at the flooded Comstock and turn a huge profit.

- One of Tahoe's most popular stories is about the 1940 scuttling of the Steamer Tahoe — the ship that refused to die. The steamer, once one of the first cruise ships on the lake, was scuttled as a sentimental gesture to a bygone era. But when the ship's seacocks were pulled, the ship would not sink in the 100-foot depths where its owners hoped it would lie, still visible from the surface through the crystal-clear water. It eventually disappeared in 400 feet of water, but soon after, portions of its superstructure broke free and floated — against prevailing breezes — to its home berth.

- Tahoe swallows its challengers. Although there have been a number of athletic accomplishments at Tahoe — cross-lake swims and diffi-

cult wintertime sailing races — a myth persists that Tahoe has an anthropomorphic dislike for daring humans. Historians have it that one 19th century Tahoe resident — a hermit who lived on Fannette Island — lost his toes to frostbite and gangrene when he tried to row home drunk one night from Tahoe City. On another occasion, the crew of a mail-carrying speedboat tried to head home ahead of a storm.

But they didn't make it and the only bodies recovered were those with life jackets. There is also the case of speedboat pilot Lee Taylor, who crashed and drowned in Tahoe on a clear, calm day.

Where do Tahoe's myths and legends come from? Most seem to be the product of inspiration. From Mark Twain to Charles McCabe, writers and storytellers have always tried to match Tahoe's wondrous size, clarity and beauty with elaborate and emotional prose. According to George James Wharton, the first writer to publish a book on Tahoe, it is the color of Lake Tahoe that creates this "endless source of delight," while others say it's only natural for a scenic wonder as large and historically significant as Tahoe to have a rich and full folklore.

David Stollery, a retired bookkeeper who moved to Tahoe in 1961, gets a lot of credit for sustaining the storytelling tradition. Stollery, who wrote a weekly column in the Tahoe World newspaper for 14 years, has done everything from recording Indian legends to fabricating actual events and fictionalizing some historical events. Most of these appeared in his news column and several others have been collected in a book, "Tales of Tahoe." He's responsible for much of the "plug in the lake" story, although the tale started with a reporter in Virginia City about 90 years ago.

"I wrote fictionalized legends or stories the way I thought Indians would tell them," Stollery said. "When you have to write a column a week for 14 years, you have to fic-

tionalize things a little. I also wrote a lot of history, but every once in awhile I made something up to lighten the load a little."

Tahoe has also gained notoriety with storytellers because of its quirky weather. Lake Tahoe Coast Guard chief Don Anderson said that certain wind patterns on the lake create a "wind line" that skates across the lake's surface, scaring boaters and giving the illusion of something gliding atop the water. Another special phenomenon is the water funnels that form during springtime rainstorms; evil-looking clouds swoop down toward the lake and form a tornado-like link with the lake's surface. It looks like a supernatural event.

One of Tahoe's most fearsome traits is the way it keeps its drowning victims. Because of its unusually cold water, Tahoe will retard the natural decomposition process that normally bloats bodies and sends them to the surface. Last summer, a reveler leaped from a Tahoe tour boat and sank almost immediately in Emerald Bay. Searchers who arrived minutes afterward didn't find the victim until they used diving masks and located the body where it was suspended 7 feet beneath the water's surface.

One legend has it that Tahoe's victims are carried into an underground stream — a kind of subterranean purgatory — that links Tahoe with Pyramid Lake in Nevada. If that were true, there would be a strong connection from Pyramid, too; at least 30 people have disappeared without a trace in that desert lake in the last 40 years. No one is certain how many have been lost in Tahoe.

Another theory, held by the local Indians, is that the victims are carried away by the monsters that dwell in Tahoe and some of the other large Nevada lakes. Surprisingly, the tribes that lived around Tahoe, Walker Lake and Pyramid Lake — the three remnants of a huge inland sea that once covered much of Nevada — each had a different legend about a monster fish that inhabited the water.

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BEE, Sacramento, CA -
July 31, 1983)

Today's experts find that a little conspicuous — particularly in light of reports made by the likes of Reno water-skiers — and some have set out to explain the existence of enormous, lake-dwelling creatures.

Perhaps the best attempt has been made by John Roush, author of "Successfully Fishing Tahoe." In his book, Roush theorizes that the monsters may actually be prehistoric fish from Lake Lahontan — the ancient inland ocean that covered Nevada — or sturgeon, gars or muskellunges that may have been accidentally planted with trout at the turn of the century.

Roush says the evidence of huge fish in Tahoe has been pretty convincing. Tahoe fishermen have pulled in trout bearing teeth marks from a foot-wide mouth, and others have reeled in trophy-sized mackinaw that were bitten in half by fish estimated to be 6 or 8 feet long. Several fishermen have tried to reel in fish that would straighten their treble hooks. One angler reeled in two scales the size of dimes.

COURIER & ADVERTISER, Dundee, Scotland - Aug. 19, 1983

Nessie's Welsh cousin?

The hunt is on for Teggie—the Welsh answer to the Loch Ness monster.

Terrified fishermen have been fleeing for the bank after claiming to see a mysterious beast in the four-mile-long Bala Lake—Llyn Tegid in Welsh—which is surrounded by mountains in Gwynedd.

Lake warden Dewi Bowen said, "I saw it once and it looked a bit like a crocodile."

"One local angler fishing from the bank saw a head with two large eyes."

"Then two other fishermen in a boat saw something breaking the surface. It scared the living daylights out of them."

Now American scientist Professor Joseph Zarzynski, of the Lake Champlain Phenomena Institution, in New York, has been called in to try to solve the mystery.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Sept. 25, 1983

BOOK NOTES

By BILL LEWIS Gazette Staff

Egyptian Pyramid Stones Artificial, Professor Says

YOU'VE READ in encyclopedias and elsewhere, no doubt, how the ancient Egyptians, sweating blood, mined the huge stones for the great pyramids at Giza miles away from the site, floated them down the Nile on rafts and tugged them across the banks to the construction site over logs laid, sort of like unattached wheels, crosswise in their path.

Wrong, all wrong, contends Dr. Joseph Davidovits, adjunct professor of chemistry and director of the Geopolymer Institute at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., in his new book, *The Book of Stone* (\$11.95, from the US Distribution Center, 13119 Glenfield, Detroit, Mich., 48213).

Dr. Davidovits makes the startling pronouncement that the stones weren't cut from a quarry and hauled long distances, but instead are artificial stone, poured in place at the site.

"They were produced with a heretofore unknown process of re-assembling fragmented stone through a molecular binding process," the good professor contends. "The Egyptians used a mineral binder which contains hydroxyapatite [calcium phosphate] and various other alumino silicates in this process."

Dr. Davidovits, a specialist in low-temperature mineral synthesis, says he has duplicated the early Egyptians' method of making such stone.

Laboratory testing of several different stone samples from the Great Pyramid at Giza "absolutely proves that the stones of this pyramid are not natural," Dr. Davidovits writes. He found in them "intact and well-preserved organic fibers," either human or animal hair.

"This new analysis [X-ray diffraction, X-ray analysis and thin section] carried out on five different casing stones from the exterior of the pyramid, as well as from the inner chambers, proves 100 per cent that the stones of the Great Pyramid are man-made."

Thus, he maintains, each block was cast in place, each formed where it now sits "in much the same manner as cement is poured in building construction. The limestone fossil-shell concrete of the pyramids is of such high quality that it was not distinguished from natural stone — until now."

Dr. Davidovits presented his initial findings last fall at the third International Congress of Egyptologists in Toronto.

The Book of Stone, Alchemy and Pyramids is the first in a projected series of volumes on the subject. Dr. Davidovits has prepared a related cassette tape of 110 minutes length; it is the same price as the book.

ISLANDER, Alburg, VT - Aug. 16, 1983

CR: J. Zarzynski via W. Thompson

1983: Nessie and Champ

by Joseph W. Zarzynski

While several groups are conducting a spirited search at Loch Ness, Scotland, in pursuit of its legendary Nessie, 1983 sightings of an equally elusive animal, Champ, continue to mount.

"It sounds like from all the published reports that this summer's search at Loch Ness is as busy and active as any during the late 1960s," noted J. Ricard Greenwell in a telephone interview August 4, 1983. Greenwell is Secretary and Treasurer of the International Society of Cryptozoology, an organization dedicated to searching for hidden animals.

1983 is also the 50th anniversary of the modern era of the great search at fabled Loch Ness. Although the first sighting of Nessie was in 565 A.D. by St. Columba, along an access highway, route A82, begun in 1933 along the west shore of Loch Ness acted to bring outsiders to the loch and the mystery was popularized.

During the 1960s, the Loch Ness Investigation conducted shore based photography surveillance of the loch. In the 1970s, the search for the water horse submerged as underwater cameras were deployed by the Boston, Mass. based Academy of Applied Science.

This summer, the Academy of Applied Science is back at Loch Ness using sonar triggered miniature underwater cameras hoping to get those definitive snapshots of the beasts.

Two Rochester, N.Y. engineers, too, have been tempted by the lure of Nessie. Published reports state that Rikki Razdan and Alan Kiehl have deployed 144 sonar transducer devices off a raft with several biopsy harpoons. These biopsy darts will be electronically triggered if Nessie swims within range. They hope to obtain a small sample of Nessie's skin for scientific analysis.

"We don't think it will even be felt," stated Tony Harmsworth, the Curator of the Loch Ness Monster Exhibit in Drumnadrochit, commenting on the use of the biopsy harpoons.

During the 1960s, Dr. Roy P. Mackal of the University of Chicago was one of the first scientists to advocate taking a skin tissue sample as a means of identifying these mystery creatures.

Along with longtime Nessier searcher, Tim Dinsdale, and the two American based groups at Loch Ness, the UK based Loch Ness Project is once again conducting extensive sonar sweeps of the deep loch. And American Bigfoot stalkers, Erik Beckjord and Anya Kuratchin-Lincoln, have temporarily abandoned the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest to test their luck at Loch Ness. The pair is using video taping surveillance from shore as their approach toward assembling the Nessie jigsaw puzzle.

Back in the USA, Nessie's kissing cousin, Champ, is no longer as shy as was the case this spring. Heavy springtime precipitation may have contributed to a lack of Champ sightings as people were forced to postpone their recreational use on the 110 mile long Lake Champlain until the better weather of June.

Since then, Champ has certainly made up for its earlier demure behavior. As of early August, fifteen 1983 Champ sightings have been collected by the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation. Only eleven Champ sightings were reported during 1982.

Probably the most unique characteristics of the 1983 sightings so far this year, is that they have occurred in mid to north lake. No sightings have been reported south of Ferrisburg, Vermont.

As researchers continue to probe the peat stained depths of Loch Ness, possibly Champ will one day attract the scientific curiosity that Nessie now demands.

Anyone having a Champ sighting is asked to report their sighting to: Joseph W. Zarzynski, LCPI, P.O. Box 2134, Wilton, N.Y., 12866. (518)587-7638

TRIBUNE REVIEW, Greensburg, PA - Aug. 12, 1983 CR: S. Gordon

Defending Monster Sightings



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July, "Chessie's range is the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries between the Northern Neck of Virginia and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The sightings have been numerous and fairly well-defended in recent years."

Moreover, as Times-Dispatch columnist Charles McDowell pointed out in a recent commentary, several 1982 Chessie-sighters actually turned over color photographs and a videotape to the Department of Vertebrate Zoology at the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian's analysis tended to give the sightings credence:

"The usual explanations of a partially submerged log, a string of birds, marine mammals, optical illusions, etcetera, seem inappropriate for the dark, elongated animal object. The Chessie phenomenon differs in many ways from the typical sighting of marine mammals. The front end is strongly angular, appearing and disappearing vertically instead of rolling above and below the surface, as in most swimming animals. Similarly, the object undulates in a vertical plane... rather than a horizontal plane, as is the normal swimming movement for elongated animals."

Five thousand miles away in Scotland's Loch Ness, this summer has brought another sighting of the fabled "Nessie." According to the Inverness and Highland News, a trio of local area residents were driving along Loch Ness, but then stopped their car and "watched in amazement as a huge shape broke the surface 200 yards offshore and began to undulate slowly along, leaving a wake behind it."

This latest Loch Ness monster-sighting was noted in an Aug. 1 Wall Street Journal story essentially devoted to debunking Nessie as 1) a floating Scotch pine log or 2) a large swimming otter. The floating Scotch pine log thesis — in my opinion a transparent absurdity — is set forth in an article by retired Scottish engineer Robert Craig in New Scientist magazine, and the large, swimming otter notion comes from a book by one Ronald Binns titled "The Loch Ness Mystery Solved."

Frankly, though, I am glad to see the Wall Street Journal honing its skepticism of brief unconfirmed sightings of phenomena that might better be explained as mirages, optical illusions and simple mistakes. Perhaps they will now turn their talents to explaining whatever happened to the Laffer Curve, the 1982 capital investment boom and the revenue surge that was supposed to follow the 1981 tax cut. And then there's the unlikely real-world existence of something they call "free trade." All of these phenomena have been briefly profiled, with full technical assurances, in the editorial columns of the Journal, but nobody else has been able to document or photograph them. Should we call in the Smithsonian again?

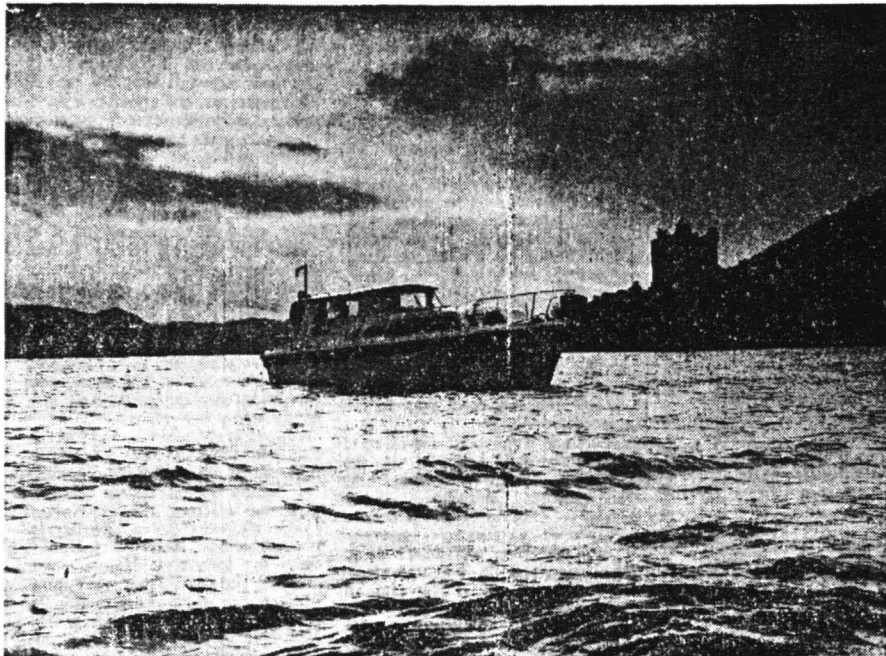
STAR, Auckland, New Zealand
Aug. 25, 1983 CR: R. Collins

Indonesia hunts for 'apeman'

JAKARTA.— Indonesian wildlife officials are investigating reports of a mysterious half-man half-ape creature roaming a rain forest in West Kalimantan.

Witnesses describe the creature as "humanlike," about three metres tall, with eyes set almost in the sides of the head "like a goat." — NZPA

Loch Ness and the making of a myth



The hunters: The New Atlantis packed with electronic detection equipment and, right, Mr James Hogan.

Of men and monsters and mucking about in boats

A technological net is closing firmly around the Loch Ness enigma. According to Mr James Hogan, head of a company which hires to would-be monster hunters, the New Atlantis, a vessel packed with electronic detection equipment, there has never been such a year when so many people have tried to prove or debunk the famous legend, (Ronald Faux writes from Drumnadrochit).

"There must be £500,000 of gear out on the loch at the moment all trying to track down whatever is there," Mr Hogan says.

The searchers include two schoolteachers armed with a strong telescope who have spent their

holidays for the past five years scanning the loch. They saw "something" five years ago but failed to photograph it.

At the opposite end of the scale is Mr Roger Parker, chairman of a diving and electronics company in the West Country, whose launch contains £100,000 of side scanning sonar, hydrophones, image intensifiers and video recorders which track everything that stirs, swims or breathes near the boat. "It can hear anything within a four-mile radius", Mr Parker says.

His interest has spanned nine years, ever since he made sonar contact with an object more than

40 ft long which suddenly dived from 50 ft to 250 ft in less than seven seconds.

Two New Yorkers, Mr Rikki Razdan and Mr Alan Kiehl of Iscan Inc, Rochester, have moored an 80 ft square raft in Urquhart Bay, a favourite place for monster sightings.

The largest headlines this season have been made by Mr Erik Backjard, of the Cryptozoological Society of the United States, who has set up a constant video scan of the loch and claims to have sighted a family of the beasts, "some kind of aquatic dinosaur" he hazarded.

The elusive creature allegedly cruising the

lightless depths of the loch is still a myth believed with certainty by some, dismissed by others as waterlogged driftwood, the wake of a passing boat, or a large otter.

Serious research by British Loch Ness specialists has produced 40 strong and unexplained sonar contacts.

Meanwhile 100,000 people visit the exhibition every year. The 4,000 documented sightings (not all taken seriously) continues to grow, yet neither hair nor hide has yet been produced. There lies the rub. But as Mr Hogan points out, there are few things more pleasant on an August afternoon than messing about in a boat seeking a monster.

Claimed sightings

The first recorded sighting was in May, 1933, when the *Inverness Courier* reported that a Mrs Mackay of Drumnadrochit had seen it on April 14, 1933. She now says she saw it in March.

Since then there have been about 3,000 reported sightings.

Dec 1933. Secretary of State for Scotland turns down a request for assistance from the Air Ministry in the search. First pictures taken.

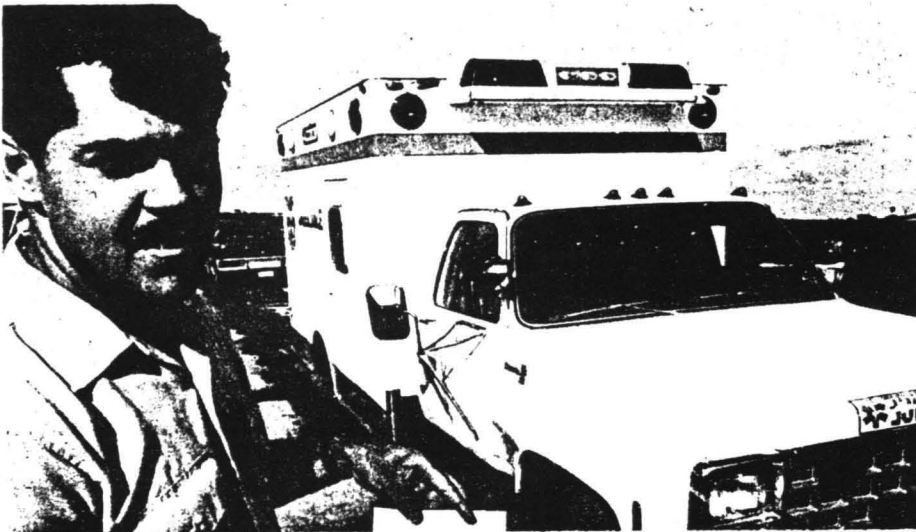
April 1934. Robert Kenneth Wilson, a London surgeon, photographs the monster from 150 yds.

August 1937. Head and humps seen by hundreds of holiday makers.

May 1947. Mr J W McKillop, clerk to Inverness County Council reports to council that he has seen it. Attempt to coopt it as honorary member of council fails.

Nov 1975. Dr Robert Rines, an American scientist claims to have four photographs taken by automatic underwater cameras on June 19 and 20. They are image enhanced by computer and doubt is cast on their authenticity.

VALLEY MORNING STAR, Harlingen, TX - Sept. 15, 1983 CR: T. Adams



Thompson holds a drawing of the mystery bird he spotted on Highway 100.

Technician Spots 'Mystery Bird'

By ANDY WARREN
Star Staff Writer

James Thompson, a technician at the Emergency Medical Services, 2733 S. 77 Sunshine Strip, was driving his ambulance from South Padre Island back to Harlingen Wednesday when a large bird-like object flew across the highway in front of him.

Thompson had taken the ambulance to South Padre Island to have it inspected; and on the return trip at 3:55 p.m., 4.3 miles east of the Los Fresnos stoplight on Highway 100, he sighted the mysterious bird about 150 feet in front of his ambulance.

"I saw him fly right in front of me. His tail is what caught my attention," he said.

Thompson said he stopped his ambulance on the highway shoulder and got out to watch the bird.

"I was the only one who stopped because he flew right in front of me. I guess nobody else saw him," Thompson said.

"I expected him to land like a model airplane. That's what I thought he was, but he flapped his wings enough to get above the grass," he added.

Thompson described the mystery bird to have a wing span "at least the width of the ambulance," or

about five-to-six feet. He said the length was about eight-to-10 feet, with the tail.

"It had a black, or grayish rough texture. It wasn't feathers. I'm quite sure it was a hide-type covering," he added. "I just watched him fly away."

He said the creature's wings were about one-inch thick, "like a shark's fin" and had indentations on the top — and maybe bottom — of each wing.

Thompson described the creature's head and said there was something like a Brahma bull's hump on the back of its head. He also said it had a short neck, "almost no neck at all" and a small pouch near its throat, "something like a pelican's pouch."

He said the tail — which caught his attention from the first — was very thin and ended in a kind of fin.

Thompson said he has plans to go back to the region where the sighting occurred to see if he can find the bird again.

"I thought I'd grow up to see a flying saucer, but I saw a bird instead," he added.

EVENING TIMES, Glasgow, Scotland - Aug. 22, 1983

Nessie surfaces in film thriller

THE Loch Ness Monster will be the star of a movie to be filmed in Scotland in the autumn.

A German company, Barbar Films, of Munich, has already begun scouting locations from Glasgow to the Highlands, and is searching for a suitable castle.

"We've looked at quite a few stately buildings," said production manager Jack Shea, "and I'm hoping to make a deal for a castle within a week or two."

"A castle is quite essential because the story is about an impecunious Scottish laird who has the money-lenders and bailiffs pounding at his drawbridge."

CAST

"Then he meets a sinister American businessman who makes him an offer — produce the Loch Ness Monster in a week and win five million dollars. Fail to produce it — and lose the castle."

"The American is, in fact, the villain of the piece, and there is all sorts of skulduggery to make a fast-paced and light-hearted thriller for a family audience."

The cast has still to be contracted, but the top names will probably be Continental stars; Mr Shea said he expected there would be parts for a number of Scottish actors.

He is also to contact the film studios which are being built in the old West Shed at John Brown's yard in Clydebank, to offer what could be the studios first job.

Husband-wife team search Blues for Bigfoot



Outdoors in the Blues
Vance Orchard

times on these journeys off into strange mountains; so many times I couldn't recall the number."

"There is a lot of great country up there (in the Blue Mountains) for Bigfoot to live, and Milk Creek would be a very logical place with its scarcity of trails."

Where is the Sam-Jane team headed for in the future?

"We'd like to get up to British Columbia and retrace the route of the Ostman saga... that's the one where this man (Ostman) claims he was picked up in his sleeping bag one night and packed off by a Bigfoot to its lair and was forced to live with it and its 'wife' and two 'teenage children' for several days before escaping."

That story, by the way, is one of the most fascinating of the hundreds of Bigfoot stories which have surfaced over many years on this most fascinating of outdoors subjects.

Concluding their four-day stay in the Blues, Sam and Jane continued over the Skyline Drive to Dayton and thence to a visit with an old mining friend in Montana.

BIGFOOT GOES INTERNATIONAL — It isn't the first time, because the late Ivan Sanderson wrote a book about 1960, in which he sets forth Bigfoot/Sasquatch sightings around the world, but the Bigfoot subject is about to get more international attention.

Rene Dahinden, of Richmond, B.C., who has spent 30 years seeking the creature, checked in by phone the other night to report

a coming session in Vancouver, B.C. where some 4,000 anthropologists will gather. And, one day will be turned over to a six-person seminar on the subject of "manlike monsters," he said.

Naturally, the guy got my attention, especially when he said Grover Krantz, WSU anthropologist who has announced he believes the Freeman Bigfoot sighting is for real, will be one of the panelists. Others will report findings in China and Brazil, he said.

A call to the University of British Columbia verified the conference — 11th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences — will be held Aug. 20-25 at the Hotel Vancouver.

Dahinden, by the way, following his visit to Walla Walla early this year and conversations with several people on the Freeman sighting of Bigfoot and the tracks found later in the Mill Creek Watershed, has said he feels a hoax was involved.

Not with the tracks found around the scene of the June 10, 1982, sighting by Freeman, but with those tracks Freeman and fellow patrol rider, Bill Epoch, came across a week later on a trail inside the watershed.

In this deduction, veteran Bigfoot tracker Dahinden thus agrees with the professional tracker, Joel Hardin, who was brought here by the Forest Service to check out the second set of tracks.

Of course, anthropologist Krantz said the same set of tracks were the first evidence that the tracks were made by a manlike monster because of the dermal ridges (as in finger prints) found for the first time in the thousands of Bigfoot tracks seen thus far in the Northwest. Krantz also points out difficulties of creating the tracks as well as the difficulty in reaching the area in which they were found.

The Vancouver conference could be the place to be for more light on this fascinating subject.

Hunt For A Wildman

STILL LIVING: Yeti, Sasquatch and the Neanderthal Enigma
By Myra Shackley, 175 pages
Thames & Hudson, \$16.95

As our species multiplies in number and extends its power throughout the planet, interest in and concern about the rest of life also grows. Abnormal humanoid creatures have intrigued all societies, but the history of the "wildman" in literature has, until recently, been a chronicle of frightening satyrs and outright monsters. Goya's alarming colossus is a characteristic image of a being commonly imagined and more commonly feared.

But in this day of human potency fear has largely turned to friendly curiosity. Myra Shackley, an English professor of archaeology, presents the evidence for the existence today of a quasi-human population, and seeks to explain how they might fit into the world of animal life as we now see it. The result is a well-written, highly earnest yet carefully constructed little study. In many respects it resembles "Lucy," the widely acclaimed book on human origins, in its effort to combine rather precise scholarship with an almost folksy, immediate style.

This popularity of manner reflects a popular message: Shackley is convinced that current wildmen very probably do exist. She suggests that two kinds of wildmen can be found. The yeti-sasquatch being, inhabiting the mountainous areas running from

the Caucasus to Tibet and portions of the Canadian and United States Rocky Mountain region, is very tall, reasonably numerous, and arguably a survivor or direct descendant of Gigantopithecus, the great pre-anthropoid of two to eight million years ago. Other wild people are, in fact, human, the author claims, surviving Neanderthal men and women. These are few in number, short, powerful people capable of interbreeding with our species. In fact, she accepts a story that such a marriage did take place a century or so ago in the Soviet Union, and that the grandchildren of the match are now living.

This certainly will seem excessively glib to many. The abominable snowman (an abominable name, this book sensibly asserts) and other such creatures are classed by most scientists with the Loch Ness monster as figments of credulous imaginations fed eagerly by charlatans. Shackley assembles a strong body of evidence against that view. Her careful description of stories, footprints and hair specimens from diverse areas is impressive, and the difficult and careful manner with which she compiles the case adds strength to her views. The matter is not settled, nor does this book maintain that it is, but the reader is prepared for the news that such a wild being has been found.

And then? A giant gorilla-like ape in California would expand the human experience even more. Perhaps it is true that we find our amazing strength breeds a terrifying loneliness; a discovery of more primitive humans (as these would surely be considered) would engender a surge of feeling. How wonderful it would be if we could find these lost relatives, Doctor Shackley seems to say. She certainly is not the only one to think so.

—Joseph Loefer

Loch Ness book is withdrawn

By Ronald Faux

A London publisher has withdrawn a book about the Loch Ness monster shortly before publication, because of legal difficulties. The book, *Hunting Nessie*, was written by Mr. Frank Searle, who has lived beside Loch Ness since 1969 and is devoted hunter of the legendary beast.

His book was withdrawn after the leader of the Loch Ness and Moray Project, a scientific investigation into the Loch Ness phenomenon, sent the publishers their private files on the subject.

Mr. Adrian Shine, the leader of the project, said yesterday: "We suspected that a libel was about to be perpetrated and took up the question with the publishers before the book appeared. We keep files on all Loch Ness evidence which are for internal use only. In this case, we provided information from them to the publishers."

Mr. Michael Bailey, of W. H. Allen, London, said yesterday that *Hunting Nessie* was a story of living by the loch. It had been scheduled for publication until Mr. Shine's information was received. The company had decided instead to publish another book, *The Loch Ness Mystery Solved*, by Ronald Binn, who was an original member of the Loch Ness Phenomenon Investigation Bureau.

Mr. Bailey said Mr. Searle had approached Allen with a completed manuscript and accompanying photographs describing his attempts to unravel the mystery of the Loch.

Loch Ness monster? Well, maybe — but he would have to be faster

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — In spite of fuzzy photos and the hopes of die-hard believers, a marine researcher says there just aren't enough fish in Loch Ness to keep any monsters alive.

Roger Tibbett, head of the University of Glasgow's marine research station, said during a lecture Wednesday at the University of Arizona that he had

studied Loch Ness to see if a creature fitting the description of "Nessie" could live there. "There just aren't enough fish to support any type of monster in Loch Ness," he said.

He said zoologists believed the Loch would have to have 10 to 20 monsters to account for the numerous sightings and ensure the survival of the species.

One of the most unique husband-wife teams I've ever seen make a hobby of looking for Bigfoot.

While Sam will often as not make a solo search of three or four days deep into the woods, Jane will be left to her own devices but also conducting her own search in her own ways.

These are not their names; I'm using fictitious titles because they insisted on anonymity when I said I wanted to do a story about them and their unique pursuit. It's a type of search which could be shot down if their names were known.

The couple was on the scene shortly after the June 10, 1982, sighting claimed by ex-watershed patrol rider Paul Freeman. I met them at the time and have maintained correspondence since. I was with them for several hours recently as they renewed the Bigfoot search, but in different sections of the Blue Mountains.

Both are highly motivated to the outdoors and both highly appreciative of the outdoors. It's their first choice of a vacation. Walla Walla and the Blues came in for a third of their three-week vacation this year from their ordinary vocations which also shall remain nameless.

Searching for Bigfoot is nothing new to Sam and Jane; they've been at it in varying degrees for 15 years, combining a search with a fishing trip, a backpacking jaunt or some other "excuse" to wander off into the tall, uncut "boondocks."

Sam is one of those guys who doesn't get "turned around" in the woods. He is pretty savvy no matter which mountains he might find himself set down in for the first time. Jane must have some of the same qualities, although Sam most always is the one who

heads into the deepest canyons or highest hills while Jane is at the camp, doing her own type of search routine.

They left Walla Walla on a Monday recently, geared to a four-day stint over in the hills and depths of the Blues east of the Mill Creek Watershed. I met them on Friday morning where their vacation trailer was parked. This was only 30 miles from downtown Walla Walla, but what a difference those few miles can make.

The roads into this camp just over the stateline were by then pretty passable for my family car and the couple had had no problems getting on over to Timothy Meadow where Sam "jumped off" into the rugged Wenaha country. It's no speedway, however.

Jane had taken Sam over to the Timothy takeoff point, then had come back to Walla Walla for more gasoline and water, as they had by then determined they'd head on to Montana via Dayton. With no service stations between their camp and Dayton, however, it was necessary Jane get back to "civilization" for more fuel. This she did and made camp where I found them later.

Sam got down into the canyons of the Wenaha South Fork with no problems, because it has a good trail. When the trail forked off at Milk Creek, though, it soon became another matter as he headed northerly to look over some terrain which is trailless. It wasn't bad for a short distance as he made his way over an "unofficial" trail to a campsite obviously made by elk hunters, Sam said. He also reported it had not been used "for at least two years."

From the campsite it became pretty tough going as Sam had to force his way through tangled brush and zigzag up and across steep slopes.