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Bright lights in sky spark UFO reports

By Maxine L. Lynch

Hundreds of people, upset over seeing a strange stream of bright lights sailing across the sky just as the full moon rose Sunday night, besieged astronomers, police and the news media with phone calls yesterday.

"No one here saw it, but we have had a sufficient number of coherent callers to safely say something happened," said Peter Pesch, astronomy professor of the Warner & Swasey Observatory at Case Western Reserve University.

Hundreds of people in Ohio, central and eastern Kentucky and central Illinois who reportedly saw the "ball of fire" were convinced it was a U.F.O.

"It was glowing real bright. Like something I have never seen before," said an area farmer who reported he saw the lights about 10 p.m. as he walked to his barn.

Some people who reported the sighting to The Plain Dealer said they initially suspected a nuclear attack.

An Eastlake police dispatcher said one caller, an unidentified police chief, described the sighting as a meteor breaking up.

Pesch said the sighting might have been a boloid.

"It is the name we give to a meteor which is very bright and breaks up into fragments," he said. "We have no way of knowing. It could be some kind of spacecraft

material breaking up.

But you can't convince Fred Avalli or Nicholas P. Orlando that it was a boloid or a shooting star.

"We were driving down Country Lane Rd. (near Solon) and looking through the windshield when we saw these lights," Orlando said. "I stopped the car and I said, 'Freddie do you see that?'"

The two California men, here on a brief business trip, said the lights appeared about 3,000 to 4,000 feet above their car.

"It did not make a sound," Orlando said.

They said the lights flew in formation and some had streaks shooting from them like firecrackers.

"There were about 15 of them," Avelli said.

Pesch said he received calls from as far east as Ashtabula and as far west as Port Clinton.

Although many callers said a plane flew nearby, no pilots or passengers aboard local flights in the area reported anything unusual, a National Aviation Administration official in Cleveland said.

Earl J. Neff, director emeritus of the Cleveland Ufology Project, said Ohio is one of three states that has the most UFO sightings nationally. Neff said he is investigating the sighting.

UFO? No, Just One More RA Election

What looked like a UFO to one El Llano resident may have been just another Fly by Night operation from Los Alamos.

A source, who asked not to be identified, called last week from El Llano with news of a strange flying machine bejewelled with colored lights, which he saw at about 9:30 p.m. last Thursday.

"There was an array of many lights on the bottom like a neon sign running," the source said. "The last row of lights would go on and off. There also were many rows of 'round white lights,' with about 10 lights per row, which, he said, gave 'a bulldozer effect.' " "I could hear a sound similar to a caterpillar tractor," he said of the weird machine.

He called the city police, and was told his eyes were the victim of a political action, that what he saw was a sign advertising Edmundo Delgado's

Congressional bid on a plane he hired to spread his message.

Delgado verified that report from his Santa Fe office explaining that he hired the plane from Fly by Night, a plane rental service in Los Alamos.

"I hope they saw the sign," Delgado said of UFO spotters.

The man who reported the flying object was unconvinced. "It hovered," he said of what he and his family saw. "An airplane can't do that."

"It was big, there is no question about it. It was not a small craft. It was too big to be a helicopter and it was going much slower than a jet. It looked like it was probably flat on the bottom, oval shaped and long. There weren't letters," he said.

He also reported his sighting to state police, he said, and was told three others had called to report a UFO that night.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - May 31, 1984 CR: T. Adams

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY DAILY TRIBUNE, San Gabriel, CA - June 25, 1984

Monrovia Studies Space Mystery

By JOE BLACKSTOCK
Staff Writer

A large glowing object, looking like two inverted saucers, lit up the sky above Roswell, N.M. one summer night in 1947, and then crashed on a ranch outside of town.

A flying saucer? A meteor? An aircraft? Swamp gas? Someone's imagination?

Lee Graham of Monrovia is convinced it was truly a craft from another world. And he's devoted hundreds of hours of his free time trying to prove it.

Don't get the wrong idea. Graham, 49, isn't one of those wingnuts who write in the Star or the National Enquirer about being kidnapped by little green men for a joyride on a flying saucer.

He is an electronics systems research technician at Aerojet Electro-systems in Azusa and has worked in the aerospace industry since 1956.

He's researched the Roswell incident with the preciseness of an historian, meticulously filling a half-dozen notebooks with clippings, letters, articles and other data related to what happened that July night and the events following.

And he firmly believes the incident was no science fiction story, that some object from beyond Earth landed, with its remains being suppressed by the government for nearly four decades.

"It's definite for me that they exist," said Graham, who until recently followed his religious upbringing that said there was no other life in the universe.



Valley Views

He first heard about the Roswell incident from a fellow worker — a Carl Johnson — when both worked at Hycon Manufacturing Co., an aerospace firm in Monrovia.

Johnson reportedly told Graham and others he had been privy to the Roswell artifacts while a field representative of Hycon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio in the 1960s.

When he first heard about it from Johnson, Graham didn't immediately believe the story.

It wasn't until he read a 1979 article in the National Enquirer about the crash that he changed his mind.

The article said Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Arizona, who had heard rumors the remains of the craft were kept in a secret room at Wright-Patterson, was denied access to or any information about the materials.

He started believing at that point, especially when he got a letter from Goldwater confirming he was denied access because the room "was classified above Top Secret."

Graham will tell you that following the crash near Roswell, Army Air Force personnel took charge of the

remains and an announcement was made that it was indeed a flying saucer, setting off quite a chain reaction.

The phones at the air base at Roswell starting ringing off the hook with calls coming in from as far away as Hong Kong. Then, according to Graham, the military retracted the saucer claim, saying it was only a weather balloon.

Graham said an officer — Walter Haut, now a civilian living in Roswell — told him last summer he was ordered to make up the balloon story to quiet public inquiry.

Graham will also show you a copy of an FBI telegram he obtained revealing the remains of a "flying disc" were taken to Wright-Patterson, which was headquarters of Operation Blue Book, the Air Force's now-defunct study of UFOs.

A letter written by Dr. J. A. Marcel of Helena, Mont., son of another officer who examined the crash site and brought home some of the debris for a time, produced this information:

"Many of the remnants... had strange hieroglyphic-type writing symbols across the inner surfaces," he wrote to Graham in 1961.

"The most likely explanation (for the secrecy) is the evidence is real and they just don't want the 'horrible truth' leaked out" because it would cause panic like the Orson Wells' "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast, wrote Marcel.

For Graham, though, there's another possible explanation.

He notes Wright-Patterson has had a hand in the development of the Air

Force's secret Stealth aircraft, the super-fast reconnaissance plane with properties allowing it to "hide" from enemy radar.

"Consider this: perhaps the Air Force found the crashed saucer in 1947 and discovered it was made of a special material unknown on Earth," he hypothesized.

"I can see a committee of scientists analyzing the material so that it could be manufactured, and Stealth is the result many years later."

The craft's remains, according to Marcel, who actually touched it, were exceptionally light, similar to the Kevlar-plastics which Graham believes might be used on Stealth because of an ability to absorb or distort radar signals.

"This is just what I've pieced together; speculation in some areas, fact in others," he says frankly.

Inquiries to the government, to Sen. Goldwater and to Wright-Patterson AFB have brought denials and largely no information.

"The truth will (come) out," he said resolutely. "We're not alone in this universe. Life is intrinsic in the universe."

But where is Carl Johnson?

His co-worker who could answer some critical questions in this mystery has disappeared. Efforts by Graham to find Johnson through Hycon and its parent firm, McDonnell Douglas Aeronautics Co., have run into a dead-end.

He is determined to find Johnson and ultimately the many answers for which he has questions.

And the adventure continues...

Temple course analyzes UFO controversy

In 1947, Kenneth Arnold, an experienced pilot, saw a group of metallic-like objects flying in formation at a speed greatly in excess of the capabilities of the aircraft of that day. After landing his own plane, Arnold reported the incident to the authorities, commenting that the objects seemed to skip through the air "like saucers over water."

From that moment, the term "flying saucers" was born.

Since then, the controversy over unidentified flying objects, or "UFOs," has raged, producing, among other things, a full United States Air Force investigation, squabbles in Congress, limitless science-fiction stories, nearly a dozen movies, and an untold number of books.

The UFO controversy will be analyzed in a Temple University summer course on the Ambler Campus by Dr. David M. Jacobs, associate professor of American history and

an internationally-recognized authority on UFOs, from Monday through June 22.

The four-credit undergraduate course, "America Studies 116: UFOs in American Society," will take a strictly neutral, objective position regarding UFOs.

"Our approach to the UFO controversy is completely objective," Dr. Jacobs said. "The fact is simply that it is a genuine American sociological phenomenon, and deserves study as such."

"Our class will examine the controversy from its beginnings, analyzing the attitudes of various groups including the military, the CIA, the State Department, 'lunatic fringe' groups, religious cults, charlatans, the entertainment industry, which has made a fortune out of it and the press, which has carried millions of words about it."

"We will view motion pictures dealing with the concept of a visit from an alien culture. Finally,

there will be a class project, a summation, and an examination."

Now regarded as one of America's foremost authorities on UFOs, Dr. Jacobs traces his interest in the subject back to his high school days.

"My interest in UFOs was first aroused by newspaper accounts of sightings while I was a student at Lakewood High School in California in 1959," he recalled. "That was when I began reading the literature on the subject, such as it was. I was disappointed to find nearly all of it incomplete, biased and generally unreliable."

"During my undergraduate years at UCLA from 1961 to 1965, I continued to keep up with developments in the field. It had become clear to me by that time that regardless of whether or not UFOs were real, they unquestionably represented an important mystery-phenomenon which was producing a measurable effect on our society."

"I have been studying the problem every since."

The answer has not yet been found, he said.

"Much more research is needed in an atmosphere of rigidly controlled objectivity. More facts are needed. All existing information must be painstakingly re-evaluated and stored in computer data banks."

"When the answer is found, whatever it may be, it will constitute a major addition to the body of human knowledge, which will then be taught in classrooms around the world as part of the total human experience. Meanwhile, evaluative and instructive courses such as mine will provide a beginning."

Dr. Jacobs' book, "The UFO Controversy in America" was published originally by Indiana University Press in May, 1976. It was later released as a paperback by the Signet Division of the New American Library.

SUNDAY REGISTER, Des Moines, IA - June 5, 1984

Band of believers shrug off scorn, skeptics to swap UFO stories

By FRANK SANTIAGO

Register Staff Writer

Don Curtis was only a youngster when he was listening to radio transmissions from the second moon landing, but he says he heard the four words: "Santa Claus is here."

That "Santa Claus," Curtis suggests now, wasn't the fat man in a red suit but code for a space creature whom astronauts had bumped into on the moon.

In November 1969, Curtis says, America's spacemen met the alien on the lunar surface — and didn't want the world to know for fear of touching off a panic.

A NASA spokeswoman at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, expressed skepticism about the claim. She said that she doesn't recall the Santa remark, that astronauts haven't used codes and that they haven't found humanoids or other creatures or flying saucers on the moon or anywhere, only a lot of moon dust and rock.

That people titter when he talks about aliens doesn't faze Curtis or the others who belong to the Des Moines chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, also known as MUFON.

MUFONers shake off skepticism and scorn and meet monthly here to swap stories, swear they will get to the bottom of the UFO mystery and maybe corner an alien or two in the process.

"With such a preponderance of evidence, there's no doubt" something

more than the Goodyear blimp or meteors is behind the UFOs, says Forrest Lundberg, chapter president and a retired social worker.

The determined handful of unshakable MUFONers is something of an anomaly. Not much is being said or done about UFOs these days. It was light years ago when Bill Pokorny saw something land in his cornfield near Elvira (1969) and central Iowans caught a glimpse of strange lights over Saylorville (1976).

UFOs have become the hoola hoola of the '80s. People don't seem to have much use for them anymore.

Afraid of Ridicule

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., says most people who ask about them are school kids writing term papers. He can scarcely catch an editor's attention, and the lack of interest, he says, may be linked to at least two factors.

First, "people don't want to talk about it because they are afraid they're going to be ridiculed. It's not easy to say you've seen a UFO and then try to face your friends and boss. They'll laugh at you."

Second, "it's the media. UFOs are no longer news. The average person says, 'So what? What else is new?' It's a certain blaseness."

But UFO sightings, he says, continue to find their way to the center's computer, which has logged some 80,000.

"The most frequent comment we get is that people didn't report it before because they didn't want anybody to think they were crazy. Basically, we're getting a higher grade of callers. We used to get a tremendous amount of calls that turned out to be the Goodyear blimp or weather balloons. I think the public has become more sophisticated."

There's little doubt at MUFON's national headquarters in Seguin, Texas, that something more than meets the eye is out there.

"They [extraterrestrials] seem to be observing us," says Walter Andrus, who says he is the club's international director and who lived in Des Moines until 1940. "They are treating us like guinea pigs. They are conducting their own experimentation on us."

MUFON is serious about UFOs, says Andrus, and it wants to know whether they are "some form of spacecraft controlled by an advanced intelligence," what their method of propulsion is, where they come from and what can be learned of their advanced science.

So far, the organization hasn't shed much light on "the greatest mystery of our time," Andrus says, but it has collected thousands of sightings reports.

If someone or something from the beyond is moving around the planet with impunity, the Des Moines MUFONers, who meet at Drake University, wouldn't be surprised.

They are a mixed bag of the young and middle-aged, men and women, professionals and blue-collar workers, some of whom claim to have had odd brushes with UFOs, and most of whom charge the government has been covering up its evidence for extraterrestrial intelligence.

They say that UFOs are as old as the Bible, mentioned extensively in Ezekiel, and that the government has some of the creatures but hasn't disclosed the information for fear the news would cause an upheaval. They also say the government has captured a flying saucer and analyzed the technology but has refused to reveal it because it would undermine the capitalist world with cheap energy and cheap materials.

They say the Air Force, which concluded in 1969 after a 10-year study that it couldn't find aliens, didn't dig enough.

A MUFON gathering in Des Moines is like a step into the "Twilight Zone." **Important Questions**

"You haven't asked us the two most important questions," a member says to a visitor at a recent evening meeting. "Are they friendly? Are they humanoids or robots?"

Curtis, the chapter's assistant director and an electronic technician for the city of Des Moines, volunteers that the aliens probably are friendly and likely are a mix of species, because some have described them as "hairless with large heads and wrap-around cat-like eyes."

"There are indications they're not hostile," he says somewhat confidently. "There have been UFO-related injuries, but we think they are a byproduct of the propulsion system. Somebody just got burned by the blast."

Sondra Mentzer, a secretary, tells of how she was on a dark country road in June 1959 near Palmyra when lights with an orange glow approached her car from the rear and hovered over the vehicle.

"There was a bright circle of light around the car. The radio went dead and we couldn't get the car started. The light blinked and it was gone in a heartbeat. I had the feeling we were being watched. It scared me to death."

"It was," she now recalls, "like a dead space."

Lebrey Fox, who is retired, said he had seen a ball of orange light twice in the night sky near the Iowa towns of Jamaica and Mount Pleasant.

"It was a month apart, and they didn't resemble any aerial vehicle that I know of," he said.

The recollections are answered with nods of approval by others in the room, who insist that, taken as a whole, the sightings leave little doubt.

There are, says Desmond Bragg, a retired Drake University professor of education, a candidate for the Iowa Legislature and a chapter member, "a lot of things that don't fit."

"That's why I think we've got to continue to study UFOs — to see if the pieces can be put together."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - July 6, 1984

Object Lights Up Sky, Causes Loud Boom; Origin a Mystery

Gazette State News and Press Service

Law enforcement agencies from Jonesboro, Ark., to Bossier City, La., were swamped with calls early Wednesday from people who reported seeing a ball of fire that lit up the sky and reportedly caused a sonic boom.

What the object was, however, is still a mystery.

Members of the Arkadelphia Fire Department said they received a fire call about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, arrived at the scene and were setting up their equipment when they saw what appeared to be "a rocket" crossing the sky about 3:45 a.m.

"The sky lit up like a flash of lightning but it lasted longer than lightning usually does," Charles McAnally said. "We thought it was maybe a big bunch of fireworks. Everybody said 'what the hell was

that,'" he said. "It looked like a rocket at first but it had a fireball-like deal in front and the light flared out behind it. It lit up the sky as it went by us and disappeared behind some trees."

Another fireman, Jerry Sullivan, said the object came out of the southeast and moved quickly into the northeast.

"We had one heck of a flash of light and a deafening boom down here," Don Harrison, a dispatcher at Arkansas State Police Troop K in Hot Springs, said.

Dr. Derek W. Sears, an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and an expert on meteors, said, however, that he is "80 or 90 per cent sure" the object was not part of the Taurid meteor shower, which is usually visible this time of year.

INGHAM CO. NEWS, Mason, MI - June 27, 1984

UFO lights startling sight in Mason area

A Mason area man said he saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering over a field at Edgar and Plains Roads last week, and Ingham County Sheriff officials say a logical explanation for incident is unavailable.

The man, who gave his name to police but asked not to be identified, called the Ingham County

Sheriff Department at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, to report the UFO east of Edgar Road at Plains Road.

The man said he saw two spotlights shining steadily from the west towards Edgar Road for about 15 minutes. He said he could see an arch-shaped craft and that the lights dimmed slowly, similar to a mercury vapor light.

CR: D. Wright

UFO picture released

Interest in UFOs, (Unidentified Flying Objects), has been heightened in Llano County as a result of several reported sightings in recent months and the release of an enlargement of a picture taken by Llano architect, Michael Chamblee.

Released for publication is a photo taken by Chamblee last March 20 which originally appeared only as a red pulsating light after separating from adjacent white light which came over Llano. Chamblee's copyrighted picture was enlarged 66 times using different color filtrations from an original black and white film. This particular sighting was witnessed by Chamblee, his

children Therese and Erick and Jody Landers.

As a result of the sightings a UFO research team visited Llano County setting up monitoring equipment near Bluffton. Houston TV station KHOU made a documentary film of the proceedings and interviewed Llano and Lone Grove residents. The film was shown last May 24 on Channel 11.

Visitors included Mitch Duncan from KHOU, Ray Stanford and Walt Andrus who have had many years of experience in the field. Stanford has been a UFO researcher for 30 years and has written several books on the subject. Andrus is the International Director for MUFON,

(Mutual UFO Network, Inc.), and on May 12 the team set up the monitoring equipment identified as a "gravimeter" and a "magnetometer". According to the men, changes have been recorded in gravity and the magnetic field when UFO's are present.

Duncan interviewed the Chamblees and also Ned and Melinda Cook at Lone Grove. The Cooks and their daughters Posie and Bunnie recounted seeing a UFO about 100 feet above the ground over their home last April 19. Several other Llano County residents have reported seeing UFOs near Llano and also Kingsland. Most sightings have been in late evening or shortly after sundown.

UFO?

By Pam Berry

ALMONT--A motorist traveling southbound on M-53 near Bordman Road reportedly saw a UFO at 10:15 pm last Sunday. Almont police, who picked up the information on their CB radio, investigated the scene and found nothing.

The person who reported the incident described what appeared to be a type of aircraft with four large lights which hovered overhead, then picked up speed and went out of sight. He also reported that several persons also saw it and stopped their cars to watch. No one was at the scene when the officer arrived.

Did area couple see UFO?

STEVE LANDES
Staff writer

Early in the morning of June 4, while her neighbors were still asleep, Gladys Davis was awakened by an "illuminous light."

After she watched an object from which the light was coming for about five minutes, she awakened her husband, Eugene, who also witnessed what became an odd event. Both claim they saw an unidentified flying object.

"I think maybe it was getting ready to land with its lights on," Mrs. Davis said.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Rt. 3, Staunton, live on Va. 254 — the Old New Hope Road northeast of the city limits.

The couple saw what they described as a football-shaped object about the size of a car turned on end, behind their mobile home at approximately 3 a.m.

"It was a weird-looking thing. A light hit me right in the face," Mrs. Davis said.

Mrs. Davis said she first thought one of her neighbors had turned on an outside light, but quickly remembered none of them had such lights. She also thought it might be the moon or a bright star.

"I knew it wasn't an airplane because it didn't have wings ... that's what I don't understand," her husband said.

"All I heard was a little whirling sound," Mrs. Davis said. "It was a faint buzz and that was all."

Before the sighting, both had no real interest in UFOs, outer space or science fiction. But now, both Mr. and Mrs. Davis believe they saw a UFO.

"I didn't believe until I had seen one," Mrs. Davis said. "I believe in them now."

"They can't take away what you



EUGENE DAVIS of Rt. 3, Staunton, displays a drawing of what he and his wife, Gladys, saw on the morning of June 4. (Photo by Larry Kesterson)

have seen," she added. "Let them laugh."

The couple saw the football-shaped object behind their trailer, coming from the north. After they got up and watched it from a kitchen door, the UFO moved west over a pond and an old wood barn. The object then moved east and soon after left the area.

"It was like it made a circle," Mrs. Davis said. "When I opened the kitchen door, I got a good look at it."

"I said to to Gene: 'I Wonder if they can see us.'"

"It skimmed right over the woods and turned around at the pond. That's when I came back in," Mrs. Davis explained.

"It looked like it was hanging in

mid-air. But, when we came back in, it backed off," her husband said.

"When I got to the door, it opened up like a butterfly. That whole thing unfolded," Mrs. Davis noted.

"I've never seen anything like it. I've only seen what my eyes have let me see," Mrs. Davis said.

"That's the problem when only two people see it, that makes it bad," Davis added.

"Maybe they were setting off little green men in those woods but as long as they don't come around here I don't care," she laughed.

"If I get up at night I look for it, but as long as they leave me alone, I'm going to leave them alone."

EXPRESS, San Antonio, TX - July 9, 1984 CR: R. Heiden

Speaker: ETs see humans as ants

By KAREN MALKOWSKI

Extraterrestrial beings think of humans as experimental animals, not equals, an expert on unidentified flying objects believes.

"They consider us like ants or guinea pigs in the lab," said Walter H. Andrus Jr. of Seguin. "Why should they make official contact with us? They can come and observe us anytime they see fit."

Annual meeting

Andrus spoke at the annual convention of the Mutual UFO Network held over the weekend in San Antonio. Speakers from around the world met to discuss UFO sightings and theories.

Andrus, who said he became interested in the subject after seeing four UFOs more than 30 years ago, said he thinks aliens do not make official contact because there is no need to do so.

He said the Air Force covers up information about UFOs to perpetuate a lie begun decades ago.

"The Air Force has picked up alien bodies from crashes," he said. "Some of them are small, some look like animals and some even look like humans."

Countless sightings

"It all started in 1947-48, when there were literally hundreds of thousands of sightings," Andrus said. "The Air Force had to determine that it wasn't something the Russians developed. Then, they wanted to keep the sightings quiet because



WALTER H. ANDRUS JR.
... 30-year interest

they thought they could fool the Russians into thinking it was something we had developed.

"Now, of course, the Russians know better, but the big lie goes on," he said. "We have documents showing that every intelligence agency in the government has investigated UFOs."

Andrus said he sighted four silver, balloonlike UFOs in 1948 while shopping in downtown Phoenix, Ariz. He and other shoppers on the same side of the street saw the objects disappear and then reappear a few moments later, he said.

Nothing was ever reported in the local newspapers, he said, but the incident convinced him UFOs exist.

UFO ENLARGEMENT -- This picture of an unidentified flying object over Llano was taken last March 20 and through a special enlargement process was increased in size 66 times the original negative. Chamblee reports it appeared only as a red pulsating light after separating from an adjacent white light -- Photo by Michael Chamblee.



UFO PHENOMENON MUST BE EXPLORED

By DENNIS STACY

In December 1969, the U.S. Air Force officially closed the pages of its Project Blue Book, the intelligence-gathering agency first formed in 1947 to collect and supposedly investigate public sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) or, as they were more popularly known at the time, "flying saucers."

More often than not, however, Blue Book served as little more than a propaganda machine designed to calm post-World War II, nuclear-age anxieties. Those were anxious times, make no mistake, and the term flying saucer was every bit as important an addition to the new lexicon as atomic bomb and cold war. To some it conjured up fears of another foreign invasion, to others a host of tension-releasing jokes about little green men.

The only ones not laughing were the Air Force. Here was an unknown aerial phenomenon apparently capable of penetrating our air space at will, eluding detection by radar and flying circles around our new, high-speed jet technology, the world's most advanced. Cold war fears would hardly be eased if the Air Force was forced to admit, publicly, that it was helpless in the face of these new space-age phantoms.

So a logical step for the times was taken. In 1953, as a result of the CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel, the Air Force was secretly advised to adopt a public policy of debunking UFOs and, by extension, people who reported UFOs.

Another view

We encourage our readers to express opinions on issues of their choice in "Another View." Send contributions to "Another View," Virginia Messec, Express-News, Box 2171, San Antonio 78297. Articles should be accompanied by a daytime telephone number and a brief occupational identification of the author. Articles are subject to editing for clarity and length.

If you detect a government policy that would also result in Army chemical and drug experiments on hapless citizens, a disregard for the public's safety in terms of nuclear test-bomb explosions and, later, germ-warfare boondoggles and the campaign indiscretions of the Nixon administration, give yourself five points for perspicacity.

In short, a cover-up was begun, a cover-up of which perhaps only the iceberg's tip has been revealed by subsequent suits brought under the Freedom of Information Act against civilian and military intelligence agencies, both by private individuals and public organizations like Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. One UFO researcher has even referred to the cover-up as a "cosmic Watergate."

Thus far, some 4,000 previously classified and unreleased UFO-related documents have been obtained from sources such as the Department of Defense, the FBI and the

CIA, 900 from the latter agency alone. To date, the National Security Agency (NSA) has remained immune to both freedom-of-information suits and federal court actions seeking the release of 279 documents in the agency's closed files. NSA has successfully defended its position on grounds of "national security."

In 1969, in the official Air Force press release announcing the demise of Project Blue Book, it was expressly stated that there was no evidence to indicate that UFOs were of an extraterrestrial origin or that they posed any threat to national security. It also concluded that any further study would not advance the interests of science, surely an unusual, if not ludicrously blinkered approach to take toward a phenomenon the first name of which is "unidentified"! How could the interests of science (and the American public) not be served by the further study of a pervasive, persistent, as-yet-unexplained aerial phenomenon?

In fact, what the release of the 4,000-plus UFO documents — many of them dating from within the past 15 years — reveals is that the Air Force and intelligence agencies have not gotten out of the UFO business at all. What they have gotten out of is the routine public release of UFO reports received through channels and personnel to which we have no ready access.

No serious investigator of the UFO phenomenon wants those re-



AP LASERPHOTO

BETTY ANN LUCA POSES WITH TWO EXTRATERRESTRIAL CREATURES SHE MET

... Connecticut woman claims to have been abducted aboard a UFO in 1967

ports released that truly do compromise our national security and/or militarily defensive integrity. They do feel, however, and you should, too, that the time has come for a serious and straightforward, i.e., realistic, confrontation with this mysterious phenomenon that shows no sign of voluntarily abating.

In an era of nuclear warhead-armed superpowers, it is no longer feasible for us, or the governments of either side, to bury our heads, ostrichlike, in the sands of ignorance. If UFOs, or some UFOs, are physical objects, then they likely display physical configurations that could inadvertently lead to nuclear alert of mil-

itary forces — ours, theirs or both. Recognizing these possible configurations is surely in the interests of both science and East and West.

Photojournalist Dennis Stacy, of San Antonio, is a correspondent and contributing editor for several science magazines.

State police spot it, will investigate

V-shaped object seen flying toward river in Red Hook

RED HOOK - About 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Keith McGilvray, 15, of Metzger Rd. looked towards the sky and saw an 80-foot V-shaped object flying over his house in the direction of the Hudson River.

He said the UFO had a half-dozen white lights on each side with a red light at the end.

After traveling to the river, the object came back towards the house and hovered over it without moving for a few minutes, said Keith and his father, who also

saw the UFO. Both said the object began to shine lights on the ground while it was near the river. It eventually went southwest and disappeared.

The McGilvray's said several of their neighbors saw it, as did a few state troopers.

Trooper Fenn of the state police in Rhinebeck said he saw something that looked to him like several planes flying in formation in the direction of Albany at

that time.

Mr. McGilvray said that when the UFO stopped in mid-air, it sounded like a diesel engine humming.

Blanche Coons of North Broadway here said she saw something that looked like cargo planes in formation, but they were going too slow and flying too low. It went in the direction of the SkyPark, she said.

Troopers said they will investigate the sighting.

They said they had no information about a weather satellite or anything else being in the area Thursday and could not explain what it might have been at this time.

Albany and Poughkeepsie airport control towers reported no unusual aircraft over the area last night. The Columbia County Sheriff's Department and state police at Claverack had no reports of UFOs either.

UFO convention wants documents declassified

By WILFREDO RAMIREZ

San Antonio became the launching pad Saturday for a worldwide effort to accuse the U.S. government of conspiring to cover up the existence of genuine UFO sightings.

The meeting of some 250 so-called UFOlogists is focusing on how to declassify tons of information the military has gathered on UFO sightings after decades of study.

The 1984 Mutual UFO Network convention continues through Sunday at Holiday Inn-North.

"It is imperative that public infor-

mation and public education of the UFO subject become a top priority of every serious UFOlogist immediately," network member Marge Christensen told the conference.

The high school English teacher from Beverly, Mass., presented a paper detailing a plan to recruit and train network members and establish credible public information networks and contacts with local police.

Other speakers at the conference brought testimony and research about UFO sightings in Australia, animal mutilations linked to UFO ap-

pearances, tribal reactions to UFOs in Africa, and the medical effects of UFOs in particular cases.

Copies of a new book, *Clear Intent* — about the government's alleged elaborate effort — to keep the military research classified were distributed.

Book co-author Barry J. Greenwood said although the government continues investigating UFOs, those studies officially ceased in 1969. Officials wrongly are continuing to hide the facts from the public for reasons of national security, he said.

"It seems that they think a simple lie is easier for the public to swallow than a complex truth," Greenwood says in a paper presented during the meeting.

A North American Aerospace Defense Command document released in 1975 indicates UFOs were sighted and followed by radar at five U.S. Air Force and one Canadian installation, he said.

He said those were a few of the 10 million uncorrelated observations that have been catalogued during the past 20 years.

Out of those 10 million, at least 10,000 were good, solid, bonafide UFO reports, Greenwood said.

The government's official Project Blue Book, closed in 1969, put its latest figure of UFOs at 701 reports.

Another speaker, Thomas Adams, said the Canadian Mounted Police are investigating the latest wave of unexplained cattle mutilations.

Thomas said UFOs — mostly objects presenting remarkable likeness to helicopters — were seen near or around the sites where some 200 animals have been found mutilated since 1973. Some 5,000 animal mutilations have been reported since 1911, the specialist in the subject from Paris, Tex., said.

No one has been able to explain how in almost every incident under investigation there was no blood present in the mutilated area. The heart or other organs were removed by a method veterinarians have been unable to explain, Thomas said.



Flying saucer symposium

Walt Andrus, left, of Seguin and UFO Investigator Paul Cerny of Mountainview, Calif., look over a UFO model Cerny made. The two were attending Saturday's Mutual UFO Network convention here at the Holiday Inn-North.

Object stumps astronomers

BY PATRICK KELLY
Democrat Staff Writer

It shone so brightly it woke one person up from a sound sleep.

It roared so loudly another person said it sounded like a sonic boom.

It shook so thunderously that a third person said the earth trembled.

It appeared about 4 a.m., July 5, and, for lack of a more definitive word, astronomers at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock are calling "it" a meteorite.

But they don't really know.

Keith Johnson, assistant director of the UALR Planetar-

ium, said the object could also be called a fireball, a bright meteor, or even a "bolide" — an exploding meteor.

Johnson said there was an "off-chance" it was a satellite returning to earth, and admitted that it could even be fireworks left over from the Fourth of July.

"I suppose anything's possible," he said, but added that from about half-a-dozen telephone calls received at the Planetarium, all indications pointed toward a meteorite.

Saying that he had no indication of the object's shape or even its position in the sky, Johnson noted that "a bright

flash accompanied by a sort of sonic boom" would normally point toward a meteorite.

He did not rule out the possibility of an unidentified flying object, saying again, "I suppose anything's possible."

There were also unconfirmed reports of the object as far away as College Station, Texas, at about the same time.

Johnson said that anyone with additional information concerning the object should call him at the UALR Planetarium, where the information would be passed on to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

Former naval officer believes in UFOs

Has proof government studies them

By HOLLY WOOD

U.S. government officials should follow prudent intelligence policy by investigating Unidentified Flying Object sightings, the San Antonio Mutual UFO Network president believes.

Tom Deuley, a retired Navy lieutenant commander whose last assignment was with the National Security Agency, said, "If you pinned down the government, it would be the last to deny UFOs are there. Normal security precautions make it worthwhile to look into sightings."

Documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act will be among program material at the 15th annual international MUFON symposium July 6-8 at the Holiday Inn North.

The documents indicate that from the late 1940s to the present, several federal intelligence agencies, military departments and U.S. State Department officials have studied the UFO phenomenon.

The documents have formed the basis of a new book *Clear Intent* with research partially funded by the Fund for UFO Research.

The fund was co-founded by Deuley during his duty station in Washington, D.C.

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy has obtained more than 4,000 pages of previously classified UFO documents from the military, FBI and CIA for *Clear Intent*.

Copies of the book and bumper stickers based on the numerous government documents will be sold. The stickers carry the message: "UFOs Are Real. Ask the Government."

"The government maintains a curiosity about UFOs, but the government is as baffled as we are. We agree there is no security threat from UFOs," Deuley said.



PHOTO BY HOLLY WOOD

WALTER ANDRUS BELIEVES MANY UFO SIGHTINGS REAL ... displays bumper sticker to be sold at symposium

Also on display at the symposium will be Deuley's drawings based on reported sightings in San Antonio of a a tear-shaped craft with brilliant chartreuse-colored lights. Two Brookhollow subdivision teen-agers reported seeing the object last March 6 and 7.

The teen-agers notified Deuley while observing a second disc-shaped object with a cone.

"Neither the Air Force nor the Federal Aviation Administration had anything in the air at the time of those sightings," Deuley said.

Deuley said he was able to interview the teen-agers while they were still obviously shaken by their encounter.

"If you see something strange, get a second person involved and contact a MUFON member," he said.

The public has become blasé about UFOs since the release of the motion pictures *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, Deuley said.

"Their attitude is 'Oh, yeah, I finally saw a UFO,'" he said.

Deuley, however, believes there

will be scientific paydirt at the end of the UFO trail.

Of the 1,000 sightings a year, 80 percent can be attributed to a natural or physical phenomenon.

"We just don't know what the other 20 percent are," Deuley said.

Stephen Spielberg, producer of *E.T.* and *The Gremlins*, is a member of the board of directors of the Center for UFO Studies founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who will be one of the symposium's speakers.

Unlike most of the MUFON members, Deuley has never experienced a sighting. Instead, his interest grew out of reading *A Case for the UFOs* as a teen-ager.

It was not until 1969, however, when the Air Force closed Project Blue Book, that Deuley became immersed in UFOlogy.

The Air Force awarded \$500,000 to the University of Colorado for a UFO research project directed by Dr. Edward Condon.

"Condon's conclusion was pre-determined and at odds with the UFO community," Deuley charged. "Con-



Photo by HOLLY WOOD

TOM P. DEULEY DESCRIBES DRAWINGS OF RECENT SAN ANTONIO UFO SIGHTINGS ... prepares for upcoming symposium of 'UFOlogists'

don relegated the whole thing to people with over-active imaginations."

Instead of spending \$500,000, the Air Force could have bought dinner for several members of the UFO community and reached the conclusion that there was not enough to substantiate further investment, the former Naval officer said.

The report did not say the subject of UFOs required no further study, he challenged.

He acknowledged there are charlatans on the fringe of "UFOlogy" and perpetual hoaxes against entire communities.

"People who have sighted UFOs represent a cross-section of America from the dirt farmer to psychologists, engineers and pilots."

Not once during his 21-year Naval career was Deuley asked to give up his interest in UFOs.

He was asked, however, not to get

the Navy involved in any of his UFO talks.

MUFON, now the largest group of UFOlogists, was founded in 1967. The international headquarters were moved to Seguin nine years ago when International Director Walter Andrus was transferred by his employer from Quincy, Ill., to Seguin.

The MUFON symposium will be open to the public. Cost for attending all sessions will be \$30.

Strange Lights Seen in Sky

Strange lights were seen in the skies over at least three southern Indiana communities over the weekend, including a report Sunday night of streaks of light over Columbus.

April Scott of Candlelight Village mobile home park said she saw a bright streak of light six or seven times around midnight Sunday, with the light traveling from the south to the north and then back again. She

said it was "like an extra, extra bright star, a white light, maybe blue-white." She also said it was very quiet at that time of night and that she could hear no sound from where the light was.

She said she could understand how someone might think it was a meteorite if they saw it only once but that she believed it was something else because it was in the same location several times. The last time she saw it, it came from

the southwest rather than from the south, she said.

She said she had thought about contacting police about the incident but did not.

The air traffic controller in the tower at Columbus Municipal Airport said he neither heard nor saw anything unusual Sunday night. He said, however, that he left for the evening at 10 o'clock.

Sheriff's officials in northern Washington County, between Brownstown and Salem, concluded a meteorite had burned its way through that area Sunday night after the department received numerous calls from people who thought a plane had crashed.

The third reported incident was about 8:30 p.m. Friday, when two Columbus residents, John A. Marshall and Paul Dibble, were leaving a Shelbyville funeral home with their wives and saw a light "about the size of a basketball, with a tail on it." The light flashed across the sky and then disappeared, they said.

Object exploding meteor, official says

BY PATRICK KELLY
Democrat Staff Writer

It's becoming more and more apparent that the "thing" seen brightening up Arkansas skies in the early morning hours of the Fourth of July was a bolide, an exploding meteor, said Keith Johnson, assistant director of the planetarium at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

But there are still those who claim that it was something visiting from outer space.

Johnson said he had received about a dozen telephone calls since an article appeared in the *Arkansas Democrat* July 13. At that time, scientists thought it was a meteor, but didn't have enough data to draw any firm conclusions.

But yesterday, Johnson said that on the basis of reports he had received, "it certainly looks like (a meteor) - a very bright one."

"It lit up the sky fantastically," he said, "and some people out there watching actually saw an orange fireball." The consensus of the calls was that

the sky lit up "blue or turquoise," Johnson said, followed by the bright orange explosion. The explosion was so bright, Johnson said, that some people saw it "even when their back was to the phenomenon."

Reports of the incident were received from Searcy to College Station, Texas, with Little Rock and Texarkana being two spots in between where it was seen.

Johnson said the phenomenon was sighted "pretty much overhead" moving toward the east; according to some reports, it was headed northeast. He added that "a couple of people who were farther off the track saw it in lower parts of the sky."

"So far, they haven't been able to find any of the meteorite if it landed on Earth," Johnson noted, adding that UALR has been in contact with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., on the matter.

"We do not actually know

how big or how high it was," he said, but one person who claims it was a spaceship, does.

"At about 5,000 feet was this spacecraft," a man wrote in a letter to the *Democrat* on July 13.

"It sounds like he did see whatever it was," remarked Johnson, with a degree of skepticism.

Only one person heard a noise associated with the object: "a rumbling, then kind of an explosion," Johnson said. He added that he tended to be wary of this report because the "explosion" followed the "rumbling" noise by three or four minutes.

That would be, Johnson said, a very strange phenomenon, indeed.

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BULLETIN-JOURNAL, Cape Girardeau, MO
July 8, 1984 CR: H. Rutledge

UFO sighted here: Citizen sees disc hovering over park

CAPE GIRARDEAU—A UFO sighting was reported Thursday night near Cherokee Park. Robert Krone Jr., 1917 Robin Hood Circle, sighted a disc with an orange halo about 9:38 p.m.

Dr. Harley Rutledge, professor of physics at SEMO University, is searching for other people who may have sighted the object.

Rutledge said it was the first time in about three years since an object of this nature has been sighted.

Krone was reportedly riding a moped on Perryville Road near Westminster Presbyterian Church when he saw the disc hovering over the park.

"The disc was larger than the moon, was orange, and had an orange halo," related Rutledge. "He could see a distinct dome, and it was tilted toward him."

Krone estimated the disc was about 1,000 feet or less above the park. He viewed the object about 15 seconds or more before it disappeared.

"He said it went out like a light bulb," continued the professor. "He was aware there were fireworks in the vicinity, but said this disc couldn't be related to that."

Rutledge was contacted by Krone, because of the professor's involvement and study of UFO sightings in the past.

"I'm trying to find out witnesses of the sighting. I think we may have found a college student who also saw it," he noted.

Rutledge said this sighting has significance because it was seen within the city limits, and because it was hovering fairly low. "That could indicate that we may more sightings in the near future," he noted.

He encouraged anyone with information on this sighting, or those who see unexplainable objects in the future to contact him at 334-4948.

Previously, Krone has sighted some unusual lights in the Cape Girardeau vicinity in 1973 on several occasions, said Rutledge. "I was seeing them at that time too," he said. "They were in this area."

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL - Nov. 13, 1959
CLOSE CALL IN NIGHT SKY—

Pilot Says He Saw Speeding 'Bright Blur' Near Daytona

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 12. (UPI)—Photographer-flier Clarence Brown said he had a close call with a "bright blur" while flying from Orlando to Jacksonville early yesterday.

Brown, who has been flying six years, said, "I've never seen anything like this before."

fore. I used to think anybody who saw unidentified flying objects was crazy."

"I was cruising about 2000 feet near Daytona Beach in my 170 Cessna and looked out toward the ocean and all at once I saw this light coming," the 27-year-old commercial photographer said.

"At first I thought it was a jet. It was flying at fast as a jet. But when it turned, it didn't make any noise," Brown said.

"If it had been a jet or another kind of airplane I would have heard it. It turned about 4000 feet from me. If it had been an airplane, I would have seen the silhouette in the moonlight," the Jacksonville pilot said.

Brown, who made a report of the sighting to the Federal Aviation Agency, said, "It was as bright when it turned as when it came head on. It was

a white light . . . not a bright light, not a dim light, just a bright blur."

"I saw it turn past me and as it continued south it disappeared. It was just a bright blur and didn't act like it was throwing a beam or anything like that," he said.

Doyle Huett of Orlando was in the plane also and saw the object. "He said, 'What was that?' and I said it must have been an airplane," Brown said.

"I thought it was an airplane at first with nothing but its landing lights on," he said. "But if it had been a plane I would have heard it or seen its silhouette in the sky."

"I believe there is a logical explanation for it," Brown said, "but I don't know what it was."

He said he didn't believe in flying saucers.

STAR, Kansas City, MO - Feb. 26, 1959

Dancing Objects Seen in Sky.

DETROIT, Feb. 25. (AP) —The pilot of an American Airlines DC-6 passenger plane said today three mysterious objects that looked like shining saucers appeared to accompany the plane for 45 minutes last night on its nonstop flight from Newark, N. J., to Detroit.

Capt. Peter Killian, Syoset, N. Y., who has flown passenger planes for 15 years, said, "I have never seen anything like it before."

Others See the Objects. Killian said other members of the crew and 35 passengers also saw the flying objects.

Killian and John Dee, Ny-

ack, N. Y., co-pilot, said they lost the three strange objects in the haze when they started their descent for landing at Detroit's Metropolitan airport while the plane was over Cleveland.

The three bright whitish lights first were sighted while the plane was flying at 8,500 feet between Philipsburg and Bradford, Pa.

"The objects were by no means close to the plane," Killian said, "but one would move in at intervals, fall back again and change its place in the formation while keeping abreast of the ship, which was traveling at 350 m. p. h."

Described by a Passenger. N. D. Puskas, 41, Garden

City, Mich., a passenger, said the strange objects appeared to dance in the sky. Puskas is general manufacturing manager of Curtis Wright division at Utica.

"There wasn't a cloud in the sky when I looked out and saw the objects in precision formation," Puskas said. "They were round-like and every now and then one would glow brighter than the others as if it had moved nearer to the plane."

Killian said he radioed two other American Airlines planes flying in the vicinity of his ship to make sure "I wasn't seeing lightning bugs in the cockpit." He said both captains radioed back they saw the flying objects, too.

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL - Jan. 7, 1961

AIRPORT CREW MYSTIFIED—

Red, Blinking Light in Sky Puzzles Tampans

By BOB FELLOWS
Tribune Staff Writer

A blinking red light which appeared for about 10 minutes over Tampa Monday night may not have been the tail-light of a flying saucer, but on the other hand, it mystified the tower crew at Tampa International Airport.

Robert Barres, air traffic control specialist in charge of the tower at the time, said he and three other crewmen noticed the red light approaching the field about 11:05 p.m. Monday.

"We observed it about 10 minutes, and it appeared to be an approaching aircraft," Barres said. "It was a red, blinking light, and at times, it appeared to be flashing in a rotating effect."

Aircraft On Radar

The tower crew knew one aircraft was approaching the field from the south, because they had it on the radar. But when they tried to learn more about the mysterious light by looking at it with binoculars, they were none the wiser.

Moving at a relatively slow speed — although the crew couldn't give much of an estimate of speed, since the light was coming straight at them — the object appeared to be

descending slightly on a straight line some 70 degrees east-northeast, Barres said.

The light disappeared when it got due east of the field. About five minutes later, The Tribune called to ask about the mysterious light, because several inquiries had been received from citizens who saw it over the city.

"After The Tribune called, we asked radar (at MacDill Air Force Base) about it, and they said they had nothing in the vicinity which was not known," Barres said.

Balloon Theory

"I think it was not an aircraft, but probably some kind of flotation gear, like a balloon," he added.

If the object were a balloon, radar might not spot it because of its small size, and the fact that it would be made of rubber.

But the weather bureau at Tampa International Airport said they hadn't been using any balloons carrying red lights—flashing or otherwise.

And Barres admitted that unless the light on the presumed balloon had suddenly gone out, it was unlikely it could have moved with enough speed from the winds at that time to disappear so quickly.

British Flying Saucer Fans Send Thoughts To Lure Space Men Down

By ANTHONY WHITE

LONDON, May 18. (AP)—A message was sent into space today inviting any space ship or flying saucer crews who happened to be around to skim down to earth for a short vacation.

Nobody, apparently, took up the offer.

The message was transmitted by telepathy — thought transmission — by thousands of British saucer fans.

The thought signals started going out yesterday, inviting the space men down for the Whitsun weekend, an annual three-day holiday which ends today.

It was part of the International Flying Saucer Contact Weekend and in hope that the message got through thousands of fans scanned the skies today.

Down in the quiet, green peace of Ashdown Forest in Sussex, the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench waited too. He is a leading British flying saucer fan. He went into the woods because he reckoned it

a likely place for a shy space man to land.

Trench is convinced that if Martians or Venusians receive friendly thoughts from anyone on this earth it might encourage them to climb into their flying saucers and come down. So he spent today radiating kind thoughts about space men.

"All over the world we flying saucer enthusiasts—thousands of us—are trying to contact the men from outer space," Trench said. "Some of our members are watching television sets tuned into unused channels or listening to radios on wavelengths not used by radio stations."

"And some of us are using telepathy. The outer space people use it, you know."

But space men apparently were steering clear of Britain during Whitsun — the most hectic, crowded, boisterous holiday of the year.

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL
May 19, 1959

Flying Saucer Theory Startles Space Experts

By Paul Ghali.
(Service of The Chicago Daily News.)

PARIS, July 1.—A French scientist claims that, given the means, he can within six months, produce the plans to build a flying saucer capable of traveling in the cosmos at unlimited speed.

His discovery would not require any source of energy, he said. It would simply eliminate the earth's gravitation by a rotating electric field.

The scientist is 54-year-old Dr. Marcel Pages who lives in Perpignan in the south of France. For 40 years now, he has been quietly working on his theories, ignored by the rest of the world.

Dr. Pages startled a gathering of eminent French and foreign experts, including several Americans, who met here last week for the international congress of satellites and missiles.

In a spectacular address in which he exposed his "theory on antigravitation," Pages practically challenged all the accepted theories of spacial physics.

After the meeting, he was warned by the French military intelligence to be "extremely cautious and guarded." He returned to his home, and a constant police guard is being kept

around him, his friends report.

Nobody knows yet whether Dr. Pages' theory is right or wrong. But the concept of "antigravitation" is today in the forefront of preoccupations of American and Russian researchers.

In a nutshell, Dr. Pages' theory is this:

Newton's apple didn't fall because of the attraction of the earth but because of the repulsion of cosmos. According to Dr. Pages, the force which we call gravitation, is sheer concentrated protonic energy.

On the practical side, Dr. Pages' flying saucer is round and flat with a cabin for passengers in its center. Around the cabin, a powerful electric field rotating at the speed of light, liberates the saucer from the force of attraction and suppresses mass inertia. This enables it to travel unhampered at extremely great speed.

When Dr. Pages was 16, in 1921, he first put into practice his principle on a rotating electric field by building a small mica flying saucer.

When 25 years later, in 1946, the first flying saucer appeared, Dr. Pages was the only one who wasn't unduly astonished.

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Strange Objects Sighted Over Grand Junction

GRAND JUNCTION, Oct. 26 (UPI)—Flying saucers apparently were on day and night shifts on the Western Slope Friday.

Three persons reported seeing strange, white, cone-shaped objects hovering in the southeastern sky from Grand Junction Friday morning—some 12 hours after a rash of reports of strange lights sighted in the sky Delta-Cedaredge area to the southeast.

The daylight report was turned in by an unidentified man who called radio-television station KREX here, Mrs. Rita Black, a member of the Mesa County District No. 1 school board and Charley Etinburn, a Grand Junction pharmacist.

Mrs. Black said she was driving her car when she spotted the two objects to the southeast.

Dutch Queen Receives Flying Saucer Believer

SOESTDIJK, Netherlands, May 18. (AP)—Queen Juliana, Prince Bernhard and Dutch experts talked about flying saucers today with George Adamski, the American who says he talks to folks on Venus.

The queen and her husband met the visiting American, at the queen's invitation, on the lawn of the royal country palace. A royal spokesman said later "I have the impression Adamski had no easy time."

The press has given Adamski from Los Angeles, a chilly reception. The Catholic People's Party newspaper De Volkskrant, said, for example: "We are not opposed to a court jester on the green lawns of the royal palace, provided he is not taken for an astronomical philosopher."

When Adamski met the queen, he was questioned by Prof. J. Jongbloed, Dutch astronomer; Lt. Gen. Heye Schaper, chief of the Royal Air Force, and C. Kolff, a

member of the board of the Royal Netherlands Society for Civil Aviation.

Presumably, it was during this questioning by experts that Adamski had a difficult time. He is here to lecture at the invitation of the Unidentified Flying Objects Contact Group.

When he arrived Saturday, Adamski told reporters people on Venus had been contacting him because they were concerned that "atomic tests might not only destroy earth, but Venus."

TRIBUNE, Tampa, FL
May 19, 1959

UFO Sightings Reported Here On Two Days

Unidentified flying objects, mysterious oval shaped devices with what has been described as "incredible" speeds and maneuverability, have been reported by at least 10 persons during the past two days.

Most of the sightings were in the southern or eastern sections of Fayette County, but some were seen in the west.

The reports were the first since Chevy Chase residents last summer reported seeing reddish objects while looking for Echo I satellite. The object in question was tracked by several observatories, but apparently has never been identified.

The recent reports of UFO's were turned over to William Leet, president of the Blue Grass Chapter of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Leet listed the following reports.

Mrs. William McCord, Richmond Road, said she and her daughter saw one of the objects yesterday morning while driving with her daughter on the New Circle Road near the Richmond Road.

She said the object was seen between 3:45 and 9 a.m. and that the round silvery device was traveling roughly parallel to the Richmond Road.

John E. Hawkins, 1642 Townley Drive, driving in the same vicinity as Mrs. McCord at approximately the same time, said he saw an elliptical, shiny object, perhaps 6 to 7 miles high traveling toward Richmond.

Patricia Ann Gayhart, 644 South Addison Avenue, reported she saw a round silvery object traveling toward the Mason Headley Road.

Mrs. Leslie Cole, 937 Carneal Road, said she was in her yard and saw a silvery object in the sky about 11 a.m.

Mrs. Cole also said she saw an aircraft about the same time and was sure the object was not a plane through comparison.

Charles Otto, 1006 Celia Lane, told Leet he saw an object, resembling a star Thursday night. The object was very fast and moved to the north over the city, he said.

Hunt Stevens, Bates Creek Pike, said he and several other men traced 3 objects with a transit about 1 p.m. Thursday.

He said the objects appeared to be chasing vapor trails made by jet aircraft in the area. They were round and seemed to change color from a light gray to a brighter light. They also appeared to be spinning rapidly.

Sue Daugherty, of 734 Price Avenue, told Leet that she and two other persons watched an object for a short time about 6:30 p.m. Thursday from a point on Delcamp Drive. It also resembled a star.

Leet said that Mrs. Dorothy Birch, 1925 Vicksburg Drive, reported she saw a large ball of light descending toward the earth about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night near Lane Allen School. She said sparks came from the device and then it disappeared.

Jackie Woodrum, 450 Morgan Avenue, reported at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday he saw a very large round object at high altitude going faster than a jet plane. Rays of different colored lights extended from the object, said he.

Walter Sharkey, 1826 Endon Drive, told Leet that he and his wife saw an object, four to five times the size of a star moving fast from northeast to southwest about 10:15 p.m. Thursday night.

FILLIP TO SAUCER FANS. As Convention Ends, New Sighting Reported.

Mountain View, Mo., June 29.(AP)—Several hundred persons who claim to have seen or traveled in flying saucers—or at least to believe in them—wound up a weekend convention on an Ozark mountain top today.

—Mr. and Mrs. David McClure of Tulsa, helped send the believers away on a proper note by reporting a fresh saucer sighting.

Mrs. McClure said they spotted the object shortly after the convention recessed last night. The McClures said two carloads of other delegates also saw it.

Space Folk Unflustered by Skeptics.

The Believers and the Curious Onlookers Were Worlds Apart in Southern Missouri Rally, but Few Conventions Have Been Better Behaved.

This is the first of several stories by Bill Vaughan, Starbeams editor, who is traveling in Missouri.

By Bill Vaughan.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, MO., June 30.—After two days with their heads in outer space, people around here were turning today to more customary summer concern, such as how the fish are biting in Jack's Fork.

At Buck Nelson's place, five miles or so back in the hills, the men and women who have seen flying saucers and talked to Martians, Venusians and even Tithanians had struck camp and departed. Pillars of Howell County dust along the road to Buck's hardscabble acres lifted for a final time to mark the movements of the cars with license plates from Oregon and Ohio, Iowa, Florida, California and South Dakota.

It had fallen somewhat short of the thousands in attendance which had been confidently predicted by Buck Nelson, the 63-year-old bachelor farmer who visited Mars, Venus and the moon in 1954. In the two days of speaking and sharing of outer space experiences, fewer

presumably related matters as yoga and the religions of the Orient.

"Seventy books in the last few years," said Wayne S. Aho, World War II major and director of the Washington saucer Intelligence association. "That shows the interest there is in this matter. There are 6 million space fans in the United States. At a convention in Giant Rock, Calif., 7,000 attended."

Nathaniel Baldwin advised some young visitors about choosing books. One, called "Round Trip to Hell in a Flying Saucer," he could not recommend although he conceded there might be some truth in it. But he said he thought there might be better things to study about than hell. Mr. Baldwin, who lives in Salt Lake City, has seen six flying saucers, three of them at one time, flying low and in formation. He has never been up in one, however.

The star of the convention was a man who not only has made some 10 or 11 saucer trips, but has been inside the Triganon itself. The Triganon, of course, is the giant ball, 2,000 feet in diameter, which acts as the mother ship for many of the saucers. It took the people of Wolf Star 359, which is in the Tithanian system, 85 years to build it.

The first earthman to be taken aboard the Triganon was Lee Childers, a slightly-built, 30-year-old baker from Detroit, who addressed the convention. He was wearing a blue shirt decorated with

quasi-military space symbols. He revealed that it had been given to him for Father's day.

Childers has many friends on Wolf Star 359—Commander Marcason; Commander Tokun, who stands only 4 feet tall and wears a bright orange cap on his shoulder-length tresses. Sergeant Emu is 8 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 340 pounds.

Although he has made many trips, Lee best remembers his first one, when contact was made on Livernois avenue in Detroit, about 5 o'clock one morning when he was on his way home from work. In the customary manner of space people, they stopped his car, the engine died, the lights went out. Then they called to him, and led him to the saucer, which had landed on a nearby embankment.

When they were airborne and Lee was informed that the craft was going 250,000 miles an hour he was flabbergasted.

Adventure in West. Another popular speaker was Carol Maurer, a vivacious lady in taredor, pants, a blouse with an outer space symbol on the front and a bright red cowboy hat. She has never been up in a space craft but has seen several near her California home. Her most interesting experience was with one Allen—or A-Lan, as he is known on his planet.

Allen approached Miss Maurer on July 4, 1954, on the streets of Salt Lake City. He was an imposingly handsome man in a uniform. He and Miss

than 100 dedicated believers sat or stood listening, with perhaps twice as many curious onlookers.

It was hot, and shade was scarce in the field Buck had cleared beside his 3-room home. There was a raised platform for the speakers. Underneath it dozed a black and white dog.

Beside the rostrum was Buck's souvenir stand where he sold flying saucer paperweights, Missouri pennants, and, at \$1 each, copies of his book about his friends out there and his visits to them. A cook shack, its top covered with brush to provide some coolness, served hot dogs, pop and similar light collations. Another booth offered such examples of Ozark handicraft as crocheted potholders, toy tom-toms and flying saucers made by gluing two tin pie plates together. The lady in charge reported that business was terrible.

In the middle of the afternoon Saturday a truckload of cold watermelons showed up.

Along one side of the field ran a row of racks and tables displaying books and pamphlets about space, unidentified flying objects, visits to other planets and such

audience may have been skeptics didn't bother Buck, or any of the other space fans.

These are gentle people. Never, in any of the talks, was there a word of hate or of war-of-the-worlds predictions. Unanimously, they testify that the other planets want only good for us. The only reason the space brothers observe us is to try to help us and prevent us from destroying ourselves.

The people from outer space are uniformly described as handsome, with melodious voices, clear complexions. They have magnetic personalities. Their homes and all of their surroundings are beautiful. They know nothing of war or poverty or illness.

Major Aho was asked why so many of the space men's contacts on Earth seem to be with simple men. Instead of with leaders of state, His explanation is that thousands of earth folk, some of them members of Congress, have been up in space ships, but do not dare say so for political reason or fear of ridicule.

Note of Disappointment. He says that the space brothers, with their superior intelligence, know when space conventions, such as this one, are held on Earth, and he was a little disappointed that none of them showed up, or at least none that were recognized. But, even without them, Howell County had an excited realization that something was stirring. A small boy on a Willow Springs corner called out to a passing stranger. "Hey, mister, eaten any purple people lately?"

Whatever a speaker needed, whether it was an introduction, a Bible or a fruit jar of water, Buck provided it.

Unbothered by Skeptics.

The fact that most of the

STAR, Kansas City, MO - Nov. 1, 1959

Mystified by Chunks of Ice.

Cleveland, Oct. 31.(AP)—What is the origin of two chunks of ice—each the size of a basketball—that fell from the sky over suburban Beachwood yesterday?

That's the big puzzle for scientists and weather bureau officials.

One chunk tore a 15-inch hole in the roof of a home and a gaping hole in the upstairs ceiling. The other fell on the fairway of the Highland Park golf course, about 100 yards from two golfers.

One explanation came from Willson H. Hunter, an official of the National Aeronautics and Space administration's Lewis research center here. He said the ice probably formed on an un-

protected part of an airplane and then was dislodged when the plane flew through warmer air over Cleveland.

The weather bureau's spokesman at Cleveland Hopkins airport, however, said conditions over the city yesterday were not those in which heavy ice would have formed.

There were reports earlier this week of ice plummeting to earth at Martin, Ga., and Acacia, Italy.

JET CRASHES; LIST ILLINOIS PILOT MISSING

Atlanta, Oct. 27 (AP)—An F-89 jet fighter crashed and exploded last night at nearby Dobbins air force base, diving into a concrete runway with force sufficient to make a 7 foot crater. The base's public information office said no bodies were found in the wreckage and it was possible the plane's occupants could have ejected themselves. No trace of the pilot or his radar observe was found.

The plane, an air national guard craft, was flying from Milwaukee.

At Milwaukee, the air national guard said that the pilot, 2d Lt. Gerald H. Peterson, 24, of 96 Forest Glen dr., Round Lake, Ill., and Radar Observer Capt. Carl W. Krecklow of Milwaukee, are listed as "missing."

(By R. Heiden)

SAUCERS HELD SPACE SHIPS BY EX-MARINE

Hits AF Stand On Flying Disks

(This is the last of three articles on the controversial subject of "flying saucers" and their investigation by the Air Force.)

BY RICHARD REILLY

Are the flying saucers real—and if they are, what are they?

That, in essence, is the question that faces the Air Force—and the American public as well. Although it remains unanswered, it has stirred no end of opinions and theories.

One theory advanced from time to time is that the saucers are some revolutionary type of weapon perfected either by this country or some other nation.

The Air Force, however, deprecates this possibility. In a recent statement, it said:

"The Air Force has stated in the past, and reaffirms at the present time, that unexplained aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile or aircraft developed by the United States. None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena."

Weapon Theory Discounted

In addition, a high-ranking Air Force officer indicated to the Times-Herald that it is believed impossible the saucers could be a foreign weapon.

Regarding the question as to whether flying saucers exist, Lt. Robert White, public information officer, said the Air Force believes reliable observers such as veteran airline pilots are sincere when they report sighting unidentified objects.

The Air Force was tossed a hot potato recently by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U.S.M.C. (ret.), who claimed in his recent book, "Flying Saucers from Outer Space," that the saucers not only are real but that they are of interplanetary origin.

Furthermore, Keyhoe contends that the so-called "Utah film" possessed by the Air Force proves this thesis.

Theory Bolstered

Keyhoe's interplanetary theory was bolstered by a letter published on the jacket of his book from Albert M. Chop, former Air Force civilian expert on the saucer project, who now is with the Douglas Aircraft company in California.

In the letter, Chop stated:

"The Air Force, and its investigative agency, 'Project Bluebook,' are aware of Maj. Keyhoe's conclusion that the flying saucers are from another planet. The Air Force has never denied that this possibility exists. Some of the personnel believe that there may be some strange natural phenomena completely unknown to us, but that if the apparently controlled maneuvers reported by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer."

Upon publication of the letter—written on Defense department stationery—the Air Force challenged Chop's claim and said he was merely expressing his personal opinion.

Chop subsequently admitted that he was not speaking for the Air Force, but maintained that some of the investigative personnel had subscribed to the interplanetary theory. He said this was based on "personal contacts with these various individuals" and insisted that it was "a true statement."

Charges Cover-Up

Amplifying his theory that the saucers come from another planet, Keyhoe claims they could originate from some other body in the earth's solar system—such as Mars or Venus—or from some other system or universe.

Keyhoe charges that the Air Force is convinced that the saucers are space ships from another world, but that it is covering up because of a fear that such a disclosure would result in widespread panic.

The Air Force, however, insists that this is not so—that it is holding back no important facts from the public.

Lt. White said the names of persons involved in the sightings are withheld, and reports which divulge the capabilities of our aircraft, radar and electronic equipment are classified. All other information with respect to sightings is a matter of public record, he said.

Keyhoe maintains, tho, that the Air Force has refused to release many analyses of sighting reports. He points out that the names and locations connected with the incidents could be deleted, if necessary.

Wants Film Released

Keyhoe also claims that the Air Force should release the final intelligence analysis on the Utah film.

In connection with this, Keyhoe recently sent a telegram to high Air Force officials charging that since the Air Force had implied that he had misrepresented the analysis of the Utah film, either he or the Air Force was lying.

The Times-Herald asked a top Air Force spokesman if Keyhoe had, in fact, misrepresented the Utah film analysis. He declined to comment.

In his telegram—as in his book—Keyhoe stated:

"The final analysis proved that the saucer formation could not be explained as any known aircraft, or other conventional objects."

Cites Conclusions

The spokesman was asked if this statement were true or false. He said that, to date, the Air Force has neither affirmed nor denied it.

Keyhoe also contends the analysis concluded the objects were not birds and were not caused by weather conditions.

Specifically, Keyhoe claims the intelligence experts reached the following conclusions:

1. The average speed of the unknown objects was somewhere between 653 and 980 miles per hour.

2. All the objects appeared round, of the same size, and gave off a bluish-white glow of very high intensity.

3. The objects seemed to be maneuvering in a circular or elliptical pattern within the group, at very high speeds.

4. Because of these high speeds, the objects obviously could not be balloons or birds.

5. They were not any type of known aircraft.

6. The sighting could not be explained by any conventional answer.

Asked if the Times-Herald could see the final analysis report, an Air Force spokesman said that there were certain reports the Air Force could not make public for security reasons, risk of libel, and other reasons.

However, the spokesman said the film could be viewed at Wright field, Ohio.

Not Discounting Theory

The Air Force officially neither accepts nor rejects the interplanetary theory.

Brig. Gen. Sory Smith, Air Force public relations chief, put it this way:

"We do not know enough about it to deny that flying saucers exist. Conversely, we have no proof that they do exist."

"In our investigation we are not discounting the possibility that the saucers—if they exist—could be interplanetary. We are interested in anyone who might be using the air over the United States."

"However, we have no authentic physical evidence that they are interplanetary."

Continuing, Gen. Smith stated: "For the Air Force to admit that flying saucers exist, it would want indisputable physical evidence. For such an admission, it would want stronger evidence than it now has."

Summing up the problem, he said:

"So far, the question of whether flying saucers exist, and if so, what they are, has not been conclusively answered either way."

But one thing is certain, he added. The Air Force will continue to seek the answer.

Will Push Campaign

Meanwhile, Keyhoe plans to continue his campaign to compel the Air Force to disclose the facts he says it is concealing. He told the Times-Herald he will continue to make his claims in print and on television, and will challenge the Air Force to deny them.

"If any official, after reading the final analysis on the Utah film, says that it did not rule out birds, known aircraft or

'THAT WAS NO AIRPLANE'

Are They Hiding Those Lights Under a Bushel?

By EVERT CLARK

Mysterious red lights which have flown over the Quantico Marine Base 22 times in the past six nights were officially explained away today as a new type of aircraft navigation light. But most of the Marines who saw them still don't believe that's what they were.

In addition, The News ran into what seems to be a deliberate attempt to cover up certain facets of the longest continuous "flying saucer" run in history.

The first man to see the light was Pfc. Norman Viets, 18, of Greenville, Pa. Since then, at least 30 other Marines, including half a dozen officers, have seen it, too.

On one occasion, sentries reported seeing three lights at once. They say they have seen the lights drop straight down, fly straight up and stand still.

Even the most careful—and skeptical—observer, the base provost marshal, Maj. D. D. Pomerleau, admitted the lights had characteristics he never expected to find on an airliner.

FIRST SIGHTING

Pfc. Viets was standing sentry duty at the Tank Park a few miles north of Camp Barrett on the southwestern side of the Quantico reservation at 9:05 p. m. Dec. 30 when he "reported a moving, blinking red light near his post which he could not explain."

The sergeant of the guard, Sergt. Francis R. Salinder, "investigated and saw the light but could not explain it."

Pfc. Viets told The News the light first appeared to come straight toward him over a line of trees about 200 yards to the south of his post.

"It was about a foot and a half in diameter," he said, "only going about 10 or 15 miles an hour. Then it followed the tree line about 50 yards to the right and went down."

"It went straight down, all of a sudden. Fifteen minutes later it went straight up and moved over here toward the tank shed."

"I saw it two times after that. It did the same thing. It was the weirdest looking thing I ever saw. There was no engine noise and no shape—just the light."

NO SALE

By the time The News talked to Pfc. Viets at Quantico yesterday, the airplane navigation light theory already had been offered. The News asked Pfc. Viets about it, and he said:

"That was no airplane. I first thought it might be a weather balloon, but it wasn't. Either way, you could have seen the shape."

Pfc. Viets and Sergt. Salinder saw the light again at 10:15 the same night. Five minutes later they called in the roving guard from a nearby guard tower, but the light was gone.

CONFLICT

First reports had it that troops were sent into the area to look for the lights. Yesterday Maj. A. B. Ferguson, the base information officer, said that report was erroneous.

"We did at no time dispatch troops to fight off the invaders or capture them or welcome them aboard or anything else," he said.

However, this is what the official record says:

"A 13-man detail arrived at 11:15 p. m., Dec. 30) from Camp Barrett and made a search of the area in which the light was first seen. The search proved fruitless."

Fifty minutes later Pfc. Viets' relief "reported seeing the same red light." Sergt. Salinder saw nothing.

HOVERS

The next night the light was seen again, at 6:25 p. m., by a tank park sentry and the guard tower. At 7:10, it appeared again. This time the sergeant of the guard "came out and checked the area



Pfc. Bennett (top front) grabbed a butcher knife and said: "It's landing in the tank shed!" Maj. Pomerleau (middle photo) is skeptical, but still curious. Pfc. Viets (bottom photo) saw enough to convince him "that was no airplane."

—News Staff Photos by Gene Thomas

with troops," the official report says.

Thirty minutes later, the sergeant of the guard saw it again, and at 8:23 p. m. three lights were seen. (This was New Year's Eve.) At 9:01 it was seen again, and at 4:20 New Year's morning it moved northeast, then south, then north and remained "over the tank shed at an elevation of about 3500 feet."

That was the time, Pfc. Viets said "they saw it come up there and lay under the moon until morning."

Pfc. Viets' relief of the night before got so excited he "grabbed a butcher knife and headed for the tank shed to help out his troops," his barracks mates said.

The light came back three times Friday night, once Saturday night, five times Sunday night and twice last night.

Maj. Pomerleau said the best pos-

sible way to describe the light's size, shape and intensity was to compare it to "the way a blinking red traffic light appears to a motorist as he pulls up to an intersection."

He heard no noise and saw no shape. He said the light was "sharply delineated."

"But I have friends and a professional reputation," he said, "and as far as I'm concerned just say it's an aircraft navigation light."

Several airlines that fly in and out of Washington say they began installing new lights atop the tails of planes six months ago. They blink on and off, are red, and can be seen much farther away than older types.

"Nobody in the barracks knows," Pfc. Viets said. "They're just talking flying saucers, that's all. They're talking about men from Mars and everything else you could name."

conventional objects as the cause of those objects, I will call him a liar to his face.

"I do not like to use such terms, but after all, the Air Force has, in effect, been calling me a liar and I'm getting tired of it."

Regardless of the charges and counter-charges, so long as the Air Force has unsolved sightings

in its files—and until it is definitely known what the flying saucers are—the average person is bound to wonder...

Are the flying saucers real? If so, what are they?

The final chapter is yet to be written in this strange drama. The answer is not yet available to us.

CR: B. Greenwood



WEST AUSTRALIAN, Perth, W.A., Australia - May 7, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

UFOs cleared for landing

HE skies of Perth are safe from hostile invaders from another planet.

This is the implication of a decision by the RAAF not to both with UFOs unless they appear to be dangerous to national security, according to Mr George Hume, the resident of the Perth FO Research Group.

He said this was an admission that UFOs no longer posed a threat and that the research should be left to civilian groups.

"I am delighted at the news," he said. "It now means that most people will no longer see UFOs in terms of a hostile invasion from another planet."

"Hopefully more

people will realise that UFOs are friendly and are not interested in taking over the world," he said.

Security

Mr Hume was commenting on a statement by the Defence Minister, Mr Scholes, that the RAAF would investigate only those "unusual aerial sights

(UAS) that suggested a "defence or national security implication."

He hoped that the RAAF would still co-operate with research by confirming whether one of its planes was in the vicinity of a possible sighting.

Mr Hume said that visitors from space could come from anywhere.

"They have overcome the time barrier and have probably been here since the Bible days," he said.

Mr Michael Borley, the chairman and sighting coordinator of the WA UFO Investigation Centre, said that UFOs would probably be easier to track down now.

EXPRESS, Burnley, England
May 25, 1984 CR: T. Good

THE UFO NEWS

UFO expert Stephen Brown has launched a newsletter for fellow enthusiasts.

The Odyssey is the result of many months of painstaking research into the whole subject of unidentified flying objects — from both a local and international point of view.

And his interest has also led to the formation of the Lancashire Centre for UFO Studies, based at his home in Queen Victoria Road, Burnley.

PURPOSE

The group now has 15 members, and the majority come from the Burnley area, but a few from elsewhere in Britain.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep members informed about what is happening elsewhere in the world and several investigations into UFO sightings are

recorded in the publication.

Stephen, 22, a warehouse worker at Hills Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Harle Syke, formed his group after appealing on the Expressman page last year for information about local UFO sightings.

INTEREST

He said: "I have had no recent reports, although several people have told me about sightings in former years."

"There seems to be quite a large number of people interested in the subject, and I'm hoping to arrange another lecture in June by a well-known speaker on UFOs."

He hopes to send Odyssey to Australia and Canada as well as other centres in Britain as part of an exchange-of-information service.

BLUE JEANS, London, England - May 19, 1984



CR: T. Good

Somebody's Watching Me!

We have it on good authority that U.F.O.'s and flying saucers do exist — well, so reckons the one-time Captain Kirk of the Star Ship Enterprise, alias William Shatner!

"There's so much evidence in support of U.F.O.'s I don't see how we can disbelieve it," he reckons. "Airline pilots, astronauts and R.A.F. people all say they've seen strange objects — and these are skilled, highly-intelligent people who know what they're talking about."

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER BALLARAT

A Wendouree family watched in amazement on Thursday evening as an object like nothing they had ever seen before appeared in the sky above them and remained in sight for about four minutes.

The nearest thing they could compare it with was the letter H, but with a crossbar in the wrong place.

After watching it through binoculars, they saw the object sink below the horizon in a north-westerly direction.

The drama began at about a quarter to six when a member of the family was being driven home down Norman Street from the city.

He sighted what he thought was a high flying jet, but it appeared to be travelling too fast.

He said it appeared to leave a vapour trail which quickly disappeared.

He drew the attention of his companion to the object, which then appeared to stop and flutter, then proceed at a much slower pace.

By this time they had arrived home, and the attention of the entire family was then drawn to the phenomenon.

To the naked eye it was a "double hyphen" floating slowly in the sky above Ballarat Airport, but through binoculars it appeared to be an H shape, with two fuselage-like sections joined at the top by a thin membrane.

At this stage it appeared to be travelling at orbital speed and seemed to be of huge construction.

All those watching agreed it was black in color, with a smoke-like substance trailing behind. They all said it was some-

Their first reaction was that it had something to do with the Airport, but a check with the authorities there revealed there was nothing in the air at the time. It was suggested they had witnessed the re-entry of a satellite.

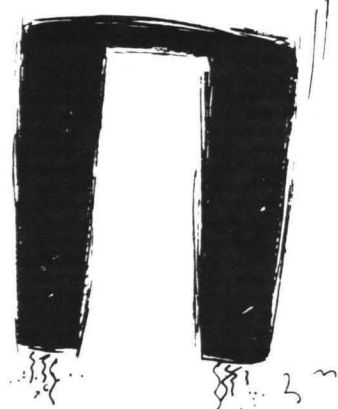
But if that was the case, why, after slowing down, did it appear to continue in low orbit? As it appeared to be sinking lower, but in actual fact was merely proceeding towards the horizon, it seemed to be flying like a plane without wings — the joining membrane at the front.

The senior member of the family has been the recipient of many UFO reports over several years, but had never seen anything resembling one before. In the past he was able to explain many away, but this sighting, he said, was inexplicable.

One theory, which he admitted was imaginative, was that it was not a satellite re-entry they had witnessed, but a satellite launching (just before sunset is a favorite launching time, and the north-north-west trajectory fits).

That would explain the terrific speed of the object first seen (the rocket launcher), then the slower speed of the second object (satellite or space

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● Artist's impression of the object seen above Wendouree by eight people on Thursday evening. They described it as a flying H with the crossbar at the top.

station) which would then be in earth orbit.

The family said there was absolutely no noise, and each had a feeling of awe as they watched the strange object pass overhead.

Local authorities had no other reports of a sighting, but as it disappeared slowly, it is possible other people in Victoria also saw it.

People in Melbourne who are involved in such aerial phenomena would be glad to hear from anyone else who witnessed the visitation. Descriptions may be sent to The NEWS which will forward them to the appropriate authorities.

FOOTNOTE: There have been several instances in the Central Highlands area over the past two years of "flying Hs" being sighted. There was a rash of sightings at Maryborough last year, followed by a sighting just out of Ballarat, one at Melton (which remained in sight for hours and was chased by policemen) and at Bacchus Marsh.

Most descriptions tallied in basic details, with the H shape being most favored.

YORKSHIRE EVENING POST, Leeds, England - June 1, 1984

I saw UFO, says stargazer

A Leeds hairdresser is now convinced UFOs exist after seeing a bright object hurtling through the sky in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr. Julian Jay was

stargazing at his home in Sandhill Oval, off Harrogate Road, Leeds, when he saw the object shoot across the sky from south to north.

He dashed indoors to tell his wife and get his binoculars, but when he returned it had disappeared.

Minutes later, how-

ever, it returned — flashing across the sky from north to south.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," he said.

"It was extremely bright and was zipping in between the stars at a tremendous speed — it was like nothing I've ever seen before."

CR: T. Good

STAR, Doncaster, England - June 5, 1984 CR: T. Good

Staveley UFO claim

A NORTH Derbyshire housewife believes she may have had an encounter of the third kind . . .

For June Skinner is baffled by her sighting of a mysterious flying object which lit up the sky near her Staveley home.

And now June, aged 53, of Overton Close, has reported her experience to the British UFO Society.

"I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't think it was an aircraft because I know the air lanes."

The strange object appeared in the night sky with two bright lights at the front and rear.

Double light

"It was warm and I had gone for a breath of fresh air when I looked up to the sky," said June.

"I remarked to my son, Karl that there weren't many stars. I saw a brilliant light. Wearing spectacles I thought I was having double vision. It was a double light."

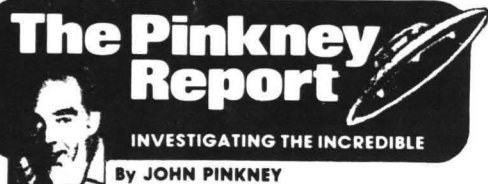
"I went upstairs and these lights were coming towards us from Mastin Moor. It was a solid mass. The lights were very clear."

The next day, June reported the incident to the British UFO Society who are investigating.

She has been told that the Bawtry Meteorological Office say they had no weather balloons in the area and the RAF are being asked about their plane movements.

Elsie Lee, secretary of the BUFO, is looking into the incident which is the fourth separate sighting this year in the Chesterfield area.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - May 21, 1984 CR: J. Magee



UFO lands in mountains

A CANBERRA public servant watched a UFO prepare to land in NSW's Blue Mountains. David J. Allan, of Narrabundah, ACT, told me: "I had the sighting late in 1974 when I was working at the Commonwealth Employment Service, Mount Druitt."

"At about 5pm, I was driving along the Great Western Highway, near Penrith, when I noticed a bright, starry object with a thin tail resembling a streak of lightning, in the south-western sky over the Blue Mountains."

"The object didn't seem to be moving, as it was only in view for the three minutes or so."

"But when I arrived at work the next day I was surprised when a friend said: 'Did you see that strange-looking thing in the sky yesterday? There was a bit in the paper about it. It landed near Robertson.'"

"A year later I was transferred to a job near Robertson."

"I mentioned the UFO to an employee there, and he recalled that a relative had been rabbiting at the time, and had actually seen the object land and take off again."

● There is overwhelming evidence that UFOs — whatever they may be — are landing in Australia. Many landings leave barren rings where no grass grows for as long as five years and into which animals refuse to venture.

Mental saucer message

A SILENT, globe-shaped UFO, which rose into the clouds and illuminated them from within, is described by Mr C. Beales of Frankston, Vic.

He told me: "It was dusk. I was walking along a street with houses on one side and a school on the other."

"On an impulse I can't explain, I turned around to see what appeared to be an orange-yellow globe which had come into view over the top of a building. At first I thought it was a light plane, but there was no sound."

"I knew it couldn't be a plane when it rose into the clouds and lit them up from inside."

● Unexplainable "impulses" are common in UFO cases.

Many investigators believe UFOs emit a telepathic signal which virtually forces the witness to turn around and look. Physicist Dr Jacques Vallee says: "Flying saucers are seldom seen by chance. They arrange to be seen."

UFO may have landed in Brunkild man's yard

by H.E. Bennett

Indentations in Karl Wroblewski's garden at Brunkild, Manitoba, look like they were created from something out of space wars. There is a hole some 30 inches in diameter in the ground that was not there last fall, and there are 8 other indentations in the Osborne clay soil, ringing a circle around the 30 inch hole some 100 feet in circumference, with the eight indentations evenly spaced.

Wroblewski, who farms 400 acres of land, 2 miles south of Brunkild, never noticed the hole in his yard until he accidentally fell as he walked over the yard, to close a lid left open on a grain drill. His foot went through the snow and into the hole. Upon closer inspection, Wroblewski noted a strong smell of sulphur coming from the excavation. He put his arm into the hole, and found he could move it freely around under the rim of the excavation which was about 30 inches across.

Wroblewski never thought seriously about it again until this last week when he was preparing

to seed his crop. Now with the snow gone, the hole formations take on a different appearance. There are 8 other indentations in the ground that were not visible when the ground was covered with snow, they form a circle around the larger hole, that is now filled in with dirt. Even the stubble from last fall's growth was pushed down into the hole.

Officials at the Museum of Man and Nature have been contacted, and they have indicated they are interested in visiting the site, and will bring equipment for testing the soil.

Speculation can lead to several reasons for the unusual indentations in the ground. It could be from particles of a meteorite. That appears to be one test that can be made. However, it is not usual for meteorites to leave marks so evenly spaced.

Lightning strikes can also leave indentations in the ground similar to those at Brunkild, however, lightning storms rarely occur in the winter months, and again the even spacing of the marks is questioned.

Then there is the assumption that it could have been a U.F.O.,

with the smell of sulphur being associated with U.F.O. sightings.

As for Mrs. Wroblewski, she has no opinion on the subject. In fact, she isn't concerned at all about the marks in her yard. They just don't interest her at all, and she hasn't even been out to see them.

But for Karl Wroblewski and those who have seen the holes in the ground, the matter is still "up in the air," and hopefully tests will prove out which theory is the most acceptable.

UFO REPORTS

Bob Diemert of Carman reports residents of the town noting a strange object hovering over the east side of town on April 9. The object was reported about 9:45 p.m. and remained hovering there until almost daylight.

Diemert says that although the object did not have lights, the outline was visible, and you could hear it. He taped the sound, which on tape sounds like a dynamo running.

The police were informed says Diemert, but they passed it off as being a kite that had been flown in that area of the town.

TIMES, Derbyshire, England - June 15, 1984 CR: T. Good

Bid to explain new UFO sighting

A north Derbyshire woman has had an unexplained close encounter - with a UFO.

June Skinner, a keen plane spotter and a former worker in the RAF's signals, saw something strange in the Staveley sky. Now investigations have started to try to explain the sighting.

Not plane

"I've never seen anything like it before," June said. "I'm very good at recognising planes after working in the RAF, but this craft was definitely not a plane, and was not on the

flight path." June added that her 12-year-old son also saw the craft travelling from Mastin Moor towards Chesterfield at about 10.20 pm. It was semi-circular, with a pair of bright lights both at the front, and on the underside. It made a quiet hum as it passed overhead.

Interested

The Chesterfield UFO society, formed earlier this year, has set the wheels in motion to investigate June's sighting.

"The craft doesn't match descriptions of other UFOs seen in the area, and we are interested to hear from anyone else who may have seen it," said Dave Kelly, of the local UFO group.

Both the Bawtry weather station and the RAF have also been contacted about the sighting.

● The Chesterfield area is earning a reputation as a magnet for UFOs. There were a spate of sightings in March around the Wingerworth and Bole Hill areas. Two young boys spotted a craft in the sky around Mastin Moor at the same time.



Karl Wroblewski of Brunkild is shown standing near the 30-inch hole found in his yard. He put in stakes visible in the photo marking the 8 other, 8 to 10-inch wide indentations in the soil evenly spaced around the deeper hole. Officials from the

Planetarium have been asked to test the site for possible meteorite fragments, and to identify the smell of sulphur associated with the larger hole in the Osborne clay. The land is hard-packed except where the holes were found this spring.

UFOs start fireworks one day early this year

Victoria Day has traditionally been fireworks day for many people, however, this year the fireworks started on Sunday night and it was a spectacular sight. Two sightings of the event have been reported.

Around 10:15 on Sunday night in the southern skies, according to an Alvinston area resident, bright objects streaked across the sky for about five minutes. First she thought it was a plane on fire but then it appeared to be a meteor shower. Several fragments "splintered out" and created their own shower of lights before they all disappeared in darkness. The object travelled from west to east.

At about the same hour a

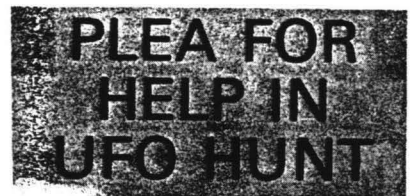
spectacular sight was seen by travellers on the County Road between Appin and Mt. Brydges. About 20 star-like objects, closely gathered and each with its own tail of fire streaked across the sky for several minutes. There was no sound to them and they finally appeared to burn out or go behind the clouds. It also looked like a burning airplane at first but as it came closer individual light sources became visible.

Since nobody has identified the origin of the sparklers the incidents can properly be classified as UFO sightings (Unidentified Flying Objects). However, it is likely that the early fireworks were a result of space debris re-entering the earth's atmos-

phere or a meteor or similar object falling to earth.

The whole incident isn't half as intriguing as an event that occurred back in 1967 when a group of women and girls home-bound from a 4-H Club meeting near Glencoe were pursued in their car "by a mess of lights". The driver floored the accelerator, but the car would not go faster than 50 miles an hour.

There was no phenomenon of power loss during Sunday's sighting, and both observers claim they had nothing to drink, except that the Alvinston witness had consumed some rhubarb punch, but it had definitely not aged enough to make anyone see things that did not exist.



A NATIONAL UFO group is hoping to recruit investigators in Kettering to carry out research.

Alleged sightings in the area have led to the appeal from Ken Phillips, regional co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association.

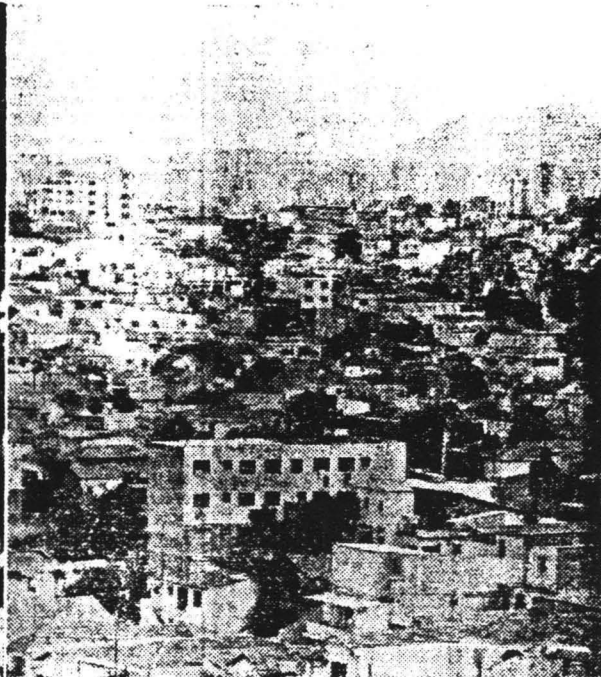
Mr Phillips said: "We have heard reports of sightings in the county in the past.

"We are looking for two or three open-minded people willing to give witnesses a fair hearing and follow up any possible explanations, and then to report back." Mr Phillips, a Milton

Keynes maths teacher, has been involved in collecting UFO information for over 13 years.

In recent years he has investigated cases of a mysterious low flying diamond-shaped ship which hovered over two policemen and of a Northamptonshire motorist who gave chase to a cigar-shaped flying object.

There used to be an active UFO study group in the Kettering area during the 1970s but it was disbanded due to lack of support. Mr Phillips can be contacted on 0908-679970.



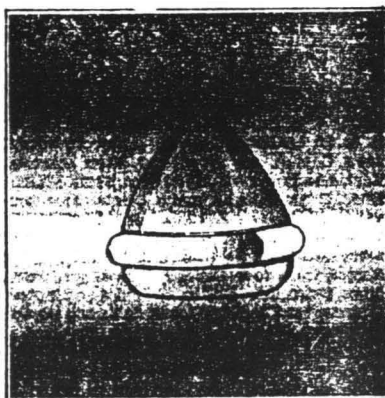
Fotos Amilton Vieira

O objeto, brilhante e circular, ficou cerca de 20 minutos sobre a zona Norte de São Paulo

Objeto voador não identificado é fotografado no céu de S. Paulo

Um enorme objeto brilhante e circular, em forma de cone. Foi o que o repórter fotográfico Amilton Vieira, 43 anos de idade e 28 de profissão, viu, de uma das janelas de seu apartamento no 4º andar de um prédio da rua Carolina Soares, em direção ao pico Jaraguá. Amilton assistia a um programa de televisão, pouco depois da meia-noite, quando teve sua atenção despertada por uma luz, de um tom laranja avermelhado. Segundo Amilton, a luz se aproximou até uma distância de 800 metros, tomou a forma de cone, afastou-se, voltou novamente, afastou-se mais uma vez e finalmente desapareceu, como se tivesse simplesmente apagado. O fenômeno durou cerca de 20 minutos. Também presenciaram a cena, a esposa de Amilton, Gracia e a cunhada, Mariana. Durante todo o tempo, não ouviram nenhum ruído.

Amilton, que, com sua máquina fotográfica, conseguiu registrar o fenômeno, está convencido de que realmente viu um disco voador, embora confesse nunca ter acreditado em objetos voadores não identifica-



O objeto segundo Amilton

dos: é que o céu estava coberto, não havia lua e, em seu entender, não havia nenhuma possibilidade de estar ocorrendo algum fenômeno. Ainda impressionado, procurou as autoridades da Aeronáutica, no Centro Técnico Aeroespacial-CTA, em São José dos Campos, dois dias depois do ocorrido. Lá, exibiu as fotos e contou como tudo se passou para vários

oficiais graduados, entre eles o major-brigadeiro Hugo de Oliveira Piva. A reação do major ao ver a fotografia: "Ufa". Logo em seguida reconheceu não ter visto ainda nenhum fenômeno semelhante, acrescentando ainda, parecer "o que a população chama de disco voador".

Apesar disso, o major alegou que não dispunha de um departamento organizado para estudar casos como este. Amilton, que também não procurou nenhuma entidade especializada em estudos de Ufologia, disse que, embora saiba que o fato, no futuro, poderá vir a incomodá-lo — "vou ser bastante aborrecido por isso" —, não poderia deixar de divulgar o que aconteceu! "Não tenho o direito de ficar com isso arquivado e não mostrar".

Oficiais do CTA negaram-se a comentar oficialmente o caso levantado por Amilton, alegando que têm sido muitos os relatos sobre objetos voadores não identificados e que não seria válido apreciar apenas um deles.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - July 1, 1984

The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

Gag on UFO document

THE AUSTRALIAN and US governments seem to have developed radically different attitudes toward UFOs.

Recently the RAAF announced that it would no longer investigate most flying saucer sightings — the implication being that they were nonsense, and a waste of Air Force time.

Almost simultaneously,

however, America's National Security Agency was busy censoring 71 per cent of a UFO report which private investigators had prised out of it by legal action.

The blue-pencilling followed a successful court action by CAUSE (Committee Against UFO Secrecy).

The group had successfully sued the US government for the release of a 21-page document detailing hundreds of UFO sightings and the electronic monitoring and interception techniques used to

verify them.

But when the National Security Agency reluctantly supplied the 572-line document, it was found to have 405 lines (71 per cent) deleted.

A Centre for UFO Studies spokesman commented: "The release of these censored documents proves the government has been withholding significant UFO information from the public — contrary to previous official denials."

U.F.O.s — are they ever identified? Most reported in Tasmania are, according to data contained in the State U.F.O. Investigation Centre's latest annual report. Last year it received 61 reports of sightings. It managed to identify all but six; 13, if you allow for another seven classified as still under investigation or proving a headache because of insufficient information. As for the remainder, they pan out at: astronomical, 28; aircraft, nine; ground lights or cars, five; other explanations, four; satellites, two. The greatest number of sightings ever reported to the centre in any one year of its almost 20 years' existence was 192 in 1976. Explanations were found for all but 43.

ADVOCATE, Burnie, Tasmania
May 14, 1984 CR: J. Magee

OTHER MYSTERY OBJECT SIGHTINGS

The NEWS has received two other reader reports of mystery objects seen in the Ballarat skies in recent days. This follows the report published last week of a sighting by eight people of a mystery object over Wendouree.

One reader, Mr Merv Pickford, also of Wendouree, said he saw an object at 7.15 p.m. on Monday May 21. He had just emerged from his backyard shed

where he had been practising weightlifting when it flew overhead heading in the general direction of Mt Helen.

"It was like two fluorescent tubes flying overhead with a space between them," he said. "There was a glow coming from them, and two white lights were flashing together. There was absolutely no noise."

Mr Pickford said he did not think it was a plane, but it was a new type, he would like to know what it was.

The other reader was David Young, 16 years of age, of Sebastopol, a student of Ballarat High School. His statement reads as follows: "I left to go for a run at 3.49 p.m. on Friday May 18. I was running along Miles Street when I got a stitch in my side. I stopped to walk and was just at the top of a small rise with two tall trees on my left, when I saw in front of me (i.e. towards the East) a strange thing.

"There were a few clouds around the hills in the distance. But closer than that, about half-way between the hills and myself I saw a darkish thing.

"I thought at first it was a cloud, but it was much darker than the other clouds, and was too small for a raincloud. I also

thought it might be a plane, but the outlines were indistinct. It seemed to be moving.

"I lined it up with the edge of the road and saw that it was in fact moving slowly but steadily towards the south (my right).

"I have always wanted to see a UFO and I wondered if this was one, but it wasn't quite what I had imagined.

"Then suddenly it began growing smaller and I had the feeling it was moving away from me. Very soon it was only a black dot, then even that disappeared.

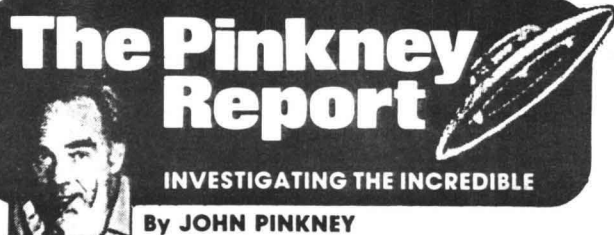
"The whole thing, from first sighting to disappearing, had taken barely 30 seconds.

"The time was then just after 4 p.m." David is the son of a pilot and has had many hours in the air.

'A STRANGE THING'

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - June 18, 1984

CR: M. Heelas



DID GIANT UFOs MAKE THESE MARKS?

PERTH UFO investigators believe two giant alien spaceships may have landed on farms in Western Australia several years ago.

The researchers have startling photographs of circular depressions which the mystery objects left in the soil.

And a scientist from the West Australian Institute of Technology has taken soil-core samples which show that the mark-making objects must have weighed between 75 and 200 tonnes.

Mark Heelas, director of Perth's UFO Investigation Centre, has conducted several years of research into the two presumed "landings".

"The compression of the soil and the classically strange effects on crops (noted in UFO landings worldwide) leave me in little doubt that the marks were made by unidentified flying objects," he told me.

Workmen found evidence of the first landing in May, 1978. While taking meteorological samples in Sawyers Valley,

35km from Perth, they came across five symmetrical circles, in a straight line stretching 88 metres from east to west.

Scientific tests showed that the two outer marks had a high carbon content and low nitrogen content.

The government astronomer, Dr I. Nikoloff, suggested the marks could have been made by sonic waves from a satellite re-entering the atmosphere.

However, no fragments could be found and the tracking station reported no re-entries.

This mysterious impression has UFO researchers puzzled.

Investigators also ruled out attempts to explain the depressions as being the remains of burnt-out haystacks. There was no sign of scorching in the circles.

The second "landing" case — at Ogilvie, north of Geraldton — was preceded by a UFO sighting.

While driving his tractor across a paddock, farmer Kevin Chick suddenly saw a dazzlingly bright light ascending from his friend George Parker's adjoining property.

Two days later, while spreading fertiliser on young barley, Mr Parker discovered a mysterious bald patch, 14m in diameter with four deep, round depressions inside it.

George Parker and neighbouring farmers spent several days trying to find an explanation for the mysterious marks.

They contacted the West Australian Institute of Technology which, several days later, conducted geophysical tests on the bald patch.

The tests showed that the depressions were approximately 1.3 metres in diameter, 10cm deep and 8.7 metres apart.

Whatever made the marks had crushed barley seeds deep into the soil, at a pressure estimated between 75 and 200 tonnes.

But the eerie story didn't end there.

Every year since the "landing", the barley which grows in the former bald patch has been twice as tall as rest of the crop.

Mark Heelas has developed a fascinating theory.

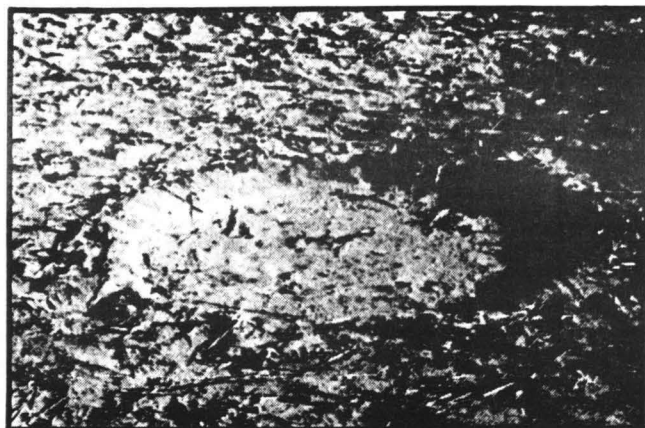
"Maybe — just maybe — they were made by UFOs with mechanical problems," he says.

"The Sawyers Valley indentations might have been produced by a craft that tried to take off several times but was forced to set down again — finally leaving the five traces in the photograph.

"Similar circular depressions, always symmetrically patterned, have been found on farms around the world.

"And often people have seen mysterious lights in the sky just before the marks were found.

"There's tremendous circumstantial evidence that alien ships are regularly landing on our planet."



NEWS, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

May 30, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

Halesowen UFO expert Alan Crowe has a chilling message for local enthusiasts: "There are no little green spacemen."

After years of research Alan believes the flying saucers come from our own minds rather than far distant planets.

Ten years of fruitless searching for evidence of alien visitations forced him to admit they were a psychic phenomena.

But five years later his enthusiasm for UFO research is as strong as ever and he is trying to form a local society for enthusiasts from all over the West Midlands.

His views put him in the minority among the British UFO society most of whose members still cling to the romantic idea that the flying saucers are real.

"My views are unpopular and they do nothing to encourage more members and enthusiasts" said Alan, of Crimmond Rise, Halesowen.

"But if you are a researcher you should keep going whatever the evidence turns up."

Alan was first attracted to UFO's because of the excitement of looking for alien creatures and admits it was a great disappointment when he decided they did not exist.

"It was a difficult transition because your rational mind is fighting against your imagination and sense of romance" he said.

"A lot of the glamour is lost if you accept they are part of your mind and nothing else."

In all his years as a UFO researcher Alan has never seen one himself - a fact which does not disappoint him as much as you might expect.

He is a dedicated

Mystery of UFOs - all in the mind

researcher and spends hours studying documents and case studies, as well as

people are beginning to take us seriously" he said. "Scientists especially are starting

Interview by Geraint Jones

reading books on the subject, of which he has collected hundreds over the years.

He is very keen to dispel the cranky image which UFO hunters have acquired and regards his hobby as scientific research.

"More and more

to take an interest in Ufology.

"We get a lot of people coming to us who are attracted by the romantic notions who then leave again when they discover what a hard slog it can be. You tend to find those that keep their interest over years are dedicated

people."

So far about a dozen enthusiasts have banded together to form the nucleus of the local society and they hope to start regular meetings soon.

"We want to get something going locally to recruit members and to discuss work" said Alan. "National meetings are expensive to attend so it is important to talk to fellow enthusiasts regularly."

After more than 30 years of study the origins of UFO's are still unknown. Theories abound but none has concrete evidence to support it.

Despite this failure researchers like Alan dedicate themselves to progressing in this field. "I believe all the evidence points to UFO's being psychic phenomena" he said.

"Most sightings do not obey our physical laws - they suddenly disappear or shrink, and those seeing them experience all the tell tale signs of a psychic experience."

"They often go cold and lose all sense of reality and there tends to be poltergeist activity before and after the sighting."

"Also the sheer number of sightings means that if they were real there would almost be a shuttle service between earth and alien planets."

"There have been more than three million reported sightings in the last ten years, and even if they were not all genuine that would be an awful lot of spacecraft."

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia

June 25, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

Huge ball of golden light

MRS MARY GROVES of Penshurst, Vic, recalls a similar phenomenon, which she also saw in the eastern sky.

"I was called out to the front verandah by my son at about 9.30pm," she writes.

"There, before our eyes, was a huge, golden ball of light about the size of a full moon, and only about 300 metres away. It was suspended in mid-air about 50m from the ground."

"As we watched for about 10 minutes, the 'moon' kept releasing sparks to the left of it, while shrinking in size. It remained in the air until it looked about the size of an orange then dropped to the ground and disappeared."

"Next morning, my son and I searched all around the area where we had seen it fall, but couldn't find any trace of it nor any clues as to what it might have been."

Two moon mysteries

GOLDEN, moon-like objects in the night sky have puzzled two readers in different states.

"I had my sighting about 40 years ago - long before there was any public discussion of flying saucers," recalls Betty

Muddle of Dungog, NSW.

"I was fast asleep on the verandah of my parents' house

"But at one o'clock, I woke for some reason and decided to stargaze - a habit instilled by my father, who loved to explain the geography of the heavens."

"Suddenly, I noticed on the eastern horizon, a great full, beautiful moon. It was bright gold and shining like a pale sun."

"Glancing overhead, I then saw the real moon, white and brilliant and in its usual place."

"I was stunned at the sight of two moons in the sky."

"Now, of course, I believe the golden one was a UFO."

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Richard Heiden

City and country of incident: Bigand, Santa Fe province, Argentina
Date of incident: April 7, 1979

Name and issue of magazine: Ufologia 1:2, Jan.-March 1981

Publisher of magazine: Comisión de Investigaciones Ufológicas,

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Article by Emilio F. Caldevilla, "UFOs and the Press," pp. 16-24.

Excerpts from the section on pp. 18-20.

THE "JOURNALISTIC LANDING" OF BIGAND

In its edition of April 12, 1979, the evening edition of LA

RAZON reported on the landing of a UFO in the town of Bigand (located in the south of the province of Santa Fe)....

[The next paragraph consists of a transcription of the article in question, about a UFO that allegedly left traces and stopped

jet engines. The article was already translated in UFONS #120, July 1979, p. 13.--RWL]

As soon as I learned of the event, and taking advantage of the

only week holidays, the next day (Friday, April 13) I set out early

to the place, which is something more than 300 kilometers [190

miles] from the Capital. Once there, I headed for the police station,

where, confusing me with a Buenos Aires reporter who had previously

communicated with them and who was trying to reach the site of the

sighting, they put me in touch with the mayor of Bigand, Sr. Porfiri.

Once the situation was explained, Sr. Antonio Porfiri offered to accompany me to the place of the landing and put me in

touch with the Celotto family.

At the mayor's suggestion, we first headed toward the house of

Sr. Manuel Celotto, brother of the owner of the field where the supposed

landing had been produced. There we were informed that he had left

for the field in question. We set out for there.... We had to cross

barbed-wire fences and set out for where it was supposed the race

was, which we soon located, as it contrasted with the color of the

soy bean plants.

The trace was on cultivated land, in which the soy bean plants

reached a height of 50 centimeters [20 inches]. It was a slightly

voidal area, whose measurements were 8 meters wide by 9 meters long

26.2 x 29.5 feet]. Inside the plants were dry, dehydrated, their

color turned to maroon, and they showed no signs of burning. It

could be noted that the plants located some two meters [6.6 feet] from

the center were a darker color, and no type of mark was noticed on the

ground, except for some footprints of those who had visited the area

previously. The ground was good and level in the area, and there were

no puddles from the rain the day before. Consulting with Sr. Porfiri,

who knows the area and the crops, he confided in us [me] that the mark

was about 15 days old, despite the newspaper information that gave it

only seven, basing his appraisal on the size of the seeds of the dry

plants and comparing them with those of the healthy plants. I added

that the damaged plants were not burned, but simply dry, for unknown

reasons.

After taking samples of soil, plants, control samples from the

rest of the area, and photographing the trace, we went in search of

Manuel Celotto, from whom we expected testimony that would shed some

light on the details of the event.

Manuel Celotto was very willing to help, and especially interested

in denying the version published in the Rosario daily LA TRIBUNA

(4/11/79). [Apparently the original version of the article in LA

RAZON--RWL.] He denied that he or anyone else in his family had

observed anything strange, and informed us that he had discovered

the trace days before April 7 (date given by the press to the supposed

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

City and country of incident: Sao Paulo City, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Date of incident: May 9, 1984

Name of paper and date of clip: O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, May 15, 1984

City and country of newspaper: Sao Paulo, Brazil

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED IN SAO PAULO SKY

A huge circular, brilliant, cone-shaped object was seen by photo-reporter

Amilton Vieira, 43, in the profession for 26 years, from one of the windows

of his apartment on the 4th floor of a building in Rua Carolina Soares, in

the direction of Jaraqua Peak. Amilton had been watching TV, a little after

midnight, when his attention was drawn by a light of a reddish-orange shade.

According to him, the light approached to a distance of about 800 metres,

took the shape of a cone, regressed, and returned once more. It repeated

this performance, going off in the distance, and approaching, and finally

it disappeared, as if it had been turned off. The sighting lasted about 20

minutes. Amilton's wife, Gracia, and his sister-in-law, Mariana, also witnessed

the scene. Throughout the sighting, the UFO was soundless. Amilton

employed his camera to register the sighting. He is convinced that he truly

saw a flying saucer, although he confesses he had never before believed in

UFOs. He feels that, as the sky was clouded and there was no moon, it would

be impossible for any other phenomenon to occur. Impressed by his experience,

he decided to seek out Air Force authorities, and visited the CTA (Aerospace

Technical Center) in Sao Jose dos Campos, two days after his sighting. He

showed his photos and reported all he had seen to several high-ranking officers,

among whom Brigadier-Major Hugo de Oliveira Piva, who first exclaimed

"Ufai!" (an expression of boredom), but upon examining them recognized the

fact that he had never seen anything similar, adding: "This is what people

call a flying saucer."

In spite of this, the Major alleged he did not dispose of an adequate department

organized for studying such cases. Amilton, who had not sought out any

specialized UFO organizations, states that, although he is well aware that

this event might cause him quite some trouble in the future, he does not intend

to omit himself by not divulging what happened. "I do not have the right to

keep this in my files and not to show it," he said.

CTA officers refused to officially make a statement about the case Amilton

presented, alleging that they have received many reports on UFOs and it would

not be fair to examine only one among them.

City and country of incident: Santa Rita de Caldas, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Date of incident: June 2, 1984

Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, June 5, 1984

City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

WITNESSES SAY THE FARM WAS BOMBARDED

Belo Horizonte (Branch). All five witnesses of the mysterious fire that

destroyed the main farmhouse in the Chapada Farm last Saturday night,

questioned once more by the Police, declare that the fire was caused by a

bomb thrown from a plane, the noise of which was heard just before.

An engineer of FURNAS*, Mr. Joao Batista Ridolfi, assured us that he and

his wife watched a luminous object, like a comet, precipitate down over

the house. There is another comment about this mysterious fire and dozens

of witnesses have appeared telling the Police-Chief Arnaldo Romano of having

seen "actual fleets of UFOs."

The Police prefer to handle the case as a weather accident or a common

crime. Yesterday, some explosives experts arrived in Santa Rita, coming

from Belo Horizonte, and have set to work; this afternoon they will present

some preliminary conclusions.

In addition to the destruction of jewels valued at 70 million cruzeiros

that were not insured, the fire nearly killed the farmer's wife, Sebastiana

Campos Pires, who suffers from diabetes and heart trouble. The fire

also burned up all the farm owner's documents. His name is Jose Dias Pires.

*A large state-owned company in charge of water supplies for Rio de Janeiro.



On the Trail of the 'Wild Man' of China



Legendary hairy beast sighted again.

By CHRISTOPHER S. WREN
Special to The New York Times

WUHAN, China — One evening last April in Cangyuan County north of China's border with Burma, a schoolteacher named Li Mingzhi heard the village dogs bark. He took his hunting rifle, thinking a wild animal was prowling about, and went out into the bright moonlight.

He assumed that the human form he saw was one of the villagers and walked up to meet him. As Mr. Li told it afterward, he found himself face to face with a giant hairy primate. For five minutes they stared at each other by moonlight, Mr. Li not daring to touch or shoot the creature, until it disappeared into the dense rain forest.

The story might have been dismissed as a figment of Mr. Li's imagination had there not been dozens of similar sightings over the years in Cangyuan County in western Yunnan Province. Various reports from remote parts of 12 other provinces and regions in central and southern China have described a hairy creature seven feet tall or more, with human features, no tail and an ability to laugh, weave bamboo and enjoy fire. The Chinese call it "Ye Ren," or wild man.

Four scientific expeditions have searched for the wild man since 1976, concentrating on the mountainous, thickly forested Shennongjia region of northwestern Hubei. The reports have been most persistent in the Shennongjia, with more than 300 sightings of wild men recorded since the 1920's. The most recent sighting in the Shennongjia was reported by a schoolteacher in the village of Mawan last July.

In September 1981, Fang Jingchuan and two other members of a scientific expedition said they saw a wild man before it fled into a bamboo thicket. Researchers have found curious footprints, strands of hair and feces. But the mystery remains unsolved, for they have yet to capture or film a wild man.

"Through our investigations, we have found lots of sightings in many places, particularly in primitive forests which have not been spoiled," said Li Jian, secretary general of the Society for the Survey and Research of the Chinese Wild Man. "Discovering the wild man is a continuous process. It is not a thing of the past."

Mr. Li, a 61-year-old historian who is deputy director of the historical research institute in the Hubei Provincial Academy of Sciences, said the society was formed in 1981 because "nothing would be done if we did not do it ourselves." He said the society has 400 members, including scientists, teachers and government officials.

Tales told of the wild man evoke those surrounding the yeti, or Abominable Snowman, of the Himalayas, and the Sasquatch, or Bigfoot, of the Pacific Northwest, whose existence is also unproved. Mr. Li said China's wild man looked somewhat different and had been seen more often than the others. "What is special about this beast is that it walks like a human being, with hair all over its body and no tail," Mr. Li said.

The Shennongjia region, where the wild man has been most often reported, is a rugged area of high mountains ranging up to 10,000 feet and deep valleys with heavy vegetation and caves. It lies in a remote corner of Hubei Province.

Question of Credibility

The society dismisses some individual stories, Mr. Li said, but gives credence to sightings that are close rather than distant, last longer than a glimpse and are reported by several people, preferably officials or scientists rather than peasants.

During a three-hour meeting in the Hubei provincial capital of Wuhan, Mr. Li discussed the evidence collected. In 1980, Meng Qingbao, a leader of an expedition, found 1,000 footprints stretching for about a mile in the Shennongjia. The team brought out a plaster cast of the most prominent print, which was more than 18 inches long and showed the largest of five toes splayed outward, he said.

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FREE PRESS, Burlington, VT - June 29, 1984 CR: J. Zarzynski

Champ Marker to Be Unveiled

By DEBORAH SCHOCH
Free Press Staff Writer

Lake Champlain's most renowned resident will be honored tonight with the unveiling of a massive granite marker on the Burlington waterfront.

Most granite markers honor the dead, but this one is different. It will

be dedicated to "Belua Aquatica Champlainensis," better known as "Champ." The elusive sea monster is alive and thriving in the lake waters between Vermont and New York, advocates say.

Tonight's ceremony is being organized by none other than the Vermont Lottery Commission, which launched a new game this summer

called "Search for Champ."

The large, shy monster emerged for a record 24 sightings in 1983. He was spotted again May 23 near St. Albans and June 3 off Burlington. Some scientists believe the creature may resemble prehistoric animals, such as a plesiosaur or a zeuglodon.

The 1,100-pound marker was donated by Rock of Ages Corp. of Barre, said Sharon Shepard, commission administrative assistant. It stands 2½ feet high, 3 feet long and 10 inches wide. It will be placed on the southwest corner of Perkins Pier.

The surface is inscribed with a picture of Champ and the symbols of the commission and Rock of Ages. It will be dedicated to Champ as well as "those people in Vermont who have sighted Champ and are in search of Champ," Shepard said.

Champ expert Joseph W. Zarzynski of Wilton, N.Y., has been invited to the gathering. He is the director of the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation and has studied the monster for a decade.

Open to the public, the ceremony will begin at 8 p.m. and end with a candlelight vigil.

BALLSTON JOURNAL, Ballston Spa, NY - July 11, 1984

Saratoga teacher writes book on lake monster

Joseph W. Zarzynski's book entitled *Champ—Beyond the Legend* is available in print now. Zarzynski, a social studies teacher at Saratoga Junior High School, has done extensive research on the mystery creature of Lake Champlain.

The author, recognized by many as the leading authority on the subject of "Champ," is a veteran of numerous radio and television interview shows. He has studied the phenomenon for nine years, has travelled to Loch Ness in Scotland six times to coordinate

research between Champ and Nessie, and has compiled and included more than 200 sighting reports from Lake Champlain.

In his book, cryptozoologist Zarzynski explores historical accounts of unexplained sightings going back over 370 years, and includes descriptions and sketches from many of the people involved in both past and present sightings. Available in softcover and hardcover, it is distributed by M-Z Information, PO Box 2129, Wilton 12866.

Mr. Li supplied pictures of human and bear prints in an effort to show that there could be no confusion. He said the creature's strides were three to six feet long. "When a wild man goes up a hill, the stride is also very long," he said.

Mr. Li also displayed a thin, reddish strand of hair four inches long, one of a number that he said were collected, often snagged in tree bark, in Hubei, Sichuan, Hunan and Guizhou provinces. Most witnesses describe the wild man as having matted red hair, although black and white hair has also been reported.

Mr. Li said Huang Guangzhao, an assistant professor of forensic medicine at the Wuhan Medical Institute, compared eight such hairs under a microscope with the hairs of humans, apes, gorillas, goats and pigs, and found them dissimilar. "The texture is different from bear or human hair," said Mr. Li as he displayed a series of microscopic photographs. "The wild man is in the middle between bears or apes and human beings."

Expeditions into the Shennongjia found feces, similar to human excrement but larger, along the creature's tracks. "It contained shells of chestnuts and hairs of some small animals, so it showed that it was not a human being," Mr. Li said. "Its way of eating things is also different."

An analysis of the feces showed that the creature ate wild fruit and small animals. The researchers also came across the carcass of a small river deer with the flesh eaten but the skin left and bones intact. And they also found uneaten heads and feet of cave swallows. "Other animals would not do that," Mr. Li said.

In 1976, Mr. Li said, a commune party secretary in Fangxian County, which adjoins Shennongjia, reported seeing a wild man run off with a small pig under its arm. In 1977, a peasant woman in Fangxian said she had seen a wild man eating bamboo shoots. The creatures have also stolen corn from peasants, peeling the corn to eat the kernels but not the cob, Mr. Li said. "It is not the way other animals would eat and the local people would not eat corn raw," he said.

In March 1978, Mr. Li said, some hunters in Rongjiang County of Guizhou Province said they were warming their hands over a campfire when a

wild man emerged from the darkness to join them. The hunters said they were terrified and pretended to ignore it. As the fire waned, they said, the wild man collected more wood and threw it on the fire. "It means that they are not afraid of fire like other animals," Mr. Li said.

The 1980 expedition into the Shennongjia also reported finding a sleeping nest shaped like a deck chair, fashioned out of bamboo, at an altitude of about 8,200 feet. "A wild man is so powerful that he can bend the pieces of bamboo," Mr. Li said. "He must also have hands able to twist bamboo. Only humans have such hands, but they don't have the strength to do it."

Stories about wild men go back 3,000 years. A chronicle of the warring states period (478-221 B.C.), related how a captured wild man was presented as a gift to the king of the eastern Chou Dynasty several centuries earlier.

Newspaper articles published in Peking have quoted 17th century records of Fangxian County in Hubei as saying: "In the remote mountains of Fangxian County, there are rock caves, in which live hairy men as tall as three meters. They often come down to hunt dogs and chickens in the villages. They fight with whoever resists."

Mr. Li told of an old soldier who said a Fangxian County magistrate led a band of hunters who killed a wild man with a machine gun in the 1940's. When they tried to cook it in a pot, the soldier said, the taste was so foul that people would not eat it.

And Liu Jikuan, an elderly woman from Fangxian, was quoted as recalling that when she was young, two wild men were led bound through her village by Nationalist soldiers.

According to Yan Mingde, an old peasant at the Bancang commune near the Shennongjia, villagers in 1947 chased eight wild men into a house. He was quoted as telling a biologist studying the wild man that the creatures ripped off part of the roof and seven of them escaped, but one fell into a fire pit and was killed.

"There are cases of villagers killing wild men, but they never kept specimens because at that time people had no understanding of the wild man," Mr. Liu said.

Some peasants said they had grap-

pled with wild men, Mr. Li said. In September 1979, Zhou Yongfa, a cowherd in Fangxian County, said a wild man gripped his wrist for a half hour — and laughed. When Mr. Zhou broke free and ran home, Mr. Li said, finger-shaped blue bruises marked the peasant's wrist.

Tears in Creature's Eyes

The Chinese press, which periodically speculates about the wild man, related how a hunter named Bu Xiaoqiu in Rongshui County of Guizhou Province caught a small wild man, a little over three feet high, in a trap in February 1980. Mr. Bu later told a local reporter that the creature's eyes filled with tears. Being superstitious, the hunter said, he thought it was the reincarnation of a dead companion and let it go.

Mr. Li said he thought the wild man "is linked more closely to human beings" than to apes or monkeys. "Apes cannot walk long distances and it is more intelligent than apes," he said.

There are theories, he said, that wild men were the survivors of a species of giant ape thought to be extinct. Such fossils have been found in Hubei Province.

Mr. Li, who grew interested in the phenomenon while working as a propaganda official in the Shennongjia region in the 1970's, conceded that there was skepticism about whether the wild man existed.

But he told of a party secretary named Ren Xinyou, who declared at a meeting in May 1976 that he did not believe in wild men because he had never seen any, though he had lived in the Shennongjia region for years. The next day, Mr. Li said, Mr. Ren telephoned to say that on their drive home, he and five companions saw a wild man framed in the headlights and got out of the car to look at it.

Mr. Li admitted that he had yet to see a wild man himself, though he said he had encountered footprints on one expedition and an apparent resting place in a cornfield. "I firmly believe that the wild man exists," Mr. Li said. "I have no doubt about it. I think it is only a matter of time until we prove it."

LIGHT, San Antonio, TX - July 8, 1984 CR: R. Heiden

Livestock mutilations still mystery

By RAMIRO BURR
Staff writer

Although the number of reported livestock mutilations has dropped to less than a half-dozen a year, the phenomenon never has been fully explained, according to one recognized animal mutilation specialist.

"The number of mutilations peaked in 1975 with over 1,500 reported in the country," Tomas R. Adams said yesterday in the second day of a three-day symposium of the Mutual UFO Network.

"Although the reports of mutilations had dropped considerably, we still have no solid explanation for them," he said.

Adams was one of five speakers yesterday at the symposium held at the Airport Holiday Inn.

Later in the day, Barry J. Greenwood, a leading UFO investigator spoke on his belief that the U.S. government is covering up its files and information on UFOs.

"After you eliminate the number of mutilations by cult groups, natural predation, or natural death, you still have hundreds of unexplained cases," Adams said.

He said that because of the huge diversity of variables in the thousands of cases across the country, conclusions about who was involved in the macabre incidents were hard to come by.

"The incidents happen in a variety of locations, in rural and isolated areas, in the far South and across the Midwest," Adams said. "Rarely does anyone see or hear anything and rarely is there any evidence left other than the carcasses and the missing parts."

Adams said that because of the lack of information and evidence to go on, investigators long have been puzzled by the phenomenon.

"The modern animal mutilation wave began in 1973," Adams said. "In 1967 there was the famous case of 'Snippy,' a horse in Southern Colorado, whose mutilation captured worldwide press cover-

age but the frequency of reports did not pick up until 1973 and reached a peak in 1975 with over 1,500 cases."

Adams downplayed critics' beliefs that natural predators or cult groups are at work.

"Of course, there are a few," he said, "but we can tell in which mutilations they're involved."

"But there are a lot of mutilations where we cannot explain the surgical precision used to remove certain body parts, the lack of blood, and other peculiarities."

Adams also said that in the majority of mutilation cases, an effective analysis through an autopsy could not be performed because of decomposition.

"Time is of the essence," he said. "If a veterinarian does not perform the autopsy within hours of the discovery, he cannot perform a meaningful, diagnostic examination."

Adams said that less than a half-dozen cases of mutilations annually have been reported in last few years.

USA JOURNAL/Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho

Expedition may throw cold water on lake beast tale

By Madonna King
USA TODAY

Some say a monster lurks beneath the waters of north Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille.

Some think it's an overgrown aquatic animal.

Others call it one of the tallest fish tales in the USA.

Fish tale or fish tail, the truth may float to the top once North Idaho College's Cryptozoology Club in Coeur d'Alene completes local interviews and a three-day tour of Idaho's widest freshwater lake, starting July 13.

Among those on board: two lake water specialists from the University of Montana, a geologist and scuba divers.

For more than 50 years, reports have surfaced of a huge sea serpent in the 50-mile-long lake — named for the pierced ears of Indians that once lived there.

One such tale: In 1962, fishermen near Hope reported hooking something so powerful that it pulled their 18-foot boat forward — while it was full throttle in reverse. They said it snapped a steel line.

Nothing so dramatic for George Johnston, who delivers mail by boat around Pend Oreille (pronounced Pond-E-Ray). He says he once saw what he thought was a 6-foot floating log "roll

over and dive under," as he approached.

"I don't think we have something like Loch Ness here," says James McLeod, who is part of the expedition team. "But, it's possible that an extraordinarily large species of sturgeon or something is in there."

Hundreds of swimmers, water skiers and campers don't seem concerned.

"I'm one of those kind who feels ... you wouldn't do anything at all" if you lived in constant fear, says Sandy Matheny, a U.S. Forest Service public affairs officer.

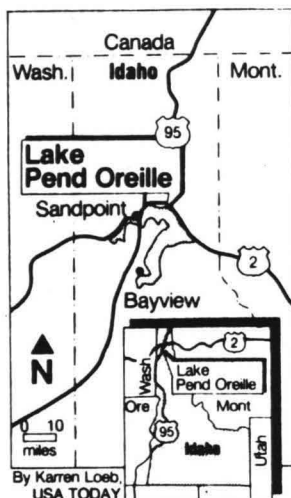
The Bonner County Sheriff's Department regularly patrols the lake, and deputies have "never seen anything" like a monster, says Sgt. Harry Mitchell.

The 1,150-foot-deep lake has helped make tourism the No. 1 industry in Sandpoint, a town of 5,500 residents, once known primarily for lumber and logging.

Louisiana-Pacific's lumber mill remains a big employer with about 200 workers. Kaniku National Forest has 150 workers.

The forest — which is known among hunters and fishermen for its elk, deer, ducks, rainbow and brook trout — is one of several treasures in northern Idaho.

The Idaho Panhandle has



2½ million acres of national forest land.

"We're the gateway to Canada," says Barbara Remmers, Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce director. "You go through here to get to British Columbia and Glacier Park."

Sandpoint has 14 motels, two more under construction and more than 35 restaurants.

Cartoon maps of the lake — complete with sea monster — are available in shoreline shops. Lakeside taverns are decorated with whale skulls, touted as "something that washed up out of Pend Oreille last week."

"Everybody talks about it and wonders about it," says Richard Snyder, an anthropology/archaeology teacher. "We're just the kind of people who go one step further and want to see what it's like to go out and find out what it's really about. And, you know, that's simply science."

GAZETTE, Schenectady, NY - July 12, 1984 CR: J. Zarzynski

'Tahoe Monster' — Prehistoric Fish or 17-Foot Sturgeon?

TAHOE CITY, Calif. (UPI) — A monster 17-foot-long fish inhabits the chilly depths of Lake Tahoe, say two more people who claim to have seen it. One expert says it could be a prehistoric creature or a huge sturgeon.

The latest sighting was made last month by Patsy McKay and Diane Stavarakis, both Tahoe City residents, who said they spotted the creature while hiking on a trail above the lake.

McKay told the Sacramento Bee, in a story published yesterday, that she first thought the 17-foot-long fish was a boat.

"I grabbed Diane and said, 'Look, that boat's sinking.' Then it just kind of emerged like a submarine. It went in a circle and then submerged briefly and came back up again," she said. "It was definitely alive."

It's not the first time someone has reported seeing a huge fish.

Two Reno police officers, Kris Beebe and Jerry Jones, reported sighting an unusually large creature while water skiing at Lake Tahoe in June 1982.

"We saw it," Beebe said. "It wasn't threatening us. It was just gliding right past us. Was I scared? I believe I went into a state of shock."

What type of fish the four people saw remains a mystery.

John Roush, a 61-year-old retired Air Force colonel who wrote a book called "Successfully Fishing Lake Tahoe," says he believes the fish tale.

Roush, who interviewed the police officers, said it is possible the creature is a sturgeon.

"That's the most logical explanation I've got. But then, again, it doesn't quite suffice," he told the newspaper.

Roush said sturgeon are not known to inhabit Lake Tahoe, nestled in the Sierra Nevada.

He said it also is possible that the creature is a prehistoric fish that has somehow survived for centuries in the 1,500-foot deep mountain lake.

Man claims 'Big Foot' gave him, dog a scare

by Jerri Ditterick

SPANAWAY — An eight-foot tall creature of "Big Foot" fame was spotted by a Pierce County man near the Lincoln Tree Farm, 276th and Mountain Highway, early Monday morning.

The man, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of being labeled a "kook," said he was awakened by his barking and growling of his dog outside his trailer home about 1:30 a.m.

He looked out his bedroom window in time to see a horse jump over the fence followed by what appeared to be a man in a white suit. He said he became alarmed when "the man jumped over the fence like I would jump over a foot-high hurdle."

Straining to look through a branch, he saw the man stop about 50 yards from his trailer home and stare at the home for about three minutes.

He said he tried to look into its eyes but could not see them as only illumination in the area was a neighbor's pole light some distance away. He did see a white figure with a bushy beard, possibly naked as the man lumbered slowly to within within 25 yards of his home.

As the man was approaching his trailer, he ran in to call his brother who lived nearby and told him to bring his gun. He said he felt he might have to protect

his home and family.

His dog ceased barking and growling and laid very still as the man approached, which he said is very unusual for his registered labrador.

He said his sister-in-law was worried after receiving the call and called the sheriff's department. Sheriff's deputies arrived within 15 minutes after the call but could find nothing, said a Pierce County Sheriff's officer.

At about the same time, the sheriff's department received another call reporting that livestock and domestic animals were being disturbed in close proximity to the man sighting. Nothing was found when deputies investigated, the officer said.

The 6-foot-2-inch man who saw the creature said he does not know what it was but if it was a man, "it was the biggest man I've ever seen."

HERALD, Pullman, WA - June 19, 1984

Victims recall similar cases of mutilations

CR: T. Adams

NORTH POWDER — The apparent mutilation of a young calf near here last weekend reminds area residents of similar incidents in the past eight years.

Ronnie Pratt, who operates a ranch at the base of Shaw Mountain, 16 miles south of La Grande, reported two animals killed and Gerald Dudek lost one animal under circumstances similar to the one last weekend.

Ronnie's wife Carol said the first incident occurred about eight years ago when a mature angus cow was killed on their ranch. Someone apparently removed the udder and reproductive organs from the cow.

Many details of that occurrence parallel those reported this week by Dennis Patterson, manager of a ranch where a 3-month-old calf was found dead Sunday.

The Pratts' cow was found in a large field on its back with feet straight in the air. There was no blood, and organs apparently were removed with a surgeon's skill, said Carol Pratt.

"The most intriguing thing about it there are never any tracks of any kind, no foot prints and no tire tracks... There were so many things that were so extraordinary about it."

As with the calf that was killed Sunday, other cattle in the pasture refused to go near the Pratts' dead cow.

She guesses the animal may have been tranquilized and then rolled onto its back and suffocated. When cows lie on their backs, organs press against the diaphragm causing suffocation. That leaves no trace of slaughtering, she said.

Pratt speculates the work may be done by members of a cult who use the organs in a satanic ceremony.

"The only thing I can think of is cults that worship them (sex organs). But that's just speculation."

Reports of cattle mutilation aren't uncommon, insists La Grande veterinarian Mace Schram. He has investigated many suspicious deaths and found most claims of mutilation to be unfounded. He confirmed that Pratt's cow had been killed and mutilated, however.

"I don't know what really caused it... I'm just at a loss," he said.

Schram said he knows of no predatory animals that take

just reproductive organs. And he knows of no commercial value or special uses they might have for humans.

Pratt insists there are many mutilations that are not reported because there is a tendency for disbelief. If a rancher reports a mutilation once, chances are he'll never report another because nothing is ever done, she said.

"You take it for what it's worth. I don't know what else you could do, or what good it would do to find out why ... Some people think it's just a fluke. But it happens. I know it does, I saw it.

"We're just thankful they pick animals."

By MEL COULTER
Observer Staff Writer

NORTH POWDER — The owners of a heifer calf that was apparently killed and mutilated near here last weekend are still searching for clues that would answer the questions of why and how.

A 3-month-old calf, valued at about \$350, was reported dead in a pasture on Wolf Creek Road about 22 miles south of La Grande early Sunday morning. Ernie Dias saw the calf from a distance and reported it to owner Vivian Crook.

Dennis Patterson, who manages Crook's ranch west of Interstate 84, wasn't able to follow up on the report until about 2 p.m. What he found at the scene still has him baffled.

The 300-pound beef-master cross was in the middle of a 550-acre pasture with about 100 mother/calf pairs. The dead animal was resting with all four legs tucked under it. There was no indication of how it died, but sex organs had been removed with precision and the tail was missing.

"I think it was a heavy drug of some kind," speculated the ranch manager about the cause of death.

He found no signs of a wound or bullet hole when he examined the carcass.

And there was no blood, either on the ground or still in the calf, leading him to believe the blood had been drained before the calf was slaughtered.

The removal of the sex organs is puzzling, he said. Cuts were made with surgical precision using an extremely sharp instrument.

"Whatever they took it (the organs) out with, was pretty sharp. The cuts were extremely clean."

No wild animals could have made cuts like that, he insists.

There also were no vehicle tracks or footprints in the area. The easiest access to the area is by walking 2½ miles from Wolf Creek Reservoir. The pasture is surrounded by barbed wire fence, which apparently was not damaged. A double-locked gate on the upper end of the property also appeared to be intact.

Bob Lund, a game enforcement officer for the Oregon State Police, investigated the incident and took hair samples for analysis by the state crime laboratory. He was unable to determine the cause of death but said the cuts were too neat for a wild animal.

Lund said he is very interested in the case and will continue to check

leads.

Patterson also is puzzled about the reactions of other animals to the dead calf. Normally, the mother cow will stay close to her offspring and other cows will investigate it out of curiosity. But Patterson reported all the cattle are keeping their distance.

Predatory birds or coyotes will usually start feeding on the carcass within a short time. But that hasn't happened, either, he reported.

"It's a real mystery, especially when there's no blood or tracks, or anything," he said. He offered no idea why the calf would be killed and only the tail, sex organs and blood removed.

Crook, who has owned the ranch about four years, said one of her dogs started barking shortly before dawn Sunday, probably about the time the incident occurred.

The slaughter drew the attention of a Portland television station which filmed a short news segment at her ranch early this week.

And it is similar to other incidents that have occurred in the area occasionally over the past eight years.

Mutilation North Powder calf dies mysteriously

Bear Lake Monster Might Get You, Kiddies, If You Don't Watch Out

By Cathy Free
Tribune Staff Writer

BEAR LAKE — If you water ski at Bear Lake this summer, make sure you have a fast driver behind the wheel of the boat. You might glance over your shoulder and find the Bear Lake monster hot on your heels.

But don't worry. As long as the serpent doesn't know how to water ski, you shouldn't have any trouble getting safely to shore.

Tales about the famous monster have been passed down for years in the Bear Lake valley. The stories have become a sort of tradition — told around campfires with other folklore legends, like the tale of the vanishing hitchhiker, the choking Doberman, or the man with a hook for a hand.

After hearing the lake monster legend, wide-eyed children (and a few adults) have zipped up their sleeping bags at night, and wondered if the monster can get around Bear Lake camping grounds as quickly as it can in the water.

A Good Excuse

Parents use the monster story as an excuse to con their children into doing camp chores, like fetching firewood, or peeling potatoes. "You'd better be good, or the Bear Lake monster will get ya," is told as often as "You'd better be good, or Santa Claus won't show up."

There are so many variations of the Bear Lake monster legend that it's impossible to know exactly how it came about, but a historian who lives near the lake has several theories.

Pat Wilde, a resident of Montpelier, Idaho, has collected information about the monster over the years, and although he has never seen the serpent and doesn't believe it exists, he enjoys researching stories he hears about it.

"Bear Lake wouldn't be the same without tales of the great monster," he said. "The serpent exists in the hearts of the people of the Bear Lake valley. They won't let the legend die."

Mr. Wilde said the legend about the monster was started among Indian tribes, years before settlers came to the Bear River valley. The monster was legendary to protect tribes from harm, until white men came to the area. This was said to anger the monster, and cause it to start a rampage of killings.

Another Indian legend says the monster captured and carried away Indians who bathed in the lake, and still another says the monster came about when two young lovers, pursued by fellow tribesmen, jumped into the lake and were changed into two large serpents.

"Tribes described the monster as a large serpent with legs about eighteen inches long, so it could come

out on shore a short distance," said Mr. Wilde. "They also reported it spurted water upwards out of its mouth."

He said tales about the monster escalated, when one of the settlers of the valley used the serpent story as an excuse for losing his horse in a poker game.

Knocked Out of Saddle

"It is said that in 1868, Joseph C. Rich, the son of Charles Rich, the colonizer of the valley, got involved in a poker game in Woodruff, and lost his father's horse," said Mr. Wilde. "He had to borrow somebody's old hag to get home, and decided to conjure up a story to tell his father. He remembered the legend about the Bear Lake monster, and told his father he was riding home near the lake, and the monster knocked him out of the saddle and ate the horse. This is one of the more acceptable tales of how the legend started."

Mr. Wilde said the ironic thing about this version of the story is that when Joseph Rich tried to clear up his false tale later, the people of the valley wouldn't allow it. "They felt a certain fascination with the monster, and wanted to feel like it would always remain in the lake," he said.

The folklore buff said historical accounts of the Bear River valley mention several sightings of the monster by local residents. One account mentions a man who was walking along the lakeside, spotting what he thought was the body of a drowned person. A closer inspection revealed the head and neck of some kind of animal he had never seen before, with ears on the side of its head as large as a pint cup.

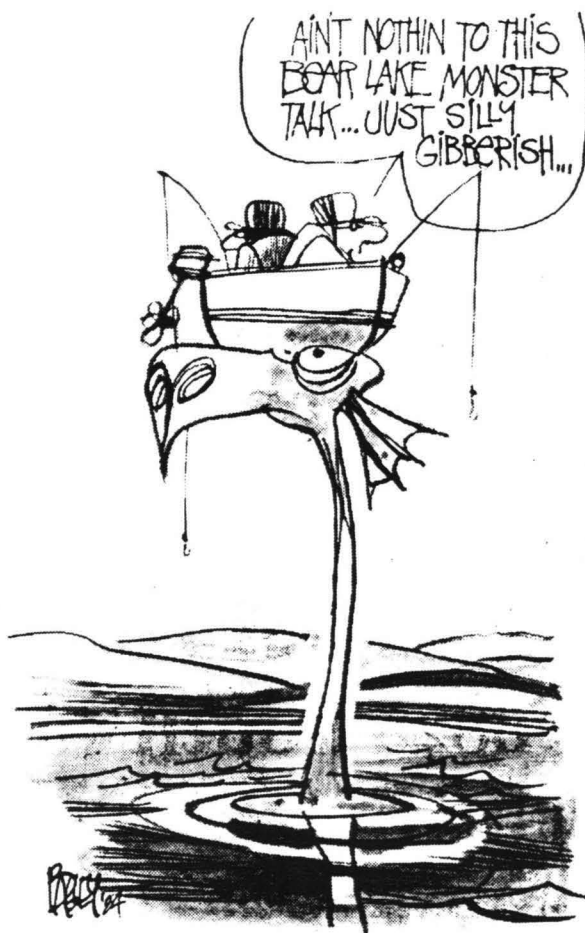
"Another account mentions a group of people who saw a 90-foot long, brownish-colored animal swimming faster than a locomotive through the water," said Mr. Wilde, "and other stories mention sightings of a creature with a head like a walrus minus the tusks, or an alligator. One person wrote that he saw the animal entangled in some bushes on the shore, and made a horrible noise like a roar of a bull."

Mr. Wilde said settlers made plans to capture the serpent, using a large hook baited with meat, but nobody was ever successful in catching anything more than a few trout.

"However, in 1926, state officials were dredging the lake and they found a large set of teeth from some type of sea animal," he said, "and in 1957, men were digging a well on the lower end of the lake and found the skeletal structure of a large animal."

Does this mean Mr. Wilde is wrong in assuming there isn't a monster in Bear Lake?

"Well," he said, trying to hold back a laugh, "let's just say the Indians might not have been talking through their smoke signals."



TRIBUNE, Salt Lake City, UT — June 18, 1984

CR: B. Walton

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT ("Arkansas"), Little Rock, AR — July 8, 1984

LYDEL SIMS

Scripps-Howard News Service

Fireballs

Flash in the sky causes quite a stir

Lydel Sims is a columnist for The Commercial Appeal in Memphis. His column will appear regularly in the magazine.

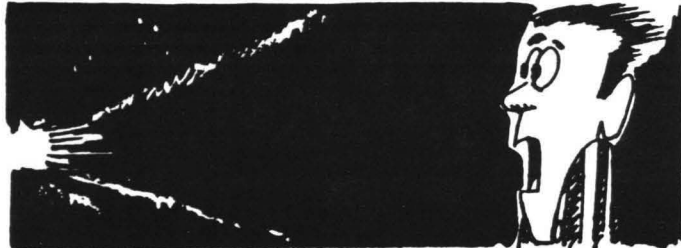
Did mysterious "fireballs" once roam the rural areas of the nation, striking terror in the hearts of homebound travelers?

Decide for yourself. A recent report of such an event has produced plenty of other testimony on the subject. It's enough to make your hair stand on end.

Let us begin with an account from Grady Franks of Earle, Ark.

"I had a similar experience back in 1922 on a country road near Sugar Tree, Tenn.," Franks reported. "I was about 18 years old and had walked my girlfriend home on a Sunday afternoon and stayed around until time was called on us about 'good dark.' I started the three-mile walk home on a pitch dark, cloudy night after a recent rain."

The road was full of mud holes, so Franks used his pocket knife to cut a walking stick to feel along with. About half a mile along the way, something strange happened. "When I



turned with the road, I saw a light on the right side of the road about the size of a water bucket, rising out of nowhere. My hair not only stood on end, but my toes curled."

Nonetheless, he marched boldly toward the light, which he described as "phosphorescent-like," and banged his hickory stick on the old hollow stump it seemed to be coming from. "Nothing happened except the thump..."

Back about 1929 or 1930, Horace Embrey told me he was walking home from Coldwater, Miss., to the Greenleaf community. He was going downhill along a road with high banks on each side. The night was clear.

Suddenly a ball of light came over the fence and down to the road, moving across toward the other side. It seemed self-contained, about the size of a plate, and it moved very slowly. Embrey got down on his hands and knees and put his hand through it as it moved past. Nothing happened.

And, he assured me, he's never seen anything like it, before or since.

In 1934 or 1935, Mrs. Lilyan T. Summerall said she and her sister were walking home after a ball game in a school gymnasium near Huntsville, Ala. It wasn't a stormy night, she's sure, or they wouldn't have been walking.

Both of them saw what they thought was a car light on a

nearby road.

They watched for it to turn a corner. "To our utter amazement, it turned before getting to the corner and was traveling along a creek bed at about the speed a car would. We spoke not a word, but looked at each other and took to our feet. I am convinced no marathon runner ever exceeded our speed."

Their parents said it was "phosphorus," but that didn't help a bit.

Mrs. Nel Ford remembers her uncle's tale of riding his horse home from a date near the border between Mississippi and Alabama, and a "ball of fire" coming toward him and spooking his horse.

Mrs. Othel Martin recalls how people in a state-line area near Hattiesburg, Miss., would gather on summer evenings to watch "fireballs" in a low area where heat had accumulated during the day. She never saw any herself.

And what's the scientific explanation for all this? Well, we haven't got it worked out yet. But stand by. Some definitive authority is sure to show up sooner or later. Meanwhile, be careful where you walk on dark nights.