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UFOs no laughing matter to witnesses

Last of 3-part series

BY RICK MILLS
Staff writer

The Michigan UFO Network is a one of 1,200 UFO Network chapters throughout the world. The organization exists to answer two questions: (1) Where do UFOs come from? (2) Why are they here?

The organization was started by an engineer in 1969 and now includes chapters in every state and many in other nations. Dan Wright, 37, of Lansing, has been involved formally with the group for six years. He is now state director.

For members, UFOs are very real and something the public will have to learn to accept.

"The most frequently phrased question is 'do you really believe in those things,'" said Wright. "For us, it's not as if you can believe or not believe. It's something we live with every day. The earth is visited very routinely."

Worldwide, 20 million people claim to have seen UFOs, according to Wright, who works for Michigan's Department of Social Services.

Locally, several sightings have been recorded, the most recent two weeks ago by three Mason area residents at different locations.

But 90 percent of those 20 million folks are wrong. It's the 10 percent that can't be identified that the Michigan UFO Network (MUFON) is concerned with.

The modern era of UFOs began when German pilots reported high fly-over objects in World War II, according to Wright. Early sightings included UFOs watching farm animals and hovering over rural areas.

BY THE 1960S the UFOs were reported mainly pacing and chasing cars. In 1970-73 there was a series of several hundred sightings of "humanoids" outside of aircrafts and fly-overs moved from rural areas into the cities, Wright said.

The early 1980s were strangely void of UFO sightings — except in Vermont and New Hampshire, according to Wright. Now sightings are becoming more frequent with many new sightings around military installations and nuclear power plants.

"Occasionally, a person will say 'do you really believe in those' as if one would have to sustain his logical thought process," said Wright.

"We operate on a last laugh basis, I guess. I believe something so fundamental is going to happen that it won't be deniable — such a shock that many won't be able to accept it."

Once all efforts to identify an object have failed, then the viewer is left with the fact that he may have seen a true Unidentified Flying Object. That is where the speculation begins.

Wright says that UFO experts have two theories regarding their origination. One is that they are extra-terrestrial, and the other is that they are another dimension, a parallel universe that crosses a plane with another reality.

Another source of debate is what energy source UFOs use. Solid fuel, like that used by our space ships, has been ruled out, largely because flames and traces of fuel have never been reported.

Extremely high levels of magnetism and microwaves have been recorded in areas where landings were reported.

"Perhaps they change the magnetic poles within their own sphere of influence to ride a cushion of magnetism," said Wright.

UFOs may be tricks, say experts studying them

By Barney Gallagher
Eagle-Tribune Writer

HAVERHILL — The strong possibility that Unidentified Flying Objects seen at night by Haverhill residents are the result of a trick being played on the whole city was raised yesterday by a nationally-prominent expert on unidentified flying objects.

More and more reports of sightings are being made as residents realize that others have seen what they did. Some who said they were afraid of being scoffed at have now decided to speak out.

There is general agreement that glowing objects are moving across the sky at night. Almost every person seeing them, on different nights, reports that the object periodically glows more brightly, then drops what appears to be a fiery piece of material.

Walter Andrus, of Seguin, Texas, international director of the

Mutual UFO Network, said the sightings strongly resemble the tricks played by youths several years ago, tricks he has not heard of in recent years.

"You inflate a large plastic trash bag with hot air, suspend a candle under it, and it will rise like a hot air balloon. Every once in a while pieces catch fire and drop off. I'm not saying that's what this is, but it certainly resembles the old trick," he said.

Thousands of people at a band concert and fireworks show in Newburyport Saturday night saw several examples of glowing objects sent into the night sky on balloons, when children attached green lights to helium-filled balloons and floated them out over the city.

One Haverhill resident who has been getting many telephone calls since his picture and a drawing he made were published Sunday in the

Eagle-Tribune is Brian McCarthy, 14, of Edgelawn Ave.

Persons from various parts of the city have called him,

Among others reporting sightings was Fred Stuart, 29, of 39 Arcadia Ave., who was taking his canoe out of Round Pond a week ago last Sunday night about 9:15, on the Concord Street side, when he saw the object across the top of the trees toward the Whittier School.

He reported the steady path, west to east, which was punctuated by the periodic glow, the dropping of burning material, and then the sudden disappearance, as reported in most other sightings.

HERALD, Boston, MA - Aug. 26, 1984 CR: B. Greenwood

UFOs ON THE RISE

Reported sightings increase

BREWSTER N.Y. — More multiple sightings of unidentified flying objects than ever before have been reported in the northeast during the past year and a half, a UFO field investigator says.

At a conference yesterday, about 500 persons gathered to see exhibits and learn more about the phenomenon.

The conference organizers, Peekskill attorney Peter Gersten and UFO field investigator Philip Imbrogno, said sightings

from March 1983 to last month in southwestern Connecticut and Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties in New York constituted the most frequent multiple viewings ever of UFOs.

"In one case we had 24 calls from people at the same time in different counties," said Imbrogno, a science teacher who investigates UFOs for the Center for UFO Stu-

dies in Evanston, Ill.

The latest sightings were June 11, July 12, 24 and 26. Imbrogno estimated that between June 11 and July 12 between 6,000 and 7,000 people may have seen UFOs in a single 1,400 square mile area.

"In the entire history of UFO sightings since 1947, I've never seen a series of sightings of this magnitude," Imbrogno said.

Imbrogno said po-

lice in the Town of New Castle in Westchester saw the object June 11.

A New Castle officer who asked that his name not be used confirmed four officers saw the object, as did 15 people at a board meeting.

The Air Force said it stopped investigating UFOs in 1969, when it concluded they had no substance and curtailed its study. Project Bluebook.

—UPI

LEADER CALL, Laurel, MS - Aug. 15, 1984

In Wayne, Clarke Counties. . .

Minister Collects UFO Info

SHUBUTA — Except for some people mentioning it on the streets and one couple coming to his house, the Rev. Ralph Savarese reports he has not received much feedback on UFO sightings in the area.

Savarese, pastor of the Shubuta United Methodist Church and two other UMCs, serves as a state section director for the Mutual UFO Network Inc., a non-profit organization headquartered in Seguin, Texas, that collects and investigates reports of UFO sightings. He is responsible for investigating sightings in Wayne and Clarke coun-

ties. Savarese said recently a lady and former neighbor from Pascagoula sent him a letter about her experiences there. A Mendenhall man sent a letter, but Savarese does not give much credence to it, since the return address is to "Jesus Christ."

Also, he noted he has not contacted or received contact from two Shubuta men at Mississippi Laminating Co., who reported to their boss seeing a UFO.

Neither has he received word from a Shubuta policeman who Savarese

understands saw a UFO. Savarese would like to hear from these people and, indeed, anyone who has had similar close encounters.

Savarese said he saw two UFOs in 1967, one while returning along Strength Road from Laurel to Clara and another following a Wednesday night service at the United Methodist Church in Clara.

Both times, he said he was in the presence of witnesses, the first with his daughter Debbie, then 17, and during the second sighting with the entire congregation of the Clara church.

A third sighting, he said, was made in 1973 while he was pastor of a church in Warwick, Ga., while sitting on a porch with his wife.

UFOs boycott meeting

By Janet Higbie
News-Times staff

BREWSTER — Local residents who believe they've seen space aliens, flying saucers or something unexplainable in the nighttime sky were not alone yesterday.

In fact, almost everyone showed up but the UFOs.

More than 1,100 people from all over the New York metropolitan area crowded into Henry H. Wells Middle School for an all-day conference on UFOs — unidentified flying objects.

They listened to lectures, examined videotapes and photos, filled out reports on UFO sightings, and above all, talked to one another about what they had seen.

Their impressions were recorded by a force of more than 50 reporters and photographers.

"What did YOU see?" was the question of day.

Yesterday's conference was sponsored by the Center for UFO Studies — the Illinois-based group that monitors UFO sightings worldwide.

Much of the discussion focused on local UFO sightings that have made headlines for more than a year and a half.

Police departments, newspapers and radio stations in Putnam, Westchester and Fairfield Counties have received hundreds of reports, usually of a large oval or boomerang-shaped object, as big as a football field and lined with lights.

Many authorities — including the New York State Police — attribute at least some of the sightings to a group of single-engine Cessna airplanes flying in formation out of Stormville airport in Dutchess County.

An East Fishkill police officer reported watching one of the planes break formation and land on July 24. But many at yesterday's conference were convinced they had seen something else.

A chorus of cheers greeted Richard Ruhl, a field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, when he estimated the Cessna formation is responsible for as much as 98 percent of the local UFO sightings.

Philip Imbrogno, a Greenwich high school science teacher affiliated with the Center for UFO Studies who has studied the local sightings since early 1983, said many witnesses describe a solid object that can hover silently and suddenly speed off, sometimes straight up, characteristics he said would rule out airplanes. He acknowledged that some of the sightings result from airplane pilots trying to perpetrate a hoax.

"They are responsible for some of the sightings but they are not the total cause," Imbrogno said. "They are going to have their day. They are going to get burned."

J. Allen Hynek, a former Northwestern University astronomy professor who heads the UFO center, told a packed auditorium that the center has received more reports on the recent Putnam-Westchester phenomena than any other in its history.

He said local witnesses, including professional pilots and a Westchester County Airport meteorologist, have been extremely reliable.

"It would be libelous to say they weren't playing with a full deck of cards," he said.

Hynek urged his audience to document future sightings with photographs and careful notes.

Lawrence Fawcett, a Coventry, Conn., police lieutenant, summarized the arguments advanced in his book, "Clear Intent: The Government Cover-up of the UFO Experience."

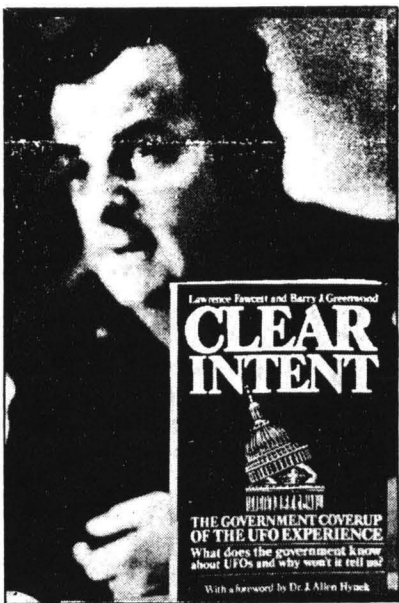
Fawcett, who used the federal Freedom of Information Act to get copies of thousands of documents from the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and other agencies, contends the government is trying to withhold evidence about UFO sightings.

Are UFO's for real? Coventry policeman believes they are He gets UnFOrmation in his quest for U.S. InFOrmation

By PATRICK S. KEEFE
Staff Writer

COVENTRY — Police Lieutenant Lawrence Fawcett has a mission some people might liken to searching for the Holy Grail, a whimsical quest with little chance for success because the subject doesn't seem to exist.

Fawcett's subject is UFOs, unidentified flying objects, and the mission as he sees it is to force the U.S. government to give up any documentation the feds might have proving UFOs are real and not the figment of a fevered imagination.



Harold Hanka

Police Lt. Lawrence Fawcett wants to make it clear about UFO's and so he has co-authored a book about the government's failure to furnish UFO documents, thus blurring his quest of information, as above.

Fawcett takes issue with all three conclusions and says the documental proof is included in the book. Fawcett won't speculate on who or what operates a UFO or where they're from but he will say, "UFOs are real; the technology displayed by the phenomena is beyond the known technology of today and UFOs show bipeds visiting from beyond while the government is very much aware of the fact."

Documents included in "Clear Intent" seem to substantiate his point. In a suit brought against the National Security Agency by CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) the court accepted a 20 page affidavit from the agency labeled Top Secret. The suit was brought by CAUS after an FOI request had proved futile, the agency responding Fawcett says. "as never having been in the UFO business and having no documents." The court accepted an agency affidavit and ruled disclosure of the information threatening to national security "even though the American public has a high interest in the subject, the information contained (in the agency's files) is so sensitive as to outweigh the public's right to know," Fawcett summarized the judges decision.

"We cried foul," he said, "how could the judge rule on the evidence without seeing it?" he asked. The case led to the Supreme Court which refused to hear it but one puzzling fact remained the UFOlogist said, "First the NSA responded to the FOI request with the statement they had no documents. Then they said publicly in court the documents they had were restricted because of national security."

"They can't have it both ways," Fawcett shrugs.

Taking a different tack, CAUS filed a FOI request with the court to obtain the agency's affidavit. The request was granted and the organization received the Top Secret document, the first page intact, the remaining pages blacked out.

"What are UFOs and why are they here?" Fawcett says responding to a question, "I don't know. I don't have any answers although documents the government has and won't release would be helpful in providing some," he said.

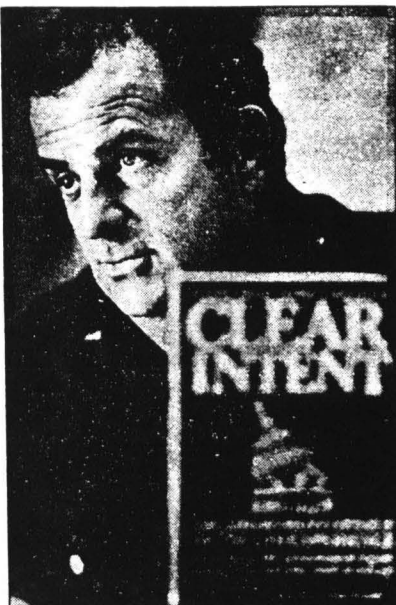
"There seems to be a connection between UFOs and the development of nuclear weapons. Sightings became common after World War II

and even now they are frequent near nuclear weapons assembly and storage sites, and missile bases."

Quoting from a government document Fawcett says there is "clear intent" on the part of the UFOs to penetrate the nuclear sites.

What remains unclear, shrouded in mystery and intrigue is the "why," he asserts.

"Hopefully the book will force public hearings, especially Congressional hearings, on the phenomenon. We don't know what UFOs are," the veteran cop says, "but with the information the government has we can go a long way toward eliminating what they aren't."



Harold Hanka

Fawcett says the intent of his book is to get the government to open up its books on UFO's — thus making some things perfectly clear to him, as in above photo.

Copies of Fawcett's book (\$8.95) were on sale in the school's lobby, along with UFO T-shirts (\$10), bumper stickers (\$2) and buttons proclaiming "I Saw It" (\$3).

In a small room near the stage, conference-goers could watch a three-minute videotape made on July 24 by a Brewster couple, Robert and Lori Pozzoli, from their home on Pine Tree Lane. The tape showed a circle of eight small lights rotate slowly and disappear.

Also on display were photographs, sketches and letters describing other sightings.

More than 100 people who said they saw UFOs filled out questionnaires that will be examined by researchers.

Personal accounts ranged from the awe-struck to the skeptical. Bernadette Mignon of Brewster said she hasn't seen a UFO yet but sits outside at night and looks for them.

"I'm a believer," she said. "Something is definitely going on. I'd give anything to see what everyone else is seeing."

Lettitia Lycke of Glastonbury said she saw her last UFO 15 years ago but is convinced that higher beings from another planet are visiting earth to help humankind.

The pilots were also apparently on the minds of conference organizers. A handwritten sign near the registration table challenged any prank pilots to identify themselves.

"If you are good as your press clipplings — show us — over this school at 10 p.m. tonight. Or aren't you that good?" the sign demanded.

The conference ended promptly at 10 p.m. and organizers and audience alike drifted outside to scan the skies. Only the stars shone back.

Stoneham author asks

Is there a UFO Cover-up?

By JIM ROUILLARD

I could a tale unfold whose lightest word

Would harrow up thy soul, freeze thy young blood

Make...each particular hair to stand on end

Like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

William Shakespeare, "Hamlet"

The U. S. Constitution provides Americans with many rights — not least among them the freedom of speech and the guarantee of a free press.

But what about the people's right to know: to weigh and judge evidence on a particular issue and to form conclusions therefrom?

Barry Greenwood of Stoneham, astronomer and author, raises this and many other questions, in relation to a topic which many people, apparently including the U. S. Government, consider a bizarre, even untouchable subject: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Greenwood's book, "Clear Intent: The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience," is set for publication this week by Prentice Hall.

Now, armed with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for assaults on the government's "paper curtain," and thanks to exhaustive research of thousands of pages of government documents by Greenwood and his co-author Lawrence Fawcett, the public is able for the first time to study sample sighting reports of UFOs, review memos and learn what happened in 1975 when U. S. missile bases and nuclear storage facilities were visited by unknown craft. For the first time, also, the public can examine the rare photos of UFOs and peculiar animal mutilations which supplement the text.

"Clear Intent," according to the publisher, offers startling yet concrete evidence that the U. S. government has for some time known about and covered up the existence of UFOs. The authors stress that, contrary to public statements for the past 30 years debunking UFOs, the government believes the phenomenon to be real and, in some cases, a threat to national security.

Greenwood, who has been involved in UFO research for 21

years is archivist, historian and Middlesex County director for the Massachusetts Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). He holds associate memberships in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Astronomical Society.

His library in Stoneham houses one of the three largest collections of UFO material in the world, he said (far more than the Library of Congress) and in "Clear Intent," he and Lawrence Fawcett offer a tantalizing glimpse of the U. S. government's current attitude toward UFOs.

According to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer, astrophysicist and advisor for the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind:"

Fawcett and Greenwood have made revealing use of documents which show that the CIA and NSA (National Security Agency) protestations of innocence and lack of interest in UFOs are nothing short of prevarication...For the government to maintain that UFOs are non-existent in the face of the documents already released, and of other cogent evidence presented in this book...is an insult to the American people. For...if there are no UFOs, why all the secrecy?"

Prentice Hall describes the book as "unprecedented," and, most importantly, "allows readers to draw their own conclusions about the existence of UFOs...an option that until now, may have been obscured."

Claims of UFO sightings are by no means new. In fact, according to "Clear Intent," a copy of a chapter of a textbook formerly in use at the U. S. Air Force Academy indicates the UFO phenomenon "appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years...This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien-controlled UFOs."

Though the chapter cautioned that the presence of aliens on the planet is "difficult to accept," it also stated that we should keep an "open and skeptical mind" on the subject of UFOs.

Fifty thousand years of the UFO phenomenon? Whatever the source of that Air Force Academy's textbook claim (extrapolations from historical accounts and far earlier archaeo-

logical records, perhaps?), there have been more recent claims of sightings, some very close by.

One such claim out of Worcester County, is recorded by John Winthrop, first governor of Massachusetts Bay, in his "True History of New England," in 1638:

"In this year one James Everett, a sober, discreet man, and two others, saw a great light in the night at Muddy River. When it stood still, it flared up, and was about three yards square; when it ran, it was contracted into the figure of a swine: it ran swift as an arrow towards Charlton, and so up and down about two or three hours. They were come down in their lighter (boat) about a mile, and, when it was over, they found themselves carried quite back against the tide to the place they came from. Divers other credible persons saw the same light, after, about the same place."

And Marion Starkey ("The Devil in Massachusetts") reports many colonial accounts of visitations during the witch frenzy of the late 17th century — interpreted by the then-Puritan magistrates and divines as works of the devil.

One Samuel Wardwell of Andover, according to Starkey, confessed to the magistrates that he had met with the "Prince of the Air," who had "sworn him to covenant for 60 years and baptized him in the Shaw Shin River."

Aliens? Devils? Witchcraft? UFOs?

Many of the most recent sightings reported in "Clear Intent" bear some resemblance to the Winthrop record, specifically in terms of light, shape of the object, velocity and versatility of maneuver. But colonial accounts are not nearly so voluminous as the flood of reports from the last 30 years.

Greenwood said it has been his and Fawcett's aim to conduct studies of reported UFO sightings in a "nuts and bolts, facts and figures approach to research and evaluation of available data."

From the authors' conclusion: "We have tried to give a rational assessment of UFOs. Old questions have been answered and new ones...raised. To be sure, UFOs have not been given a fair day in court, which is why the subject remains cloaked in rumor and ambiguity. Some scientists

are aware of the challenge placed before us, but the scientific community at large must shoulder some of the blame for the way the UFO phenomenon has been treated...Indeed, some of the criticism is well-deserved. Serious UFO researchers were, for some time, a small minority in a subject dominated by religious fanatics, pseudointellectuals, and a variety of space explorers, whose alleged trips to 'lush, green Venus' and the marvelous cities on the far side of the moon titillated millions."

"Clear Intent" is a fascinating read. It aims to remove the shroud of discredit which Greenwood says still clings about the subject, from a variety of causes: hoaxsters, national tabloids with screaming sensational headlines — "I Gave Birth to a Space-Alien's Baby," and the bizarre, the fanciful and the sheer fantastic of cinema: "Them," "Invasion of the Body-snatchers," and even, "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

The aim of "Clear Intent" is not, like Hamlet's tale, to frighten the reader, to freeze his blood or make his hairs stand on end with accounts of humanoids and animal mutilation, Barry Greenwood said, but rather to bring UFO research to the light of the day.

He said the U. S. Government's attitude seems to be: "When it's explainable, then we'll talk about it," yet he believes that the American public should be participants in the discussion and speculation on the UFO phenomenon — and wishes that the government would give the American people greater credit for having the intelligence and maturity to weigh the available evidence and form their own conclusions about it.

"Freedom of the press," according to the American Institute Forum, "is accepted as the bedrock of a free society on the premise that only an informed public can effectively govern itself."

But freedom of the press cannot be sustained without the right to know the available facts, Greenwood said, which is just another way of saying, to paraphrase Roy Neary in Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind:"

"We just want to know what's going on."



UFO OR CLOUD FORMATION? A New Zealander, Lou Blackburn, according to press reports, took this slide on October 27, 1979, in Motunau, N.Z., in hopes of getting a good shot of his friends' fishing boat. The boat, he said, was in deep shadow when he made the shot, and the slide was a disappointment. Later, someone noticed the cluster of white in the sky and forwarded the slide to a UFO research team.

(CUFOS photo)



"Clear Intent"

STONEHAM AUTHOR AND ASTRONOMER Barry Greenwood holds a prepublication copy of his book, "Clear Intent: The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience," due on the bookstands this week. Next to Greenwood are just a few of the books and manuscripts which he said comprise one of the three largest collections of UFO source material in the world.

(Jim Rouillard photo)

Investigator: local UFO's are not planes

BY LINDA BRUDER

According to UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno, strange lights which appeared over Brookfield and surrounding towns in the last few months are definitely not being caused by planes.

Imbrogno, an astronomer and high school science teacher, has been investigating hundreds of area UFO sightings recently reported to local police and the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The V-shaped and circular patterns of light which have mystified residents of Fairfield, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties were recently attributed to pilots flying Cessnas out of a Stormville, N.Y. airport.

But Imbrogno rules out the "hoax theory," noting his organization is analyzing video tapes of the formations which so far "have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that it's not planes."

The Greenwich investigator was invited to speak at Green Knoll Day Camp last week after counselors and campers observed a "flying-saucer-shaped object with white lights" overhead while on a July overnight outing at the Brookfield camp.

"UFO's have been reported in the area since March 1983," he told the campers. "Two pilots from Stormville and three from Dutchess County Airport read of the sightings and put up a hoax by painting the underside of their Cherokees and Cessna 152's black and hooking them up with Christmas lights."

But, he stressed, his investigative team—made up of a police officer, attorney, astronomer and journalist—has kept an eye on the pilot's activities and "They are no longer flying."

The team also compared video tapes of the planes and the unidentified flying object before reaching the conclusion they are not the same.

Three different light formations have been sighted in the area, says Imbrogno: The first appears to be a "cross" seen at high altitudes; the second is a "boomerang" or V-shaped object which sometimes engulfs observers in a beam of brilliant light; the third is a disc-shaped object with pulsating lights.

However, the shape of the UFO seems to depend on which angle it is viewed from. For, Imbrogno notes, "One man saw a V-shaped pattern of lights in the distance, but when he was right under it—it was a disc, circular and massive."

He is also investigating a case in Brewster where a construction worker spotted the object while driving home from work and was engulfed in a brilliant beam of light that followed him home.

"He's so scared he won't go back to the area," says Imbrogno.

Most of the reports, he notes, come from credible witnesses such as an IBM manager, who along with other commuters reported a "boomerang" UFO over the Taconic Parkway in New York State.

Many of the observers, including some at Green Knoll, reported a plane appeared minutes after they had seen the object.

According to Imbrogno, "Two pilots tried to close in on it July 12 when it hovered over Danbury, but they turned away when they realized it was not a plane and got scared."

"An ex-military man tells me that our radar defense system tracks UFO's at least once a month," he says, adding, "We've noticed when we develop something new, weapons or spacecraft, there seem to be UFO's there watching us."

He notes a number of UFO sightings have been reported by both American and Russian astronauts, and "There have been frequent sightings over the Indian Point nuclear power plant ever since it was built."

The government's official investigation of UFO's, "Project Blue Book," ended in 1959, but 600 documents have been released to the Center for UFO Studies under the Freedom of Information Act. According to Imbrogno, there is further documentation which is still classified "top secret."

"UFO's have been here as long as man has been on earth," states the astronomer who admits he was once a skeptic. And, though he has never seen one himself, he says, "I've found so many incredible accounts, I now believe there's something."

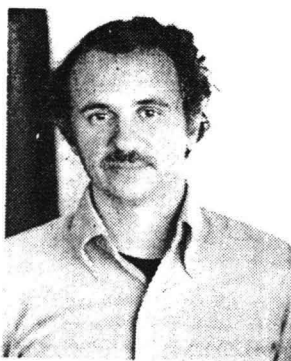
At least 60 percent of the sightings in the world take place in North America, he notes, adding that Connecticut was not considered a particularly intense area for UFO activity until recently.

"In one year, Connecticut has become one of the highest sighting areas in the world," he points out. Imbrogno believes the "epicenter" of Connecticut-New York sightings is Kent Cliffs, N.Y., where there is a large concentration of iron ore.

"People like to explain UFO's away," concludes the scientist, "But they are still the greatest mystery of our time."

The Center for UFO Studies was formed in 1973 to provide a place where people might report UFO sightings without fear of ridicule, and can be reached locally at 531-5267.

A free "UFO Symposium" will be held Aug. 25 at Brewster Middle School, Route 312, off I-84. For information, call 384-9656.



Philip Imbrogno

VILAS CO. NEWS-REVIEW, Eagle River, WI - Aug. 8, 1984

Wants information on UFO experiences

I am interested in UFOs, and would like to get a copy of the booklet that the late Joe Simonton wrote about his April 1961 experience in which the UFO occupants gave him some pancakes. I hope that some of your readers might have copies they no longer want, so I ask them to please write me at the address below, advising me of availability, condition, and price. A couple of friends of mine want copies too, so I will probably buy from more than one person.

As a member of and investigator for several UFO research organizations, I would like to hear of any UFO experiences by your readers. They may write me at the same address. Confidentiality will be respected if desired.

Very truly yours,
Richard W. Heiden
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BANNER, Bennington, VT

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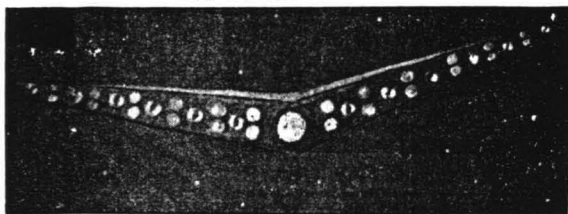
UFO complaint

Bennington police last night received a complaint from a resident of Depot Street who said that an unidentified flying object was visiting him. Police said he called them to find out what the UFO was.

Police said that the person filing the complaint told them that the object was not a balloon and that it kept swooping down near his porch and then taking off into the sky.

COURANT, Hartford, CT - Aug. 16, 1984

CR: B. Greenwood



UFOs sighted by people in the Connecticut-New York border area have been described as taking three shapes. Sky-gazers have reported seeing a disk, separate lights flying in different formations and a boomerang shape, drawn above by an artist.

UFOs Amaze Experts, Chill State Residents

By MICHAEL VITEZ
Courant Staff Writer

Charles Acocella and his buddies say they saw it in Danbury. They were sitting in Acocella's condominium watching a baseball game on television when his brother ran inside, shouting: "You've got to see this!"

In the night sky that July 12, the men saw a huge boomerang-shaped object the size of a football field move across the sky. There were multicolored lights of red, yellow and blue.

One of his buddies ran inside, thinking it was an invasion.

"It was no illusion or mass hysteria," said Acocella, 31, an auto-body mechanic who owned a cheap telescope as a youngster.

It has appeared in different shapes to different people, appearing then disappearing. Some people report that the object shot spotlights onto the ground. One woman says when she flashed her porch lights, the object reciprocated.

"This is the most phenomenal UFO citing in UFO history," said Imbrogno, who has interviewed more than 200 eyewitnesses. "Everyone in the field agrees with this. There is no man-made or conventional explanation."

Area police departments and airports say they have received numerous calls about the sightings, and some speculate that people actually are seeing ultralight planes flying in formation with lights on. Or perhaps it is meteor showers, which are common in August, or even the Goodyear blimp, which was in the Westchester area last month.

But Imbrogno and others reject these possibilities. He said nearly all the sightings have been of one of three shapes: a huge disk, a boomerang-shaped object or a group of smaller objects that fly in different patterns.

"If it's not some type of government experiment, it's definitely beyond our technology," Imbrogno said.

Susan Trackman, a concert cellist from Bethel, said she and her husband saw a UFO on that July 12 night.

The couple was walking a friend to his car when they saw the object from their driveway. She described it as "a football-shaped ring of white lights, a double ring that was flashing very brightly. The lights disappeared every once in a while and we saw nothing holding it all together."

"We looked through binoculars, too," she said. "It was an exciting moment."

The nation's leading authority on UFOs, the man who says he coined the phrase "close encounter," calls the high number of sightings unprecedented.

"We have some 80,000 cases over 40 years, and there's never been this concentration of sightings before," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a former Harvard professor, former chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO Studies.

"Heretofore, whenever there were so many sightings, it invariably had some natural explanation, like a meteor. But on this we can't find an easy, natural solution. If there is one, we just can't find it."

Imbrogno says the sightings first began in March 1983, but they have increased dramatically this summer, primarily in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties in New York and in Fairfield County in Connecticut.

So many sightings were reported in May that a UFO hotline was established in Westchester in early June. More than 700 calls have already been recorded.

Imbrogno, who has worked up to 70 hours some weeks on the investigation, says UFOs have been seen by hundreds of people on the same nights, stopping traffic on highways, even interrupting a town meeting in New Cassel, N.Y. He says a priest in Danbury devoted a sermon to the UFO since so many of his parishioners had been frightened.

Because of the number of sightings, a special conference has been scheduled on Aug. 25 in Brewster, N.Y., just across the state line from Danbury. Hynek will speak at the conference that begins at 10 a.m. at Henry H. Welles School. Investigators will provide updates on their findings and videotapes and photographs of UFOs will be shown.

One of those attending will be Bill Hele, a meteorologist for the National Weather Corporation at Westchester Airport. He saw the UFO on March 24, 1983, one of the first recorded sightings, while driving along the Taconic Parkway in New York. Scores of others also saw it that night, said Imbrogno.

"I've been around aircraft all my life and I can honestly say I've never seen anything like it," said Hele. "I had the feeling of being stared at, analyzed and rejected. It wasn't a dangerous feeling, but I had the feeling of being examined from head to toe."

He described the phenomenon as "a series of lights, maybe a half dozen in a row, with one or two hanging on the end like a pendant. They went out for 15 or 20 seconds and reappeared with no sound."

"There was no shadow, no silhouette, nothing," Hele said. "Just lights, but they were changing multi-prismatically. We're talking a magnitude of a quarter-mile long or longer of lights... It caught me by total surprise."

Peter A. Gersten, a criminal lawyer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is one of the conference organizers. He has been involved in UFO investigations for years, and was the man who established the UFO hotline in Westchester County.

"We're dealing with something so advanced that it can appear to be different things to different people seeing the same thing," he said. He said he is convinced the UFO is something "extraterrestrial."

"I think something is going to happen after the conference is over and we'll all go outside. It wants to be seen, no question about that, and we'll find out why on Aug. 25."

State editor has weird, scary experience

Close encounters in the Delta?

(Editor's note: The following story appeared in last week's issue of the Indianola, Miss. "Enterprise Tocsin". It was written by Jim Abbott, editor and publisher of that newspaper and a former president of the Mississippi Press Association.)

By JIM ABBOTT

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS? I decided several months ago that I wouldn't write about it. I felt you readers might think I was some sort of weirdo who believes flying saucers are out there checking us out every day of the week. It all started about midnight on last March 16. I was driving my car south on Highway 3. At a spot about two miles south of Lambert, Mississippi in Quitman County, my headlights went out. I mean totally off.

Since I was driving about 65 miles per hour, and it was a moonless, pitch black night, you can imagine the panic of having your headlights going off. It was the weirdest thing.

And scary. IN THE CAR with me were my wife Cynthia and Dr. Lanny Prichard and his wife Barbara. We were returning from a concert in Memphis.

Fortunately, there was a farm shop about a half-mile down the highway. I managed to creep my Mercury down to the barn's outdoor light, where Lanny and I tried to tap on the car's fuses and wires.

We couldn't find the problem, but then the lights did turn back on. However, as I started south on the highway again, they flickered of and on a few times. After a half mile, all was apparently okay again.

It was the weirdest thing. THE NEXT DAY I took the car to Indianola Motor Company where I told Bobby Chrestman I needed a "short" fixed in my headlight system. He tried the lights. They worked fine.

He said he couldn't "fix" the electric system unless he could designate a problem somewhere. And there didn't seem to be a problem.

I told him about the lights going out in Quitman County. I told Bobby: "It was the weirdest thing."

SEVEN WEEKS LATER, on May 5, I was driving down the same stretch of Highway 3. Again late at night. This time I was returning from Memphis along with Cynthia and my daughter Katie. Cynthia had run that day in the 10-kilometer Memphis In May run.

Within 200 yards of the same place along the same highway two miles south of Lambert in Quitman County, my headlights went out. Again I was speeding along at 65 miles per hour.

I hit the brakes. I somehow managed to stay on the highway in the darkness.

But as my wife and daughter will attest to, I was absolutely dumbfounded over the fact that this had happened again. I couldn't believe it.

I pulled over and stopped. I kept saying that there must be some sort of

geo-magnetic force doing something to the car's electrical system. I figured the car had some sort of short, and it was only affected when it came within range of some force which was at that point in Quitman County.

"I think there's some space ship near here," I said to my wife and daughter. "This is the strangest thing."

I slowly drove the car in the darkness until the lights turned back on. About a half mile down the road. It was the weirdest thing.

AFTER THAT HAPPENED, we told several people about the "UFO area" in Quitman County. We told some of The E-T staff, relatives and friends who we knew had open minds...or a sense of humor.

Cynthia's father is one of those people who is an expert on the workings of cars. He can diagnose and fix anything. He had no explanation about our headlights-shortening-out area on a certain stretch of highway.

Then to top it all off, on Sunday afternoon, June 3, my daughter Katie and I were returning from Olive Branch where we had viewed the running of the Olympic torch through Mississippi. Two miles south of Lambert we joked about the "spaceship area".

Since the sun was still up, I told Katie I'd turn on the headlights to the "high beam" position so the little blue light would be evident on the dashboard. We'd know if "it" extinguished our lights again.

When the blue light started flickering off and on...at the exact same spot along Highway 3.

It was the weirdest thing. And I wanted to surrender right then to "them" where ever they were out in those boondocks of Quitman County.

I told Katie I was going to phone the sheriff of that county when we got home and ask him if some farmer had some superpowerful ham radio along there or something. Or if other folks were reporting strang things there.

I swore I was gonna phone. But I just couldn't do it. After all I'm 40 years old. And I was afraid the sheriff would ask my name. And I do have a reputation to uphold, you know. As an objective, level-headed newspaperman and all that sorta stuff.

I could just imagine him laughing at me. And later telling everybody up there in Marks-Lambert about this guy Abbott in Indianola insinuating that "little green men" are beaming some sort of electro-magnetic rays at cars passing through Quitman County.

I didn't phone. THEN LAST WEDNESDAY, when I picked up my morning Memphis Commercial-Appeal. I saw a story on the front page of the Mid-South section. It was date-lined "MARKS, Miss." and the headline read: "Field Becomes Curiosity."

The story by Kevin Kittredge started with this sentence: "It's the

weirdest thing."

It went on to say that some marks in the ground in a field on a farm west of Marks have been drawing crowds.

According to the story, Harold Dean Wiggs found some strange marks in his soybean field on June 29. There was a ruffled spot in the field, and Wiggs said he went over to investigate and found two neat circles about six yards apart, dusted with bluish powder.

In the center of each was a hole about six inches deep...down to the surface of the clay field. Inside one were four smaller holes about three inches wide that shot down another foot. At the bottom of two of them were smaller holes. Two piles of dirt were next to it all.

The Commercial-Appeal story said that Wiggs had looked around and saw no footprints in the soft clay, no tire tracks. The nearest house is a quarter-mile away, and the edge of the field is 30 yards off.

The story quotes Wiggs as saying "Whatever did it, it didn't drive in or drive out."

Wiggs farms his 240-acre place and also works as a mailman in Quitman County.

According to the story, people are flocking to the site to see the marks. "What made the holes?" is the hottest question since "Who shot J.R.?"

Wiggs' wife is a math and science teacher at Delta Academy in Marks. She said she has been bombarded with questions. But she "doesn't know the answer."

The newspaper story said that Quitman County Agent Phil Nichols has taken a soil sample to Mississippi State University.

He was quoted as saying: "The soil in the center of these holes was extremely dry. It's very unusual."

READING THAT STORY made me feel a bit better. Now I know that the space ship has probably gone back to its home galaxy.

Maybe after it hovered and hopped around Quitman County, Mississippi for a few months, taking readings on unsuspecting passersby on Highway 3, it finally left.

If "they" read my mind and drained by brain memory for their scientific gatherings while on earth, "they" certainly wasted their time. But our own scientists do similar observations of monkeys and insects.

I am mad that they almost caused me to wreck twice while cruising down that highway at night. I hear that Congress is passing some sort of new law concerning aliens. Maybe it'll include a stiff penalty against unwarranted energy interference.

I will go back to Indianola Motor Company and get that electrical short fixed in my headlights. Surely there's one there.

It's the weirdest thing.

Astronomer hopes for scientific evidence of UFOs at Phoenix center

By James E. Walters
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Astronomer J. Allen Hynek, after 36 years of trying to solve the riddle of unidentified flying objects, is shifting his research facility to Phoenix to make a massive scientific push for the answer.

"I think we're much in the position George Washington would have been if a helicopter had hovered over Valley Forge, landed and two men got out and began talking to other helicopters overhead," he said. "No one today would question the technology of helicopters and walkie-talkies. But how could Washington have comprehended them?"

Considered by many as the world authority on UFOs, Hynek expects to produce something never before accomplished — "evidence that will stand up in the scientific community, taking the subject once and for all out of the realm of the crackpots."

He's not sure where this will lead. But he thinks the UFO sighting reports may be a conditioning process by someone or something "smart enough to realize they didn't want to scare the hell out of us."

Hynek, now 74 and retired chairman of Northwestern University's astronomy department, said he "was sure it was all nonsense" when he began a 20-year association with U.S.

Air Force projects that eventually concluded UFOs didn't exist. But by 1970 he was convinced the UFO phenomenon was real.

Hynek's scientific credentials include his having directed NASA's Lunar Surveillance Project, part of the Apollo program. He also is a former associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

He founded and is director of the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill. His book, "The UFO Experience," was the basis of the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," for which he also was technical adviser.

"I think the time is ripe for massive research into the UFO phenomenon," he said in a weekend interview. "The job has to be taken from the crackpot era to respectable science. That's going to be my contribution. I don't expect to solve the problem. I don't know that the solution will come within the next century, but a start must be made in making the subject respectable."

His plans for a research center envision spending perhaps as much as \$2 million a year and focusing on the best half-dozen or so UFO sightings each year — much as a homicide investigation is handled, with scientific experts checking every aspect.

"I would assign a team and they could take as much time as needed, two weeks, two months, or two years or whatever,

to produce a technical report that would stand the scrutiny of the scientific community — something that's never been done."

He also has in mind 15 or 16 research projects for starters. "For instance, we have case after case after case in which UFOs were reported to have interfered with the operation of an automobile," Hynek said. "Now think of the military value of something like that, if we were able to stop military vehicles coming at us."

He said other projects and recent UFO sightings will be discussed further at a news conference Wednesday.

Hynek said a "financial backer" who desired anonymity agreed to underwrite a move of the research facilities to Phoenix, though dispensing of information will remain at Evanston, at least for now. Other funds, Hynek hopes, will come from contributions.

"The sky is the limit on how much money is needed. I'd like to see something like the Manhattan Project (which produced the atom bomb)," he said. "But solid research can be done for around \$100,000 a year to start."

"I think someday that what we now regard as UFOs will be as common as TV is today," he added. "I'm not saying they're flesh and blood. They do know something we don't."

700 UFO seers proclaim their sanity

By Michael Coakley
Chicago Tribune

BREWSTER, N.Y. — About 700 people were crowded into the auditorium of a junior high school Saturday, and many of them were concerned that they not appear totally crazy.

The purpose of the symposium was to discuss a phenomenon that has fascinated wide stretches of southeastern New York state and western Connecticut for two years. It seems that thousands of people in the

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area have reported seeing strange objects in the night sky. Usually described as V-shaped and about the size of a football field, the colossal "Thing" is said to be absolutely noiseless and outlined in brilliant lights of white, green or amber. There have been so many sightings by

so many apparently credible witnesses that the curious often now crowd the Taconic State Parkway, a major thoroughfare and prime location for viewing, between 8 and 9 p.m., the time most of the close encounters are said to have occurred.

SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS at local police agencies complain of being constantly inundated with calls. A hot line has been set up in Westchester County, N.Y., to field inquiries. And at cocktail parties all over this affluent,

picturesque region, people are asking each other whether there really is something to it, or, perhaps, have they all had one too many gin and tonics?

"At first I didn't want to say anything, because I figured everybody would think I was nuts," admitted Eugene Bauer, a technician for a fiber optics firm. Bauer says he saw the Thing one night in March, 1983 as he and a friend were driving home from a restaurant.

"It floated above our car, no more than 150 feet up, standing still," he said. "I don't know what it was, but I know it didn't come from this Earth."

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The Associated Press

J. Allen Hynek

BAUER WAS among a dozen supposed witnesses who recounted their stories before an enthralled audience at Saturday's "UFO Conference," the agenda of which stretched a full 12 hours.

Dennis Sant, deputy clerk of Putnam County, N.Y., approached the microphone to tell of having watched "it" hover over Int. Hwy. 84 one moonlit night.

Richard Blasberg, a member of the school board in the white-collar village of Brewster, N.Y., contended that he has seen the Thing twice, once in the company of about 10 of his neighbors in his back yard. "There was a kind of spiritual feeling about it," he explained.

Conclaves of UFO true believers are commonplace. But some things about this session were different.

THE MEETING had been preceded by a straightforward account of the enigma in Saturday's New York Times, providing at least an essence of legitimacy.

And the sizable press corps covering the conference included, besides the predictable contingent from the supermarket tabloids, a number of representatives from news organizations that consider themselves respectable.

The New York state police say they believe the object is really five or six small planes flying in tight formation as part of a hoax.

One officer, a police spokesman said, recently managed to track the lights and discovered that they descended at a rural airstrip near here. The acrobatic pilots were found to be "getting a big kick out of it all."

Those witnesses who addressed the conference uniformly insisted that what they observed could not have been a plane, because of its ability to hover motionless and shoot straight up in the sky, and because of its eerie silence.

A featured speaker at the seminar was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, retired chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and currently the director of a private group that is a clearinghouse for UFO reports.

"This situation is unique; we've never had a group of sightings before where there have been so many witnesses, and such believable witnesses," the still-skeptical Hynek said in an interview.

"I THINK WE'RE beginning to see a split in the UFO movement," he said. "In one corner are the people who say they've boarded a spaceship and flown to Venus for lunch; in the other corner are the people who can't be so easily dismissed."

To the disappointment of the conference organizers, no one from the Air Force or the Federal Aviation Administration deigned to attend.

ADDING INSULT to injury, a FAA public relations official, Louis Achitoff, was quoted in the advance New York Times story as suggesting that the government is quite unimpressed by the hoopla.

"If the pilot's up there with a clearance and at the right altitude," said the blunt-spoken spokesman, "then we don't care what planet he comes from."

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Glove City UFO Investigator Lauds New Book on Topic

By JIM MCGUIRE
Gazette Reporter

GLOVERSVILLE — Attending a recent UFO Forum in Beverly, Mass., Dan L. Lowenski, founder of the Bureau of UFO Investigation (BUFOI), met with the authors of the new UFO book, "Clear Intent," a study of U.S. government investigations of unidentified flying objects.

Lowenski, a Gloversville patrolman and the owner of a large library on UFOs, says that "Clear Intent," by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, is a well-researched and written treatise on the government's secret investigations of sightings.

Information for the book was obtained from various government agencies through the Freedom of Information Act and other sources. The book, published by Prentice-Hall Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., carries a blurb on the jacket by J. Allen Hynek, an adviser for the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The authors, Hynek says, "have made revealing use of documents which show that the CIA and NSA (National Security Agency) protestations of innocence and lack of interest in UFOs are nothing short of prevarication."

Another jacket promotion says that the book reveals what our government recorded during 30 years of monitoring UFOs and tells "how and why these investigations and their findings have been kept under wraps."

Lowenski, former chief investigator and current New York State director of the international organization, Scientific Bureau of Investigation, investigated the 1978 sighting at Indian Lake, now regarded by UFO authorities as authentic.

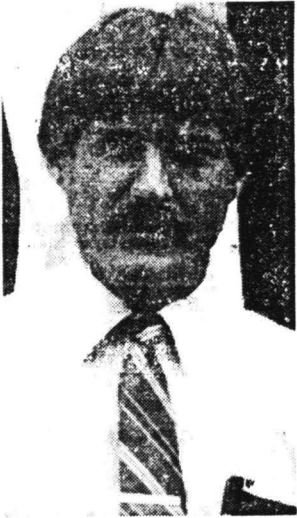
Two hunters from Staten Island said they had a very close encounter with a UFO at their backwoods campsite. The UFO, they said, pursued their car in a high-speed chase down an old logging road. In addition to evidence of the chase — the road was torn up — and a strange magnetism detected on a fence post near the scene, Lowenski said that authorities gave credence to the story because the hunters passed a lie detector test and also submitted to hypnosis for questioning.

There was also significant corroboration from residents of the Indian Lake area, who reported seeing strange lights in the sky that night, Lowenski said.

Usually, he said, 85 to 95 percent of the sightings turn out to be cases of mis-identification. The other five to 10 percent, he said, often qualify as legitimate.

Before any investigation of a close encounter sort of situation is pursued in depth, Lowenski said that a tape recording of the initial interview with the witness is played through a psychological stress evaluation machine to see if the subject is fabricating the tale.

Like Lowenski and fellow Gloversville Patrolman John Collado, also a member of BUFOI and the SBI, many of those involved in investigation of this phenomenon — including "Clear Intent" author Fawcett —



DAN L. LOWENSKI
Probes UFO Sightings

are policeman. Fawcett is a lieutenant on the Coventry, Conn., police force.

In his own experience, Lowenski said his police training has helped him in maintaining objectivity, in the use of interviewing techniques and in just generally dealing with people.

Two other local investigators for both Lowenski's BUFOI and the SBI are Robert Saloff of Gloversville and Robert Whittaker of Schenectady.

Lowenski founded BUFOI, a sub-group of SBI, this past February. It handled the investigation last winter of two sightings by an elderly Fort Plain couple who saw an oval shaped ring of lights on both occasions. The husband, Lowenski said was adamant that he did not even believe in UFOs or little green men, he just saw something he could not explain. As is often the case, there's not enough information available in the Fort Plain sighting for analysis, Lowenski said.

Except for Fort Plain, this general area has been devoid of sightings for sometime, although there's been a rash of them lately just north of New York City, he said.

Lowenski, Collado and other investigators were involved not long ago in staging Project Diogenes, a UFO crash retrieval exercise partly funded by SBI. In his spare time, Lowenski often makes presentations to school groups and other community organizations. Persons wishing to join SBI or organizations desiring a presentation should write to Lowenski at P.O. Box 851, Gloversville, 12078.

Descriptions Similar To Thursday's

More Sky Object Sightings Reported

Seizing his binoculars, Ross watched the object for approximately 20 minutes. "It was huge," he described it. He said the light was "blinding," and it made "no sound at all. It was stationary for quite a long time."

Ross, who claims he is a "very firm believer" in UFO's, said "I know damn well it wasn't no plane or chopper (helicopter). I know what I saw."

The object was hovering approximately 75 feet above the ground and came across the river and over the hill in Leechburg, passing above his head.

"It was big," he said. "It was really long," adding that he estimated it was longer than an aircraft carrier.

Before he witnessed the object last night, Farah claimed he didn't believe in UFO's. He's now changed his opinion. "Now I do," he said.

She said many people will view a star for a length of time and it will appear to move. It also will appear to change colors.

Eric Canali, an astronomer at Buhl Science Center, Pittsburgh, said "Very commonly, people do misidentify bright, fixed stars."

Canali said Jupiter is now visible to the south, but the sightings have been to the northwest, where the star Vega can be seen.

Because the exact location of the sightings hasn't been determined, Canali said "I can't be sure" the witnesses viewed a planet or star.

UFO sightings in the Kiski Valley have apparently been occurring for the last couple months, with the sighting in East Vandergrift and the story told by Clifford Ross, 559 Market St., Leechburg.

ject disappeared, and Farah claims it returned approximately five minutes after their departure.

Farah and the Carneys said the object disappeared on occasion throughout the morning hours. "It just seemed like it disappeared," Joyce Carney said.

Diane Enion, from the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said "I haven't been able to find anything" concerning Thursday morning's sightings. "I have no idea" what the witnesses viewed, she added.

Enion received three calls from KV residents yesterday, one from Farah, one from a Hyde Park resident who viewed an object Thursday, and one from an East Vandergrift woman who claims to have witnessed a UFO over the Kiskiminnas River on July 13.

Enion feels last night's witnesses may have been viewing a star. "I can't figure out what it might be other than a star."

because of the movement. Carney's daughter, Pam, also witnessed the unidentified object.

"It was jumping around up there...it wouldn't stay still," the younger Carney said. "It made me feel weird. I've never seen anything like that."

Farah notified Rainbow Control, who in turn dispatched Vandergrift Police to view the scene.

One of the officers at the scene, who requested his name not be used, said the UFO was moving in a pendulous motion when he first arrived. It then began zig-zagging erratically.

The officer said he then shined a spotlight in the direction of the object and "Zip! It was gone. The speed of an airplane couldn't even compare to it."

moved. Farah described the object as being a dull-white color when he first saw it, but red, green and bright white lights appeared soon after.

He said he witnessed the same object the previous night, when the UFO reports came in from Leechburg and Parks Twp.

Farah's neighbor, Joyce Carney, 820 Hancock Ave., also witnessed the object in the sky.

"It was weird," Carney said, "see with naked eye."

Carney said she viewed the object through binoculars, which showed red and blue lights around it. "It wasn't a plane and I don't think it was a helicopter. If it were an airplane, I think I could have identified it."

By ALAN M. BOLCAR
Kiski Valley residents have reported UFO sightings for the second consecutive night, and it was learned that on Thursday morning, sightings were phoned into Rainbow Control from Leechburg and Parks Twp.

Approximately 10 people claim to have watched a bright object in the northwest part of the sky last night from the Lowell St. area of Vandergrift.

None know what they saw, and those contacted today said they have never seen anything like it.

Richard Farah, 204 Lowell St., was one of the witnesses last night. "I don't know what it was," claims Farah, who said he watched a bright object last night from approximately 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. today.

"It couldn't have been a star," Farah said. "That thing never moved." He said he watched several stars throughout the course of his observance, and they all

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Green object in sky baffles authorities

Law enforcement authorities in northwestern Minnesota are trying to determine the identity of an object seen by several people east of Thief River Falls about 3 a.m. Monday.

Pennington County sheriff's dispatcher Mike Conners said authorities have not confirmed the sightings, but a sheriff's deputy in neighboring Red Lake County later reported seeing a similar object in the sky.

Conners said some people at a convenience store telephoned the sheriff's office after seeing a green object, which they said was zipping around in the sky about two miles east of Thief River Falls.

Officers sent to the site found nothing, he said. However, the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota confirmed seeing a blip briefly on a radar screen. Sgt. Tom Buzzard said he could not confirm anything flying in the area because radar was picking up a lot of "ground clutter."

UFO sightings, fancy or fact?

By MICHAEL L. TRAINOR
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A bright white circular object, 20 times larger than the largest star, hovers overhead in the night sky. A ring of light pulsates around the borders of the object as it fades in and out, dashes up and down and left and right.

The observer senses a presence in the object. It seems to be trying somehow to communicate with her. The experience is so unnerving that the observer rushes home to leave the area where the object is present.

Was it the reflection of a searchlight, as suggested by a university professor? Was it a satellite or passing Air Force jet, as suggested by her husband? Or was it an unknown celestial object or an extraterrestrial trying to make contact with earth?

Unless an investigation is held, the phenomenon will remain unexplained and join the ever growing ranks of unidentified flying objects or UFOs.

The observer that night was Elizabeth Hope, a Durham-based writer, who witnessed the phenomenon while swimming in a pool.

"It (sighting UFOs) seems to be becoming more common. Some people think it's spooky. (But) I believe I saw one. It was my first sighting and I was very excited about it," Hope said.

The sighting occurred at about 10 p.m.

"It was a rather large thing in the sky. I had just come out of the pool. It was round-circular-as round as a plate. There was a ring of light around it. It was white and pulsating like a rheostat. It would disappear and appear again," she said.

Since the occurrence, Hope has re-evaluated the circumstances, removing any shadow of doubt in her mind as to the fact that she saw a UFO.

"I had just left the pool, but there wasn't enough chlorine in the water to interfere with my sight. When it

disappeared, I checked the other stars to see if a cloud could be covering it, but the stars remained the same.

"I got so unnerved, I told my husband, let's go home. I just didn't want to be there. I felt like it was trying to communicate," she said.

Her feeling that she witnessed a UFO, which perhaps was not of earthly origin, is similar to that of countless people locally and nationwide who have sighted unexplained objects in the sky. Their declaration of these sightings at one time caused an Air Force investigation, but it also has caused a great deal of skepticism about UFOs.

Hope noted that she heard of another sighting several years ago in the Exeter area and she had read about extraterrestrial encounters such as that of Betty Hill of Portsmouth and her husband who claim to have been taken aboard a UFO on Sept. 19, 1961 in Franconia Notch.

A woman from the area, who wished to remain anonymous, telephoned Hope when she read about the sighting in the local newspaper and told her that her school age son had been very upset recently because he spotted a UFO outside the house.

"If so many people spot things like that, there's got to be some explanation. One of our presidents, I think it was Jimmy Carter, said he saw one. I don't know. This is what the gods are made of. Once people had gods for everything they didn't understand. It's a very interesting subject," she said.

While Hope represents those who have seen and believed in the existence of UFOs, others, such as Sgt. Steve Pivnick, of the Information Office at Pease Air Force Base in Newington, doubt their existence.

"Of all the sightings that have been investigated, they seem to have been able to explain a majority of them," he said.

The air base occasionally receives calls about UFOs and is sometimes able

to attribute the phenomenon to nothing more than a fly over by Air Force jets. An occurrence of this sort happened in Rochester about a year ago when several residents called police about UFO sightings. The police were informed by Pease that the jets were flying over the area maneuvering in the exact manner the UFOs had been described as moving, at the same time, in the same location.

Another skeptic is University of New Hampshire astronomy professor Dr. William Webber. More than a year ago, Webber who sometimes hears reports of sightings, learned of a UFO occurrence, but he added that the event was explainable.

"I haven't personally encountered any. There's possibility that some of the things are unexplained in terms of the observance at the time, but it's likely that all these things have reasonable explanations in the end," Webber said.

Local police also occasionally receive calls about UFOs and when they do, they check them out as best they can. In Rochester, for example, a report is filed on the sighting and the air base is contacted to make sure there is not an immediate explanation.

The Air Force's involvement with UFOs dates back to 1969 when an investigation known as the "Blue Book Project," ended after 22 years of scientific research into sightings.

"The bottom line so to speak of the report was that they investigated 12,000 sightings and the vast majority, 95 percent, were explainable as being caused by natural or man-made phenomena, such as meteors or satellites. They found no indication of technology beyond our scientific knowledge. There was also no evidence of a threat to our national security in any of the investigations," Pivnick said.

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Flights of strange lights remain unexplained in northwest part of state

By Randy Furst
Staff Writer

Mysterious flashing lights were seen in the sky in northwestern Minnesota early Monday, but no one is sure what they were.

Two couples came into a 7-Eleven store in Thief River Falls at about 1 a.m. yesterday and told a clerk they saw "a funny greenish light" that zipped from one side of their car to the other. Later a Red Lake County deputy sheriff said he watched it for an hour as it seemed to rotate and give off green, white and occasionally red lights.

The Grand Forks (N.D.) Air Force Base issued a statement saying it would not "confirm or deny an alleged UFO sighting near Thief River Falls." But an Air Force spokesman said an air traffic controller at the base saw an unexplained blip on radar about 3 a.m. He guessed that it was ground clutter, or a temperature inversion.

Deborah Hams, a clerk at the 7-Eleven, said two couples entered the store between 1 and 1:30 a.m. She quoted one of the men as saying, "You're going to think I'm crazy, but I've got to tell someone. I think we just saw a UFO."

He told her they spotted a green light in the sky while driving along a road east of town. "One minute it was one side of the car," the man told Hams; "the next minute it went zip and was on the other side of the car."

The other three people confirmed the man's account, Hams said. She said she'd seen them in the store before, though she doesn't know their names. She told the man to report it to police but he said, "No, they'll think I'm crazy."

The couples left but the man returned an hour later, saying he went back to the area with a friend and saw the UFO again. Hams said the couples seemed to be sober, adding: "I can usually tell."

Shortly thereafter, two police officers came to the 7-Eleven on a routine stop, and Hams told them what the couples said.

Les Arit, a Red Lake County deputy sheriff, said he heard the Pennington County dispatcher report that some people had seen the UFO. "I took it upon myself to drive out in the area and see if I could see anything," he said. "That's when I picked up a green-and-white light east of where I was in Red Lake Falls" at about 4 a.m.

"At first I thought it was a plane, but it didn't seem to get any further

away, so I started driving towards it, but I couldn't seem to get any closer to it." After about 20 miles of driving, "I just stopped and parked alongside the road and watched it for a little over an hour."

Using a scope from a tripod used in target practice, he tried to get a closer look. The lights were bright green and white and "occasionally a red light would come on," he said. "It looked like a star after awhile." The speed of the flashes made it appear like a rotating beacon, he said.



"I suppose it looked kind of funny with a squad car sitting alongside the road and a deputy sheriff with a spotting scope looking into the sky. I'm pretty sure it was some type of mechanical deal. I'm not saying it was from outer space, but I think it was something up there with lights on it."

"I think there could be some test that we don't know about," said Pennington County Sheriff Kermit Knutson. "It could be a government deal — I don't know what they test."

The Center for UFO Studies, a voluntary organization in Evanston, Ill., said one of its members in Winnipeg, Manitoba, notified it of news reports of yesterday's sighting. The member was sent to investigate.

The Pennington County dispatcher also called the airport in Grand Forks. Eventually someone called the air controller at the Air Force base, who noted a blip on the screen.

"This particular area is beyond our designated radar air force space and the radar is unreliable in this area," the Air Force said in a statement.

"We did pick something up," said Air Force Sgt. Larry Czaja in an interview. "Our best guess is that it was ground clutter or temperature inversion." Ground clutter could be a car on the road, he said.

Was it the Martians? "Definitely not," Czaja said.

VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH, Jeannette, PA - Aug. 24, 1984

It's a UFO

Kiski Valley is a buzz with sightings

By John B. Gibson

Valley News Dispatch

Several stars were particularly visible during eight days in which Kiski Valley residents reported sighting strange lights in the sky.

But, says Diane Enion of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Pittsburgh, that explanation might not satisfy many of the residents who reported the sightings.

The sightings range from those of green and white flashing lights in the northeast sky at approximately 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 by William Powell and his daughter, Lori, Washington Township, to two calls received by Rainbow Control Wednesday morning. One was from a North Apollo resident and the second from a Natrona resident.

In those eight days, Rainbow Control received 20 calls on the sightings.

Among them were reports from Kiski Valley police officers and residents of numerous Kiski Valley communities, including West Vandergrift, Leechburg, Vandergrift, East Vandergrift and Parks Township.

Some of the reports indicate that the objects were motionless, others that they moved — in some instances rapidly — and that, in some cases, the light from them was blinding.

Enion says talks with Buhl Planetarium and Allegheny Observatory officials and Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research director Paul Johnson, professor of biochemistry and Duquesne University, indicate that several stars were highly visible in area skies during the times of the reported sightings.

They included Arcturus, visible in the west northwest; Capella, visible in the northeastern sky; the planet Jupiter, visible and very large in the southwestern sky and, also in the southwestern sky, the star

Antares.

Viewed through lenses, such as on binocular or a telescope, some of the stars would take on green or reddish hues of the kind described in some of the reported sightings, Enion says.

Westmoreland County and the Uniontown area of Fayette County lead all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties in the number of reported unexplained aerial sightings, Enion says.

"We don't really know why it is," she says. "Perhaps it might be that the people there are more alert, more aware."

Generally, she says, the center receives between 60 and 80 reports of mysterious aerial phenomenon. "There has been a steady increase in the reports over the past three to four years," she says.

Included in her "unsolved" files are reports, some of them from the Route 819 area of Bell Township, of sightings of a Bigfoot-like creature and another of a large black panther.

Occasionally, reports of such creature sightings come shortly after reports of mysterious-looking aerial phenomenon, "... although no-one has reported seeing any actual contact between the creatures and the things reportedly seen in the sky," she says.

She ruled out the possibility that Kiski Valley's flurry of recent sightings could be connected with a display of falling stars known as the Perseid Meteor, which reaches its maximum during the early morning hours of Aug. 12.

Each year in mid-August, the Earth intersects a stream of cosmic debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle, causing thousands of bits of rock and ice to impact the Earth's atmosphere at speeds of about 40 miles per second.

A full moon greatly reduced the number of meteors visible this year.

Anyone who has information on the sightings is asked to phone her at 8843064.

REPORTER DISPATCH, White Plains, NY - Aug. 28, 1984

Sky lights: 'Are we really alone?'

After World War II, we joined the Ground Observation Corps, a chain of posts set up by the Air Defense Command from Canada down through this area to watch for planes (friendly or unfriendly). It was amazing, after we had logged some hours, up in the glass house, atop the Cardinal McClusky Home, how acutely we could judge the type of plane, its distance, etc. just by hearing its engine or watching its path through the night sky. One night, we spotted a strange flying object, a ring of bright lights, traveling very slowly toward the southwest. Our post, One Alpha, reported it and so did all the others down the line, as far as it could be seen. We never heard if it had been identified or not, but we logged it as a UFO. I had forgotten all about it, until a

few weeks ago. I was looking out of my window, watching the planes, their landing lights blinking as they circled the airport which is not too far from us. There it was again, the strange circle of lights, almost hovering in the area of the airport. I watched it for the better part of a half hour, when it suddenly took off, straight up and was gone in a matter of seconds. I pride myself, since being with the GOC, that I can be dispassionate about things in the sky, but I've got to tell you, I have begun to wonder if we are being conceited in believing that we are the only intelligent life in this great universe. As the man said in his book, "Are we really alone?" I wonder.

ELEANOR DODGE
White Plains



VANDERGRIFT POLICE officer Joseph Caporali, left, and Allegheny Twp. Police Sgt. Richard Coleman both claim to have observed

unidentified objects in the skies over the Kiski Valley. Caporali claims to have sighted an object on two occasions.

People Are Looking Up At Night To View The Celestial Lights

By ALAN M. BOLCAR

Kiski Valley residents have been reporting unidentified objects in the sky the last week, but two of the most unique sightings took place Monday and Tuesday nights.

The large majority of the sightings have been single bright objects in the sky, appearing to have red, green or blue lights around a white light.

Monday night at 11:58 p.m., Vandergrift Police officer Joseph Caporali and borough resident William Ziegmond said they saw three moving objects in the northwest portion of the sky from a dirt road near the Vandergrift Bridge.

The two watched the objects from three vantage points: a parking lot on Jackson Ave., near Davis Field; the parking lot of the Kiski Area warehouse; and from near the railroad tracks at the old Vandergrift train station.

Caporali said he first saw only one object, but "it appeared as if two separated themselves from the one."

The sighting was Caporali's second, and he described the objects as having red, green and off-white lights. He said it appeared to be "the same thing" as his previous sighting.

Caporali said one of the two objects that broke away from the main object circled around in the sky, came back into the main object, again moved away and finally remained stationary.

Ziegmond watched the other object that had moved away from the main one through binoculars, and described it as being "perfectly square." He said two red strobe lights were in the front and two green strobe lights were in the back.

He estimated the altitude of the object was 15,000 feet. He estimated the distance between the equidistant lights was 50 meters. The object appeared to be 12 inches square with the naked eye, he added.

"I saw something," Ziegmond said. "I don't know what, but I did see this thing."

Lori Powell, Washington Twp., described a similar object she claims to have seen at approximately 11:20 p.m. yesterday while driving on Pine Run Church Road.

"It looked like four stars," she said, but then reassessed her judgement. "They were bigger than stars

and they were bigger than airplane lights.

"It was going in a straight line; real fast across the sky." She said the lights were all white and blinked. "It wasn't making any noise."

She estimated the altitude to be that of an airplane, but said, "It wasn't an airplane, I'm sure."

Powell, and her father, William, claim to have spotted an unidentified object in the sky last Wednesday.

William Powell said the object he observed had a green light and "it appeared as though it was holding still."

Lori said she's "positive" the object seen last Wednesday wasn't a star. She said the object was in the northeast part of the sky.

Last Thursday, three Kiski Valley police officers claim to have viewed an object with red, white and green lights hovering over Leechburg.

Leechburg Police Captain Ray Fiorina, Allegheny Twp. Police Sgt. Richard Coleman and Parks Twp. officer Jim Rairigh observed the object for several minutes before Fiorina shined a spotlight on it. Fiorina said the object then began moving in a northwesterly direction.

"What was unusual about it," he said, "it didn't move until we turned the light on it. It wasn't moving at all when I first saw it."

Rairigh said he believes it was a small airplane. He viewed the object through a small telescope.

Coleman disagreed with Rairigh's explanation. "I can't see how a plane would hover like that," he said. "I don't know what it would be." He said "there was a noticeable increase in its velocity" when the spotlight was shone on it.

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What exactly is flying around the skies at night, prompting many Kiski Valley residents to report strange sightings?

Diane Enion, from the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, believes some of the sightings are merely stars appearing to move and change colors because of atmospheric conditions.

She said Capella, a star in the northeast portion of the sky, usually appears about 11 p.m. every night. She described it as appearing yellow with the naked eye, but if viewed through a telescope or binoculars it shows red and green lights.

She said the sightings of different colored lights in the sky,

without much movement, leads her to think "it's something that belongs up there," or some type of "natural phenomenon."

Imaginations also play a large role in determining if a sighting is legitimate. "Everybody's out there looking," she said. "They want to believe that anything and everything they see is what we want."

Enion said the stories told by Caporali and Ziegmond, plus the one told by Clifford Ross, Leechburg, "don't sound like a star."

Ross claims that on a clear night several months ago, he observed a bright object hovering over Hyde Park. He said the light was "blinding."

He said the object was "huge," and it made "no sound at all. It was stationary for quite a long time."

Caporali and Ziegmond both said they heard no noise from the object they observed.

No aircraft able to hover and emit no noise is located at any military base in Western Pennsylvania. Air Force Reserve Sgt. Fred Shamonsky said there is "nothing of that nature" anywhere.

"There are none," Shamonsky said. "Take my word for it. There is nothing in existence that could do that."

Tom Reiland, an astronomer at Allegheny Observatory, called the area's reported sightings "really strange."

"I won't rule out any possibility something is going on. There's been so many sightings by so many reliable sources...that you have to take things seriously."

He added that KV residents may never actually find out what they've been observing. "We may never get the answer."

Reiland, and another member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, Dr. Paul Johnson, assistant professor of bio-chemistry at Duquesne University, both expressed an interest in traveling to the KV in the coming days to try to see for themselves what area residents have been observing.

Enion again asked that residents sighting an unidentified object in the sky to call the at 884-3064. "I just wish we would have been called," she said, referring to the previous reports. "I'm hoping we'll get more calls."

UFO watcher says 2nd visit likely in area

Press Staff Report

THE PRESIDENT of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, based in Little Silver, says area residents can probably expect another visit soon from the unidentified flying object reportedly seen near Ocean Township, Long Branch and Asbury Park early yesterday morning.

Robert Warth, who heads the society, said although he did not see the object himself, he has no doubt it existed, and expects it could return soon. He was planning an overnight vigil last night to try to spot it.

"Generally, these things do return several times within a short period of time, so it's possible it could return soon."

"There have been a number of sightings for weeks on end in the area near Westchester County," said Warth, a chemist at a major aerospace corporation. "I don't know if this sighting is related, but it certainly could be."

Several people called The Asbury Park Press and local police stations about 2:30 a.m. yesterday and reported seeing a large, round flying object with spinning yellow lights hovering over the area.

Some said the loud noise made by the aircraft roused them and their children from deep sleep.

A caller who did not want to be identified said technicians at Fort Monmouth tracked an object that was about 90 feet across early yesterday morning. The caller said the incident was the fourth such unexplained sighting in the past two months. The army's satellite tracking facilities are based at Fort Monmouth.

Spokesmen for the Coast Guard and McGuire Air Force Base could offer no explanation of the sightings. Officials said no aircraft or satellites were in the area of the UFO sighting, leaving no plausible explanation for what was seen.

Warth said several people mentioned the sighting to him yesterday.

"Some said it was as large as a football field," he said.

Warth said of the hundreds of reports his society receives, a high percentage of the sightings are along the Jersey Shore.

"A good number of these sightings occur near the water, and some reports are that the object came out of the water or went into the water," he said. "One reason the crafts may be drawn to the Earth is that we are a water planet, and possibly they are using water for fuel."

"Of course, that doesn't necessarily mean they're looking for us, they could be just stopping by on their way someplace else," Warth said. "But for all we know we could be someone else's property."

Warth said while the majority of UFO sightings occur at night, the probabilities are that there are just as many hovering about during the day.

"It's a lot easier to see a lighted object at night, and also, we hear planes pass overhead all the time and don't usually look up unless it's making an unusual noise," he said.

"But at night, something moving out of the corner of your eye catches your attention," he said.

He said reports made to the society come from law enforcement personnel, air traffic controllers and "other reputable people in the community."

He said most reports occur when a person sees an "unconventional" aircraft, generally with lights moving in a circular pattern, which hovers for some time over a particular area, and then takes off with a great deal of speed.

Sometimes the object may appear to just vanish, and sometimes it makes noise, sometimes it doesn't.

"These things have been reported for centuries," he said. "We really don't know what's going on out there, but we feel there is something out there worth observing and may give us a clue to the world of the unknown... just beyond the realm of science today."

He says he believes the beings directing the UFOs are of superior intelligence to earthlings.

So why don't they come down and talk to us?

"Well, when you go out into the garden, do you talk to the bees?"

Everyone Looking Up To Kiski Valley Skies

By ALAN M. BOLCAR

A chronological list of UFO sighting from the area has been compiled from interviews with numerous Kiski Valley residents. The list is comprised only from reports of those interviewed.

The possibility exists that other Kiski Valley residents viewed what might be considered unidentified flying objects.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

* William Powell, and his daughter, Lori, both of Washington Twp., viewed an object with green and white flashing lights in the northeast portion of the sky at approximately 9:30 p.m.

* Joe Huth, an employee at Composidie Inc., along Rt. 380, Washington Twp., viewed an object at approximately 11:30 p.m. Huth claimed the object made no noise and the light was "almost blinding." He also claims several other employees viewed the object.

Thursday, Aug. 16

* Rainbow Control receives a reported sighting from an unidentified West Vandergrift resident at 12:25 a.m.

* Leechburg Police Captain Ray Fiorina, Parks Twp. police officer Jim Rairigh and Allegheny Twp. Police Sgt. Richard Coleman view an object from an empty lot along Market St. in Leechburg. Fiorina shined a spotlight on the object, which was hovering in place. He said the object then moved away in a northwesterly direction.

* Other KV residents who claim to have viewed something unusual in the sky include: Lori Powell, Washington Twp.; Myrna Stitt, Leechburg; Jack Jewart, Vandergrift; and a Parks Twp. woman who also called Rainbow Control.

Friday, Aug. 17

* Richard Farah and Joyce Carney, both of Vandergrift, claim to have watched an object in the northwest portion of the sky from 11 p.m. Thursday until 2 a.m. Friday. Farah estimated 10 people witnessed the object, including two Vandergrift Police officers.

* Darlene Veselicky, East Vandergrift, also claims to have viewed an unidentified object in the sky.

Saturday, Aug. 18

* Alice Ignatz, Leechburg, said she viewed an unidentified object hovering over the Kiskiminetas River.

* Stan Gordon, from the Pennsylvania Assoc. for the Study of the Unexplained, said he received reported sightings from four or five Kiski Valley residents. He said the names and areas from where the sightings were reported were not available at the time of the interview.

Sunday, Aug. 19

* Joe Huth again said he and several employees of Composidie Inc. viewed an unidentified object in the sky.

* Pennsylvania State Trooper Marcie Robertson and dispatcher Skip Mowrey, both from the Kiski Valley Station, viewed an object in the sky after a caller notified the barracks. Mowrey, since the sighting, has talked with Gordon from PASU and believes it was a star, possibly Capella.

* Five people viewed an object in the sky from the Rainbow Control parking lot, according to Robert Aulerich, chief dispatcher.

* Others who claim to have witnessed an unidentified object in the sky were Darlene Veselicky, East Vandergrift, and Don Weber, who also viewed the object from East Vandergrift.

Monday, Aug. 20

* Vandergrift Police officer Joseph Caporali and William Ziegmond watched three objects in the northwest portion of the sky, beginning at 11:58 p.m. The two told of seeing moving lights in the sky, and claim one of the objects, viewed by Ziegmond through binoculars, was comprised of four lights in the shape of a square.

* Others who claim to have viewed objects include Huth, Ignatz and Weber. Weber said he feels the object he observed -- the same object he watched the previous night -- was a star or a stationary satellite.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

* Laurie Powell, Washington Twp., said she spotted an object, similar in description to the object Ziegmond claims to have viewed through binoculars, while driving on Pine Run Church Road. She described four moving white lights aligned in a square.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

* Rainbow Control received two calls this morning -- one at 12:54 a.m. from a North Apollo resident and the second at 1:30 a.m. from a Natrona resident.

COURANT, Hartford, CT - Sept. 17, 1984 CR: B. Greenwood

Clear Up the Mystery of UFOs

■ In 1969, a 2½-year research project funded by the U.S. Air Force concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified." The National Academy of Sciences was quick to concur.

The American press generally seemed pleased, running banner headlines proclaiming how "Science Downs Saucers." The U.S. government then officially got out of the UFO investigation business.

In 1983, the Congressional Research Service published the "UFO Enigma," which stated, "The thousands of reports of strange lights and phenomena... seem to have no other explanation... than extraterrestrial." The American press reported nothing.

This year, the Soviet newspaper Izvestia reported that the U.S.S.R.

Academy of Sciences has begun a program "focused on the possibility of revealing a probe of an extraterrestrial civilization placed... within an orbit around the Earth." The Soviet periodical Trud reported that the Kremlin has officially formed a UFO study commission after air-traffic controllers at Gorky airport viewed a huge, wingless, cigar-shaped object. For 40 minutes, unresponsive to radio-contact attempts, this UFO changed directions at speeds up to 125 mph at an altitude of 3,000 feet, until radar lost track of it 25 miles north of Gorky.

Private persons don't have the resources to reconcile this disparate UFO history. Isn't it the responsibility of the press to explore what's happening?

Robert H. Bletchman
Manchester

HERALD STATESMAN, Yonkers, NY - Aug. 26, 1984 CR: G. Kuchar

Eyewitnesses and experts trade tales of UFO sightings

By Bob McMahon

Ruth Reese said she was not thinking about UFOs when she pulled into the driveway of her Putnam Valley home on the night of March 24, 1983, and saw six red lights in the sky.

Mrs. Reese and her neighbors watched as the V-shaped lights changed color and form, performed some impossible maneuvers for nearly 45 minutes, and departed, she said.

"I really sensed something, like someone was watching," Mrs. Reese said.

Mrs. Reese was one of nearly 1,200 people who came to the Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster throughout the day Saturday to hear lectures by UFO experts and eyewitness accounts of some close encounters.

The 12-hour UFO conference staged by Peter Gersten and Philip Imbrogno focused on the March 24 sighting and many others in the past 18 months that have been witnessed by hundreds of people in northern Westchester and Putnam.

State Police have attributed the sightings to stunt pilots who fly in formation out of Stormville Airport. Troopers followed the UFOs back to the airport in Dutchess County one night and found their true identity, police said.

But Gersten, a Peekskill attorney and legal counsel for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, and Imbrogno, a Greenwich astronomer and field investigator for the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies, believe that some of the eyewitness accounts, like that of Mrs. Reese, cannot be explained so easily.

Gersten said with the lack of cooperation from government officials, he hopes the conference will prompt concerned residents to form a group to investigate the mystery.

In the auditorium of the school, Imbrogno told an absorbed audience that the "scythe in the sky" cannot be simply written off.

"This has the greatest number of witnesses of any case throughout the world," Imbrogno said, estimating that 4,000 people in the area have sighted the object. "Can so many people be so wrong? I don't believe so."

Neither does Mrs. Reese. She wore a T-shirt with a picture of a flying saucer and the words, "Did you see it. I did. March 24, 1983." She said she has worn the shirt while shopping in area stores and many people have stopped her to discuss the strange object they saw

that night.

Outside the auditorium, people munched hot dogs and drank coffee while swapping stories and theories about UFOs. South Salem resident Alice Salerno had just finished playing tennis one evening in July in Mount Kisco when she saw strange lights in the sky. She said she saw a large object hovering overhead, humming, and the lights changed from bright white to blues and greens.

"That's why I'm here," she said. "I would like to know what's going on."

Alice Lindsay Tate of Manhattan said she thinks she knows what's going on: astronauts from other planets have located Earth.

"My philosophy is that just because we can't get there doesn't mean they can't get here," she said.

Among the skeptics was 31-year-old Mark Vogel, a Queens resident who was visiting his brother in Danbury, Conn., and was curious about the conference.

"It seems like a lot of conjecture to me," said Vogel. "People want to believe things they can't explain. It makes their lives exciting."

Eleanor and Rick Millette of Mount Kisco said they came to the conference out of curiosity, too. Neither has seen a UFO and remain a bit skeptical.

"One good thing," said Millette. "They didn't stick me for any money here."

But Lee Adams O'Conner said the fact that most of the sightings were made by "credible" people indicates that "something is going on." Mrs. O'Conner, a Danbury resident who belongs to Gersten's group, presided over a table lined with pro-UFO pamphlets, pins, T-shirts and bumper stickers.

Mrs. O'Conner said people have attached an undeserved stigma of craziness to UFO observers for too long.

"We want to remove that flaky connotation," she said.

Information for this story was contributed by Staff Writer David Bushman

PRESS, Asbury Park, NJ - Aug. 29, 1984

Residents sight mystery aircraft

By TRACY SCHROTH
Press Staff Writer

A LARGE, round flying object with spinning yellow lights brightened the gray sky early today, according to about ten people who called The Asbury Park Press.

Some said the loud whirring noise made by the object, witnessed by residents in the Elberon section of Long Branch, Asbury Park and Ocean Township, shook their small children from a sound sleep.

Dana Meyer, Elberon Avenue, Long Branch, said the racket woke her 9-year-old child about 2:30 a.m.

"It was awesome," Ms. Meyer said. Murray Kessler, who was driving down Ocean Avenue in Long Branch, described it as a "giant neon sign."

"It was big and bright and strange sounding," Kessler said.

Then, with the same rapid force with which it appeared, it was gone, like a flash. And all was dark again, explained Kessler, Westwood Avenue, Long Branch.

"It just disappeared. It went straight up and made a whining sound and it was gone. I've never seen anything like it," he said.

Long Branch police said they received about 6 calls reporting sightings

of the mysterious craft, but said based on the description they believe it might have been a "helicopter of sorts," said Lt. Guy Mistretta.

"We immediately sent our people up there (near Ocean Avenue in the Elberon section), but they saw nothing," Mistretta said.

Most said the object was about a mile inland from the ocean.

Asbury Park police said they received one call from a woman "who said she saw something take off."

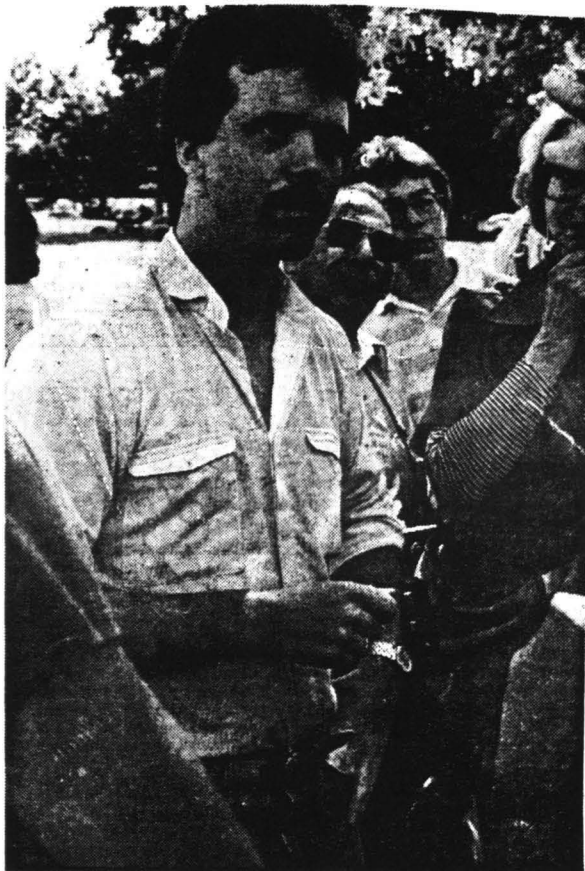
Tom Malcolm, who was driving down Ocean Avenue with his girlfriend, who was "all shook up after the sighting," said he tried to follow it, but it vanished without a trace.

"It was really scary. It went straight up in the air and disappeared."

Spokesmen for the Coast Guard and McGuire Air Force had no explanation.

A resident of Fourth Street, Asbury Park, thought something was on fire when the sky suddenly lit up.

"It was probably the most unusual thing I ever saw. It was just hanging in the air. I thought I was going crazy," said Liz Windsor, who spotted the object about two blocks east of her home on Fourth Avenue.



Larry Warren, an unscheduled symposium speaker

A close encounter of the third kind

BY LINDA BRUDER

While skeptics and eye witnesses at last weekend's "UFO Symposium" strained to hear scheduled speakers over a Brewster school's vibrating P.A. system, a young man with pale blue eyes and a ready wit held court on the lawn outside.

Throughout the afternoon, Larry Warren of Connecticut enthralled his impromptu audience with an extraordinary tale of a "close encounter of the third kind."

Pausing only for a sip of a soda offered by a bystander, he repeated his story at the request of each new arrival despite a growing case of laryngitis:

On a December night in 1980, he explained, he was on duty with the Air Force's 81st Tactical Combat Support Group at a base the U.S. leased in Bentwaters, England.

He and others in his unit were driven to a forest where they were sent into the woods in four-man groups.

The first thing he saw after entering a clearing was a round foot-high stage he describes as "aspirin-shaped."

"There were movie cameras and people taking pictures. A red light in the distance kept getting bigger until I heard someone say, 'Here it comes,' and a red ball dropped on the 'aspirin.'"

Underneath the red ball, he says, was a triangular-shaped metallic object, 15 feet high and 20 feet across. As he watched "red balls of light whizzed over people's heads and around the forest, buzzing back and forth."

His first thought after that was, "Why are these kids here?" He describes the "kids" as dressed in silver suits and about three feet high, although "they floated and this brought them up higher."

"They stood like 'The Three Stooges' in front of the base commander for half an hour. Their heads went back and their arms went up. That's when I think they communicated with him."

Although he and others had removed

their weapons, there was one tense moment, he told his audience. "When there was a loud noise like a tree falling in the forest, the things backed up instantly, their arms up and eyes really big."

"The government has been face to face with them—I can say this for sure," said Warren, adding to the amusement of his audience. "They seemed quite nice. I'd have them to the house for tea."

But his humor faded when someone questioned his motivation in telling his story. Observing that many of the 200 plus personnel who were on duty that night have been threatened, ridiculed and interrogated, he noted, "I'm not doing this for a book or a movie, this is for all the other guys who went through hell."

Since the incident, Warren claims to have suffered mental strain as well as physiological symptoms. Doctors at New Britain General Hospital were mystified, he said, when he began bleeding from the back of the neck without apparent cause. "They gave me a band-aid and asked if I'd ever been around radiation."

Warren claims his former commander, now General Gordon Williams of Washington state, refuses to talk about the incident, but that a Lieutenant Colonel Charles Holt has tapes and photographs of the encounter.

He also claims the base was on full-scale alert that day due to events in Poland, and that a UFO that was recorded traveling at 24,000 mph across Europe dropped off the radar screen in the area of the encounter.

UFO investigator Lawrence Fawcett has investigated Warren's story and claims to have located a document that supports it.

"We're going into court on the Bentwaters incident," said Fawcett, "with nine other witnesses besides Larry."

CR: B. Greenwood

800 UFO Observers Relieved To Learn They Are Not Alone

By KATHLEEN MEGAN
Courant Staff Writer

BREWSTER, N.Y. — They used to ridicule Monique O'Driscoll when she talked about the boomerang-shaped object with brilliant red, amber and turquoise lights that hovered above a pond near her home.

But nobody ridiculed her Saturday when she told her story to 800 people in a hot, crowded auditorium at a UFO conference here.

"It was frustrating. I'd get people saying, 'Oh sure, what were you drinking that night?' They were sarcastic," O'Driscoll said.

For many like O'Driscoll — including several Connecticut residents — the gathering of more than 800 people at the Henry H. Welles School was an opportunity to share UFO experiences in an atmosphere as supportive as an old-fashioned revival meeting.

Blue T-shirts reading, "We are not alone," were on sale, along with purple buttons proclaiming, "I saw it" in red letters.

"We're all on the same wave length," said O'Driscoll, of Kent, N.Y. "People can say, 'Yes, I did see this thing in the sky. No, I was not drinking. Yes, I am mentally stable.' With the unity of all these people, some are less afraid to come forward."

More than 3,000 people have reported seeing UFOs near the Connecticut-New York border during the past few months, said Philip Imbrogno, an organizer of the all-day conference.

Imbrogno, of Fairfield, Conn., who is field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies outside of Chicago, organized the meeting with the help of Peter Gersten. Gersten is a criminal lawyer from Tarrytown, N.Y., who has been involved in UFO investigations for years.

Lawrence Fawcett, a police lieutenant in Coventry, Conn., told the crowd he became a believer when he spotted a UFO in Manchester, Conn., in 1965.

Fawcett, who claims the government has covered up information about UFOs, has gone further than most in trying to ferret out more information on what he saw. He has used the Freedom of Information Act to pry loose hundreds of documents that he said show the government is aware of UFOs and has conducted in-depth studies without the public's knowledge.

"I can only speculate why the government won't admit that UFOs are real," he said. Fawcett recently wrote a book called "Clear Intent," based on his research of government documents. The book was published by Prentice-Hall.

The details may have varied, but many of the stories were similar.

It was March 17, 1983, when Dennis Sant of Brewster saw a brightly lit boomerang-shaped object about 40 yards wide floating above a tractor-trailer truck on I-84 near his home.

"At that point, I got almost jealous — wishing I were up on that tractor-trailer, closer to it," he said. The object took a 180-degree turn and headed toward him, he said, settling about 40 feet above the tall trees in his back yard.

Sant, like many UFO observers, said he felt the object had responded to his emotions. "At that point, at the possibility that the UFO might land and contact me, I got scared." As if on command, he said, it glided away.

June Pope, of Putnam Valley, N.Y., told of an orange sphere of lights the size of a softball that appeared outside her window on June 17, 1983. Far up in the sky, she said, three bright lights. The ball, she said, seemed to communicate with the

lights in the sky by flashing.

Eugene Bauer, of Clinton Corners, N.Y., said his sighting on March 26, 1983, gave him "a mellow feeling."

By far the most outlandish experience was related by Betty Luca of Meriden, Conn.

Luca said she has encountered UFOs and their occupants twice in northern Massachusetts.

Both times, she said, the UFO-beings probed her with needles and studied her. She described them as 3 to 5 feet tall, with very large heads, gray skin, and big dark eyes.

Luca, better known to UFO aficionados by her former married name, Andreasson, was the subject of a book published in 1979 by UFO investigator Raymond Fowler. "The Andreasson Affair" includes an account of those encounters with UFO-beings.

Not everyone at the conference had a story to tell. Jean Allen, of West Hartford, attended simply to meet people who had seen UFOs.

"They (UFOs) won't come to West Hartford, where I am," she said. "I wish they would."

Many participants came to meet J. Allen Hynek, a former Harvard professor, former chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and the director for the Center for UFO Studies.

Hynek, who advised Steven Spielberg on the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," said he started out as a disbeliever while working as an adviser for the U.S. Air Force.

No single story or experience changed his mind.

"It was the caliber of the people who reported sightings. They were civil engineers, technically trained people," he said.

"Finally it dawned on me one day. The question was not so much, why should I believe what these people are telling me, but why should I not believe it?"

PIONEER PRESS, St. Paul, MN - Oct. 10, 1984

Truckers duck a convoy of 'aliens'

By Katherine Lanpher
Staff Writer

The most exciting thing that was scheduled to happen this week at the Truckers Inn in Sauk Centre was the switch to new owners.

And then the truck-driving team of Robert and Jackie Bair showed up.

They had parked their tanker truck of vegetable fat and weren't going to drive anymore, they told truck stop attendants Monday, because they had been attacked on the road from Montana to Minnesota by birdlike creatures from a spaceship.

The creatures — about 8 inches high, with V-shaped heads and human legs — had followed them to the truck stop and now were surrounding it, the couple said. Then they asked to use the telephone.

"They came into the station all upset and excited and said they weren't going any further because the UFO was shooting at them," said Dorothy Sills, the office manager for Truckers Inn.

"It was strange," she continued. "We couldn't see what they were seeing, let's put it that way."

The Bairs, who are from Selah, Wash., repeated their story to Sauk Centre Police Chief George Trierweiler.

Trierweiler said he received a call that morning from Jim Ketchum, general manager of

Davis Transport Inc., the Yakima, Wash., firm that employs the Bairs.

"He asked me to go check on a pair of drivers of his at the Getty station and I asked him what for and he said, 'I can't say over the telephone,'" Trierweiler recalled, "but I want you to go over and see if they're OK."

The Bairs — he's 45, she's 21 — told the chief that somewhere around Billings, Mont., a bubble-shaped spaceship emerged from a dark cloud and crashed into the road beside them.

"A peanut-shaped cylinder fell out of the ship and these creatures came out of the peanut-shaped cylinder," Trierweiler said the couple told him. "These creatures followed them from Billings to Sauk Centre and there were metal filings shot at their vehicle."

Trierweiler inspected the truck windshield for the filings they said were embedded in it.

"I didn't see anything in the windshield," he said, "and there were some metal filings in the truck, but maybe they had some work done in the truck."

Trierweiler later returned with State Patrol Sgt. Fred Korte, who also inspected the truck. They both strained to see the creatures that the Bairs complained were standing guard atop the telephone poles.

"I know there are certain things you can't see that you're supposed to believe — like the Lord," Tri-

erweiler said. "But when someone starts telling me there are bird creatures on top of the lamp posts at the Getty station and I can't see it, in my mind it's not there."

Sills described the Bairs as clean, neatly dressed and quiet.

At one point, she said, Robert Bair gestured at the utility poles where he said the creatures were roosting and firing shavings. He yelled "Here comes another one now!" and ducked.

"They seemed to believe what they were saying," she said.

The Bairs spent Monday night at a motel where, they told a reporter, they saw metal shavings in the room and writing appeared on Jackie Bair's thigh.

The National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle confirmed that the Bairs had filed a report with the private organization. There also was a report in South Dakota of large bright objects in the sky, but no peanut-shaped cylinders, said spokesman Robert Gribble.

The Bairs left Sauk Centre for Washington Tuesday afternoon in the truck, with a driver flown in by Davis Transport.

The couple had been driving for the company only a few months, said manager Ketchum, who had little to say except to confirm an earlier statement of his that the pair are "plain-old everyday folks."

"They're not crazies," he said.

CR: R. PanLener/MINNESOTA RADIANT



Night flier riddle of flares

TRUTH, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Sept. 8, 1984 CR: P. Norman

To hospital on a flying saucer

UFO sightings have put at least two travellers in hospital in an isolated area of Western Australia.

A man from the town Tom Price was treated for shock last week after he reported spotting the UFO.

Sergeant Terry Simms, of the Tom Price police, said the man saw the UFO at Rio Pinto Gorge.

The man told police he stopped his car when he saw the bright light racing across the sky.

Sgt. Sims said another man travelling to Roebourne was placed under sedation at Roebourne Hospital after spotting a similar object.

Other reports were made by a policeman, a pilot at Wittenoom and Nullagine police Constable Jim Ferguson.

IT was just after midnight and Police Sergeant William Smith was busy helping at the scene of a road accident.

Suddenly he was distracted by gasps of surprise from the small crowd gathered in the darkened street.

Following their gaze upwards the sergeant saw two startlingly bright flames light up the night sky over Somerset.

The first, blue, stayed suspended for several seconds

Sunday Express Reporter

before arching to the ground. It was closely followed by a red one.

Simultaneously Sgt. John Sparrow, on duty in another area south of Bristol, Avon, saw a red flare coming from the sky and a white light moving ahead of it.

A few minutes later and a few miles further south, at the city's airport, an air traffic controller began tracking an unidentified aircraft which slowly crossed the radar screen before disappearing from view, reappearing, and finally vanishing on the edge of the Bristol Channel.

The sightings sparked off a

massive rescue operation and have left the authorities in the West Country with the riddle: Was it a small plane in distress? Did it ditch in the sea? Or was it something else?

Despite a lengthy search of the Bristol Channel and its coast no clue has been found.

But what was that speck?

The only facts, according to airport staff, are that it was definitely an aeroplane or "some kind of flying object" at least the size of a plane. It was above 1,000ft. and it was moving at 60 knots, unusually slow even for a small aircraft.

Theory

Some observers have put forward the theory that the slow-moving craft was a motorised glider, perhaps engaged on illegal business such as drug smuggling.

Others believe it could have been some sort of secret military machine undergoing tests.

Whatever the answer, there is nothing to indicate the night flier's identity or eventual fate.

A spokesman at Bristol Airport said: "We have been waiting for something to turn up which might explain it, but we have learned nothing from our observations so far."

The lifeboat from Barry, South Wales, two inshore rescue boats, an RAF Sea King helicopter and teams of coastguards searched for six hours in vain.

Expert solves riddle of rings

UFO EXPERT Philip Taylor has a down-to-earth explanation for the mystery rings which have appeared on a hillside near Seaford.

"They're a hoax, a silly prank," he said.

Mr Taylor, who is the British UFO Research Association investigator for the South-East, visited the site at High and Over last night.

He said: "I would say the rings have been caused by people with chains or ropes."

Doubts

"One person stands in the middle of the ring and the other walks in a clockwise circle until all the corn is flattened."

"There have been several similar cases in Wiltshire in the last few years. These are similar in size and formation."

"I reckon it's all a set-up. It seems to be the silly season," he said.

Mr Taylor said he had his doubts about the authenticity of the rings as soon as he heard where they were.

According to the Ordnance Survey map they are on Cradle Hill. The area in Wiltshire which had become notorious for UFO sightings was also called Cradle Hill, he said.

"I would say that's certainly why this particular cornfield was chosen."

Similar

Cradle Hill, near Warminster, Wiltshire, has become a favourite spot for UFO sightings. It was one of the first places in Britain with more than one reported sighting of unidentified objects.

Similar rings have been appearing on there on and off for the last eight years and each year hundreds of hopefuls gather for a UFO watch.

The hill is also near the home of author Arthur C. Clarke, famous for his books on UFO's.

Mr Norman Hathaway, chief sub-editor of the Wiltshire Times, said the rings had become a regular feature in his paper.

"We always seem to have them at this time of year. There are lots of theories over how they get there — the most popular one seems to be a helicopter hovering above the cornfield."

"It still remains a mystery and a jolly good laugh to us," he said.

STAR, Oxford, England - Sept. 13, 1984 CR: T. Good

Hundreds report UFOs

A DELUGE of UFO sightings have poured in from the public after last week's exclusive Oxford Star story.

Over 250 calls have been taken by the UFO Data Information Centre in Wheatley, most of them reporting flying objects seen in Oxfordshire since July.

And it confirms claims by experts that the sightings could be building up to a ten-year peak next month — they call it the October Effect.

The day the Star was published last week, six reports came in about a bright blue light, appearing and disappearing, over Witney.

But the most extraordinary report came from the end of August, when a bright metallic object without wings was seen over Cumnor

EXPERTS are baffled by mystery UFO sightings at Worthington and Silloth.

A Carlisle baker couldn't believe his eyes when a huge crimson ball passed slowly in front of his car on the marsh road at Skinburness.

And Silloth and Worthington lifeboats were twice put on alert after reports that flares were being fired over the sea.

CUMBERLAND EVENING NEWS, Carlisle, England
Sept. 12, 1984 CR: T. Good

UFO riddle of lights in the sky

Dick Gardiner of Dalton Road, Carlisle is still baffled by what he saw in Silloth.

"It was the brightest red I have ever seen. Whatever it was moved horizontally, slowly."

"Pieces were shooting off it. Then it just vanished. The whole thing lasted about 15 seconds."

"I was stone cold sober at the time."

It was not imagination," said Dick.

Ashley Winthorpe, Worthington's auxiliary coastguard, said flares were reported on both Sunday evening and early Monday morning.

"We found nothing. No one was reported missing."

Mr Gardiner would be interested to hear from anyone else who saw the flares.

Outer space or out your mind?

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT — the phrase conjures up immediate visions of flying saucers, little green men and close encounters of the eerie kind.

UFO reports vary from bright lights in the sky to more tangible manifestations here on earth such as the recent mysterious rings discovered in a cornfield near Seaford.

And then of course there are the more bizarre stories of actual contact with space creatures, of people being invited on board a flying saucer.

But what are these sightings? Elaborate hoaxes? Mental aberrations? Genuine mistakes?

Or are some of them real glimpses of life from another world?

The leading local expert on UFOs is Philip Taylor, of Polegate, who is regional investigation co-ordinator of the British UFO Research Association.

And after 10 years as a member of the society he has reached the conclusion, "I don't have any evidence to support the idea that such sightings are space craft coming here from outer space."

"There is no evidence for that at all although I did believe it was possible at one time."

He went on, "Like a lot of

people in this business my opinions have changed over the years."

"About 10 or 15 years ago I would have been saying that my interest was in trying to discover what these sightings were or where they came from."

"That was my original interest — now it's a question of trying to find out what makes people report these cases. It has become more psychological."

"In a very general sense it is my belief that people have a need to believe in something out of the ordinary, something other-worldly."

"Thirty years ago for instance people were saying alien beings were coming from Mars or Venus. Now science has proved that is impossible the sightings are put down to something which is further away, beyond our knowledge."

"I have yet to come across a case where there seems to be a physical object which I really cannot explain at all but I know people and have read cases which do seem very baffling."

"I am not in a position to say absolutely there is no such thing as visitors from outer space — anything is possible."

A scientist and a keen astronomer Philip has been one of the association's re-

gional investigators for about three years.

His duties, unpaid and previously unpublicised, include the following up of UFO reports from this area usually after they have first filtered through the association's headquarters.

His first move is to send the people involved a de-

tailed form requesting greater and more precise details.

If he then feels the case is worth further investigation he visits the person, often taking them back to the spot where they made their UFO sighting.

The number of reports of sightings vary enormously but are usually between 500 and 1,000 a year.

Some years, particularly if national publicity has been given to a sighting, the number of reports rises dramatically.

The past few years have been fairly quiet ones for the UFO researchers and Philip added, "After the Close Encounters film the number of reports actually went down which was the reverse of what we were expecting."

About 90 per cent of the sightings had 'a reasonable explanation'.

He went on, "Run-of-the-mill cases are often just meteors, satellites or weather balloons — people

can be very misled by all sorts of common phenomena."

"The majority of the remaining 10 per cent of cases are often not fully investigated because of the time and effort they would take up — precise sighting details are required if reports are to be easily checked with air traffic controllers, astronomers or meteorologists."

He went on, "Other cases are so bizarre there is no way you are looking for a natural explanation."

"Very often in these instances we are dealing with cases which are real to the people involved but do not have any reality to anybody else."

"I have spoken to lots of people who can't be pinned down as being anything like mentally disturbed and yet they are convinced they have had extraordinary things happen to them."

Ten years ago Philip himself witnessed a 'brilliant spot of light in the sky' which he observed over a period of five or six hours.

"I have never fully understood it but I now believe it must have been a very high altitude balloon."

In spite of his scepticism about flying saucers and visitors from another planet Philip does believe there is life somewhere out in space.

He said, "I don't think there is much reason to doubt that there is life on other planets — just the sheer number of planets makes it unlikely that life has not developed somewhere else."

Mystery of bright UFO deepens

THE mystery is deepening over possible UFO activity in the night skies above Wantage with yet another unexplained sighting of a strange airborne craft.

Mrs June Bourton and her husband Ronald were hosting a barbecue in their garden at Stockham Way when the object appeared.

Mrs Bourton said: "About 10.30 p.m., we saw this big ball and I thought I saw a little outline around the top. It was going very fast, there was no sound and it was as bright as the sun. We thought it might be a balloon, but surely it

wouldn't be a balloon up at night.

The Bourton's home is not far from Naldertown where former Wantage mayor Mr Peter Rolls saw an unusually bright light from the doorway of his house a week before.

Mr Rolls took pictures but the results have been inconclusive.

Mrs Bourton's son, Robert, who was at the Saturday night barbecue, is now waiting to see what turns up on photographs he took of the object.

The UFO was visible for about five minutes, having appeared above nearby Wantage convent.

EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT ADVERTISER,
England - Sept. 20, 1984 CR: T. Good



UFOs VISIT MT ISA?

A Queensland couple are convinced flying saucers are investigating the northwest mining town of Mt Isa.

Alan and Patricia Davies recently watched in awe as several saucer shaped objects with flashing red, green and blue lights hovered for hours near their home over several nights.

Mr Davies first noticed the objects when he went outside to clean his pool in suburban Mornington. It was just after 10pm.

"I noticed what appeared to be something strange in the sky, but didn't really pay much attention at first. But after cleaning the pool it was still there and I called my wife to come and have a look," says Davies.

His wife says they watched the object through binoculars for another ten minutes before ringing Constable Darryl Reay at the police station.

Constable Reay says

when he took the phone call he laughed, but when he and Constable Frank Bebernitz decided to follow it up they too could see the flashing red, green and blue lights clearly hovering over the city's powerhouse.

"The object looked spherical and the red light appeared to flash a bit more than the green and blue," Constable Reay says. "We took a drive out and noticed that the object appeared to move left, then right and hovered up and down moving in a swooping motion, like a fly," he recalls.

They reported the incident to DCA and the RAAF in Townsville but were told

all airforce planes were grounded at the time. The following day the two constables were told by their superiors that Federal authorities had attributed the sighting to stars.

However, the following night when Mr Davies arrived home from work his wife said, tongue in cheek: "Why don't you go out and see if any of your lights are out there again?"

He went outside and to her surprise came back inside to say there were even more.

"This time we saw at least four and watched them through binoculars for hours as they hovered almost directly above us," says Mrs Davies.

"My husband is normally very sceptical about re-

"We watched them for hours as they hovered above us"

Alan and Patricia Davies: "I can't accept that the objects we saw are stars."

ports of flying saucers but this experience has changed his mind completely."

Mrs Davies says that night and two following nights they received almost a dozen phone calls from other people in the town who had seen the craft.

"One night I sat in a chair out on the lawn and watched one of the objects for two hours. It stayed in one area for the whole time. I went inside and made a cup of tea and when I came back it had moved a lot lower on the horizon. Of the four that had been in the air all night there were only two left," she says.

Mrs Davies says she felt quite strange about the sightings at first but then thought there must be some perfectly logical explanation for the whole thing.

But she can't accept the theory that the objects are stars because they stood out more clearly and their coloured flashing lights could be seen with the naked eye.

- ADRIAN DANIELS

Globe story about UFOs is criticized

A nuclear physicist who lectures on unidentified flying objects told an Ontario Press Council inquiry committee yesterday that UFOs are the "story of the millennium," a story being suppressed by the Canadian and U.S. governments.

Stanton Friedman spoke of the "Cosmic Watergate" during a hearing into his complaint against The Globe and Mail, which published a story on Jan. 21 headed: Rage in 1960s, UFO 'sightings' just fade away.

The story was based on information gleaned from documents declassified by the Department of National Defence in 1982. Mr. Friedman said information was selected from the documents in a misleading fashion.

Mr. Friedman wrote a letter to the editor pointing out what he considered to be inaccuracies or false impressions in the story, but The Globe replied that it did not print the letter because of space considerations and volume of correspondence.

The newspaper subsequently published an editorial on the subject

of UFOs, which was intended to be humorous.

Mr. Friedman told the panel yesterday that The Globe's story "misrepresented the situation entirely," and said the newspaper's refusal to correct the information and impressions in the story was reprehensible.

He also said he objected to the tone of the editorial, and said it was misleading and inaccurate.

He said the original UFO story left the impression that "there is no cover-up of the Cosmic Watergate."

The U.S. and Canadian governments "contain small numbers of people who know UFOs exist. They haven't been releasing the truth because the nation that controls the (extraterrestrial) technology will rule the planet," he said.

"If the planet is being visited by people from another planet, this is the story of the millennium. It's frustrating to be sitting on the biggest story there is, and they're (the news media) not doing anything about it."

Globe editor-in-chief Norman Webster told the committee that the reporter who wrote the UFO story was not told how to approach or write it. But Mr. Webster said that, "editorially, we take a skeptical view" of the subject.

He said The Globe is not suppressing information about UFOs. "I don't think it is our responsibility to break open the Cosmic Watergate."

Laszlo Buhasz, The Globe's assistant editor, told the committee that the subject of UFOs is "no more immune to tongue-in-cheek editorials than any other subject."

The committee is to make its recommendations on Mr. Friedman's complaint to the press council next month.

GLOBE & MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Sept. 29, 1984 CR: T. Good

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia
Aug. 13, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE BY JOHN PINKNEY

Spaceship over Kalgoorlie

WHEN ALBERT FRANK saw this glowing object in the late afternoon sky over Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA, he reached for his Polaroid camera and took the shot above.

The domed, saucer-shaped light appeared at sunset on September 24 last year — and, moving back and forth, stayed in sight for 10 minutes.

The mystery object (left) startled Kalgoorlie residents.

• My thanks to Perth UFO group researcher George Hume, who enlarged the shining image on the film.



INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE BY JOHN PINKNEY

'Bus' buzzes river ferry

UFOs seem unusually attracted to the Murray River. Over the years, I have received dozens of reports of objects emerging from or hovering above Australia's most important waterway.

Perhaps the most spectacular encounter was near the tiny rural town of Morgan, SA.

While 14 ferry passengers watched, terrified, a skycraft the size of a double-decker bus beamed a brilliant light on to the river's surface.

One woman aboard the ferry became hysterical and spent 48 hours in hospital.

The ferry buzzing occurred at the height of an unprecedented UFO flap in the area.

Many of the sightings, one of which occurred over the Penfolds vineyard, were reported to the town's policeman, Senior Constable Brian Brealey.

In one particularly strange incident, a cigar-shaped craft appeared above the local ambulance on its way to an accident.

The ambulance's engine and lights cut out and its siren stopped.

The Morgan-Cadell ferry was buzzed several days later.

Witnesses, including the ferry's captain, Aussie Atkinson, said the first thing they saw was a light in the sky.

It descended rapidly, until it was visible as a bus-sized object, about 60 metres upstream.

A brilliant, blue light speared down from the craft.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia
Sept. 17, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

Strange tales coming to light . . .

SEVERAL sightings of possible unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been reported in the Stobs area near Hawick this month.

The phenomenon has so intrigued locals that they have joined forces to carry out vigils on the hillsides, in the hope of sighting more of these 'hovering lights.'

Unfortunately, all those concerned prefer to remain anonymous for fear of being regarded as cranks.

One lady, in her fifties, told us: "I was up the Moor with friends when I first saw the lights. The first was a white light that appeared to be hovering up in the Stobs area, but it was difficult to estimate its size."

"You'll think me daft, but the light then turned red and above it we saw a number of small pinpoint twinkling lights coloured blue, red and white."

She continued: "It then moved in the Ashkirk direction, and we heard a sound like that of a plane. It didn't sound like a helicopter, more like a small plane, but it definitely seemed to hover in the sky."

The sighting, which took

Earlier this month a number of people in the Hawick area reported seeing strange lights in the sky near Stobs. The Southern's JOHN ROSS SCOTT went to investigate.

place on Thursday, August 9, was also witnessed by her companion, and a group of fishermen about a mile away on a nearby loch.

They also mentioned having seen two hovering white lights, and added that their movement gave the impression that the horizon itself was moving.

As the evening wore on from 9 p.m. to midnight the lady and her friend on the Moor were joined by others who witnessed what one described as a "spectacular show."

During my inquiries into the incident I contacted several people in the Stobs area itself with little success, until one farmer admitted he had seen something "strange" in the sky on August 11.

"It was as if there were two pairs of bright white lights in the shape of a square. They were hanging above the trees, but I could only see them through the trees."

"At first I thought to myself it was just the moon that

was bright. Then I looked and saw the moon was shining in the other direction. It was a really bright static light, and didn't appear to be a searchlight or anything like that. It was really strange."

He added: "Obviously I didn't want to tell many people what I saw — it's not the type of thing you tell people about. I only saw it once, and I haven't seen it since."

At R.A.F. Piteavie, Mr Alex Steedman checked with the Controller to find out whether there were any R.A.F. operations taking place in the Stobs area to the west of Hawick on either August 9 or 11. No such operation had taken place.

On the evening of Wednesday, August 15, I visited the site in question, accompanied by a group of four people who had originally witnessed the strange lights. The spot was only yards from where the farmer's sighting had taken place near a small forest of trees.

Each of the previous sightings appear to have taken place on clear nights. But on August 15, dark clouds hung in the sky, and no strange objects were to be seen.

At 10.30 p.m. we left the group on the barren hillside, within the area once established at Stobs Army Camp, sipping hot coffee and still looking skyward.

Since then, despite carrying out lonely vigils on several occasions, no member of the group has seen the lights again.

Does anyone out there have any logical explanation?



The skyscan group: Tony Green (left) with Derek and Christine Lawrence.

UFO team warns of sightings

WORCESTER'S UFO investigation group, Skyscan, has reformed with the warning there could be a spate of sightings soon.

The group fragmented four years ago but has now returned as a modified, streamlined investigative team trying to explain the unexplained.

"Skyscan Two" chairman, Derek Lawrence said that although the group had not been officially together, a caucus had remained, monitoring sightings and retraining itself.

"The whole UFO subject started to change drastically — they way sightings are investigated for instance — so

we decided to modify the group and bring it into the 80s" said Mr Lawrence.

Part of the semi-professional approach by the group is seen in its use of computers which store the 110 cases currently on the books.

Skyscan spends a lot of its time trying to counter the popular myth that UFOs are extra-terrestrial "flying saucers" with little green men inside them.

"Once you mention UFOs, people start to think about flying saucers, little green men etc.

— but there's no evidence at the moment that they are extra-terrestrial," he said.

"We take a case and try to explain it as a man-made phenomena — like a plane — but if we cannot, then the work really starts."

Skyscan contracts aviation authorities; weather stations and even astronomical and space project specialists to try and explain sightings.

After taking a confidential report about potential UFOs — categorised as low, medium, and high strangeness — it can usually rule out 90 to 95 per cent.

That leaves a hard core of mystery sightings which take up to six months to investigate — though no solution is guaranteed.

"One common fallacy is that people think they are the only ones who have experienced a sighting," said Derek. "We keep people informed about our investigation and even put them in touch with people who have had similar experiences."

One sighting currently under investigation involves a possible landing in the county.

In this case the paranormal happenings, such as apparitions and poltergeist activity, are still occurring.

This has led the group to branch out in its training schedule and gain experience in such diverse subjects as lay lines and standing stones.

Now, the Skyscan team has reformed in time for what Derek considers will be the next cycle of unexplained sightings.

"There seems to be a 10-year cycle and based on that theory it should be in 1984-85 that sightings start to flood in again."

Anyone who would like help explaining something they have seen are asked to ring Worcester 427408 or 24432.

CR: T. Good

TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, Bradford, England
Oct. 1, 1984 CR: T. Good

Saltaire's fresh look at flying saucers ..

A FILMED interview with a West Yorkshire policeman who grabbed the headlines in 1980 by claiming to have been abducted by beings from a flying-saucer will be shown at a Saltaire conference on UFOs — unidentified flying objects.

PC Alan Godfrey, of Todmorden, insisted that he was taken into a UFO while on night-shift and examined by a bearded man wearing a white sheet and a skullcap.

The officer stuck to his story under hypnosis, and, at the Victoria Hall conference on October 13, Manchester solicitor and UFO investigator Harry Harris will present a video of PC Godfrey under hypnosis.

Nigel Mortimer, of Green Lane, Addingham, and Stephen Hart, who lives at St. Paul's Road, Manningham, will present other cases from the West Yorkshire UFO research group files.

Jenny Randles, director of the Northern UFO Network, will outline the case of a UFO which allegedly landed in Suffolk and made contact with RAF and U.S. Air Force personnel.

Stephen Hart said: "Everybody is welcome to come along — the conference starts at 12 noon and the entry fee is 50p. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion."

"The conference will provide the public with the chance to see what UFO research is really all about. Objectivity, open-mindedness, healthy scepticism and flexibility of mind will be the order of the day."

In the video, PC Godfrey describes his UFO as dome-shaped, 20ft. across and 14ft. high.

He says that after he was carried into the "saucer", bracelets were attached to his right arm and left leg and he was asked questions.

The officer recalls that when he first began to watch the UFO — at 5.05 a.m. on November 28, 1980 — he heard a voice inside his head say: "You should not be seeing this. This is not for your eyes."

Examined by two top experts on hypnosis who had been told nothing in advance of the incident, PC Godfrey said that at first he had thought the UFO to be a well-lit bus.

He had driven his panda car to within 100ft. of the craft. He remembered only being carried into its interior, being examined, and then waking up in his car.

Stephen Hart said: "We shall present the evidence scientifically. The public will be given the chance to ask all sorts of questions, and we hope that the sceptics will have something to contribute."

EAST KENT GAZETTE, Sittingbourne, England

Sept. 27, 1984 CR: T. Good

Teenagers spot a UFO

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN IN NIGHT SKY

TWO Sittingbourne teenagers claimed a double sighting of a U.F.O. over the town on Sunday.

Kevin Pook, of Staplehurst Road, and Linda Stump, of Park Drive, say they saw a rectangle of bright lights dissected by two parallel lines of lights in the sky over Shell Research, Woodstock, early on Sunday morning.

Half an hour later they saw the mysterious lights descending while they were at the junction of Homewood Avenue and Borden Lane, Sittingbourne.

Kevin and Linda, both 19, reported their sightings to the police and have been questioned about them by an official from R.A.F. Manston.

They cannot explain what they saw, but say they have never seen anything like it before.

The first sighting came as the couple were returning from a visit to friends



U.F.O. spotters Kevin Pook and Linda Stump. EK1801/6

just after 2 a.m. As Kevin was driving towards Woodstock from Lynsted Linda spotted the lights in the sky.

They watched the lights for a few minutes as they slowly moved towards and beyond Shell Research. They then drove to Shell Research to ask if the security guard had seen anything. He said he had been watching his monitor and had not seen anything.

As they approached Sittingbourne they saw the lights again. They were the same shape and seemed to be descending.

Keith and Linda got out of their car to watch. They flagged down another car and the driver and passengers saw the lights as well.

The Sittingbourne couple were able to take two photographs of the lights before they disappeared from view. The photographs have not been developed.

Kevin says he does not believe in U.F.O.'s but can come up with no explanation for what he saw. He said if someone else told him they had seen a U.F.O. he would probably not believe them.

'I could communicate with the humanoid without actually speaking'

Alien's visit changed life

By MICHAEL MORGAN

A STRANGE encounter with a being from outer-space in 1957 changed Laurie Campbell's entire life.

Now Laurie, of Bayswater, is completely dedicated to the UFO cause and builds models of spacecraft so "young people become interested in space".

His latest, and most spectacular model, is of Cygnus II - a space-liner named after the Swan constellation.

Acting president of the Perth UFO Research Group, Mr Campbell was driving through Exmouth with three friends when he had his encounter.

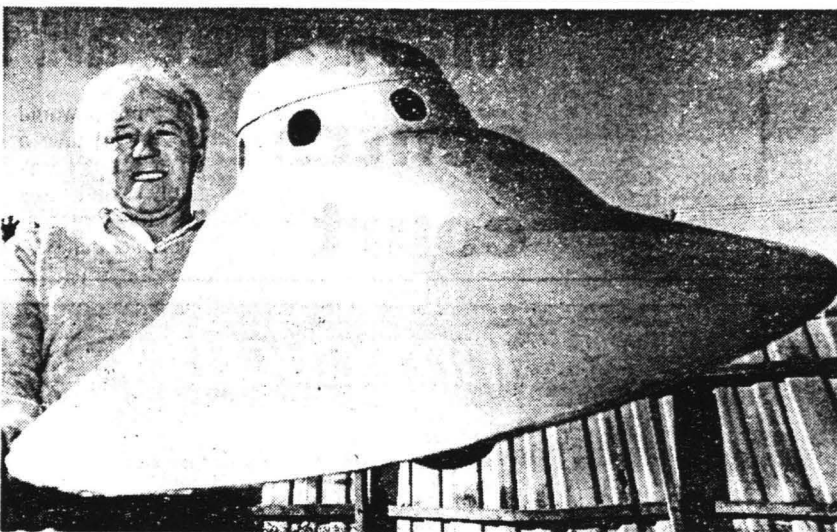
Met alien

"There were four of us in the station wagon I was driving when suddenly we saw a strange object in the sky," he said.

"It grew bigger and bigger and flew over us."

"Two doors of the car flew open and I fell out."

Laurie got up and ran over a hill behind which



□ Mr Campbell made this model based on the UFO he saw hovering over the US base near Exmouth.

the flying object had disappeared.

"I saw the saucer-like craft suspended over the American base in North-West Cape," said Laurie.

"Obviously the aliens were observing it."

Later that evening he was visited in his house by a humanoid being.

"He was about five foot two and had human features," he said.

"We communicated without actually speak-

ing and conversed about various things."

"Ever since then I have been obsessed with outer-space."

Laurie believes WA is popular with UFOs "because it is so vast, rich in minerals and easy for navigation".

Sightings

It also has a sparse population which makes it easy for landings by "visitors from outer-space" to go unnoticed, he said.

But even so, there were hundreds of sightings each year in WA.

"We have many reported UFO sightings but some of them are fake," Laurie said.

"There are many nuts who ring saying they have seen flying saucers."

"But after an investigation it proves it was either a hoax or mere imagination."

Laurie said before his encounter in 1957 he was hopeless with his

hands. Now, he said, he got ideas and expertise for his models "as if someone was putting them into my head".

His big ambition is to start a science fiction club for young people.

"I think it is extremely important that young people understand there are other beings in this universe," he said.

"One day they may come face to face with them."

EVENING NEWS, Bolton, England - Oct. 1, 1984 CR: T. Good

I'm convinced they exist, says Steve

The UFO hunter

By NIAL DONNELLY

MAN'S continuing bid to crack the baffling mystery of UFOs is being spearheaded from a terraced house in Leigh.

For that is the home of UFO expert Steve Balon, a man who has dedicated much of his spare time to collecting and studying evidence of extra-terrestrials.

He is local sightings co-ordinator for the Manchester-based Direct Investigation Group of Aerial Phenomena, and his home in Knowsley Street, Leigh, contains a catalogue of photographs, files and tape recordings of people who claim to have seen UFOs.

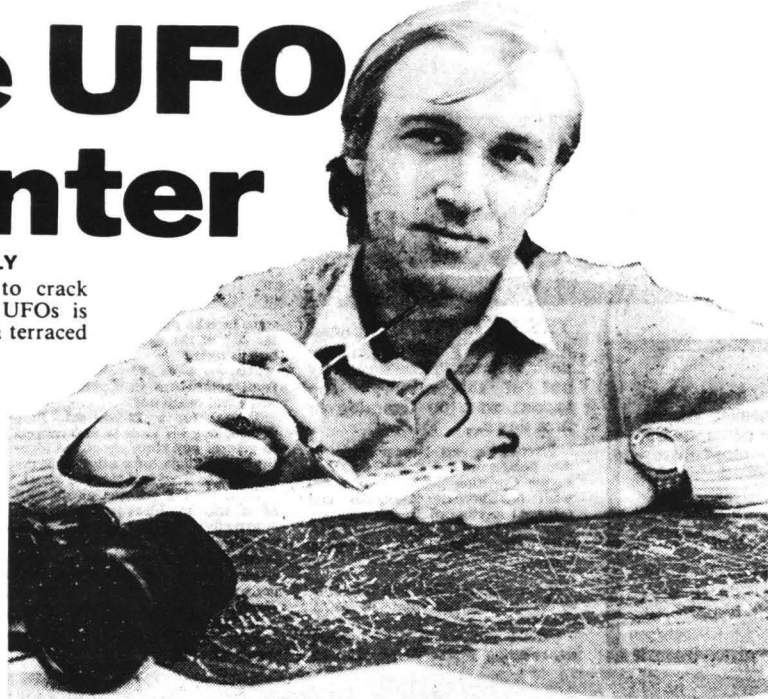
And while sceptics might dismiss such sightings as rubbish, 32-year-old Steve, who works at a local cable manufacturers, is one man who is convinced there must be substance in them.

He said: "After 20 years of investigating UFOs I am left in no doubt that there is definitely something going on. It is easy for people who don't know what they are talking about to ridicule us, but we have heard of sightings that defy explanation."

UNEXPLAINED

Only two weeks ago two of his friends in Leigh spotted a brilliant white oval object flying low and fast through the sky late at night. So far Steve and his colleagues have been unable to come up with a logical explanation for it.

It simply becomes yet another unexplained



Steve Balon checks his charts (above) and then goes UFO spotting (below). Pictures by TOM ARMSTRONG.

sighting to be added to his ever-growing list, and yet he estimates he only hears of less than 30 per cent of all UFO sightings in North-west Manchester.

Steve believes one of the reasons for this is people's reluctance to come forward. He said: "When they see something strange, people don't tell anyone about it because they are frightened of being ridiculed."

Such is the interest in the subject, that he and several other "ufologists" mounted a UFO watch on Winter Hill every Saturday night for three years.

They recorded strange movements in the sky

and investigated them. While some of the movements could be easily explained, others still remain a mystery.

Bolton and its surrounding areas have a long history of unexplained UFO sightings, and Steve is familiar with many of them. He says the reports of flying objects tend to come in waves.

A couple of UFO sightings can lead people to be more vigilant and he will then be flooded with cases.

After many years as a keen ufologist, Steve is still as enthusiastic as ever. The search continues for conclusive proof of objects from outer space.



Dot's close encounter

officially confirmed close encounter."

Mrs. Street has just returned from a visit to Gibraltar, where she was interviewed on radio about the background to the story. And she told the Journal this week that interest has been such that arrangements were being made for her to be interviewed for Japanese television.

"I am having so many inquiries about it," she said. Mrs. Street said she had spoken to the

principal witness referred to in the book - "and as far as I am concerned he is authentic."

She and her co-authors will be attending a launch for the book in London on October 6th. And she is clearly convinced that something happened in Rendlesham.

"We cannot say it was a UFO because we weren't there - but we have to go by what witnesses say," she adds.

rounding an episode in Rendlesham Forest towards the end of 1980.

"Are UFOs physical craft flown by beings of superior intelligence? Do the governments of the world know this fact, absolutely and certainly?" asks the advance material for their book.

Their new publication, "Sky Crash" - being published in paperback by Reed at £7.50 - is billed as the "world's first

LOWESTOFT JOURNAL & MERCURY, Suffolk, England - Sept. 14, 1984 CR: T. Good

with investigations into claims of UFO sightings in Norfolk and Suffolk for the past five years. She has worked in collaboration with two other investigators, Brenda Butler, of Leiston, and Jenny Randles, from Warrington, in writing about the events surrounding the Rendlesham Forest UFO encounter in the heart of Suffolk. Mrs. Dot Street, of 15, Blackberry Way, has been closely involved



Denis Hiams



John Starkey



Marcus Wilson



Jane Tattersfield



Cynthia Taylor

Have the aliens landed?

(Publication & Date Unknown - Canada) CR: G. Conway

Saturday: Some You Win

Over the next two weeks, on ITV, 'Some You Win' looks at people who have tasted success—or failure. This week you meet a Frenchman who has, he says, visited another planet and wants to establish an embassy for it here. Alix Coleman witnessed his meeting with a former diplomat.

Claude's 19,000-year space ride

SIR DAVID HUNT, ex-High Commissioner in Uganda, Cyprus and Nigeria, ex-Ambassador to Brazil, winner of last year's Tenth Anniversary Mastermind Championship and editor of the *The Times Yearbook of World Affairs*, took this particular world affair very much in his diplomatic stride - interviewing Claude Rael as deftly as many a seasoned professional. Rael, born Vorilhon, one-time French racing journalist, is now the emissary from Elohim, a deep-space planet.

Elohim, according to Rael, is untraceably in our galaxy but outside the solar system. Rael is the name given to Vorilhon by the Extra-Terrestrials who, in 1973, changed his life by guiding him telepathically to a volcanic crater in the Auvergne, where they dictated a message to him. He was told that science used with wisdom means world peace, with plenty of food for everyone and a sensation invitingly defined as the

'cosmic orgasm'. Two years on, cat-suited ETs, four feet tall, Asiatic-eyed and long-haired, whipped Rael away for a 10-minute trip to their planet. A journey which, in our time terms, would take 19,000 years. They told him that the Elohim people—meaning Those Who Come From The Sky—having, it appears, created the Earth, want to open an embassy here.

So who better to advise him than Sir David Hunt, thought producer Nick Turnbull. Rael told Sir David that the Elohim were 25,000 years in advance of us.

Sir David asked about the weather. 'We in England always ask about the weather, you know.'

'Every day is sunny,' Rael told him. 'Because of the technology, it only rains at night.'

Afterwards, they sat down to discuss setting

up the embassy, 'to spread the message of which at the moment you are the only bearer,' said Sir David, who certainly breathes life into the language of diplomacy. He pointed out that it would be difficult to give a cocktail party for the arrival of the foreign secretary or to negotiate a treaty.

'My mission is a giant one,' said Rael. 'The message is peace, love and humanity.'

'Most desirable messages,' acknowledged Sir David. 'And ones preached in the past. Would this embassy be the centre of teaching and hold press conferences?'

Swerving slightly, Rael said that if the Elohim liked the show they might land in their flying machines. He asked for everyone, including children, to go outside after the programme, flash a torch nine times at the sky and say hello. It sounds like the most invigorating proposition since Dame Edna Everage invited us to wave our gladdies. Check your batteries, folks.

Pictures: VAUGHAN WILLCOX

Story: MARK O'CALLAGHAN

INQUISITIVE aliens considering visiting Worcestershire will have to make their presence felt before locals believe they really exist.

Following the relaunch of the UFO investigation unit Skyscan Two in the county, and a double sighting in Malvern yesterday, we've been on the streets to gauge your views.

Marcus Wilson of Bewdley believes the mysterious flying objects are "distractions" sent by God. "I believe God sends these UFO's out to distract us from trying to blow each other up."

Council employee Denis Hiams of Wichenford doubts the existence of supernatural phenomena.

'Most of these things can be explained. They may seem uncanny at the time but there is normally a logical explanation.'

'I'll remain sceptical about the

existence of intelligent life from another planet until I see firm proof to the contrary."

Housewife Cynthia Taylor of Droitwich is hedging her bets until more information is available. "I wouldn't like to say definitely whether or not they do or don't exist. About five years ago I saw very strange lights floating in the sky near my house which have never been properly accounted for."

Worcester girl Jane Tattersfield, 22, of Omberley Road, sympathises with the people who claim to have spotted the UFOs.

She said: "People who see these things must have terrible trouble convincing the rest of us about what they've experienced. I'm prepared to believe there is life on other planets even though I haven't seen any UFOs."

However, schoolboy John Starkey, 15, needs no convincing about the possibility of aliens on other planets. "I am sure there is life in other solar systems and we should be spending more money trying to contact them."

MERCURY, Hobart, Tasmania - Sept. 17, 1984 CR: P. Norman

Strange bright light across sky puzzles many

PEOPLE throughout Southern Tasmania reported seeing a strange bright light travelling across the sky at about 9.30 on Saturday night.

Telephones at The Mercury, the Weather Bureau, and the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre were kept busy as people tried to find out what the light was.

There were sightings in places as far apart as Triabunna, Cygnet, and Lake Pedder.

Observers said that the light was a brilliant white streak in the western sky. It was travelling south-east.

Mr Keith Roberts, of the UFO Investigation Centre, said that Hobart police headquarters rang him up to ask about the light.

He got another phone call from a man who had been fishing on Lake Pedder and who said he heard a hissing sound as the light travelled through the sky.

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Dn. Fidel Torres H. (TRANSLATION CREDIT: R. Girard)

City and country of incident: Northern Chile
Date of incident: July 18 (?), 1984
Name of paper and date of clip: (Unknown)
City and country of paper: (Unknown)

GIGANTIC UFO SIGHTED IN CHILE

Santiago de Chile, July (?) 18, 1984. - A huge UFO was sighted in northern Chile, near the frontier with Peru and Bolivia, according to the daily paper, "La Tercera."

The newspaper report indicated that the UFO, of enormous dimensions, had "characteristics very similar to a tracer bullet."

The phenomenon was witnessed by a group of passengers on a bus, who agreed in describing the UFO as being an extraordinarily luminous, intense red color and which, after remaining stationary for a few seconds, disappeared at high speed toward the north, heading for Peru.

The UFO was sighted a few minutes before 3 A.M. Chilean time.

Sir David Hunt (left) and Claude Rael, formerly Vorilhon: a name changed 'in space'.



TRANSLATION CREDIT: Jane Guma

City and country of incident: Various cities, Argentina
Date of incident: February 4, 1984
Name of paper and date of clip: LA NACION, February 6, 1984
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Several conjectures are made about the strange aerial phenomenon
IT COULD RELATE TO THE CHALLENGER MISSION

The strange aerial phenomenon that was seen in the early hours of day before yesterday in different places in the country could have been caused by the disintegration of a communications satellite launched by the Challenger, or by the loosening of the enormous fuel tank--106 meters in length--that the space shuttle launched into space some hours earlier. Neither is the possibility rejected that the luminous effects seen in our skies were caused by the explosion of a balloon simulating orbiting satellites, also launched by Challenger, in what resulted the second failure in this mission that began in Cape Canaveral last Friday.

Astronomical observers and space experts agreed in their opinion that the phenomenon--that caused a commotion in Santa Fe, Rosario, Cordoba, Greater Buenos Aires, the capital city and La Plata--could apparently have been caused by particles from an American communications satellite--the Westar 6--that was lost and disintegrated when its propulsion system failed. (*)

Scientists from the municipal astronomical observatory in Rosario (Santa Fe province) were able to determine the trajectory of what they defined as a "particularly luminous elongated cloud that moved in a W-E, slightly N-S direction."

The astronomers determined--on the basis of other witnesses' testimonies--that the curious formation was seen at 02:20 a.m. Saturday in Cordoba, at 02:45 a.m. in Rosario, and finally in Buenos Aires at 02:50 a.m. The objects were also seen in Santa Fe city and in some cities in Entre Rios province. (#)

The path of the alleged UFOs was defined as similar to that of a "meteorite exploding and generating a cloud of particles that follow the original trajectory." Investigators estimated that the objects moved at a relatively slow speed, 1500 kph, and determined that the colors were the result of incandescence when the particles passed through the atmosphere.

On the other hand, the chief of the Department of Meteorite Observers from the Civil Center of Space Observers in Santa Fe, Mr. Humberto Capozzolo, denied that what Santo Tome and Santa Fe residents saw were UFOs.

This organization issued a communique stating that what happened Saturday was the re-entry into the earth's atmosphere of a large meteor that moved from North to the Southeast, leaving behind a 15° luminous trail split into two groups, one formed by some 7 or 10 fragments and the other by 2 or maybe 3.

Capozzolo--who was also a witness--added that the particles moved at a speed of about 12 and 15 kilometers per second and the color of the meteor was orange. (e)

He then stated that this could have been caused by the re-entry into the atmosphere of an artificial satellite or by the loosening of the Challenger's fuel tank; this ship is presently in orbit and NASA informs that they will report about the origin and causes of what happened in the next few hours.

(COMMENTS BY HAROLD GUMA ON THE PRECEDING ARTICLE):

(*) The Westar 6 did not disintegrate. At time of launching, it did not achieve its proper orbit, and it is still in the lower orbit. It will possibly be retrieved in November, will be brought back to Earth, fixed, and be re-launched.

(#) Distance from Cordoba to Rosario: 400 km - covered in 25 minutes as per clip. Speed as per clip: 1500 kph. 1500 kph /. 25 = 16 minutes is the time it would have taken the meteor to cover these 400 km, instead of 25 minutes. Also, distance from Rosario to Buenos Aires: 300 km - covered in 5 minutes as per clip - 300 /. 25 = 12 minutes, not 5 minutes.

(e) Speed as per clip, taking 15 km per second, would be 900 km per minute and 54,000 km per hour, which would render the phenomenon invisible to the human eye, unless it were flying at a very high altitude, but this in turn would make it impossible to be seen with the naked eye.

City and country of incident: Murcia, Spain
Dates of incidents: Since 1942
Name of paper and date of clip: LEVANTE, April 24, 1984
City and country of paper: Valencia, Spain

MORE THAN 300 SIGHTINGS SINCE 1942 - MURCIA, A REGION FAVORED BY THE UFO PHENOMENON

Spain is a zone where UFO sightings occur rather frequently. Many books were written on the subject. Investigations led ufologists to the conclusion that Murcia is one of the regions with the highest number of cases.

A young man lost consciousness upon being intercepted by a UFO that made his car go backwards for 2 kilometers, according to two ufologists from Murcia who studied more than 300 verified UFO sightings in that region since 1942.

Ufologists Antonio Forte and Federico Jose Saravia told EFE [news agency] that they patiently prepared the "Catalogue of Sightings" after many interviews with witnesses, and always comparing sources in order to try to avoid frauds as much as possible.

The experience of a young man, Jose Cabanero Sanchez, during the time of his military service in February 1979 is possibly the most spectacular of the cases they compiled.

Cabanero was on his way to visit his girlfriend one night. She lived in La Noria, near Yecla in the Albacete region. At a given time, an intense red light landed on the roof of his car, damaging it, while the driver lost consciousness.

The car went backwards

The driver had no control over his car for 25 minutes, the cassette player stopped playing, and when he came to, he was surprised that his car was going backwards. He could not regain control of it until 2 kilometers afterwards.

According to the ufologists, Cabanero Sanchez "is a remarkably serious person who had only heard of UFOs in one TV program, and he is not interested in sensationalism."

The researchers learned about the case only two years after it happened, through third parties who put them in touch with Cabanero Sanchez.

"Persecution" in Villena

The experience of Tomas Castillo was another verified case. In 1975 he drove for more than 20 kilometers followed by three luminous points.

This "persecution" lasted from the village of Las Virtudes, near Alicante, almost until reaching Yecla.

According to the ufologists, it has been verified that in many cases UFOs intercept the witnesses and fly away towards certain geographical sites such as the Arabi, the Santos, or the Cuchillos hills, which have prehistoric remains.

Multiple sighting

The sighting with the highest number of witnesses also took place in the municipality of Yecla, in July 1983, at which time one hundred people saw a light going to the SE and disappearing near the Castillo hill.

A deputy even asked the government about it, since there was talk of it being a Russian satellite, but no satisfactory explanations were ever given. According to these researchers, there were sightings in almost the whole region including military bases such as San Javier, where the General Academy of Air and an air force base are located.

The UFO subject has called the attention of many people lately, bibliography on the subject being abundant. The Murcia ufologists have now added to this bibliography their "Catalogue of UFO Sightings."

City and country of incident: Spain
Name of paper and date of clip: EL PERIODICO, May 19, 1984
City and country of paper: Barcelona, Spain

FIRST UFO CATALOGUE IN SPAIN

The Fund for UFO Research, an organization created in Maryland by a team of scientists to finance the best works on unidentified flying objects, has for the first time granted a European researcher, Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos, a grant to investigate this phenomenon in the Iberian peninsula. The proposal consisted of an ambitious project to compile a thorough catalogue of UFO landings and to set up the infra-structure in a data bank. From here on, Vicente Juan Ballester wanted to determine the real nature of this phenomenon, about which nothing final has been said. A partial report has been published by Plaza y Janes, in a book called "Investigation OVNI [UFO RESEARCH]," that compiles the most spectacular cases that occurred in Spain.

Name of paper and date of clip: ALERTA, May 19, 1984
City and country of paper: Santander, Spain

"Juanjo" Benitez, 37 years old and the author of 20 books
CANTABRIA IS UFO LAND
Many alien races visit us

One day in 1977, we were both working for the "La Gaceta del Norte" paper, and he phoned me from Bilbao: "You are one of the first to know this. I'm abandoning journalism, am leaving this paper. I've decided to investigate the UFO subject and have already signed contracts with a company to publish six books this year." I thought he was crazy and told him so...

Juanjo Benitez returned yesterday to Santander to present his 20th book which is, at the same time, his first novel. A suggestive title: "The Trojan Horse."

"It was a madness that surprised even me. I tackled the job with many misgivings, and it took me 100 days to finish it, after a three-year research. Now I'm agreeably surprised to see the third edition in a month. I doubt that this success could have been the outcome of my writing style. I rather think it is due to the fact that someone has for the first time in Spain, dealt exhaustively with Jesus of Nazareth's last 11 days of life."

With the impetuosity of his 37 years, Juanjo Benitez recalls the best-seller's background: a hundred scientists, mostly American, Jewish and English, had been working hard on the subject of the passion and death of Christ, this being the source of a lot of information, such as 1500 historical, social, archaeological, paleontological, etc., facts about those last eleven days.

"This information, which was unpublished in Spain, also does away with myths and involves some of those who were near him. For instance, there's a fantastic and very revealing study about the attitude of that treacherous Judah Iscariot that demonstrates that the treason was not due to the thirty coins, but to much deeper-lying causes. I consulted the sources of such exciting information and make them public now, after much dissent in the American research team."

Let's go back to UFOs. Juanjo recalls his first contact with the subject when Alfonso Ventura, who was at that time chief-editor of "La Gaceta," gave him a telex dated in Burgos--telling him to go there with the photographer--informing that a local resident had seen a strange object in Peral de Arlanza, that had left a burned circle in his planted field. "I was very impressed by the certainty in his words and realized he wasn't lying, he wasn't inventing anything. And from then on the UFOs have been surrounding my life as cherries in spring. And they somehow changed my life. Most of all - remember? - after the trip I made in 1974 to the Chilca desert, a few kilometers south of Lima." At that time telex machines were spewing out all kinds of fantastic stories dated in Peru's capital where some locals claimed sightings of unknown objects. "Juanjo" Benitez met with them one morning in the fall, with a mixture of skepticism and ridicule until he discovered the presence of mysterious circular silent objects 300 meters before his eyes. Then in 1977, while he was driving on the Cadiz-Sevilla highway, he again saw UFOs that gave off a butane color [sic] and moved above the surprised heads of a column of car drivers. "And when they flew away, I instinctively raised my hand in a good-bye gesture, while they flew away towards Jerez. I never knew why I did that."

"Listen, do you think Cantabria is UFO-land?"

The reply is affirmative. "And do you know why? Because Santander lies in a 'hot' spot in Spain, not to mention the Basque country and moreover, Galicia. Because, you know, 'this people' studies the whole planet and for them the Basque country is at present highly interesting because we are passing through a time of hostility and there is some sociological unrest worthy of study."

"Listen, you said 'this people.' What people?"

"Many races are visiting us, all of them alien to earth."

He claims that the science-fiction or science-truth literature he's been cultivating for seven years had given him more prestige and money than journalism. "But I'm a person lacking in ambitions and all I earn I invest in gasoline and plane tickets to get in touch with these big or small metallic monsters, wherever they should leave a trace. And I'm leaving for the Soviet Union shortly, to continue investigating."

"Are there also UFOs there, Juanjo?" "Sure, but the huge amount of information they have amassed is locked away very securely."

Benitez already has written 20 books and will probably publish several more. It was a few months after that great tragedy--the death of Jose Mari Portell that none of us has forgotten yet--when the new boss wanted to keep him working inside, "when what I really wanted to do is to go out on the street, like you. That started the problems that you know about and I decided to quit." UFOs all over the world were awaiting him, and were the reason for a 180-degree turn in his life.



On his turf, the creature enjoys a home field edge

It has many names on many continents, but has come to be known here as Bigfoot, a fabled man-ape that haunts the desolate wilderness of the Northwest. Examiner outdoors writer Tom Stienstra headed a three-member team that for three weeks roamed the high country of Northern California and Southern Oregon to search for the legendary creature. In his eight-part series, "In Pursuit of Bigfoot," Stienstra tries to separate fact from fiction that surrounds the lore of Bigfoot.

By Tom Stienstra
Examiner outdoor writer
Third of an eight-part series

PRESTON CREEK — "Crunch-crunch, crunch-crunch." The noise snapped us to attention.

"Did you hear that?" whispered Michael Furniss. I nodded, listening for even the least audible sound. "Something's out there."

We were at a meadow a few hundred feet above Clear Creek, here in the Siskiyou, and had noticed some sort of animal trail that appeared to lead down to the stream — which also bisected the trail we were on. Something was out there, heading to the stream on the animal trail, and it was going to run right into us.

"Crunch-crunch, crunch-crunch." It was getting closer.

"It's got to be Mr. Bear," said Furniss, appearing to be convincing himself as much as us. "But it doesn't sound like Mr. Bear."

Indeed it didn't. It sounded like two distinct footsteps being made in unison. Nobody said it, but we all thought it. Bigfoot?

When we were quiet, it was quiet. When we moved, it moved. This went on for 10 minutes.

"Maybe we should throw a rock out there and find out what it is," suggested Furniss, a scientist who has inbred skepticism about Bigfoot's existence.

But for an instant, he changed his mind: "Throw a rock and we may not want to know what it is. It could be something that could throw something a lot bigger right back at us."

It was in this relative area where in August of 1958, when a timber operation was invading the wilderness with the construction of a logging road, that an un-

known visitor made a late-night appearance at the road builder's camp. An oil drum was carried up a slope and tossed into a ravine. An 800-pound tire and wheel was lifted from an earth mover and dumped 50 yards away.

The only clue to the prowler's identity were huge footprints found around the equipment. Plaster casts made by archeologists from the prints have never been refuted as fakes.

This episode ran through my mind as we tried to glean any sound from the woods. We listened, but there was nothing, not even a snapping twig, not a hint of anything.

"If it left, it sure left mighty quiet," said Jeff Patty.

We headed for the area, poking where the sound seemed to originate, but found nothing. No footprints. No more sounds. No bear grunts, no shrieking Bigfoot calls. Nothing.

Big drops of sweat poured off the big man's nose onto the map, splattering like rain drops. But there was no rain, not with 100-degree temperatures.

"No way around this stream," said Patty, all 6-foot-5, 205 pounds of him drenched in perspiration after four hours of heavy hoof-in'. "This map don't

lie. We have to ford this stream."

Even though the sun was like a branding iron, creeping your way hip-deep through a stream filled with 38-degree glacial melt is hardly an enticing proposition.

But our intent on the Examiner Bigfoot Expedition is to explore rarely-visited areas — where Bigfoot may lurk — and that demands searching out animal trails, bushwhacking into wilderness and crossing icy rivers. There can be plenty of the latter here in the Siskiyou range, which was created by glaciers.

"I'll go first," said Furniss, the scientist from the U.S. Forest Service. When his legs dipped into the stream, his face screwed up tight from the icy water. Five steps later he was smiling. "Hey, it's not so cold anymore," he shouted.

"That's because his legs are already numbed out from that icy water," Patty said.

Furniss took a few more tentative steps, then started to teeter where the stream was swiftest. He pressed hard with the tree limb he was using as a wading staff, trying

to balance himself, but started to tip. Bang. Right then, the current dumped him, tumbling him in shallow, near-freezing water.

"Yow," he shouted, scrambling on all fours to the opposite bank.

"Welcome to Bigfoot Country."

A bit later, in the midst of a light descent on the way to Wilderness Falls, Jeff began lightly singing a song we had written the evening before. It was a moment of striking irony.

"He's a mountain man, he's an old mountain man,

Kicking trail, every day he can.

Wilderness calls to him,

Meadows, fords, and the mountain rims."

Furniss smiled. He had rediscovered the magic of the outdoors. The idea is to get out there on the edge, and sometimes, when you go over the edge, you find out it's an amazing and exhilarating place to be.

Your head is like a radiator when you hike, especially in hot weather in steep terrain. If you want to run your engine long and hard, then you've got to fill your radiator up with coolant; dunk it in a creek every chance you get.

Wilderness Falls is beckoning to us today; 10 miles distant, with three stream crossings and two bushwhacks with no trail. With the heat, your eyes can sting from the salt in your sweat, your clothes feel sticky, like a coating of wet glue.

"I've got Indian underwear on," Furniss said. "It keeps sneaking up on me."

The heat drains the vitamins right out of you. To supplement our light diet, we're taking calcium and magnesium tablets, vitamin C and vitamin B. Those you can buy. For a light breeze I would gladly pay \$100, but the wilderness isn't selling today.

But the wild creatures up here don't seem to mind. We're hiking just under the snow line — where the ground is being exposed to sun for the first time this year. Although spring is long past in warmer climates, it is just emerging here.

Look around you. A red plant looks like a missile erupting out of the ground; a snowflower. Everything is thriving. Indian paintbrush, azaleas, trillium. Butterflies are hatching, snakes are lying on rocks, trying to shake off a long winter's cold.

Some people actually think the only waterfalls in America are at Yosemite and the Yellowstone Parks. Up here in the Siskiyou, Wilderness Falls awaits backpackers, though you'll never find it on a postcard.

You hear the falls before you see them, a bubbling tower of water. Wilderness Falls, created by Clear Creek, seems to have two stages, first crashing down 45 feet into a boulder, then pouding its way into a foaming pool about 100 feet across.

Furniss and I were sitting atop it, the spray like a cold shower.

"What do you suppose that noise was in the woods?" I asked him.

"Just don't know," he said. "Didn't see it, no tracks, no grunts."

You figure it.

Series elicits more data from public

By Tom Stienstra
Examiner staff writer

After reading of the Examiner Bigfoot Expedition, Andy Coughanour of Sacramento sent The Examiner a snapshot of a giant footprint he found while hiking near the Sonora Pass area.

"Attached are my field notes and photo documenting my own experiences tracking Bigfoot," he wrote. "This material is by no means conclusive, but is food for thought and may perhaps be of value."

In the photo, however, a pen is laid atop the footprint, covering the shape of the big toe, which for the most part is the critical feature when identifying Bigfoot prints.

This photo was a small part of the response to the Examiner Bigfoot Expedition, with some 150 letters and phone calls pouring in.

Melvin Parnell was one of three readers calling from Arizona. "If you want to find Bigfoot, don't waste your time in California," Parnell said. "He's right in the Arizona mountains. I call him the Arizona Sandman of the Mountains."

Examiner editors had hardly finished telling that tale when an anonymous commercial fisherman called and said he had seen Bigfoot swimming in Monterey Bay.

The next day, a different fisherman, Warden Strossenberg, called from Moss Landing and said that "mysterious sea monsters are occasionally seen" by commercial fishermen on the central California coast, although he himself had not seen one.

Many, many readers called to relay personal experiences. Mary Anderson of Eureka was one of five callers who detailed similar bizarre camping episodes. "We took our dogs with us, and they suddenly took off into the woods, barking like crazy," she said. "Five minutes later they came back with their tails between their legs and tried to climb in our sleeping bags. I don't know what it was, but there was something out there."

Terry Moyles, a zookeeper at San Francisco Zoo, had a similar experience at Fish Lake, which is near the heart of Bigfoot Country near Willow Creek.

"We were camping at Fish Lake three years ago and this big rock got thrown in the camp," Moyles said. "Five dogs, I mean good size dogs, went to the source of the noise, but came right back and hid behind our sleeping bags. Where did that rock come from? I don't know."

Wayne Ingbritson related a four-month Bigfoot expedition in the northwest territories and offered his technical advice to the Examiner Bigfoot Team.

Brian Smith was one of 25 callers who said they had seen Bigfoot himself, the real McCoy. "I guess it was pretty unusual because we saw him near Dunsuir, which isn't supposed to be a Bigfoot area."

Ned MacKay of Pleasant Hill even sent a picture of himself posing with Bigfoot — the wood version, that is, that sits as a monument in the town of Willow Creek. "As the enclosed picture shows, I have already found Bigfoot," wrote MacKay. "For a small sum, I will gladly lead your expedition. As the picture indicates, I can produce results, not promises."

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Frozen Green Blob From the Blue Puzzles Eastern Shore

By Ruth Marcus
Washington Post Staff Writer

Amateur investigator John Lutz is convinced that a basketball-size chunk of mysterious green ice that fell out of the sky and into an Eastern Shore trailer park was an ice meteor.

Fred Farrar of the Federal Aviation Administration says it was probably frozen refuse from a leaky airplane toilet—a rare but not unknown hazard of modern aviation.

The "Chicken Little" saga started about 3 p.m. Saturday, according to Thomas I. Andrews, a retired poultry company manager who lives in the Swann Haven Trailer Park outside of Easton, Md.

"We were sitting on the porch . . . and I heard this whoosh noise and by the time I looked up there was this

'Kool-Aid Snowball' a Mystery

green ice all over the yard—it looked just like a Kool-Aid snowball," Andrews said yesterday.

Andrews summoned the Maryland State Police. Cpl. Thursby F. Cooper Jr. responded, armed with a coffee can that he used to collect samples.

Cooper called in the Civil Defense authorities to check the sample with a geiger counter to make sure it was not radioactive. He later turned to Lutz, a full-time dispatcher for the state Department of Transportation and part-time investigator of bizarre phenomena from UFOs to spontaneous human combustion.

Lutz is having a sample of the ice tested today by a University of Maryland geophysicist. He discounted the FAA theory since no plane was in sight when the ice fell. He hypothesized that the chunk was an ice meteor, a stone or mineral that gathers so much ice in the stratosphere that a frozen chunk survives the fiery plunge to Earth.

But according to Farrar's more mundane explanation, the chunk probably formed because of an outside leak in the holding tank used to store lavatory refuse in airplanes. The leaked liquid freezes at high altitudes.

Meanwhile, Cooper is hoping the dirty green fluid sitting in a mayonnaise jar near his desk will prove to be from outer space, although he conceded the liquid does have "quite an odor."

Unwelcome visitor of the night

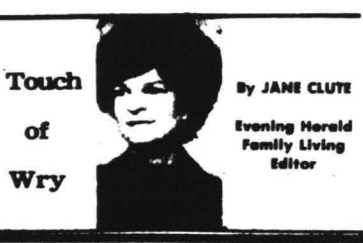
What's huge and hairy and black, lumbers along on four fat legs, is agile enough to climb a tall chain-link fence, makes a bunch of racket, and enjoys prowling around in the wee hours of the morning?

That's what Dianne King and her husband, Roger, who live near Fort Mill, are trying to figure out. (Personally, I wouldn't hang around long enough to find out.)

Is it the legendary Bigfoot?

Some mysterious critter from outer space?

Or a real, honest-to-God bear?



Touch of Wry
 By JANE CLUTE
 Evening Herald
 Family Living
 Editor

All I can say as I'm glad it's visiting them. Or it was, that is.

Maybe you've heard the story. Dismissed it as being a joke. But it's no joke to the Kings, nor to the game warden they contacted, who asks to be telephoned — even in the middle of the night — if the mysterious nocturnal creature pays the Kings another visit.

So far, Dianne says, the critter has come calling three times, all without invitation, you can be sure.

Three successive nights a couple of weeks ago, the "thing" woke them up with several mighty roars, as if to announce its arrival. Each time it was around 1 a.m. And each time, the "thing" hung around for several hours, evidently enjoying itself in the woods behind their home off Charlotte Highway about a mile from Fort Mill.

The Kings were far from comfortable when it

stayed in the woods, where it tramped around clearing undergrowth and breaking small tree limbs. But that, apparently, got boring.

It decided to explore around the Kings' abode. Never mind that it had to scale a 4 1/2-foot chain-link fence. It came right on up in their yard and checked out the children's gym set just feet from their mobile home.

Must have liked what it saw, too, because it started clanging the swings and managed to get all tangled up in the chains before it worked itself free.

All while Dianne was inside, shivering under the bedcovers and Roger was jumping up and down looking out the window, and both of them, no doubt, were saying their prayers.

"I was petrified, to say the least," Dianne says. "I didn't dare look out, and I wouldn't let my husband go out."

Besides, their huge, half German shepherd yard dog cowered without so much as making a whimper while it's hair stood straight up for the duration. And their small house dog did the same — inside.

Even the crickets and the birds quit chirping while the "thing" was there, Dianne says. "Nothing made any sounds. Nothing except that big animal."

Dianne says her husband got several glimpses of the "thing," and best he can tell, it's a large bear, though they've never seen one except at a zoo.

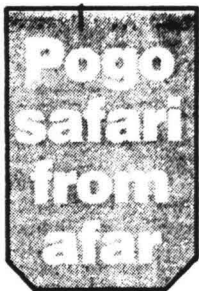
The game warden they later called came to inspect their yard. Couldn't make sure what the "thing" was because the ground was hard, Dianne says, and there were no visible footprints. (It'd be the one making tracks — in the opposite direction.)

Dianne says the game warden could only speculate that, from Roger's description, it was a bear, and that it was searching for food.

Searching rather loudly, too. It even woke up a neighbor, who didn't manage to get a look at it.

"I don't know what kind of food it was looking for," Dianne says, "but maybe that's why it hasn't come back. I hope it stays gone. It sure was loud...."

Lord, deliver us from things that go roar in the night.



By CARRIE MISHIMA
 Staff Reporter

Ogopogo has snaked its way into the Japanese imagination.

So much so that a 15-member expedition dubbed the First International Ogopogo Safari from Japan will arrive on the shores of Lake Okanagan Aug. 21 to probe the watery depths in search of the legendary serpent-like creature.

"The Japanese really get off on legends, fantasy and dragons. It's really a part of their culture," said Bob Sheeley, manager of the Okanagan-Similkameen Tourist Association (OSTA) which has posted a \$1-million award for "proof positive" that Ogopogo exists.

The idea fired up Yuri Suzuki, a public relations officer for CP Air, who organized the safari which includes eight high school students and seven adults.

If the group cannot capture Ogopogo alive, a number of the expedition's photography buffs will try to capture the beast on film, explained Suzuki.

According to the award's stipulations, Ogopogo must not be harmed and must be caught using "fair angling methods" as specified under Section 26 of the Fisheries Act.

That precludes the use of "projectiles, explosives, harpoons or guns" in favor of rod and reel, Sheeley said.

The creature must be at least six metres (20 feet) long and satisfy an official from the University of B.C.'s zoology department that it is an undefined animal, Sheeley said.

Pictures are not considered ample proof but Sheeley would not discourage photographers.

"I would suggest that if someone got a clear photograph showing the head it would be worth a lot of money because none so far exists," he said.

STAR, Auckland,
 New Zealand
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Ice cream

TROYES (France). — A block of ice weighing 10 kilos fell from the sky and smashed through the roof of a villa here as the family were having dinner. The block, which made a large hole in a bedroom floor, was taken to a laboratory for analysis. — NZPA—AFP.

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'Magic' of Atlantis explored

By BEAUFORT CRANFORD
 The Detroit News

"There is magic in names, and the mightiest among these words of magic is Atlantis," marveled H.G. Wells.

And well it should be, says linguist, author (*The Bermuda Triangle, Native Tongues*) and sometime explorer Charles Berlitz. Berlitz, whose latest foray into literary Never-Never Lands is *Atlantis, The Eighth Continent*, is convinced that the magic Wells remarked on is very real indeed.

Until recently the world owed much of its knowledge — some say fantasy — of the lost continent of Atlantis to Plato, who spoke at length of its rise, influence and downfall in the dialogues *Timaeus* and *Critias*. Plato supposedly got his material from Egyptian temple records; but now, claims Charles Berlitz, the evidence is increasingly hard and available first-hand.

Berlitz says he became intrigued by Atlantis through his study of history, an avocation provoked by his lifelong interest in ancient languages.

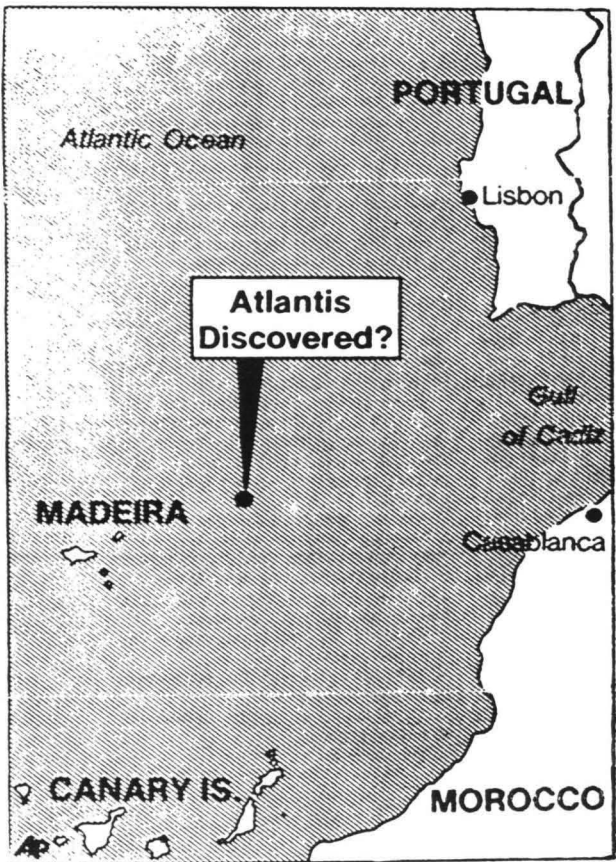
His grandfather, Maximilian Berlitz, founded the famous language school that bears his name. Charles, though no longer affiliated with the school, speaks 25 tongues with varying fluency.

"The further back I went," Charles Berlitz explains, "the more I heard about Atlantis. Then I began to make comparisons of legends from different countries on both sides of the Atlantic, and again I found racial memories of a civilization that existed before the one I was studying."

Those legends and a transglobal memory of a great flood that may have sunk a mid-Atlantic continent, Berlitz notes, were "all anyone could say about Atlantis until the last few years." Since the early 1970s, however, with increased exploration of the ocean floor, "both Russian and American oceanographic surveys have turned up evidence that this island continent existed," he affirms, "and that it went down rather quickly."

Among that evidence: more than 50 examples of stone-building culture on the ocean floor in the Caribbean, far more advanced than the capacity of the native Carib Indians; Russian photographs of the Ampere Seamount, north of Madeira, showing what appear to be walls and steps; stone pavements and remains of buildings and pyramids on the ocean bottom between the Florida Straits and the Nicholas Channel; and a massive, undersea wall off Bimini. Many of the book's photos, if not thoroughly convincing, are at least redolent of exciting possibilities.

Berlitz is particularly fond of citing the deep-water surveys of the Russian ship, *Academician Petrowsky*, in 1974. He quotes oceanographer Valdmir Marakuyev: "Nowhere have I seen anything so close to traces of the life and



Associated Press

This map shows the spot where Soviet researchers speculated that Atlantis may once have existed. The scientists based their hypothesis on "mysterious structures" seen in underwater photographs.

activity of man in places which could once have been dry land." But Berlitz is not so circumspect: "They were absolutely, indisputably remnants of human constructions on the ocean bottom."

Other undersea evidence of an ancient, colonizing civilization that Berlitz mentions include "photographs of sunken walls and pavements several miles off Cadiz, Spain," on the supposed eastern boundary of Atlantis, plus roads — explored by Jacques Cousteau — on the bottom of the Mediterranean, and even a stone avenue off the coast of Georgia.

Berlitz's justification for belief in Atlantis goes beyond inferences from oceanographic discoveries, however. There is much in the book from geology, archaeology and even zoology to bulwark his theories. And his discussion of the prefix "Atl" among diverse ancient cultures on both sides of the

Atlantic, used for describing the alleged lost continent as well as water itself, is especially provocative. Though he poses more questions than he answers, Berlitz is sure that time will provide further justification for his claims.

But all good things must come to an end, and when the sea swallowed Atlantis, "the population probably escaped in all directions, bearing the tale of the great flood," Berlitz says. "It seems to me that the waters of the flood are still there," with the ruins of Atlantis and its colonies under them.

And, so we are told, with Noah's Ark somewhere above the watertime. No wonder, then, that the soft-spoken Berlitz's next project will take him to Turkey, to the slopes of Mt. Ararat. Why? To look for the lost Ark, of course.

His book is published by Putnam and sells for \$16.95.

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Creationists making claims

GLEN ROSE, Texas (AP) — Creationists say bones found on the banks of the Paluxy River near this town southwest of Fort Worth belonged to a dinosaur killed 4,300 years ago in Noah's flood.

And footprints discovered nearby prove that man and dinosaurs were contemporaries, they maintain.

Both assertions run contrary to established evolutionary theories, which say dinosaurs died out millions of years before man began stalking the Earth.

Twelve volunteers from the Creation Evidence Museum Phase I discovered a 2-inch claw Wednesday. The day before, they found bones from the neck, shoulders and body of the same beast.

The sleek, black bones are "extremely rare," said Dr. Carl Baugh, a Baptist theologian who has studied archeology and anthropology.

Baugh, who stumbled upon the first signs of the fossils over the weekend, believes the find to be the remains of a saurapod, a large lizard who went the way of the rest of the dinosaurs.

Baugh, like other creationists, believes the Earth is no more than 5,000 years old and that it was created in six days. He argues that the bones are about 4,300 years old.

The bones indicate that the animal was "thrown to the ground with a tremendous hydraulic force, which only could have been the Noahic flood," he said. "It was too powerful to have been a local flood."

Smaller tracks found in the Dinosaur Valley area southwest of Fort Worth are in fact human footprints, Baugh contends, and are contemporary with dinosaur paw prints found there.

However, Dr. Wann Langston Jr., director of the Balcones Vertebrate Paleontology Laboratory at the University of Texas, said, "If it is a saurapod, that would be a remarkable find."

"That would be the first discovery of an associated skeleton of a saurapod of that age in North America," Langston said.

Although Langston said a saurapod's fossil would be about 100 million years old, Baugh said, "Those years don't exist. There is no proof or evidence that things are that old. Scientists just make a best guess by using dating techniques."

CR: R. Heiden



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AT AUTOGRAPHING SESSION

Writer Otis Mathews, left, and L.H. Moore of Rock Hill

The unusual Author probes UFOs, Bigfoot

By LAURA YANDELL
 Evening Herald staff writer

ROCK HILL — Whether he's spying on the glimmering lights of Brown Mountain in North Carolina or crouching in brush on the banks of the Catawba River, Otis Mathews knows one thing for sure. We aren't alone. "You run into people every day who have seen something strange or know someone who's seen something," Mathews, a Rock Hill native, said Wednesday.

Autographing copies of "Genesis of Belief," his first book, a paperback discussion of unexplained and sometimes eerie local and world events, Mathews talked about his research and personal investigations into supernatural and out-of-this-world phenomena.

"It seems certain people see things and others don't. Most of the people I interviewed seemed to be highly imaginative."

Mathews believes a person's chemical makeup is a factor in whether he or she has contact with unidentified flying objects or other unusual happenings.

Mathews says he noticed something else about the people he interviewed in his book. "Once they'd seen something, other things began to happen to them as well."

The writer is 43 and a former Museum of York County staffer and Rock Hill health food store operator. Late last year he moved to Captiva Island, Fla., where he works at a yacht and resort harbor.

Particularly fascinating to him is the pyramid, a shape that denotes power to followers of the supernatural.

He theorizes that that very shape is the reason for so many of the unusual sightings during the last decade in the York County area known as Riverbend, an eastern York County community where the Catawba River takes a sharp turn.

Those sightings involved UFOs seen by people in the river area, around Tega Cay and in Fort Mill, Mathews writes. And footsteps followed the sightings, footprints of something big — Bigfoot, a large bear-like being that walks on its hind legs.

Mathews recounts the discovery of a giant footprint in a Fort Mill garden and his ensuing action.

"I roamed the river three or four nights a week, quietly walking the dirt roads and listening for signs of Bigfoot ... Moving to the edge of the campfire light, I heard something running, something heavy, like a cow, but with the footbeat of a man. It was doing something else manlike, too. It was hollering in pure joy, yow yahoo, a sound I had never heard before. Apparently sensing my presence some 25 feet away through thick brush he went silent and I never heard him again. Was it Bigfoot?"

Mathews connects the Bigfoot sightings with a reference in Revelations in the Bible: "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit."

He wonders if there's a middle-earth conspiracy of extraterrestrials that surface humans must prepare battle.

Perhaps, he says, the Bigfoots of the world are "younger ones put out to fend for themselves and learn how to get along." When they mature, they descend into the earth.

Mathews book is published by Zeus Publications of Rock Hill and costs \$8.95.

Copies will be in local bookstores.

STAR, Auckland, New Zealand
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Ice meteorite

MOSCOW, Monday. — A man who narrowly missed being struck by a block of ice falling from a cloudless sky has provided Soviet scientists with their first sample of an "ice meteorite."

Anatoly Kozhukhov heard a whizzing noise and jumped out of the path of the chunk of ice which thudded into sand two metres from him at a holiday camp near Kazan on the River Volga.

He put the object in his refrigerator and called

Moscow scientists, who sent a team of researchers. Their conclusion was that the camp had been struck by remnants of frozen gas meteorites which penetrated the atmosphere.

Ice meteorites had landed on earth before but melted before scientists could analyse their chemical composition, said Tass news agency. Kozhukhov managed to preserve most of his and it was flown to Moscow for laboratory analysis.

— NZPA—Reuter.

Tungus catastrophe: a 75-year-old mystery

A shrill rustling whistling, a flashing outburst, and thundering of an explosion of an incredible force that made the Earth quake. When all was quiet, a carpet of felled trees near the Siberian river Stony Tunguska covered an area of two thousand square kilometres. Since that day, June 30, 1908, scientists time and again have been asking themselves the question: what kind of a cosmic wonder was it?

Recently a plenary meeting of the commission on meteorites and cosmic dust of the Siberian branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences was held, at which the results of expeditions to the region of the mysterious catastrophe were discussed, and future studies were planned. At the request of Yuri Tyurin, our correspondent, Vladimir PIVOVAROV, D. Sc. (Physics and Mathematics), talked on the problem.

It has now been established that the explosion of the "Tungus meteorite", as the intruder is often called, occurred at a height of 5-7 kilometres. A powerful shock wave, apart from a tremendous felling of trees, also caused an earthquake which was registered in many cities, including Irkutsk, Tbilisi, Tashkent and Potsdam. The energy released in the explosion equaled that of an explosion of a 20-megaton H-bomb. In this connection it is often asked: was it not a tragic end to the living beings from another planet whose spaceship was equipped with a nuclear engine? A cycle of measurements of the level of radiation, carried out both at the epicentre of the explosion and at the circumference, demonstrated reliably enough that there were no traces of a nuclear catastrophe of a "visitor" from outer space. However, this does not make the mystery of the Tungus phenomenon a prosaic or a simple one. The point is that not a single expedition has discovered on the spot of the catastrophe even one gramme of a substance which could be unequivocally linked up with something that exploded in the atmosphere. Meanwhile, the mass of the "meteorite" is estimated to be more than one million tons.

Many scientists think that the grandiose phenomenon was caused by a collision of a comet nucleus with the Earth. Indeed, these cosmic wanderers constantly rove within the Solar System. Sometimes their orbits pass by large planets, thus making a collision possible. This is testified, in particular, by the character of some craters on Mercury and Mars. Comparatively recently, in August 1979, scientists observed a "collision" of a big comet with the Sun, making use of an orbital coronagraph.

Now, can one imagine a picture of the Earth meeting such a rare visitor? Theoretical studies show that in the dense layers of the atmosphere a comet nucleus, which is thought to be a conglomerate of frozen gases, ice and various refractory inclusions, is converted into a peculiar liquid drop, being effectively slowed down. The process of a sharp transition of the total energy of the liquid "drop" into heat, as well as radiation and ionization, will have an explosion-like character. A shock wave will arise inevitably, which may cause considerable destruction.

However, it is only a model. Unfortunately, observations and experimental data collected up to the present day do not enable scientists to create a reliable theoretical picture of the Tungus catastrophe in the customary language of differential equations. First expeditions, despite their fundamental importance, have missed a great deal. They were not fully completed expeditions and were keen on searching for a meteoritic substance. As a result, plenty of information has been missed.

During the last 25 years research expeditions year after year explored the catastrophe region. Most diverse information is scrupulously collected and a whole series of measurements is carried out. Now we can assert almost with 100 per cent probability that the intruder body consisted of light elements. But the question still remains as to which ones. I repeat that so far no vestiges of the substance of the mysterious visitor have been found. Investigations are hindered by the fact that the region has an extremely complicated geological structure. It happened so that a crater of an ancient volcano is

located practically below the epicentre of the explosion. And it's possible that this is an explanation of certain "suspicious" effects, such as a powerful magnetic anomaly, elevated infrared radiation, concurrence of places where various mutations (hereditary variations)

have been observed with the regions featuring an elevated heat release. Geochemical anomalies have also been revealed, but they may be just as well identified with the traces of the ancient volcano as of the Tungus catastrophe.

It should be pointed out that during the last 75 years the problem conventionally called the "Tungus meteorite" has considerably outgrown its limits. Not only have Soviet scientists been engaged in it. There is the work of the American scientists about an elevated level of carbon-14 in the circles of the trees which survived the 1908 catastrophe. Investigation of this phenomenon abroad, in the USA in particular, has intensified considerably over recent years. Thus, news has come recently that an American scientist, R. Cananpathy, analyzing the deposits of the Antarctic ice at the levels which relate to the period of 1908-1918, has discovered that the content of iridium therein is four times higher than that formed in the ice deeper or higher. This "surplus" iridium just complies with the fallout which should have been observed after the Tungus explosion.

A fundamental conclusion has been reached: the phenomenon of 1908 bears a global character and its study could help solve many problems of our times, for example, controlling the weather, ionosphere, ozone layer, and in general, for understanding the processes that occur in the Earth-space system.

I think that in the long run with all the modern methods of analysis of direct and indirect facts, using the most minute measurements, scientists will manage to construct theoretical models which will help them eventually solve the mystery of this most exceptional phenomenon in the history of our planet. But we must hurry, as time is wiping out the last traces of the Tungus catastrophe.

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 Only in the USA ...

JOSEPH, Ore. — The mock sacrifice of an Indian warrior and maiden will be a highlight of Sunday's third annual Willowa Lake Monster Observation and Preservation Society picnic. The society — MOPS for short — was founded after the most recent admitted sighting of the legendary monster. "What I saw on June 30, 1982, was a huge creature with seven humps," says MOPS founder Marge Cranmer. "It was moving through the water, then suddenly disappeared." Cranmer knew that, if she reported the sighting, she would get lots of ribbing from some local residents. "I used to be a skeptic, too," she says. "Now I'm sure lots of people have seen the creature, but don't want to admit it. But I'm tough." The legend of a monster in Willowa Lake can be traced to Indian folklore. In the 19th century, a brave and a princess — and the canoe they were riding in — were said to have been swallowed whole by the creature.

Mystery blast

Scientist N. Vassiliev is not the first high-ranking Soviet official to suggest that an alien spacecraft detonated over Siberia in 1908. In 1961, U.S.S.R. scientist F. Zigel wrote a short piece entitled "Nuclear Explosion over the Taiga." Carefully and objectively discounting anemic theories that the intruder responsible for such widespread devastation was either a meteorite or a comet, Zigel concludes that, indeed, a nuclear explosion occurred.

Zigel explores evidence and eyewitness reports, and at one point states, "Knowing the basic parameters of the Tunguska explosion, its temperature can be calculated. It turns out that the temperature was several tens of millions of degrees!" In reference to the fact that trees in the area had strange concentrations of burned and unburned branches, "this means that the combustion of the trees was caused by light radiation from the explosion, and only in those places which were not in the shadow of leaves and branches ... it was a radiant burn."

Most amazing is Zigel's announcement that "... the facts lead us to a surprising conclusion: the body, arriving from the cosmos and shaking the Tunguska taiga with an explosion of unparalleled force, consisted of at least two parts: a substance capable of nuclear explosion and a non-explosive shell."

Wisely, Zigel mentions that "no matter how attractive it might be to now conclude that a space ship from another planet exploded ... a natural caution makes us refrain from doing so." Nevertheless, his beliefs are hinted in this regard.

Incidentally, I don't read Russian. This article was reprinted by our own U.S. Dept. of Commerce in 1962 for "various federal government departments." Thanks, guys, for the translation.

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 Syracuse.

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Bigfoot hunter not successful, will keep trying

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — After spending \$9,000 of his own money and three months in the wilderness, former postal worker Mark Keller says he is undaunted in his search for the legendary Bigfoot, despite having only five sets of tracks and a pile of dung to show for his efforts.

"I'm not disappointed," Keller said Tuesday in Hollywood, Calif. "Obviously, you have the desire to take it 100 percent — the acquisi-

tion of a Sasquatch.

"But I learned a whole lot. I have come up with some evidence that satisfies me that I picked the correct target areas. I think now it's just a matter of perseverance. I will keep doing this until I succeed."

Keller said the tracks he found were similar to others attributed to Bigfoot, resembling a large flat human foot with a very long stride.

WSU anthropologist backs plan to kill Sasquatch

By Janet Parker Beck
of the Tribune

PULLMAN — Killing a single Sasquatch — otherwise known as Bigfoot — is a logical step in protecting the entire species, according to anthropologist Grover S. Krantz.

The Washington State University associate professor — who is convinced the beast exists — has endorsed a controversial shoot-to-kill search being conducted by hunter Mark Keller this summer.

In fact, Krantz is one of a handful of people who know where Keller's three-man posse is based. They are not, Krantz said, in Washington as most people have assumed.

The sheer size and relatively few numbers of the huge, hairy animal make trying to capture a live specimen pointless, Krantz said.

"If we can kill one, the rest of the world including the politicians will finally know that they are real," Krantz said. "Anyone opposed to killing one is taking a stand in favor of their extinction."

The WSU researcher contends that humans won't know if they are impacting the Sasquatch's environment and endangering the future of the species unless they have a specimen to study. All the plaster casts of Sasquatch footprints in the world will never satisfy the skeptics, he said.

Krantz — who began investigating reported Sasquatch sightings some 15 years ago — stressed that he is in favor of shooting only one of the

creatures.

But leaders of the Animal Protection Institute of America, based in Sacramento, Calif., were recently shocked by what they called a "prove-there-is-a-Sasquatch-by-killing-it" theory.

They have bestowed upon Krantz the dubious distinction of their Cock and Bull Award — the first time it has been awarded in defense of an animal that may or may not exist. One previous recipient was entertainer Liberace for ordering a \$300,000 fox skin coat.

The award, spokesman Ted Crail said, is obscure but important in "directing people back to the idea that death is not the answer."

"Murder in the name of science is still murder," Crail declared in a phone interview. If the

Sasquatch does exist, it is probably a lot better off left alone, Crail contended.

"Animals do best when they get the least attention from humans," he said.

Keller, the hunter, wrote to Krantz several years ago about a plan to capture a Sasquatch. Krantz wrote back that the possibility of capturing — compared to killing — one of the estimated 200 to 2,000 animals is minuscule.

"They probably will know about you long before you know about them," he said.

Krantz also advised against stunning it with a tranquilizer dart. A dart, he said, could be shot about 200 feet with some accuracy compared to

marksman — carries his own gun when he's driving anywhere in "Sasquatch country."

The WSU professor would like to have control over the first Sasquatch specimen, primarily so he can study the skeleton and compare it to fossil findings of human ancestors. Otherwise, he would recommend that the Smithsonian Institution take charge.

"One of the problems here is that we have an extremely articulate person coming from a dangerous point-of-view," says animal protectionist Crail. He has talked with Krantz about his advocacy of a Bigfoot hunt. He suspects that most people like Keller who have gone after the creature — gun in hand — are hunting for headlines, movie contracts or book rights.

Crail admits a live specimen would be of considerable interest to scientists and the public. But humans have no right to take a Bigfoot — or any other creature — into custody against its will — and even less of a right to kill it," he contended. The Bigfoot plot is just further evidence of what a "trigger-happy race we are," according to API officials. "There's something a little berserk about wanting to kill an animal to save it," Crail said.



Grover Krantz

Besides, he added, the hunter who temporarily knocks out a Sasquatch would have an enormous problem on his hands. If he called government authorities and asked for help, they would probably dismiss him as a lunatic and hang up the phone.

Krantz last heard from Keller in April, a few weeks before he set out on the search. The WSU scientist and Keller can contact one another through an intermediary if necessary.

Keller was no more knowledgeable about the beast than the average person who has read a few articles. What impressed Krantz was the hunter's qualifications — he is Viet Nam veteran of special forces — for carrying out the job.

The anthropologist gives the marksman a 10 percent chance ("which is higher than anybody else") of succeeding before the winter weather forces the posse to retreat.

Keller said he would contact Krantz and John Green, a Canadian author and Sasquatch expert, if a Bigfoot is bagged.

Competition in the hunt for Bigfoot is intense, Krantz said. Many amateur hunters are hoping to be the first to bring home a specimen. There will be no second prize. Some of those hunters are masquerading as opponents of capture or kill. "Meanwhile, they are privately carrying around a high-powered rifle," Krantz said.

"My neck is out so far, I win no matter who finally gets it," Krantz maintained. He and Green are the only ones who have been willing to lend help to hunters. Krantz — while admitting to not being much of a

LURKS IN NORTHERN LAKES

Alberta monster ... with braids like Bo

ST. PAUL, Alta. (UPC) — Provincial wildlife scientist Ray Makowecki says he has received numerous reports of a hairy monster with "Bo Derek-style braided hair" said to be lurking in northern Alberta lakes.

Makowecki said a helicopter search would be carried out over the next month. He said a helicopter will make low-level flights over Saddle Lake, 100 km (60 miles) northeast of Edmonton, in response to reported sightings by residents of the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve.

The residents have complained about finding large holes in their fishing nets.

Makowecki, a fisheries biologist, said his first inclination was to discount the sightings. But a similar report was received in June from a fisherman at Christina Lake, 250 km (400 miles) to the north.

The fisherman sent in a list of 16 others who said they had seen the creature, Makowecki said.

"Reports from both lakes are very similar," he said. "The people sounded right up front, no gimmicks."

The lake creature was described as being 10 to 13 meters in length, with a meter-long hairy neck, horse-like head and eyes as big as saucers. It is said to be a fast and smooth swimmer.

Makowecki said the description could fit a moose, or an otter with its young, swimming through the water.

"I like to deal in facts. But I'm a little more open-minded now," he said. "To me, what's a bit astonishing about this is its hair. Everyone talks about its hairy neck — it has Bo Derek-style braided hair."

'Sea Creature' Sighted In Chesapeake

WASHINGTON (NYTNS) — Maybe it's just the heat at the end of a long, hot summer, maybe not. But once again there are reports that a sea monster has taken up residence in Washington's watery weekend playground, the Chesapeake Bay.

Affectionately dubbed Chessie in analogy with Nessie, the far more famous monster that is said to inhabit Loch Ness in Scotland, the local monster has been spotted off and on in the past. It was reported seen most recently last Monday when a retired business executive said he saw a mysterious "sea creature" swimming in Eastern Bay, an appendage of the Chesapeake across from Annapolis, Md.

In a breathless interview with The Queen Anne's Record-Observer, a weekly serving Maryland's upper Eastern Shore, the man described seeing "an enormous head — a serpent's head" break the surface of the water no more than a dozen feet from his sailboat. The creature, he said, stared at him with a "big, black eye," then slid below the surface.

At least three other sightings of a strange creature in Eastern Bay have been reported this summer. A building contractor and his wife said they spotted "a great big eel" longer than their 24-foot boat. Two watermen said a 35-foot snake or eel circled their boat for an hour. And a family of six reported seeing a serpentine creature raise one hump after another above water while swimming

near shore.

These latest reports followed an assertion in 1982 that a 30-foot creature had actually been videotaped. There is, indeed, some tape. But its blurry image is in dispute.

There are varying theories as to what Chessie might be. Some amateur sleuths who have investigated the sightings contend that people are seeing a rather large snake or eel. But others suspect a hoax, or an effort to increase tourism in the area, or a figment of collective imaginations bored with a long, slow summer.

Marcello Truzzi, a sociologist who heads the Center for Scientific Anomalies Research in Michigan, says that one should always take sober witnesses seriously but that 90 percent of all lake creature sightings turn out to be less than meets the eye. Still, he said, a big snake in Chesapeake Bay would not be all that extraordinary. "It's not like they saw a centaur or mermaid," he said. "If they found one of those, the zoologists would really go crazy."

Daniel Cohen, author of "The Encyclopedia of Monsters," published last year, devoted relatively little of his epic to Chessie. "Chessie's a lot of fun and hopefully it's good for the tourist trade," he said. "But I wouldn't bet the farm on it being an unknown animal."

"In the world of monsters," Cohen sniffed, "Chessie is not an important one. It doesn't rank very high."

Ogopogo is unseen

By CARRIE MISHIMA
Staff Reporter

PENTICTON — Eyes were peeled and cameras focused but Ogopogo refused to rise from its watery home yesterday.

However 13 members of the First International Ogopogo Safari who came all the way from Japan to glimpse the legendary Okanagan serpent were undaunted.

"I'd almost rather not find Ogopogo because it would destroy the romance of looking for it," said safari member Daini Ito, 43, who is an editor on a Japanese newspaper outside Tokyo.

For Ito and his companions, the trip fulfilled a fantasy to come to Okanagan Lake after reading of its elusive inhabitant in Japanese news-

papers. Armed with cameras, they want to capture it on film.

Speaking through interpreter Mytsu Fugeta of Penticton, Ito said they are fascinated with the similarity between the B.C. and Japanese legends.

"There are two places in Japan where creatures have also been sighted," he said. "The story is they came from China in the form of dragons."

The Japanese expedition is the first official group to try for the \$1-million award posted by the Okanagan-Similkameen Tourist Association, said OSTA manager Bob Sheeley.

The award is for proof that the beast exists. A clear photograph would not in itself qualify for the total award but would be worth "lots and lots of money," Sheeley promised.

CR: G. Conway