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Workers walking the picket line outside the gate at Kienstra Supply Co. Inc., 111 N. Florissant Road, refused to discuss the strike with a reporter.

A member who has been with the company for 30 years, however, said  
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St. Louis Evening News

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about the same as in February and March.

Consumer Price Index in April 308.8, equivalent to a cost of \$306.80 the government's sample "market basket" of goods and services that cost \$100 in 1967.

# 'Fascinating' UFO seen in central Illinois

United Press International

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — County and local officials are trying to pin down the nature of a UFO seen by more than 100 central Illinois residents, one of whom described it as "absolutely fascinating."

McLean County Sheriff Steve Brien said a brightly colored UFO was reported over the county about 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Law-enforcement agencies in other central Illinois counties also reported numerous calls about the UFO, and a Britt Airlines pilot reported seeing an aerial display.

"There were numerous sightings last night of an object passing over and around McLean County. It was brightly colored, and we even received reports from state troopers," Brien said Monday. "Right now, there is speculation from all fronts. The calls really started coming around 9:30."

Brien said his department received nearly 30 calls, and he estimated another 50 calls each for the Bloomington and Normal police departments.

Stan Chapman of Paxton, in Ford County, said the object looked like an aircraft but did not make noise. He said

he spotted it as he was taking out the trash, and went inside to get his wife, Debi.

"It was four separate lights," she said. "It looked like a Roman candle, then went off into the distance. It was absolutely fascinating."

Brien said the sighting was reported to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle but "we still don't know what to make of it all at this point. It's been reported and we're all trying to get things back to normal."

Local officials tried to calm callers and said they believed the sighting could have been part of a satellite or a

meteor entering the atmosphere.

James Kaler, a University of Illinois astronomy professor, said the descriptions fit that of a meteor. He said meteor often travel 10 to 20 miles a second at an altitude of 30 to 50 miles.

But Robert Gribble of the National UFO Center said neither was a likely cause.

Gribble said he also received reports of sightings in seven states Sunday. In those reports, witnesses described the object as moving west to east, but local officials said the UFO was on a different course, traveling north.