

## UFOs exist, speaker claims

UFOs are for real, and it is time the government stopped keeping its information about them secret, members of the International Flying Farmers were told Wednesday.

Unidentified Flying Objects are from elsewhere in this universe, have a power system far advanced of anything known on Earth and probably don't mean any harm, claimed Richard Sigismund, a social psychologist from Boulder and the owner of a soon-to-open gold mine in New Mexico.

But UFOs could create culture shock and panic, and for that reason the national government keeps a tight lid on the information it has collected and releases only that which it must under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the farmers were told.

About 800 people are at the Clarion Hotel attending the Flying Farmers annual convention, which opened Sunday and will wind up with a flyaway breakfast at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport Friday morning. About 150 planes owned by the farmers are parked now at the airfield.

Although many people scoff at UFO stories, there is too much evidence to dismiss the reports as fiction, Sigismund argued.

The UFOs visiting this planet have a power source based on electromagnetic energy that negates gravity, a system far beyond the comprehension of earthlings, he claimed.

Wherever reports have been made about UFOs, a common report is when the craft sets down on the Earth's surface, all nearby gasoline engines fired by an electrical spark sputter and die, Sigismund said.

UFOs began arriving in the Earth's atmosphere in 1945, and the first act by the government was to impose a veil of silence about them because the military forces needed time to investigate the invasion of the nation's air space, he claimed.

And UFOs ought to be a matter of serious concern for the military. "If not, we had better revamp our military forces," he declared.

However, a "coverup" is no longer in the best interest of the country, he asserted.

The information now held secret should be released, because continuing government silence will "erode confidence in government" now that people know UFOs exist, he said.

However, he claimed UFOs will spark culture shock when contact is made between representatives of that far-advanced society and the people of Earth.

And because the least advanced culture is always more impacted by contact, he claimed, a visit by UFOs could prompt young people to look upon their society as second class and might decide it is not

worth efforts to continue it, Sigismund claimed.

Reliable reports of UFOs have come from all parts of the globe, he said, citing Iran, Kuwait, the Soviet Union, Cuba and, most recently, Brazil.

The Brazilian incident occurred earlier this year when a number of UFOs were sighted over Brasilia, but air defense planes were not swift enough to catch up with them, he claimed.

Sigismund said an early sighting of a UFO occurred on the Front Range, when a Longmont couple claimed in 1968 they saw a UFO craft and went aboard it at the invitation of the space travelers.

The couple told him they communicated with the beings by extra-sensory perception, Sigismund said.

Under the effects of hypnotism, he claimed, the two both drew similar pictures of the craft, which looked like many illustrated spaceship concepts, and the husband sketched figures of crew members.

Among the features of the beings were bald heads with no eyebrows, no observable ears, and hands as long or longer than those on a chimpanzee or orangutan.