

UFO sightings every day occurrence

UFO watching is becoming a favorite past time for many residents of the Carman area since several sightings have been reported within the past month.

Bob Diemert reported a sighting on April 10 which was reported last month, along with a previous sighting in March.

Last Wednesday and Thursday night, sightings were again made by several people on watch at Friendship Airfield. On Friday night several carloads of town residents again took up vigilance, and Paul Sanders found his patience paid off, making a sighting at 15 minutes to mid-

night. Parked a mile south west of Carman, he saw a U.F.O. flying from the east due west toward the No. 3 highway. It turned and veered north, with port holes visible on the underside as it banked heading north to disappear below the trees at the cemetery. Paul watched the object with field glasses, and estimated its size to be similar to that of a DC 3 aircraft, glowing red and saucer shaped.

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Sunday night vigilance paid off

for Bob and Elaine Diemert accompanied by Tom Alldread and Barry Johnston. They made a sighting of an U.F.O. at 20 past midnight. They saw a red object flying from west to east, visible above the horizon. Watching the object in field glasses, they described it again as being red and in the shape of a saucer. It appeared to be flying on about a

20 degree angle. It stopped and hovered for some 20 minutes in line with the Haywood microwave tower. When it stopped, the group took off in pursuit by car, and nearing Haywood, they saw it head north and disappear toward South Port air base. Again Bob described the saucer to be about the size of a DC 3 aircraft.

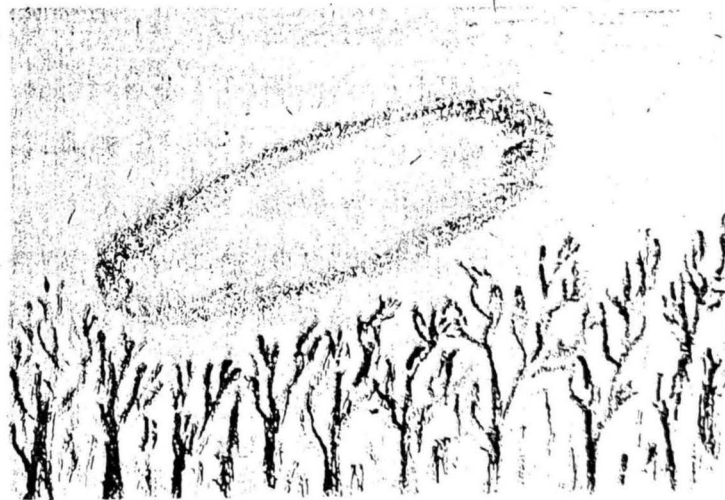
A sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) was made late Tuesday night by Leader staff members, CKY news staff, and by Bob Diemert and other citizens of the area.

The sighting was made about 11:30 p.m. with the UFO first sighted on the ground north-west of Graysville.

A television crew stationed one mile north of Carman focused a camera on the UFO while the Leader car sped west one mile north of the object, while Diemert accompanied by CKY reporter Bill Kendrick sped west one mile south of the line. On approaching Graysville the object was sighted on the ground, and appeared to be in excess of 50 feet wide, being on a 45 degree angle on the ground. The Haywood Micro Wave Tower was visible to the right of the UFO when the cars were headed west, with the object about midway between a line due west of the tower.

The UFO took off, stopped over the tree line, then headed north over the tower at a high rate of speed. This was confirmed by the Diemert passengers who were one mile south of the road and by the CKY news camera man who was stationed back at Carman one mile north of the town.

Leader staff members Howard Bennett and Kerry McIntyre were accompanied in their car by Ted Storey of Miami.



Mrs. Marlene Maykut of Carman composed this artists conception of a U.F.O. sighting from a description provided by Paul Sanders of Carman. Mr. Sanders spotted the U.F.O. on Friday, May 9th at approximately 11:45 p.m., from his vantage point a mile south west of Carman. The U.F.O., "Charley Red Star" has been sighted by various individuals and groups on five days May 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13, over a period of the last seven days. The first reported sightings were on March 27 and April 10 of this year.

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“Charley Red Star” remains mystery of the sky

By Doug Penner

A month ago, on April 10 at 9:10 p.m. Bob and Elaine Diemert of Carman saw what they described as an unidentified flying object which they observed for several minutes.

A number of people over the years in various locales have sighted flying objects, some who have not reported their sightings, because of fear of public opinion. However, a rarity in reported sightings, are sightings by groups of people and on more than one occasion. The rash of reported sightings within the past week, started on May 7th at the Friendship Airfield at Carman when Bob and Elaine Diemert, Jim Alldread, Bob Skelton, and Harold Taylor all had an opportunity to view this mysterious object, that has since that day, almost become common place in the evening skies. The group was busy digging up a wire on the

runway at the Airfield at the time. My Taylor was the first of the group to spot the U.F.O. as it appeared on the horizon to the west, as a red light coming over the tree line.

Mr. Diemert estimated that it was flying at about a thousand feet, but at a much greater velocity than it had been on the occasion of his first viewing a month previously. He estimated that it was travelling faster than a small aircraft, at approximately 110 miles per hour. Just as in the April 10 sighting, the U.F.O. upon approaching Carman veered off to the north, but this time Bob Diemert was in pursuit with his car. The group drove out as far as Stout's Auto-Wrecking and observed the object in the sky, moving out of sight towards Winnipeg. The time of this particular sighting was 11:15 p.m.

Well they had lost it, and Bob Diemert who had never expected to see a U.F.O. had now seen one twice and this time he had a number of witnesses to verify that his eyes hadn't played tricks on him.

When you have seen a U.F.O. twice you don't expect to see it a third time. Thursday night, 10:40 p.m., Bob and Elaine Diemert, Jim Alldread, Harold Taylor and a member of the airforce and his wife, who did not wish to be identified are at Friendship Airfield, and Elaine exclaims, "Here it comes again."

There it is a U.F.O. moving from north to south, but this time it is quite a distance from the airfield. Then it begins its' already familiar course of approaching Carman and then veering off to the north. This time it is lower in altitude than the previous night and proceeding at about 60 - 80 miles per hour. Jim Alldread and Bob Diemert are perched on the top of the hangar as they observe, it disappearing over the tree line north toward Portage. There is no doubt in Bob Diemert's mind, from his observation, that this is not a conventional type of aircraft. The

all radar detecting systems.

The plan. Friday night, the runway lights are on, an aircraft standing-by and more hopeful U.F.O. spotters have joined the elite group that have already seen it more than once at Friendship Airfield. If the U.F.O. shows again tonight, Bob Diemert will go up for a closer look. Cars are parked along the road, adjacent to the airfield, a number of hopeful sky watchers are huddled in little groups in front of the hangar, where Bob Diemert is preparing to paint Harold Taylor's aircraft.

"What's that up there. Over to the north west." Everyone strains their eyes, but it's probably only a star. It's too far away. The conclusion, it's only a star. The air is getting cool, a few of the watchers seek refuge in their cars or the hangar where the smell of paint fills the air. A few more false alarms, and the hour of midnight is fast approaching. It doesn't look like "Charley Red Star" is going to come out of the hills tonight. The hopeful U.F.O. watchers begin to disperse.

11:45 p.m., Paul Sanders hasn't given-up, but he is parked a mile south west of Carman. There it is flying from the east this time, towards the west. Paul has his field glasses and as it turns to veer north, he observes port holes on the underside. In his estimation it is as big as a DC 3 aircraft. It disappears from his sight below the trees at the cemetery.

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In talking to the Leader, Bob Diemert speculates that the craft must be equipped with a terrain following radar mechanism. That would explain the "bobbling" or up and down movement of the craft. At first Bob had felt that this effect was due to atmospheric conditions similar to heat waves, but he doubts that now. In his opinion it must be the terrain following radar system, that enables this craft to fly at low altitudes at night that makes it appear to be moving up and down, as it adjusts to the trees and buildings below, enabling it to keep a constant altitude to the terrain. What is it? "It's the boys out west making their regular beer run," says Diemert jokingly, but then in a serious vein he reflects that in his opinion it is probably a new military craft, that has not been made public. The low altitudes that the craft can fly at, enable it to evade

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What is "Charley Red Star"? It would appear from the reports of these latest sightings, that it is definitely some type of aircraft. It is difficult to determine how many individuals have sighted this U.F.O. or whether there is more than one.

Usually the R.C.M.P. receive reports of U.F.O.'s from those individuals who admit that they have sighted one, but there isn't much they can do about the matter. However, Constable Ian Nicholson, after receiving Bob Diemert's report last Thursday night, May 8th, decided to take a drive out to Friendship Airfield. At 12:15 p.m. he spotted something in the sky to the west that he had never seen before. He estimated that the red oval shaped object was about three or four miles away and at an altitude of 1000 feet. He said the object seemed to have a white X in the center, as if columns of light were forming the X. Constable Nicholson decided to pursue the object with the patrol car. He lost sight of it about two miles west of Stephenfield. He said that he observed the object for a total time of twelve minutes, as he had checked his watch, when first sighting it. Constable Nicholson told the Leader that he had always been a little skeptical about U.F.O. sightings, but after his sighting of this object, he wasn't sure about his former views.

"Charley Red Star" remains a mystery, but almost a hobby for avid U.F.O. gazers.

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Strange lights in swamp — are they UFO's?

by Patrick McKinley
Tribune Staff Writer

Residents of Sundown in southeastern Manitoba are puzzled by reports of objects with colored lights that are said to make mysterious night landings in a swamp on the edge of town.

In slightly more than a week at least three farm dwellers living on opposite ends of the town have reported seeing one or more objects sitting in the swamp, hovering overhead or taking

The swamp is a deserted

hollow that stretches for 18 or 20 miles, dotted with bushes and devoid of human habitation, said a woman who was awakened a week ago Tuesday by howling dogs and flashing blue and green lights.

Mary Bereziuk, who lives a quarter of a mile east of Sundown, said she had seen similar lights reflected on her bedroom walls before but had always assumed them to be from cars or snowmobiles.

Mrs. Bereziuk said that lately she has had problems

with dogs chasing her cows, so she went out to check and fired two shots from a shotgun in the direction of the swamp. She fired the shots to frighten away whatever was bothering the cows, she said.

"When I got out to where the cows were I could see that the cows were very scared. Their eyes were bright and it got so still that you could hear a pin drop."

She said that she could see strange lights coming from the swamp.

"I figured the cows are

scared of something so why should I stay out there," she said. She ran back into the house and locked the doors because her husband was not home.

From the bedroom window she was able to see two sets of lights about 50 feet apart. The swamp is on the other side of a highway and is slightly less than three-quarters of a mile from the house, she said.

"I could see windows even — little squares you know and blinking lights on top. That is what scared me be-

cause I knew there were no houses in the swamp.

"The windows had orange lights in them — dark orange lights — but the lights on top were blues and greens and they kept flickering and sending up rays of light."

Mrs. Bereziuk said she was able to calm down because she had taken a hypertension pill which she takes for her blood pressure and for nightmares which she sometimes has.

She said that the lights continued flickering from 3 a.m. until a mail truck went

by at 6 or 6.30 a.m. Then the lights went off and she returned to the window and saw two objects rise.

As the sun rose its light hit the objects. Both had wings, she said, "but they didn't flap their wings. They went straight up in the air so I knew they couldn't be birds."

Then on Tuesday night this week, Mrs. Bereziuk got a phone call from a friend who reported seeing something hovering overhead at a farm on the other end of Sundown.

The friend, Cynthia Gushuliak, said in a telephone interview Wednesday she spotted a red light sometime between 10 and 11 p.m. Tuesday and called Mrs. Bereziuk to find out if it was the same thing.

The object she saw was not like the one seen by Mrs. Bereziuk, she said. "It was like a big red light the size of a big pail, kind of a long huge thing."

Mrs. Gushuliak said the light seemed to be moving so she called her husband.

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Letters to the Editor

UFOs have been here for many years

This letter is to state my serious concern regarding aerial-phenomena, more commonly termed UFOs.

While not professing to know what UFOs are, or from whence they came, most definitely they are here, and have been with us for many years.

It is only from painstaking work involving interviewing of countless alleged witnesses of UFOs - and in many cases, occupants also, collating and correlating data for research, that we will even begin to unravel the mystery surrounding the UFO phenomenon.

A very high percentage of knowledge already acquired, has only been obtained through the speedy action of an observation being reported. So very much depends on people taking the problem seriously, and as simply as it is: the reporting of an airborne object, which is unidentifiable or a known object.

Over the years, Manitoba (among other provinces) has experienced its fair share of alleged UFO sightings, one of the most publicized locally was that event involving a resident of Winnipeg, Steve Michalak who, on May 20, 1967 alleged to have observed a landed UFO at close-quarters, while on a fishing trip near the Whiteshell. Naturally, a lot of witnesses prefer not to report similar incidents, usually through fear of ridicule, or unwanted publicity.

These are two points I respect very much when a witness confides his/her story to me, and this policy is apparent within UFO-SIS (UK) -

tion (APRO) (3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85712 U.S.A.) - for whom I am an officially appointed field investigator, of alleged observations of UFO phenomena. All my reports are subsequently dispatched to this organization for research purposes.

My reason for delaying the point of my letter is simply to clarify my serious intention toward the subject of UFOs, and my respect for the confidence of the witness and or the subsequent reports of such events.

It is perfectly logical to assume, if only based on the ratio of the many thousands, world wide, of reports received every year, that from time to time, a report or even a personal sighting, may present itself to you.

Any news of such events occurring would be of extreme interest to me, for poss-

ible investigation, on behalf of APRO.

I would be extremely grateful for any assistance you may be able to offer in this direction, and absolute discretion is assured! Conversely, there may be an occasion when my knowledge of "ufo-logical matters" might be of assistance to you, e.g. taking the burden of perhaps unwanted reports, etc.

In any event, I should state that APRO is a voluntary organization and these involved with it, are so, because of their genuine desire to help solve the most baffling enigma ever to face mankind.

I sincerely hope, should you come into contact with a report of an alleged sighting of a UFO, that you will contact me, as soon as it is conveniently possible.

Winnipeg

Gary Lanham



Carman Area Residents Becoming Blase About UFO Charlie Sightings

By DEBBIE LYON
Free Press Staff Writer

Charlie-sighting has become so common in the Carman area that some town residents think people are apathetic about the unidentified flying objects spotted frequently in the area in the past two months.

The objects have been sighted in the Morden, Winkler and Carman triangle in southern Manitoba, and northeast to Sperling and Brunkild.

Local residents, who at one time were making Charlie watching an almost regular pastime, gave the objects the collective earthy name of Charlie Red Star.

Reports of sightings are fairly consistent about the shape, colors, speed and movements of the UFOs. While Charlie has attracted local news media representatives, a writer from Florida and a television crew from New York City, there's been no scientific study of the objects.

Freddie Giesbrecht, who photographed a UFO early Monday morning, and Bob Diemert, an aviation enthusiast who first spotted a UFO in late April, both commented Tuesday that local residents seem to be getting complacent about Charlie.

But Frank Shinn, director of the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature's planetarium in Winnipeg, said the continued sightings and Mrs. Giesbrecht's photographs, which she showed to planetarium officials Tuesday, have rekindled his interest in the objects.

The planetarium hasn't officially studied the Carman sightings but some staff members have done work on their own.

The Carman RCMP office is still getting reports on sightings. Cpl. Brian Savage said the office received reports five out of the seven nights last week.

"And a lot of people just ca-

sually mention it to you without filing a report. . . . There are still a considerable number of sightings. . . . The people that are seeing them are all pretty well reliable people," he commented.

Mrs. Giesbrecht described the object in her photographs as a glowing white wedding bell — a saucer shaped object with a dome. On other sightings, she has seen the objects turn a pulsating orange-red as they were about to take off.

Mr. Diemert has watched an object turn from brilliant to a pulsating red to the color of running lights before it has taken off into orbit.

The objects are seen, but not heard or felt. They apparently make no noise as they travel, nor do they emit any heat. Other than the sightings, they have left few clues to their presence such as burned areas or soil depressions.

Ernest Speelman and Ed Barker of the planetarium staff did discover higher than normal radiation readings in some spots on a farmer's field

(where one of the objects was reported landed.

Readings taken two weeks later in the same area were back to normal, although Mr. Speelman noted the field had been ploughed and seeded, and there had been considerable rainfall.

Soil samples were tested by a provincial geologist but didn't show up anything out of the ordinary, he said.

He intends to return to the field shortly to try the readings again.

There aren't any natural causes in the area which could account for the higher radiation readings according to an expert on staff at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, Mr. Shinn said.

"We've considered everything we could think of. . . . Frankly, we don't have any explanation or theory for it. . . .

"I have to admit my personal attitude has been to look for some natural phenomena. . . . But Mrs. Giesbrecht's photographs have triggered my interest. . . . I'm inclined to

ask, what is it we've got here?"

Like some others, Mr. Shinn was a bit sceptical of reports of UFO sightings, partly because of a co-incidental mid-June conference held in Steinbach by a United States group called the 20th Century Unidentified Flying Object Bureau.

Another contributor to the apparent apathy and scepticism is some people in Carman feel they're being laughed at because of the sightings, Mrs. Giesbrecht said.

She would like to see an official investigation of the sightings. "I'd like to find out what the heck the darn thing is," she commented.

Both she and Mr. Diemert question that the object is a man-made one.

It appears to have some type of terrain-locking radar as it travels up and down with the lay of the land. It appears to be electronically driven. It travels at an ultrasonic speed. It blasts off into orbit in 35 seconds, faster than any man-made machine. And it turns more sharply than any known man-made machine can, Mr. Diemert said.

The objects also seem to glow when attempts to photograph them are being made. "If you come too close, it just goes off. Pictures are hard to get. It seems to sense what you're doing," Mrs. Giesbrecht said.

She took her photographs at about 2:30 a.m. Monday from her kitchen window.

Mr. Diemert, who estimates he has had 17 clear sightings of the objects, is convinced they are extra-terrestrial, but he's not certain an official scientific investigation would find out any more than what local residents already know from watching the objects.

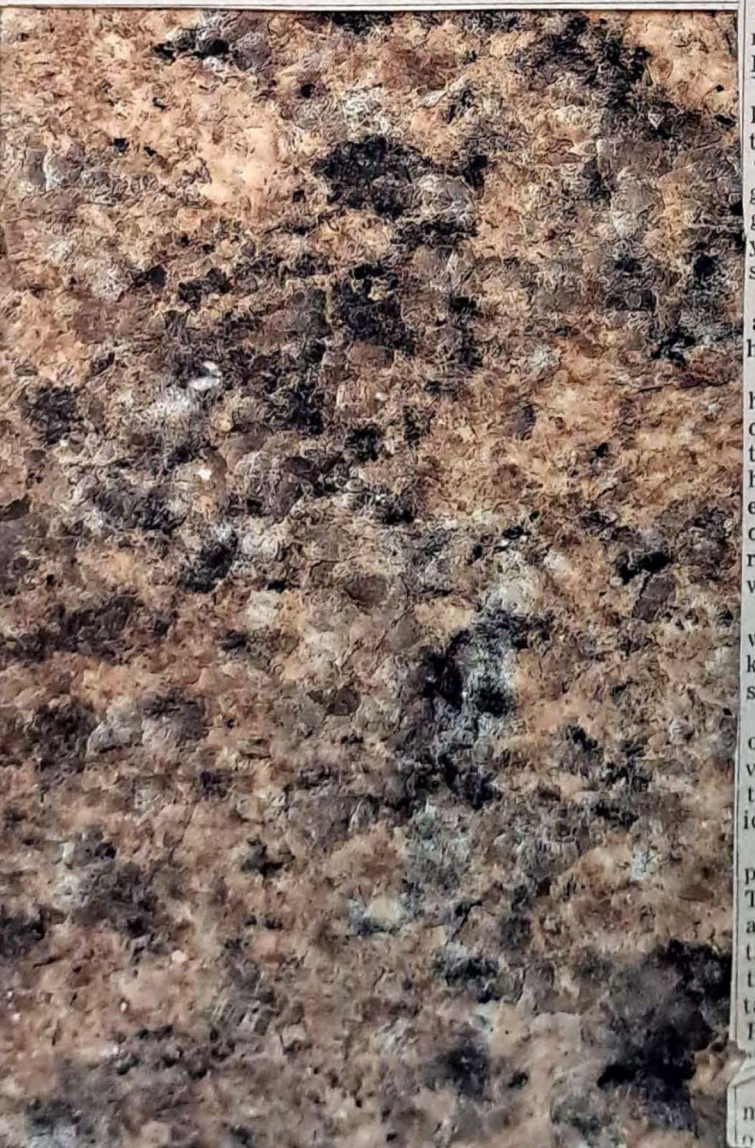
"We know where it goes, what it does. But we don't know why he's here. . . ." he said.

While the why is a question on the lips of all those interviewed, no one would flatly say they would press for a scientific investigation.

The RCMP encourages people to file sighting reports. These are sent on to the upper atmospheric section of the astro-physics branch of the National Research Council in Ottawa, Corp. Savage said. Local RCMP offices, at least, never hear of the reports again.

Mr. Shinn suggested he might try to photograph the objects himself.

Mrs. Giesbrecht said she doesn't have time to press for a scientific investigation.



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By Way of Comparison

Henry A. Ozirney

Not always is God's word held in high esteem in competitive society and today seems to be one of those times. If ever society as a whole has rejected Biblical truth, it's today.

I find that the prevalent attitude towards Christianity is apathy and most people do not oppose it, they merely ignore it. To an interested bystander watching what was going on, he'd think that the churches and preachers of the day were wrong and that those pushing a materialistic, hedonistic approach to life were right.

But time has a way of venerating God's word and by a different criteria than society. Because a very similar situation existed in the first century and this is best seen in two of the best-known men of about A.D. 60 - Paul the apostle and Nero the emperor.

These two men pursued the exact opposite courses back in the first century. Nero was the hedonist and everyone remembers his blood thirsty ways. He's the one who fiddled while Rome burned and then turned and blamed the Christianity for setting the city afire, when in reality he was the one who had done it, hoping to build a new Rome to honour himself.

Paul, on the other hand, was the fiery preacher of the unpopular gospel. He made no apologies for preaching "Christ crucified". He was not appreciated at all by the world at large and died a martyr's death.

It was Nero who as emperor, claimed to be divine and that everyone worship him. Paul

when he had performed a miracle at Lystra was acclaimed as the god Zeus, yet refused any worship and turned men to the living God instead!

In his day, Paul's word didn't go too far. When he preached at Athens on Mar's Hill he was mocked. By contrast, Nero had the last word. At his command, thousands of Christians became Martyrs.

On you could go citing all the differences between two totally different philosophies of every time. So much so that to the casual observer of the day, Nero seemed to be right and Paul wrong.

Yet over nineteen hundred years have passed since and today no one would argue that Paul's credibility since that time has become as one of the scoundrels and Paul as one of the saints. Paul is read daily by millions of Christians but you'd be hard pressed to find anyone who could quote one of Nero's sayings.

You see, truth is never decided by majority opinion and if the preacher of today sounds like a voice in the wilderness, it's not his fault, it's the fault of the wilderness round about him. So if you are one of the few who still subscribes to the teachings of scripture, chin up. You are on the right side. Time will prove that to everyone else as well.

One more thing about Paul and Nero. Halford Luccock reminds us that today people name their sons Paul and their dogs Nero.

Ed. Note: Scripture quoted in last week's article should have read "There is pleasure in sin for a season."

UFO Sighting On The Bog Road

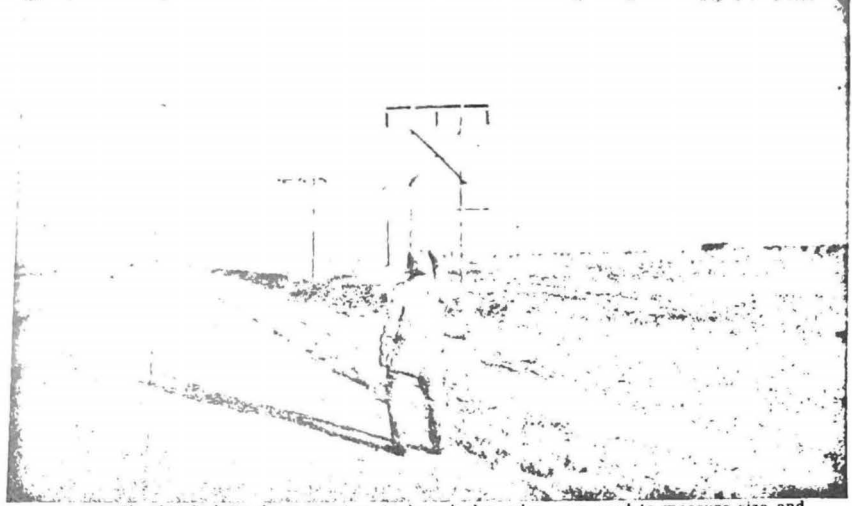
By John M. Miles

A Stonewall man who has asked that his name not be revealed at this time reported sighting a U.F.O. while driving to work in Winnipeg via the Fort Garry Road, at 7:25 a.m. Sunday,

habit I guess, it was 7:25 a.m. There had been a slight drizzle and overcast I noted, when I left home. It was still very much the same. Perhaps this emphasized the brightness, I can not say. The object had a low profile, perhaps

was observing me, but maybe I flatter myself, maybe it was the City of Winnipeg that was the attraction.

"It repeated the performance of darting ahead of me once again,



Simulated photo shows exact spot where hydro poles were used to measure size and altitude of U.F.O. Sky was overcast with slight rain at time of actual sighting.

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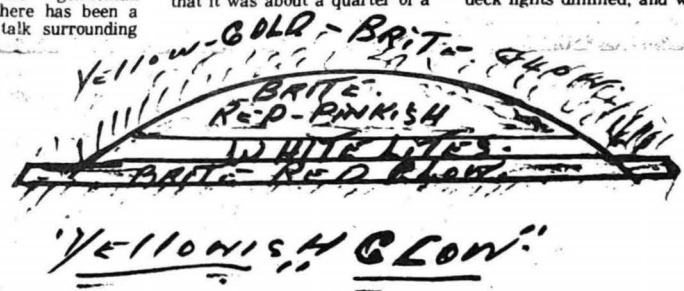
He called the Argus-Times, and asked that someone be sent to his home, as he had a matter to discuss he did not wish to talk about on the telephone. The man is a holder of a private flying licence, and has logged many hours in the air. He still flies aircraft. His job in Winnipeg is one that requires careful attention to detail, and it is a job where an error could result in great damage.

However, the gentleman realizes that there has been a good deal of talk surrounding

my sketch shows a somewhat higher profile that it had. The outer edge of it gave off a yellow-gold bright glow which hurt my eyes. The top of the profile was glowing bright red-pinkish, the mid-upper section, had a long line of what appeared to be white light, and under this there was a band of bright red. By this time I had reached a point where double hydro poles carry a heavy line over the highway, and I used the poles to gauge, as best I could, the size and height. I would say that it was about a quarter of a

at a speed I could not even begin to estimate, it was just a dimming of the red and pink lights top and bottom, a brilliant flash and zip, there it would be, hovering again with that blow torch like flame coming from the bottom. The hair on the back of my neck was crawling, I can not remember whether or not I was frightened, I suppose I was. I just could not believe the speed at which that thing moved.

"Suddenly its upper and lower deck lights dimmed, and with a



such sightings, and gave us permission to reproduce the notes and sketch we use here, only after our solemn promise not to reveal his name. As he put it "I don't want a lot of nutty phone calls, I don't want a lot of publicity, I just feel I have to tell someone what I saw and experienced. Do you think it should be published?" I told him that I thought it should be, "Why?" he shot back at me. I told him that someone else may have seen the same object, and like himself decided to remain silent knowing the skepticism that always surrounds such sightings, when reported.

The Argus-Times has had reports of such sightings in the same general area, but has not had permission to reveal them. It is hoped that by publishing this report, if anyone observed the same, it will prompt them to come forward.

From this point on the report is a verbatim account of a man who is engaged in work where notation of time is essential, the notes he made were put down immediately upon his arrival at work, although he told no one in his office of what he had seen.

"I work in Winnipeg, and I always take the same road to work. It is directly west of Number Seven Highway. Local people sometimes call it the bog road. I call it the Fort Garry Road. I had proceeded about 2 1/2 miles down this road, when I became aware of a very bright object in the sky to my right, travelling as I was, west to east. I looked at my watch, force of

mile from me, and it was at an altitude of about 4000 to 5000 feet from ground level. It stopped ahead of me, the bright red-pinkish dome dimmed, but there was an emission from the lower level which I can only compare to the flame of a blow torch when it is turned down to the point where it has a yellowish glow. I estimated the length at that distance to be about 80 to 100 feet long.

"It hovered there for a few minutes, as though it was playing with me, for when I began to approach it, the ship's upper dome glowed brilliantly, and in an instant it had shot ahead of me four or five miles. At that point my eyes were burning so badly I reached out to where my sun glasses were stowed on the dash of my car and put them on. My speed had dropped from 60 M.P.H. to about 45, I was so busy watching. But even with my glasses on, the glare burned my eyes. It repeated this performance two times, I thought it

brilliant glow that came right through my sun glasses, just as though they were not on me at all, it described a brilliant arc, and was out of sight in less than one minute.

"I don't care whether anyone believes me or not, I know what I saw. I looked around for signs of another vehicle which might have seen the same thing, I was the only car on the road at 7:25 on a Sunday morning. But I'll say one thing. No one, no one, will ever convince me again that these things, whatever they are, do not exist."

That is the story, and we reproduce the sketch he made a few minutes after arriving at work.

The gentleman drove with us to the spot where he had used the hydro poles to try and estimate size and height. "The speed" he notes on his sketch was from "Stationary to unable to estimate."



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How many circles in a triangle?

UFO enthusiasts believe in pattern to appearances

By DAWNA DINGWALL
For the Sun

When is a circle like a triangle?
When it's a crop circle.

Manitoba UFO researchers yesterday confirmed an eighth ring of flattened grain has cropped up near Ste. Agathe — and they say when all the circles in Manitoba are connected they form a triangle around the city.

The bizarre discovery means Manitoba ufologists can cross one of the most popular explanations for the strange circles off their list.

"This seems to rule out the possibility of a hoax — that seems pretty unlikely," local ufologist Grant Cameron said yesterday.

The triangle begins in Petersfield — where two circles were found — and travels in a straight line through the Lockport and Niverville crop circle sightings.

The bottom of the triangle includes the Ste. Agathe circle, one in Domain and an unconfirmed sighting in Brunkild.

The last leg consists of sightings in

Notre Dame de Lourdes, Headingley and a spot on the west perimeter.

"They've found triangles in England, but they have so many circles all over the place it's hard to distinguish them, but this is a definite triangle with no other circles around it," Cameron said.

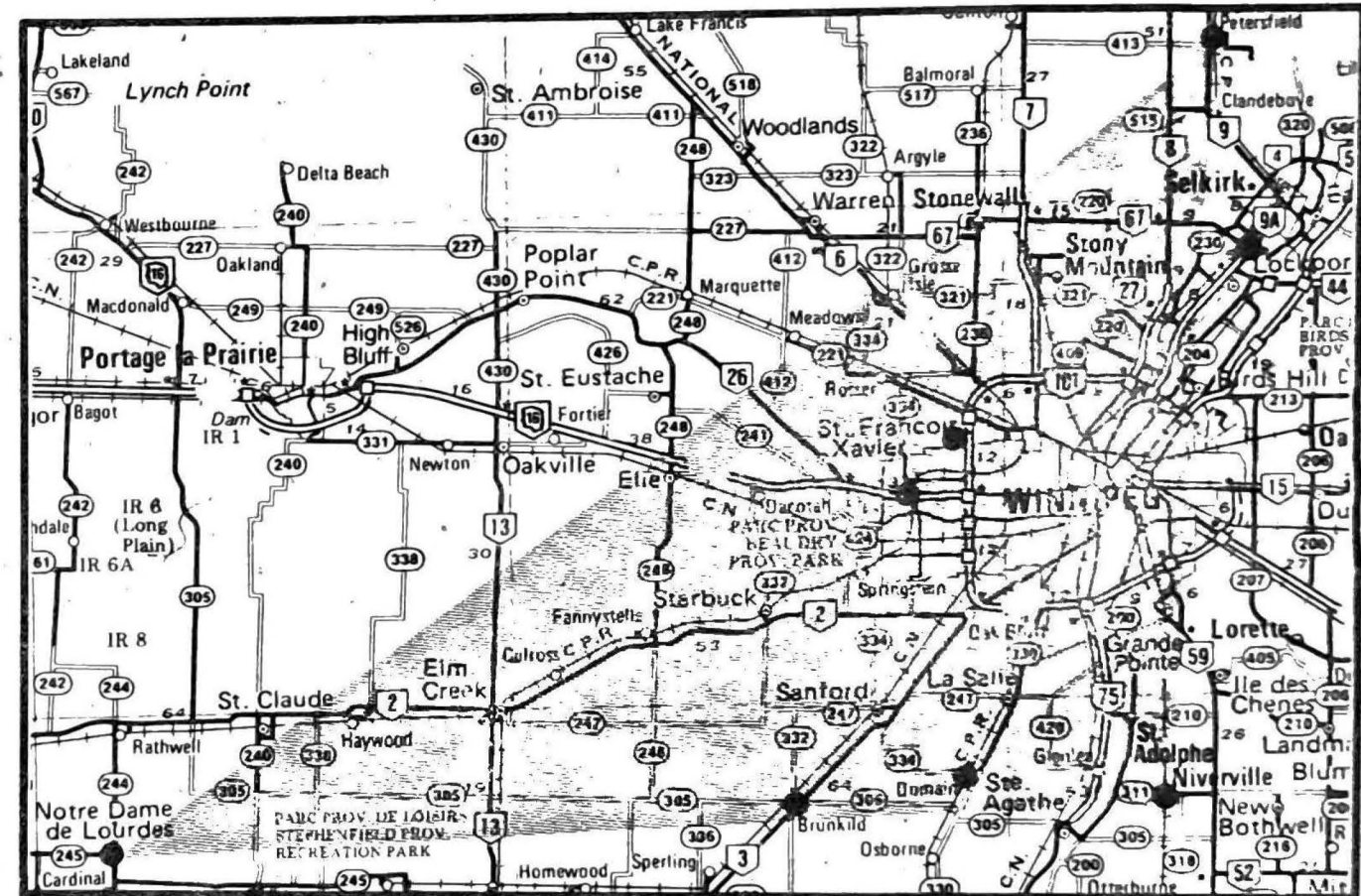
Researchers haven't confirmed a crop circle in Brunkild, but they've determined it would fall in the path of the triangle.

An area farmer allegedly showed the ring to Finance Minister Clayton Manness while he was out campaigning, but Manness has avoided talking with researchers, Cameron said.

"We don't want to involve him — we just want to know if he saw it — but his office hasn't called us back."

The Ste. Agathe ring, found in early September, isn't a complete circle — it's two small rings inside a large ring and resembles sightings in England, the astronomer said.

The Notre Dame de Lourdes ring was discovered around the time some locals had a close encounter with a strange object, he added.



UFO researchers believe appearances of crop circles form a triangle around Winnipeg.

"I understand it wasn't just a glow or a haze — it was a real concrete thing."

There is yet another eerie twist in the crop circle saga — a circle found in Albertsville, Sask., is in a direct line with the circle in Petersfield, Cameron said.

Manitoba researchers will be working

with some British and American researchers to find an explanation for the crop circles, he said.

The flattened circles of grain began appearing consistently in Manitoba in late August, but thousands have been found in England over the years.

Having trouble keeping up with all the news? Don't miss The Tribune's News of the Week in Review every Saturday in the Focus section.

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MLA recounts UFO sightings

(Continued)

cluster of flickering lights just above the trees.

"I figured I was tired and my eyes were tired but I looked again and sure enough there were lights rotating back in the woods." He said that he stopped and watched for about 20 seconds, then panicked, stepped on the gas and drove home as quickly as he could.

In 1970, he said, a similar object flew to within 200 feet of his truck 12 miles further north at Sandilands before veering off and zooming away at a tremendous speed.

He said that he saw another object about 20 years ago.

People involved in the two most recent sightings have reacted differently to what they saw.

Mrs. Bereziuk said in an interview at her home on Thursday that she is convinced that one of the two objects she saw last week flew over her garden so that its occupants could peep in her bedroom window.

Mrs. Bereziuk said that she is now frightened to go near the swamp and has advised Bill and Cynthia Gushuliak, who this week saw a hovering red light, not to try to track it down.

"But she (Mrs. Bereziuk) shouldn't be frightened," Mrs. Gushuliak said. "I told her that if she was frightened then she should have called the police."

Mr. Gushuliak said that "I don't think it's anything to be afraid of." Both Mr. and Mrs. Gushuliak said that they are now watching the sky to see if something else appears. If it does, they would like to try to reach it either by car or by snowmobile.

The Gushuliaks, who live at the west end of the village, said they were walking in their yard at 11 p.m. Tuesday when they saw a cigar-shaped red light hanging vertically in the sky just above tree level.

Mrs. Gushuliak told her husband that the object was moving. Both agreed in an interview that it moved from side to side in a straight line.

They went inside for a minute. When Mrs. Gushuliak came back out, the light was gone.

The Gushuliaks said that during a series of sightings at Woodridge, 13 miles to the northeast, several years ago, Mr. Gushuliak went out to watch for something to appear. He saw nothing, he said, but heard of several other people trying to chase flying objects in their trucks. The objects were said to have flashing lights, he said.

A resident of the quiet village said that she regarded both Mr. and Mrs. Gushuliak as credible witnesses. "I have never seen anything myself," she said. "I wish I would."

Mrs. Bereziuk, unlike the Gushuliaks, says that she was shaken by her experience.

She said that last week when the object flew past her window, she had already been standing on a bed by the window for three hours and staring at the saucer-like shapes as they flickered in the swamp behind her house.

She had been awakened by howling dogs and had gone outside to check her cows after firing two shots to frighten the dogs away.

The cows were terrified, she said. "Their eyes were just blazing."

Then she turned around and "got a real good look" at one of the flickering objects in the swamp.

She said she ran into the house terrified, locked the doors and turned out all the lights. Her husband was not home.

Mrs. Bereziuk said that as the sun rose the flickering lights went out.

The objects turned a coppery brown and rose straight into the air. One flew towards the village. But the other flew within yards of a summer kitchen 15 feet from the house. It dipped in its flight over her garden before zooming out of sight.

Appearances of strange lights over swampy areas have sometimes been attributed to methane gas or "swamp gas" rising from the swamps. But Mrs. Bereziuk said that she saw the object quite clearly.

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View from the Editor's Chair

Now what would Tom Selleck Productions, a Los Angeles movie production firm be phoning myself at Carman, Manitoba for? Well, it relates to some news stories carried in the *Leader* some 10 years ago, stories about UFO sightings in the area, that became so numerous *The Leader* dubbed the UFO as "Charlie Red Star".

Penny Rolf, producer for the firm phoned here recently enquiring about the people who had made the sightings. As this writer was one of those involved in confirming a sighting that was captured on a CKY television camera, she wanted more details. Further, she enquired as to the health of those named in the articles who had made the sightings. The question was passed off lightly, but a letter this week from Grant Cameron, who studies UFO sightings and lives in Winnipeg, referred to an article published in the official UFO publication the *Journal* written by a Neuroscience

and Psychology professor in the United States, which attempts to connect UFO sightings as earthquake-related illuminous phenomena and cancer.

These illuminous phenomena, he suggests, precede earthquakes in the regions where the sightings occur. He also suggests the incidence of cancer, such as brain tumours, and leukemia in children increases in areas where UFO activities are found.

Now we know why Penny Rolf asked how our health was, when she phoned here recently!

Maybe someone should check the health of the professor, as there can be no connection between UFO sightings here in good old Manitoba and earthquake fault lines on this prairie plain.

We are pleased to report that Kerry McIntyre looked in good health when he was home this summer; Ted Storey, Bob and Elaine Diemert, and the Lehmanns seem to be in good health. Mark Lehmann

keeps busy now selecting numbers for his numbers group, and Diemert is finishing rebuilding a World War II P-40 fighter plane, while this writer is still seeking out people who continue seeing UFO objects in this part of the country.

Even Ed Barker, who has recorded the Charlie Red Star sightings in the Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg concurs that there can be no connection to UFO sightings in Carman and an earthquake fault.

He, along with others in the area will be watching a television show October 14 entitled "The UFO Cover-up", in which Dr. Persinger will act as chief UFO skeptic.

One wonders how this professor can tie Carman into the earthquake fault.

The only thing in this region connected with UFO sightings has been the field of radiation found on the ground following reported sightings.

As far as electromagnetic fields are concerned, they are found along the power line routes carrying hydroelectric power from Manitoba Hydro electric generating stations in northern Manitoba south to Manitoba and the USA. Maybe the professor should do research connected with hydro transmission lines, and forget his earthquake fault lines!

H.E.B.

UFO Drivel

Sir: After waiting to hear what the government's reaction would be to the recent UFO sightings around Carman, Manitoba, I feel compelled to write and register my most vehement objection to the complete drivel Ottawa has concocted. For an official government agency, the National Research Council, to state unequivocally that the sightings, television film, and still pictures are of the planet Jupiter is to stretch one's credibility to absurd limits.

The time has come for the government to desist from this folly of attempting to snow the public concerning these ever-increasing sightings of unidentified flying objects.

If the rationale of the official government policy is to debunk all sightings, legitimate and otherwise, to keep the public from panicking, then I believe they are making a colossal mistake.

Stephen Michalak, the prospector who was hit from the exhaust of a UFO near Falcon Lake, Manitoba on May 20, 1967, and was radioactively burned by that exhaust, should be evidence enough that all these sightings are not figments of over fertile imaginations.

Is it not time that there was an honest dialogue between the people and their elected representatives concerning the complete information that the government has about these possibly extra-terrestrial visitors? Better now than risk a true panic if these craft begin to land more frequently.

Why does the government not publish all the evidence that it has regarding all the investigations made of these sightings, so that the public is gradually conditioned to the possibility that we on earth are not the only inhabitants of the universe.

Bill Merritt
St. Germain, Man.



Unidentified Flying Object Seen

Peter Zazulinski and his family were driving one evening and saw this flying object with lights flashing. They followed it for 20 miles. It was also confirmed by 2 of his friends, Joe Malinowski, who saw it when it was near his farm, as well as Walter Zabirka.

At one point Peter was close enough to the object to have thrown a stone at it. He finally gave up the chase, due to fear for his wife and family, and the fact that his tank was getting low. He said that multi coloured lights were flashing all the time he was chasing it.

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UFO investigators coming out of closet

The Washington Post
ACAPULCO, Mexico — After years of being mocked by science, governments and the media, serious researchers of unidentified flying objects are seeing signs that "UFOlogy" may finally be coming out of the scientific closet and gaining some respectability.

More interested

UFO researchers attending the First International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon say more and more scientists, including numerous members of the prestigious American Astronomical Society, are becoming interested.

The few reputable scientists who admit to studying UFO reports say they have had to walk a tightrope between keeping their reputation as men of science and being dismissed as fools.

But while they stay far away from popular theories like "little green men from other planets" and leave the UFO origins wide open, they maintain there is increasing hard evidence of recurrent, worldwide events that cannot be explained conventionally. The question, they say, is not "is it real?" but how, through which discipline — astronomy, psychology, physics or social science — the phenomenon must be examined.

"People are beginning to recognize there are serious

aspects to this, that trivial solutions like 'meteorological effects' no longer wash," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Lindheimer astronomical research center of Northwestern University. Hynek, after nearly 30 years in UFO research, is regarded as one of the foremost U.S. authorities.

"The scientific party line on UFOs has always been if you can't put it in an equation, to hell with it," he said. "But UFOs haven't gone away. It hasn't been a fad. On the contrary, reports of sightings are on the increase. It's a case of the scientists following the public."

Hynek and several colleagues have been receiving a growing number of letters from astronomers, physicists and engineers asking to participate in research projects.

"They aren't looking for jobs but keen to get involved, although they still ask that I don't mention their names," Hynek said.

The conference-goers, about 250 persons from 16 nations, included many UFO "cultists," that is, believers in past and present visitors from outer space whose mission is either to threaten or to enlighten us earthlings.

But despite such individual speculation — "fantastic guff that muddies the waters," as an American engineer said angrily — much evidence of a worldwide shift

in attitude was presented at the conference.

● In November, Spain's air ministry released previously classified details of 12 recent UFO sightings by military pilots and radar personnel.

● A former French defence minister, Robert Galley, has urged keeping an "open mind" about UFOs. French air force and police, Galley said, are under orders to follow up on all reported sightings and send samples of affected soil or plants to the national centre for space research.

● In the Netherlands, military and police have agreed to work closely with scientists investigating reports.

In the United States, where a 1973 Gallup poll found that 51 per cent of the population believes in the UFO phenomenon, researchers complain that the government is decidedly unco-operative.

Unco-operative

Hynek, who acted as consultant to the U.S. Air Force on its project "Blue Book" — recording sightings of UFOs between 1952 and 1969 — said "Blue Book" was a mere "public-relations effort designed to debunk the whole thing." Too many cases came up, said Hynek, "of military pilots who told me they had their film confiscated, were debriefed and told not to take it seriously or discuss it further."

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Massive UFO Chases Jet Fighters

A huge, triangular UFO chased off two Chilean Air Force F-5E fighters at supersonic speeds — and then vanished mysteriously into the upper atmosphere with other jets in hot pursuit.

"We thought it was a joke at first," admitted veteran pilot Capt. Louis Lira Bustos. But after an incredible chase that ended when he was forced to make a "combat dive" to escape, Capt. Lira Bustos declared: "I can now believe in other civilizations in other worlds."

The incident last December marked the second time in seven months that pilots in the crack First Air Wing at Cerro Moreno air base in northern Chile were ordered to intercept a UFO.

"I ordered the interception of the UFOs," said Gen. Benjamin Opazo Brull, commander of the First Air Wing. "If the pilots said they saw something, then there's no doubt about it — they did. But I can't believe they came from another planet."

The latest UFO sighting came on December 16 when a platoon of police in the town of Calama, 20 miles from the air base, along with thousands of civilians, spotted a giant fireball in the sky.

"It was sundown when we saw a huge ball of light, high in the sky," recalled Police Major Ivan Gonzalez Jorquera. "I'd never seen anything like it before. It was definitely a UFO of some sort."

Four jets were sent aloft and, following ground radar



MAP shows where UFO was seen in Chile.

instructions, picked up the UFO at an altitude of 15,000 feet. The UFO rose almost straight up as the pilots approached, keeping the jets about 5,000 feet below it.

"Suddenly it appeared to be heading right at us," recalled Capt. Lira Bustos. "I was scared. I hit the radio. 'Verify that what I'm seeing is coming right at us,' I radioed."

Another jet-fighter pilot, Comdr. Javier Pratt Corona confirmed the UFO — "an

Fernandez Martin, then took up the chase as the UFO headed skyward again.

"I was shocked when I first saw it close," recalled the lieutenant. "As I passed beneath it, it appeared to be completely static — literally suspended in air. It gave me an eerie feeling in my gut. It's impossible that any normal aircraft, with the huge dimensions of the triangle, could maintain itself airborne, completely stable."

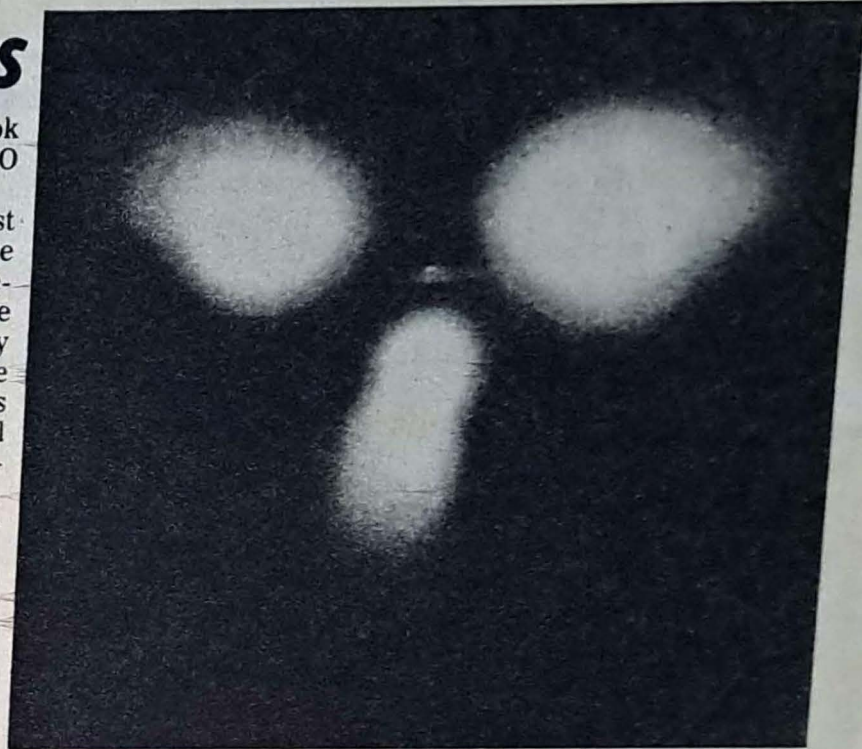
The UFO soared higher and higher, reaching 60,000 feet, when Comdr. Pratt Corona said it "disappeared mysteriously."

In the earlier incident, which occurred in May last year, two F-5E pilots were flying a training mission over Antofagasta near the air base, when ground radar control reported sighting a UFO. Flying at over 900 miles an hour, the jets picked up the UFO at 37,000 feet.

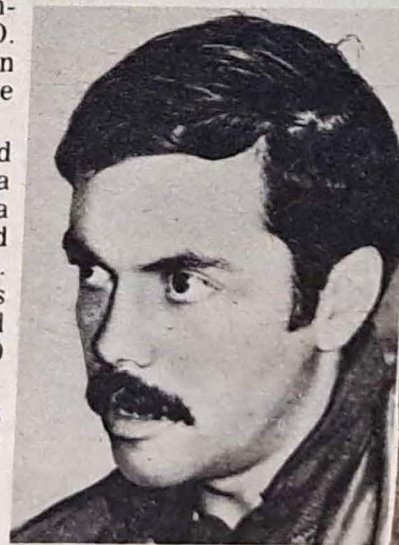
"As I drew closer and closer I could see it was a huge craft, surrounded by a cloudy substance," revealed Capt. Danilo Catalan Farias. "When I was about 1½ miles away from the craft, it veered off violently at nearly 4,000 miles an hour."

Capt. Ernesto Gonzalez Yarra, who was watching the encounter on radar, confirmed: "Within 30 seconds, the UFO was 30 miles away from the fighter. That's unbelievably fast. No aircraft in the world could maneuver like that!"

— FRANK LEVINE



SNAPSHOT OF UFO taken by observer on the ground. Photo matches a pilot's description of "an immense triangle with intense lights joining the edges."



FIGHTER PILOT Capt. Louis Lira Bustos had to make a combat dive to avoid the UFO.

Researcher predicts a rash of UFO sightings

A private researcher who investigates reports of unidentified flying objects is predicting that Manitoba can expect a rash of sightings this year.

Chris Rutkowski, director of research for Ufology Research of Manitoba (UFOROM), said that reports received so far this year indicate that the number of sightings is high.

His remarks came after a UFOROM team investigated four sightings that have recently occurred at Fraserwood, 48 miles north of Winnipeg near Gimli.

The Fraserwood sightings occurred in roughly the same period as a rash of sightings in the village of Sundown, 95 miles

southeast of Winnipeg.

Mr. Rutkowski said that a Fraserwood couple and their daughter-in-law watched a bright orange ball of light descend behind some trees at 8:30 p.m. on March 3.

They estimated that the object was about half a mile to three-quarters of a mile south of them.

Mr. Rutkowski said the object could not have been the moon setting, although it was described as being the same size. The moon was still high in the sky at the time, he said.

The UFOROM team found that Environment Canada's weather office was not aware of any weather balloons in the area,

he said. And the wind on March 3 was blowing in the opposite direction from that taken by the object.

He said that it "could have been a private pilot flying very low, but it is doubtful that anybody would fly that low that late at night."

Two other Fraserwood people reported that they observed a disc with rainbow-like colors through a telescope on February 14, February 19 and again on February 28.

The object hovered high over their property for about 10 minutes before drifting slowly west, Mr. Rutkowski said.

He said that the two observers have seen planes and satellites through their tele-

scope and said that the object resembled neither.

The research group has also heard reports of sightings at Carman, where local residents chased unidentified objects in their cars during a series of sightings in 1975.

The recent sightings at Sundown occurred over a swampy area north of the village. One Sundown woman said she watched two objects sit behind her house for three hours.

The area's MLA, Steve Derewianchuk (NDP-Emerson) said that he saw a ring of revolving lights hovering over the same spot last fall while returning from work.

Charlie Red Star

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Dr. Halliday tries to de-
bunk Mrs. Giesbrecht's state-
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a pulsating orange-red as
they were about to take off."
He states correctly in re-
sponse that Jupiter does ap-
pear red as it comes over
the eastern horizon, turning
white as it moves into the
sky.

Dr. Halliday's argument,
however, is only as good as
the facts he wishes to leave
out. Such planetary motion
begins at midnight and
moves to the position at 2:25
a.m. where Mrs. Giesbrecht
photographed it. In order to
see the "blast off" of Jupiter
one requires 145 minutes of
observing.

Mr. Diemert states the fact
that "It blasts off into orbit
in 35 seconds, faster than
any man made machine."
Dr. Halliday can now start to
doubt the believability of his
argument as his time paral-
lel is out by a factor of 250.

The "bell shape" of Mrs.
Giesbrecht's photograph is
also inconsistent with Dr.
Halliday's J u p i t e r theory,
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A c c o r d i n g to the Free
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the Planetarium to keep
them away from sceptics
like Dr. Halliday. To use a
sceptic's own words such sci-
entists "can be dismissed as
psychopaths, hoaxers, liars
or hallucinators."

M a n y Manitobans have
been insulted by the research
council's statement, b o t h
those who have seen it, and
those who have studied all
the facts.

Grant Cameron

Winnipeg



Sundown woman sights UFO's

A Sundown-area woman said she sighted two unidentified flying objects near her farm house early last Tuesday morning.

Mary Bereziuk was home alone in the farm house sleeping when the dogs began howling at 3 a.m. Thinking that something was attacking the cattle, Mrs Bereziuk grabbed a shot gun, ran outside and fired several shots in the direction of the pasture. She then went out to investigate the disturbance.

Passing the gate that divided their farm from the road allowance, Mrs Bereziuk was startled to see strange lights blinking in the swamp beyond the old highway that ran along the north edge of the their property. At first she thought the lights could be snowmobiles, but gave that idea up when they remained stationary.

In a telephone interview with The Carillon, Mrs Bereziuk said: "Then I got really scared, I knew it wasn't natural because the lights were blue, green and many colors. It looked like a house, but there are no houses on the swamp."

Because her husband was not home, she hurried back to the

house and securely locked all the doors. Watching from the bedroom window, Mrs Bereziuk could view the lights quite well. She said there were two sets of lights, approximately 50 feet apart. Both were multi-colored and blinked in a circular pattern. Both stayed stationary from the time she noticed them from 3 a.m. until 6:30 a.m.

As dawn approached, approximately 6:30 a.m., both sets of lights went off. Both objects then hovered, swayed a bit and then disappeared. They each had a body with two wings. Against the semi-lit sky, they resembled dark, brown birds.

Mrs Bereziuk said she used to lie awake and see the same type of lights reflect in her bedroom window. She never got up because she believed them to be passing vehicles or snowmobiles.

The Bereziuk farm is located one-quarter mile east of Sundown on the new highway. The old highway runs along the back edge of their property. The swamp is three-quarters of a mile from the farm-house area.

Woman recovering after freak fire

A Steinbach woman is recovering in her home this week after suffering burns to her hands and face in what could be termed a freak accident last Thursday, Feb. 10.

Mary Toffan indicated she had taken a pair of her husband Andrew's oil and gasoline soaked coveralls from the garage into the basement, where she intended to wash them. When she put them in the tub they "just exploded", she said.

She threw another pair of coveralls onto the fire in an attempt to smother it, Mrs Toffan said. Unfortunately, it only increased the intensity of the blaze.

She next tried to put out the fire by throwing a rug on top of it, Mrs Toffan indicated. When this helped only temporarily she moved the tub

in the basement, the accident victim said.

A third, rubber-based rug, thrown on to smother the fire only made matters worse still, Mrs Toffan indicated. Finally, she said, she was able to control the fire in the tub by putting another empty tub on top of it, smothering the fire.

She stopped the rest of the fire by pouring water on top of the remainder of the burning material, she stated.

Mrs Toffan suggested the oily clothes began to burn either through static electricity or through some manner of contact with the pilot light of the furnace.

Mrs Toffan suffered third degree burns on one hand and second degree burns to her face and other hand.

Mr. Toffan came home from



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UFO season starts this week

By Patricia Old
For The Tribune

Manitoba has been no slouch in finding other things in the sky than stars, constellations and the northern lights.

The Manitoba Centre for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Studies handles an average of two or three sightings a week.

These figures are expected to rise this month — indeed this week, says the Centre's co-chairman Edward Barker. The best months for spotting UFOs is mid-May to July, when people are outside more than in the winter. Sightings take an upsurge in autumn also.

What's more, Barker notes that sightings go in three- to four-year cycles, and 1978 is a third year. Sightings were slow in 1976 and 1977.

The Centre, operating out of the Manitoba Planetarium in the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, hasn't caught up with its file work on sightings it has heard of and investigated. No yearly totals are available.

But Barker, an artist with the Planetarium, has concluded two-thirds of the strange flying objects reported to the Centre are not identifiable.

The best areas seem to be central and western Manitoba where numerous encounters of the second kind have been reported.

Encounters of the first kind are sightings; encounters of the second kind provide physical evidence, such as a strange burnt-out pasture, third encounters are documented meetings with a spaceship and its crew.

The Centre for UFO Studies has been revelling in the wake of recent coverage on the subject. Since the success of movies like Close Encounters of the Third Kind, it has received much less inhibited reports from Manitobans.

Until recently, many people did not report

UFO sightings for fear of adverse public opinion. Many did not know where to report.

"Everything is coming together for us now," Barker said. "The climate for reporting is much better."

June 8, the Planetarium will open a summer-long show on UFOs, on sightings in Manitoba and a general overview of the subject. To be co-produced by Barker and Bill Peters, a Planetarium producer, it will feature an interview with J. Allen Hynek, noted American UFO investigator.

The Centre began one year ago with the amalgamation of several scattered UFO groups throughout the province.

It is now associated with Hynek, originator of the term "close encounters of the third kind." Hynek was technical consultant and contributor to Steven Spielberg's movie of the same name. The Manitoba group is recognized by the U.S. Centre for UFO Studies in Illinois, headed by Hynek, as a centre for UFO research.

Neither Barker nor two other investigators from the Manitoba Centre have prestigious science degrees, or PhDs in UFO studies, the latter because no university gives such degrees.

They and the students they employ apply skepticism to UFO reports. When claimants file a report, either by phone (956-2830, ext. 113), mail or visiting the Centre in person at 555 Main St., their testimony is carefully investigated. The Centre will request a written report. Once the written record is received, investigators may speak to the claimant and conduct physical examination of the site.

One investigator is the Centre's co-chairman Chris Rutkowski who says the Centre stresses the seriousness of its research and the group as a whole. The Centre runs up against a number of problems, he said.

In Carman during 1975 and 1976, Rutkowski, then a member of the Ufology Research of Manitoba, received numerous reports from Carman citizens. Almost 500 sightings of an unidentified flying object, a disc-like affair that followed Carman citizens as they walked or drove around town, flowed into the Ufology Research group. The UFO became so familiar that citizens nicknamed it Charlie.

"We would receive CB (citizens' band) reports from people driving in Carman saying 'Charlie is following me tonight,'" said Rutkowski. "We (the Ufology Research Group) could eventually explain almost all the sightings as airplanes, satellites or northern lights."

Barker said one Manitoba woman claimed she was taken on board a space ship, her arm opened up and the muscles removed, by aliens. After looking at the muscles, the ship's residents replaced them.

"See," she later told Centre investigators as she pointed to her arm, "no scar." The Centre is pretty suspicious of the report.

Rutkowski says there are difficulties with extracting information from claimants. Most UFO sightings happen at night. People have difficulty judging distance and size in the dark, he said.

The UFO investigator must operate on a basis of "open-minded skepticism."

The Centre operates through the good graces of the Planetarium, said Barker. Equipment, such as tape recorders, geiger counters for radioactivity and maps needed for UFO investigation, is borrowed from the Planetarium. Some is owned by the Centre's organizers.

"Basically, the Planetarium offers us time and encouragement," Barker said.

"We're trying to be more aggressive, but not sensational. The subject itself is sensational enough."



Photo by The Brandon Sun
The Manitoba Centre for UFO Studies was unable to account for 10 strange whorls — three of the most obvious are shown at bottom right — last September in a wheat field on Mike Pomehychuk's farm near Rossburn. The grain was pressed in a counter clockwise position, but not burned. Similar configurations were reported in 1974 in Langenburg, Sask., by a farmer who said he'd seen spaceships hovering over, then rising from the sites.

MLA saw the 'light' three times

By Patrick McKinley
Tribune Staff Writer

SUNDOWN — An MLA has added his name to a growing list of Sundown-area residents who say they have seen colored lights and flying objects hovering near a swamp.

Sundown, 95 miles south-east of Winnipeg on provincial highway 201, is the site of two other sightings reported in little more than a week.

After hearing of the recent sightings, MLA Steve Derewianchuk (NDP — Emerson) told *The Tribune* that he has had three experiences with unidentified flying objects but has seldom mentioned them because "people laugh at you."

Mr. Derewianchuk said that last fall he panicked after seeing strange lights. They were at almost the exact spot where Mary Bereziuk of Sundown says she watched two objects sit in a swamp last week before one of them flew past her bedroom window for a peek inside.

Mr. Derewianchuk said that in his sighting last fall



Steve Derewianchuk

he did not see details like a saucer shape and the little orange windows Mrs. Bereziuk described. But the flickering orange, white and blue lights were the same.

He said in a telephone interview that he was driving home to Vita, 13 miles to the west, late one evening last September or October.

Half a mile east of Sundown, near the Bereziuk farmhouse, he spotted a

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UFOs tax politicians

The government may be as puzzled as residents of southeastern Manitoba about reports of unidentified flying objects — but the government is still prepared to try and tax the UFOs.

Finance Minister Saul Miller said Thursday in the Legislature he would be prepared to send out a tax bill if anyone could suggest where the bill should be sent.

"And maybe we'll even collect," he said in response to a question by Ed McGill (PC — Brandon West).

Mr. McGill had asked Mr. Miller if he had taken the necessary steps to ensure that the provincial treasury would not lose any revenue by non-payment of sales tax on these unidentified aircraft using Manitoba's air space.

The Manitoba government recently lost a court case involving an attempt to collect \$1.4 million from Air Canada for sales taxes on meals, liquor and services provided while flying over the province.



Tribune photo by Gregg Burner

Mary Bereziuk holds up metal dish to show the shape of UFO

Overview

The Hynek UFO Report
 J. Allen Hynek
 Dell paperback
 reviewed by David Tudor

Hynek's source book on Martians

This is what happened in 1965 to a group of people in Kentucky:

"The height of the creatures was from two and a half to three and a half feet. (The witnesses) all agreed that the head was bald, the same colour as the body; the head was rather oblong like an egg. Mc. Ledwith (an engineer - announcer at a local radio station) recorded the following comments from various of the witnesses: many bullets were fired and a twelve-gauge shot gun was used... Whenever it (a creature) was hit it would float or fall over and scurry for cover... The shots when striking the object would sound as though they were hitting a bucket. The objects made no sound while jumping or walking or falling. The undergrowth would rustle as the objects went through it.

"When they approached the house, in all the cases the arms

were raised in a 'stick - 'em - up' fashion, and they would approach very slowly on their hind feet. When struck with bullets or a flashlight, they would drop to hands position and run."

Hardly the majestic finale of *Close Encounters*, and a pretty sloppy communication attempt by a race with the intelligence to travel who knows how many light years to get here, but if alien astronauts were foolhardy enough to take on a hamlet of latter-day hillbillies, this is pretty much the reception one would expect.

According to J. Allen Hynek the story is probably true. He cites the number of witnesses, the close similarity of accounts, the wish of the witnesses to avoid publicity, all as tending to suggest that something was out there that night, whether we accept an extra-terrestrial hypothesis or not.

Hynek invented the term *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* to describe alleged contacts with extra-terrestrials. This is one of several he records in his survey of material gathered by the now defunct U.S. Air Force Operation Blue Book. Blue Book recorded eight such "encounters" which could not be explained in any useful manner and Hynek maintains there have been many more which were not reported.

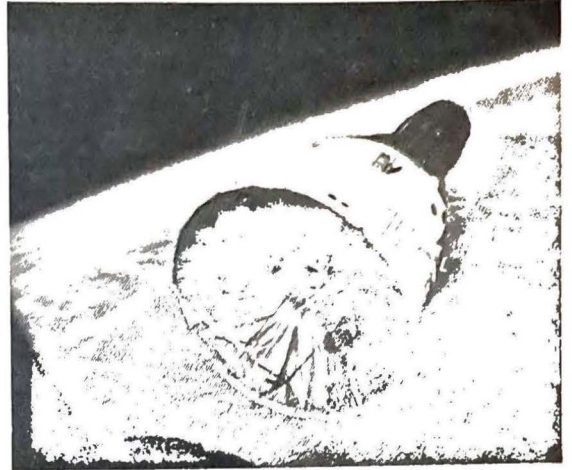
He concludes this particular account: "Close Encounters of the Third Kind are by no means infrequent. Long after the end of Project Blue Book, during the months of September and October 1973, some seventy Close Encounters of the Third Kind were reported in the United States alone."

All this strains the credibility, but Hynek, it should be noted, is not another Von Daniken. The book contains no wild speculations, no bogus "proof" of ancient astronauts. He says people have been seeing strange things which can't be explained. He records what they have been seeing. The investigations to date, he says, have been inadequate and unscientific, and a serious research effort is needed.

Consider the following statistics:

Of the many thousands of UFOs reported to Project Blue Book over a period of twenty years, 26 per cent of those identified were astronomical objects, particularly meteors, 17 per cent were aircraft, 9.3 per cent balloons. Hoaxes accounted for slightly less than one per cent.

The lowest percentage of



This is one of ours.

objects in one year that could not be identified was 0.7 per cent of the objects reported to the Air Force in 1968 and 1969. In most years it was 2 or 3 per cent, in 1954 it was 8.4 per cent, in 1952 it was 19.3 per cent. 1952 produced a bumper crop. Whereas in most years the

number of UFOs that remained unidentified after Air Force investigation was around 15, in 1952 it was 208.

A total of 13,134 UFOs were reported to Project Blue Book up to its demise in 1969. Following a second examination by Hynek and members of The

UFOs EXPLAINED

by David Tudor

Like just about everyone else I know, I gave up watching television regularly several years ago, except for the news and the occasional movie. And of course Star Trek. As a medium specializing in the bland, the phony, and the cheap it is unsurpassed. Not that there are not other bland, phony or cheap media, but television does it all so nauseatingly well. Particularly American television.

I was again made aware of this when I sat down to watch *Project UFO* for the first time a couple of weeks ago, the first time I'd watched an hour-long serious TV drama in many months. I was not disappointed.

Bland. Are middle-Americans really like this? No, they can't be. Robotized emotions on cue, inane lines, comfortable suburbs, sleazy small towns, the bad guys, the good guys, every cliché in the book. Hasn't television learned anything in the last few years?

Phony. According to Hynek's book on Blue Book, the official air force policy was to deny the existence of UFOs whenever possible. He gives example of clearly impossible "identifications" of unusual sightings, and also examples of

outright lying by the Air Force to the media. None of that creeps into this show. The Air Force is a serious, concerned, honest, trustworthy, decent, American, father-figure and you just better believe that they're doing their damndest to find out all about these things. According to Hynek, the Air Force actually believed that anyone who took these UFO things seriously was a trouble maker and that civilian investigators were enemies to be discredited at all costs.

Cheap. There's some very funny looking spaceships flying around on this show. At least, they do their best to fly, the special effects are not the most successful. Most of them look like something a kid might make up with spare parts from a collection of plastic model kits, apart from the ones that are the classic UFO flying saucers, shooting through the sky with that funny black line around them that the special effects people didn't have the time, or the ability, to remove when they superimposed it on the background. What's even funnier is when they forget to stick the ship in altogether, which happened on a recent show. A flying saucer was being chased by an old bomber. You saw the view from the pilot's seat of the saucer speeding over the American countryside. Then the next time you saw that viewpoint, the saucer was gone, but the film kept on regardless, a good 90 seconds of rolling fields and trees, all very exciting. Then the third time you saw things from the pilot's seat, there it was again. Talk about classy shows. The fact is, there's another

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Sundown UFO team leaves empty-handed

By Patrick McKinley
Tribune Staff Writer

Researchers carrying radiation counters and cameras hiked along a deserted Hydro road near the village of Sundown on Saturday, but failed to find physical evidence that unidentified flying objects have landed in a swamp.

After local residents refused to lend them a snowmobile out of fear that it would get stuck in melting snow, the team walked into the swamp guided by Joseph Bereziuk of Sundown.

Mr. Bereziuk's wife Mary says that she watched two objects sitting in the swamp two weeks ago while she stood for three hours at her bedroom window.

Now Mrs. Bereziuk says she is angry at some residents who are starting to treat her as an eccentric.

Some people do not believe that a saucerlike object with little orange windows and footlike projections underneath flew past her bedroom window, she says.

Ernst Speelman, a Planetarium technician, said that marks that could have been caused by similar projections were found during a rash of sightings at Carman two years ago.

The three marks, in an almost perfect triangle, gave the impression that something had landed and taken off at an angle.

High radiation readings were found at the site.

He said that the readings were unusual because they were obtained on an instrument that normally measures radiation capable of penetrating lead. Yet he was able to obstruct the radiation with his hand, he said.

Mrs. Bereziuk's description of a saucerlike object also tallies with the description of an object seen in a clearing in 1954 by Steve Derewianchuk (NDP — Emerson), the MLA for the Sundown area.

The object he saw in 1954 had antennae, windows and had stabilizers underneath, he said. He also reported seeing strange lights near Mrs. Bereziuk's farmhouse last fall.

So far seven area residents have reported seeing unidentified flying objects near Sundown since October.

Six of the sightings have occurred in the last three weeks.

Mr. Derewianchuk said that he has seldom mentioned his experiences because "if you say you saw something like that people think you're crazy."

Planetarium artist Ed Barker said that the research team will go back into the area if more sightings occur. He said that Saturday's search did not cover a large area.

UFO disbelievers — hear this!

Sir: I am writing in response to Robert Stephens' letter to the editor entitled "Those UFOs!"

UFOs? There are such animals, because the humblest of men have told us so.

As to the habit of lying, we find that it is not basic to the nature of man but that scepticism, pride in one's own ideas, is basically limited to those in positions of power.

Only recently was the common citizen made aware of the double-talk of politicians and government organizations. What do these sectors of society say about UFOs. Of course! They don't exist. Stephens should in the light of this statement reconsider who his sheep will follow.

It has been said that if history has taught us anything, it has taught us that we have learned nothing from history. Consequently, we have failed to study the history of liars and sceptics.

The great advances within society have never come from uncovering lies, but from those with new ideas who have stood up for their ideas in the face of all criticism. I must question how dogmatic Stephens is, as scepticism has arisen many times in history. He can join a number of groups in history who have declared new concepts a pack of lies.

One group stood up against the Copernican idea of the solar system. Another stood up to purge Newton from society because he stated that the moon caused tides.

How about the French Academy of ^{Sciences} ~~Society~~ which in the early 1800s rejected the factuality of meteorites under reconceived notions that ~~d~~ could not interfere with natural law.

Seventy-five years later it was time to crucify Darwin because he spoke of gradual evolution. When biologists ~~mp~~hed with this idea, their pride forced them to crucify Velikowsky because

he spoke of cataclismic rather than gradual evolution.

Man's sceptical pride caused him to attack Einstein's theory of relativity, and now, 60 years later, his name is synonymous with genius.

Two brothers said they could fly, and how the sceptics laughed. In the 20th century Sir Alexander Fleming developed penicillin, but not until 10 years after the discovery was it taken off the back shelf!

No, it was not the liars and frauds who have made history, but those who have stood up for what they believe in the face of the throwing of insults, rocks, and bottles. The sceptic has always been wrong.

That, in short, is what history has tried to teach us, but then, who in this busy world has time to listen. We would rather listen to the official government release on the six o'clock news.

We have become such a materialistically-minded society that we believe only those things that we see, forgetting history's warning that we see only those things that we believe.

Because we ourselves are not the developers of the new ideas we see a threat to our own beliefs and call them lies. The evidence is there — nearly 20,000 cases in North America with over 1,000 of them being landed encounters, but then what disbeliever would take time to look?

Sir William Barret (F.R.S.) summed up the point of this argument when he said: "Whatever the humblest of men affirm from their own experience is always worth listening to, but what the cleverest of men, in their ignorance deny, is never worth a moment's notice."

Grant Cameron
Winnipeg

Strange lights from swamp

(Continued)

Her husband, Bill Gushuliak, said that he was unable to detect any motion. He thought it might be a light on some kind of tower, she said.

Mrs. Gushuliak went inside to get a peach because she was hungry. When she came back, the light had disappeared.

She said she did not know how far away the object was or whether it was over a swamp, but Mrs. Bereziuk said there is "another big swamp" at the end of town.

Mrs. Gushuliak said she phoned some friends and told them to look outside, but by the time they went it had gone away. "Now I am real sorry that I went to get that peach," she said.

Another Sundown resident said that there were reports

of unidentified flying objects there about 20 years ago, but she could not remember the details.

"Maybe now there will be more," she added. "Once one person says they have seen something then it seems other people start talking about seeing things too. But I am not saying that they are making things up."

Mrs. Bereziuk said Mrs. Gushuliak proposed an exploration of the swamp "but I told her not to go in there.

"I'm not going out there — I don't want to interfere in anything which I know isn't safe."

RCMP in Emerson and Sprague said they have received no recent reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Mrs. Gushuliak's description of what she saw closely matches descriptions from a rash of sightings in 1967 in Falcon Lake, southeastern Manitoba and the northern United States. Those reports referred to an oval red or silver light.

A series of sightings at Carman in 1975 also referred to an oval red or white light that stood motionless and then zoomed away at terrific speed.

Mrs. Gushuliak said that what she saw was large and shaped like a cigar but fatter and not quite as round.

A team of Planetarium investigators was to make a semi-official visit to Sundown today to measure radiation and look for marks and deposits at the site of an alleged unidentified flying object landing.

On Friday, an MLA and an artist-photographer on the Planetarium staff said in separate interviews that unidentified flying objects cannot be easily dismissed as light illusions caused by rising methane "swamp gas."

Steve Derewianchuk (NDP — Emerson), who says he has seen UFO's in the area, and Planetarium artist Ed Barker said both have seen swamp gas perform its visual tricks.

"It's more like something you would mistake for a ghost than for a flying object," Mr. Barker said.

Planetarium team to visit UFO site in Sundown

Mr. Derewianchuk agreed, saying that swamp gas illusions float around eerily and dissipate in the wind.

He said that swamp gas lights are much fainter and less defined than a revolving ring of light he saw near the village of Sundown last fall.

On Thursday Mr. Derewianchuk said he had made two sightings in 1970 and 1976. He said that he had also seen something in 1954, but refused to talk about it on the phone.

After meeting with a reporter on Friday

he said he had seen a small metallic object take off from a clearing in 1954.

He said the silvery object was perhaps five feet across and circular. It had stabilizers underneath and antennae on top and a row of what appeared to be windows on the sides.

He said he came to within 200 feet of the object. But as he tried to get closer it spun around a few times, then took off at an angle. It disappeared into the sky within seconds, he said.

Mr. Barker said the Planetarium pro-

vides some of its staff members with time and equipment to investigate UFO sightings but does not pay their expenses.

Several times he has observed circular depressions or apparent burn marks on the ground at the site of an alleged landing.

Radiation readings at such sites are usually "not high enough to be dangerous, but significantly higher than in the surrounding area," he said.

The team going to Sundown, 95 miles southeast of Winnipeg on provincial road 201, is to conduct taped interviews with three people who have reported recent sightings.

Then it will take a snowmobile and geiger counters to a swamp, where Mary Bereziuk of Sundown says she watched a saucerlike craft for three hours.

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