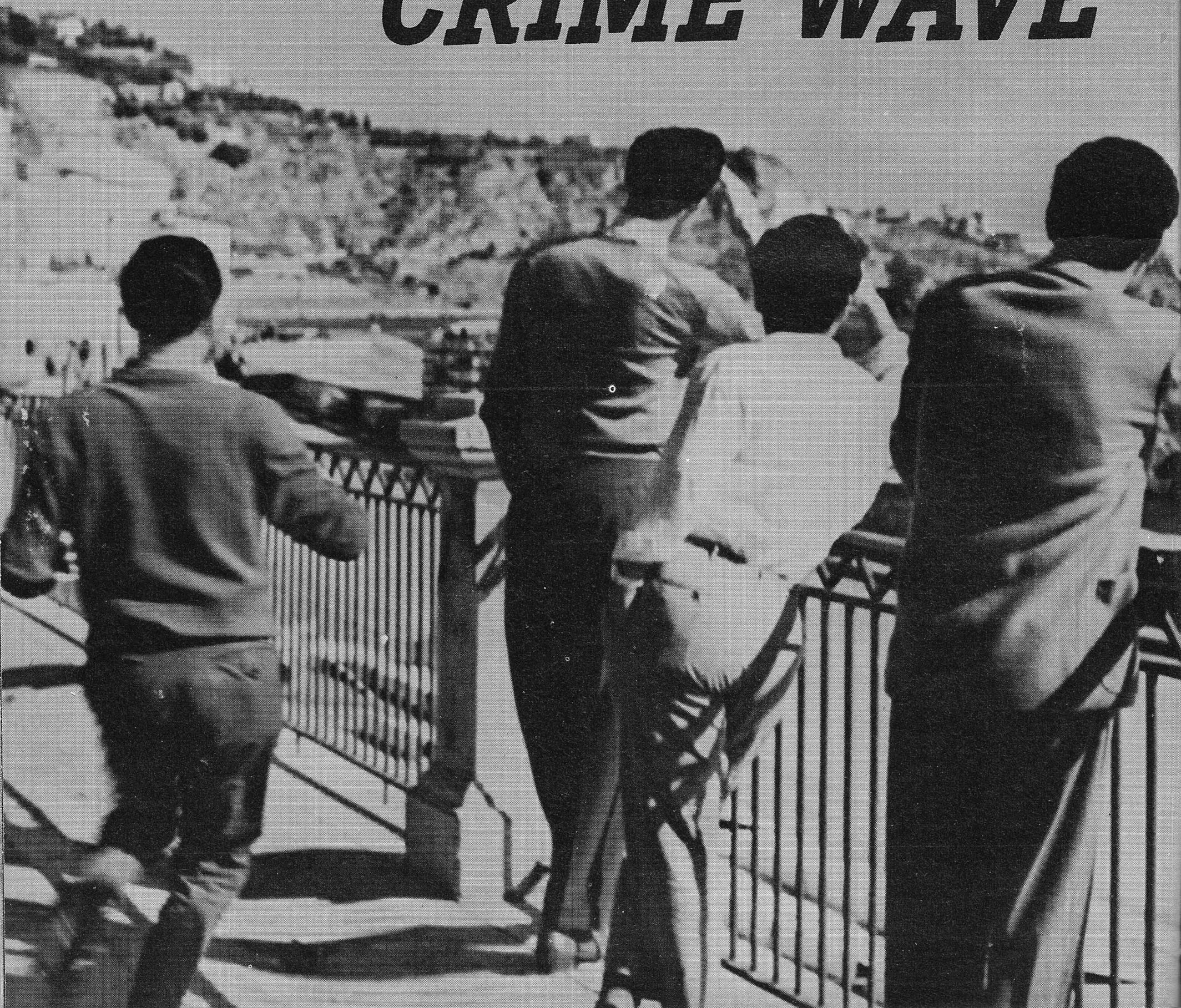
A vintage illustration showing three people in a small boat on a body of water. One person in a blue and white checkered shirt and a hat is seated on the left. Another person in a purple shirt is leaning over the side of the boat. A third person in a yellow and green striped shirt is standing on the right, looking up at a flying saucer in the sky. The saucer is dark with a ring of yellow lights around its edge. A fishing net is visible on the right side of the boat. The background is a blue sky and water.

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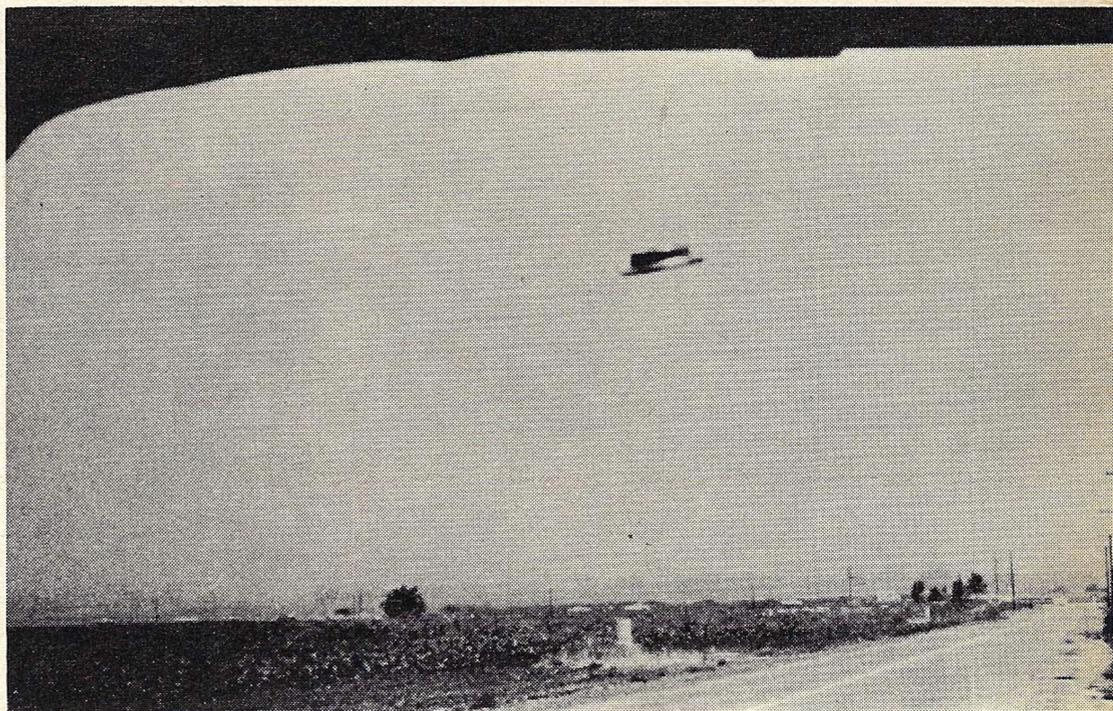




CASES of livestock deaths under mysterious circumstances (left) are a regular UFO occurrence. Saucers have also "buzzed" motorists, caused burnings, accidents, drownings (such as right) . . .

They Can't Cover Up

UFOs are merely "observing" Earth — so we thought. But they're now turning hostile, leaving a trail of injured — and dead — in their fiery wake . . .



By **JOHN A. KEEL**

PHOTO above was taken by Rex Heflin, Orange County, Calif., Highway Department investigator, one of numerous reputable persons who have spotted, photographed UFOs

IT'S a science-fiction nightmare!" a burly sheriff in West Virginia groaned recently. "And there doesn't seem to be anybody who can help us."

"I don't give a damn what the Air Force says," another sheriff, this one in Texas, complained. "Something big is happening and we need help."

"We've been getting too many cases of people being hurt, burned, gassed and paralyzed," a Public Health official in New York State remarked grimly. "We asked the Air Force directly for advice and they told us there was nothing to it, that it was all nonsense."

These men, and many other responsible authorities throughout the United States, are trying to cope with the horri- (Continued on page 54)

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flying problems left in the wake of the eerie nocturnal visitors known as flying saucers.

The record is long, appalling and exceptionally well-documented. People all over the world have been pursued, injured, kidnapped, and even killed by UFOs. Automobiles have been wrecked and planes have crashed because of flying saucers.

It is a lonely battle for most of the people involved. Twenty years of ridicule has made the subject of unidentified flying objects disreputable and largely unapproachable. No effective program on the federal government level has been created to deal with the situation. Only in the last year has the F.B.I. cautiously begun to get its feet wet by studying, often secretly, some of the hair-raising UFO incidents now pouring in from everywhere.

The U.S. Air Force has confined its investigations largely to a public relations effort designed to discredit the problem. Astronomers and physicists have been assigned to investigate cases which should have been turned over to a high-level law enforcement agency or branch of military intelligence.

The Air Force says unidentified flying objects are "weather balloons" and mirages. The astronomers blame meteors, lightning bolts, and "marsh gas." Even the hard-core ufologists are sharply divided in their interpretations of the mass of hostile incidents now documented in their files. These cases rarely make headlines outside of the areas where they occurred *because there are so many of them*. An entire edition of a Sunday newspaper could be devoted to the new UFO cases of a single week—and there would be cases left over!

As far back as 1953, there are records of UFO attacks. In November of that year two men, Albert and James Grear, were standing in a farm field near Zanesville, Ohio, when, according to their story (which not even the ufologists took seriously at the time), James started to rise into the air, seeming to levitate toward a shining object high above. His brother grabbed his legs and held on for dear life, hauling him back to the ground.

Had a UFO tried to kidnap James Grear?

SCORES of other cases involve attacks on motorists who have sworn that the control of their vehicles had somehow been wrested from them. Two young men in Idaho, Will Begay and Clyde Soccie, burst into the office of the Sheriff of Bonneville County on the night of November 2, 1967. They said they had been driving near Ririe, Idaho when something seemed to land on the roof of their car. Then as they put it, "a power bigger than they could cope with" forced them off the road. They leaped out of their vehicle and were astounded to see a saucer-shaped object perched on the roof. Two men, both "about three feet tall," appeared and addressed them in some incomprehensible language. Unable to communicate, the

little men finally got back into the object and flew off.

These things have been going on largely unnoticed for years. Whatever these objects are, they can not only paralyze people, but they can also cause automobiles to stall, they can jam radios and knock telephones out. They have even reportedly picked up trucks from highways and hoisted them into the air. Local police have found themselves totally helpless when a UFO "flap" hits their area. And they haven't been able to find anyone in the federal government who will even listen to their tales of horror. Deputy Sheriff A. N. Perkins and Patrolman C. F. Bell, of Williston, Fla., claimed that they were engulfed with an intolerable wave of heat and became temporarily paralyzed as a group of objects flew over a line of stalled autos on December 5, 1955. Other police officers have claimed that they reached for their guns to fire on "flying saucers" and found themselves unable to pull their weapons from their holsters.

One of the many apparent patterns emerging from this mass of data is the consistent reappearance of the objects in the same isolated, thinly populated areas year after year. These sectors, known as "flap areas," have become inundated with other bizarre problems in 1966-68. Giant "prowlers" or "peeping Toms," always described as being at least six-feet, six-inches tall with shiny silver hair, have sparked police searches all over the country. Identical "prowlers" have appeared in West Virginia, Massachusetts, Florida, and in New York State—not far from Fleming. Farmers in New York's Delaware County have been pursuing these elusive giants with shotguns and soberly describe how the "prowlers" are able to run with incredible swiftness in total darkness and seem to leap over high obstructions with astounding ease.

ON Ohio, the author was told similar stories of "cattle rustlers" in shiny white coveralls who performed feats of running and jumping that were impossible for a human being. Local law enforcement officials everywhere have been perturbed over the sharp increase in "cattle rustling" in "flap areas" in Florida, Ohio and other states. Often the mutilated carcasses of the animals are found drained of blood. One cow was found in Ohio in December 1967, cleanly cut in half "as if it had been snipped by a giant pair of scissors." The "rustlers" never leave any footprints or other clues behind.

"Just where does a rustler put a full grown cow?" a sheriff's deputy in Florida asked ufologist Joan Whritenour, after a futile search for footprints and truck tracks. "Sure as hell not in his back pocket!"

In the fall of 1967, the story of Snippy, a horse found mutilated in Colorado, was given considerable newspaper space. But there have been hundreds of "Snippys" in the past few years, and hundreds—if not thousands—of dogs have also disappeared or been found inexplicably dead and bloodless in "flap areas." Mutilated animals have also turned up in Canada and South America. In Condon, Peru, a farmer named Alphonso Perez reported that six of his prize heifers had been slaughtered in the spring of 1968 by parties unknown. Veterinarians who examined the carcasses said the animals had slit throats and the wounds appeared to have been cauterized. The blood had been drained from all of them. Old fashioned western-style cattle rustlers often butchered animals in the fields, but they made

off with the prize steak cuts, not just the blood.

It looks as if the UFOs are interested in, and have a serious need for, animal blood. But what about human blood?

HERE'S a case that may offer a clue. Early on a rainy morning in March 1967, a Red Cross Bloodmobile, laden with fresh blood collected from human volunteers, was driving along Route 2, next to the Ohio river, en route to Red Cross headquarters in Huntington, W. Va. The driver was Beau Shertzer, 21, and he was accompanied by a young nurse. As they hit a completely deserted stretch of road, a large glowing object lifted from a nearby hill and sailed silently toward the vehicle. Shertzer rolled down his window and looked up. He was panic-stricken to see some kind of arm or extension being lowered from the glistening machine cruising only a few feet above his Bloodmobile. The nurse looked out her window and saw another arm reaching down on her side of the truck. It looked as if the flying saucer was trying to wrap a pincer-like device around the vehicle. The nurse went into hysterics, understandably, and Shertzer opened the engine up wide, trying desperately to outrun the thing. Apparently they were saved by the sudden appearance of headlights from oncoming traffic. As the other cars neared, the object retracted the arms and hastily flew off.

To this day Beau Shertzer refuses to drive along that highway.

Other puzzling incidents have had far more serious consequences. One man died of drowning after jumping into Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, together with dozens of other fishermen, when a huge luminous object flew low over them and terrified them on October 6, 1961. Another man, Francis Bedel, Jr., lost control of his car five miles north of Freetown, Indiana, on the night of January 17, 1967, when a bright glowing object swooped out of the sky and made a low-level approach. Bedel's car swerved off the highway and ended up in a creek badly damaged.

There are growing numbers of cases in which innocent people have been badly burned, blinded, or given a near-lethal dose of radiation poisoning by the mysterious objects. "Sonny" Desvergers, a scoutmaster, was reportedly burned and knocked unconscious by a "ball of fire" which came from a circular object near Boynton Beach, Florida in August 1952. Desvergers said there was the "smell of rotten eggs" around the object. The Air Force said his whole story was a hoax.

A young boy near Hobbs, N.M., Charles Davis, was "burned bald" by a low-flying UFO on June 2, 1964. His grandmother saw the object shoot away as the boy screamed with pain and his face began to swell until his eyes were closed and his ears "looked like pieces of raw meat." Another child, an eleven-year-old girl, was allegedly burned in an identical manner by "a flying ash-tray" near Oklahoma City, Okla. in the fall of 1964. When Robert Stiff, a local ufologist, tried to investigate the case he found the Air Force had whisked the girl away to a military hospital. He was never able to get to the bottom of that one.

A 45-year-old woman near Fleming, N.Y. was struck by "a ball of fire" from a UFO while riding in a car in the spring of 1966. She was hospitalized and remained partially paralyzed for weeks afterwards. But one of the severest of all "burn" cases took place in Canada on May 20, 1967, an apparent accident. Steve Michalak, 52, was gathering rock samples near a place

called Falcon Lake when he blundered upon a circular object which looked like stainless steel. He watched it land, he claims, and heard voices coming from it. He called out but received no reply, so he walked up to the thing and actually touched it. As he did so, the disc began to revolve and a blast of heat struck him, burning his chest under his clothes, leaving an odd checker-board pattern. He became ill immediately and has not been well since, apparently suffering with all the symptoms of radiation poisoning. His case has been thoroughly investigated by both Canadian and American scientists and medical men.

Still another child, this time a 12-year-old boy named Gregory Wells, became involved in this undercover nightmare on March 19th, 1968. Gregory had gone outside his trailer home near Beallsville, Ohio to get a thermos jug of water. Suddenly a reddish football-shaped object appeared low over the trees, making a noise like a generator. A tube projected from the object and flashed a beam of red light at the boy, knocking him to the ground and setting his jacket aflame. A local investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Dennis Jones, filed a careful report in which he said he "felt the people involved were telling merely what they saw," and he felt that "Gregory was telling the truth." Young Wells required medical attention.

A beam of light from an object "as big as a baseball diamond" paralyzed and partially deafened another Ohio boy on August 19, 1966. Chris Ward, 14, and three young friends were camping out in sleeping bags on the back porch of a home in East Liverpool, Ohio, when around

12:40 a.m. Ryan Reed, 12, woke up and became aware of something hovering over the porch. He woke up the others and they excitedly left the porch to watch the enormous object hanging low over the house. Suddenly a beam of light shot out from underneath the craft, striking Chris Ward and rendering him immobile.

Terror swept over the small group. The others grabbed Chris but found they couldn't move him. It was as if he were rooted to the spot. The object turned bright red and shot upwards. As it disappeared eastward, Chris was able to move again—and move he did! All four boys scrambled desperately around to the front of the house. Chris had the key to the front door and he twisted it in the lock so violently that it actually broke in two.

POLICE lieutenant Kenneth Mooney and Patrolman James Buckley later said that the boys were genuinely terrified by whatever they had seen. Dozens of people, including several policemen, reported seeing a "huge fireball" blazing across the sky shortly after the boys' sighting. Chris Ward's face was partially numb, he complained, and his hearing was impaired for several hours after his experience with that "beam of light."

All of these incidents, and there are thousands more identical to them from all parts of the world, indicate that the "flying saucers" are engaged in activities far more complex and searching than a mere "aerial survey" of our planet. It is also clear that they have a need for both human beings and animals. There are hundreds of cases of open and deliberate hostility. The objects and their occupants

have rather pointlessly injured innumerable people, pursued or attacked thousands of others, and ruthlessly raided our pastures and farms.

The UFO weaponry is awesome. They can paralyze and immobilize both machine and human beings; they can somehow tamper with the human mind.

But why do they seem to be preoccupied with children and teen-agers? Where are all of the disappearing people going? We only hear about the ones who get away. There are undoubtedly thousands of incredible cases which have never been reported to anyone.

As of now, isolated sheriffs and police authorities scattered around the country are fighting a lonely battle, trying to cope with an unseen and dangerous enemy. Thousands of people in small towns and villages are afraid to go out alone at night, terrified of what may be lurking in their once placid skies.

Air Force jets *do* pursue the objects at every opportunity. When a "flap" broke out around Columbus, Ohio in the spring of 1968, the Air Force was on the job, scrambling fighters, trying to seek out these strange will-o'-the-wisp things that appear and disappear almost magically.

But how can you fight a thing that can freeze your limbs and blank our your mind? Perhaps the best advice, for now at least, can be found in the words of a sheriff in South Carolina who has been living with this nightmare for over a year.

"All we can do is keep our windows and doors locked," he said. "And don't go joy-riding late at night. There's something out there, all right, but we're like a bunch of kids trying to hunt an elephant with a bean-shooter." ***