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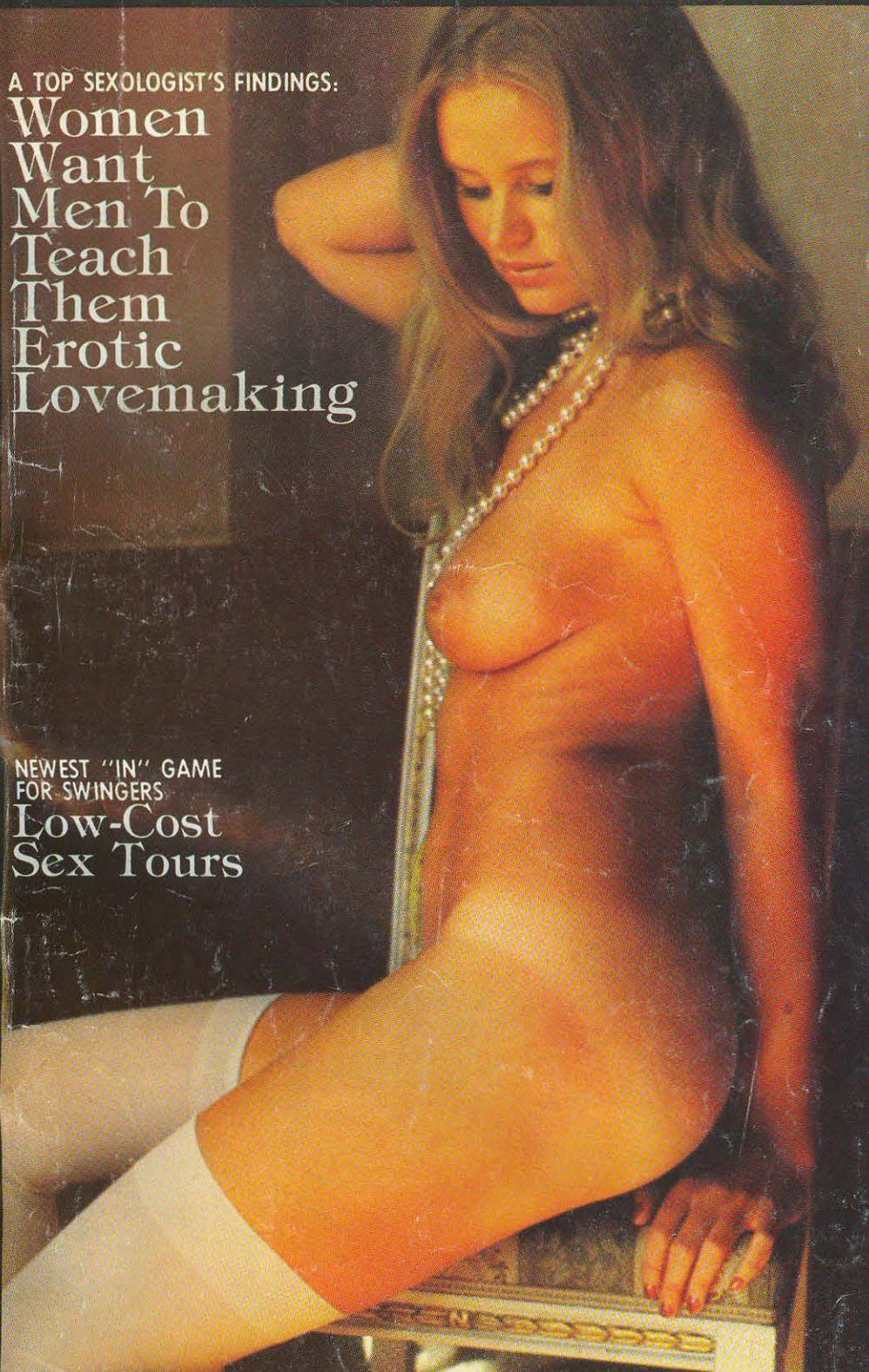
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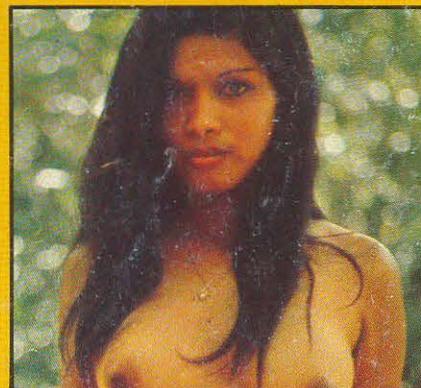
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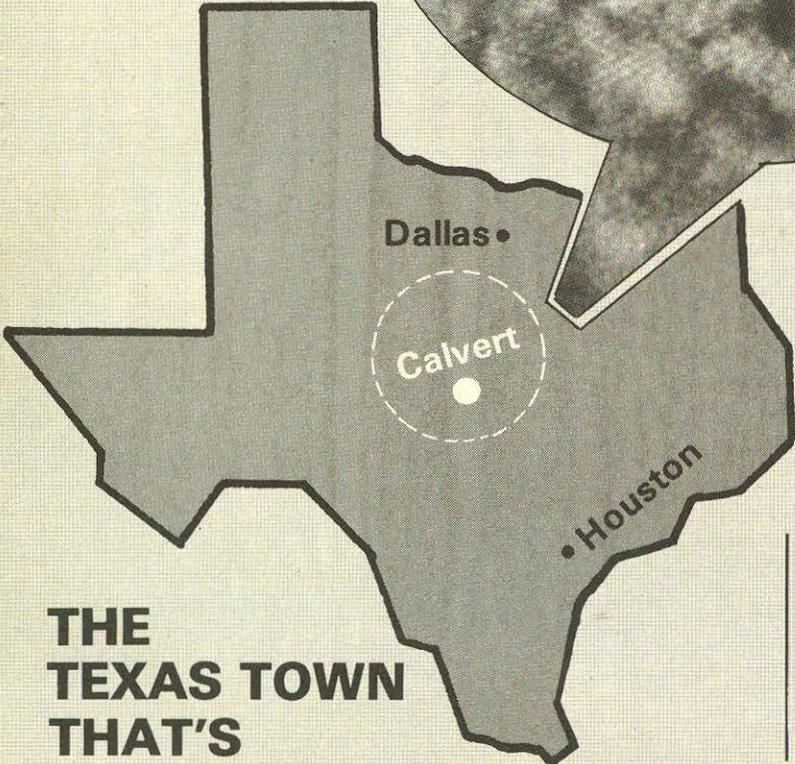
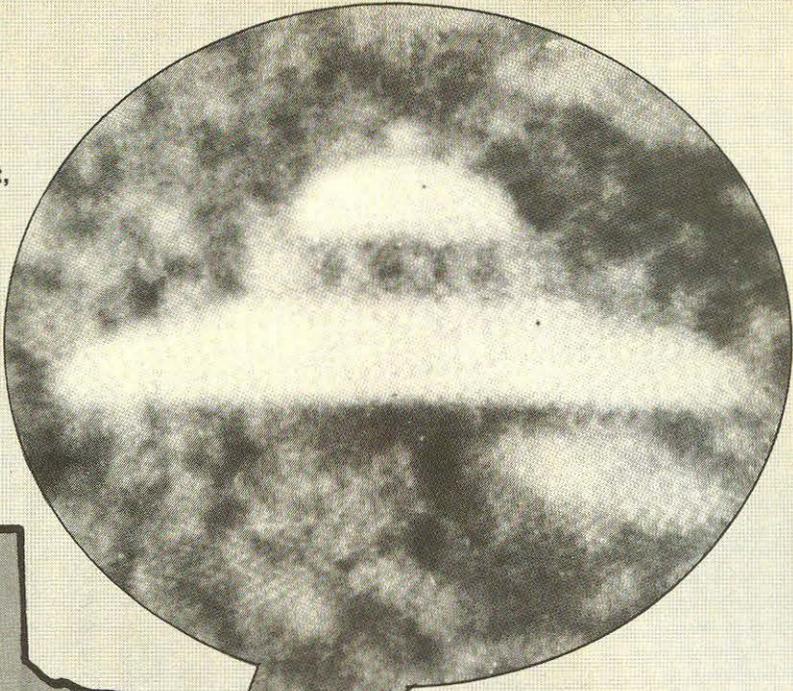
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By ANDREW BUTLER

## THE TEXAS TOWN THAT'S

# UNDER ATTACK BY UFOs

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**"T**HE thing stood there and looked at me for at least two and a half minutes. I was petrified with fear. I don't think I even blinked my eyes once, I was so scared."

The speaker is a 36-year-old businessman who lives near Calvert, a small Texas town about 75 miles north-east of Austin. He was describing his frightening encounter with what he is sure was an alien being from outer space.

"It was my day off and I was taking a hike through the woods, as I often do, when I saw the saucer. It was about six hundred yards away (Continued on page 85)

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when I first spotted it; greenish-blue and reddish-purple in color and about twenty-five feet in diameter. There was a kind of dome with two windows on top, and it rested on four metal legs.

"I got to within about a hundred feet of the object when this, uh, well, thing stepped out from some bushes. It was about five feet tall and wore a silver, coverall-type suit and skin-tight mittens or gloves. It had some sort of protective helmet on, but it was transparent and I could see its weird face. The eyes were set wide apart and the chin came to a point.

"The creature walked toward me and stopped maybe ten or fifteen feet away from me. Then it pulled something from its right side, lifted it to its face and the object flashed. My guess is that it was probably some sort of camera. The object flashed again, and that's when I took off like a bat out of hell."

The businessman, who does not want to be identified for fear of ridicule, is not the only Texan who has witnessed such strange sights. In fact, since 1956, Calvert alone has been host to no fewer than 207 "visitations" by unidentified flying objects.

"More UFOs have been sighted here than probably anywhere else in the U.S.A.," reports Gracia Unger, editor of the *Calvert Tribune*. "UFO activity reached its peak last November and December, with one hundred and two sightings in sixty days. No one knows why the UFOs pick Calvert, but the strongest theory is because there is a big airbase here and several radar installations."

Why indeed have UFOs singled out Calvert for what is apparently intense observation? Are the airbase and radar installations the real objects of scrutiny, and if so, why?

"The government is aware of the unusual number of UFO sightings in and around Calvert, Texas," says a reliable Washington source, "and a discreet investigation is right now taking place. When all the facts have been gathered and carefully examined, perhaps then we'll have some of the answers."

The Washington source went on to say that investigators are especially interested in the "underwater aspect," which obviously refers to a sighting made by editor Unger herself on November 21, 1973.

**"F**OR several nights we had received reports of a brightly colored, egg-shaped vessel over the Brazos River Bridge six miles east of Calvert," Mrs. Unger said. "On this night, around seven o'clock, three others and I saw a UFO land on the river—and in a twinkling of an eye it submerged in the water, extinguishing all its lights in the process. We waited more than four hours but it did not reappear."

This "underwater aspect" is not confined to this one sighting alone. In 1974 there were over 677 "UFOs" (Unidentified Sea Objects) sighted and reported. All of these sightings were recorded by a new Boston, Massachusetts, organization call-

ed the Unidentified Swimming Objects Research Society. In an in-depth article on the subject that appeared in *MALE*, November 1974, the Society's co-director, marine biologist Dr. Alvin Ellmann, stated: "Taken individually, the incidents might be hard to believe. But when so many are reported by reliable sources, we have to at least admit the possibility that more than a few are true, and that our world is not only haunted by all kinds of bizarre aerial objects, but plagued by ocean-based mysteries as well."

The Society's other co-director, Dr. Maynard Wilson, a clinical psychologist, commented further on his organization's belief in the existence of USOs: "It is important to remember that 'U' stands for 'Unidentified.' We are not cranks, nor dreamers arguing the existence of men from Mars (although we don't discount the possibility). We are simply saying that more and more objects in our waters have been sighted and that no one—the U.S. Navy, top-flight scientists from every country, legitimate research organizations—can deny it.

"We mustn't forget that almost three-quarters of the Earth is covered by water, and that three-quarters of the Earth's mineral wealth is contained beneath that water. If—and I am only raising a hypothetical question—extraterrestrial beings were interested in either exploring or exploiting our planet, it would be quite logical that Earth's waters be included in their research."

Underwater or in the air, the fact remains that Calvert has been a definite "target" for UFOs for over 18 years. Since 1947, when the U.S. first became "officially" aware of so-called "flying saucers," there have been over 5,000 reported sightings. The word "reported" is important to note here, because, as with other kinds of statistics, there have probably been almost as many "unreported" sightings. For one particular town to be host to over 200 of these visual phenomena during an 18-year period is extremely unusual, to say the least.

Over the years there have been many "flaps" or "clusters" of UFO sightings in various parts of the country, some of them over a period of just a few days, others over a period of months, or even several years.

Residents of Exeter, New Hampshire, experienced a prolonged flurry of UFO activity for many weeks, with everyone from policemen to housewives as eyewitnesses, prompting reporter John Fuller to conduct a thorough investigation of the "flap" and subsequently write the now-famous book, *Incident At Exeter*.

Erie, Pennsylvania, citizens were plagued for months by scores of UFO sightings, resulting in civilian researchers dubbing the area a "nesting" ground for saucers.

Pompton Lakes, near Paterson, New Jersey, was another area in which a great deal of prolonged UFO activity took place. And, as in so many of the reported UFO sightings, reliable witnesses included policemen. Again and again, in 1966 and 1967, the reports came in, sightings of brightly glowing objects "the size of an automobile" were hovering in the sky.

**A** COMPLEX of UFO incidents took

place in March, 1966, near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dozens upon dozens of people witnessed a continual stream of multi-colored objects darting up and down over a swampy area. From the windows of the Hillsdale College dormitories scores of co-eds—and even some of the school's faculty members—observed the antics of the strange objects. Official explanation for the phenomenon was "swamp gas." An explanation that caused Gerald Ford, then a Michigan Congressman and Minority Leader in the House, to protest, stating that the American people are entitled to better explanations.

There have been other UFO "flaps" throughout the U.S. over the years, many recurring in the same areas more than once. In Brooksville, Florida, for example, the ratio of UFO sightings per number of citizens, is very high. Unofficial estimates indicate that at least one out of every 20 persons in Brooksville has seen some sort of unidentified object scooting about in the immediate aerial vicinity of the small Florida town.

But for number of sightings over a sustained period of time, Calvert, Texas, weighs in as No. 1 "target" town in the U.S. And if the past 18 years is any indication, the UFO visitors will probably be back again and again in the future, looking for whatever it is they're looking for or doing whatever it is they've done. This is an educated guess few Calvert residents would argue against. They've been made believers.

Just ask TV repairman and ham radio operator Virgil Chappell, one of the many Calvert citizens who have spotted UFOs.

"One night I glanced up in the sky and saw a radiating light maneuvering over the treetops," Chappell related. "I grabbed a pair of binoculars—and saw the heavens dotted with a multitude of eerie-colored, pulsating lights of violet, red, yellow and blue hues. They were disc-shaped."

Another Calvertan, a banker named Billy R. Hall, described what he had seen on November 15, 1973: "Through binoculars I could make out that the UFO was gun-metal gray and had a bubble-like structure on top. This was definitely a

'ship,' not a star or a flare."

According to a Calvert grain store owner, Steve Abraham, he and his 17-year-old daughter, Shirley, witnessed a UFO hovering above a tree one night while driving in their car.

"As we neared Fish Creek Bridge," he reported, "we saw an image that resembled a bell, with a reddish-orange glow emanating from the bottom. After a few seconds the glow dimmed and seemed to go out. Then, just as suddenly, it came back on brighter than before. All at once, a very brilliant spotlight appeared.

"Then the UFO came down at a rapid speed toward the highway and over our car. I thought it was going to run over us, but as it got closer it turned upward and disappeared over the trees."

A deputy sheriff, who asked not to be identified, said he had observed a UFO for 45 minutes during daylight.

"It came so close I could tell positively that it was not an aircraft," the officer said.

One of the most recent UFO sightings in Calvert (at this writing) occurred on June 27 of last year, at about 8:30 p.m. The observer was Alice Tribble, a housewife.

"I had just let my little dog out when I saw something hanging in the sky over our old oak tree," Mrs. Tribble related. "It was really weird. It was bluish-white and had a band of red lights around it.

"It was at least fifty feet across. After hovering in one spot for about fifteen minutes, it shot straight up—vanishing in space."

**W**HAT are these strange objects in our skies? Why are they watching us? And why has Calvert, Texas, until now a relatively little-known southwestern town, been singled out as the main attraction for these mysterious visitors? Who or what was the strange being in the woods outside Calvert?

The only clear-cut answer is that there are no answers. The only ones who know the who's, the what's and the why's are the occupants of the UFOs themselves.

And they're not telling—yet. \*\*\*