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## PROF. HYNEK VISITS AUSTRALIA

### Lecture tour in three States and New Guinea

Professor J. Allen Hynek, who for 22 years was UFO consultant to the U.S. Air Force, will arrive in Sydney on August 16 for a lecture tour of Australia and New Guinea.

He will give three lectures in Sydney under the auspices of the Sydney University Donovan Astronomy Fund Trustees: the Chief Justice of NSW, Mr. J. Kerr, the President of the NSW Royal Society, Mr. J.P. Pollard and the BAA President, Mr. W.E. Moser.

Professor Hynek was born in Chicago on May 1, 1910, attended public schools in the city and graduated from Crane Technical High School in 1927. He then went to the University of Chicago and won his B.S. in Astronomy in 1931 and a Ph.D. in 1935.

From 1935 to 1956 he taught at Ohio State University - with an interruption during the war years when he was a civilian scientist working on the development of the radio proximity fuse at the Applied Physics Laboratory of the John Hopkins University.

After returning to Ohio State he became Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the McMillin Observatory and finally Professor of Astronomy from 1950 to 1956.

In 1956 he became Associate Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Harvard where he taught until 1960. In addition he established the U.S. programme for the optical tracking of satellites. Under his direction 12 tracking stations were set up around the world, as well as a volunteer "Moon Watch" system of 270 observation teams which served to back up the stations.

Professor Hynek's chief areas of research include stellar spectroscopy, image conversion methods in astronomy, search for supernovae, lunar telescope programme; and UFO investigation. Professor Hynek will arrive in Sydney on August 16 and a reception will be held for him on August 21 in the Dutch Inn, Park Regis Building, Park Street. Scientists, Media representatives and members of various societies will be present.

He will give three lectures at Sydney's Science House at 8.15 p.m. on August 17, 20 and 22. Their respective titles will be "The UFO Experience" to the UFOIC, "Television Astronomy" to the Royal Society and "The Fight for Photons" to the BAA.

He will lecture at Gosford on August 18 and attend the IAU Congress from the 21st to 30th August with the possibility of going to Canberra to meet the Federal Science Minister, Bill Morrison.

His visit to New Guinea has been tentatively set down as August 29th to September 3rd, coming back to Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne before leaving for New Zealand on September 11, for Samoa on September 15, and returning to America on September 17.

N.B. Also see a review of Hynek's Book, "The UFO Experience" on Page 4.

## MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be at Science House, Gloucester Street, Sydney, on August 17th at 8.15 p.m. when Professor Hynek will lecture on "The UFO Experience".

Professor Hynek will autograph copies of his book, which will be available at \$7.30.

There will also be a meeting on September 7th at 7.30 p.m. at the Railway Institute and on October 2nd at 8.15 p.m. at Science House.

## "BLOB BAFFLES BOFFINS. UFO MYSTERY PROBED"

extract from The Vancouver Province Associated Press 30/5/73

DALLAS — A mysterious, indestructible blob found in a Dallas woman's back yard is being analysed by scientists. And 75 miles away fragments of unidentifiable metal, found at that spot where an unidentified flying object (UFO) is said to have crashed 76 years ago, have been sent to several universities for analysis.

Hayden Hughes, head of the National UFO Centre at Oklahoma City, said he plans a trip to Aurora, northwest of Dallas, where newspapers of the time said a creature who piloted the UFO was buried.

Sightseers and reporters were being kept away from the small graveyard by a guard. Dallas newspapers of 1897 said the badly mangled creature piloting the craft was buried in the cemetery. Fragments of metal dug up at the crash site over the years have defied analysis. Now the universities are trying again.

The blobs of oozing, mucous material that appeared two weeks ago in the backyard of a Garland, Texas, woman have no direct connection with the UFO mystery, but are calculated to delight science fiction fans because of their seeming life-like qualities and their indestructibility.

Marie Marvis described the material as reddish with thick bubbles on top and blackish mucus inside. It has multiplied itself 16 times in two weeks.

A North Dallas woman who refused to be identified said, "I'm scared to death. I have the same thing on my hedge. I can't kill it."

Scientists from Gowth International, a Colorado firm, are analysing the stuff. G.I. scientist Arnold Dittman said, "Yes, it's growing. We put samples in a jar and before long we noticed pressure was building up inside."

## VAST UFO WAVE HITS PENNSYLVANIA

A major UFO "wave" apparently hit a three-county area of eastern Pennsylvania during March, with police in Northampton, Berks and Monroe Counties recording hundreds of sightings.

According to police, reports of UFOs were coming in from all parts of their respective jurisdictions at the height of the "wave".

The current rash of reports began on March 1, 1973, when dozens of residents of Saylor's Lake, Pa., spotted at least 42 flashing lights during a three-hour period (UFO Investigator, April 1973).

The Saylor's Lake UFOs were described as round objects, some with white lights and others with red or blue lights. The objects, according to local reports, appeared in groups at one end of the lake and took about three minutes to pass over the lake. One witness estimated the objects passed over at an altitude of approximately 1,500 feet.

The most spectacular report in the current wave of sightings came on March 28 when a husband and wife living in a rural area of Berks County claimed they were awakened around 1.30 a.m. by a "rumbling noise followed by a screeching sound."

According to the couple, they went to the window of their home and observed an object which appeared to be hovering or sitting on a hill near the house. At one point, they said, they could see what appeared to be a figure moving about inside.

"It was a black figure...like a stick figure, only thicker...It was bending over and moving about...we were frightened and fascinated at the same time," the wife said.

(APRO - USA)

## FAIRY RINGS OR UFOS?

by Michael Guider

Mystery rings and circles found in Australia recently continue to excite and intrigue all those who have seen them.

Initially these weird earth rings were without any apparent explanation, although many people believed them to be actual evidence of UFO landings.

However, it now seems that these rings are only "fairy rings", areas of fungus growth.

This indeed was the case with the recent Navarre, Vic. circles. The circles or rings on the ground at Navarre had an approx. diameter of 78 to 84 feet and were bigger than similar markings found elsewhere in Australia. A band of bare soil formed the circumference of the circles and there were patches of bare soil inside the rings. This soil was found to be heavily impregnated with a musty-smelling substance.

Three other rings were found on a farm near Clare, South Australia in July 1972. These rings were small, being only 10 to 12 in. with bands of dead grass forming 4 to 5 ft. diameter circles.

Both these reports of mystery rings have been attributed to fungi. The Clare, S.A. rings being caused by a fungi belonging to the Basidiomycetes group.

After such positive identifications one could hardly believe the mystery rings were anything but fungi and yet I for one still have doubts.

### DOUBTS

These doubts have been kindled in the light of new reports received by the UFO Research Network.

On the 10th of March this year, Robert Mack, a grazier on a property at Bingara, NSW, reported finding a mystery ring.

The circle had an overall diameter of 25 ft. including a band 2 ft. wide and was situated in a flat area near a dry gully in long grass.

Mr. S.G. Williams, a UFOIC Investigator, reported that his compass was slightly affected when held near the ring. Magnetic fungus perhaps? Also noted was the fact that inside the band itself no grass grew in the bare red earth, yet there had been a recent rainfall of 6 in. at the time of the report. Outside this band grass was growing normally.

Fungus usually appears after a good rainfall and yet this ring remained unaffected.

On the 3rd March this year another mystery ring was reported, this time from Barraba, NSW. Mr. and Mrs. Carter found a ring in high green grass on their property.

### MORE CIRCLES

The circle was said to be about 18 ft. but on investigation it was found to be 25 ft. with a band of 18 in. width. Grass was dead within this band. Two other mystery circles were found on the Carter property about 100 yards away from the 25 ft. circle and closer to the homestead.

These marks were identical in appearance to the Tully, Qld. saucer nests of 1966, but they had a diameter of 54 in. and were 18 ft. apart. Long grass was flattened and spun around in an anticlockwise circle. A grass and soil sample taken from the Barraba rings smelt strongly of sulphuric acid but the compass was unaffected by these rings. (Must be a new high-flying unmagnetic fungus?)

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Another case which defies the fungus theory comes again from South Australia.

The scene begins at midnight in December 1971, when a country family sees "a very large red ball of light descending over a shed towards the ground". This sighting occurred over Tooligie Hill, S.A. and quite probably would have been forgotten had it not been for an amazing discovery the very next day.

A neighbouring farmer was mystified when he found, just beyond his shed, a very unusual mark. The mark was a 45 in. diameter circle ringed by a 2 ft. wide trench pressed in the soil to a depth of 3 to 4 in. The trench in turn was ringed by a 24 in. wide band of flattened wheat, and all around this outside diameter the wheat was growing normally.

Are these mystery rings all due to fungus or are we being confused by our failure to understand the true nature of these weird marks?

I believe it is a case worthy of further investigation for although some causes of these rings have been explained there are too many questions that remain unexplained.

## • A plea for help about the past

### UFO and Radiation Damage in 1886.

IN OUR never-ending quest for more UFO data, especially sighting reports prior to 1940, we have decided to print an article which, while not being a proven UFO report, nevertheless will, we hope, spur some of our members into more active research.

Perhaps there are old letters, newspapers or even tales of strange lights that you have either seen or heard about? If this is indeed the case, then we would be very grateful for any clue - no matter how small - to be passed on to the UFO Research Network (address in the UFOIC News column.)

Here is the letter from the Scientific American:

"To the Editor of the Scientific American.

"The following brief account of a recent strange meteorological occurrence may be of interest to your readers as an addition to the list of electrical eccentricities.

"During the night of October 24 last, which was rainy and tempestuous, a family of nine persons, sleeping in a hut a few leagues from Maracaibo, were awakened by a loud humming noise and a vivid, dazzling light, which brilliantly illuminated the interior of the house.

"The occupants, completely terror stricken, and believing, as they relate, that the end of the world had come, threw themselves down on their knees and commenced to pray, but their devotions were almost immediately interrupted by violent vomitings, and extensive swellings commenced to appear in the upper part of their bodies, this being particularly noticeable about the face and lips.

"It is to be noted that the brilliant light was not accompanied by a sensation of heat, although there was a smoky appearance and a peculiar smell.

"The next morning the swellings had subsided, leaving upon the face and body large black areas. No special pain was felt until the ninth day, when the skin peeled off, and these blotches were transformed into virulent raw sores.

"The hair of the head fell off the side which happened to be underneath when the phenomenon occurred, the same side of the body being, in all nine cases, the more seriously injured.

"The remarkable part of the occurrence is that the house was uninjured, all doors and windows being closed at the time.

"No trace of lightning could afterward be observed in any part of the building, and all the sufferers unite in saying that there was no detonation, but only the loud humming already mentioned.

"Another curious attendant circumstance is that the trees around the house showed no sign of injury until the ninth day, when they suddenly withered, almost simultaneously with the development of the sores on the bodies of the occupants of the house.

"This is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it is remarkable that the same susceptibility to electrical effects, with the same lapse of time, should be observed in both animal and vegetable organisms.

"I have visited the sufferers, who are now in one of the hospitals of this city; and although their appearance is truly horrible, yet it is hoped that in no case will the injuries prove fatal.

Warner Cowgill, U.S. Consulate, Maracaibo, Venezuela, November 7th, 1886"

Truly an amazing report! Is there a slight possibility that the hospital mentioned may still be in existence? And if so, are the records relating to the patients still available? Local newspapers may also contain information, provided Venezuela had a newspaper in 1886.

Certainly the effects mentioned have occurred in relation to modern UFO sightings but how many more of these old, unexplained mysteries remain to be discovered.

M.G.

### MUCH NEEDED

Would anyone able to spare a copy of No. 37 UFOIC Newsletter please pass it or any others to the Hon. Gen. Secretary when they can.

## ASTRONOMERS AND U.F.O.'s

By William Moser, President of the British Astronomical Association and General Secretary of UFOIC.

(Continued from UFOIC Newsletter No. 37 & 38)

**3rd August, 1951:** Prof. W.N. Webb, Chief Lecturer at the Hayden Planetarium, Boston, saw that night at about 11 p.m. while staying at a Scouts Camp in Michigan a glowing yellow-reddish object, moving in a wavy path. He could not explain the sighting and thus called it a UFO.

**11th June, 1954:** Dr. Wilkins, the well-known U.K. Astronomer while on a lecture tour in the USA saw during a plane flight two objects, oval-shaped burnished brass in colour, darting through the clouds about two miles away. A third darker object also appeared, apparently stationary. The late Dr. Wilkins one of the best observers of our times could only describe them as UFO's.

**6th July, 1954:** Frank Halstead, curator of Darling Observatory, Minnesota, with his assistant and visitors to the observatory that night saw a strange phenomena on the moon, confirmed by other observers in New Orleans and Tulane. It was a straight dark line, which did not show up after some nights when inclement weather prohibited viewing. He attributes this line to factors unknown to us. On November 1st, 1955, Halstead had a sighting of two UFO's. He was travelling that day with his wife to California when two objects appeared, the first one cigar-shaped, estimated at 800 feet in length, the second one disc-shaped, approx. 10 feet in diameter. Both objects were very shiny. They were observed for 2-3 minutes, pacing the train, when they started to rise, first slowly, disappearing in 15-20 seconds.

**29th May, 1963:** Prof. Bart Bok, at that time Director of Mount Stromlo Observatory, Australia and Professor of Astronomy at Canberra University, saw with two other members of his staff, Dr. Gollnow and Miss M. Mowat, an orange-coloured object, circular and luminous, passing slowly over the Observatory. In their opinion it was slower than a meteor and they considered it man-made. But what it was they were unable to say thus following many other scientists, trying to find a way to avoid the UFO-Problem.

**August 1st 1966:** Dr. V. Uzunoglu, a physicist, saw that night while driving in Maryland an object whose like he had never observed before. Two very bright red and one flickering green light were showing. It hung noiselessly and motionless in the sky. When moving off after a while it's speed was estimated at 4000 miles an hour.

**August 23rd, 1966:** That day at 9.27 a.m., whilst observing solar flares, two objects were observed at Kandilli Observatory, Turkey, crossing the sun's disk. The second one was seen 17 minutes after the first one and photographed. It showed up as a small dark spot and was attributed by the observing astronomers to a satellite.

In these over forty observations I gave a picture of objects seen by astronomers and refrained in most cases from any explanation.

I consider it worthwhile to conclude with three observations of unknown objects, two by prominent people, the other one to my knowledge never published before. Finally an excerpt from a book sale.

**June 11th, 1881:** At 4.00 a.m., travelling between Melbourne and Sydney, a strange illuminating object linked to a ship in the sky was seen by a part of the crew of HMS Bacchante, then on a cruise round the world, carrying the two elder sons of Edward VII, Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence (1864-1892) and his younger brother known to us as King George V. (1865-1936). Both princes saw the object and described it in a book written by them, "The Cruise of the Bacchante".

**1931:** Sir Francis Chichester, known to all of us through his sailing feats, was crossing the Tasman Sea in a small plane. He saw an object of silver-pearly colour, flashing brightly, going very fast then decelerating, accelerating again and finally vanishing.

## "SOMETHING NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN"

An advertisement in a book catalogue (1949) states about a four-page print, (price at the time £4.0.0).

"An apparition of several ships and men in the air which seemed to the beholders to be fighting. They were seen on Tuesday, 26th August, 1679 by the carrier of the Cirencester and his company in Berkshire as they were upon the road coming from London to Abingdon". - Unfortunately the price was a bit much so I don't know who purchased it. I put that down, considering it of interest in UFO-Research.

## LIBRARY

We need back anything on loan from the UFOIC Library as soon as possible for stocktaking. Please return these at meetings or to Box E170 P.O. St. James, Sydney, 2000.

Let us know of any change of address at first opportunity.

## ADDENDA

**February 7th, 1802:** The astronomer Fritsch at Magdeburg Observatory, Germany, saw a black disc-shaped object traverse the Sun. He could not find any astronomical explanation for same.

**October 10th, 1802:** Fritsch saw again with the help of a good telescope another object moving in the sky.

**In 1818:** The astronomer Loft at Ipswich, England, noticed an elliptical object near the Sun, visible for about 3½ hours, on January 16th.

Sighting mentioned (Webb) after September 7th 1820.

**May 22nd, 1823:** The astronomer Webb, of Greenwich Observatory, observed a number of luminous objects moving near the planet Venus.

**July 29th, 1878:** James C. Watson, director of Michigan University Observatory and Lewis Swift, director Warner Observatory, saw a flying moving object with an estimated diameter of two kilometres.

**October 21st, 1878:** For about three hours the astronomer H.C. Russel with his assistant Hirts saw a mysterious machine, diameter estimated at 2 kilometres, standing still on the lunar disc, even in spite of the Moon's movements on the same spot during the whole observation.

**August 19th, 1887:** At Marseilles the Astronomers Codde and Payan saw during an eclipse of the Sun a round object, apparent diameter 1/10 of the Sun. The object apparently travelled at a considerable distance and it is certain that it was neither a meteor nor an asteroid.

**May 20th, 1950:** Prof. Hall at Lowell Observatory observed at 1 p.m. for some minutes in a clear sky a silvery brilliant disc, travelling at moderate speed. Diameter of the disc was approx. 15 metres. It was surrounded by a whitish, foaming cloud and certainly not an aircraft.

**October 10th and 11th, 1951:** On two consecutive days cosmic expert and astronomer J.J. Kaliszewski and colleagues saw in Wisconsin and Minnesota an incandescent object that moved in a controlled way.

**May 13th, 1952:** Four astronomers saw that day at Greenville Observatory, in South Carolina four discs travelling in a diamond-shaped pattern. They were a yellowish-reddish colour and passed over silently.

**June 30th, 1954:** A Norwegian astronomer, watching a solar eclipse from an aircraft, saw two disc-shaped objects. They followed the aircraft, executing various manoeuvres continuously. Pilots and others of the scientists observed the event also.

**October 15th, 1954:** Reuter's Agency reported that that day Dr. G. Duncan-Fletcher, of the Astronomical Society of Kenya, saw a disc-shaped object in the sky and expressed the firm conviction that this disc came from outside our World.

**Early November, 1954:** Astronomers at the Papal Observatory Castel Gandolfo saw unknown luminous objects passing near the observatory in the skies.

**March 18th, 1957:** At the Wilhelm Foerster Institute, Berlin University Observatory that evening two large fiery globes were observed over the city, moving in a north-westerly direction, one about 9 p.m., the other one about 11.15 p.m.

**November 6th, 1957:** The Japanese Observatories in Tokio and Sendai saw that evening a luminous object crossing the sky about two minutes before arrival of Sputnik II.

**November 7th, 1957:** At Mount Stromlo Observatory in Australia that evening a reddish object was observed which was neither a meteor nor a sputnik.

**November 11th, 1957:** Dr. Chapuis, Tolosa Observatory in Spain, observed an elliptical object, brilliant yellow in colour, crossing the sky at a velocity of about one degree per minute. It was the first time that this astronomer saw a similar object which was definitely not a meteor.

**December 18th, 1957:** At the Observatory of the Cappucine order, Poggio al Vente, near Siena, Italy an extremely luminous ovoid was seen for nearly one hour.

**December 20th, 1957:** An object was observed at 7 a.m. with the naked eye, estimated at a range of height of close to 1000 metres, at Oropa Observatory, Italy. The director, Father Balzerani, said it was of a brilliant rose colour and unknown to him.

Various Sightings from 1957 onwards were made by the well-known Astronomer Father Benito S. Reyna in Argentine till about 1965. These sightings were described in a number of astronomical publications quite extensively and photos were published in the daily press in various countries.

**March 8th, 1959:** Safad Observatory, Israel observed a blueish disc. This was confirmed also by Mount Canaan Observatory in the same country. The astronomers who observed it considered the object was of extraterrestrial origin.

**June 30th, 1961:** The observatory at Armentieres, France following a report from another observatory, saw an orange coloured, circular object immobile in the sky.

## THE UFO EXPERIENCE

by Prof. J. Allen Hynek

If Professor Hynek comes over as anything after reading his book, "The UFO Experience", it is as a sane and knowledgeable man—and that is a rare and estimable enough quality as far as most UFO writers are concerned.

The book is well planned, well documented, easy and logical to follow, and contains well laid-out and thought-out statistical data and a few carefully chosen photographs.

Basically, "The UFO Experience—A Scientific Inquiry" (Regnery, Chicago, U.S. \$6.95) is aimed at, and to this reviewer's mind, succeeds in, presenting the UFO phenomenon in a more exacting and therefore more credible—should we say scientific?—light. Cut out the speculation and the overt sensationalism and stick to facts based on a stated premise, and you have a yardstick, as it were, to examine the question.

So, basically, Hynek is credible. And that is where his strength lies among a plethora of so-called investigators. And because it is presented without fanaticism it will attract the sort of desirable serious observation that fanatics are incapable of either doing or inciting except amongst themselves.

One might call "The UFO Experience" a sort of Beginners' Classic Reference Book. Unfortunately it has no successors at the moment but, hopefully, it may spur them on; certainly, now, it has few peers.

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## NEW BOOKS RECOMMENDED

## CAN YOU SPEAK VENUSIAN?

A Guide to the Independent Thinkers

Patrick Moore

Dutton &amp; Charles. Lon. \$8.10

## THE DRAGON AND THE DISC

An Investigation into the Totally Fantastic

F.W. Holiday

Sidgwick &amp; Jackson. Lon.

## INVESTIGATING UFOs

Larry Kettelkamp, Ronald Stacy

## OPERATION TROJAN HORSE

John A. Keel

Abacus \$1.90

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## UFOIC NEWS

UFO-KITS are again for sale at \$1.20 each.

UFO-BADGES are also for sale at \$1.30 each.

Prof. Dr. Carl Sagan, Cornell University, New York, will also be in Sydney towards the end of August, 1973 for about 10 days. He intends to leave Sydney on September 5th but the executive will endeavour for him to address a meeting. He is famous for his knowledge of the planet Mars, extraterrestrial civilisations and intelligence and problems of the origin of life. William E. Moser, our Hon. Gen. Secretary, has been re-elected as President of the British Astronomical Association, NSW Branch, for his 3rd and last term.

A number of new magazines from various countries are again for sale. Contact our Hon. Gen. Secretary, Bill Moser, for more information.

People speaking foreign languages are asked to contact the Hon. Gen. Secretary regarding translations of overseas magazines.

## UFOIC joins the "NETWORK"

In the interests of UFO research within Australia and New Zealand the UFOIC committee has accepted an invitation to join the UFO Research Network and in future all sighting reports should be directed to the Network. The network receives information from all states in Australia and the Northern Territory and New Zealand. Its primary objectives are to further UFO research and foster goodwill between all similar groups. Please send all sighting reports to: Royal Exchange P.O. Box R 32 Sydney NSW Australia 2000.

## New Groups

## CENTRAL WEST UFO RESEARCH BUREAU

Contact - T.A. Bishop, 38 Franklin Road, Orange NSW 2800.

## CENTRAL COAST UFO RESEARCH BUREAU

Contact - Harry Griesberg, P.O. Box 546, Gosford NSW 2250.

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## The Australian Scene

## AN APPEAL TO ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE BURRAGORANG VALLEY NSW AND THE AREA AROUND TYRINGHAM NSW.

As these regions have been subject to UFO reports recently we would be pleased to hear from anyone who can tell us of a sighting in either of these regions or anyone who can assist in our investigation by maintaining a watch on the sky in those areas mentioned. All reports should be sent to the UFO Research Network at the address given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Recent reports received by UFOIC are listed below:

- February 18th, 1973 at Leeton NSW. Three women claim they saw an object in the sky over Leeton. Mrs. Bulgari and her two neighbours in Mallee Street, Leeton described the object as shaped like a shark, with lights in the nose and alongside the body.
- April 13th, 1973 at Ballarat Victoria. Mystery objects were seen over Ballarat during a period lasting 2 hours. An anonymous caller phoned the "Ballarat Courier" and told of a tremendous bright glow which appeared to be hanging over Mt. Rowan at about 8 p.m.
- The man said he was driving along Creswick Road about four miles from Ballarat when the object appeared about half a mile in front of him. He stopped the car and the entire bonnet was lit up like a mirror. Other reports were also phoned into the newspaper office, all objects were reported to be over or near Ballarat.

## The World Scene

## THE PRESIDENT AND THE LUCKY UFO

President Amin of Uganda has joined the band of UFO sighters.

The President was among many people who saw a mysterious object, "covered with something like smoke", descend on Lake Victoria on March 3.

After a few moments it rose "like a rocket being fired while at the same time moving gently".

The President pronounced the object to be "very important and a good sign".

## ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

Thurlow Craig and his wife were driving along a country road in Wales in an area supposedly haunted by the ghosts of previous inhabitants who were driven into nearby swamps by invading Norsemen. Mr. Craig's wife, looking back through the rear window of the car suddenly exclaimed, "What on earth can that be following us? It looks like a blue moon!"

Whatever it was it filled the car with blue light and alarmed the family dog. Ghost or UFO?

## RADIOACTIVE "FOOTPRINTS"

Just to hand is a report (dated June 1972) from the island of Kjolsoya, Norway, of the discovery of some strange triangular and round shaped prints in the ground that, after laboratory examination, have proved to be radioactive.

A week before the prints were found there were large disturbances on the local television casts.

## AVIATOR ASSAILS CONDON REPORT

One of the nation's pioneers in aviation recently called the Condon Report "one of the most deliberate cover-ups ever perpetrated on the public."

John Northrop, 80-year-old founder of Northrop Aircraft Co. and co-founder of the Lockheed Corp., told an audience at Caltech that "The 21st century will die laughing at the Condon Report."

Northrop, a believer in UFOs, told the audience he had never seen one himself, but based his belief on a "hard core sighting" reported to him by Max Stanley, Northrop's chief pilot and a close friend in the early days of the aviation firm.

Stanley, according to Northrop, was on a 1950 flight from Texas to California and was flying at 20,000 feet when he and two companions spotted a metallic translucent object high above them - about 80,000 feet - which appeared at times to fly sideways.

"I have never seen a UFO myself, but Max Stanley's report is good enough for me," commented Northrop.

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