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INTRODUCING US...

A list compiled by Brian Cannon of Winnipeg, director of the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, shows that in Europe and the Americas, without counting Asian countries, there are more than 100 organizations and periodicals devoted to the serious and single purpose of studying unidentified flying objects. If we add to these the countless individuals who are scientifically interested and the countless words given to the subject in public media, we begin to have some small idea of the impact of the UFO mystery.

What is to be achieved, then, by adding another voice to the discussion?

Just this. There is evidence as we shall see in this and later issues of *Canadian UFO Report* that geological and/or geographical conditions of Canada are specially favorable to UFO operation. Is it because of our proximity to the North Pole where there is minimum interference from the Van Allen radiation belt? Is it because of the country's enormous mineral content or is it because the Canadian terrain has some feature that invites UFO inspection?

Of course we do not know. But we do suggest that our polar relationship is of definite significance. Reports from Russia, though scanty, indicate that over that country too there is more than average activity by these objects from space. Next door, Scandinavia has had UFO "flaps" perhaps unparalleled elsewhere. On the other side of the

globe, to judge from a multitude of sightings, the skies over South America and Australia provide additional major corridors of polar access.

So we feel that in Canada we are in a unique position to explore those who are exploring us. This is an attitude shared by others. Canada is well represented by those investigating the UFO mystery and we consider it a privilege to be joining such excellent company. We are particularly pleased that Mr. Cannon, one of the foremost Canadian authorities, is to be a contributing editor to *Canadian UFO Report*. Well before publication of this first issue Mr. Cannon was giving us the benefit of his experience in research of aerial phenomena and encouraged us by agreeing to write regularly for the magazine. His first article appears in these pages.

We look upon this not just as another publication experiment. It is an adventure, with the way ahead abounding in the unknown and the significant. In starting out we admit to only one bias, namely that we are believers. There is so much evidence pointing to the existence of UFOs that the hardest task must lie to those who would discredit them. Our efforts will be directed at reporting movements of UFOs, discussing their possible origin and purpose, and endeavoring to bring official recognition to the same level.

Please join us.

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Cover Picture: By a little darkroom trickery, photo analyst Dick Horsfield illustrated the type of luminous ball often reported in UFO sightings and compositor Bill Masson processed it for color reproduction. This glowing object, representing the dazzling mystery of UFOs, now becomes our cover symbol.

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Strange Sightings in Yukon Sky

To obtain material for this first issue of Canadian UFO Report my wife and I made a motor trip last fall through the Yukon Territory. We had heard there were numerous recent sightings up there but what we found was more of an epidemic — so much so that we had to leave many of the sightings unreported. Time was too short and distances too great.

But we think the incidents described here represent a fair sample. Each is confirmed by more than one witness and none is of the crackpot variety.

In fact, Yukoners are the least likely of people to dream up visions of flying saucers or anything else. The elements are too extreme and the population too thin to allow much time for neurotic indulgence. Life there means coping in the old-fashioned sense of the word. Those who do not cope must leave or perish.

So the reports here undoubtedly reflect exactly what is happening. UFOs abound over the Yukon, but why? Two main answers occur to us. One is that Ufoperators understand the importance of the vast Canadian National telecommunications system that skirts the entire length of the Alaska highway, and perhaps in some way draw propulsion from it.

This system, consisting of micro-wave stations that power messages through the atmos-

phere, is the language link between the northwest and the rest of the continent. As such, it is vital to the whole North American defence complex. To ensure its uninterrupted operation each station has auxiliary diesel-power units that snap on immediately a fault occurs. For size and function it must rate as one of the great communications systems of the world. Apparently Ufoperators appreciate this and are interested.

The other possible answer lies in the fabulous mineral wealth of the Yukon. Ever since the Trail of '98 was blazed the Territory has been recognized as a miner's treasure chest. Almost anywhere up there a geiger counter jitters like a thing alive, giving some small idea of the abundance of elemental forces at work. It seems apparent from the findings of researchers like Bruce Cathie of New Zealand, whose work is discussed in a following article, that there is a connection between such forces and the operation of UFOs, and this may explain the fact that objects over the Yukon are able to follow a distinct traffic plan, as we shall see.

Whatever the explanation, we returned from the Yukon realizing the so-called mysterious north is not mysterious to our visitors from space. Its mountain ranges are their freeways and they speed over them just as we do ours.

— John Magor

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Ufo Stalks Two Boys

Filed with the RCMP at Whitehorse is a report of a UFO sighting that must rate as something of a classic because of the proximity of the object, the details given by the two observers and the apparent interest of the object in what they were doing. The incident occurred under a cloudless sky late in the afternoon of January 5, 1968, with temperature a few degrees above zero. The observers were Tommy Banks, 15, and Errol Smythe, 17, both of Whitehorse.

Errol was not available during our brief visit to that Yukon city, but we spoke to Tommy who told us how the two of them had spent the afternoon touring the lower slopes of Grey's mountain on their Skidoos. These

slopes on the northwest outskirts of Whitehorse are studded with spruce trees and, with two or three feet of snow in the winter, are ideal for this kind of sport. The woods are not too dense and the slopes are gradual.

Tommy continued:

"It was just beginning to get dark and we had our lights on, though it was still clear enough to see everything, when we decided to start for home. Errol went first and I was following close enough to see him all the time until we came to a small knoll and for a few seconds I lost sight of him.

"As I went up the knoll I felt a sort of heat and when I got to the top I saw this bright thing moving just over the trees slightly



Errol Smythe looked back, thinking the light must be coming from the snowmobile of his friend, Tommy Banks. But there above the trees was a bright egg-shaped object with luminous bands of red and orange-yellow. In the center these bands seemed to merge and pulsate. The boys felt heat from the object and Tommy had the impression his snowmobile slowed down. Flying silently and evidently interested in what the boys were doing, the object remained in sight for several seconds before disappearing behind the trees. Unknown to the pair a similar object had been seen the night before 100 miles away.

behind Errol. It seemed to be following him. Just then Errol looked back — he thought it was my light at first — and he saw it, too.”

We asked Tommy to draw a sketch of what he saw. It was an egg-shaped object with two distinct bands of luminous color following the lines of its circumference. The outside band was red and inside this was one of yellowish-orange. In the center the two colors seemed to blend and move in what Tommy described as a “pulsating” manner. The object, about 10 by 20 feet and flying horizontally, was noiseless. Although bright, its glow was not sufficient to penetrate the darkness under the trees.

“I saw it for about 10 seconds before it disappeared over the trees, and I guess Errol saw it for a little less than that,” Tommy said. “When I felt the heat it seemed to me that my Skidoo was slowing down a bit. Maybe it was just because I was excited but it definitely felt that way.”

After they had sped home and reported their experience, Errol’s father and a friend, a clergyman, went to examine the spot where the sighting occurred. But the object had left no visible evidence. In that frigid temperature its heat apparently was not sufficient to affect the surface of the snow.

On Errol, however, the effect was more definite. Unlike Tommy he had no previous interest in the subject of UFOs and understandably was perhaps the more upset of the two, with the result he missed the following day of school. For Tommy the experience was also disturbing, but interesting. He had read numerous accounts of UFOs, written about them for school work and now had a unique personal encounter to add to his material.

How many other Ufologists wish they could be so lucky?

Sighting 100 Miles Away

Unknown to either of the boys at the time a similar object was seen the night before over Atlin lake, 100 miles southeast of Whitehorse. We did not have time to check personally on this report but were particularly interested, not only because it tallied so closely with the boys’, but also because of the setting. Atlin, once a center of boisterous activity in gold rush days, is now almost a ghost town. A few

trappers and traders still live there but long gone is the time when paddle-wheel steamers plied the lake carrying eager hordes in quest of Klondike gold. It was the era when Robert Service wrote, “The northern lights have seen strange sights . . .”

Once more the north is seeing strange sights.

Drivers See Giant Object

A month after the experience of Tommy Banks and Errol Smythe another sighting of an egg-shaped object was made in much different circumstances by three witnesses on the Alaska highway north of Whitehorse.

Two of the observers were Jim Jack, foreman of the highway surface crew at Destruction Bay on Kluane lake, and fellow employee Tom Campbell, together in a truck at the time. The third was Nick Barnett, a petroleum truck operator working out of Whitehorse, who was on the highway about 60 miles north of the other two. The sighting of each party was made at about 8:30 a.m.

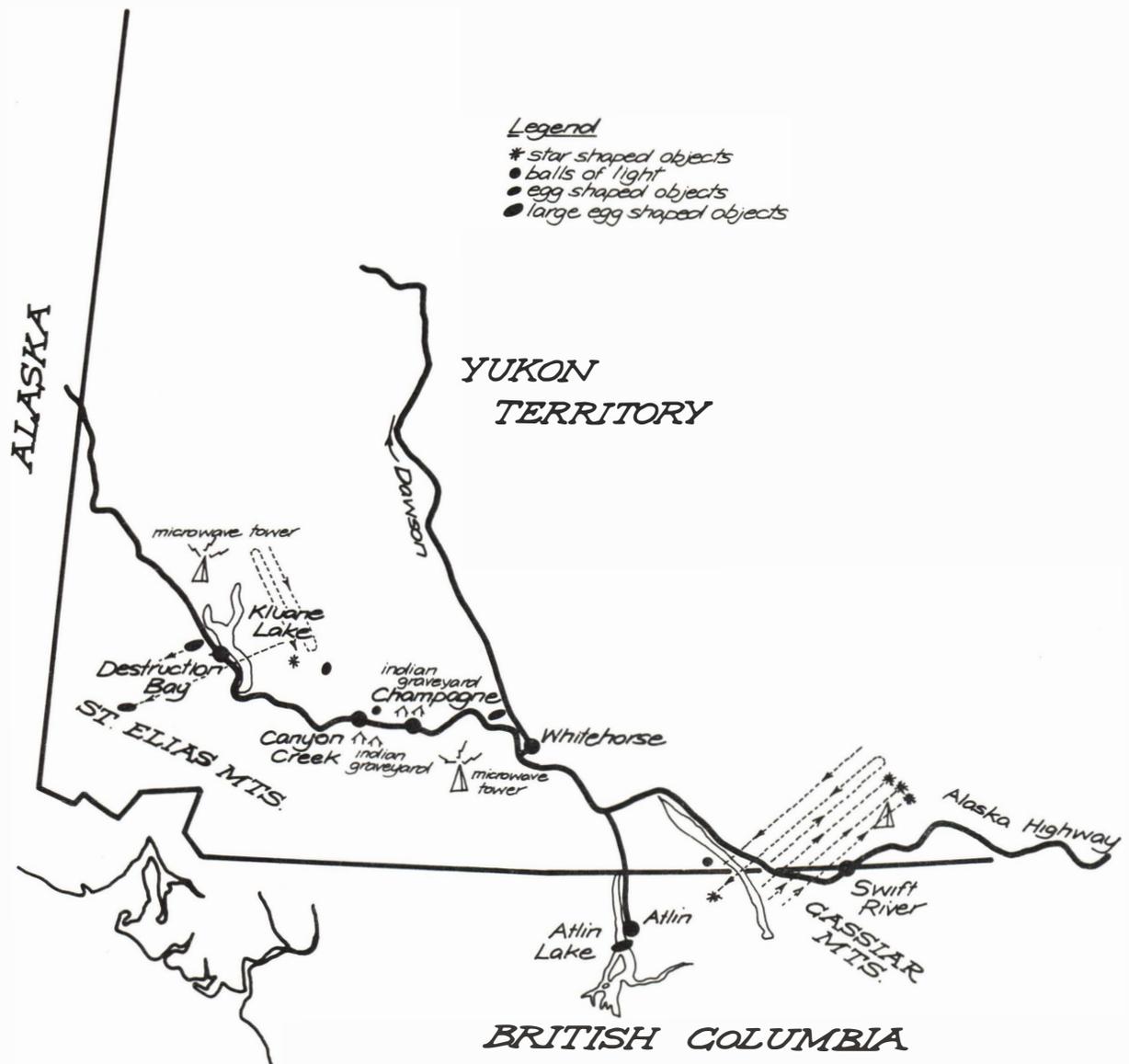
Jim Jack gave us this account:

“Tom was driving and we had just started out to work when he noticed something funny in the sky and pointed it out to me. We could both see it from the cab of the truck. It looked like an oval cloud at first but it stuck out for two reasons — it was brick red against the grayish-white other clouds and it was travelling east to west, almost dead against the wind.”

The morning was a normal winter’s one for that part of the country, with a steady wind of about 20 knots and temperature between 20 and 30 degrees below zero. The clouds were scattered, which accentuated the object as it passed across patches of blue.

“We were travelling south when we saw it,” Jim continued. “It was ahead of us to our left, coming across the lake. Judging by the mountains, it must have been about 5,000 feet up. We watched it for two or three minutes until it went behind the side of that mountain.” He pointed to a slope about 15 miles west of the lake.

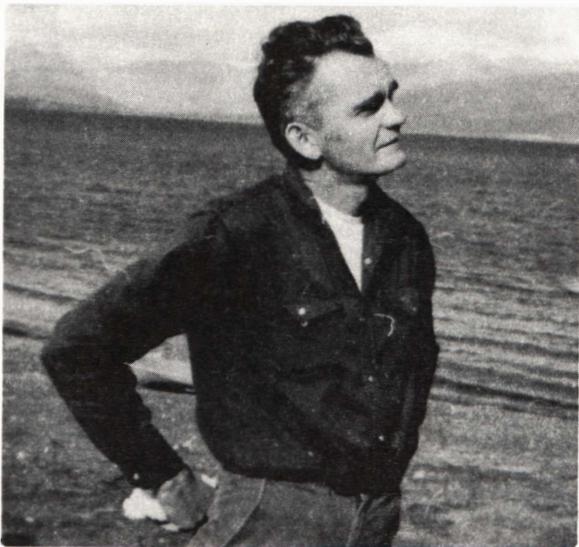
By rough estimate the distance travelled in that time was 20 miles, giving the object a speed up to 600 m.p.h. Asked about its size, Jim formed an oval with his hands which he judged would cover it at the distance obser-



Shown here are points along the Alaska highway in the Yukon where UFO activity has been reported. At Swift River toward the eastern end the objects are particularly active. The majority resemble low-flying satellites and fly a southwest-northeast course over the Cassiar mountains as shown by the dotted arrows. Kluane lake to the north is another point of marked activity. Here one large object was seen to come down a mountainside and then cross over to the adjoining mountain before disappearing between the two. On another occasion a giant UFO was seen speeding across the lake and over the St. Elias mountains. At Canyon Creek and Champagne balls of light seemed interested in the Indian burial grounds.

ved. This would make it many times larger than a jet aircraft at the same distance.

"It flew with one end leading but the ends and edges didn't look quite as solid as the center part," Jim added. "It seemed to have sort of a mist around it. Neither of us had seen anything like it before or since."



JIM JACK

Nor, in his truck following far behind, had Nick Barnett. But being alone, Nick had been reluctant to mention his sighting to anyone until he met his two friends on the road the following day and the subject came up. Although the object had looked black not red to Nick, possibly because an angle in the road caused him to face into the sun, his description matched the others' almost exactly.

However, Nick had this to add:

"It looked to me as if the thing was flying at an angle of about 45 degrees, with the rear end lower than the front. And just before I lost sight of it, it put on a terrific burst of speed."

The clear description given by these three men suggests that what they saw was a "mother" ship, the type from which smaller objects have occasionally been seen to emanate. Typical features were the elongated shape, the large size, the angle of flight and the vaporous outline. Possibly there is something about Kluane lake and the St. Elias mountains bordering it that excites the interest of the big ones, as witness the following experience of Kenneth Green and at least three other observers a year earlier.

Mountainside Mystery

It was 6 p.m., March 20, 1967, when Kenneth Green, a CNT lineman at Destruction Bay, happened to glance out while sitting at home and saw something move at the top of the mountain behind his house.

"That's funny," he said to his wife, "there must be somebody with a snowmobile up there."

But immediately the two realized that at that distance — the mountain, about five miles away, is more than 6,000 feet high — and in the dimming light, a snowmobile almost certainly would not be visible whereas this object had a spread of about two inches. Obviously they were looking at something more the size of a couple of freight-cars.

Ken got his binoculars and he and Mrs. Green studied the object.

"It had a wide oval shape and, while I couldn't tell for sure, it seemed to be brownish in color," he told us. "What was most noticeable was a cone-shaped light beneath it, as if it was controlled by a thrusting device. This thrust or whatever it was changed colors, mostly between red and yellow. When the object moved vertically, the cone was directly beneath it, and when it moved horizontally, the cone trailed at an angle."

At first the object stayed near the top of the mountain, then after a few minutes started to descend.

"It seemed to be flying a few feet above the surface of the mountain and came about a quarter-way down, moving quite slowly," Ken said. "Then it headed over to the mountain next to it. After a few minutes over there, it flew part way back and disappeared through the notch between the mountains."

Ken figured the total time of sighting was half an hour. During this period the Greens' neighbors, Tom Clare, diesel technician for CNT, and his wife had also observed the object. Others at the camp saw it as well.

Ken Green, a thorough man, later checked with transport department officials to determine if there were any helicopters in the area at the time. There were none.

"Oh, there's one thing I almost forgot," he said at the end of our interview. "About 10 minutes after the thing disappeared, I went outside to see if it was there again. It wasn't, but I did see a white vapor trail leading across

the lake to the point where the object went between the mountains.”

Did the object reappear and leave the trail in its wake, or was it left by another UFO joining the first? Naturally Ken did not know but he was sure of this: “That notch between the mountains leads right through the mountains behind. I know because I’ve been up there. Whatever it was, that thing knew what it was doing.”

Strange Air Traffic

Like many others in northwest Canada who are impressed by the number of sightings made in their part of the country Mrs. John McCreedy at Swift River, Mile 733 on the Alaska highway, often scans the sky at night in hope of seeing the unusual. She has been rewarded several times — “at least half a dozen” as she recalls, but none since 1966 — by spotting objects which do not match the description of any aircraft known to her. And that covers a wide field, for Mrs. McCreedy, wife of the public works foreman at Swift River in charge of highway maintenance, was a member of the Ground Observation Corps until it was discontinued. In that capacity she reported and described any aircraft that was off the designated flying routes.

“With one exception the objects had the size and appearance of satellites which we often see overhead up here,” Mrs. McCreedy told us. “But they acted so differently I am positive they were not satellites. They moved far more quickly, or slowly.

“There was one in particular that I remember. It was first noticed by my daughter,



MRS. JOHN McCREEDY and MARINA
... saw UFO through window

Marina, while she was playing outside with other children. She ran in to tell me about it and, going outside, I saw this star-like thing dashing across the sky. Suddenly it stopped dead, then resumed its terrific speed and in the next instant came flying back in exactly the opposite direction. Several of us watched it until it disappeared over the mountains.”

Her husband missed this unusual performance but recalled the night was “black and



This mountain behind Destruction Bay on Kluane lake was closely examined by an egg-shaped object that appeared to be controlled by a thrusting device which moved as the object changed direction. The UFO, seen by several witnesses, finally disappeared through the notch to the left of the mountain. Later a strange vapor trail was seen leading directly to the notch.

dirty, unfit for flying." Besides virtually eliminating the possibility of a helicopter doing such stunts, this raises the interesting point that the object must have been below cloud-level and therefore at fairly low altitude.

Marina, 13, had two additional significant sightings of her own to report. On one occasion, playing outside in the evening, she and other children noticed a strange star in the middle of the Big Dipper. As they watched, it started to move. Marina went in to call her mother but by the time Mrs. McCreedy came out the object had disappeared. As the children continued playing, they saw the object move slowly in sight again toward the Big Dipper where it resumed its exact previous position! Then abruptly it disappeared.



MRS. PETER RADFORD

On the second occasion, again at evening with other children, Marina saw an object resembling a satellite travelling overhead.

"It moved right in the direction of the micro-wave tower on the hill over there," she said, "and when it got there it seemed to slow down a bit and suddenly it sort of shot off flashes or sparks. Then it went on again."

That micro-wave tower is one of the relay points in the vast northern system maintained by Canadian National Telecommunications. As mentioned before this system is the communications link between the northwest, including Alaska, and the rest of the continent,

and it is a vital part of the North American defence complex.

Of special note in Mrs. McCreedy's sightings is that all the objects, again with the exception of the one that looked different, appeared from the southwest and moved toward the northeast (excluding the reversal of direction just described). Also in each case they flew an almost identical course above a ridge of the Cassiar mountains bordering the highway at Swift River. Such a course cuts almost at right angles across the commercial flying route between Whitehorse and Vancouver which, in any case, is well beyond the view of Swift River.

Glow Bursts

Now, about the one that looked different. As confirmed by other observers, this sighting occurred on a February night in 1965. Looking from her kitchen window facing the mountains, Mrs. McCreedy noticed a reddish-orange glow travelling slowly across the sky from the northeast. With her husband and two friends, she watched the object through binoculars.

"It was far too bright to be the light of any aircraft that I've ever seen," she said. "Also it was much larger than a satellite."

While unsure they were looking at anything beyond reasonable explanation, none of the others could identify it with any aircraft or natural phenomenon they had seen before. Eventually the thing disappeared behind a round-topped mountain to the southwest.

This particular mountain became significant in view of the experience of Mrs. Peter Radford, wife of a diesel technician for CNT. Mrs. Radford told us that as she was returning home from a curling game one clear, cold night of about the same date, her attention was attracted by a reddish-orange glow above that same round-topped mountain.

"I saw it for a second or two before all at once it seemed to burst," she said. "Flashes went off in all directions and the thing was gone."

This remarkable sighting became all the more mystifying a few nights later when, in almost identical conditions, Mrs. Radford saw another similar glow, again over the smoothly cut mountain.

"This one darted about and made me think it was looking for something," she said. "It

moved so fast it seemed to be in different places almost in the same second, but it never went far from the mountain. Then suddenly it was gone."

Could this have been a case of one UFO searching for another or its wreckage?

The mystery of the mountain-top so intrigued the residents of Swift River that later a party on snowmobiles was organized to climb up there and investigate. Meanwhile, however, heavy snow had fallen and nothing unusual was found. As far as we could determine, no further search was made.

With so many well reported and strange sightings, Swift River on the Alaska highway stands, like Kluane lake far to the northwest, as a key northern point in the UFO phenomenon. What is there about that ridge of the Cassiar range that so invites their attention?

Did UFOs Think Small Men Lived In Graveyards?

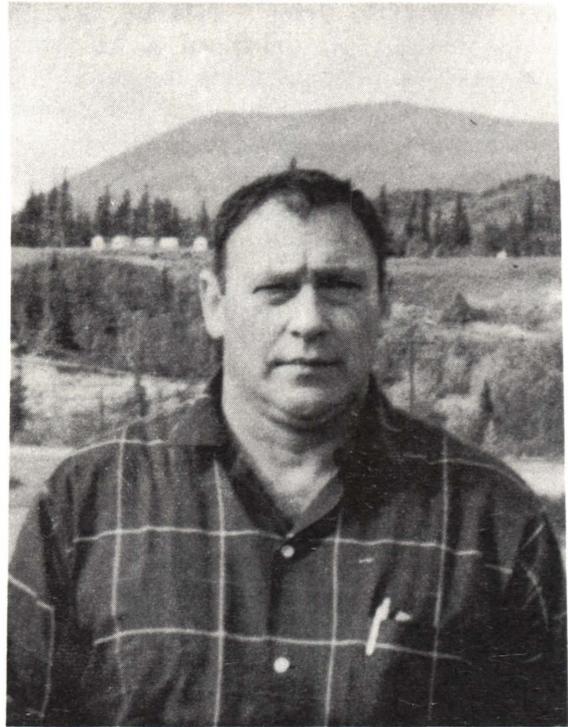
An interesting point that Jim and Coral Lorenzen make in their book *UFOs Over the Americas* is that these objects appear to be curious about graveyards.

One incident among others mentioned concerns 14-year-old Ricky Banyard who lives near a cemetery in Edmonton. Ricky reported that one night he and a friend watched a strange beam of light overhead. After his friend went home, Ricky continued to study the moving light until it led him into the cemetery. Dawn was breaking when the light moved away and the boy was able to see it came from a typical disc-shaped UFO. Investigators later found the grounds unexplainably charred.

Speculating on the reason for this and other UFO visits over graveyards and funeral homes, the Lorenzens suggest the visitors may wonder about processions of cars, with headlights on in daytime, which accompany a large box that is removed from a building and buried mysteriously in the ground.

The thought is an intriguing one but hardly seems applicable to a sighting of this sort made in December, 1966, by Bob McKinnon and his family and friends at Canyon Creek on the Alaska highway.

Bob, who operates a stopping-place there, told us it was about 8:30 at night when he noticed a strong light beaming through the



BOB MCKINNON

... saw light over graves (left rear)

windows from the direction of an old Indian burial ground on a mound about half a mile away. Like many others in the north, the burial ground is dotted with wooden huts about four feet high, fashioned exactly like small houses, under which the Indians have placed their dead. They believe these huts provide protection and comfort for the departed souls.

"At first I thought the light must be coming from someone working over there," Bob said. "but I soon saw this was impossible. It was hanging absolutely motionless in the air, maybe 100 feet up, and looked to be about two feet in diameter. It was a bluish-orange color, something like the reflections off a diamond."

Bob called the others in the lodge and, going outside, they had a clear view of the object for about three minutes.

"At first it just stayed there, right above the graveyard," he continued. "Then after a moment it started to come down slowly. We definitely had a feeling it was interested in the place. It came down to within a few feet of the ground and lit up the graveyard huts. Then suddenly it disappeared. Maybe it went behind the mound, I'm not sure, but it looked more as if it flashed right out."



These two Indian burial grounds on the Alaska highway apparently hold special interest for UFOs. The huts, about four feet high, are placed over the dead in belief they will provide protection and comfort for the departed spirits. An aerial moving light was seen near the graveyard at Champagne (above). A similar ball of light almost landed on the huts at Canyon Creek (below). The incidents are note worthy in that close-up views of UFOs in northern Canada are rare, though by no means unknown. Mostly the objects fly close to mountain-tops. An interesting theory is that the Ufoperators may have wondered if the huts housed a tribe of small people, perhaps similar to themselves.



Why was the UFO interested in that graveyard? The lonely Indian burial ground has not had a new occupant for untold years, so there was no recent activity there to attract its attention. Maybe its operators wondered if those huts housed a tribe of small people. Maybe, if we accept reports of little UFO humanoids being seen, they felt a kinship with the place. Or maybe they were just house-hunting.

When Bob made his report to the RCMP, they said the object must have been a meteor but none of the witnesses would agree that was the least bit likely. The light was unmistakably hovering when they first saw it and it descended with feathery slowness.

"I never had any time for flying saucers before I saw that thing," Bob concluded, "and I'm not particularly interested in them now. I think most of it is just baloney. But definitely there was something strange happening out there over the cemetery that night."

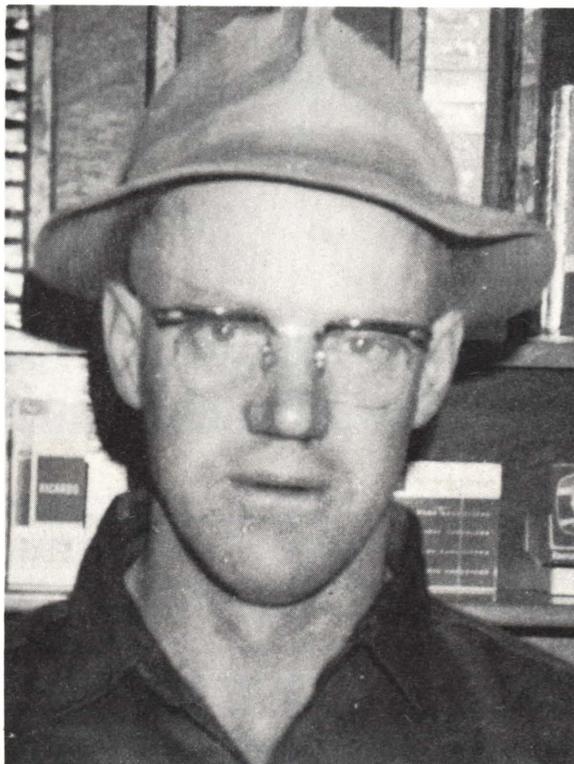
Second Visit Near Graves

Just over a year after the McKinnon sighting a strange ball of light again was seen in the vicinity of Canyon Creek. It was observed by two separate witnesses on the highway. One was Pieter Van Der Veen, proprietor of the Talbot Arm motel at Destruction Bay, who gave us this description of the incident. It occurred the night of January 31, 1968.

"I was driving south along the highway from Canyon Creek to see what had happened to a pickup truck overdue from Whitehorse when I noticed a bright light high and ahead of me. As I watched it came down close to the road from a height I would estimate at 2,000 feet, veered off to the right in a half-arc, then it shot up and disappeared. I saw it for three or four seconds. It was reddish-yellow in color and had no discernible edges. It was just a glow.

"When I met Doug Smith in the pickup truck which was stalled about five miles ahead of me (due to explainable mechanical failure — J.M.) he said he had seen exactly the same thing. But since he was facing in the opposite direction, the object had veered off to his left."

The light was several miles from Canyon Creek when observed and it struck us as a curious fact that not far away, at Champagne, was another Indian burial ground much like that in the McKinnon sighting, only more of same. The burial huts on the Champagne graveyard are more numerous and in better condition.



PIETER VAN DER VEEN

The point might not be significant except that apparently close-up views of UFOs in the Yukon are not usual. Most of the activity is around mountains, as we have seen, which may have something to do with the known rich ore content of those mountains.

Low Level Exposure

But there in the vicinity of two easily noticed Indian burial grounds, UFOs on at least two occasions recently have exposed themselves almost at ground level. There is a micro-wave station at Champagne which may suggest another answer. But it almost looks as if those strange lights approaching the ground near small house-like dwellings were driven by a more personal interest.



MRS. P. VAN DER VEEN

Light Examines Mountains

Mrs. Van Der Veen, wife of the motel proprietor at Destruction Bay, also made a sighting which, though earlier by several years than others we have reported, fits into our coverage because of the object's behavior.

As she and two women companions watched one night in 1960, an orange-white ball of light gave a remarkable performance over the mountains across Kluane lake.

"It went back and forth over the mountain-tops just as if it were having a good look at them," she recalled. "It seemed very deliberate. We watched it for about an hour."

How similar this was to one of the sightings made years later by Mrs. McCreedy and others at Swift River! They, too, watched a light go back and forth over a mountain range as if on a mission of scrutiny.

Now consider these sightings in connection with another we heard of quite unexpectedly while we were on our way home from the Yukon. We were staying at the Islander hotel at Hazelton in north-central British Columbia, when two other guests chanced to hear of our interest in UFOs. They were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mewburn of Banff, Alberta, and Mr. Mewburn, a building contractor, told us of this experience they had in May, 1967:

"Our house at Banff faces toward three mountain slopes. There is the Mount Norquay ski-hill on the left, Cascade mountain on the right and Stony Squaw in the center. It was about 11:30 this particular night and I was looking out at the view when I noticed an orange-colored circular object moving below the ridge of Stony Squaw. It was so odd I called to my wife and we went outside to watch it.

"The mountain is five miles away and, from where we stood, the object measured about a quarter-inch in diameter. We watched it for two or three minutes. It moved very slowly above Stony Squaw and climbed right over the top of Cascade, much higher up, where it stopped. Then it seemed to drop some glowing stuff, like hot coals or lead. I could see it splashing on the top of the mountain. Then the thing disappeared."

(A tractor-operator working on the Norquay ski-hill later told the Mewburns he had seen an unusual light above the mountains about the same time.)

Mrs. Mewburn's impression of what happened over Cascade was slightly different. She thought the object emitted sparks or rays.

But here again we had a case of a UFO apparently examining mountain-tops. As an added flourish in this instance it put on some kind of fireworks display over one peak in particular, and we were reminded of the experience of Mrs. Radford in the Yukon when she saw a glowing object seemingly burst over a mountain.

Mountain-hunting and fireworks, what -- to put the whole UFO question mildly -- is it all about?

Peek-A-Boo Material

A few months later in company with a friend Lloyd Mewburn made another sighting equally significant because it raised the puzzling point that sometimes UFOs do not appear to be made of solid material.

This time the object was of the inverted-saucer shape often seen. The sighting occurred in the fall of 1967.

"It was evening but still quite light," Mr. Mewburn said. "I was visiting my friend, a bank manager, at his house which looks westward along the valley leading to Lake Louise.

He was looking outside when he pointed and asked me what I made of that thing over there.

"At first I thought he meant an aeroplane that was flying above the valley, but then he pointed out this object that was quite close by. It was metallic-looking to the naked eye and shaped like an inverted saucer. Apparently the aeroplane didn't see it because it flew off in the opposite direction."



MR. and MRS. LLOYD MEWBURN

His friend got his binoculars and the two went outside to study the object more closely.

"Through the binoculars the object didn't look as solid as it had at first," Mr. Mewburn continued. "It was lead-colored but somehow didn't seem solid. It was almost as if you could look through it, but not quite."

Another noticeable feature of the object was a light under it like "the reflection off a mirror or a piece of tin."

Judging by familiar landmarks, the two men guessed the object was about five miles away.

His remark about the almost transparent quality of the object reminded us of something we had read in Edward J. Ruppelt's

book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*. In this case the sighting was made in 1947 by a crew of aircraft technicians in California. Watching a formation of planes prepare to carry out a seat-ejection experiment, the crew saw a whitish object descend which they first took to be a parachute canopy. But as it came lower they saw this was not so, for the object was oval-shaped and had projections on its upper surface.

But here is the point that struck us about their report: "The color was silver, resembling an aluminum-painted object, and *did not appear as dense as a parachute canopy* (italics ours)."

Mistiness around UFOs is often reported but in neither of the above cases does this seem to apply. It raises again the baffling point that while there does appear to be some consistency in the various types of UFOs, there are the freakish ones that cannot be neatly catalogued.

Or do their operators have some remarkable method of altering the composition of their craft?

UFO Makes Three Visits Over Northern City

Mrs. Leslie Drew, editor of the *Prince Rupert (B.C.) Daily News*, submitted these two reports of a UFO that appeared on consecutive nights over a mountain behind that city. The reports, dated July 1968, are carried verbatim as they appeared in the *Daily News*.

Monday, July 29: What was the object floating about the sky near Mount Hays shortly after midnight Saturday and again Sunday night?

We'll probably never know, but it gave dozens of Rupertites a thrill when they reported seeing a bright light approaching from the southeast, hover over parts of the city for about 30 minutes, then shoot straight up in the air and disappear.

Something appeared again Sunday, but this time it was believed to be a weather balloon with a flare hanging below.

Well known athlete John Olsen saw it Saturday.

"We were on the Fulton street hill when the object was first sighted. It was approaching

from the southeast very slowly," Olsen said.

"As the light moved closer we moved across the street to watch. It was near Mount Hays, but not as high as the mountain.

"It looked as bright as about seven or eight street lights. The first thing I thought of was a front landing light on a plane, but it was going too slow and not making any noise.

"At one point I saw a dome over top of the light, but this could have been a reflection on the clouds. It looked similar to the canopy on a parachute.

"I thought it was going to land behind Algoma Park, but it never did. When it got past the line of the dance hall it went straight up out of sight."

Mr. and Mrs. Art Helin, Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, Arnold Moen and several others were with Olsen and his wife, and all verified the sighting, and were equally mystified.

Howe told Olsen that he and his father, while on the fishing grounds, had had a similar experience several years ago, but kept it to themselves for fear of being laughed at.

After witnessing the object Saturday, Howe admitted the previous sightings.

Miss Sax Dudoward also told of seeing the object.

"I was near the hospital in a car and saw the light. I told my friend to look, but he couldn't see it so we got out and he saw it. We watched it for a little while and it started heading north, then went out of sight.

"It seemed to be a bright orange color and was just sort of floating in the air. I have seen them twice before, once last year and once this spring in the prairies. Last summer my sister saw a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) in Port Simpson and it had 13 little UFOs come out of it and play around the larger object."

The Sunday night sighting was discounted by several off-duty policemen and other observers as a balloon with flare.

"You could see sparks coming off the flare as it was so low," said an anonymous sighter.

Was it teenagers playing pranks with helium filled balloons and flares, or are the eyes of another world peering into our city?

Ask John Olsen or others that saw the object Saturday night. They are believers. Are you?

Tuesday, July 30: No explanation has been given for the unidentified flying object that

appeared Monday for the third straight night near Mount Hays.

DOT worker Hans Wessel, who works night shift at the airport, said today he was on his way to work about midnight and was out in the harbor when the object, which he said was extremely bright, came over the mountain, remained for 20 to 30 seconds, then slowly dropped and disappeared.

Wessel, who is also a photographer, said he couldn't attempt to photograph the object because he needed a powerful telephoto lens and lighting conditions were poor. He did, however, observe it through binoculars.

"It was so bright that being used to the dark it was very hard on my eyes," he said.

Wessel also added a new twist to the weather balloon theory.

"We take wind readings every hour, and Saturday night at the time of the sighting, the wind was northwest at eight miles an hour. Sunday they were northwest at five, so reports of seeing the object moving from the south would have to prove that it couldn't be a weather balloon, unless they are making them to travel against the wind these days."

Patti Greene said she was with seven or eight girls who sighted the object Saturday. She said it made no noise and was a bright orange with a red spot in the middle.

"It's amazing how many people believe that there could be such a thing as a UFO now that some people in Rupert have seen one," Wessel said.

Authorities Say

The existence of these machines is evident and I have accepted them absolutely — Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding.

I believe extra-terrestrial intelligences are watching the Earth and have been visiting us for millenia in their flying saucers — Dr. Hermann Oberth, rocket scientist.

I believe in UFOs — Knut Hammarskjold, director general of International Air Transport Association.

The hypothesis that these (UFOs) are extra-terrestrial surveillance . . . I regard as most likely — Dr. James McDonald, physicist.

At first, without any question at all, I thought it (UFO belief) was stuff and nonsense. But not any more — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist.

UFOs—Mania or Mystery?

By

BRIAN C. CANNON

A recent public opinion poll from Calgary, Alta. revealed that at least two thirds of 2,235 people attending the Calgary School Fair believe that UFOs may be extra-terrestrial space craft. Although this positive attitude is not as rampant in the U.S.A., no less than five million Americans claim they have seen UFOs and 95% of the U.S. population are familiar with the "flying saucer" phenomenon.

Despite public awareness and the mounting evidence that UFOs may be from sources other than the planet Earth, the element of secrecy and ridicule prevail. The government seems to avoid the subject with the well-worn statement that UFOs "do not present a threat to national security". This statement often misleads many individuals into thinking the government is not interested in the numerous UFO cases that are investigated each year. This attitude is difficult to reconcile when you consider the reaction of Canadian Defence Minister Leo Cadieux when questioned on the alleged landing of a UFO at Falcon Lake, Man. May 20th, 1967. Said Mr. Cadieux, "It is not the intent of the department of national defence to make public the report of the alleged sighting."

The Canadian government was interested enough in the Falcon Lake sighting to send investigators from several government branches including the Dept. of Health and Welfare, the National Research Council and the Defence Department to scour the area where the strange object landed. This is hardly indicative of a country that is not interested in Unidentified Flying Objects. But why was there suppression of the information gleaned by that investigation team? Surely, if the witness had not seen the disc-shaped object land or if the entire story was fictitious, the government would have said so. Consider for a moment the predicament our leaders would be faced with if UFOs were inter-galactic craft piloted by an alien intelligence. It is inconceivable that they would admit to the fact such advanced machines were penetrating our multi-million dollar defence systems rendering

them useless. Nor is it likely that officials will concede that numerous attempts have been made, unsuccessfully, to intercept and capture these super-sonic machines.

Despite the stream of denials that UFOs have been tracked by radar, several Canadian cases were uncovered in 1967. The mysterious objects were tracked over Winnipeg and Beausejour, Man. at speeds of 3,000 and 6,000 miles per hour during June and July. These trackings took place in the midst of the largest wave of sightings ever to occur in Canada. It was learned that an air flight controller at Winnipeg International Airport received a phone call from a USAF base in South Dakota requesting confirmation of a high speed target flying toward the Canadian-U.S. border. The Winnipeg controller informed the U.S. base that there were no aircraft in that vicinity according to his flight plans.

It was subsequently learned that the UFO received by the South Dakota radar installation was travelling at 6,000 miles per hour and while jet interceptors were scrambled, the chase was similar to the tortoise's attempt to catch the hare. Details of such incidents are difficult to find due to the obvious reluctance of radar personnel to discuss the subject. The excited witness who phones the airforce or control tower to report a sighting will quickly see the truth of this.

Although the official attitude is frustrating to the Ufologist, undoubtedly the most pressing problem facing him is the reluctance of UFO witnesses to reveal what they saw. It has been "guesstimated" that only 50% of all sightings are reported to the airforce, police or UFO study groups. "I know where they put people who see those things" is the usual comment.

This prevalent attitude is a fair yardstick to measure present reaction of the scientist to the phenomenon. If the scientific community would give a fair hearing to the subject, the public likewise would follow. In the main, however, science is not willing to accept the extra-terrestrial hypothesis because it contra-

venes our so-called universal laws. Consequently, we have two camps – the Ufologists of which the majority favour the extra-terrestrial theory and the traditional scientists who generally believe that UFOs are nothing more than natural phenomena, conventional object and hallucinations.

It is not our intention to consign everyone to one of these groups but there does not, at the present time, seem to be a “middle of the road” outlook. Over the years and especially since 1947 a staggering amount of data has been accumulated on the UFO subject and

very little attention has been paid to it. That the preponderance of these sightings can be attributed to misinterpretations of normal occurrences is true, but can they all be in this category? The unexplained reports are remarkably consistent no matter what part of the globe they come from. They are usually made by reliable, sober observers, and in a large number of cases, qualified professionals.

UFOs, therefore, can hardly be classed as mania but certainly they can be categorized as a mystery well worth serious investigation.

By chance soon after Mr. Cannon's article was set in type the Falcon lake sighting was again brought to parliamentary attention. Acting on the basis of a pamphlet published by Stephen Michalak, about his UFO experience, Barry Mather, NDP MP for Surrey, B.C., asked for a tabling of reports on the incident. The request was refused. There was a similar refusal in November, 1967.

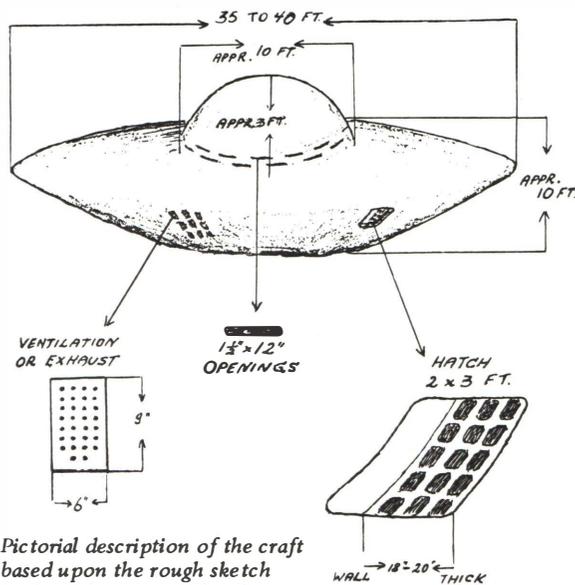
In his pamphlet Mr. Michalak anticipated this reaction. “As for the government,” he wrote, “It is possible that they are afraid they will cause national panic if they reveal all they know, but it seems to me they should say something definite.”

The witness' ordeal, as it turned out to be, started while he was prospecting in eastern Manitoba. It was about noon of a sunny May day when he saw two oval-shaped objects, glowing an intense scarlet, approach overhead. While one stopped in mid-air, the other landed on a flat rock nearby. After a few minutes its companion resumed flight and swiftly disappeared.

Overcoming his shock, the witness approached the landed object which had become the color of “hot stainless steel, with a golden glow around it.” A brilliant purple light poured from an aperture.

Mr. Michalak thought he heard two voices in the craft but no one answered his greeting. Finally, placing green lenses over his miner's goggles, he put his head inside the open hatch.

“The inside was a maze of lights,” he reported. “Direct beams running in horizontal and diagonal paths and a series of flashing lights, it seemed to me, were working in a random fashion, with no particular order or sequence.”



Pictorial description of the craft based upon the rough sketch made at the scene of landing.

As he stepped back, waiting for some reaction, three panels slid across the hatch and closed it. Examining the craft again, Mr. Michalak touched it and burned his rubber glove. Just then the object tilted up, releasing a sharp beam of heat that scorched his chest. It continued upward and soon disappeared.

Immediately after this the witness experienced severe headache and nausea, and with great difficulty returned to his home in Winnipeg. In the ensuing period he lost weight and developed a rash and other strange symptoms that were never clearly diagnosed. Later examination of the area showed a radiation count, though Mr. Michalak's illness could not be traced to this cause.

Mr. Cannon has made an intensive study of the Falcon lake incident and will discuss it in later issues of Canadian UFO Report.

UFO Metal Studied at Ottawa

Those skeptical of the existence of UFOs often defend their position with a question. If there are such things, they argue, there must be times when they crash. Why, then, has no trace of them ever been found?

The answer is that traces have been found. A prominent witness to this fact was a Canadian, the late Wilbert B. Smith of Ottawa, B.A. Sc., M.A. Sc., P. Engineering, Superintendent Radio Regulations Engineering of the Canadian government.

When the following interview took place in November, 1961, as reported from a tape by the late Frank Edwards in his book *Flying Saucers - Serious Business*, Mr. Smith was in charge of the Canadian investigation program to study UFOs. His interviewers were C. W. Fitch of Cleveland, Ohio, and George Popovitch of Akron, Ohio, both of whom had already made major contributions in this field.

Fitch: Have you ever handled any of this hardware yourself, sir?

Smith: Yes, quite a bit of it. Our Canadian research group has recovered one mass of very strange metal . . . it was found within a few days of July 1, 1960. There is about three thousand pounds of it. We have done a tremendous amount of detective work on this metal. We have found out the things that aren't so. We have something that was not brought to this earth by plane nor by boat nor by any helicopter. We are speculating that what we have is a portion of a very large device which came into this solar system . . . we don't know when . . . but it had been in space a long time before it came to earth; we can tell that by the micrometeorites embedded in the surface. But we don't know whether it was a few years ago -- or a few hundred years ago.

Fitch: You mean then that you have about a ton and a half of something metallic, of unknown origin.

Smith: That is correct. We can only speculate about it at this time -- and we have done a great deal of that. We have it but we don't know what it is!

Fitch: You're a friend of Admiral Knowles, Mr. Smith?

(Rear Admiral H. B. Knowles, U.S. Navy, retired)

Smith: Oh, yes. Admiral Knowles and I have been very good friends for many years.

Fitch: I have been told by a mutual friend that in 1952 you showed Admiral Knowles a piece of flying saucer. Is that statement correct, sir?

Smith: Yes. It is correct. I visited with Admiral Knowles and I had with me a piece which had been shot from a small flying saucer near Washington in July of that year -- 1952. I showed it to the Admiral. It was a piece of metal about twice the size of your thumb which had been loaned to me for a very short time by your Air Force.

Fitch: Is this the only piece you have handled which definitely had been part of a UFO, Mr. Smith?

Smith: No. I've handled several of these pieces of hardware.

Fitch: In what way, if any, do they differ from materials with which we are familiar?

Smith: As a general thing they differ only in that they are much harder than our materials.

Fitch: What about this particular piece from that UFO near Washington . . . did it differ from conventional materials? Was there anything unusual about it, sir?

Smith: Well, the story behind it is this: The pilot was chasing a glowing disc about two feet in diameter --

Fitch: Pardon me, sir. But did you say two feet . . . ?

Smith: That is correct. I was informed that the disc was glowing and was about two feet in diameter. A glowing chunk flew off and the pilot saw it glowing all the way to the ground. He radioed his report and a ground party hurried to the scene. The thing was still glowing when they found it an hour later. The entire piece weighed about a pound. The segment that was loaned to me was about one third of that. It had been sawed off.

Fitch: What did the analysis show?

Smith: There was iron rust -- the thing was in reality a matrix of magnesium orthosilicate. The matrix had great numbers -- thousands -- of 15-micron spheres scattered through it.

Fitch: You say you had to return it — did you return it to the Air Force, Mr. Smith?

Smith: Not the Air Force. Much higher than that.

Fitch: The Central Intelligence Agency?

Smith: (chuckles) I'm sorry, gentlemen, but I don't care to go beyond that point. I can say to you that it went to the hands of a highly classified group. You will have to solve that

problem — their identity — for yourselves. That ended the interview.

Now it is our turn to ask whatever happened to that 3000-pound chunk of metal mentioned by Mr. Smith? Was it ever satisfactorily analyzed and where is it now? It seems to us that questions like these — whether or not a connection with UFOs is established — are vital enough to receive open discussion in parliament.

Did Space Beings Destroy Their World to Escape to Mars?

It is time for the aging gag phrase “little green men” to die a long overdue death, in the opinion of the *UFO Investigator*, published by the U.S. National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

We agree. For too long this tiresome old joke has been used to rebut those trying to express a serious interest in the UFO phenomenon. “It may help to know,” remarks the *UFO Investigator*, Major Keyhoe, “that not one of the thousands of UFO sightings listed in NICAP files has been tied to any ‘little green men’ report.”

Apart from the damage this sickly gag has done as a shut-up device, we have another reason for wishing to see it committed to a pauper's grave. Namely that it is so often used as a joking description of Martians.

In mentioning this, we sense right away we're in trouble. Little green men from Mars? Oh, sure. Put that boob in the nut house where he belongs.

But before the joke goes too far, let's take another look at this question of Mars, or better still at its next-door neighbor. We refer not to distant Jupiter but to the collection of asteroids, often dismissed as “junk”, orbiting between the two planets.

Scientists seem generally agreed that this debris is the remains of a destroyed planet that was probably smaller than tiny Mercury next to the sun. What destroyed it?

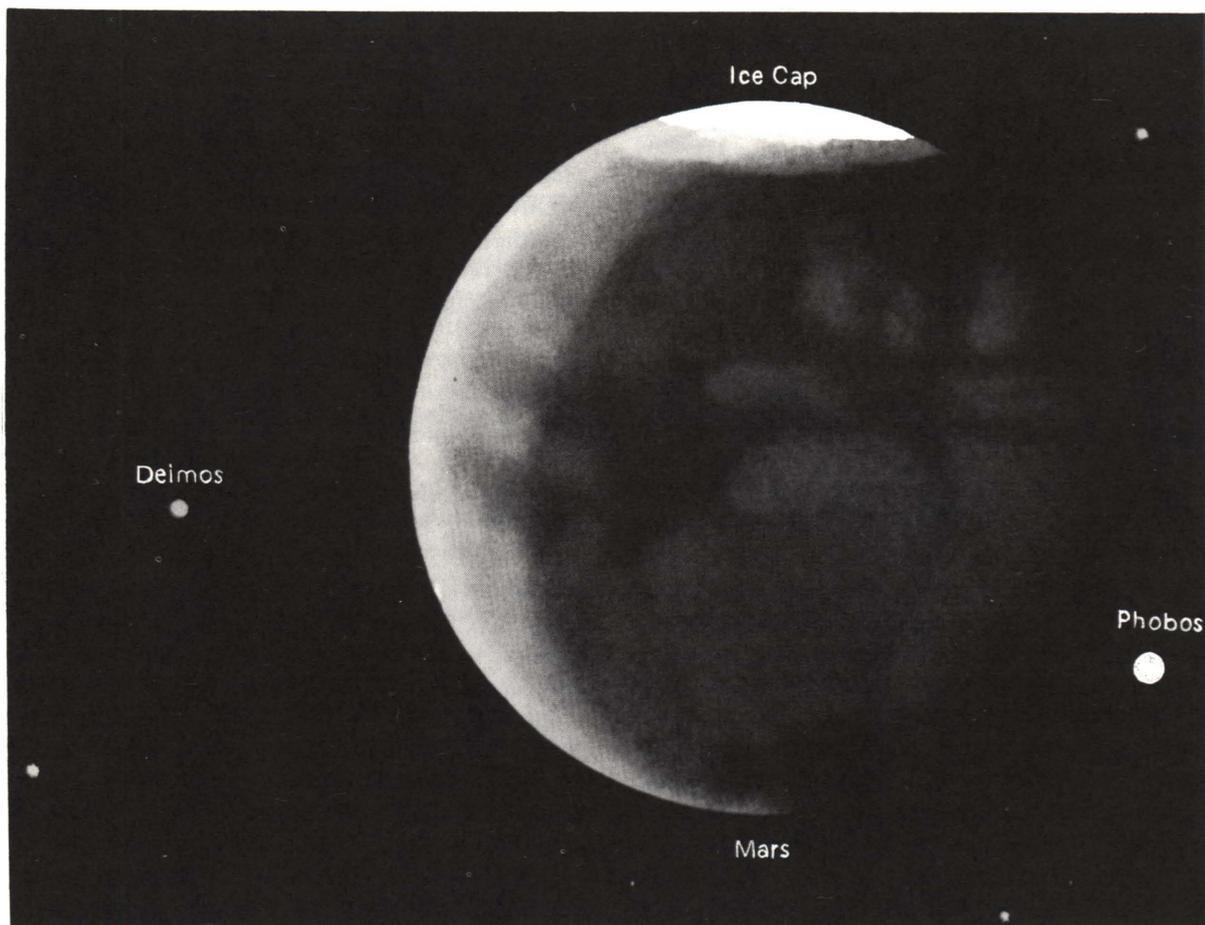
A theory advanced by astronomer Sir James Jeans is that this diminutive primeval planet fell prey to what is known as Roche's limit. In 1850 Roche calculated that if two celestial

bodies were of equal density, the smaller body would be broken up as soon as its orbit brought it within a certain critical distance of the larger one. The suggestion is that Saturn's rings may be the result of a satellite so destroyed, and Sir James propounds that the asteroids we are discussing are the relics of a planet similarly demolished by the gravitational force of Jupiter.

But Roche's limit seems to indicate that the destruction of a planet is caused by its parent body. To quote Sir James in his book *The Universe Around Us*: “Roche imagined the small body to describe an orbit of gradually decreasing size around the large body” . . . until it is broken up. But the parent body of our mysterious now-asteroid planet was not Jupiter but the sun. This makes the theory less tidy, particularly as Jupiter is a gas-bag planet of low density. What destructive power would it have?

The theory also leaves open the puzzling question that there may have been more than one cataclysmic occurrence that destroyed the planet, if such it was. Judging by the asteroids' oddly assorted orbits, a research group came to the curious conclusion that, to send this “junk” skittering off in wildly different ways, there must have been not one but at least five planetary explosions. This point is raised by the U.S. scientific writer, Dr. Alan Nourse, in his book *Nine Planets*.

Dr. Nourse adds: “We know that an uncontrolled fusion reaction could conceivably split a planet into fragments and consume a good part of the mass of the planet in the



process. But such a reaction — an enormous hydrogen bomb explosion — would not be likely to have occurred on any planetary body in our solar system at any point of its evolution. If such an explosion did occur, it must have been set off somehow by an intelligence powerful enough to conceive it and build it.”

Supposing, then, we are living on that planet millions of years ago and for some fearful reason — say utter contamination or exhaustion of our natural resources — are faced by certain doom. But favored by bounteous conditions in the past, we have become enormously advanced on our small planet and have the technical skill to transport what remains of us to another world. Our closest and most attractive neighbor, dry and almost airless though it is, is the red planet circling next to us. Certainly it is more inviting than the gaseous giant farther from the sun. We pile our survivors into huge moonships and, using

our very planet as a multi-stage rocket to blast us into another orbit and destroy its gravity at the same time, take off on a trajectory toward our red neighbor. As soon as we are close enough, we go into a tight circle around it and shuttle ourselves to its surface, just as millions of years later men from Earth will do in landing on their moon.

Too much like Buck Rogers? Perhaps so, but peering at Mars through a telescope, we may this day be looking at the last evidence of exactly that chain of events.

For years after their discovery in 1877 Mars' two moons, Phobos and Deimos, were largely ignored beyond it being noted they were remarkably small. Phobos is five miles in diameter and Deimos three. Also it was observed they were extremely close to their primary. Phobos is less than six thousand miles from Mars. Additionally, Phobos moves so fast it circles its parent body three times a day, a condition that is absolutely unique in

our solar system, and seems to be falling toward it as if affected by the Martian atmosphere, thin as it is.

Recently astronomers have paid much attention to these peculiarities, particularly after it was concluded by I. S. Shklovsky, Russian physicist and mathematician, that the two satellites must be artificial and hollow to have such strange properties.

But Dr. Shklovsky seemed to be straining slightly when he theorized why the moonships were there. His explanation was that eons ago Mars had all the elements to produce a highly civilized race. But as these elements were depleted and the Martians realized they were doomed, they launched moonships containing their records and artifacts for the edification of future explorers. What a lot of trouble when it would have been easier and more permanent to bury their treasures!

Another idea is that the Martians launched themselves in the moonships for their own survival, but surely this was an illogical solution for such intelligent people. It would be like deciding that because a ship is running out of provisions it is better to jump aboard life-boats and circle it.

Also there is no evidence so far that the resources of Mars were ever abundant enough to evolve a super-race or, for that matter, a civilization of any sort. Pictures taken by U.S. Mariner IV show a pock-marked surface about as hospitable-looking and promising to life as our moon's, which in many ways it resembles.

But the planet might have looked attractive to a civilization, dying on a nearby world, that

had already developed enough to utilize its limited resources. Given the same circumstances, Mars might one day look attractive to us, too.

The probable first step of such desperate people would be to conserve whatever water they could find at their new home. Many astronomers doubt that the canal-like markings on Mars are the work of intelligent beings — or even that they are there at all — but so far no one has denied beyond argument that such a possibility exists. Those who agree there is this possibility are impressed by the fact that the lines are dead straight, have a sophisticated criss-cross pattern and connect with the Martian polar caps where a degree of water is most likely present. Also there is a variable coloration on Mars which suggests seasonal growth of vegetation.

There is one other clue that might fit into the concept of a world being destroyed to propel its inhabitants to a new home. Studying the asteroids, astronomers have noticed that some of them glint with a remarkable light out of all proportion to their size while others gleam feebly. One theory is that the brightest ones are composed of light-reflecting ice but there is doubt that even this would account for their brilliance.

Is it possible, then, that these small luminous bodies are shining with the glow of radio-activity? Is it possible they are fragments of the ill-fated planet contaminated by nuclear blasts that sent it hurtling toward Mars? Maybe these pieces of "junk" contain the strongest evidence of all that intelligent beings have sailed the heavens before us.

Pilot Traces UFO Pattern

While dealing mainly with UFO sightings and discussion in Canada, Canadian UFO Report will also carry items of particular interest originating elsewhere. The following news story is one such item. It was put out by Copley News Service and appeared recently in the Victoria Daily Colonist.

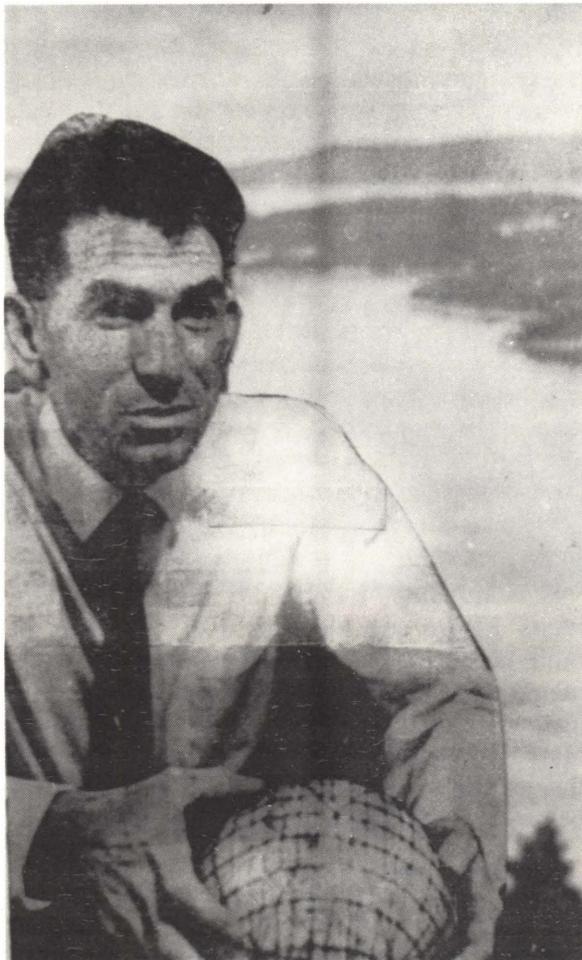
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Flying saucers and other UFOs are nothing new in New Zealand. Over the last 10 years alone hundreds of verified sightings of globes, shining spheres and other objects have been reported by stiff-necked sky watchers Down Under.

So when four UFO sightings were reported from Hawkes Bay, on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island September, 1967, there were few raised eyebrows. The lunatic fringe, public apathy and conflicting claims have all contributed to editorial skepticism.

But Bruce Cathie, a 37-year-old captain with New Zealand's state-owned domestic airline, National Airways Corp., brought out his own special map of the country and plotted the positions of the sightings — a matter of routine, since he had carefully marked in positions of UFO sightings over the last two years.

On his map the main islands of New Zealand are covered by a grid of lines which Cathie drew up in 1965 on the basis of complicated mathematical calculations.

This is the crucial point: The map and its grid were drawn up two years before the September sightings. Yet the four reported UFO positions at Hawkes Bay fitted neatly onto four parallel lines of the grid; not to the great surprise of Cathie.



BRUCE CATHIE

... devised global UFO grid.

What is the Cathie grid? Where did it come from? Listen to Bruce Cathie, a long experienced pilot, respected amateur mathematician, a reliable observer known for his level-headedness and cool judgement:

"I recognized the fact of UFOs' existence when, in 1952, together with six friends, I witnessed a huge ball of light, circled by a smaller red light, over Auckland. Other independent reports came in on the same UFO. As

a pilot I felt that further opportunities for UFO observation would arise.

"In 1956 I saw a UFO over the top of the South Island where many similar sightings had been reported since 1909. In March of 1965 I saw a USO — an unidentified submarine object — in a northern harbor. It was cigar-shaped, about 100 feet long and 15 feet wide, and it was in about 30 feet of water. It was not a submarine.

"The South Island positions and the USO position gave me definite fixed positions. From then on I began to keep a careful record of all verified sightings.

"On my map I extended the line north and south from the USO position, to find that the line intersected points where other objects had been reported. In a similar manner a grid of lines at right angles to this began to emerge, spaced regularly at 30 minutes of arc.

"The grid proved its accuracy with every new, verified sighting — all fitted onto one line or another. I became convinced that what I had found in this pattern was a grid, representing regular flight lines. The best evidence came with the four confirmed sightings over a relatively small area at Hawkes Bay."

Not content with a grid covering only New Zealand, Cathie sought some means of extending the pattern to cover the whole earth. For this he needed a reference point to give him a clue for the global pattern.

USO Photographed

The reference he needed appeared on a photograph taken on Aug. 29, 1964, by the American survey ship *Eltanin*, during a routine sweep off the South American coast. On a frame of film exposed over a barren sea bed 13,500 feet down was an antenna-like object which appeared to be metallic, with six cross-bars ending in knob-like protuberances.

What was it, and how did it get there? There were no answers forthcoming, and the photograph has been forgotten. But Cathie had a hunch about it.

From the position of the object on the globe he measured a point on the exact opposite side of the earth, which turned out to be in Siberia. This line gave him the basis for a global grid system, into which his existing New Zealand grid fitted perfectly.

Now Cathie plotted UFO positions from all around the world, and these, together with complicated harmonic math, were the pattern for his global grid, which proved to have an equator identical to the earth's magnetic equator.

"In fact there are two interlocked grid patterns," Cathie explains, "and possibly there is a third system. The math I used always relates accurately and predictably to earth's mass, gravity acceleration and the speed of light."

What is the grid, then; what does it actually represent — supposing Cathie's conclusions are valid?

Mathematics experts in New Zealand and Australia have found his calculations to be irrefutable; there is ample support for his grid in weighty, scientifically derived evidence.

"I believe it is a navigational and power system radiating energy," Cathie declares. "It suggests to me that the earth is a power base for the UFOs, and I believe that similar systems will be found on the moon and Mars.

"I believe that the grid has existed for centuries, that it fell into disrepair for whatever reasons, and that it is now being rebuilt.

"I believe that there is, quite literally at our feet, a fantastic source of power that will put our space science, our power generation systems and our transportation and communications industries into obsolescence.

"Moreover, I believe that an aerial can be constructed to tap this power source. That is my next project."

According to the Cathie theory the earth as a giant power station was used by UFOs from before biblical times; he considers that many ancient ruins and depressions, which have

never been satisfactorily explained, will fit into his scheme of things, including the Great Pyramid of Egypt ("a power station") Stonehenge ("a cosmic clock") and the vast Siberian depression ("a clean atomic explosion caused by a fault developed in the grid").

"Whatever intelligence is behind the grid, it cannot be hostile," Cathie adds somewhat reassuringly. "Obviously they could have destroyed the world long ago had they been inclined to. Now, I believe, the repair work is almost complete.

"The north and south magnetic poles are being lined up, as can be seen from the change from random movements of the north magnetic pole into a stable, predictable position.

"When the two are lined up and both stable — say in another 10 years — the project will be completed.

"I am no genius," Cathie admits. "I cannot believe that I am the only person in the world to have satisfactorily established evidence for the grid's existence. I have worked alone, and without computers; yet nothing along these lines has ever been published.

"My own book, to come out in England next year (it is called Harmonic 33) will present facts, theories and supporting evidence; I hope that then the best brains in the world will get together with the aim of exploring the possibilities of the grid, and tapping its power for the benefit of all mankind."

Cathie is a cautious as well as a practical man. He has placed copies of his manuscripts in safe deposit vaults in six locations around the world — with a covering letter of instruction outlining procedures to be taken in the event of his sudden death.

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If you are interested in model rocketry please write to us, stating the field of model rocketry that you are interested in and if you already belong to a club. Please advise us if you know a firing supervisor and if you have or know of an approved launching area.

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