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This is the first issue of *Canadian UFO Report* to follow Issue No. 6, dated Nov. — Dec., 1969. We explain this to reassure readers who believe that they may have missed an issue in the meantime.

We had planned to date this one for Spring, but fresh material that arrived about the time we expected to go to press persuaded us to hold off a little longer, and suddenly it was Summer!

The result is a much heftier magazine than before and one that we think makes a fitting introduction to the quarterly, instead of bimonthly, printing schedule we intend to maintain from now on.

But even with the increased contents we are still holding over a fund of absorbing new material. Despite what we occasionally read elsewhere, the UFO scene is more active than ever — and we would know because receiving reports is our business.

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# Prepare For Surprise

We will not suggest there was anything but a technical failure — awful though it was — that nearly brought Apollo 13 to disaster on its trip to the moon. We will not suggest that advanced creatures with a base up there took a shot at the craft to discourage any more lunar visits.

In the first place we have no grounds for such speculation. In the second, there is sure to be a complete explanation of the accident, perhaps even before we are in print.

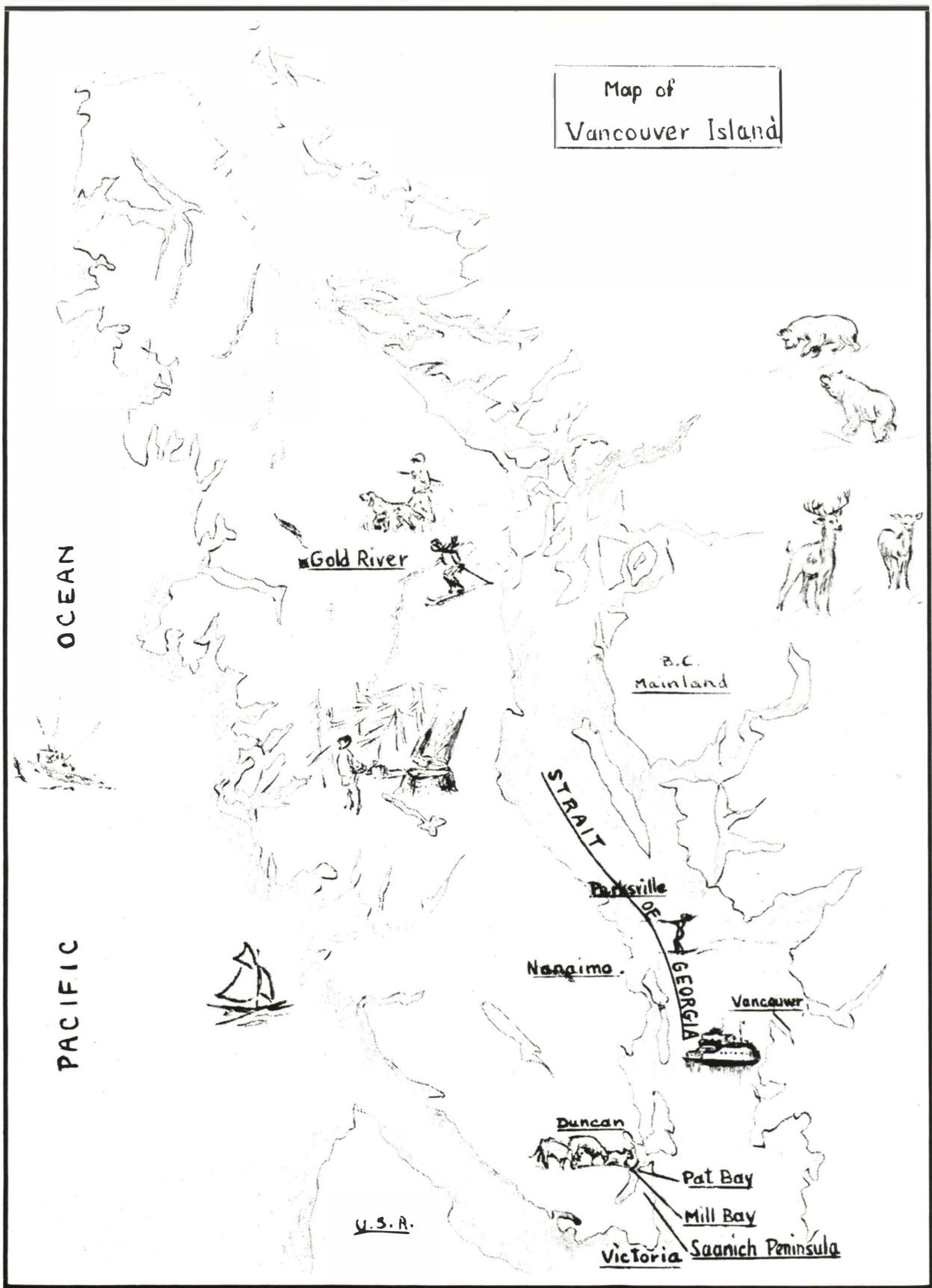
We earnestly hope there will be. Funds permitting, the space program will continue just as long as its engineering setbacks can be analyzed and corrected — and so it must. It is the most stirring adventure the world has even known. Those who protest there are problems on earth in more urgent need of attention simply do not understand the stakes of the game.

Certainly there are such problems — and elimination of the space program would create another. Man would be admitting that this small anxious world was the end of his road and he would become more discontent than ever because his place in the sun had shrunk. As evidence, consider the worldwide concern that fastened on the plight of Apollo 13. This was everyone's flight to the unknown. This was everyone's escapism in danger of going wrong.

But what of accidents ahead? By the law of averages there will be fatal ones — in addition to those already on record — and there will be ones unsolved. Already making the official rounds are reports of strange craft seen on the moon, and it is admitted almost openly that space flights are tailed by unknown objects.

We do not share the view that UFOs are primarily hostile. If they were, we would know far more about them than we do. But it is possible we are getting close to what they consider their territory. Let's not regard this possibility as fantasy but accept it as a calculated risk. To do less will mean being unprepared for the biggest surprise of all.

Map of  
Vancouver Island



# UFO Occupants Seen Near Hospital

Miss Doreen Kendall, a practical nurse, and Mrs. Frieda Wilson, a registered nurse, are employed together on the night shift in the extended-care ward for elderly patients at the Cowichan District Hospital at Duncan on Vancouver Island.

Theirs is a position that requires a special degree of tact, maturity and gentleness of manner for it is at night that their patients, often unable to sleep, have long lonely hours in which to contemplate the little that remains for them in life. A word or gesture of comfort from the nurses on duty is all they have in their fading world until the routine of morning helps them into another day.

It is immediately apparent on meeting them that Miss Kendall and Mrs. Wilson, both in late middle-age, were assigned to their particular work with these qualifications in mind. In addition to what training obviously has given them, they have an inborn quality that invites trust, and it was no surprise, after we interviewed them, that friends and former patients of each told us they would accept their word under any circumstance. Coming from several who had doubted the existence of UFOs, this was a significant tribute in light of what the two nurses (with partial confirmation by two others who arrived seconds later) said they observed outside the hospital just as 1970 was dawning on the Pacific Coast.

It was turning five in the morning of Jan. 1 when Miss Kendall, concerned that one of her women patients was restless, switched on a light to attend to her. Deciding the patient was too warm, she went to a window near the bed and parted the drapes to let in a little fresh air.

"Just as I pulled the drapes a brilliant light hit me in the eyes," she said. "It was still dark outside, but about 60 feet away right above the children's ward, there was this object so big and bright I could see everything clearly."

(Immediately to the left of where Miss Kendall was standing, a wing of the hospital juts out at right angles. The children's ward is on the third floor of that wing. With Miss Kendall on the second floor of her wing, this meant the object was hovering above her by slightly more than the height of one storey and a little to her left.)

"The object was circular and had what I guess you would call a top and bottom. The bottom was silvery, like metal, and was shaped like a bowl. There was a string of bright lights around it like a necklace. The top was a dome made of something like glass. It was lit up from inside and I could see right into it."

Continuing her account in question-and-answer form, Miss Kendall said there were two male-like figures in the craft, one behind the other, facing to her right away from the hospital. The one in front appeared taller, or perhaps was positioned higher, than the other. Their heads were encased in close-fitting dark material.

As she watched with intense curiosity, yet completely unfrightened — "I never felt so peaceful in all my life. I wish I could have talked to them" — she became aware of seeing more of the interior of the craft and realized it was tilting. In a moment she could see to a point just below their knees and noticed they were standing in front of what looked like stools.

"They looked like fine, tall, well-built men," she said. "They were dressed in tight-fitting suits of the same material that covered their heads but their hands were bare and I noticed how human they looked. Their flesh seemed just like ours."

Intrigued as she was by the appearance of the two figures, Miss Kendall found her interest mainly centred on what looked like an instrument panel facing the one in front. One reason for this, she thought, was that she comes from a family of racing-car enthusiasts and automotive mechanics have always held a special interest for her.

"The man in front was staring at the panel as if something very important was going on, and I wondered if they might have had mechanical trouble," she said. "I even thought they might have landed on the roof of the hospital and then had trouble taking off.

She described the panel as a very large one, taking up almost half the interior of the object and reaching nearly to the top of the dome. The instruments, if that is what they were, seemed to be inset in the chrome-like metal of the panel and there was a variety of sizes.



*Miss Doreen Kendall*

The total sight was so absorbing that at first Miss Kendall's thoughts were lost to everything else, and for a moment she forgot Mrs. Wilson was in the same room.

"Then when I did think of it, I guess I hesitated," she explained. "I felt I mustn't make a noise or do anything that would break the trend of what was happening."

At this point, almost as if her thoughts were being read, she saw the figure in the rear turn slowly and face squarely in her direction.

"He seemed to look right at me but I couldn't see his face. It was covered by a darkish material that looked softer than the rest of his suit. I'm sure he saw me because then he touched the other man on the back."

Miss Kendall said that what followed, again possibly because of her interest in mechanics, made a sharper impression on her than anything else in the entire incident.

"When the man in back did this, the one in front reached down and took hold of something like a lever beside him. I'll never forget how deliberately he did it. He pushed it back and forth and the saucer, or whatever you'd call it, started to circle slowly, still close to the building, in an anticlockwise direction."

The motion seemed to break the spell for Miss Kendall, for then she remembered Mrs. Wilson was there and called her over.

Later we spoke separately to Mrs. Wilson, who continued the story from that point.

"I noticed Miss Kendall standing at the

window and wondered what she was looking at. In fact, I was just going to see when she beckoned to me, and then I saw this great big light over the patio outside the children's ward. I'd say it was quite a bit larger than a car. (*By the estimate of both witnesses, the object spanned a width of about five windows of the children's ward. This gave it a diameter of at least 50 feet.*) It looked circular in shape and the far side seemed to be higher than the side near us. It was moving around slowly and then it started to move away. I didn't really see any top or bottom to it. It was all just tremendously bright. Some people say we were looking at a plastic bag with candles in it, put there as a joke. But it would take a million candles to make it as bright as that."

Mrs. Wilson did not see the "necklace" of lights described by Miss Kendall, nor could she see inside the object and consequently saw no human-like figures. Since this appeared to be a serious difference in the two reports, we asked Miss Kendall in a second interview how she might account for it.

"I think Mrs. Wilson must have come just a bit too late," she said. "After the thing circled four or five times, it started going away, farther along by the roof of the children's ward, and I couldn't see inside it either."

*Not being precisely sure how close the object was when Miss Kendall first observed it, Mrs. Wilson could not say whether or not this did explain her failure to see the occupants. But the fact that she came to the window in time to see the craft circling, and then saw it move away, suggests the explanation of distance does not quite fill the bill. So without intending to add anything to the narrative that the witnesses themselves did not observe, we offer another possible explanation merely for the sake of conjecture.*

*It has been noticed in UFO sightings that the object when stationary gives out less light than when in motion. This rule, of course, is not invariable. UFOs emanating no light at all have been seen moving at high speed, while others glowing brightly have been seen to hover and even to land.*

*But the increase of light with motion does appear to be a general characteristic, and it is one that may have prevented Mrs. Wilson seeing the interior of the craft outside the hospital. All of Miss Kendall's observations in detail were made before the craft started to move. After that she, like Mrs. Wilson, was conscious only of the light and motion of the*

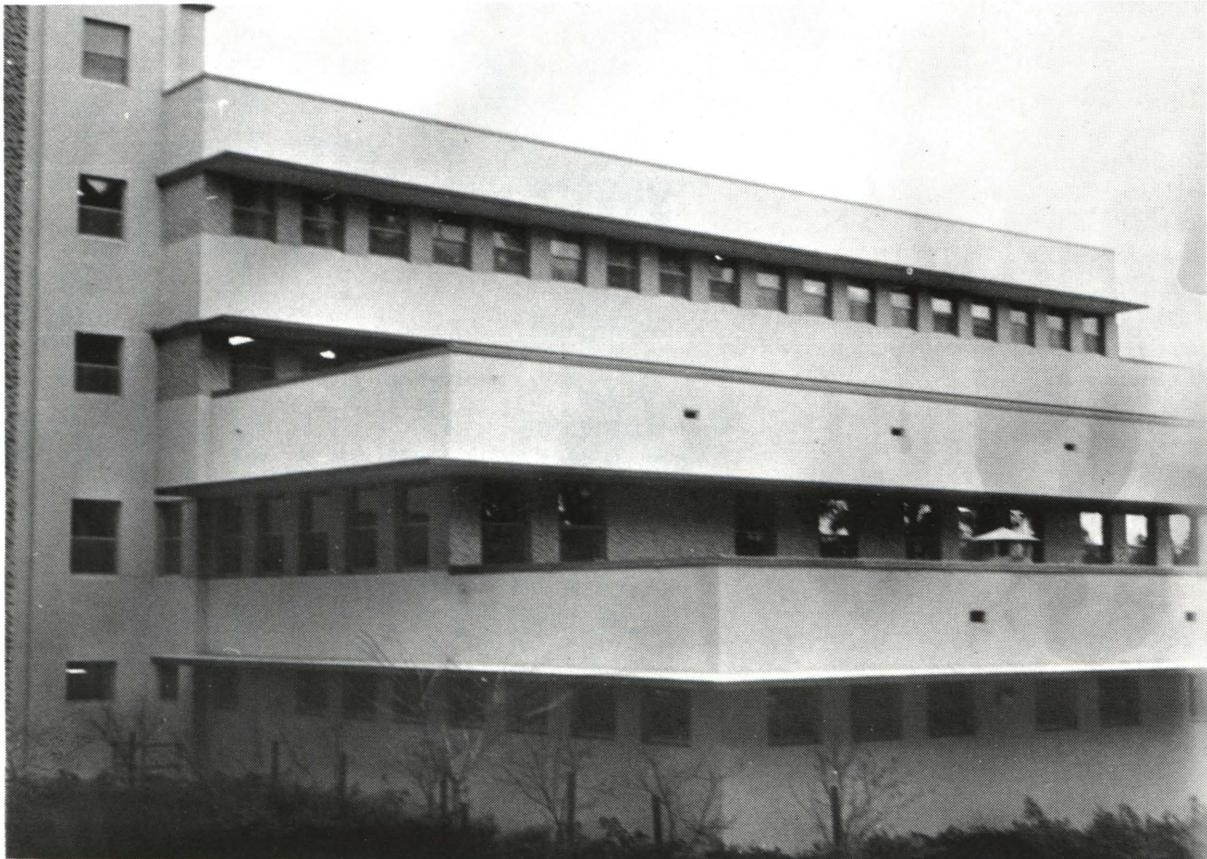
*craft. In other words, by the time Mrs. Wilson reached the window the brightness of the object may have increased to an extent that all details were obscured. It would have been like staring at the headlights of a car. All one could have said about the car itself was that its lights were bright.*

*This in turn may account for the fact that, unlike Miss Kendall, Mrs. Wilson felt only alarm when she looked at the object. Some maintain that at times through some kind of chemistry UFOs are able to exert a calming influence. But in this case it appears to have been the peaceful manner of the two occupants that dispelled any fear Miss Kendall might have felt.*

At this point two other nurses on the floor, Mrs. Clackson and Mrs. Appleby, hearing the excited comments of the first two, rushed to another window of the ward but could only see what they agreed was a "bright light" receding in the distance. Seconds later two other nurses also looked out a window but saw nothing. Apparently by that time the object had moved behind trees that border the hospital.

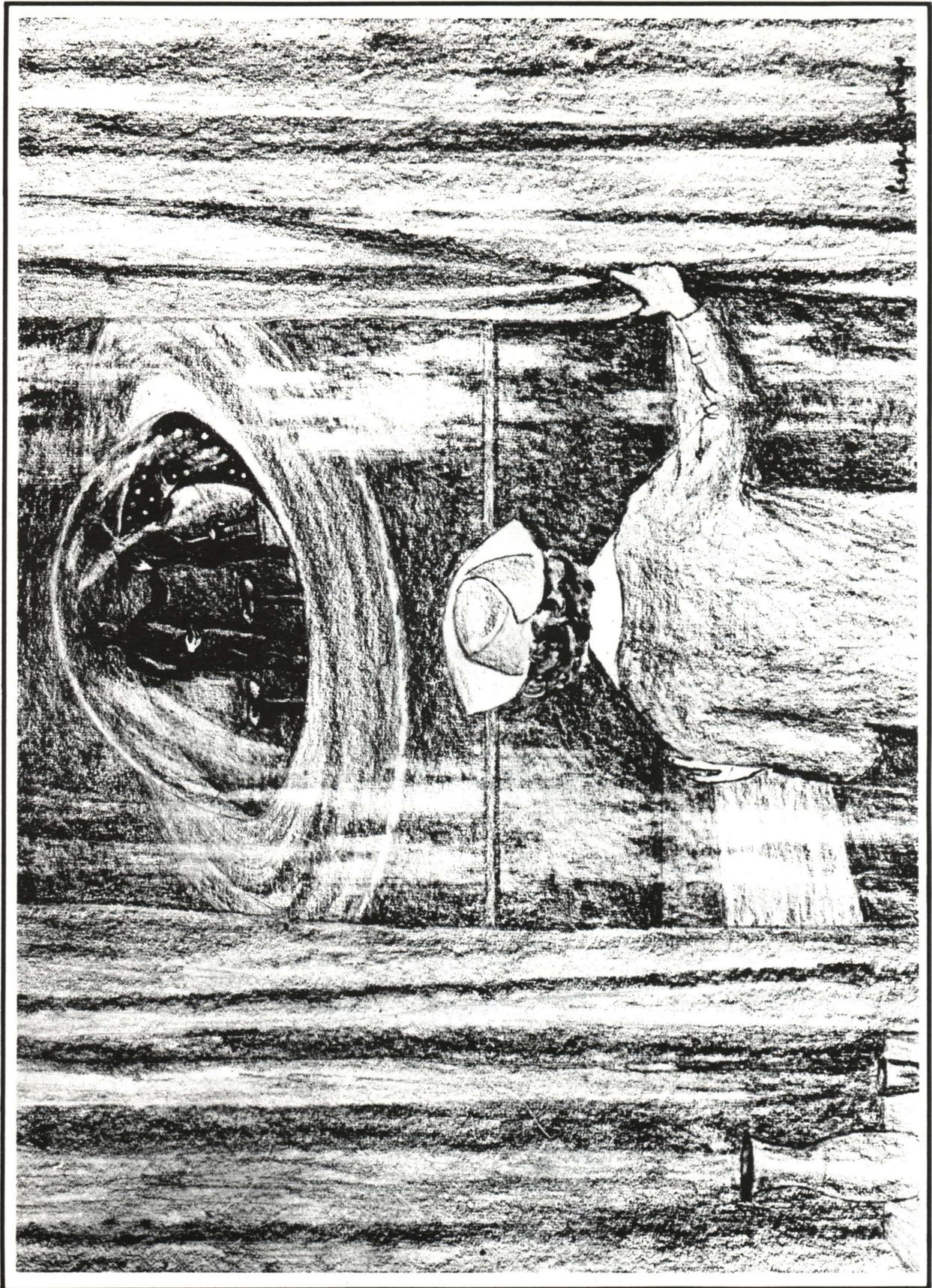
A significant factor of this sighting is that none of the witnesses made any effort to publicize it, yet at the same time made no pretence of being secretive. Knowing of our interest in the subject, another nurse at the hospital who is a friend of ours phoned us a little later the same morning and it was through this connection that we arranged the interview which was later reported in the Victoria press.

Immediately the story appeared, the two witnesses, like ourselves, started to receive phone calls by persons who were legitimately and intelligently interested and by others who professed to have exclusive private information about the incident. It was here that we acquired information of our own about people who, for some reason that escapes us, want to establish that they have the inside dope. We heard about half a dozen different versions of the incident being a put-up job. We were told by some it was a bunch of school kids having fun and by others it was a bunch of drunks. In two or three cases names were even mentioned but in no case did the names agree, and in no case did our callers explain how so



*As nurses watched from window out of sight on left, UFO with two occupants was seen outside children's*

*ward on top storey of this hospital wing. It spanned five windows, starting from left.*



much rowdyism was going on at the hospital grounds without the police being called.

*Also none of our callers mentioned another extraordinary sighting that occurred at Duncan within seconds of the hospital incident, obviously because this one was not reported in the press and therefore offered no one a chance to give us "exclusive" information about it.*

*But the authenticity of the incident is undeniable because it was reported to authorities before the hospital case had received any publicity whatever.*

*In other words, completely unknown to each other, two sets of witnesses were observing a UFO in the vicinity of Duncan early that New Year's morning.*

The second set of witnesses was a truck-driver and his wife whose names and report, like the nurses', are officially on record. Although admitting he had a few drinks, the husband said the experience made him feel cold sober and he was sufficiently affected by it to make his report though it meant disclosing his condition while driving.

The man said he and his wife had just returned home from a party about five o'clock that morning when their attention was attracted by a huge white light "as big as a house" hovering low over their place. The witness described the light as somewhat oval or rectangular in shape (*it will be noted the UFO at the hospital was circular but, if seen at an angle by these other two witnesses, it might have appeared oval*) and said that three or four shafts of light extended down at an angle beneath it, converging to form a single shaft. This gave the object the appearance of a top. As they watched in amazement for a few seconds, the light suddenly shot up and either blinked out or disappeared in the distance at an incredible speed.

"I may have had a few drinks," the man said, "but I know perfectly well that had nothing to do with what I saw, and my wife saw it, too."

Back at the hospital Miss Kendall, deciding to put her experience on record, made this entry in the hospital working schedule:

"At 5 a.m. I saw a flying saucer as low as the third floor of the hospital when I pulled the curtains. There were two men or figures in the dome flying towards Victoria. (*Miss Kendall, who admits having an uncertain sense of*

*direction, was wrong in this notation. Victoria lies south of Duncan whereas the direction taken by the UFO, as established by reconstruction of events, was northeast.*) The bottom of the saucer was brilliantly lit and also the dome — New Year's morning."

Of the two principal witnesses at the hospital, Mrs. Wilson was the more alarmed when she saw the UFO — in fact, as we have noted, the sighting had a peaceful effect on Miss Kendall — and later reported she had a "tingling" sensation which may have been caused by excitement or, as in some cases, by some emanation from the craft itself.

Yet strangely it was Miss Kendall who was the more lastingly affected by the experience. When she returned that morning to her home in Nanaimo, north of Duncan, her brother who was visiting from out of town immediately noticed something unusual had happened to her and asked her about it, whereupon she told him her strange experience.

"For at least a week after that," she said in our second interview, "I didn't feel quite like my usual self. I think that normally I am an outgoing sort of person, but now I felt very subdued and some of the other nurses said I seemed preoccupied."

By the time we saw her again, however, she seemed completely relaxed and friendly and though, by her own acknowledgment, she had been through an experience she would never forget, there was no sign that the incident would alter the composed tenor of her life in any way.

One would have thought that was enough excitement for one day in the small town of Duncan but the strange aerial visitors decreed otherwise. About seven o'clock that evening the glowing craft — or perhaps another of about the same size — flew at low altitude through the darkness in full view of a flock of assorted witnesses at various points in the area. Since the morning visit was not yet publicly known, there can be no suggestion that people had started seeing things on that account.

On this second visit the object appeared so big and bright that at least one group of witnesses could see it several miles away. The observers in this case were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gillam and friends who were having dinner at the Deer Lodge restaurant just off the Island highway south of Mill Bay. To them the object

*When Miss Kendall (opposite) parted drapes she saw brightly lit object containing two human-appearing*

*males. Apparently knowing they were observed, one touched other on back.*

seemed to be over the Saanich Peninsula, about 10 miles to the east, and was headed in a northeasterly direction.

"All we could see was a large ball of light moving quite slowly, much slower than an airplane," Gillam said. "It must have been very bright for us to see it from that distance. I don't think a helicopter would have been that bright."

Any thought that the object might have been a helicopter was removed by the comments of two other sets of witnesses who saw the light, or another of the same general description, much closer at hand.

One of these groups was Judge George Hallett, his wife and three dinner guests who, at about 7 p.m. that New Year's Day, saw a huge orange-colored light passing slowly along the waterfront opposite the Halletts' home at Mill Bay. Reconstruction of the scene placed the distance of the light at about half a mile. Since the object, travelling south at the time, was staying close to shore, it appears the Halletts' sighting preceded that of the Gillams who saw the light, if it was the same, moving off in the distance.

"This was no ordinary aircraft, and it was no plastic-bag trick either," Judge Hallett said. "It was making no sound that we could detect, it was moving very slowly and it was enormous. I'm quite sure no one could play a trick with



*Judge & Mrs. George Hallett*

such a large apparatus without being spotted. We watched it for about five minutes until it seemed to disappear into the clouds."

Then right on the waterfront we talked to the Drummond family who for once and all eliminated any idea the incident was a prank or a normal flying occurrence.

Their startling experience occurred while Jim Drummond, a shipwright, and his wife, Dianna, aboard the tugboat which they have converted into a comfortable home, were making a New Year's visit to Jim's mother who has a house immediately overlooking the shore at Mill Bay. It was she who had the first hint of what was to happen.

"It was about seven o'clock and Jim and Dianna were still on the boat, anchored close to shore, when I went outside to call them in to dinner," she said. "Then I noticed a light in the sky moving over the bay. I couldn't tell how big it was, it was so bright, and it had a yellow-orange glow like sunlight.

"I got so excited I yelled to my son to look. I ran out to the other side of my house but I couldn't see over the trees. I tried to phone some of the neighbors but I couldn't get through on the party line."

But on deck Jim had received the message.

"I looked up and saw this light coming in from the north, just about in line with our boat. It was skimming right under the overcast which was about 900 feet. I ran into the cabin and grabbed my telescope and camera, and my wife came out with me to look. We were really excited."

Guessing that on film the object would merely look like a blob against a black background, Jim did not bother with the camera but studied the thing carefully through his telescope.

"It was sort of egg-shaped, in a vertical position, but the top and bottom were indistinct," he said. "It seemed to be transparent on top, and inside it I thought I could see a set of lights but I couldn't really make out any details."

To make it easier for her son to bring his wife and little boy ashore, Mrs. Drummond had switched on a flood light on the porch of her house. Whether this had anything to do with what followed is impossible to say, but for some reason the object dropped about 300 feet as it passed between the house and the tugboat. It was almost as if it was curious about the strong light shining from the dark shore.



*Mrs. Bea Drummond*

Then something happened that on Jim made the sharpest impression of all.

"Just at that point something came out of

that thing which by then had slowed down almost to a stop," he said. "It was a ray of light like a very thin neon tube, and it was in pieces, something like the dots and dashes of morse code. It came down in a curve and then it flashed right out, all of it at the same time. My hair just stood up on end. I couldn't imagine anything like it."

After this weird performance the object climbed back to its former height and passed out of sight to the south. It was at this stage that the Halletts might have seen it, their house being in that direction. Significantly the wind was blowing from the southwest at the time. If the object had been a balloon this would have driven it in the opposite direction.

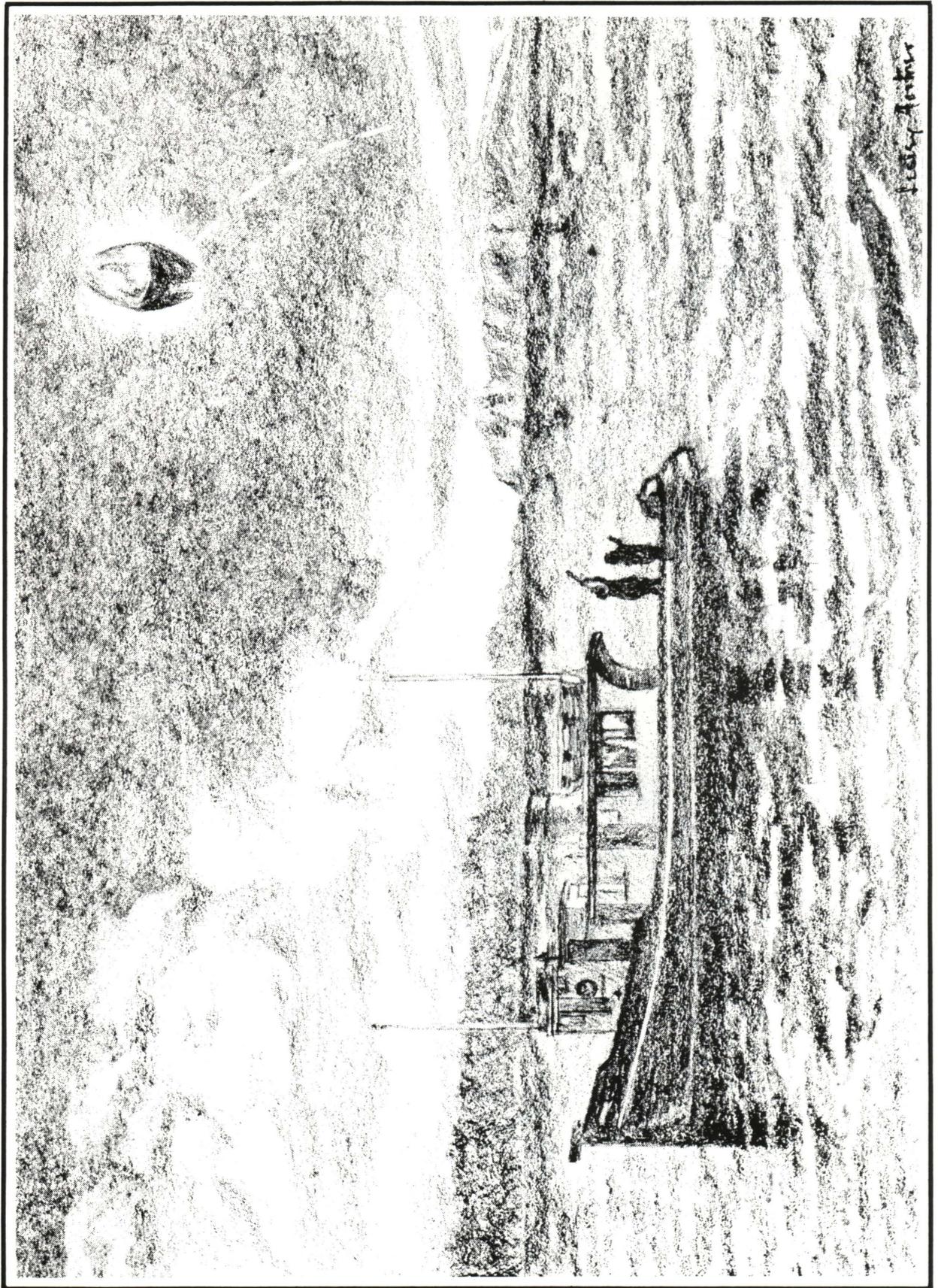
Like other people in the Maple Bay area near Duncan where he normally keeps his boat, Jim Drummond a few days later had another sighting. But this time it was obviously some part of a game that pranksters had started to play, perhaps stimulated by the UFO publicity which by then had swarmed into the local press.

"The second one wasn't the same thing at all," he said. "You could see it was a kids' job, not a fraction as bright, and it was just bobbing around without really going anywhere."

The rash of reports that cropped up for the

*Seen in front of tugboat which they have converted into comfortable home, Jim and Dianna Drummond were treated to spectacular New Year's display when giant UFO flew close to vessel. Jim's mother, whom they were visiting, was first to sight object.*





next month or so made it difficult to distinguish between what might be real and what was clearly fake. Eventually we decided that, in our book at least, only the Jan. 1 sightings had the true flavor of authenticity.

Yet there were others that made us pause. Phoning James Quaife, the mayor of Duncan, on a tip, we learned that one night in January, he and his wife and several neighbors, watched a light many times brighter than a star perform spectacular manoeuvres in the sky, including dead stops and reversal of direction.

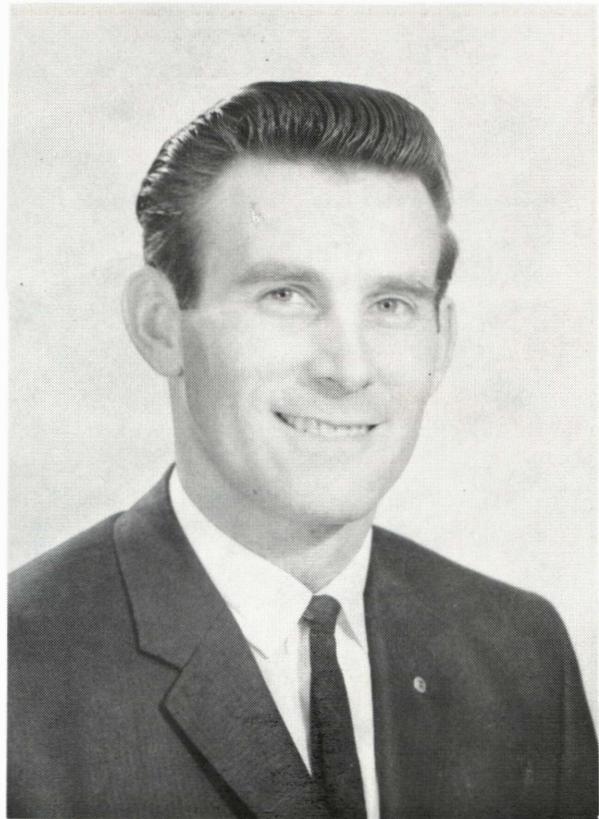
A month later after the excitement seemed to have died, John Vanderhoek, who lives on a farm by the Vancouver Island highway, phoned to say that motorists were crowding up in front of his place to watch a "red thing in the air" that was putting on quite a performance. He described it as rising and falling, and changing in intensity as it did so. Above the reddish light there appeared to be a white one, and the object was in motion despite a complete absence of wind. As he spoke the light moved toward mountains to the west and disappeared.

That apparently marked the end of the Vancouver Island flap, at least for the time being. But it might be well to explain that the Jan. 1 sightings did not really mark the beginning. In December there had been a scattering of sightings north of Duncan, and in one case the object sounded very similar to that reported by Vanderhoek. It was glowing white on top and red on the bottom.

But the most striking of these earlier incidents occurred one morning above Duncan's Alexander elementary school. The object in this case was ring-shaped and, as it moved silently overhead, was observed by a teacher, two aides, the school secretary and two students.

"The ring definitely looked as if it was made of some solid substance," Mrs. Edith Beiling, one of the aides, told us. "It was like a very large heavy hula hoop and the material looked like thick rolled-up plastic. It seemed to change in size slightly, perhaps because it was moving up and down, and we didn't have any real idea what size it was but I'd say a large plane could have fitted into it about 15 times.

*As Drummonds watched (opposite) a ray like "thin neon tube" divided into pieces flashed from object.*



*Mayor James Quaife*

"We saw it through a window from inside the school at first, then we rushed outside to get a better look. We were all pretty excited, and I think there was one who was even quite frightened. I felt like ringing the school bell but decided I had better not."

Mrs. Beiling explained the day was heavily overcast at the time and consequently it was difficult to say whether they were staring through open space in the middle of the craft, or whether the center was made of some material matching the clouds in color. But there was no doubt in the witnesses' minds that they were looking at a solid object, not at a smoke ring. After about three minutes the object was lost from sight.

The ring-shaped object is not a newcomer to UFO reports, and there are cases in which it has been proved beyond doubt to be of the smoke variety. But here we have the puzzle of a ring being seen as an introductory feature to a UFO show of classic quality. It is difficult to believe the two events were not in some way associated.

*Jim, looking through telescope, felt his hair stand on end.*



Mrs. Edith Beiling

But, like so much of the UFO story, we must wait for other similar instances before we can begin to guess what the association might be.

## More Pairs Of "Men"

*In Winnipeg, news of the sighting at the Duncan hospital struck a note in the memory of consulting editor Brian Cannon who, digging into his files, came up with the following report of an incident that occurred last summer in Alberta. Readers will note the astonishing similarity between the behavior of the two figures described in this case and that of the humanoid who seemed to observe Miss Kendall.*

Fred Yoos, a night employee of an Olds, Alberta concern, received an unexpected visitor in the early morning of July 1, 1969. Yoos was walking through the premises at 6:15 a.m. when he heard a clattering which he thought was a low-flying airplane.

The noise sounded like several people were hammering on a piece of metal pipe and it shook the building for a few moments. Nervously, the 62-year-old man looked out of a nearby window and saw a large, green, elliptical object descending from a dense cloud to the northwest. Down it came, until it hovered just above the ground not more than 50 feet away from the startled witness.

The rising sun reflected off a window-like opening in the craft and Yoos was able to detect the movement of two figures inside. He saw the two heads turn and felt that they were watching him although he was unable to distinguish any features.

After the initial din, the machine made no sound. Yoos estimated that it was about 20 feet long, 14 to 16 feet through the middle and 10 feet deep — definitely egg shaped. It appeared as if one corner of the object had buried into the ground since an impression was noted in the soil by Yoos, later.

As the two figures turned toward the man, the object suddenly turned to the left slightly and rose straight into the air and away to the east. Yoos had given little thought to UFOs before but he could not explain what had landed in Olds, Alta. that sunny July morning.

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*Then in Tucson, Arizona, Dr. James E. McDonald received a news clipping of the Duncan story and he, too, recalled reading a report of an incident that matched the hospital account in several striking details. A professor at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona, Dr. McDonald has campaigned strongly to gain scientific recognition of the UFO phenomenon. The report he sent us was carried by "The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Report" published by UFO Information Retrieval Center, Inc., at Riderwood, Maryland.*

*Readers will note how in this case the occupants again seemed to observe their surroundings before taking off and how the color green is emphasized, as in the Yoos account. The description of the occupants' clothing is quite similar to that of Miss Kendall's sighting. The UFOIC report said:*

A sighting of a fantastic character was witnessed by Mrs. Frederick Moreland of Old Renwick Road, Blenheim, New Zealand, on the early morning of July 13, 1959. Mrs. Moreland lives with her husband, an airman at the Woodborne Station of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, with their five children on a small farm outside of Blenheim, near the northeast tip of South Island.

The story of Mrs. Moreland's unusual experience is related somewhat in detail in the July 22 issue of the *Nelson Evening Mail*. Mrs. Moreland's account in part as given to the *Mail* reporter reads as follows:

At 5:30 a.m. on Monday, July 13, I went across the paddock to milk the cows. I noticed a green glow in the clouds. As there was no moon I wondered what it was. When I was halfway across the paddock, two large green things, like eyes or big lamps, appeared above me and dropped towards the ground.

"I noticed that I was bathed in green and that all the paddock was green, too. It was a horrid sort of color. My first thought was, I shouldn't be here, and I made a dive for the trees (a stand of pines on the other side of the three-acre paddock). I stood and watched.

"A saucer-shaped glow with two indented green lights in the bottom descended. The air became very *warm*. Two rows of jets around the middle shot out orange-colored flames. They appeared to revolve in opposite directions. The thing was about 20 to 30 feet in diameter. It hovered at about roof height.

"The jets stopped and a light was switched on in what appeared to be a perspex or glass roof or dome, which glowed. The bottom appeared to be a greyish color. There was a faint hum in the air as it hovered.

"There were two men in it, dressed in fairly close-fitting suits of shiny material. The only thing I can think of to describe it is aluminum foil. Opaque helmets rose from their shoulders. I could not see their faces.

"One of the two men stood up and put both hands in front of him as if leaning over to look downwards. He then sat down and, after a minute or two, the jets started off again and, tilting slightly at first, the thing shot up vertically at great speed and disappeared into the clouds. When it did this it made a soft but high pitched sound.

"I was so dumfounded that I stood in the trees for a moment not knowing what to do. There was a *smell* of something which resembled pepper in the air. At last I decided to continue getting in and milking the cows..."

The *Nelson Evening Mail* of August 6 told of two other persons in a locality not far from the home of Mrs. Moreland who witnessed unusual aerial phenomena at the same time. Mr. Roy Holdaway, farmer at Dillon's Point, rises at 4:30 a.m. every morning. He told of seeing a sky object of "greeny color — travelling from east to west towards Blenheim." A neighbor's wife reported a "very bright light in the eastern sky travelling in a horizontal position (sic) from north to south" early that same morning.

*In the same period still a third report*

*resembling that of the Duncan incident in certain detail came to our attention. This time it was an account carried by the APRO Bulletin, edited by Coral E. Lorenzen in Tucson, Arizona, of a series of sightings in the Phillipines on Nov. 1, 1968. Although in this case the unknown craft had wheels, a feature not reported before (possibly because no actual landing was seen in the other instances), the description of two occupants again compares closely with Miss Kendall's statement. Note how the sightings tend to occur in the early morning.*

*The APRO report said in part:*

The first observation took place at 4 a.m. (local time). A farmer in an area north of the town of Baras saw an object descend, making a hissing sound like an electric welder. It had a red light in front. The farmer took a flashlight and left his hut to have a better look at the object, which he estimated to be about 100 yards distant. As he approached, he saw what he described to the investigators as a white vehicle "as big as a Volkswagen beetle car with two occupants." The vehicle had small wheel and six big exhausts at the rear. The size of each exhaust tube was as big as a man's leg (the witness compared the exhaust tubes with his own leg).

The farmer described the object as "milky white" and said he saw a transparent canopy on top, through which he observed two occupants. The occupants wore white overalls with ear-phones on their heads and they looked like "ordinary caucasians." *One was taller than the other. (Italics are ours. Note this same detail in Miss Kendall's story.)*

Upon approaching the object, it emitted a loud "roar" and the farmer ran off in fright. He then observed it move forward on the ground (on its wheels) to a clearing. Then it flew away.

APRO went on to report that three other similar sightings were made the same morning, the last at 11 a.m., and in two of these instances two "men" were seen. In the last case one of the figures was outside and was said to be "very tall" and looking like a caucasian.

So here again we have emphasis placed on the fine physical appearance of the occupants. How, then, do we categorize the next occupant story that reached us? Although it does not jibe with the Duncan incident in any specific detail, we feel bound to include it here because it occurred in roughly the same time period and the same general area.

## "Little Green Man"

*In carrying this report we must emphasize we heard of the incident too close to our printing deadline to make a careful check of details. Consequently we are not identifying anyone involved and have not yet sought permission to do so.*

*However, we did receive the account in person from the teacher who was first to hear of the incident from the witness, a boy in Grade 2 at Terrace in north-central British Columbia where the sighting occurred. In Victoria during the Easter vacation, this teacher was introduced to us by a mutual acquaintance and expressed conviction that something unusual had happened to the boy. He did not believe that, as might be suspected at first, the lad was accosted by a vagrant with nasty intent. His impression was that something had occurred which was more strange than it was unpleasant.*

*Apparently the boy spoke first to this particular teacher, who was not in charge of Grade 2, because he spotted him outside the school minutes after his experience and wanted to confide in an adult he recognized. Next he approached his own teacher to say he had "something important" to tell her. However, he had to wait until after class that afternoon before doing so.*

*As repeated to us by the first teacher, the account of the incident was as follows:*

One day toward the end of February the boy was returning to school after lunch at home when he was confronted by an odd-looking "man" about his own height, which was under four feet. The encounter took place near a clump of trees in a field through which the boy was making a short-cut. Only two houses were visible from that point and they were fairly distant.

The boy said that the creature looked like a "little green man." After some questioning on the point, it was gathered that by this he meant the man's flesh had a green tone and that he was not using the phrase as a generalization to explain his unusual appearance. (For simplicity we will denote the stranger as a "man.") Nearby was a "round thing" from which he thought the man might have emerged as he had not noticed him standing there until immediately before their meeting.

He said the man had "bare feet" and, in a pencil sketch which he did later, he showed the feet as being large to a marked degree in comparison with the body. On the other hand, the head was comparatively small. It is doubtful, however, that any real accuracy of

measurement could be expected in a drawing by so young a witness.

The boy said the man "jabbered" at him in a tongue he could not understand. The stranger then removed something from a "belt" he wore that to the boy looked "sort of like a gun." Holding out his other hand, the man squirted a ball of substance from this instrument into his palm, then squashed the substance into a patty which he handed to the boy. During this performance, the youngster noticed the strange being had what appeared to be "long fingernails."

The boy, "confused" by all this, to quote the teacher's impression soon after, started to move away toward the school. For a minute or so he dared not look back. When he finally did so, the stranger and the "round thing" had gone.

So far one might conclude that here was a story an imaginative youngster might well have made up, perhaps after watching too much TV and perhaps being the kind who wanted a little extra attention. There were, after all, no other known witnesses, though this might be explained by the fact that the incident took place on the outskirts of town and behind the clump of trees in relation to the school.

But there were two points that tended to discount the notion the lad might be spinning a yarn. One was that after hearing the account, the first teacher asked the school principal if the boy was overly imaginative and was told that, on the contrary, he seemed less imaginative than average.

The other point was that as he spoke to the teacher, the boy reached in his pocket and handed him the substance which he said the stranger had given him. The teacher said it was yellowish in color, flecked with green, and was about one-eighth of an inch thick. It felt quite hard and he guessed it must have been about the size of a golf ball before it was squashed. He said he did not recognize it as any familiar type of material.

Shortly after the boy put the patty of material back in his pocket, the teacher had further cause to be puzzled by the whole incident. He said he noticed the patty on the ground beside the boy's foot, though he had not seen it drop, nor apparently had the boy. Picking it up, he had the impression the object was smaller and lighter than it had been a moment before.

"I'm sure I was not mistaken about that," he told us. "The substance, whatever it was, definitely seemed to have shrunk."

Whether the substance continued to shrink until it vanished or whether it fell from the

boy's pocket again and was lost will probably never be known. But after school when the lad retold his story to his class teacher, he could not find a trace of it to show her.

*Although this is a case that obviously must be considered with reservation, we are not prepared to dismiss it out of hand. In addition to the two supporting points we have mentioned — which may, of course, prove nothing — there is the fact that the sighting of "little green men" is not new in the record book. In his newly published paperback Strange Creatures from Time and Space which we will review fully in our next issue, author John Keel writes:*

*"The United States Air Force apparently received a rash of "little men" reports in the early 1950s, for in 1955 Captain Robert White, then Pentagon spokesman for the official UFO-chasing Project Blue Book, told the press: 'In the past three years I've heard all kinds of descriptions (of UFO-nauts), but the most frequent are little, green luminous smelly types. Despite all the stories, I'm still convinced no space men have landed on earth. Still, people keep insisting that they've seen little green men!'"*

*No smell or luminosity appears to have been involved in the Terrace incident but there are certain other details the young witness may be able to disclose under more friendly questioning. What, for instance, was the stranger's clothing? What were his facial features? What about that "round thing" and were his feet really big and his fingernails long or was he possibly wearing contour boots and finger-tip tools?*

*Fortunately the teacher we interviewed is interested, too, in learning more detail. If it is forthcoming, we will report again on the little green man at Terrace.*

## **And In South America . . .**

*Father Benito Reyna of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is professor of mathematics and physics at the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires; and director of three astronomical observatories, the principal one being the Adhara Observatory from which he and about 30 other astronomers saw the American ECHO 11 satellite being investigated three times by a UFO. This object performed exact circuits around the satellite and was seen clearly through telescopes and binoculars.*

*In a recent letter to a friend in Victoria, B.C., he wrote:*

*Around the beginning of November, 1969, a TV channel broadcast a big UFO documentary made by civil investigators and the armed forces. We even heard the verdict of our President: "This reality is undeniable." However, the obstinate will continue in their refusal to accept the facts. The Minister of the Air Force was one of these closed minds. But while driving in his car along the coastal road near Mar del Plata one afternoon, his car suddenly stalled in the middle of the highway. He and his chauffeur got out to find what was the matter. As the chauffeur knew something about ufology since living some years in the USA, he decided to look upwards, and they both saw a great light very close to them. They waited for it to pass by, and the car started and functioned just as it had done previously. Now the Minister makes a point every day of asking his driver if he has seen anything new.*

*At the end of November there passed over this capital of Buenos Aires a mother-ship or space "cigar" that was so colossal it seemed to be 50 m. long. If one had been able to find out its altitude, we would have been able to estimate its real size.*

*As you were in Mendoza, Argentina, I'm telling you of an incident there that was related to me by a lawyer I know well. At the southern entrance to Mendoza there is a psychiatric home. During the night the female patients are supervised by a very strong nurse who is capable of handling them when they become refractory.*

*On a particular night this nurse noticed there was an unusual quietness in the dormitory and that one could not even hear a single one of the many cats around the place. She went out to the big central patio, and it was with terror that she saw a large object, dazzling, poised on a pedestal that protruded from under it and having the apparent shape of an inverted pyramid. (See truckdriver's description of Duncan sighting in opening feature.)*

*To protect herself from the heat, she put her hands against the left part of her face. Suddenly the object extinguished its light and she was then able to discern portholes, and beings which were observing her. After an instant the object rose and flew off at high speed. The woman called the police and the men noticed*

in the patio a circle of 80 cms. where the mosaics were burnt. On throwing water there, it evaporated, even for several hours afterwards. The hands of the woman and the

right side of her face remained burnt for two months.

My dear friend, be assured that incidents keep multiplying themselves.

## Mysteries In Russian Sky

*We are often asked how much UFO activity is reported from Russia and whether there is any organized effort to study the mystery. Thanks to one of our readers, Ernest Renwick of Edmonton, we here offer what is perhaps the most authoritative and complete answer to both these questions that is publicly available.*

*Keeping a sharp eye out for UFO news from behind the Iron Curtain, Renwick spotted this article in a recent issue of SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY. Titled "YES! THERE ARE FLYING SAUCERS!" SAYS RUSSIA, it was written by Felix Zigel, Doctor of Science, Assistant Professor of Moscow Aviation Institute.*

*Readers will note that three of the most significant sightings mentioned occurred in 1967, indicating that Russia, too, had its share of attention in that "invasion" year.*

The place of observation is Kazakhstan, the field camp of a geophysical expedition from a Leningrad research institute. The nearest populated locality, Koktal, is 11 miles away. The time of observation is August 16, 1960, about 11 p.m. local time.

According to Master of Geology and Minerology Nikolai Sochevanov, the camp chief, a strange, luminous body suddenly appeared over the mountains on the eastern slope of the valley. It was moving from north to south, and its visible diameter was one and a half times longer than the Moon's.

A few seconds later the body disappeared behind a mountain top, reappeared and headed southeast, keeping constant speed and height above the Earth. The mysterious object was lens-shaped and bright, the edges being somewhat less luminous than the center.

The body described an arc in the sky and disappeared behind the mountains, leaving no trace.

The unidentified flying object (UFO) was observed by eight scientific workers, members of the geophysical expedition.

On July 26, 1965, Latvian astronomers Robert Vitolniek, Yan Melderis and Esmeralda Vitolniek were studying noctilucent clouds at

an observation station at Ogra. At 9:35 p.m. they noticed an unusually bright star moving slowly in a westerly direction. Looked at through binoculars with a magnification of eight diameters, the "star" resolved into a small flat speck. The telescope then disclosed the following incredible picture.

In the heat of a lens-shaped disc, which the astronomers estimated to be about 325 feet across, was clearly evident a thickened part, a small sphere. Around the disc, at a distance of two diameters, were three spheres resembling the one in the center. The spheres slowly rotated around the disc as the entire system diminished in size, gradually leaving the Earth. Some 15 to 20 minutes later the spheres began to move away from the disc, as if receding in different directions. The sphere in the center also left its place and moved away. Finally at 10 p.m. all these shining emerald green bodies were so far away that the astronomers lost sight of them.

This strange picture was observed in the northwestern part of the sky at about 60 degrees above the horizon. The astronomers estimated that the enigmatic objects were about 60 miles above the Earth. . .



A long radiogram arrived at the office of the magazine Smena, for which I had written an article on UFOs. It was sent by First Mate Bazhazhin on behalf of the crew of the Soviet ship Izhevsk.

On August 2, 1967, at 11:30 p.m. Moscow time, while crossing the Norwegian Sea in a westerly direction, sailors witnessed this unusual phenomenon, said the radiogram:

"There were three of us in the cabin — Captain Markov, Senior Engineer Ivanov and myself. Sysoyev, navigator on duty, reported a strange phenomenon in the sky. We ran to the bridge and saw a sphere-like whitish spot moving southward.

"A few minutes later a bright spot flared up high in the sky. For a couple of seconds it rushed headlong from west to east at an angle of 45 degrees to the Earth, getting much larger. Suddenly it came to a stop and with a play of bright rainbow colors (yellow predominating) began throwing off sparks and became enveloped in a white shroud.

"Once again the sphere-like white nebula began moving south. The procedure was repeated four times. On the fifth and last time the spot's behavior changed. It stopped midway, turned over and assumed the shape of an egg with the thicker end up. Then a powerful white jet squirted from the lower end, after which the 'egg' grew pale, became enveloped in white mist and, with its white tail, began to head southward."

All this strange celestial activity was visible for an hour and then vanished into thin air . . .

Not one but several reports came from astronomers at the Mountain Astrophysical Station, USSR Academy of Sciences, 12 miles from Kislovodsk.

In July 1967 the station received letters from local newspapers reporting the flight of a strange reddish crescent across the sky at 9:20 p.m. on July 17.

In the very early morning of July 18, 1967, astronomer H. I. Potter, who was observing the Moon at the Mountain Station, noticed a strange formation against a clear starry sky at 2:50 a.m. Moscow time. A white cloud appeared in the northeast at an elevation of about 20 degrees. Its diameter was twice as long as that of the Moon but its nose was several times less bright.

The cloud itself had a dense milky-white color, with a rosy-red nucleus clearly discernible near its northern end. The cloud expanded and grew paler. A few minutes later the white cloud dispersed completely, but the reddish nucleus remained. Toward daybreak it lost its outlines and then disappeared. Photographs showing its changes were taken.

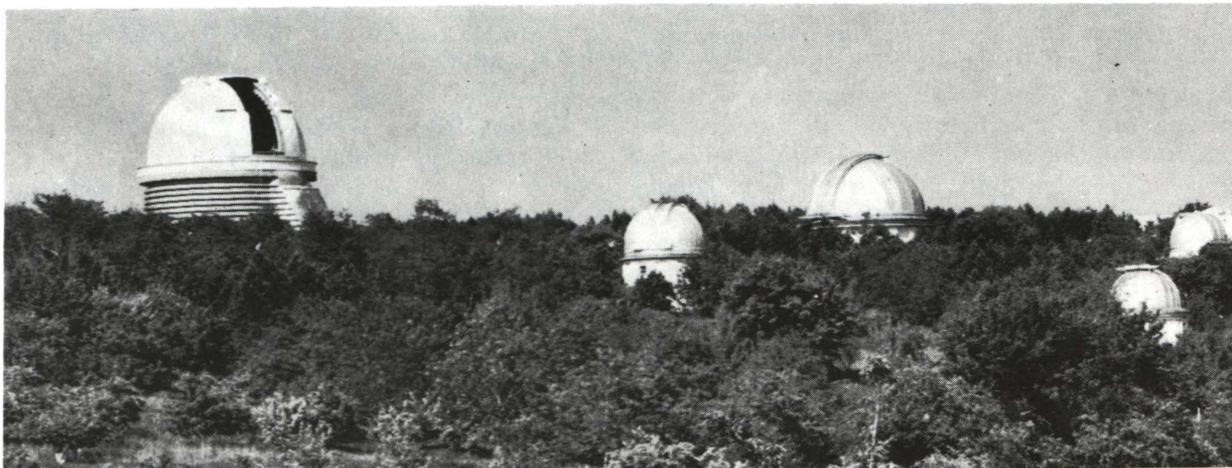
At 8:40 p.m. on August 8, 1967, at the same Mountain Station, astronomer Anatoli Sazanov observed an unfamiliar flying object. It was shaped like an asymmetrical crescent, with its convex side turned in the direction of its movement. Narrow, faintly luminous ribbons resembling the condensation trail of a jet plane followed behind the horns of the crescent. Its diameter was two-thirds that of the Moon, and it was not as bright. It was yellow with a reddish tinge.

The object was flying horizontally in the northern part of the sky, from west to east, at about 20 degrees above the horizon. It covered the distance from Ursa Major to Cassiopeya in half a minute. A bright star of the first magnitude was moving at a constant distance ahead of the crescent.

As it moved away from the observers, the crescent dwindled, turned into a small disc and then instantly disappeared from sight.

The mysterious object was seen by 10 of the station's scientific workers. It was also observed in Kislovodsk. According to Sazanov, the crescent was 12 miles away, and it was about 500 feet across.

Let us stop here and draw some conclusions. Even if all the UFO evidence amounted to no more than these four accounts, it is clear that



*From observation posts like the Crimean Astrophysical Observatory, shown here, Russian*

*Astronomers keep lookout for strange aerial activity in addition to conducting solar and stellar research.*

the evidence exists. The fact of the matter is, however, that many thousands of such observations have been documented in the past 20 years. They come from dozens of countries and virtually every corner of our planet, including the Arctic and Antarctic. The UFO phenomenon is too widespread and popularly accepted to be dismissed lightly.

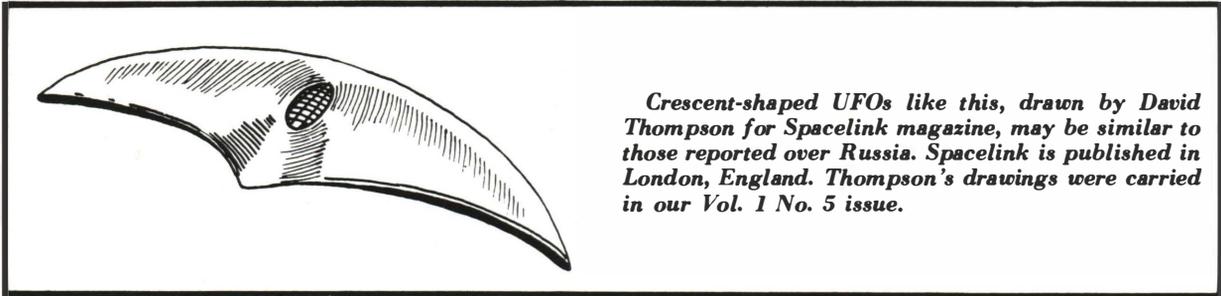
A growing number of serious scientists are not satisfied with explanations characterizing the sightings as visual aberrations. It goes without saying that the phenomenon attracts, and will unfortunately continue to, all sorts of publicity seekers. But we do not stop using money because there are counterfeiters. The task of science is, precisely, the obligation to distinguish between the false and the true.

Thus, if science considers flying saucers a

diameters as a rule run four to five inches, no larger; the diameters of flying discs are tens and even hundreds of times that size. The behavior of UFOs, their shapes and other physical properties are quite different from what we know of ball lightning.

To find a clue to the nature of UFOs, we must study all the reports on these surprising and, to my mind, real objects. Only a scientific analysis will reveal the truth. What is, however, clear already is that UFO phenomenon can be objectively analyzed and classified. The UFO classification adopted by foreign investigators is also confirmed by Soviet observers.

By day when observed from Earth or planes, UFOs appear as bright discs with a metallic tinge. Assistant Professor Vyacheslav Zaitsev



*Crescent-shaped UFOs like this, drawn by David Thompson for Spacelink magazine, may be similar to those reported over Russia. Spacelink is published in London, England. Thompson's drawings were carried in our Vol. 1 No. 5 issue.*

hallucination, it still must explain the cause of this psychic illness. That may well be as difficult to establish as the true nature of UFOs.

The well-known American astrophysicist Donald Menzel says that flying saucers are optical phenomena in the Earth's atmosphere. Because of Professor Menzel's scientific prestige the explanation is generally accepted. But it does not hold water. As soon as we go on from this generalization to concrete interpretations of concrete observations, it becomes evident that UFOs will not reduce themselves to optical phenomena of the mirage, rainbow or halo type. Try the Menzel explanation on the four accounts we cited earlier. Nothing intelligible will emerge. What we seem to be dealing with here is a kind of reality still unexplored.

The appearance of UFOs is almost always accompanied by a luminescence of air and the formation of an atmospheric plasma. This fact is the basis for the "plasma" hypothesis of UFOs as accumulations of atmospheric plasma of the ball lightning type. But this explanation does not hold up either. Ball lightning is always a thunderstorm product, and the appearance of UFOs has no relation to weather. Ball lightning

observed such a flying saucer in 1964, above Bologoye, from a TU-104 aircraft making a scheduled flight. The huge bright metal disc slid under the liner's belly, made a turn and at some distance took a course parallel with the aircraft. A bulging core resembling a cabin could be seen in the heart of the disc. After flying alongside the plane for several seconds, it swerved abruptly and disappeared.

UFO movements are peculiar. Sometimes they hover over the earth for tens of minutes. In flight they can develop incredible speeds and accelerations.

Depending on the viewing angle, flying discs look flattened or cigar-shaped or spherical. In some cases a UFO appears as a crescent, turning into a disc before your eyes.

The belief that UFOs are real is also born out by the fact that these enigmatic objects are not only visible to the naked eye, but leave distinct images on photographic plates and are recorded by such impartial "witnesses" as radar screens.

Air Force Major Baidukov, on a night mission above the Odessa Region on April 4,

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# Physical Effects - What To Look For

By

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It is widely recognized amongst UFO researchers that unidentified flying objects are becoming much bolder in their apparent examination of this planet. In retrospect, this past decade has provided enough UFO data to provoke independent university studies, Congressional and Senate hearings as well as scientific symposiums on a subject that previously had been treated with utter contempt. People were not only seeing bright lights in the heavens. They were also describing solid airborne vehicles that purportedly were causing the electrical systems in automobiles to malfunction and that were dropping foil-like strips of metal and gossamer threads that resembled Christmas tree decorations more than "space hardware." Especially in recent years, there has been a strong indication that UFOs have been landing frequently in various parts of the world.

It is, nevertheless, a formidable task to attempt to assess the story of a low-flying UFO affecting the operation of an automobile when there is no visible sign and no magnetization of the car itself (assuming a magnetic field was responsible). In the same context, one cannot place any emphasis on the numerous bits of "space grass" and "angel hair" that have been associated with UFO sightings despite the uncanny fact that these substances are very common to the phenomenon.

With one possible exception, the Ubatuba, Brazil magnesium, there is no material known to exist today that can be clearly termed space hardware.

But there is one aspect of the UFO riddle that cannot be explained in such a mundane manner — the landing sites, areas of scorched or impressed soil, usually in a definite circular pattern. Because of random investigations of these reports, it is impossible to estimate the number of landings in recent years, but we can be reasonably sure that the number exceeds 1,000 over the past 15 years. For example,

Dr. Jacques Vallee the French astronomer, documented 200 such cases in 1954 alone! A number of flattened clumps of reed were found in Queensland, Australia in 1966. A farmer, George Pedley of North Queensland, was driving a tractor near his property on January 19 when a large saucer-shaped object suddenly rose from a growth of water reeds not 75 feet away and ascended into the air. With a loud hissing noise, the object shot away to the southwest and disappeared. Mr. Pedley left his tractor and ran to the spot where the saucer had been sitting and discovered a flattened circular area in the midst of the patch of reeds. The grass immediately outside the circle had been clipped off.

Canada has had its share of landings, particularly since 1967. Details of the Falcon Lake incident have been outlined in previous issues of CANADIAN UFO REPORT and in Vol. 1, No. 6 we included information of two 1969 cases near Pembroke, Ont. where a total of four impressions were found, all quite suddenly and mysteriously. On May 31, 1967, a young farm woman of Beausejour, Man. was terrified by a large white light that approached her home at 11:00 p.m. The light, glowing blue on the top and red on the bottom, slowly approached from the south over some high tension power lines and stopped 150 feet away from the girl. She ran quickly into the house, too frightened to look out at the bright object. When her husband returned home later that night, she, almost reluctantly, told him what had transpired earlier. The following morning, the man investigated the area where the object had hovered and found a 25-foot circle of peaty soil smoldering in the field. It had NOT been burning the previous day!

In New Zealand the burned circles turned up again, this time on Sept. 4, 1969 at Ngatea on the North Island, south of Auckland. B. G. O'Neil found the round area of dead growth, roughly 60 feet in diameter, on his property

at Ngatea and reported it to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. According to the D.S.I.R., the dead patch of vegetation was due to a "saprophytic fungus" which was found in the dead tissue of the plants. It appeared as if the mystery was solved, that is until the horticulturalist J. Stuart-Menzies conducted his own investigation. Mr. Stuart-Menzies said the government conclusion was "unrealistic" and stated that the fungus referred to by the D.S.I.R. could not have killed the growth. The area was checked with a Geiger counter and the results were positive. Every bit of moisture in the plants had been vaporized. Every plant in the circle had been literally cooked from the inside out, according to Mr. Stuart-Menzies. He theorized that a type of short-wave, high-frequency radiation was responsible for the burn.

Then, on Oct. 15, another circle, 15 feet in diameter, was located near Te Kuiti on the North Island. Charles Blackmoore, on whose farm the patch was found, stated he was certain that it had not been evident the previous day. The dead weed had been burnt, flattened and spread outward in a spiral pattern. A peculiar odor hung over the circle and Mr. Blackmoore has suffered a continuous headache since approaching the spot. This is a very common symptom affecting individuals who have come in close contact with an apparent landed object. Unexplainably, Blackmoore's four tame ducks disappeared the day the circle was found as did a large population of frogs in the lake on his farm. The lake provided drinking water for the animals but now the cows will not go near it. This case is still under active investigation, therefore we cannot say what contaminated the lake or what seemingly landed in Blackmoore's yard.

What, then, can we derive from these strange circumstances? Unfortunately, there is no clearing house, right now, where such reports can be sent from all countries and be properly scrutinized in order to categorize the similarities and differences of each instance. But similarities there are, as we have noted in the foregoing examples and perhaps there is one clue that should receive special mention in the event the reader has the opportunity to investigate a landing case.

Since 1954 several countries have been experimenting in the economical use of nuclear power. Canada is one of the five leading countries involved in atomic energy research and development. During this time, military and civilian scientists have successfully launched the world's first atomic submarine, the U.S.S. NAUTILUS and the first nuclear-powered ship, the U.S.N.S. SAVANNAH. It is inevitable that we extend the application of nuclear power to our rockets and space ships because of the small amounts of uranium fuel required to power the vehicles. We have looked at several reported UFO ground contacts in this story and it is interesting to note that in (a) the Falcon Lake case, (b), the Beausejour, Man. case and (c) the Ngatea, New Zealand case, radiation was detected! A number of reports from other areas contain information that these landing sites have also been irradiated. Is it possible that UFOs are using atomic energy and that they are looking for areas on Earth that contain uranium and-or thorium elements, both important as atomic-fuel sources!

Is it only coincidence that Canada, New Zealand and the Philippines, the focal points of recent UFO activity, have vast deposits of untapped uranium ore? Or is it only by chance that Brazil, a country that probably experiences more UFO activity than the rest of the world's reports combined, has tremendous deposits of monazite, the principal source of thorium?

We are speculating here on the method of space travel and perhaps you will say we are putting the horse before the cart, since we don't really know yet what UFOs are. We believe that UFOs exist, as a material reality. It is time to go beyond the evaluation of "that bright light flying in the sky" idea and come to grips with the physical effects of these objects that have been reported on the ground. Both the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment at Pinawa, Man. and the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories, Chalk River, Ont. have had UFO landings literally in their backyards — the Falcon Lake sighting by Stephan Michalak and the Pembroke, Ont. cases respectively. Look for atomic energy facilities or areas of fissionable material and you will probably find a bee-hive of UFO activity.

1966, noticed on the screen of his plane's radar a strange object which was also spotted by ground-based radar units. Within 15 minutes the object dropped from 31 to 18 miles, in the next quarter of an hour to 15 miles, and in the next 10 minutes to 11 miles. The UFO remained unidentified.

Until recently no scientific study of UFOs has been made in the Soviet Union. More than that, the prevailing and, in my opinion, mistaken view was that UFOs are common optical phenomena in the Earth's atmosphere. There was no collection of UFO observations, and the general impression was that flying saucers are fantasies. The situation now is changing.

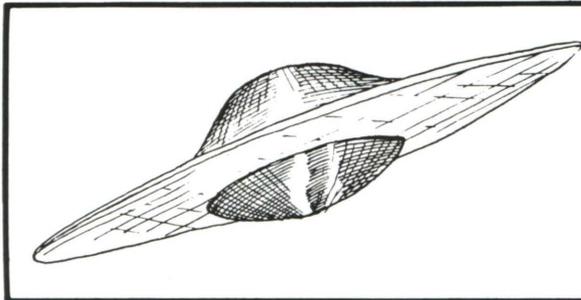
In May 1967 a sponsoring group of scientists, the military, writers and public figures

outset by the existing systems of astronomical, meteorological and geophysical observatories, satellite and space-rocket tracking stations and the radar installations of civilian airports and the hydrometeorological service. All these organizations can make UFO observations with equipment now available.

In the design stage are special devices for photographing UFOs and recording the radiation and magnetic disturbances which they may be responsible for.

The recorded observations will serve to check hypotheses. These hypotheses should not, in my opinion, attempt to explain the nature of UFOs in terms of familiar phenomena. Judging by other surprises, nature has some in store for us here, too, and we must be ready for perhaps a radical "reassessment of values."

The hypothesis that UFOs originate in other



*Another Thompson sketch showed this type of UFO which evidently resembled object sighted by Professor Zaitsev, as described here. (When shown Thompson drawings after sighting at Duncan hospital, page 3, Miss Kendall picked this as matching what she saw.)*

met to form an unofficial body whose purpose it would be to conduct a preliminary scientific investigation of UFOs. Those present included Professor Heinrich Ludwig; Doctors of Science Nikolai Zhiron and Igor Bestuzhev-Lada; chief navigator of Soviet polar aviation Valentine Akkuratov; Georgi Uger and Georgi Zevalkin; twice Hero of the Soviet Union Grigori Sivkov, Master of Science (engineering); Heroes of the Soviet Union docent Yekaterina Ryabova and Natalia Kravtsova.

The Organization, set up in October 1967, is called the UFO section of the All-Union Cosmonautics Committee, with headquarters at the Central House of Aviation and Cosmonautics in Moscow. Air Force Major General Porfiri Stolyarov was elected chairman of the section.

Those of us who are participating in this new and exciting undertaking have an ambitious program of work ahead. The first step will be to organize the collection of reliable information on UFOs. That will be done at the

worlds, that they are flying craft from planets other than Earth, merits the most serious examination.

Observations show that UFOs behave "sensibly." In a group formation flight they maintain a pattern. They are most often spotted over airfields, atomic stations and other very new engineering installations. On encountering aircraft, they always maneuver so as to avoid direct contact. A considerable list of these seemingly intelligent actions gives the impression that UFOs are investigating, perhaps even reconnoitering.

The most remarkable UFO phenomenon is the famous "Tungusky meteorite." In recent years Soviet scientists have established that the Tungusky explosion had every parameter of an all nuclear blast. The USSR Academy of Sciences Reports (Volume 172, Nos. 4 and 5, 1967) have studies by Alexei Zolotov to prove that the Tungusky body could not be a meteorite or a comet.

In the summer of 1967 the Joint Institute of

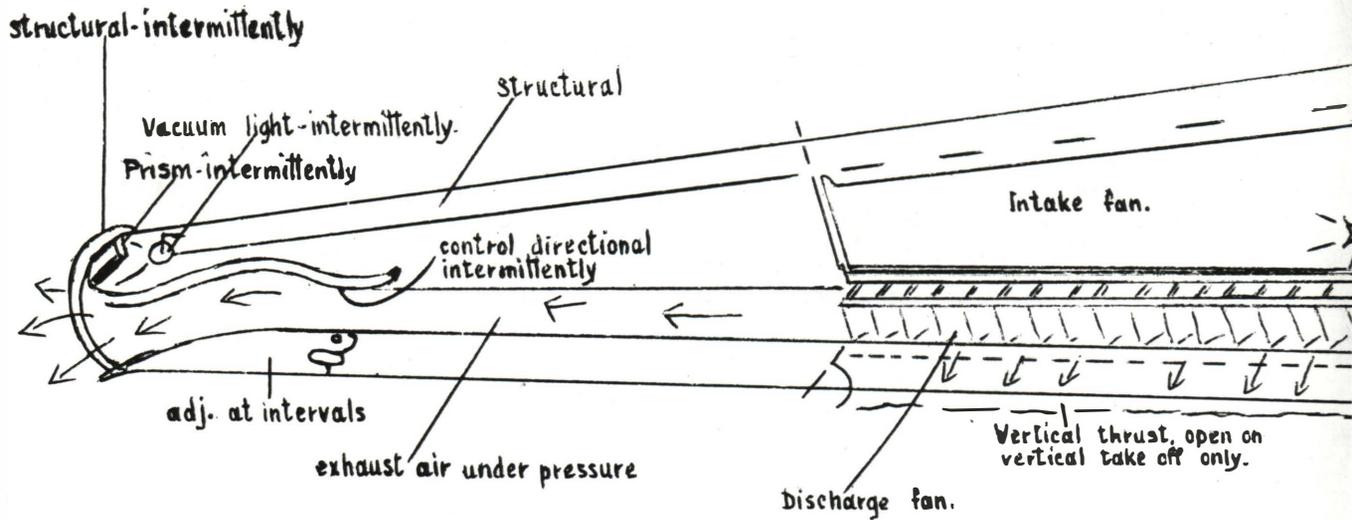
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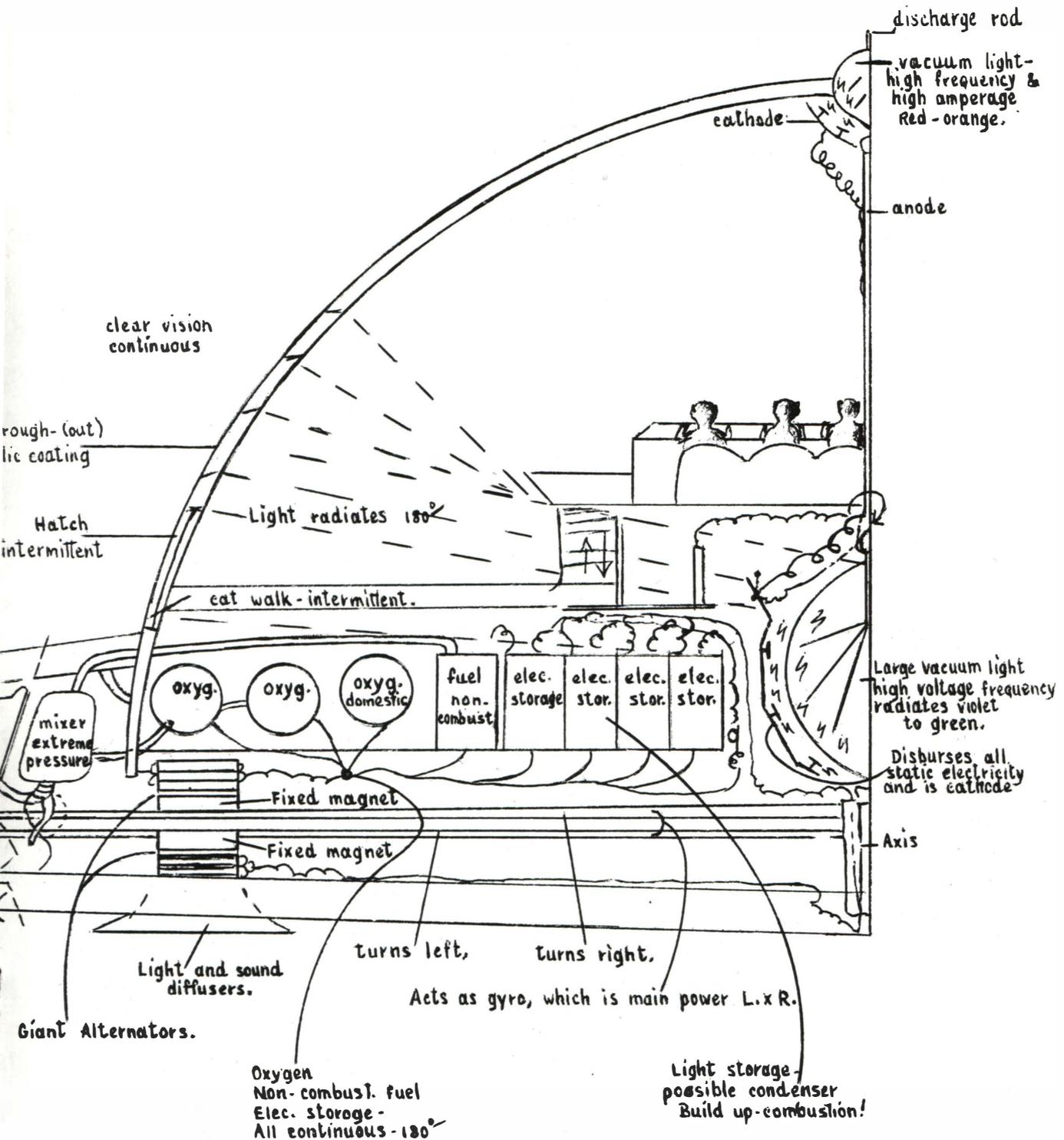
FLYING SAUCER U.F.O.

This half-sectional drawing of what was described as a "Flying Saucer U.F.O." was submitted by an anonymous reader who added cryptically he "will expand" on it if interest is expressed. We have shown the sketch to mechanical experts who feel it merits further inquiry. Accordingly we express our interest and would appreciate more details from the sender. We would also welcome comments from readers in a position to make a technical appraisal.

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Color varies with increase or decrease of energy.





clear vision  
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rough-(out)  
lic coating

Hatch  
intermittent

Light radiates 180°

cat walk - intermittent.

Large vacuum light  
high voltage frequency  
radiates violet  
to green.

Disbursts all  
static electricity  
and is cathode

mixer  
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Light and sound  
diffusers.

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Acts as gyro, which is main power L.x.R.

Giant Alternators.

Oxygen  
Non-combust. fuel  
Elec. storage -  
All continuous - 180°

Light storage -  
possible condenser  
Build up-combustion!

Operates - electrical  
and - oxygen +  
expandable fuel.

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Only heat - created by  
fuel expansion.

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Nuclear Research at Dubna published a study by Valdimir Mekhedov, who concludes that the Tungusky blast left considerable residual radioactivity. Finally, as recently as 1966, after analyzing the sum total of observations on the Tungusky body's flight, this writer showed that before the blast the Tungusky body described in the atmosphere a tremendous arc of about 375 miles in extent (in azimuth), that is, carried out a maneuver.

All these new results warrant the conclusion that the Tungusky body seems to have been an artificial flying craft from some other planet.

Should this be finally confirmed by investigations now in progress, the significance of the Tungusky disaster would be inestimable.

But this, incidentally will pose new problems. If we are indeed being studied by

creatures from other planets, what is their purpose? Why are they so studiously avoiding any direct contact? Is their unsociability the result of so high a level of development that they study us from that "height" just as we look upon and study ants? Or is there still the possibility of common understanding since we are born in the same Universe and obey the same laws of nature?

Yes, there will be many questions, but all are in the distant future. Our study of UFOs may lead to quite different conclusions and present mankind with quite different problems.

The important thing now is for us to discard any preconceived notions about UFOs and to organize on a global scale a calm, sensation-free and strictly scientific study of this strange phenomenon. The subject and aims of the investigation are so serious that they justify any efforts. It goes without saying that international cooperation is vital.

*A section of Stalingrad.*



# Invasion Over Prairies

*While those in the center of national and scientific affairs remain steadfastly — though not unanimously — indifferent, the UFO mystery continues to strengthen its position as the most challenging and profound puzzle ever set before mankind.*

*In our last issue we described how UFO visits seem to come in waves every five years, with lesser peak periods occurring every 26 months. In 1967 the two periods coincided and, as predicted by sorting out flaps of the past, it was Canada's turn to be a focal point of activity. The events that followed more than fulfilled the prediction. Without a sign of official awareness of what was happening, Canada in that year was literally invaded. From coast to coast there was a vast assortment of incidents that left no doubt this country was a main target of attention.*

*The invasion was as peaceful as it was widespread. Through no apparent fault of the visitors, however, there was one casualty. This was the well-known case of Steve Michalak of Winnipeg who, as reported serially by consulting editor Brian C. Cannon, ventured too close to a landed craft and suffered a strange sickness afterward.*

*In introducing our account of the invasion, we described some of the extraordinary events in the Cariboo country of British Columbia, an area evidently marked for special attention by the strange intruders.*

*Now let's see what was happening in the rest of Canada. For coverage of the action in Manitoba and Alberta, Cannon has supplied a chronological list of sightings that occurred after the Michalak incident at Falcon Lake, Man., on May 20.*

*For the Saskatchewan story we have selected two reports of unusual interest prepared by Saskatchewan Unidentified Phenomena Research headed by D. F. Clausen and D. W. Coulthard. Bear in mind that these represent only a fraction of the total reports assembled in that eventful year by the diligent Saskatchewan team. But we picked them out because they typify the mysterious activity that was being witnessed all across Canada.*

*Similarly for eastern Canada we have winnowed out two particularly vivid incidents*

*that occurred among countless others in the course of this quiet invasion.*

*So to continue with this strangest of all chapters in Canadian history, here is Brian Cannon's running account:*

May 26 — Stan Wolowiec and Peter Charne of Winnipeg saw a cigar-shaped object travelling at great speed from east to west at approximately 8:30 p.m. Wolowiec was looking out of his kitchen window at the time and then ran outside with his wife. He described the black object as being about 100 feet in length and 20 feet in diameter. The witnesses stated the craft had a 15 degree bend in the center. Wolowiec and Charne live in the vicinity of the Winnipeg International Airport and ruled out an aircraft explanation.

May 31—Mrs. Wayne Inkpen of Beausejour, Man., watched an unusual light approaching her farm home at 11:30 p.m. that night. Alone at the time, Mrs. Inkpen reasoned that the light was on a truck coming down the highway adjacent to their property. As the light came closer and increased in intensity and size, Mrs. Inkpen realized that it was airborne and approaching the house. No definite shape could be discerned but the white light did have a blue glow on the top and a red glow on the underside. Terrified, the young woman ran into the house and did not look out again. The object was only 150 feet away. The next morning her husband went into the field where the object had apparently hovered and discovered a 25-foot circular area of smoldering soil. Investigation revealed that the fire had not been there the previous day and no explanation could be given as to why it was there that morning. Further examination revealed a higher than normal reading of radiation on a geiger counter.

July 3 — Warren Smith and two companions were prospecting near Nanton, Alta., when they noticed a shiny, disc-shaped craft, approximately 25 feet in diameter approaching them from the east. The object was at an altitude of about 2,000 feet and about two miles from the witnesses when Mr. Smith photographed it. As it continued its flight, the UFO lost altitude passing behind some trees momentarily and then reappearing again. Two

exposures were taken before the object vanished from sight. The pictures have been described by Canadian and American authorities as being remarkably impressive and perhaps the best photos of UFO on record. A report, by the witnesses to the Canadian Dept. of National Defence described the object as being circular, shiny, aluminum-appearing and approximately 25 feet in diameter. After photo analysis, the Defence Dept. concluded that the object had a torus or oblate ellipsoid shape with a diameter of 40 — 50 feet and a thickness of 11.5 to 14 feet. The witnesses signed statutory declarations to the effect that the photographs were not a hoax and that their statements of the sighting were true. If it were proven that the pictures were the result of a hoax perpetrated by the men, they would be subject to prosecution under the Canada Evidence Act.

July 17 — Two huge fireballs looking like "hurricane lamps" were seen by Mrs. M. M. McPhail over Winnipeg at 10:55 p.m. The two lights hovered in the south for five minutes and one proceeded to discharge a smaller light which fell to the earth. The two objects then veered off to the southwest and disappeared from view. A number of similar reports came from England, France and Italy the previous day.

July 26 — B. Ballantyne, his wife and father and several residents of Moose Lake, Man., were running scared when a large oval-shaped, white object moved silently over this community at 3:30 a.m. The object moved slowly over the town and lazily descended to an altitude of 500 feet before it suddenly vanished. When it hovered over the town, Ballantyne stated it emitted green, red, yellow and white rays of light. "It just covered all of Moose Lake," he said.

August 5 — Farmer Edgar Schielke of Duhamel, Alta., located seven circular imprints on his property which had no natural explanation. This area was in the midst of its own UFO "wave" and the circles brought civilian and military investigators alike to look at them. The circles, ranging from 31 to 35 feet in diameter, were bounded by an impression roughly six inches wide. No one, including agriculturists, were able to explain how the rings got there or what they were. Of the rings was situated on a piece of sloping ground

and APRO investigator, W. K. Allan, suggested the elliptical shape was indicative of a circular object producing it with an anti-gravity field. Allan felt that the indentations in the ground would have required a mass of over eight tons. Truck tire tracks on the field crushed the grass but did not leave an indentation. The alleged object cut through a pile of cow dung and crushed a willow fence in two different areas. Capt. Gordon Walker of the transport helicopter platoon in Edmonton, who was investigating the site with scientists from the Suffield Experimental Station, stated, "—I don't know how such perfect circles could have been made. There was obviously tremendous weight used."

Sept. 5 — Eighteen year old Evan Evanson of Taber, Alta., had a close look at a UFO on Highway 36, one mile south of Highway 3 while he was returning home. The boy noticed that his pick-up truck engine was running hot and he pulled over to the side of the road to let it cool. While he sat in the truck listening to his radio, his attention was attracted to a large green-colored object that looked like two flattened bells, one above the other. Evan could not estimate the size or the distance of the object but stated that it made no noise. The music on the radio was suddenly replaced by a signal-like "beep-beep"!

As in many UFO cases, that object abruptly disappeared leaving the boy frightened and amazed. He then noticed that the truck engine had stalled. Similar cases would occur later in 1967 in the same general area.

Sept. 18 — Two Portage la Prairie men twice spotted a bright cigar-shaped UFO in the sky early in the morning on Highway 4 between Portage la Prairie and Neepawa. The first sighting came about four miles east of Woodside when George Hooper saw the strange looking craft for five minutes. It had a sharply defined tail at the rear, possibly a part of the object itself, according to Hooper. The second sighting occurred two miles east of Gladstone when the object appeared again, this time for about one minute. This time the men noticed four window-like openings on the side of the object facing them. It would drift along slowly for a few moments then suddenly shoot off at tremendous speed. Hooper said, "Then it disappeared quickly. Just as if you snapped your fingers and it was gone."

Sept. 18 — Russell Hill, a forestry lookout at Raspberry Ridge, located 40 miles south-west of Calgary has a lonely job. That is, he was lonely until Sept. 18 when a saucer-shaped object visited his post at 1:00 a.m. Hill heard a strange throb and suddenly the inside of his cabin was bathed in a green light. He attempted to call the Highwood Ranger Station but his radio and lights would not operate. The object changed color from green to brilliant white and shot straight up in the air, out of sight. Mysteriously, his radio and lights then functioned perfectly. On Oct. 7, Hill was again visited by the object. He noticed the green light coming up from the south before it hovered not 500 feet from his cabin. Hill estimated the UFO was about 75 feet across and looked just like two bowls clamped onto a saucer, edge to edge. The green light seemed to come from the saucer edge. A rotating green light appeared in the top dome and several apertures were situated on the side. As he watched the UFO, the green light blinked out and was replaced by the brilliant white glow. Accelerating at fantastic speed, the object shot off to the northwest trailing flames of exhaust.

Oct. 13 — A CNR train crew was followed by a UFO that approached close enough that engineer William Benwick felt, "If I'd had a sling-shot, I could have knocked it down." Benwick was operating Train 443 North when he and the crew noticed the cone-like object one mile north of Alnora, Alta., at 1:50 a.m. The train was travelling at 50 MPH at the time and the object seemed to be trailing the train as it proceeded to Mirror, Alta. When Benwick stopped the train at Alix to drop off a box car, the object stopped, too. The cone top was black in color and a series of red, green, orange and yellow lights flashed around the bottom rim. Underneath was a circle of glowing light about 10 feet in diameter. The object itself was about the size of a freight car — 40 feet. As the train pulled into Mirror, engineer Benwick told the operator what had been following his train. The skeptical operator initially thought the engineer had been drinking but Benwick got him outside to see the phenomenon. The station operator's only comment was "My God." The object hovered for two hours over Mirror before leaving.

Oct. 22 — A formation of five UFOs were spotted by 19 witnesses over Charleswood,

Man., a suburb of Winnipeg, and four of them swooped close to, if not on the ground. One of the witnesses, a former RCAF technician who prefers to remain anonymous, stated he had not seen anything resembling the objects before. The five lights were a brilliant red. The man, now a house salesman, first noticed four of the lights in a field, approximately 150 yards from his display home at 9:15 p.m. The lights then rose from the field and formed a rough triangle in the air. At this time, the fifth object emerged from the heavy cloud cover and cast a brilliant red glow over the cloud deck. It moved quickly over to the other four and they all proceeded across the open field to a high tension transmission line some distance away. They then moved down the power lines and then out of sight to the north west. All of the witnesses provided nearly identical descriptions of the UFOs and their formations.

Oct. 22 — Apparently the same five objects were seen over Carman, Man., and were observed for 20 minutes by two doctors, a newspaper editor and six citizens. The red pulsating objects moved slowly in a westerly direction and several of the witnesses attempted to follow them by auto, but to no avail.

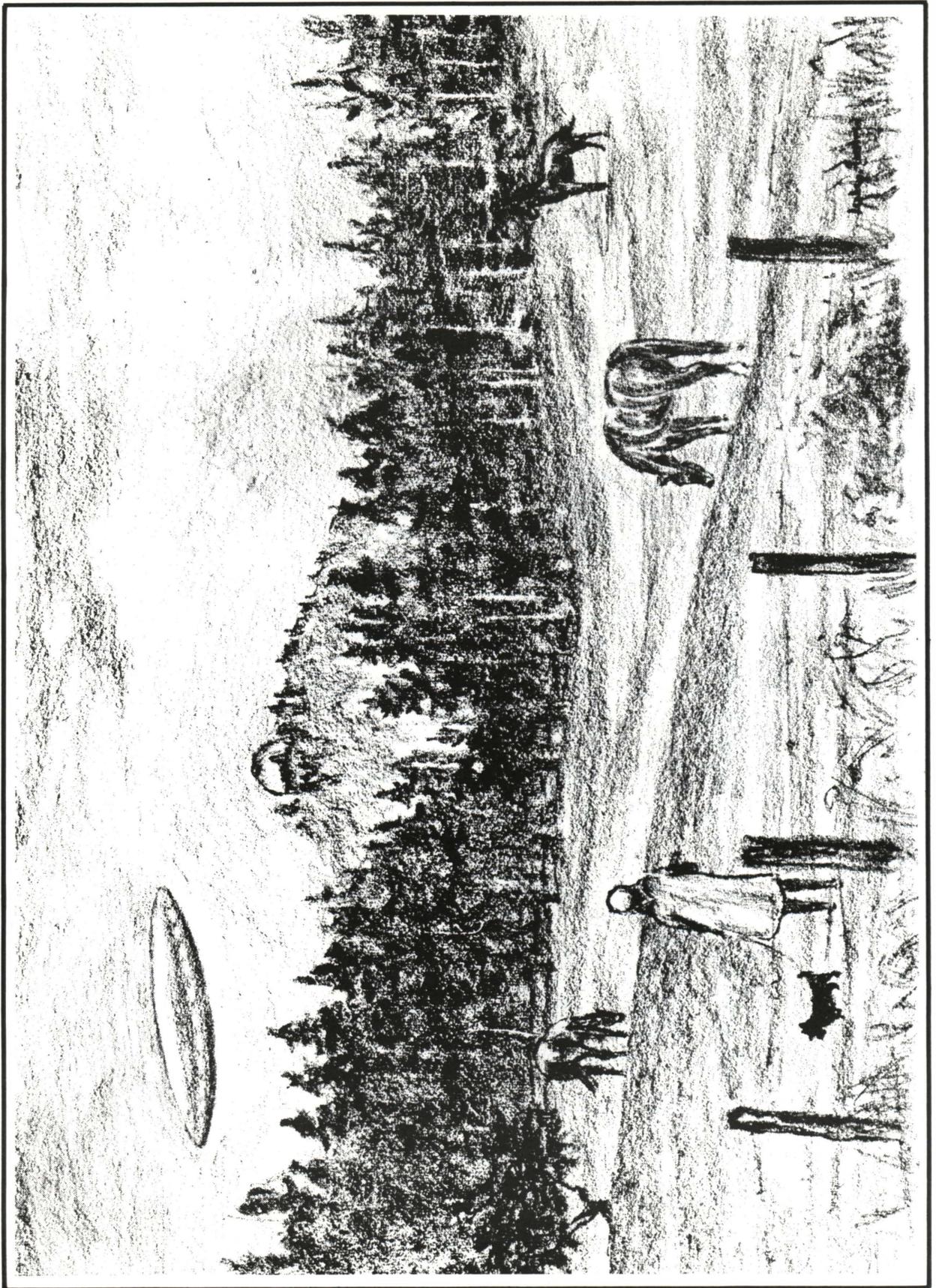
*On that same eventful evening a mystifying pattern of lights was also seen over Saskatchewan. Below is a report of this incident prepared by D. F. Clausen of Saskatchewan Unidentified Phenomena Research, followed by an account of another unusual Saskatchewan sighting that occurred two days later. The second report was prepared by D. W. Coulthard and J. K. Crosby, also of SUPR.*

## Strange Road Lights

REPORT NO. 1: The sighting occurred on Oct. 22, 1967 at approximately 7:45 to 8:00 p.m. CST. The two witnesses (referred to as S. and F.) asked that their names be kept confidential. (They are, however, identified in the report supplied to us by SUPR — Ed.)

The lights were seen approximately six miles southwest of Humboldt. They were visible intermittently over a period of about one half hour.

The night sky was clear, with scattered clouds, and with some moonlight. Stars were



not noticed. The temperature was 40 deg. F. Air dry.

The object appeared as three lights, one being similar to a railroad flare. "The lights moved (ripply) within themselves, but were fixed. They had a high frequency or fast flicker." The edge of each light was diffused. All lights appeared to be four feet in diameter. The outer lights were orangish-amber. The centre light was brilliant red (railroad flare). This centre light was similar to an inverted tear-drop in shape. The centre light moved up and down regularly: three seconds to go up, two seconds stopped at the top, three seconds to go down, and two seconds extinguished. This light would reach a height of three to four times that of the side lights.

No sound was audible.

After supper, S. called for F. in his pick-up truck. They went to S.'s farm to collect bales of straw from the field. They entered the driveway, drove around an area of newly broken ground to a wheat field where the bales were lying. They noticed lights to their southwest. One group of lights knew to be a drilling rig was visible to the right of the unknown lights. The unknown lights appeared to be about one mile away.

The first thought was that the unidentified lights were a police vehicle with its marx light operating at the scene of an accident. They watched from the field (out of the truck) for about five minutes, then decided to investigate. They drove across the field to the road, then

south for one-half mile and west for almost one mile and stopped for a moment. There are trees and bushes in the south-east corner of the intersection. (DFC: In October, the foliage would be pretty well gone) The lights were visible through the trees from this position. S. estimated that the lights were stationary, about 600 feet south of the intersection they were approaching. He started driving again; the trees now blocked the lights from view.

When the truck turned south at the intersection, the lights were no longer visible. Mr. Solar stopped the truck, then proceeded at approximately 10 mph. As the truck moved down the road, passing the estimated position of the lights, S. got the impression ("felt queer sensation") that he was driving under something. After driving about three car lengths past the estimated position of the lights, F. turned around and looked out the rear window, seeing the lights. S. looked in the rear-view mirror and saw the lights descend to the road surface. The outer lights seemed to be about three feet above the road. The lights followed the truck, maintaining a distance of approximately three car lengths. S. continued driving at about 25 mph, to a crossroad where he made a U-turn.

The lights reversed direction with the truck in pursuit. S. drove at 40 to 50 mph, but could not catch up to the lights. He could not approach closer than one-half block. As he pursued the lights, S. noticed that the object did not leave a dust trail on the dirt road.

## ← Another Vancouver Is. Sighting

*"On a summer evening early in the '60s I heard the news that the Soviet sputnik might be seen in orbit crossing our hemisphere. So I walked my Scotty dog, Cam, over to a field, where horses and colts were grazing, which he and I often visited.*

*"As I stood there I saw a bright dot of light just over Little Saanich Mountain by the astrophysical observatory. I thought, here comes sputnik. I expected to see a flash like a meteorite cross the mountain, but to my amazement it came slowly and grew larger and larger."*

*Telling us of her experience was Miss M. J. Footner of Victoria, sister-in-law of our artist, Lesley Footner, who sketched the scene as shown opposite. She continued:*

*"I did not take my eyes off it and began to think it might be the reflection of an airplane. Suddenly it was above me and became stationary — all silver shining in the late sun with a number of twinkling lights along the side.*

*"I thought again, is this a wingless plane, or dirigible? But there were no gondolas and not a sound. I expected it to continue on to the southwest but suddenly it veered at right angle and swiftly disappeared over the trees towards Finlayson Arm (Pat Bay is at entrance, see map) and the Sooke mountains.*

*"As I walked home I wondered if anyone else had seen this strange object, though I realized many people were probably indoors at this time. I had felt no fear at all. I had looked carefully at the bright shining lights like windows along the sides but could see no faces or forms of any kind. The object had a soft glow about it, not like the metal appearance of our airplanes. Neither the horses nor my Scotty showed any fear, and no neighborhood dogs barked."*

*Miss Footner guessed the cigar-shaped object, hovering just above the tallest trees, was about 100 feet in length and 25-30 feet in circumference. Later she learned that a friend who lived nearby, Miss Audrey Winderburn, had seen a craft of similar appearance while outside attending to her horse.*

When they were about one-quarter mile from the intersection the lights "skidded" sharply to the left to about 150 feet into the open field opposite the trees and bushes at the intersection. The lights went out.

S. stopped the truck, then drove fast to the intersection, turned left, then drove west at about 60 mph until they could see down the road for about a mile. They returned to the intersection, turned south, drove down the road again, turned around, drove north stopping on a high spot on the road.

From this position, over a period of 15 to 20 minutes, several ("20?") sparks jumped from scattered points on the fields around them. The sparks were similar to fireworks. A light trail would start from about 2 feet above the ground, rise up, arch downward, and explode at a one-third that of the apogee. \*The light exploded with a burst of aluminum white sparks. They again saw some sparks on the left (west) side of the road in a driveway. S. quoted F. with saying, just after seeing the latest sparks, that he saw a dark object without lights, the size of a railroad locomotive, moving north on the left side of the road. (DFC: There is no railroad line in that immediate area.) \* (75 to 100 feet)

The lights appeared to occupy the full width of the road surface (about 20 feet).

S. did not associate the lights which he had seen with any familiar object (other than a railroad flare).

From the field, from which the lights were first observed, the angle of elevation was 15 degrees. While pursuing the lights with his truck, the angle of elevation was 30 degrees.

Three legs of an electrical transmission powerline intersect about one and one-half miles southwest of Humboldt. A gas pipeline serving Humboldt is buried along a section line a mile north of the town. Radio and television towers are located a mile north of Humboldt. The city of Saskatoon, population approximately 125,000 is located 70 miles west of Humboldt.

Objects of an unidentified nature have not previously been seen by S. S. has been interviewed by this investigator only. January 20, 1968.

Compiled by:  
D. F. Clausen

REPORT NO. 2: Shortly after 9:00 PM, Tuesday, October 24, 1967, four teen-agers ranging in age from 16 to 18 years were driving on a country road two miles south-east of Lumsden, Sask. The driver called the attention of the others to an object hovering to their north-east, describing it as a "flying saucer." First thought was that it was the moon and the initial comment was made jokingly.

They soon realized it wasn't the moon but an unknown glowing object hovering over the flat prairie. They described the object as about 40 feet wide, 10 feet high and lens-shaped such as "two saucers joined lip to lip." The color was described as brilliant red with a darker red or black band across the center. No other light or color was observed at this time. Badly frightened, they accelerated their auto northward to the town of Lumsden (population 4,000) at which time the object moved eastward at an "ambling pace" and disappeared into a wide wooded ravine approximately one mile east of their point of observation.

The four went immediately to the Lumsden office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police where Cpl. Parsons interviewed them, finding the boys badly shaken up and the girls hysterical. One girl was incoherent.

The Corporal dispatched Cst. Ferguson, by radio, who arrived at the area at 9:45 p.m. When he was three miles south-east of Lumsden he observed the following: A brilliant red light to the south-east of him approximately half way to the city of Regina (pop. 130,000). The red light bore white lights along the widest part flashing off and on simultaneously at one-second intervals. This was observed for three minutes from both inside and outside the police cruiser. The object was seen at approximately 1300 feet and climbed into the cloud cover at a 45 degree angle and disappeared. (Regina weather office reported 100 per cent cloud cover and the airport reported no aircraft on radar at that time.) The Constable described the ascent comparable to a jet aircraft at takeoff.

The four young people gave their names as: Glen Butz, 1040 McTavish St., Regina; Terry McFadzean, 930 Retallack St., Regina; Linda Williams, Lumsden, Sask.; Kathy Bowman, Lumsden, Sask.

The males stated this was definitely not an aircraft due to size, shape, lighting,

manouverability and location. They described the size at about 18 inches wide comparable to a ruler held at arms length. The girls described the color as "the most brilliant red we have ever seen."

During our interview with the boys they related that after reporting to the R.C.M.P. and taking the girls home they started back to Regina on No. 11 highway. At a point one-half mile east of Lumsden and about one mile north of the original sighting where the aforementioned ravine emptied into a large valley (the Qu'Appelle Valley) they observed another phenomenon.

At a point half way down the wooded southern valley slope 300 yards south of the highway, two white lights were seen flashing alternately off and on. Vision was partially obscured by leafless trees and bush and this required them to stop their car and back up to better observe these lights. The lights were described as bright, round and white, approximately 40 feet apart. They were stationary, level with each other and when one was on the other was off. The transfer of the off — on position was simultaneous and at regular short intervals. Due to the overcast no outline could be seen between or near the lights. There are no vehicle roads into the area, no buildings or residences at this point. The time would be shortly prior to 10:00 PM.

This area was searched by the writers on subsequent days and no physical evidence found.

Our interview of Cst. Ferguson revealed the following: He was extremely objective in his approach to the sighting and was very particular not to exaggerate or wrongly elaborate as to what he saw. He stated that what he saw could possibly have been a conventional aircraft but he had never seen any such as this before. He saw no aircraft at the time but an hour later observed a large commercial aircraft and was easily able to identify same. It should be noted that he stayed in the area for four hours after his sighting. He added that the position of this sighting would be approximately over a high voltage transmission line.

Personal observations of the writers are as follows:

1. Commercial airport at Regina, 18 miles to the south-east.

2. No power lines in the area of the teen agers' sighting or vicinity of the two lights.

3. A large fresh water lake (Last Mountain) located 10 miles south. 60 miles long.

4. Unusual architectural structure, including illuminated steeple about 300 yards east of flashing white lights. Steeple gives appearance of a large lighted triangle with no other lights visible. Flood lights illuminating same send beams high into the night sky and can be seen for some five miles down the valley northward toward the lake (at ground level).

5. Commercial rail line runs between white lights and highway continuing along ravine where object was seen to disappear.

6. Ravines and valley deep enough to obscure an extremely large body continue for miles.

7. Large military air base at Moose Jaw, 45 miles west.

8. Sighting of Cst. Ferguson could be in the vicinity of a potash mine, chemical plant and a cement plant.

Uninterviewed persons report the following:

A red object, first thought to be the moon, sighted by two girls at Holdfast, 9:30 P.M., Oct. 24 over aforementioned lake.

Lumsden sighting (RCMP) confirmed by man and wife living seven miles north-west of Pense. Pense is about 20 miles south of Lumsden.

1:20 P.M., Oct. 25 12-year-old school girl from Strasbourg, Sask., reports three silver discs high over the town. One the size of a silver dollar, two the size of half dollars. Same streaked away to the south-west in the direction of the lake and Lumsden. Strasbourg is across the lake and slightly north of Holdfast.

Compiled by:  
D. W. Coulthard  
J. K. Crosby

*The third and final installment of the story of Canada's year of invasion will appear in the next issue.*



## **Biblical UFO Missionaires**

*They (the sanctified ones) come from a far country, from the end of Heaven . . . (Isaiah XIII,5)*



## Debate Over Ottawa's "Chunk" Continues

Whatever its eventual outcome, the mystery of the "chunk of hardware" at Ottawa, described in previous issues, must qualify as a UFO classic if for no other reason than the way those interested have stubbornly refused to accept incomplete answers.

Ever since discovery of the chunk in 1960 on the shore of the St. Lawrence River, amid strange circumstances, an on-and-off campaign spearheaded by the Ottawa New Sciences group has been waged to establish its identity.

Last September, spurred by a request from Arthur Matthews to be allowed to test the

chunk with his Tesla Bridge, members of the group gathered on site to observe the experiment. As reported in our previous issue, Matthews concluded the slab was a "man-made form of iron."

The case, however, does not rest there. In the current issue of *Topside*, published by the group, editor Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins quotes a letter from the Secretary to Dr. Peter Millman of the National Research Council who, it is believed, may have suggested Matthews' test. After asking if this is so, the letter continues:



*Controversial "chunk of hardware" is shown at top as it was examined on site by Ottawa New Sciences group (photos courtesy of Ronald Anstee). At left is group gathered to watch Arthur Matthews (second from left) conduct test of metal with Tesla Bridge. Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins, editor of *Topside*, is third from right, and Ronald Anstee, chairman of Montreal UFO Society who also had metal tested, is at right. (Photo courtesy of *Topside*.)*

“... I have learned indirectly that you have advised Mr. Brian Cannon of Winnipeg to the effect you are satisfied there is nothing unusual about the metal and that in your opinion it is manganese steel, apparently being ladle residue from the Sorel Foundry which inserts a pipe into their waste molten material for lifting purposes and the pipe leaves a hole after solidification. Again, it would be appreciated if you could confirm that this statement is correct. If it is, then this information is, of course, of interest to us although it still leaves a number of unanswered questions. For example, the *lipped* protuberance in the mass can hardly be described as a “hole” left behind by a pipe, and according to one of the original CARDE reports on our files “a small electronic potting can was embedded near one of the outer edges. By scratching away the potting plastic, it was possible to identify an electronic component which appeared to be a transistor. Then there is the matter of the inclusions on the outer surface of the metal. Did the Sorel Foundry have any explanation to offer with regard to the inclusions? As you know, photographs taken with the aid of microphotography, led the late Wilbert B. Smith to believe that these inclusions might be micrometeorites, and according to our records, you carried out some investigative work with him in this regard, estimating that micrometeorites of this size would occur through a sq. cm. section at about 10-6 second, so that it would take about a year in space to accumulate such a density. We would also be interested to know how the metal mass was traced to the Sorel Foundry, how they were able after over 9 years to identify it as being their own ladle residue, and particularly their explanation as to how and why this 3000-lb. chunk of metal and its companion mass of 800 lbs. were transported some 50-60 miles up river from the Sorel Foundry to the location where it was found on the shore of the St. Lawrence River near Les Ecureils, Quebec. The finding of the metal in these strange circumstances has, of course, always been the biggest mystery of all and we would welcome any explanation you may have to offer as a result of your investigation.

I am sure that you are just as anxious as we are to clear up some of the mystery which has surrounded the metal for so long and as, if your statement to Brian Cannon is correct that there is “nothing unusual about the metal,” this matter can hardly be a classified or confidential one, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me a full scientific report of your investigation, including any explanations you can offer for the questions raised in the foregoing paragraph, which of course, would clear up this matter once and for all. You will appreciate that a large number of people have become interested in this metal and therefore you would be performing a public service in supplying the requested information. We only want to get at the truth of this matter, but as a scientist, you will understand that in order to get any statement fully accepted, it must be supported by a scientific report from an authoritative source. Your kind co-operation will be very much appreciated.”

To date, two months later, no reply has been received to this letter, which was not entirely unexpected. Did Dr. Millman find our questions too sticky to answer or was he adopting the safer course of the old adage that says Silence is Golden? We are not blaming him personally for this somewhat cavalier attitude towards a

public request for information — in fact, we have some sympathy for the embarrassing position he now finds himself in. Even as a senior civil servant, he still has to take his orders from a higher authority and as long as governmental silence policy exists on such matters, this situation will continue although we believe the day will finally dawn when governments will recognize their moral responsibilities and give the public the true facts. However, the fact remains that Dr. Millman's silence has only added further to the mystery of the chunk of hardware.

Meanwhile, Arthur Bray (whose UFO submission to the Senate's science policy committee is reported in this issue) has finally received a letter from Dr. Millman in which he states that the results of Dr. Smith's (Dr. Eric Smith of the Federal Mines Branch) study of the metal samples show no evidence of extra-terrestrial origin and therefore he feels there is no justification of further tests such as the neutron activation analysis suggested by Arthur. He said Dr. Smith hopes to complete his report shortly, that it will include some evidence of how and why the mass came to be located where it was found and that when available, a copy of the report will be sent. It was somewhat amusing to us that in referring to the questions raised in our letter, which we considered to be *vital issues* in the solution of the mystery, Dr. Millman casually dismisses them as “minor points” of no particular value! Understandably, the failure to answer these questions and to carry out the full tests suggested is not very satisfactory to us. Dr. Millman stated that competent scientists experienced no difficulty in recognizing the non-terrestrial nature of certain space material. He also deplored the mystery which had been built up around the chunk. These two latter statements we regard as the biggest enigma of all. If it is such an easy matter for scientists to determine the extra-terrestrial nature or otherwise of material tested, why has it taken the government over nine years to produce a simple statement of the facts of the case, thereby itself creating much of the mystery that has surrounded the metal?

And so, with this sort of persistence, the classic case of Ottawa's “chunk” continues to take shape. Right now it seems to be a case where the chances of further mystery or a mundane final answer are about equal. But if the same continuing effort were shown elsewhere in probing UFO incidents, there is no doubt the aspects of a true mystery would often overwhelm any other conclusion.

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*One of the earliest UFO sightings recorded in Canada occurred on the night of Feb. 9, 1913. First seen near Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, several lights moving with geometrical precision appeared out of the northwest sky. Later tracked over Ontario by many observers, including Professor C. A. Chant of the University of Toronto, the lights moved on over New England and were later seen by ships far out in the South Atlantic where they vanished. Travelling “like express trains,” to quote one observer, the objects were divided into formations of four lights, followed by three lights and by another two lights. As one group disappeared into the southeast another, following the same path, appeared in the northwest.*

# Flying Saucer Over Romania

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I wish to place on record one of the more spectacular sightings of an unknown flying craft, for I am of the opinion that the relevant photographs will serve to enrich the fund of knowledge already accumulated over the years regarding this epoch-making problem.

The case is that of the UFO photographed on the outskirts of the Romanian town of Cluj towards the end of the summer of 1968, the pictures being among the best and most interesting ever taken in the world. At the outset, I wish to draw special attention to the fact that the analysis of these pictures has raised some very remarkable and scientific problems. I shall attempt, below, to interpret some of these, and this may lead to fuller analyses at a later date. But firstly, the facts:

On the morning of August 18, 1968, the technician E.B. had decided to go, with his lady friend Z.M. and two other friends, to spend a pleasant Sunday far from the noise of the town. The weather being very fine and the sky clear, they decided on the forest of Baciú, which covers the hills to the west of Cluj and which, by reason of its rich vegetation, has always given much pleasure to Nature-lovers.

At about noon the small party stopped in a clearing full of flowers, far from the more frequented routes. Having set up their camp, and feeling hungry, they decided to light their little fire and prepare food. E.B. was to get firewood. When he had gone but ten paces or so into the forest, he heard his girl friend call him saying that she wanted to show him "something." Returning to the clearing, he was told by her to look up at the sky, and, to his astonishment, he suddenly beheld there a great round metallic object which looked silvery in the sunlight. It was flying over the forest without making the slightest sound, and in a peculiar manner.

E. B. remained watching it in silence for ten seconds and by then he realised that it was "something" very remarkable and he rushed to the rug lying on the grass to get his camera. In

great haste he set the time and aperture and pressed the button. His next photo was taken more calmly, as the object was moving slowly. He thus had the time to observe that it reversed direction in its flight and also that its luminosity altered, details which are shown well on the photographs. He had to take the last two shots in haste again, because the object suddenly accelerated and shot upwards and vanished rapidly. The time was 1:23 p.m. There was not the least breath of wind blowing, and the silence of Nature continued unbroken except for the songs of the birds in the forest.

The whole party had stood in silence watching the strange evolutions of the unknown object. Once it had gone, the preparation of the meal, and later the pleasure of their excursion were uppermost in their minds, and the powerful impression made on them by the two minutes in which they had watched the machine in flight gradually faded.

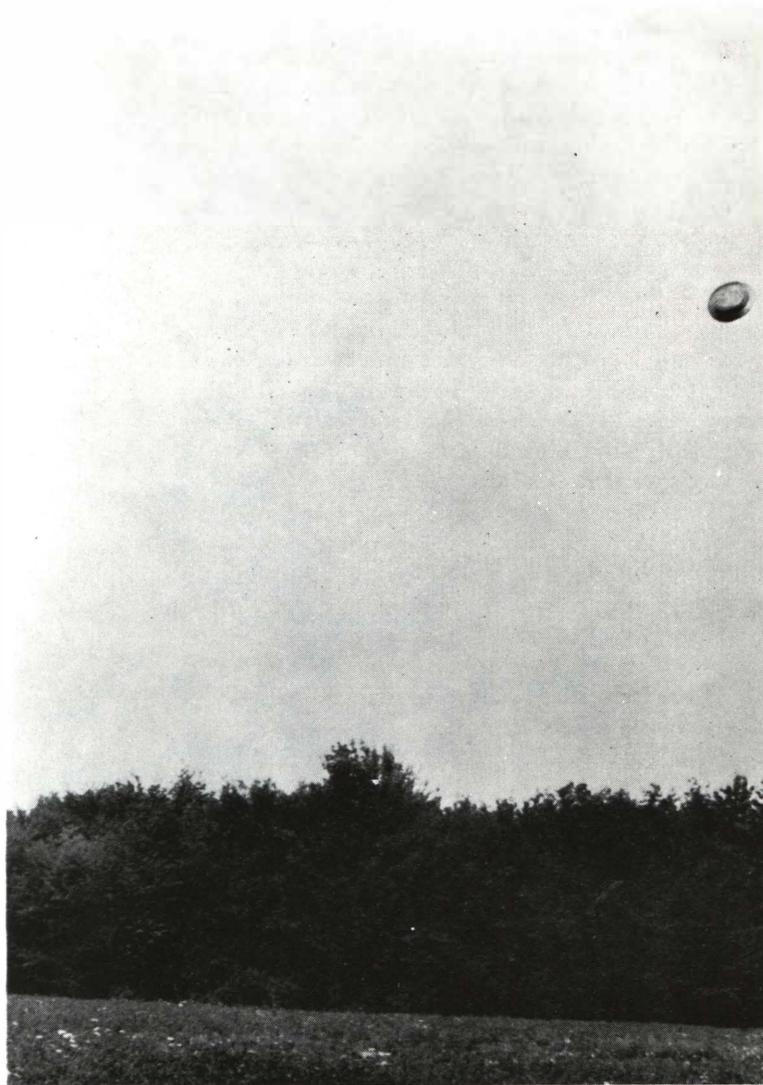
Returning home, E.B. was occupied with daily problems and gave no more thought to the happening in the forest. Only ten days later did he develop his film, having taken other pictures in the meantime until the film was used up. In fact he was in no hurry, for he did not know what to do with the pictures, fearing ridicule. The only person known to him who could enlighten him regarding what he had seen was myself, and I had been away in Bucharest for two months, returning to Cluj only after August 26.

I thus was able to see the first prints of the photographs after September 1, and I realised that it was something extremely important.

Aged 45, E.B. was known to his colleagues as a serious and honest man, though perhaps a little too self-centred. An officer in his earlier years, he was now a technician in a Cluj constructional engineering enterprise. In this latter capacity I had known him for almost two years, our relations being purely professional. I happened to know already that the UFO problem did not interest him and that he viewed it all with scepticism. I knew definitely that there was neither documentary material nor were there any books on UFOs in Cluj that he might have consulted, and I knew that the rare reports in the press could not have been of any great concern or interest to him in that respect.

His lady friend, Z.M., aged 34, a civil servant,

*Photograph No. 1*



was also known among her colleagues as a serious person and also as one who had no interest in UFOs.

I began by questioning the witnesses, and learned the following additional details:

—The clearing where the photos had been taken is 47 km. from Cluj as the crow flies, and to the WSW of the town.

—The air temperature in the sun was around 36 degrees C.

—The sky was completely clear, but there was, very high, a strange sort of vapour which they only noticed when the object had vanished at high altitude.

—The camera was a FED-2, with an INTERSTAR 2.8 lens. The film was the usual sort, 17 DIN.

—None of them had observed the object at

the moment of its arrival. It was seen by them only when it was over the clearing.

—When observed, it was at a height that they estimated to be around 600 metres, at an angle of 85 degrees to the horizon.

—Its flight path during the initial period was from NE to SW, and on a straight course. Then, when the object reversed course, its line of flight seemed slightly downwards towards the ground.

—In its flight, both horizontally and vertically when leaving, it kept changing its position in relation to the line of flight.

—As regards its appearance, I reproduce here E.B.'s written statement which he gave me and which was published in several newspapers: "The object had a metallic gleam, made no sound, and was constantly changing



*Photograph No. 2*

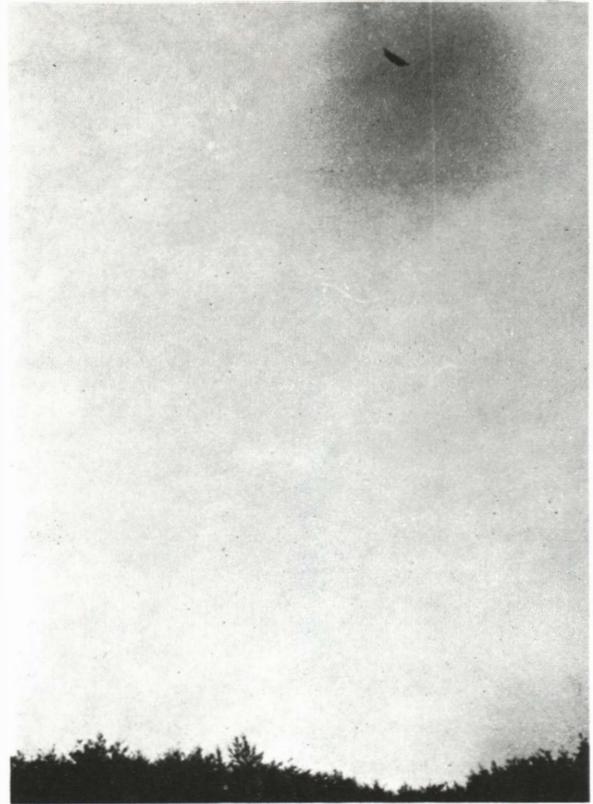
position and direction. It had no resemblance whatever to any of the bodies that I have seen so many times in flight, from balloons to jet aircraft."

—The diameter of the machine seemed to be in excess of 30 metres.

All this was extremely interesting, but I had to make sure that it was not a hoax. I took the film and the prints, and went first to the best known photographer-reporter in Cluj. After studying them in his laboratory, he said he had no doubt as to their genuineness.

I then consulted a well-known Bucharest specialist, a photographic reporter with the Romanian National Press Agency, who happened to be in Cluj on other business. He confirmed the complete absence of any hoax, and he pointed out an interesting psychological aspect to me: this was that if an amateur photographer, such as E.B. is, had wanted to make a hoax, he would have put the object at the centre of his picture. But in the first and third photograph the object is almost at the edge, which fact shows how excited he was and his haste to snap the object.

I also consulted an official laboratory in Cluj



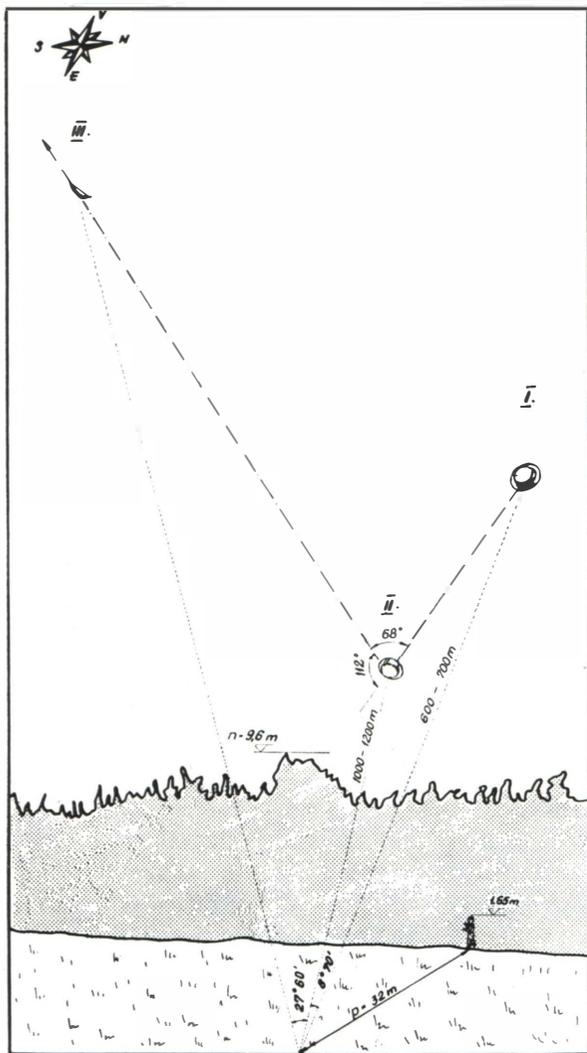
*Photograph No. 3*

about the film. They had it analysed by their technical experts, using the latest methods, and found no sign of trickery.

After these strictly technical investigations, I sought to work out the logic of the movement of the various images, using enlargements. At the outset, the second picture had particularly caught my attention by its clear perspective, showing very clearly the natural setting and the UFO in flight over the forest. The third picture too showed clearly that it was impossible to have thrown the same object to such a height. And you can see clearly from the photos that it is the same object in all of them, and a very large one too.

The presence of the same trees and the same flowers on the pictures enables us to follow the flight. The sketch made was produced simply by superimposing the photos.

At the same time, the size of the trees and branches and flowers also enables us to appreciate the large size of the object. E.B.'s estimate of a diameter of around 30 metres seems indeed right. By geometrical details in various points we can see that this estimate is in fact a minimum one. Finally, the presence of the same trees in the fourth photograph (which



was not published, being retained by E.B. for its special features) demonstrates categorically that the film is authentic, namely by the final detail of the object vanishing upwards!

Trial comparisons of these photographs with other similar UFO photographs was for me the final proof. Frank Edwards' book, *Flying Saucers, Serious Business*, has three photographs of a UFO taken in California near Santa Ana in August 1965. They show an astonishing resemblance to the Cluj photographs: the same type of construction; the same proportions; the same manner of metallic construction; the same technical features. Only the size seems to be clearly different. Thus, almost exactly three years apart in time (the Santa Ana photos were taken on August 3 and the Cluj photos on August 18), and at a distance of over 16,000 km. from each other, two men have captured on film images of

strange unknown flying objects that are extraordinarily similar. There is not the remotest possibility of those two men ever having known each other or of having had the least dealings with each other. Indeed the second man never knew, or saw, or had the slightest knowledge about the photographs taken by the first man.<sup>2</sup>

The proof is so absolute that I sent the photographs to the news agency to be published. (To show our sincerity in this matter, I wish to make it quite clear that neither E.B. nor I have sought nor have we received the slightest material recompense for the photographs.)

After rigorous analyses, all the Bucharest newspapers of September 19, 1968, as well as two Cluj papers, published the pictures. That same evening, the national television network showed enlargements of the pictures. Next day, a television team was already in Cluj, and the interview given them by E. B. and his friend Z.M. went out the following evening on the T.V. It is perhaps of interest to mention that the newspaper *Informatia Bucurestiului* also published the account of some psychological tests done on E.B.'s good powers of observation by a reporter.

But of course, as always, there were also folk who were hostile. But also, as usual, subjective in their approach, and not documented on the facts of the case. Thus, without seeing the photographs, the director of the local Observatory put out the idea that the object in the pictures was probably a meteorological balloon. In several articles published in newspapers with a big readership, I showed the weakness of this hypothesis, which is clearly ruled out.

For myself, I think the Cluj series of photographs is of remarkable importance, both from the documentary aspect as also for the scientific and technical problems that they present. At the same time, alongside of the tens of thousands of registered UFO sightings in the world, these Cluj photographs have now arrived to pose the same fundamental questions to the present-day scientific community: namely, how are these perfect machines constructed, what is their strange technique by which they fly, what is the power used, who are the beings in them and who are their builders?

Obviously these questions cannot be answered now, but the analysis, even more thorough, of all sightings and all photographs

and all material evidence, will yield important information for us.

What do we find in these Cluj photographs?

(a) The first photograph seems to confirm for us one thing that was already well known: the flying saucers are metallic craft designed according to admirable technical principles. For example, as is seen in this case, their attention to aerodynamics is evident.

The angle at which the picture was taken gives us (for the first time with this particular type of UFO) a view of the upper part—which is flat. If we look closely for details, we can see that the surface of the craft is not perfectly smooth: there is a slight bulge on the left. What the purpose of this asymmetrical design could be is difficult to imagine, but it can serve to remind us of several of the cases mentioned by Frank Edwards in his book referred to above—cases in which the crew were seen to be making certain kinds of use of the upper surface.

The fact that lateral portholes are not visible, either on this saucer or on the Californian one (Santa Ana), raises serious questions as to the possibility of visual examination from the inside of the outside. Are these particular types of space-craft simply teleguided and so not requiring visual systems? The considerable size of the object however leads us to deduce that it is not a simple teleguided affair. Is there no crew to use the large interior space? If however we accept the existence of beings inside it, then there must be some kind of visual system. Have they perhaps some sort of

special device which cannot be observed from photographs? Naturally the problem calls for more thorough investigations, plus further photographic data and direct sightings.

(b) The second photograph however raises the most serious problems. To begin with, my attention was drawn to seemingly different aspects:

—First, we note that, compared with the first photograph, the shape of the object has now become somewhat vague, while all the other details in the picture (trees, flowers, etc.) have remained very clear, and yet, during the few seconds that have elapsed since the first photograph was taken, neither the atmospheric conditions nor the conditions pertaining to the operation of the camera have changed in any way.

—Secondly, you can see that the image of the object has become bright and yet at the same time the shadow that seems to be thrown by the constructional details on the upper part of the rim seems almost illogical when compared with the shadow thrown in the first photograph.

In reply to the questions that I put to them later about these changes, E.B. said that, as he was getting ready to take the second picture, he was able to watch how the object had reversed course in the air growing brighter and brighter, until it accelerated suddenly and shot away upwards.

We are familiar with numerous accounts of the brightness of the external surfaces of

*Astonishing similarity to Romanian UFO is seen in this photo of flying disc taken three years earlier by Rex Heflin at Santa Ana, California. Irregularity of shadowy band even suggests asymmetrical design as observed in Romanian incident.*



UFOs, especially at night. Was this the phenomenon that was now taking place here?

To secure further help on the question, I appealed separately to two University lecturers from the Cluj Institute of Fine Arts, both of them specialists in matters of natural lighting. With the help of one of them, and before a group of professors from the Institute, we projected the whole film, and also the individual photographs, on to a screen. After a discussion, each of the two specialists made some models of the object. On these models they studied the distribution of the light from a lateral source (here playing the part of the Sun). Their conclusions, arrived at separately, were identical: namely that in the second picture the object had indeed become luminous, but illuminated in itself, not from outside!

The problem of the UFOs' own luminosity is assuredly a remarkable scientific and technical one. How can so large a metallic surface suddenly become luminous, brighter than the light of the Sun at noon on a summer's day? What can be the purpose of this phenomenon?

The shadow however which appears on the upper portion of the rim also raises some questions. Is it simply the momentary result of the reversal of the object in the air and of the angle of the rays of sunlight striking the rim? Or is it perhaps a constructional detail which remained hidden behind the dome in the first picture and which now becomes visible as a shaded area? Is there a certain lack of homogeneity in the metallic material of which the craft is built, and which only shows up when the luminous effect comes into operation?

To arrive at a more realistic hypothesis, we should inevitably have to know first the source and indeed the purpose of this strange emission of luminosity.

The luminosity effect of UFOs—seldom disputed by the writers who in their books have presented UFO sightings and have written of the importance of the UFOs—has on the other hand almost always been taken as one of the main features that various people have seized upon in order to deny, as scientifically impossible, the real existence of these strange objects.

From this point of view, the photographs taken at Cluj constitute a piece of documentation of the very greatest importance, since here the phenomenon does not appear—as usually is the case — as a mere spot of

luminosity in the sky, but was captured by the camera at a moment when the contours of the object were still visible. This fact rules out the possibility of subjective interpretation or the possibility of hasty dismissal as a fake.

(c) The third photograph, less spectacular, nevertheless also presents important problems which would appear to be fundamental themes for a future new flight technique. But, in order not to weary the reader, I will confine myself to mentioning only a few of them, leaving the discussion of the problem as a whole to be taken up again on a future occasion.

What is striking in this third photograph, right at the outset, is the almost vertical position of the craft. Is it logically acceptable? We are in truth so used to the idea of flight in a horizontal position for aircraft and also for UFOs too, but we must not forget that frequently airmen—and particularly pilots of fighter craft—are obliged at certain times to put their machine into a vertical position where it is advantageous to them.

And, among the numerous sightings of UFOs, we do know of reports in which UFOs moved about in a vertical position or were vertical and stationary. Thus for example, I recall the photograph taken on April 2, 1966, at Melbourne, and published by Frank Edwards in his *FLYING SAUCERS HERE AND NOW*. No doubt such a position would seem to entail great inconveniences for any crew present in the craft, but perhaps it is not so bad for them after all.

The third photograph shows however one detail that is intriguing: on the upper part of the image of the UFO you can see a curious curvature of the rim. Has this any connection with the patch of shadow—difficult to explain—on the second photograph? The analysis of this detail, as also the color of the rim—which is even brighter than the dome—still remain open problems that deserve to be taken up again later.

(d) By way of conclusion:

The three pictures of the strange flying object photographed over the forest of Baciú, on the outskirts of the town of Cluj in Romania, provide remarkable proofs as to the real existence of UFOs and as to their great scientific importance.

The authenticity of the photographic film, established after thorough-going checking and verification, shows us that all the attempts to deny or to disregard the UFO problem con-

stitute a regrettable attitude towards the basic ideas of contemporary and future science.

I hope that my presentation of these three photographs, along with certain aspects of the wealth of data contained in them, will be a real encouragement to others to study them still more thoroughly. The documentary importance of these photographs can be increased still further by the right scientific and technical studies of them.

ENGINEER GHEORGHITA FLORIN,  
Cluj, Romania.

#### Notes

1 Cluj, second largest town of Romania - known as Napoca in Roman times, it lies in Transylvania, the northwestern province of the country.

2. I greatly regret that the authors of the repudiated Condon Report issued by the Condon Committee did not make reference to the publication of these Cluj photographs. Their specialist on testing photographs, William K. Harmann, writes: " — photographic proof would require not only multiple photographs but also multiple photographers, unconnected with each other, not known to each other, at considerable distances apart (preferably some tens of kilometres) whose photographs show the same UFO. The Colorado University project knows of no such case." Were Mr. Hartmann sincere and had he known of the Cluj photos, he would probably not have written this. Will he now change his findings? (*Extremely unlikely — Editor.*)

## Public Wants UN Study Of UFOs

Do you think the UFO question should be globally investigated in a coordinated manner under the patronage of the United Nations Organization?

This was a key question in the public opinion poll we conducted in our last issue as part of the Project International to place this extraordinary issue in the hands of the only authority in the world equipped to give it the full-scale study it merits — the United Nations. If early results are a fair sample of national thinking — and we believe they are — Canadians (and a good representation of our American readers) are strongly in favor of the idea. Replies in the affirmative are running about 20 to 1.

What is more, the majority of those who have replied so far have particular opinions to express. This is making the space for general comments one of the most interesting features of the questionnaire. Here are some of the remarks, picked, we emphasize, at random. With replies running into the hundreds, we make no attempt to be selective.

"I think that anybody who does not believe in or, at least question, these sightings, must be a fool. Much could be learned from an advanced and alien civilization. Unfortunately Man is so paranoid that he would have to learn to react properly to ensure that any connection with them would prove beneficial."

"The human race is not ready to accept a life

form from another galaxy. For centuries people have had terrifying reactions to flying saucers etc. If contact with UFOs becomes global, people would panic. Also, evidence of UFOs shows them to be only watching earth and not invading it. Some UFOs could be extraterrestrial, others could be imagination or just unknown earth UFOs."

"A clash, or should I say a contact, of two cultures of such different technologies tends to jolt or shock the lesser civilization into oblivion. The lesser culture is overpowered by the superior one, even though it is unintentional. Such may be the consequences if Earth is openly contacted by a superior culture. Perhaps they know . . ."

"Certainly a scientific study (unbiased) of UFOs is what is needed but I think it should be an international scientific UFO board of inquiry completely separated from any political organization, especially the UNO. In the UFO field science and politics do not mix! Proof of that was the government-sponsored Condon committee."

"It seems very short-sighted and egotistical to suggest we are the only inhabited planet or the most advanced — and I cannot believe the stories I have collected from trusted, rational friends to be figments of imagination, hallucination or 'global psychological phenomenon'!"

"Since the UFO question is an international

one it should certainly be investigated by an international body such as the United Nations. But we do not want another snow job like we got from Dr. Condon. We want this investigation and research center."

"To my knowledge, UFOs haven't endangered the earth yet and until they do, or attempt to, I think we should hold off."

"It is my opinion that no effort or expense should be spared to fully investigate the UFO phenomena and make all details public, as I find the uncertainty far more disquieting than any facts that may be brought forward."

As we have explained, the move to make study of this question a responsibility of UN was initiated by the Anglo-Polish Research Club in London, Eng., under the direction of Antoni W. Szachnowski whose extensive international contacts eminently qualify him to head the undertaking, known as Project International UFO Petition to the United Nations.

In making their presentation to the UN, the project directors will submit replies to the public opinion questionnaire which, as carried in our last issue, is being distributed throughout the world. If timing of the international program permits, we will run the questionnaire again in our next issue with the aim of bringing it to the attention of new subscribers and others who purchase the magazine at news-stands.

Meanwhile, to direct the various groupings of the project's organization, international and national coordinators have been appointed who, in turn, will select regional coordinators. Named as international coordinator for North America is Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins of Ottawa, editor of the UFO publication *Topside*. Coordinator for Canada is John Magor, editor of *Canadian UFO Report*, with contributing editor Brian Cannon of Winnipeg as associate coordinator.

In submitting replies to the questionnaire, several readers offered to help in its distribution. On the basis of this welcome interest in the project, we have entered them as regional coordinators. In addition, two or three others were selected because of particular qualifications. We emphasize, however, that this is by no means a closed list, and association with some UFO group is not in the least necessary for anyone wishing to take part in the project. In fact, to ensure a true samp-

ling of public opinion, much of the approach must be made to those who have no such connections. Until the next issue at least, our list remains open for anyone willing to help.

Replies to the questionnaire should be either returned to the regional coordinators or sent direct to this magazine, where additional copies of the form are available. Our address is: *Canadian UFO Report*, Box 758, Duncan, B.C., Canada.

## Regional Co-ordinators

A gratifying number of readers have offered to assist in distribution of the UN questionnaire. We welcome their help and are pleased to name them regional coordinators for the petition project in Canada. The fact that some are closely grouped in certain areas is not of concern. There is ample room for these and more in an undertaking of such scope.

As the period of distribution of the questionnaire remains open, we will be happy to receive any further offers of help. (A letter from one volunteer was unfortunately misfiled and his name regrettably does not appear here. We would appreciate hearing from him again if this comes to his attention.)

In alphabetical order, regional coordinators appointed to date are:

David Bailey, Scarborough, Ont.  
Mrs. F. Blakeney, Kingston, Ont.  
Arthur Bray, Ottawa, Ont.  
Juergen Brauner, Scarborough, Ont.  
Herbert D. Clark, West Vancouver, B.C.  
D. F. Clausen, Regina, Sask.  
D. W. Coulthard, Regina, Sask.  
D. S. Douglas, Granum, Alta.  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Halsall, Williams Lake, B.C.  
Mrs. Heidi Hugli, Scarborough, Ont.  
Mrs. L. J. Killman, Caledonia, Ont.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Mancinelli, Regina, Sask.  
George Mudge, London, Ont.  
John Pearson, Victoria, B.C.  
Robin J. Pearson, Victoria, B.C.  
Larry Simpson, Shalalth, B.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Squance, Victoria, B.C.  
Hermanus Voorsluys, Victoria, B.C.

Distributing the questionnaire in the U.S.A. are: Donald Boates, Portland, Ore., and Miss Lucinda Ann Rexford, Birmingham, Mich. Replies received from the States will be referred to Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins, Ottawa, international coordinator for North America.

# Action Urged In Ottawa

Until the inevitable time comes that nations accept the UFO question as one demanding their serious attention, the issue must be kept alive by individuals willing to spend time and money prodding their governments to maintain some degree of interest.

In Canada one of these is Arthur Bray, a lieutenant commander in the RCN, who operates a book service in Ottawa and in 1967 published his book *Science, the Public and the UFO* (reviewed in May-June issue). The following year he made a report on the poorly financed work being done by the National Research Council to investigate UFO sightings (reprinted in our Nov.-Dec. issue from Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins' *Topside*) and immediately afterward again went to bat with a UFO submission to the Senate Special Committee on Science Policy whose proceedings have just been published.

In his submission Mr. Bray makes this analysis of Ottawa's attitude toward the UFO mystery:

Since then (Project Magnet in the 1950s), little has been done in Canada except to investigate a minor percentage of those reports reaching the government officially. There has been little or no policy direction concerning the study of this matter in Canada, and responsibility has been bounced from one department to another, with individual departments displaying interest only in so far as each department has a particular area of activity. I support this statement by the fact that my personal correspondence with high levels of government, including the former Prime Minister, always resulted in departmental replies clearly showing interest was limited to only one aspect of the problem. For example, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys (as it was known at that time) expressed a view related only to the astronomical aspect. My opinion about the interest of the Department of National Defence was confirmed when it was made clear to me recently that their prime interest was in whether any threat to national security was involved. It having been established that no such threat exists, D.N.D. then passed the task to the National Research Council, which now carries the ball. No public funds are provided specifically for this purpose and therefore any investigations are limited to what can be accomplished by using funds allotted basically for other purposes, and no staff is allowed for. This investigating responsibility is carried by Dr. Peter M. Millman, Head, Upper Atmosphere Research Section. No matter how capable the project chief may be, he cannot conduct any adequate, comprehensive and thorough investigation of the *total* problem without staff and without funds. NRC cannot even analyze all sightings



*Arthur Bray*

in Canada over the past twenty years in search of patterns, without people to do the work. They also lack the files from which to work. It is worthy of note, however, that NRC is apparently continuing its very limited activity in this field despite the Condon Report. This, at least, is an indication of clear thinking on the part of someone.

At no time, evidently, has there been any one office with an overall interest in all the many aspects of the problem, with the objective of solving the *total* problem, not simply parts of it, or individual sightings, which leaves the overall matter still a mystery.

Late in 1967, considerable publicity was attached to an announcement by the University of Toronto, that a UFO study was being commenced under the direction of Dr. Gordon Patterson of the Institute for Aerospace Studies. The public has not been well informed of activity of this group, other than an opening forum which conveyed the impression of being an attention-getter. In October, 1968, the press reported that this study was on the verge of collapse "owing to a lack of something to investigate, and if some good flying saucer cases don't soon crop up the Institute will have little chance of receiving a National Research grant for more costly and intensive study."

We have here the same old problem. A new study gets underway and they start out only at that point in time, ignoring the many thousands of cases already documented, which could be studied in search for patterns.

Mr. Bray observes there is a similar tendency in the U.S. for authorities to extract from the mass of evidence only what they consider of an importance known only to themselves. To this effect he quotes Dr. Robert M. L. Baker in testimony before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, House of Representatives, in 1968:

"Apparently what is now happening is that the Air Force surveillance radar is throwing away the data that is of relevance for this inquiry. In other words, if it sees something that is not on a ballistic or not in orbit, it ignores it, it throws it in the garbage. Well, that garbage is just the area of our interest."

This pick-and-choose attitude often leads to the mistaken belief that serious official attention is being given to the subject, whereas in fact the study is generally narrow in scope and lacking in diligence. On this point Mr. Bray quotes Dr. James E. McDonald, professor of atmospheric physics at the University of Arizona, who has long campaigned for full examination of the UFO mystery:

"Scientists throughout the world have tended to ignore the UFOs as if they were just so much nonsense. From talking to fellow scientists here and abroad, I have seen that most of them believed that Air Force Project Bluebook was really studying the UFOs with scientific competence. The trouble was that almost none of these scientists took time off to check for themselves. I did. What I have found is nothing short of alarming. Bluebook and its consultants have simply swept under a rug of ridicule and innuendo thousands of sightings from credible witnesses, sightings of objects that are neither swamp gas nor secret test devices, nor fireballs nor ball lightning."

Although scientists of real stature who believe the UFO subject merits inquiry are rare, they are by no means without company. In another reference to one of them, Mr. Bray says:

Professor Frank B. Salisbury, professor of exobiology at Colorado State University published an article in *Science* in which he stated that we must concern ourselves with the possibility of technological civilization on Mars. Certain peculiarities of Mars and its moons, Phobos and Deimos, he wrote, "are most easily understood on the assumption that they are the products of intelligent beings." Professor Salisbury's views are shared by Dr. Carl Sagan of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. Similarly, attributes of UFOs are most easily understood on the assumption that they are also products of intelligent beings.

To put his presentation into working form, Mr. Bray makes these recommendations:

1. That the Government immediately recognize UFO phenomena as being of major scientific significance and deserving of serious study, in an effort to remove the stigma attached to scientific and public discussion of the matter;

2. That the Government recognize that the UFO mystery has remained unsolved due to inadequate investigations, and not due to the non-existence of unknown objects in our skies;

3. That complete factual information be released in which the public can have confidence, to reduce the confusion and misunderstanding. Such an act will also encourage people to report their sightings for scientific analysis, instead of keeping them to themselves as is more often the case;

4. That Canada take the lead in UFO investigation by establishing a thorough and full-objective study of the phenomena, not limiting this study to a few narrow scientific fields as has been the case. Many fields of science, technology and the humanities must be included in this study;

5. That this study be supplemented by an attempt to build a new model of the universe, not limited to known physical laws, but which would permit interstellar travel in short time periods. This task requires, first, a recognition by Science of the possibility that existing models could be false. In other word, scientists must knock down their own "orthodox barrier;"

6. In conjunction with recommendation 4, and concurrent with it, that Canada strongly encourage other nations to establish similar investigations on the same basis;

7. That further to recommendations 4 and 6, Canada encourage the United Nations Organization to co-ordinate such national investigations and to establish a control or "filter" centre to assimilate sightings and local patterns to determine global patterns (with the assistance of computers) in order to obtain the overall comprehensive world-wide view of the situation, which may lead to an eventual solution.

## Letters



Sir:

We had an unusual finding in our garden one winter morning of 1967 which I think may interest you. The actual date cannot be remembered by myself or our neighbor, Mr. Jack Lewis, who was a witness to our gathering up the articles. My late husband would have been able to tell us, however. I tragically lost him in a freak car accident in 1968.

The following is an account of the happening.

The night prior to the event, our young Golden Lab puppy, now three years of age, behaved in an extremely nervous manner, continually going to the back door and listening at the curtained windows. My husband went outside to look around. Returning, he simply stated, "It's OK, but don't let her out. It feels a bit creepy around!"

By that time even the house seemed to feel that way, so we packed up for the night. I recall the time being around 12:45 a.m.

The next morning I went out on the rear steps and to my surprise saw, spread all over the ground among the trees, what appeared to be dozens of cricket-sized metal balls, some quite sharp on the edges. Wound through some of the loosely-wound balls were white pieces of paper with some pink edges. I called Peter (my husband) and later started to rake them together.

Mr. Lewis, who was in his garden, came to the fence and asked what it all was!

There are quite a lot of trees at the rear of our house — cherry, apple, chestnut, pear, pines etc. — none of the former in leaf at that time of year, and not one piece of this metal was to be found among the branches or on the bramble bushes.

So we concluded it was the work of children. We searched in our adjoining open lot and in the back lane, none to be found there. We also asked children to look around, result nil.

The amount we collected filled the large garbage can and a smaller one. I thought some of these balls, though dullish in appearance, would look good on our next Xmastree, so filled a cardboard box and placed it in the garage, and also put a dozen or so on a table in the basement.

The incident was forgotten until it somehow came up for discussion during one of the rare and delightful visits by my aunt, Mrs. Edie Cross, to our home. I went to look for the balls but all traces of them had vanished.

Our dog is a fully trained and reliable guard. Only twice since then has she behaved in the same manner, this being the night prior to my husband's accident and, strange to relate, on last New Year's Eve, prior to the Duncan sighting. (See report this issue. — Ed.)

It is known that dogs in particular are finely tuned to a higher sense or senses, though some humans are also capable of ESP. I should indeed be interested to know your opinion of this matter.

Zoe Szozebanek-Barclay,  
Victoria, B.C.

*It will be noted this incident occurred in 1967, year of the UFO "invasion" as we have reported in this and the preceding issue. In that year there were many unusual incidents, even by UFO standards, and dropping of a new type of "angel hair" such as that described here may have been one of them. Evaporation of this material is a known characteristic, though usually it occurs almost immediately after touching. Alternatively, if that really was paper contained in the balls, the incident must have been a prank as the writer first suspected. Any comments anyone? —*

*Ed.*

Sir:

The sixth issue of Canadian UFO Report has arrived, and that information on Project International was certainly worth waiting for.

Are you aware that a similar, but certainly less striking request was presented to the UN in June, 1965, by Mr. Colman VonKeviczky? He presented a warning that extra-terrestrial beings were planning to land on Earth, and that subsequent precautions ought to be taken to provide for defense against them if need be.

Needless to say, the results were the same as the Condon "Investigation" in U.S.A. and his advice was not taken.

VonKeviczky is a graduate of the Royal Hungarian Maria Ludovica Military University in 1932. During the subsequent years he served in both the Hungarian and U.S. armies and in 1951 came to the U.S. to open a film company. He is really quite an expert on photography and was employed by the UN as a member of the Secretariat's Office of Public Information, Photo and Exhibit Department.

At the time of his warning to the UN in 1965, he was (and I believe he still is) director of the Intercontinental UFO Research and Analytic Network. After he issued a warning to the UN about the possibility of extraterrestrial attack, his post was terminated for reasons not revealed. A portion of his warning was:

"Powers of a superhuman civilization, living on celestial bodies, are conducting organized reconnaissance operations on and around our planet. At present time, the analyzed behavior of the alien space vehicle seems to be neutral, but their unknown

assignment and task warns humanity and world outer space exploration teams to look to their security; and take immediate precautionary measures before launching any long lasting scientific study of the phenomena. The UFO problem hangs more dangerously above the great powers of the world than even the spectre of a third world war."

The UN already has taken what might loosely be termed "steps" toward VonKeviczky's warning; they have appointed committees to deal with any extraterrestrial representatives that may appear before them. But it so far does not look as if they will have much work to do in this department.

Your petition, however, packs more of a punch than VonKeviczky's because it provides for the beliefs of those who discount the possibility of extraterrestrial beings. The UN will have to at least acknowledge the serious possibility of misidentification and resulting war, even if the UFOs are some of the natural phenomena the government claims they are. This is a circumstance I have never considered.

Doug Leary,  
Hayward, California

Sir:

Many times police and military authorities are told where to push off to when they dismiss someone's UFOs as army flares. Being a militia member, I have seen flares, and I think this is an entirely plausible explanation for many sightings. Witnesses often described their UFO as "a bright red glowing light, drifting across the sky, with bits dropping off it, slowly dimming and then winking out completely."

If I were to write this on a test in answer to the question "describe a flare," I would receive top marks. Quite often the small parachute they descend beneath can easily be seen, adding to the confusion. And these objects are quite often seen near military bases.

David Bailey  
Scarborough, Ont.

Sir:

After reading your informative September-October edition, I wondered whether it may not be possible for amateurs in British Columbia to organize a gridwork of detection devices.

It is easy to make a warning device, as you know. It consists essentially of a buzzer or bell, a 6-volt battery, a small magnetized rod or bar and some wire. The device must be weatherproofed, face north, and placed in a suitable, safe place (some people place it in their attic).

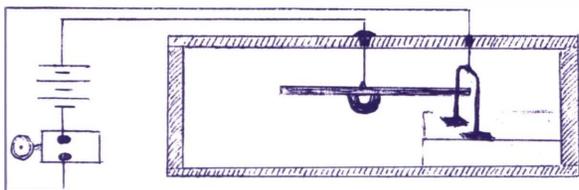
Just imagine how convenient it would be to have such a network of detectors throughout the province! This would also be an exclusive first for British Columbia. Readers should be reminded to take a photograph if possible, and telephone the R.C.M.P.

In passing, I would like to mention that I mentioned this idea to the National Research Council, but the answer was "Sorry — no funds. Your suggestion will be filed!"

Best of luck for your worthwhile magazine.

Malcolm McKellar  
Burnaby, B.C.

When we expressed interest in this idea, Mr. McKellar submitted the following drawing of his device, along with details of its construction. — Ed



"The detector is comprised of a six-volt dry battery, a bell, a free swinging iron bar contact under which has been centred a small, permanent, horseshoe magnet, and a loop contact. The device must be oriented facing the north magnetic pole, be made weatherproof (possibly with hard plastic cover) and situated in a suitable, safe place, free from vibration. When a strong magnetic field approaches, the bar contact will complete the circuit through the loop contact, and the bell will ring."

Sir:

I have been a very staunch UFO addict for a great many years and have accumulated a small library on the subject of ufology. This collection includes four subscriptions to periodicals, yet I have never before corresponded to editors, staff, or to anybody in regards to this fascinating subject, ufology. I have never before had reason to write as I have never seen anything that could in anyway be regarded as a UFO, nor am I the kind of guy who comes up with bright ideas or new techniques with which to study the phenomena.

I must now break my silence barrier as I am very excited upon hearing about the "Project International

UFO Petition To United Nations". This could be the greatest thing that has happened to ufologists. There is probably a high chance of success in this endeavor as I recall reading a quote several years ago, from a UFO book, which gives us extra hope. I haven't been able to find the particular book as yet but in it U Thant, the President of the United Nations, was quoted as saying: "I think the biggest problem facing the UN today is UFO's," or words to that effect.

For years I have wanted to do something helpful or constructive for the study of UFO's, and signing this petition is finally a way of offering my two cents worth. However, I wish I could do more.

The last paragraph in the UFO petition center page is rather ambiguous. It reads: "Pending the appointment of regional coordinators, UFO clubs and other groups can help greatly by distributing the questionnaire among their members." Next, the very first question of the questionnaire asks, "Have you ever heard or read about UFOs or 'Flying Saucers'?" I hope this means that anyone can receive extra copies and that any person, not necessarily one knowledgeable in the subject, may complete the questionnaire. If this is so I would be very grateful if you would send me 40 extra copies. Thank you.

Robin J. Pearson,  
Victoria, B.C.

*The questionnaire is definitely not intended only for UFO fans, otherwise we would not obtain a true sample of public opinion, which is what we are after. Although we have called upon UFO clubs to start the ball reading, we welcome the help of any groups or individuals, regardless of their views, in handling distribution of the questionnaire. Copies may be obtained by writing to Canadian UFO Report, Box 758, Duncan, B.C. — Ed.*

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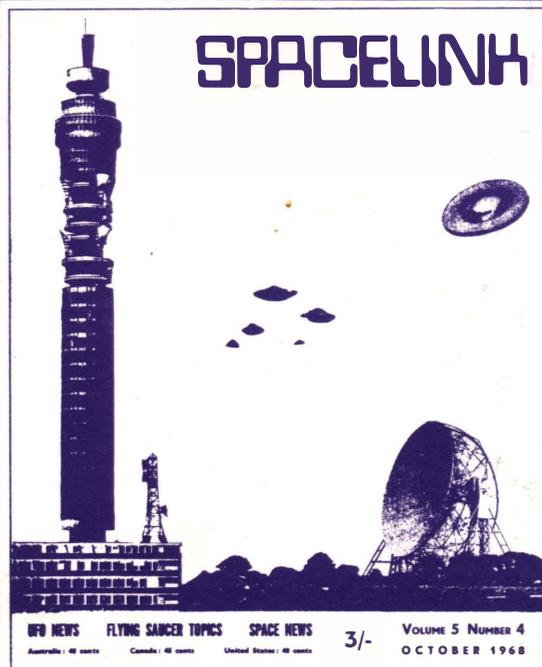
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