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WELCOMING....

Canadian UFO Report is pleased to welcome three more bright young ufologists to its staff. Each brings different talents and contributions to the magazine and each may be counted on to add a measure of understanding to this infinitely complex subject.

These three join us at an opportune time for, after two years of publication, Canadian UFO Report is taking its place with others in the field whose work is recognized internationally. In a recent issue, the UFO Investigator published by NICAP rated the magazine "exemplary" in company with GEPA of Paris, France; Flying Saucer Review of London, England; and UFOIC of Sydney, Australia.

In fairness to all who work with CUFOR (to use our title abbreviation) it should be explained they do so without remuneration except for small necessary expenses. Their motivation is, quite simply and commendably, their instinct for inquiry.

The three new members are:

Thomas House: While the origin of UFOs remains a totally unlocked secret, we continue to believe that in space lie most of the clues. To accept the other-dimension idea, which is the main opposing thought, would mean a complete re-examination of our own existence -- unless we have the ego to assume all are "ghosts" but us -- and we find the prospect too involved and not persuasive enough to contemplate.

Thomas House is particularly well equipped to help examine the mystery of space for he has immersed himself in a study of astrophysics and, while at the University of Colorado, wrote on the "possibility of extraterrestrial life" for the student paper Gadfly. The first of his two-part article "Earth Calling," based on this treatise, will appear in the next issue and, as a continuing feature writer for the magazine, he will contribute material on other aspects of the UFO scene.

In answer to our request for a resume of himself, he said: "I am a Canadian citizen by birth but not until 1968 did I come to live in Canada permanently. I have lived on three continents, was schooled in England and the U.S. where I lived 10 years. My father was a British diplomatic official in Denver for four years, where he is now retired. In 1968 I graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.A. in mathematics and German. In 1966 I was with the BBC's engineering division as a technical assistant (my other prime interest besides the UFO phenomenon is broadcasting). I am 25 and my present job is as library assistant at Woodward biomedical library, University of B.C."

Hayden Hewes: For a man still in his twenties, Hewes has done a remarkable amount of work in UFO research

and organization. His interest first expressed itself in 1957 when, at age 13, he started building a file on the subject. Today, operating from Oklahoma City, he is founder and director of the International UFO Bureau with 8,000 members and representation in 40 countries. His wife Kietha shares with him an interest in a subject which, to quote a personality piece by UPI, is "still regarded by most people as strange."

The article continued: "Hewes has gained attention as an observer by his conservative scientific attitude which lends credibility to his lectures and writings. He is not the type of person who claims a round trip to another planet and back, nor does he claim to know any aliens, but he says 'there is no doubt of their existence.'

"He is not out to prove there are objects from another world in our atmosphere, but rather 'what they are, where they come from and why they are here.' He has been featured on national television, a French motion picture and a soon to be released documentary film in the United States."

Hewes is another young man who brings to the magazine fine qualifications for continuing our study of mysteries in space. At the University of Oklahoma he majored in aeronautical and space engineering and now contributes information to graduate students in master's level research. In addition, he worked with the U.S. Air Force in compiling data for Project Blue Book.

Hewes joins us as contributing U.S. Editor. Starting with our next issue, he will be responsible for a feature to be called "International Dateline."

Hal Crawford: Possibly the most effective instrument for translating the UFO mystery into something tangible is the artist's pen. Readers are already familiar with the skillful contributions of Mrs. Lesley Footner of Victoria, B.C., in this respect, and in the last issue were introduced to the strongly-styled work of Hal Crawford.

We make no claim to discovering this gifted young artist of Dallas, Texas. His work in the UFO field was well known before it appeared here. In fact, he did the illustrations for *The Aliens*, a booklet put out jointly with the Hewes, and his drawings of three main types of occupants must rate as classics in their particular category (we carried Type No. 1 in issue no. 6). We believe the contrasting impressions of Lesley Footner and Hal Crawford will add significantly to the developing UFO picture we try to convey to readers.

For a further glimpse of this picture we suggest you start with contributing editor Brian Cannon's account of his visit to Kenora, Ontario, in the opening section of this issue.



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FINDING THE ACTION

Any suggestion that UFOs are merely a psychological phenomenon – a theory that had serious support just a few years ago – is such old hat it is tedious even to mention it. While the origin of these craft remains a mystery, we know for sure that, unlike beauty, it does not lie in the eye of the beholder. Radar and camera, if nothing else, have established we are dealing with objects of substance, not figments of thought.

But unquestionably there is a connection between public interest in UFOs and individual awareness of their existence. No doubt readers have noticed this. For instance, if a sighting is reported locally, the community concerned is apt to keep a sharper lookout and a feeling is generated that strange craft are everywhere – meaning, perhaps, it is experiencing a “psychological phenomenon” which, in some minds, makes the whole thing suspect. Conversely, if UFOs have been long absent from the news, one can be easily persuaded there is no such thing.

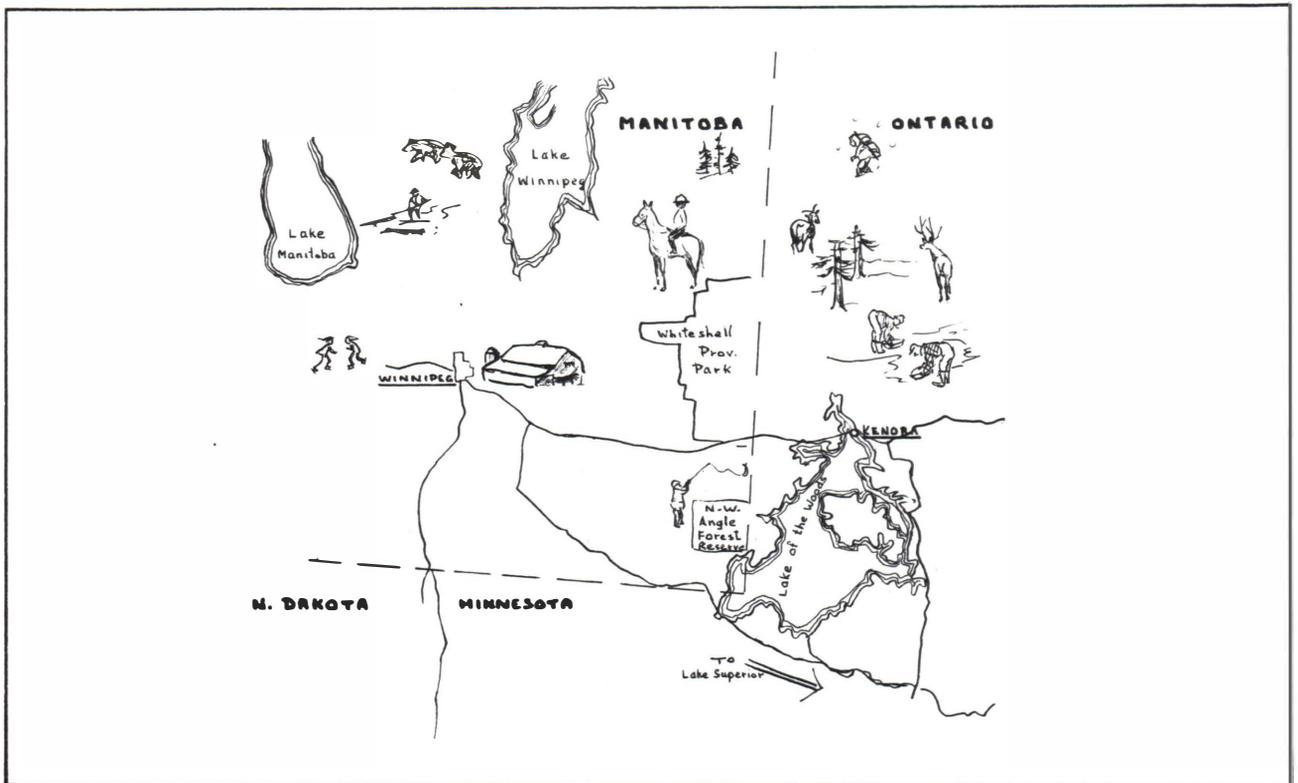
Immersed though we are in the mystery, we on this magazine, like other ufologists, go through our own moments of variable opinion. In face of all the evidence at hand, this never touches on skepticism but inevitably there are times when we wonder if a matter so wrapped in itself and seemingly spasmodic merits all the attention we give it.

Fortunately, for this mood there is an antidote that never fails – a trip to where the action is or, more accurately, where we think it might be. Preferably the trip is to a point well outside any city. That is not to say that UFOs frequent municipal skies less than any other. On the contrary, our cities probably interest them very much. But beyond city limits the sky is easier to watch, those watching it have less distractions and, perhaps most important, the chances of a close-up view are naturally better where buildings do not interfere. Moreover, ufocuppants seem generally leary of coming down in crowded quarters.

We do not make these trips with any real hope of seeing anything ourselves. That has not been our luck so far. But we do go with the aim of digging up a lead and proceeding from there to interview witnesses, and we have not been disappointed. In this issue we report on two places recently visited – the Rocky Mountain area of Banff and the Lake of the Woods district of northwest Ontario.

Had you been there and talked to these people, you too would surely have formed a vivid impression that UFOs are a very real and continuing puzzle that begs for serious study. That of course is nothing new to seasoned ufologists but occasionally many must wonder, as we have done, whether UFOs are still around when they are not being reported in public news media.

Be reassured – they are.



STRANGE CRAFT OVER CENTRAL CANADA

by Brian Cannon

Author's note: Rambling along the southern boundary of the Canadian pre-Cambrian Shield is a narrow belt of land that is rapidly becoming known as "UFO country" in Canada. The area extends from the eastern portion of Manitoba, across the heart of Ontario to the junction of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers. Eighty percent of the terrain is wilderness, rich in forests, water power and mineral resources ranging from asbestos and copper to uranium and zinc. The land east of the Manitoba-Ontario border and across the northern shore of Lake Superior is sparsely populated making it difficult to gauge the amount of UFO activity there. But since 1954, Manitoba, north-western Ontario and the St. Lawrence River basin have produced UFO reports in numbers that almost parallel the great South American UFO waves of the late '60s. Here are but a few accounts from one small town in this belt - Kenora, Ontario.

"I saw it coming and I thought, 'My goodness, that thing maybe is going to land in the dark,' and I was scared." Adolf Engstrom's reaction toward the unusual object that passed in front of him is not uncommon. Most UFO witnesses are apprehensive over their experience - not because they have seen an airplane or the planet Venus as some would have us believe, but because they have seen something extraordinary, mysterious and totally incomprehensible.

Engstrom, a night watchman with Parsons Airways Ltd. in Kenora, Ont., was on duty at 10:45 p.m. the night of August 20, 1955, when his employer, H.J. "Bud" Parsons drove down to the 2nd Street dock to check the tie-down ropes on his seaplanes.

"The wind had sprung up and was quite strong and gusty," said Parsons. "My wife stayed in the truck which I parked halfway up the dock and I walked towards the aircraft which were tied up near the end of the wharf. The night watchman, Mr. Engstrom, pointed to an object streaking towards us from the low cloud."

Engstrom recalled, "It was about forty feet above the water...six feet across and 10 inches deep. The object stopped 50 to 100 yards away for about two minutes and then it took off north."

Parsons described the UFO as "...two saucers with their open ends touching one above the other. The thing appeared to me to be only four or five feet across and eight to ten inches thick.

The top and bottom surfaces were rounded and around the centre where the two saucers would touch was a halo, one half inch thick and four to five inches wide."

The elapsed time of the sighting, from the instant the noiseless object descended from the cloud, hovered briefly over the lake and then left was not more than four minutes. Parsons said that the sky was scattered with low level cloud, but never once did the UFO disappear behind the overcast. The object streaked toward the two men from the west and, according to Parsons, tilted on its side before straightening out with the flat side parallel to the ground. Then it stopped. "The entire object was a beautiful silvery-white color and appeared to send out rays from its surface," said Parsons. He continued, "It seemed to sparkle as if some electric force or very hot air was flowing from all the surfaces including the halo."

Adolph Engstrom agreed, "The object was bright but with no glare and we could easily watch it in the darkness. The surface seemed to sparkle and it was silvery-white in color." Engstrom estimated the strange object was 150 to 300 feet from the dock. Parsons calculated the distance to be 225 feet. Both men emphatically asserted the UFO passed below and in front of the roof line of the hospital across the lake, a quarter-mile away. Was it surveying the actions of Parsons and Engstrom or perhaps the hospital on the opposite shore? "It seemed to know exactly what it wanted to do," reckoned the airline owner. "It came on our side of the dock...there's a canopy above the dock...and it looked as though it slid over to have a clear view of the other aircraft. It maybe didn't have anything to do with that, but it appeared to be looking at the planes."

The two men agreed that the UFO left as quickly as it arrived. Engstrom said the light just kept getting "smaller and smaller until it disappeared from view." Parsons recalled, "You could see it accelerate from the standing start. It was fast, but it wasn't so fast that it suddenly disappeared. It was super smooth."

Now here we have an apparently unexplainable report of unknown aerial phenomena involving two witnesses with identical accounts. We can't easily apply the ball lightning or swamp gas reasoning because these answers simply don't fit. Parsons has been flying

since 1937, including a stint in the R.A.F. Transport Command during World War II. He knows aircraft and he knows natural phenomena but neither he nor Engstrom could identify the eerie object that approached so closely to them 15 years ago.

There had been no indication that Kenora is apparently one of those strange UFO hot-beds, when I first learned about the Parsons-Engstrom sighting. In fact, neither man had publicly reported the incident; it was only through a friend that it came to my attention. And the others I talked to in this northwestern Ontario town could hardly be classed as publicity-seeking flying saucer zealots. Most of them had kept the sightings to themselves and echoed Fred "Bub" Alcock's thought that, "I was afraid to tell anyone because, you know, they think you're crazy."

Alcock was recalling his spectacular UFO observation on a quiet summer evening July 22, 1954, at Clearwater Bay, a few miles west of Kenora. "I was sitting on the dock with my feet hanging over the edge and I happened to look up. I saw these three objects come sifting across Corkscrew Island," he said. "They were heading westerly and they stopped over Zigzag Island which is one of the next islands in Clearwater Bay." Because the UFOs were an estimated one and a half miles away and silhouetted against a clear blue sky, the Kenora contractor was unable to calculate their dimensions, but he confirmed that they sat and hovered for two minutes before steaking out of sight. Alcock stated, "My jaw dropped open...there was no vapor trail, there was no sound. They were just . . . swoosh . . . gone."

Although he was extremely shaken by this turn of events, Alcock did not want to alarm his family and only told his wife what had happened. The clearly-defined objects appeared to be saucer-shaped, much like the craft seen by Stephen Michalak at nearby Falcon Lake, May 20, 1967 (see issues Nos. 2, 3, 4). They were gray-metallic in color, and had wide, shallow domes on top. Like Parsons, "Bub" Alcock served in the R.C.A.F. during World War II. His training as a bomber-navigator suggested to him that the peculiar and seemingly intelligently-guided machines buzzing Clearwater Bay were certainly no ordinary aircraft. The departure of the swift-flying discs was as dramatic as their sudden appearance for according to Alcock, "They just disappeared.....straight up."

Twenty minutes after the Clearwater Bay phenomenon, five objects travelling in a westerly

direction over Winnipeg were spotted by three witnesses in three different sections of the city. One observer, stationed with the Royal Canadian Air Force, said the UFOs were "oval and definitely metallic." Another likened them to Christmas tree ornaments - "like brilliant balls of light," he claimed. The speeding objects were only in view for about 30 seconds and according to the witnesses, travelled in V-formation. Winnipeg is 130 miles west of Kenora.

Newspapers carried a brief account of another sighting that took place the following evening three miles southwest of Kenora. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cartwright watched as six spherical-shaped lights swooped across the sky. Apparently they changed to an elongated shape as a round flat object would do if turning on a horizontal axis. The Cartwrights followed the orange-yellow objects through binoculars before they vanished in the distance.

While these and other descriptive UFO accounts are mystifying, can we assume that all such reports are definitely unidentified? No, certainly not! Dr. Roy M. Pritchard, a psychology professor at McMaster University, points out that we all experience some perceptual distortion, and at any given time. He says that human perception is affected by a number of factors such as hunger, anger, prejudice and so on. "We see what we need to see, what we expect to see, what we try to see," pronounced Dr. Pritchard at the 1968 Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute's astronautics symposium. Underlining this reasoning, the now defunct U.S. Airforce Project Bluebook concluded in a 10-year statistical summary (1957-1966) that 31 percent of all UFO sightings were actually the result of misidentification of astronomical normalities.

It is just too bad that most of the emphasis is placed on these identifiable objects rather than the core of unidentifieds that always remain (roughly 2½ percent according to the same Bluebook report). But anyone with even a rudimentary grasp of astronomy should be able to differentiate between the sighting of a planet, star or fireball and something truly unusual.

For example, I once interviewed a man who related his version of an automobile chase after a UFO near Portage la Prairie, Man. He was quite definite that he had been following a moving, airborne vehicle of sorts, but halfway through his story, it became painfully evident that he had actually been "chasing" a particularly brilliant Venus. Up to that point, no one could have convinced him of his mistake. This perhaps is a good illustration of perceptual distortion,

but it is by no mean Procrustean law applying to all UFO cases per se.

The problem of differentiating between unidentifieds and misidentifieds has been passed off far too lightly by science. It is much like the doctor who discovers a tumor on his patient's leg. He sees it, but he doesn't know if it's malignant or benign until he looks inside. Presently, scientists have, individually rather than collectively, looked at the UFO problem from a distance. Consequently we have a few self-styled experts expounding on a subject that could virtually encompass every field of science known to us - and then some. However, in dissecting UFO phenomena the psychologist should ideally stick to those aspects of the issue that deal with psychology; he should not attempt to interpret an astronomical or mathematical angle of a case. No dentist in his right mind would perform an appendectomy on someone no matter how much training and skill he has in his own field, yet this sort of "profession invasion" is quite common among some "authorities" on UFO research.

The Kenora reports are surely worthy of collective scientific attention. The resemblance of these sightings to other UFO reports from around the globe is uncanny. H.J. Parsons does not read any form of UFO material, but his description of the object that passed near his dock bears marked similarities to the UFO photographed by Almiro Barauna from the deck of the research vessel Almirante Saldanha anchored off Trindade Island in Brazil, January 16, 1958.

The saturn-shaped object was speeding in from the sea when Barauna pointed his camera for the first of six exposures. After disappearing briefly behind a mountain peak on Trindade, the UFO reappeared, stopped momentarily, then moved off in the direction from which it had come. The film was immediately developed on board ship under supervision of the captain, and later examination by Brazilian government sources found the photos were genuine. Was this just another isolated instance with coincidental likeliness? Well, that is up to you to decide but it should be mentioned that there were no less than seven sightings, previous to the Barauna photos, on this little island in the South Atlantic.

Back in Kenora, the most recent sighting of import occurred on May 30, 1969. Mrs. Eleanor Jacobson was sitting in the kitchen of her home at about 6:00 a.m. when her dog Trixie began scratching at the door. Mrs. Jacobson exclaimed, "I let Trixie in and gave her some dog food in a

dish. She backed up for a few feet. I'm not sure if the hair on the back of her neck stood straight up or not, but I thought she was sick, she was acting so funny."

Mrs. Jacobson followed the dog back out onto the lawn and there in the morning sky, about 150 feet above the lake, was a round and flattened metallic object. The UFO was neither ascending nor descending. However, it did swing back and forth in a pendulum motion or in the witness' own words, "It was moving from side to side in a half circle, like a falling leaf." Although alarmed by this strange caller, Mrs. Jacobson remembered the Polaroid camera sitting on her table. She returned to the yard in time to snap two pictures of the UFO before it left.



In what must be one of finest UFOs photos ever taken, details of object seen near Kenora by Mrs. Jacobson are clearly evident. Her impression was that protubences on rim were portholes, though bright mark on left side appears to be different. Possibly cone on top was part of a transparent dome described in many sightings. (See also back cover).



Though Mrs. Jacobson's sightings were in late spring, this winter scene from her front door shows type of country over which objects were observed.

During the 15 seconds it took to develop the first photo, the Kenora woman never took her eyes off the object. "It was silver and had a cone shape on the top," she remembered, "and it had portholes all around it." After removing the backing from the first exposure, Mrs. Jacobson snapped a second. But in her anxiety, she forgot to remove the chemically treated mask and the second photograph was unfortunately spoiled. Mrs. Jacobson then added, "The disc made a few more loops, stopped dead right in the centre of where I was watching it and took off just like a bullet."

Three nights later, Mrs. Jacobson was getting ready to retire when she glanced outside for a final look around (and let's be honest - who wouldn't in the same circumstances?) Across the lake was another unusual object maneuvering in the same manner as the disc appeared to a few days earlier. She immediately took two pictures with her now-ready Polaroid and the exposures show a large light source moving through the sky. The next morning her next-door neighbor mentioned that at about 2:00 a.m., the time of Mrs. Jacobson's second sighting, his dog began a terrible prattle that continued for a full five minutes. Although the man did not think to find out what might have disturbed his pet, the mystery was capped off by the discovery of two

six-foot circles of dead grass on his lawn that had not been there the night before!

The amount of UFO activity in Kenora is quite staggering. I came away with enough leads and reports to investigate for months to come. No doubt many of these sightings were the result of over-reacting imaginations, such as our Venus-chasing friend. But if we say that all UFO sightings are of this ilk, then why are we not experiencing waves of reports all the time? We should then expect numerous sightings any time there is a meteor shower or any time a weather balloon is launched. Surely in 1969 we should have been deluged with "flying saucer" reports because Venus, the brightest and most conspicuous object in the sky, aside from the sun and moon, was the evening star during three months of the year. But 1969 produced the fewest number of UFO reports in quite some time.

Unfortunately, the events in Kenora go virtually unnoticed because there is a "who cares?" attitude toward UFOs in Canada and elsewhere at present. Take the reply I received from a Canadian Forces official when questioned on whether or not the Forces checked into UFO sightings in this country. His caustic comment was, "Not if we can avoid it."

"FUNNY BUSINESS" OVER ROCKIES

Readers may recall that in one of our past issues (vol. 1, no. 5) we reviewed an article appearing in 'Argosy' magazine which claimed UFOs were an earthly-type of experimental aircraft being built in the mountainous region of western Canada.

"The plants and saucer ports are underground, hidden in the primeval forests of Columbia," the author said, presumably referring to the province of British Columbia.

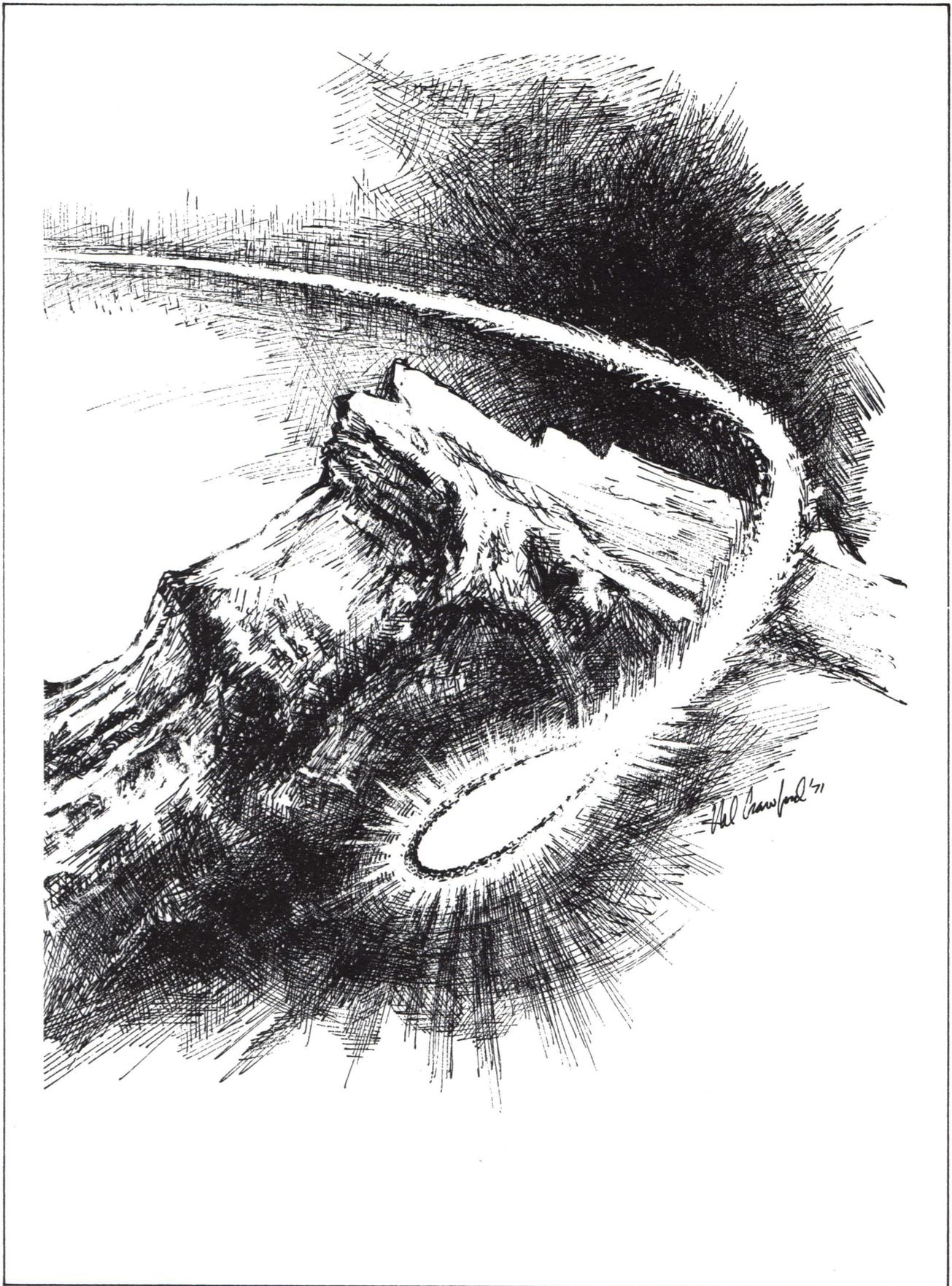
The article was so full of geographical errors and showed such disregard for conventional transportation lines crossing the area in question that, simply to help set the record straight, we felt obliged to mention it in a piece titled "Funny Business under Rockies".

But having returned from a field trip through those mountains and into the foot-hills of Alberta farther east, we wonder now if the author had stumbled on a discovery which he misinterpreted and which he never took the pains to investigate on the spot. (Nobody visiting the scene would describe it as clumsily as he did.)

We wonder about this because there is no question that something of great significance in the realm of UFOs is occurring in the region he evidently had in mind. The region seems to be centred along a broad line running north and south through Jasper and Banff, with an overflow of activity across the hills and prairie east of that line.

UFO operations appear to be so marked in the area that one story we heard concerned a flying instructor who claimed he could point out the exact spot where the strange craft seemed to originate. When a woman interested in ufology called him on it, he took her on a flight over the vicinity of Banff and, so the story goes, showed her a flying saucer. We were unable to check out this potentially tremendous story beyond these bare details but intend to follow it up for a later issue.

Whatever the truth behind activity in the Banff area, there is no question that our visitors -- if such they be -- have chosen the magnificent Rockies as a place to do much of their business. We first had wind of this in 1968 when we were



gathering material for our first issue and by chance met Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mewburn of Banff who were vacationing in British Columbia.

The Mewburns told us of two remarkable UFO incidents over the hills near their home (vol. 1, no. 1), one involving a bright object that staged a fireworks display over a mountain-peak, but we had no inkling that these were anything more than stray sightings.

Then, on our recent trip to Banff, Bill Allan of Calgary gave us two leads that proved eye-openers to what was really going on. It should be said here that Bill Allan, retired school teacher of electronics and physics, must rank as one of the finest UFO researchers in Canada. He spares no effort to track down sightings in his area and encourages public interest in the subject by participating in a weekly UFO radio program from Calgary. He and his wife, Yvonne, helped us immeasurably by accompanying us on part of our trip.

The first lead Bill gave us was the name of Mrs. Jean Watts whom we then interviewed in her office at the provincial museum in Banff. Mrs. Watts told us that previously she had been employed as cashier at the upper hot springs pool partway up Sulphur Mountain. This pool, with a sweeping view of the valley beyond Banff Springs Hotel, is one of the reasons that Banff is renowned as a holiday and health resort. Here bathers can loll about in the sulphurous water outdoors while enjoying the spectacle of winter in the Rockies.



Mrs. Jean Watts

"One night in October, 1968, the night-man at the pool said he had seen something funny in the sky," she told us. "He thought it might be a flying saucer, but we just laughed and didn't pay much attention.

"Then three nights later I was sitting in the cash office, thinking how quiet it was all of a sudden, and I said to the shift-boss, 'That's

funny, nobody's been through here for about 20 minutes.' I went to the window and couldn't see anything, but there was a strange calm all over. You could feel it.

"Just about then, Louis, one of the attendants, came upstairs from the pool and said, 'You'd better go down to the pool. They're in a panic down there. A big light came shooting down from Mount Rundle -- it's a flying saucer or something -- and the women are screaming and hollering, and some of them act frozen. They can't even move.' He wanted me to see what I could do because I had my St. John's training in first aid.'

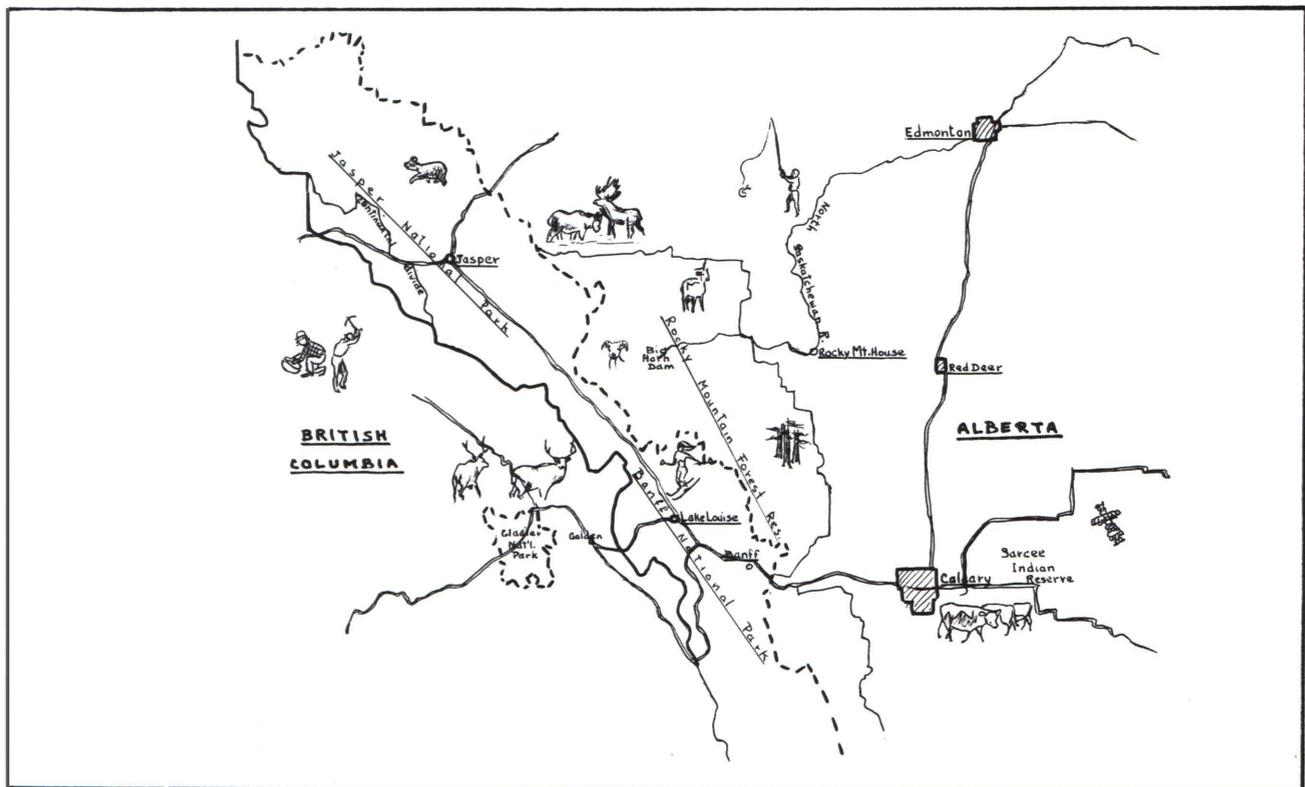
"When I got down to the pool, people were running and splashing around, and there were women crying. Some of them were in a state of shock. A couple of girls, about 17 or 18, were so frightened they had tried to get out of the pool by climbing the brick wall that goes along one side. One of the girls' hands were bleeding quite badly."



This is pool where bathers were startled to see UFO approaching from nearby mountain.

Although the object had sped from sight by the time Mrs. Watts arrived, she learned from witnesses that it had hovered for three or four minutes over the top of lofty Mount Rundle a mile or so away. Even at that distance the object, a glowing yellow in color with what appeared to be a red and green exhaust shooting from one end, looked about six feet long. One or two of the bathers thought they heard it make a hissing sound.

In a second interview Louis DeCecco, the attendant who rushed upstairs, said that after hovering over the mountain while bathers watched spellbound, the object zoomed down into the valley to the right of the pool before veering away. It was evidently this action that triggered the panic. DeCecco did not remember seeing an exhaust from the UFO as described by Mrs. Watts but thought the body itself was more colorful than she had pictured.



"It was like a rainbow," he said.

Mrs. Watts recalled that a day or two after the incident a man at Lake Louise, 35 miles to the northwest wrote to the Calgary Herald he had seen a strange object overhead about the same time or slightly later. Since Lake Louise, like Banff, is immediately adjacent to the trans-Canada highway, we were left with an odd impression that the UFO may have deliberately followed the highway route. This impression, as will be seen, was strengthened by later events.

Living in the center of what appears to be a vortex of UFO activity, Mrs. Watts has had one other sighting and has heard of many others.

Her second experience occurred during a violent electrical storm one night in August, 1970.

"It was a hot dry summer and the storm brought the first rain we had had for several weeks," she said, "so my two children and I sat out on the back porch for a while watching it. And I remember it was a strange thing that when I suggested we go out there, I had a funny feeling that something was going to happen.

"We had been sitting there for about three minutes, no more than that, when I noticed a light moving around near the top of Mount Norquay. It was a greenish-orange light and seemed to come out of a cloud. I asked my son what he thought it was, but he didn't know either.

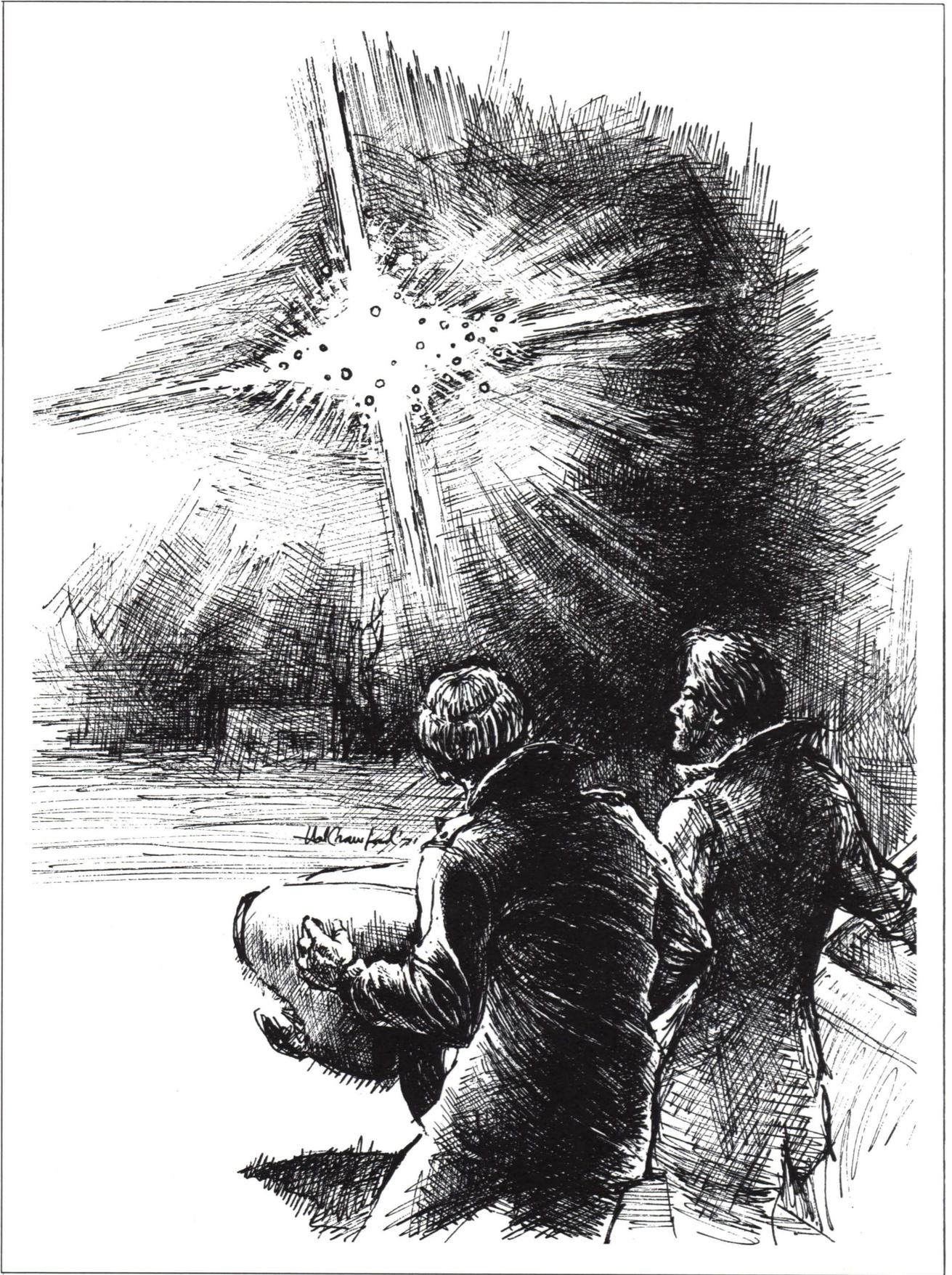
"Anyway, it came out slowly from Mount Norquay, then it made a half circle and moved back again. We thought it was going to crash into the mountain but it just missed and went behind it."

Mrs. Watts said that in a flash of lightning they saw the light of the object emanated from a solid black mass, oblong in shape. Next day a school teacher she knew confirmed the sighting from a closer viewing point and added he thought he saw a row of lights in the object that looked like windows.

An incidental note here is that Mount Norquay, famous for its skiing, was in the scene of the 1967 sighting described in our first issue when an orange-colored UFO was seen to release glowing material. The closest observer was on a ski-slope of that same mountain.



Overlooking upper hotsprings pool at Banff is towering Mount Rundle. It was above this that glowing object was observed. Suddenly it shot down slope in foreground, causing panic among bathers.



INVITED TO GO ABOARD?



Surrounded by Rockies reaching 10,000 feet or more, town of Banff in Bow River valley seems to hold special interest for strange aerial visitors.

Again with a lead from Bill Allan we chose the next incident from others at Banff we might have investigated because of the proximity of the object and its obvious interest in the witnesses. In fact, as we then learned, the UFO came so close that the two men involved felt they were being invited to make contact.

The two were Dan Bittorf and Brian Warnock, both in their early 20's, who at the time of their experience were members of a local rock band at Banff. It was about 3:30 in the morning when, the dance over, the two started out in their car to buy cigarettes. With the temperature about 20 below, the weather was crisp and clear.

"We were driving in the direction of the Banff Springs Hotel and hadn't gone far when I noticed a bright light above Tunnel Mountain, off to the left and ahead of us," Dan said. "I pointed it out to Brian and we decided it was just a morning star.

"But a little later as we approached the bridge where the road cuts off toward the hotel, we saw the light had come much lower and was travelling parallel to us in the direction of Mount Rundle. It came down fairly close on our left hand side, and when we stopped a couple of times to look at it, it stopped, too."

By this time the cigarettes were forgotten.

Immediately past the hotel the avenue along which the boys were travelling tapers off into a rough fire road leading down to the Cascade River. To proceed along that road would mean going by foot.

"When we got near the fire road," Dan continued, "the thing moved in like a flash and started to come down slowly over the trees in front of us as if it was making a signal for us to follow it down to the river."

It must be realized that very few other cars would have been moving around town at that time of morning. Also by now the boys were on the extreme outskirts of town where traffic was probably nil. This would not only make their movements easy to follow from the air but also put them in a particularly vulnerable position if for any reason they left their car.

"We decided that if we were going to meet the UFO or whatever it was, it would have to be on some better ground than down on that dark fire road in the middle of the night," Dan said.

With this in mind the pair turned back toward town and headed for the recreation center where a large field and parking lot would give them plenty of room for evasive action, if necessary. Although the object did not seem to follow them, they turned into the grounds anyway, stepped from the car and waited. In a moment there it was again!

"It came right in over the recreation grounds and stopped a few hundred feet away from us," Dan said. "This time we could see it was bright in the center like an incandescent light, and rotating around the center of it were pinpoints of red and green lights. They didn't look like portholes because they were moving. It was more like a psychedelic light show."

Because of the brightness of the object the witnesses could not estimate its exact size but agreed it was probably somewhat larger than their car. Its outline was obscure for the same reason but both felt its lustre and star-like quality gave it the appearance of a giant four-pointed diamond.

After the object halted, it seemed to wait for the boys to make the next move.

"It was an impasse," Dan said. "We weren't prepared to walk out into the middle of the field until it came right down first, and I don't think it was prepared to come down until we came out. So we got back into the car because it was cold, and when we did, that was it! Phht, it was gone!"

Although Dan was spokesman for the two during this interview, Brian was just as explicit about the impression left by the visitor.

"We had a very strong feeling it was trying to make us move exactly the way it wanted," he said.

Car-tracking UFOs are by no means new in the record book but, curiously, a few weeks after we returned home to Duncan on Vancouver Island we received a phone call

reporting a sighting similar to the Banff incident in several notable details. There was no chance that the second report was copied from the first because our Banff material was still on tape and had been discussed with no one.

The person involved in the second case was William Bishop, a salesman living at Shawnigan Lake, a few miles south of Duncan. He explained that the day before his call he had started out early to work -- 5:30 a.m. -- because he had a long drive up-island ahead of him. The first brief part of his trip took him along a side-road connecting Shawnigan Lake with the main highway.

"I hadn't gone far when a brilliant white light came down over the trees and moved slowly along the road about 50 feet in front of me as if it wanted me to stop or was trying to get me to do something. I slowed right down so I was barely rolling. We went along like that for a while. Then suddenly it shot away over the trees to the right and I thought it had gone -- at least I hoped it had -- but it came back again and stayed along beside me, just above the trees, for a couple of miles or so. I tried shaking it by changing speed but it stayed right with me. Finally when I was close to Mill Bay (connecting point on the highway) it took off and disappeared. By that time I was in a real sweat."

Already we were struck by the similarity of this UFO's behavior to that of the self-appointed escort two years before at Banff but unwittingly

Bishop provided another matching detail when asked what the object looked like.

"It had a diamond shape," he said.

While Bishop's reported object sounded smaller than the Banff visitor, he admitted the same difficulty in estimating size because of its brightness.

There is another piece in the matching pattern of the two cases which may be merely coincidental but at least deserves a mention. Bishop's sighting (which he reported to police) was also in December -- about a week short of two years after the action at Banff.

That did not quite end the December story. Within two or three nights of Bishop's experience, Art Gillam of Duncan was awakened by a brilliant light shining through his bedroom window. Peering out, he saw a glowing object "about four feet in diameter" 200 feet or so from his house. Having witnessed another UFO on an eventful occasion New Year's day, 1970, that started when Duncan nurses had a spectacular sighting outside the local hospital (vol. 1, no. 7), Gillam had vowed he would have a camera ready next time. Now the camera was in his room and he had a couple of seconds to take careful aim before the light flashed from sight.

"I'm sure I got a good shot of it," he said.

But in this case the UFO had the last word. The print returned to him was blank.

ROAD FOLLOWERS

It is imagination, no doubt, but the UFO entrance into the mountain compound of Banff seems to be along the trans-Canada highway that plunges directly westward from Calgary into the Rockies. Considering the saucers' fabulous flying technique, the idea is clearly absurd. Obviously they can enter the Rockies from any height and direction they choose.

Yet, as we found out soon after leaving Banff, something is going on that does suggest the highway holds a peculiar attraction as an access route for the strange mountain visitors.

Again our source of information was that complete contact-man, Bill Allan, who welcomed us to Calgary with the news that there had been a spectacular sighting over the highway just the day before we passed through. Later he sent us a tape recording that told the full story.

Date of the incident was Oct. 19, 1970, and the place was a highway construction camp located approximately where the highway

funnels from the prairie into the mountains. The witnesses who gave the account were two men in the camp, Paul Chemerys and foreman Marshall Petruk. A third known witness was Bob Vance.

"It was about 6:45 and we had just finished supper when my foreman and I stepped out of the cookhouse," Chemerys said. "I happened to glance to the west and saw a circular orange object in the air climbing at a great rate of speed. I pointed it out to the foreman and he saw it, too."

At that point Vance also left the cookhouse and the three watched as the object, first seen about a mile away where it was somewhat less than the size of a full moon, continued climbing above the mountains. They were struck by the fact it was following the route of the highway.

"There was a star ahead of it," Chemerys continued, "and when it passed the star we could see how fast it was moving. It was travelling much faster than a jet and was headed



dead in the direction of Banff. It finally disappeared from sight."

The object was perfectly round and had a hazy greenish rim around it, he recalled. This hazy effect also seemed to form part of a tail. Confirming these remarks, foreman Petruk said he thought there was a whitish tinge to the general orange color of the object.

While the green (or blue) aura is reported in many UFO sightings -- perhaps being the effect of an energy field generated by these craft -- there is no mistaking the similarity of lighting effect in this case to that of the bright object seen at Banff by Mrs. Watts and her children. Chemerys was evidently correct when he thought Banff was the destination of the UFO observed by the highway crew.

The fact that the latter object was following the highway route might be labelled coincidence were it not for a remark made by Chemerys at the end of his interview.

"I didn't mention it to anyone because I was by myself, but two weeks ago I saw the same

object or one that looked like it. It was going west over the highway, just like that one."



*Marshall Petruk (left) and Paul Chemerys
(Photo by Yvonne Allan)*



HORSE ILL AFTER UFO INCIDENT

Famous in UFO annals is the case of Snippy, a pet pony on the King Ranch in Colorado who, one shocking day in September, 1967 ("invasion" year, remember?) was found dead with the flesh stripped with surgical precision from its neck and head. Strange markings in the ground nearby and reports of unexplained aerial sightings led to speculation that UFO visitors were involved.

The case quickly became a news-headliner and tourist attraction, with the result that after a while it was difficult to tell fiction from fact. But whatever the truth of it (and unaccountably scant attention was paid to other livestock deaths in the same area about the same time), there is no question that these strangers have a pronounced interest in our animals, sometimes with unhappy results. Animals, in turn, often react with frenzy whenever a UFO is in the vicinity. Some observers believe this is because the mysterious craft emit a sound too high (or too low?) for human ears but audible to animals who for some reason are maddened by that particular pitch.

That may be so -- or at least part of the story -- but it does little to explain the plight of one horse (perhaps a second was involved without a witness present) we heard about from that tireless UFO investigator, Bill Allan of Calgary, who sent us a tape recording of the incident after our visit to Alberta last fall. The person involved was a Calgary chiropractor who asked that his name be withheld. We have his identity but respect his wish and will call him "the doctor."

The doctor said the incident occurred about eight o'clock one evening in late August while he was riding his horse along a river trail on the Sarcee Indian reserve west of Calgary. The weather was clear and stars were just beginning to shine.

"Suddenly, for no apparent reason, my horse, a mare, became very alert and stiff and started to pass manure, a sign of nervousness. Then very quickly it became extremely violent and practically uncontrollable, turning and twisting. I had to be very careful because the river was on my left and on my right there were trees and a barbed wire fence."

At that point, the doctor said, what appeared to be an odd low-flying cloud ahead caught the top of his vision. It had a billowy contour and was about 70 feet across.

Trying now to get off his skittish mount, the doctor did not at first pay close attention to

the "cloud". But seconds later his attention became rivetted on it when a solid-appearing object silently started to emerge.

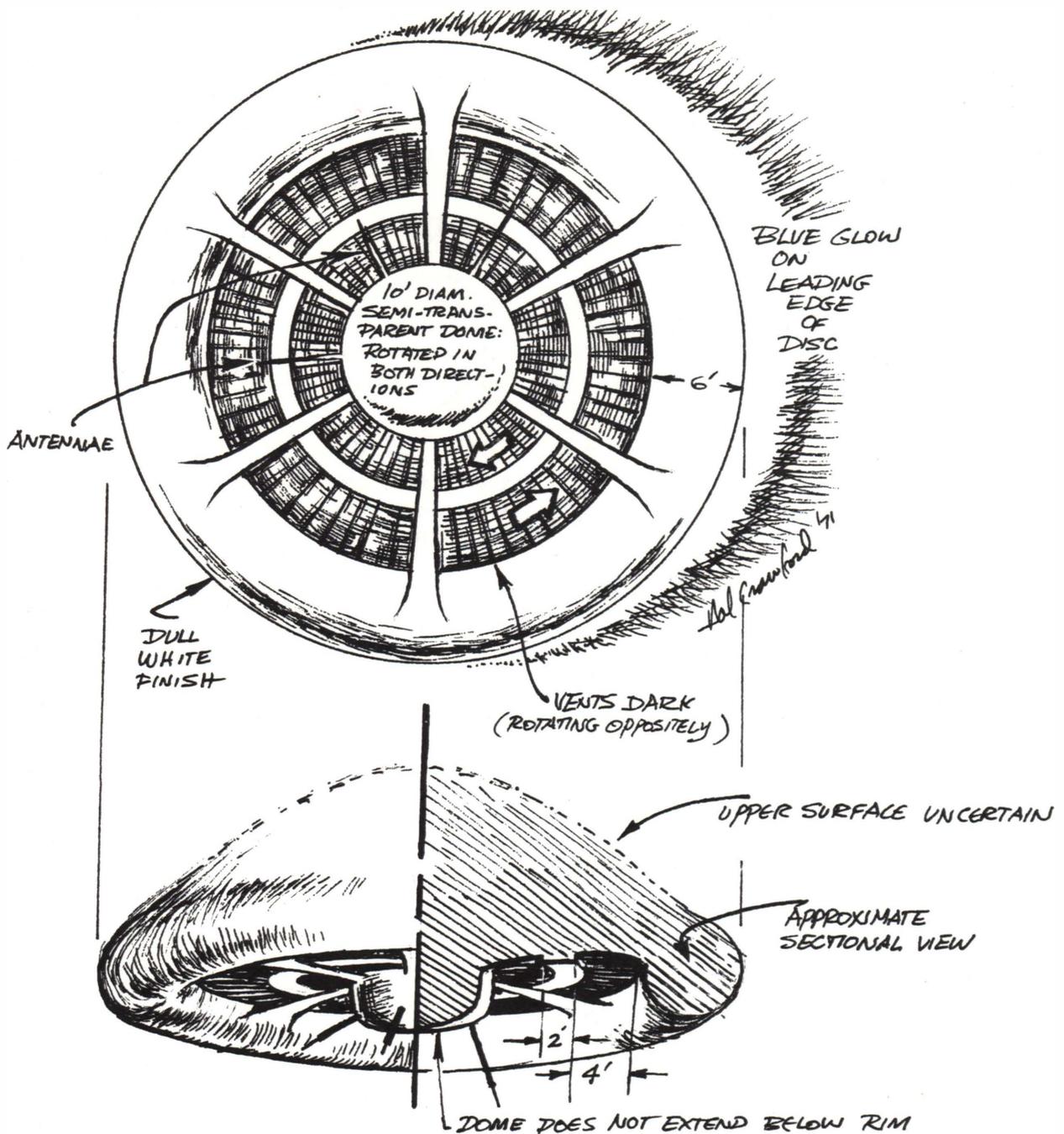
"It came out as if to observe what was happening below which, I guess, was me on my horse," he said. "It was made of a material that looked like a plastic or fiberglass of a bluish steel color, or a silvery blue. The underpart of it, which was all I could see, was slightly oval in shape and contained two circular vent-like structures, like the bottom of a mushroom, rotating in opposite directions. I could actually see them going round, as they were moving quite slowly."

In his talk with Allan the doctor stressed that his view of the craft was badly interrupted by the wild actions of his horse but afterwards he was able to sort out the details in his mind. He remembered that the two sets of vents or slats, moving noiselessly at first, were separated by a casing of some sort about two feet wide, and the vents themselves were about four feet wide. They revolved about a slightly squared central piece protruding from the bottom of the craft.

"I couldn't hear anything myself but I wondered if the object was giving off a sound that hurt my horse's ears because by this time she was thrashing her head about very violently," the doctor said. "I was having so much trouble with her that I was only able to catch glimpses of what was happening, but after a moment I saw the object start to go back into its cloud and the whole formation began to rise, veering off toward the southwest. It moved very slowly, not seeming to be in any hurry, and as it left, the cloud became more turbulent and began to disintegrate. It trailed behind as the vehicle moved off toward the horizon and disappeared."

By this time the doctor had managed to dismount from his nervous horse and, in a moment of relative calm as he held her reins, he detected a soft vibrating noise from the craft as it started to leave. He imitated the effect by making a swishing sound through his lips that sounded somewhat similar to the noise of a stick whipped back and forth through the air. He thought the sound had about the same beat as the rotating vents.

While Allan and ufologist Dr. Max Edwards of Victoria, B.C., visiting Calgary at the time, questioned him for further details, the doctor drew a sketch of what he saw (see Hal Crawford's reproduction). He emphasized that at no time did he see the top of the craft but his impression was that the upper edges curved



upward and inward.

The bottom part, which he could see clearly, was generally concave in shape and consisted essentially of the two concentric sets of vents already described. The vents were darker than the plastic-like body of the craft, which he estimated to be about 40 feet in diameter.

A particularly noticeable feature of the craft was the appearance and operation of the bottom central section which he figured was about 10 feet across and was connected to the outer rim of the vehicle by tapering beams.

"It had three or four spikes like antennas sticking out of it," he said, "and I could see by the motion of these that the whole thing was able to revolve. It would turn a bit in one direction, stop and go on or turn back in the other direction. These rods or antennas varied from about four to six feet in length and gave me the impression they were a searching device. In fact, that whole central dome seemed to be a sort of observation station."

Although the object itself had a dull finish the witness observed a brilliant electric-blue light

along its leading edge as it emerged from the cloud. "It was like a welder's arc," he said.

The doctor went on to explain that for two or three days after the incident his horse was very head-shy and he suspected that somehow her ears had been affected by the experience. Unfortunately, however, worse was to come, suggesting that more than sound-damage may have been involved.

The trouble started several weeks later when the doctor noticed sore-looking spots, as if made by burning, breaking out on the horse's head. In a matter of days these had spread down her neck (the same area of the damage inflicted on Snippy) and a goiter-like swelling had started to show.

"It looked like a mass of tumors," in the opinion of Bill Allan who, with a touring TV crew from the Ontario department of education, went to see the horse.

At last report the unlucky animal's veterinarian had been unable to diagnose the trouble and samples from the affected area were being tested.

To this already mystifying chain of events, the doctor added one more puzzling incident. He said that for an hour or so after their encounter with the strange vehicle, his horse remained quite nervous and he allowed her time to graze and calm down.

"But soon after I had mounted her and

started on our way back, she began to stiffen up again and I thought, 'Oh, no, not another one!' But this time she wasn't quite as uneasy and we continued along until something lying in the bush caught my eye. I rode closer and saw it was a horse on its side, obviously dead. The strange part was that its exposed side was badly singed, though there was no sign of a fire having been there. But whatever had happened must have occurred very recently as I could still smell burnt hair, and when I got down and felt the horse, it was still warm. Also there was no sign of rigor mortis."

The doctor did not at first connect this discovery with his UFO sighting. Instead, continuing on, he reported it as a matter of routine to a young man he knew whose family lived nearby, and they agreed to look at the horse next day to see if it could be identified.

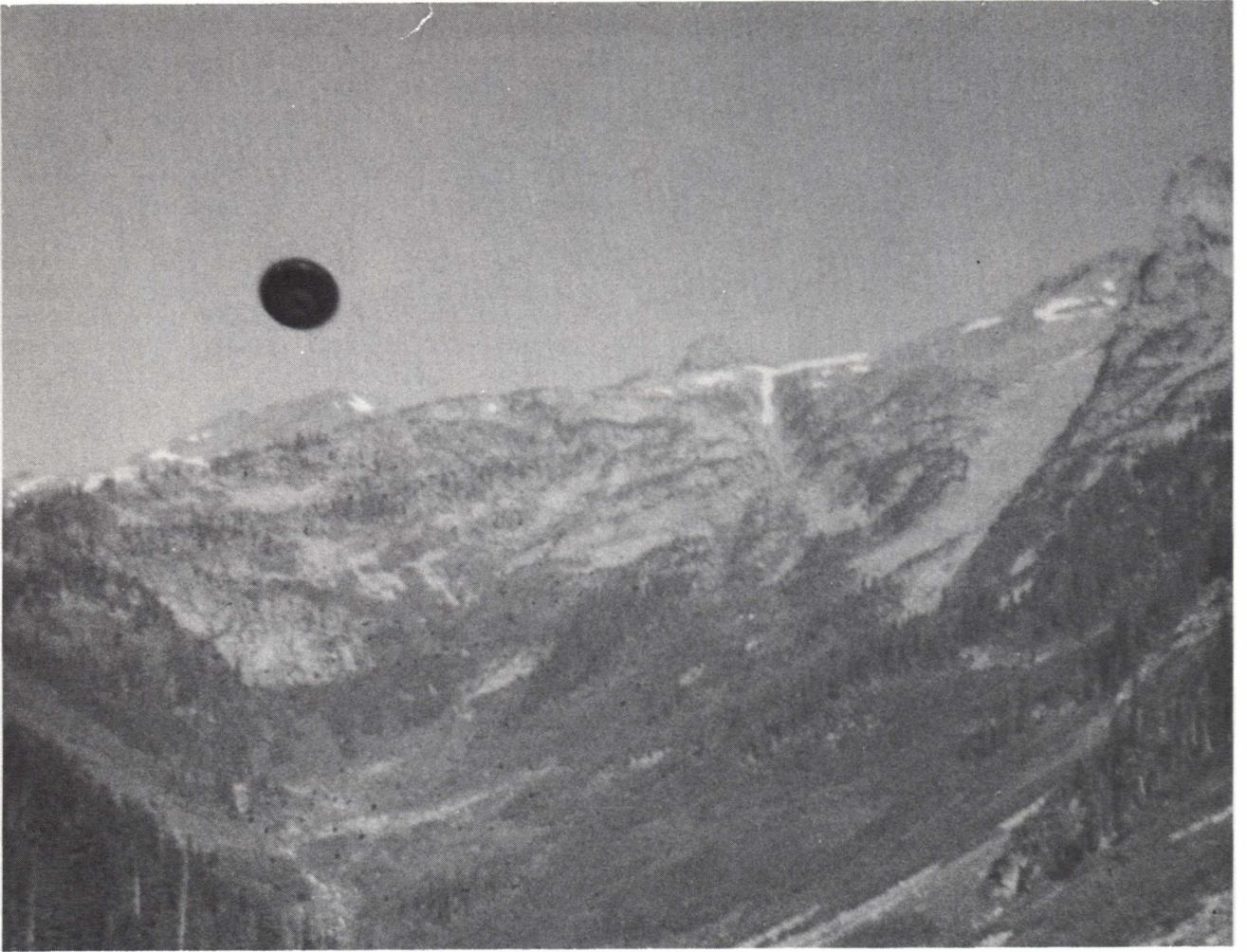
But next day, though they had no trouble finding the imprint where the carcass had lain, they were unable to find a trace of the horse itself. To their utter mystification, the heavy growth surrounding the spot was unbroken and unmarked even though it was apparent that a vehicle of considerable weight would have been needed to travel that far through the bush in the first place and to carry the carcass in the second.

So unmarred was the scene, it was just as if somehow the horse had been lifted directly from the spot and hauled away by air!

Other remarkable UFO photos we received recently (in addition to Mrs. Jacobson's shot, see Brian Cannon's earlier story) are these two taken from a helicopter in interior British Columbia. They were sent in by our Cariboo correspondent, Mrs. Myrna Halsall, who unfortunately was not given details. All she was told was they were taken from a helicopter during a routine mining survey. She hopes to obtain more information.

Though lacking details, we include the photos in this issue to point out the similarity between this object and that described in the following vivid story from Finland, reprinted from Britain's Flying Saucer Review. Note in the closer shot how the aperture at the bottom seems to correspond with that observed in the Finnish incident.





A HUMANOID WAS SEEN AT IMJARVI ..

More about the Finnish encounter in the snow by Sven-Olof Fredrickson.

We reprint this article and illustrations by special permission of Charles Bowen, editor of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW which has its offices at 21 Cecil Court, Charing Cross Road, London W.C. 2, Eng. FSR prefaced the article with this introcution: "Our contributor a student of physics, is a member of a Swedish group of investigators, GICOFF, whose aim is to conduct follow-up investigations, usually by letter, of incidents reported briefly in newspapers. Earlier reports of this remarkable case from Finland were published in our last two issues."

Since the appearance of my first two reports in *Flying Saucer Review*, "on-the-spot" investigations in Finland have shown that in their letters to us Messrs Heinonen and Viljo did not tell us the whole story. There were two reasons for this. First, Heinonen, who gave us most of the information, appears to have been suffering from a partial loss of memory. This means that, until recently, he had recalled only parts of the incident. Now that personal interviews have taken place, we believe that most of the story has been told. Secondly, Viljo and Heinonen have not spoken to each other about the incident, at least not in any detail [In "*Finnish Encounter In The Snow*" in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW for July-August 1970, Heinonen's growing fear of Viljo, and how he hadn't the courage to visit him, was described—Ed.]. As a result, Heinonen thought he had seen a grotesquely distorted image of

Viljo when he looked through the mist, whereas Viljo considered he had seen something 'that does not exist', and did not speak about it as he did not wish to have people laughing at him about it.

Early in June this year, a Swedish reporter from a weekly magazine went to Finland to investigate the case and to write an article. We have been in contact with him for about six months, during which time he has become very interested in the subject. Together with a photographer, he met an interpreter when he was in Finland. The two witnesses were located and interviewed (we have a tape of this). Photographs were taken at the scene, the doctor was interviewed, and a discussion was had with a professor of electro-physics. The two men also signed a drawing of the object.

It was not until Heinonen and Viljo were confronted with the reporter's questions that they began to tell the whole story, not only to the reporter, but for the first time to each other.

After comparing the material we obtained from the reporter with the contents of our letters from the two Finns, and after studying reports of the physiological effects which were claimed to have resulted from the encounter, we compiled a case report in Swedish. A translation of this now follows.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, January 7, 1970, at 4.45 p.m., in a forest outside the village of Imjärvi, 16 km. NNE of the town of Heinola in southern Finland. Heinola is 130 km. NE of Helsinki. The two witnesses, forester Aarno Heinonen, 36 years of age, and farmer Esko Viljo, 38 were out skiing. Both men have been active ski-runners, and also runners in athletics, and they still take part in smaller competitions. They are both total abstainers and non-smokers.



Springtime in the forest. Aarno Heinonen (left) and Esko Viljo return to the site of their remarkable experience.

They were descending from a little hill, and halted in a glade where they usually take a pause. It was sunset and a few stars were visible. It was very cold, -17° Celsius, with no wind.

They had been standing in the glade for about five minutes when they heard a buzzing sound. They looked up and caught sight of a very strong light moving through the sky. It approached from the north, made a vast curve, and came towards them from the south. At the same time it descended. The weak buzzing sound became louder. The light halted, and then they could see that a luminous cloud rotated around it. It was like a red-grey mist pulsating with a strange light. At the same time puffs of smoke were thrown up from the top of the cloud. The two men were standing still, staring upwards. Neither of them uttered a word.

The cloud was soon as low as 15 metres, and it was then that they could see, inside it, a round object, flat at the bottom, and metallic-like. They estimate that it was about three metres in diameter. On its under-side there were three hemispheres, and in the centre a tube, some 25 cms. in diameter, which extended about 20 cms.

The object hung in the air a short while, and the buzzing sound continued. Then the sound became louder, and the object descended slowly. At the same time the red-grey mist slowly disappeared. The object stopped moving when it was 3 or 4 metres above the ground, and the buzzing also ceased. Heinonen said it was so close that he could have touched it with his ski-stick.

A bright light-beam was suddenly emitted by the tube. This beam moved around a couple of times before stopping, creating a bright illuminated circle over the snow. This circle was about one metre in diameter, while around it there was a black edge, about 1 cm. wide. The two men were standing quite still while a red-grey mist descended over the place.

Said Heinonen: "Suddenly I felt as if somebody had seized my waist from behind and pulled me backwards. I think I took a step backwards, and in the same second I caught sight of the creature. It was standing in the middle of the light-beam with a black box in its hands. Out of a round opening in the box there came a yellow light, which was pulsating. The creature was about 90cms. tall, with very thin arms and legs. Its face was pale like wax. I didn't notice the eyes, but the nose was very strange. It was a hook rather than a nose. The ears were very small, and narrowed towards the head. The creature wore some kind of overall in a light green material. On its feet were boots of a darker green colour, which stretched above the

knees. There were also white gauntlets going up to the elbows, and the fingers were bent like claws around the black box."

Esko Viljo describes the creature like this: "I saw it too. The creature stood in the middle of the bright light and was luminous like phosphorus, but its face was very pale. Its shoulders were very thin and slanting, with thin arms like those of a child. I did not think of the clothes, only noticing that they were greenish in color. On its head was a conical helmet shining like metal. The creature was less than 1 metre tall, and very thin"

While the two men were standing there, staring at the creature, it turned a little and put the opening in the box towards Heinonen. The pulsating light was very bright, almost blinding. While the creature was standing in the light-beam a thick red-grey mist descended from the object and big sparks came from the illuminated circle above the snow. The sparks were large, about 10 cms. in length. They were red, green and purple in color. They were floating out in long curves, and rather slowly. The sparks hit the two men, but they did not feel them. The mist became thicker and thicker, and Heinonen and Viljo could not see one another. At last it became so thick that they could not see the creature in the light-beam. By then, they think they had seen the creature for about 15 to 20 seconds.

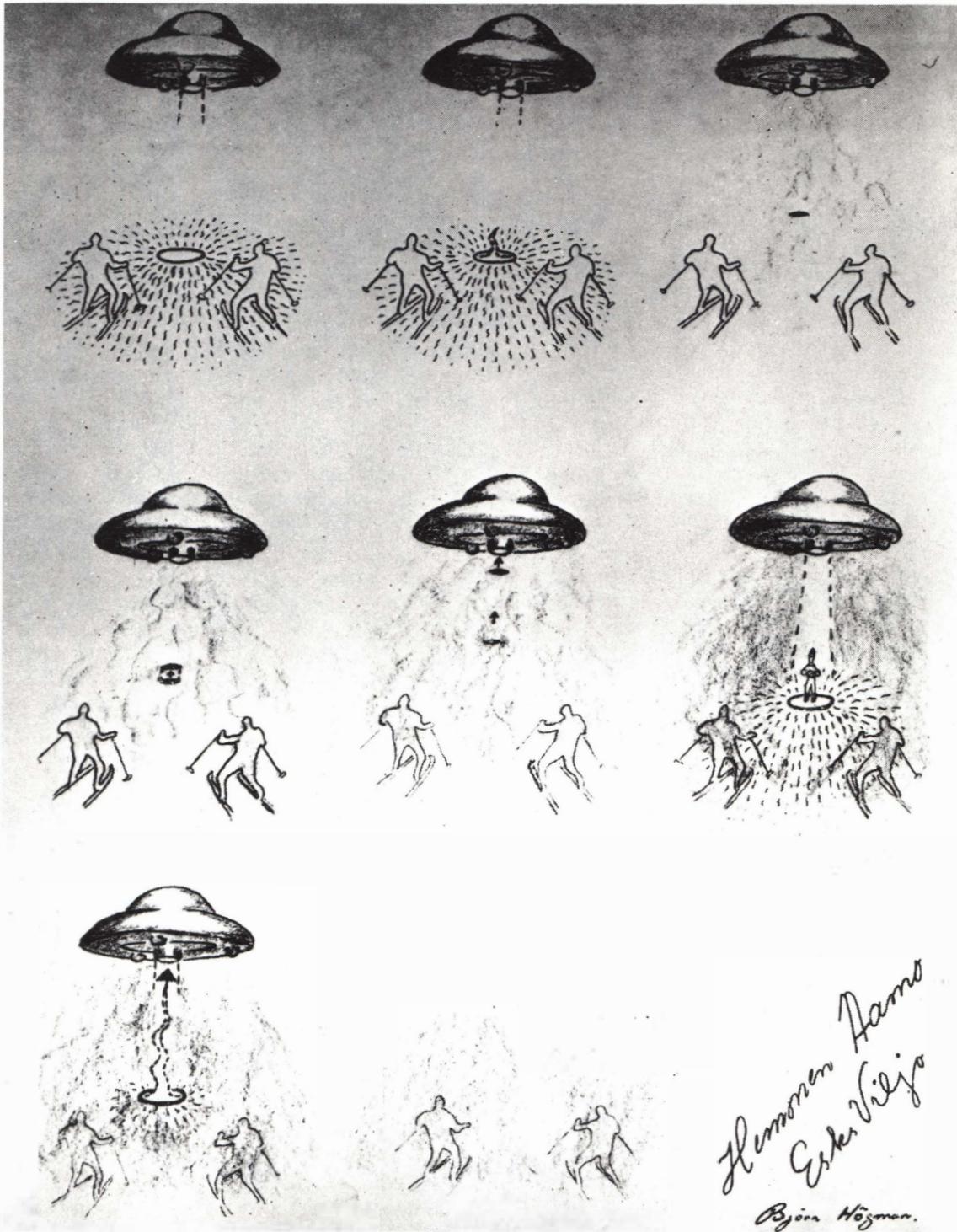
Said Esko Viljo: "Suddenly the circle above the snow decreased, the light-beam floated upwards like a trembling flame and went into the tube of the object. Then it was as if the mist was 'thrown apart', and above us the air was empty."

They were standing still at the place for maybe 3 minutes. Said Heinonen: "We were not afraid and we did not talk; we did nothing."

Two minutes after the mist had dispersed, Heinonen felt that his right side had become insensitive, and when taking a step forward with his ski, he fell to the ground.

"I had had my right side towards the light: my right leg hurt and I could not feel anything from my right foot upwards. I could not raise myself although I tried several times."

He had to leave his skis at the place, and Viljo helped him. It took an hour for them to move 2 km. When they reached their village and the cottage belonging to Heinonen's parents, he did not feel at all well. He had pains in his back and in all his limbs. He had a headache and after a while he vomited. When he later passed water, his urine was black like coffee. (This symptom continued for a couple of months.) He also had problems with his breathing.



*Hannu Hama
Esko Veiho
Björn Höjman.*

The January 7th, 1970 event, in strip form, approved by the witnesses.

At 8.00 p.m. the same day, he went to Doctor Pauli Kajanoja in Heinola. The doctor took his blood pressure and found it to be much lower than normal, which indicated shock. Heinonen was given some sleeping pills. On January 8 he visited the same doctor who then prescribed a sedative. The symptoms continued, his limbs were sore and he had problems with his balance. He felt cold but had no fever.

On January 14 he went to the doctor for the third time, and was given medicine for the blood-circulation. The symptoms continued and he could not work. In the middle of May he told us in a letter: "I am still sick. I have a headache and I have pains in the back of my neck, as well as in my stomach and my back. My right hand feels very heavy. I cannot work. I have not improved much since winter. The doctors in Heinola cannot help me. Is the government so poor that it cannot help us? I have tried to get contributions from the authorities but have received nothing. I think they ought to pay me, because I do not know why I am sick. I have been to the place where we saw the object, and after this became even more sick."

Heinonen has had bouts of loss of memory. He did not remember the occurrence in full until some time after the incident. In the beginning of June he was still very weak. He has eaten very little since January. Before January 7 his physical condition was excellent, but now he becomes tired when he is doing even the easiest work.

Viljo did not feel anything abnormal immediately after the occurrence, but one hour later his face became swollen and reddish in colour, and he walked in an unbalanced way. Doctor Kajanoja prescribed and provided 2 sleeping-pills. The next morning Viljo had difficulties with his balance, with a feeling of lightness, particularly in his legs. His hands and chest became red. On January 9, 1970, he went to the doctor and got a sedative. He suffered from a headache for a couple of days.

On January 12, he visited an eye-specialist in Lahtis, because he had a pain in his eyes. They were swollen. He obtained eye-drops.

On January 14 he went to the doctor in Heinola and got medicine for the blood-circulation.

On January 17 he went to the same doctor who could find nothing wrong with him. When having his sauna, his body became reddish in colour.

In a letter to us in the middle of May he wrote: "Some people visited the site of the occurrence, and they were sick a couple of days later. Could it be some kind of infection?"

Dr. Kajanoja who examined the two men says: "I think the men have suffered a great shock. Esko Viljo was very red in the face, and seemed to be a little swollen. They both seemed to be absent-minded. They talked quickly and incoherently. I could not find anything clinically wrong with Heinonen. He did not feel well, but that could have been his stomach reacting to the shock. The symptoms he described are like those after being exposed to radio-activity. Unfortunately I had no instrument to measure that. As to the black urine, it seems in-explicable. Possibly it could have been blood in it, but this cannot go on for several months. It was impossible to diagnose. Therefore I could not prescribe any particular medicine."

When a friend of ours who is a reporter for a weekly magazine in Sweden, visited the place with a photographer in the beginning of June—together with Viljo and Heinonen—the following happened: after standing a short while at the place, the hands of Viljo, Heinonen and an interpreter became red in colour. Heinonen had to leave the place because of a headache.

On the day of the incident, January 7, and at the same time, two other witnesses saw a strange, strong light in the sky. One of them was Elna Siitari, in Paistjärvi village, about 15 km. from Imjärvi. The wife of a farmer, she was on her way to the cow-house when she saw the strange light toward Imjärvi.

The same happened in the village Paaso, 10 km. north of Imjarvi, where a man saw the light-phenomenon. The time was then 4.45 p.m.

Matti Haapaniemi, 46 years old, is a farmer and a close neighbour of the Heinonens. He is a member of the communal council in Heinola rural commune. He says: "Several persons in the neighbourhood have laughed at this story, but I do not think they should do that. I have known both Aarno and Esko since they were boys. I trust them. They are both calm persons, and they are also total abstainers. I am sure their story is true."

A year ago, a 16 years-old-boy, Matti Kontulainen from Imjarvi, saw a strange light only a hundred metres from the glade where Viljo and Heinonen saw the object. He says: "It was about 11.00 p.m. in the evening. It was in February, and no stars were visible. I came skiing through the forest after having been to a friend's. I was on my way home. It was dark, but suddenly the forest was lit up by a very bright light going above the tree-tops. It was like a gigantic welding-flame. It disappeared very fast. I have never before seen such a strong light. It came from the south and went to the north. I did not hear any sound, so it could not have been an airplane."

Matti Tuuri, professor in electro-physics at the University of Helsinki, is interested in this case. He says: "The two men say the light was blinding, and white or yellow. This means that it could not have been ultra-violet radiation, which does not go through the clothes. It ought to have been radiation with a higher frequency, for instance X-rays." Professor Tuuri believes that the flying saucers are travelling along the magnetic power-lines around the earth. "There is a lot more to learn in electro-physics. For instance about the fire-ball. According to all physical laws it ought to explode at once, but it does not."

Stig Lundquist, professor at the Institute for Research in High Tension, University of Uppsala, Sweden, has studied some of the accounts. He says in a letter to us: "As far as I can say the phenomenon does not have any connection with any known thunder or electricity. Although I have a great interest in fire-balls, I do not think I can explain the phenomenon as being one."

We at GICOFF have had an earth-sample, together with melted snow, and branches from the place. At the Chalmers Institute of Technology in Gothenburg they have done an analysis of the earth-sample to see if there was

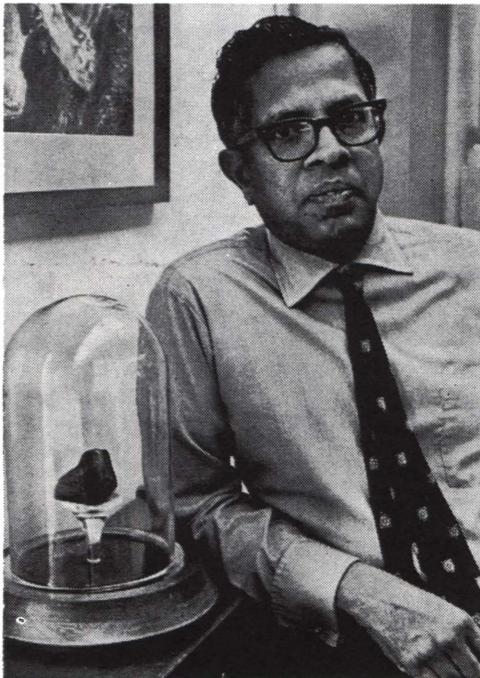
any radio-activity. The result: negative.

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I and my colleagues are impressed with the authenticity of this case. Of course one cannot ignore the possibility of a hoax, or even of a delusion, but when one considers the way of writing of the two witnesses, their background in society, the opinion of the reporter who interviewed them, the opinion of the photographer, the doctor and the close neighbour, hoax seems to be ruled out. Then, of course, there is the persisting evidence of their post-incident illness. There are also many details in the descriptions given by them that are commonly-known to many UFO researchers, and I feel these could not have been known to the two witnesses. Among other things I refer to the sound, the descriptions of the object and of the black box; also the manner of disappearance of the object.

Among details which I consider of importance in this report are (i) the rotation of the cloud when the object descended, (ii) the fact that the black box was stated to have been pointing at Heinonen who, subsequently, was far more ill than Viljo, (iii) the description of the creature, (iv) the mode of disappearance of the object, and (v) among the physiological effects, the black urine.

IMPERIALISTS IN SPACE



Ponnamperuma with meteorite

A theory concerning man's development that is widely accepted by ufologists, including ourselves, is that somewhere in his ancestry are empire-building space beings who landed on this planet perhaps millions of years ago. Why they should have wished to colonize our world is an intriguing question but not, at this primitive stage of our understanding, a particularly important one.

What counts at the moment is whether we have any evidence at all that such spatial migration ever took place. Those subscribing to this theory think we do have the evidence, and in previous issues we have described how it consists primarily of ancient artifacts of remarkably sophisticated design that defy scientific explanation. In one or two cases there is reason to believe these artifacts date back as much as several million years.

While any idea that men walked this earth before Darwinian times is regarded by orthodox scholars as the wildest sort of dreaming, the larger concept that intelligent life may move about in remote areas of space is scientifically

far more acceptable than it was even a few years ago. In Canada an outstanding scientist who recently raised the point is Dr. C.S. Beals of Manotick, Ont. Dr. Beals is notably qualified to discuss mysteries of space, being recognized internationally for his research on Wolf-Rayet stars, interstellar matter and meteorite craters. For his work he has received the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada. Speaking at the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Beals said:

Most astronomers are now inclined to believe that there are many systems in our galaxy and presumably in other galaxies as well, so that the chances of many of them having conditions favorable to life are reasonably good. Since there is valid evidence that stars are even now in the process of formation from the interstellar gas, there is good prospect, at least for the foreseeable future, that the supply of solar systems will not run out. Whether or not they will be populated by living beings is a matter to which no definite answer can be given until we start receiving those long awaited messages from outer space. In the meantime, we can only say that there seems no obvious reason to suppose that the world of life with which we are surrounded on earth should be unique, and that there would appear to be reasonable grounds for supposing that the physical conditions which have given rise to life in one part of the universe could be expected to lead to a similar result in another time and another place.

...If we are able to transfer our loyalties to the generalized phenomenon of life as compared with that which we know and experience personally, then we may be cheered by the probability that there are other locations in our own galaxy and other members of the external universe where life can exist and where all the astounding phenomena associated with it can be carried on. If communications could be established, there could even be a pooling of knowledge and tradition which could enrich life not only on earth but on a universal scale, making it possible to communities far removed from each other in space to be of definite help to one another in facing the problems of a changing universe.

Like other UFO buffs we believe that contact with aliens (the word does not necessarily connote hostility) is a much less remote concept than envisioned by Dr. Beals' far-ranging view, and that their character and process of communication are not what scientists seem to be expecting. While the appearance of these people as described in hundreds of occupant cases must lead to the conclusion that we have a common heritage -- in many cases their appearance is identical to ours -- they are evidently not here to bring us great messages of universal interest (with respectful allowance being made for psychics who claim to receive such messages). Instead they are a mixed elusive, sometimes ghostly crowd who keep their purpose and identity securely to themselves, and in our opinion anyone who is waiting for them to send us radio messages from their home planet is waiting in vain. Since they are already

here, why should they?

But let's back off for a moment and consider what scientists are learning to substantiate their cautious but strengthening hypothesis that there is life elsewhere. Here is a news story recently carried by Associated Press:

Chicago -- Pioneering experiments suggest that living creatures on earth -- and conceivably elsewhere in the universe -- in effect evolved from chips of the "dirty ice" of interstellar space, a New York scientist reported.

"Dirty ice" is the pet name given by space scientists to super-cold grains of solid matter suspended in the thin gases that pervade the space between the stars.

Known to play an important role in the condensation processes leading to the formation of the stars and planets, the pip-squeak dirty ice particles are believed by some scientists to consist mainly of frozen water, methane and ammonia. Their "dirtiness" comes from a small admixture of heavier elements such as iron.

Dr. J. Mayor Greenberg of the State University of New York at Albany said there's new evidence suggesting that the heavenly grains may potentially yield some of the basic chemicals of life itself.

The implications, said Greenberg (referring to laboratory experiments described at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science) is that the grains of dirty ice in interstellar space "contain rather complex molecules, a significant fraction of which are possibly of biological significance.

"It may further be conjectured that the prebiogenic precursors of life materials in the universe may be created independently of the formation of the planets."

At the same time that Dr. Greenberg and his colleagues were carrying out their experiments, a group of NASA scientists at the Ames Research Center in San Francisco were becoming equally excited about their work on another project pointing to unlimited possibilities of life in the universe.

The object of their attention was a meteorite which, plucked carefully from an Australian field in 1969 while still warm from its flight through space, was considered to be free of human contamination. Yet despite the sterile care with which it was handled, the meteorite bore the imprint of life. This was in the form of sixteen different amino acids, the basic constituents of life proteins. Five of these amino acids were among the 20 found in all living cells on earth. Others found in the meteorite were ones that had no known biological function on this planet. Convinced, then, that the meteorite was a piece of pure debris from space, the research team led by Ceylonese-born Dr. Cyril Ponnamperuma decided it had "probably the first conclusive proof of extraterrestrial chemical evolution."

While no particular stress was laid on the fact that the meteorite probably came from the belt



Meteorites like this one found in Oklahoma may prove life in space.

of asteroids between Mars and Jupiter, the point was of special interest to us because of a speculative article carried in our first issue. Referring to a theory that the asteroid belt is the wreckage-strewn trail of an extinct planet, the article said:

Judging by the asteroids' oddly assorted orbits, a research group came to the curious conclusion that, to send this "junk" skittering off in wildly different ways, there must have been not one but at least five planetary explosions. This point is raised by the U.S. scientific writer, Dr. Alan Nourse, in his book 'Nine Planets.'

Dr. Nourse adds: "We know that an uncontrolled fusion reaction could conceivably split a planet into fragments and consume a good part of the mass of the planet in the process. But such a reaction - an enormous hydrogen bomb explosion - would not be likely to have occurred on any planetary body in our solar system at any point of its evolution. If such an explosion did occur, it must have been set off somehow by an intelligence powerful enough to conceive it and build it."

...Is it possible, then, that these small luminous bodies are shining with the glow of radio-activity? Maybe these pieces of "junk" contain the strongest evidence of all that intelligent beings have sailed the heavens before us.

Now that part of the evidence has been uncovered, we wonder if there is more. We wonder if that meteorite also contains a trace of radiation.

U.N. PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

With regret we note the time is at hand when we must close the books on the first stage of Project International --UFO Petition to United Nations.

We say with regret because in this period we have been in particularly close touch with our

readers and others, determining the Canadian attitude toward the UFO mystery and what, if anything, should be done about it. This has been the period of distributing the questionnaire with which many out there are now familiar. We are now making a last call for its return so results can be assembled for eventual reference to United Nations.

An interesting discovery has been that while there is strong general approval of the plan to pass study of the question to UN, the variety of opinions about UFOs is almost as broad as the mystery itself. Here are a few recent examples picked at random:

"I don't believe that UFOs are a psychological phenomenon or a natural global physical phenomenon. However, I may be wrong and therefore I think global research should be made in any case."

"It is very frustrating to know that UFOs have been with us for centuries and to this day we have not got one bit of concrete evidence of their existence or anything that could prove to be 100 per cent acceptable. I hope we find out more in the next 10 or 20 years, and what is found will be published in all news media with government backing."

"Contacting a civilization too far advanced of us could be disastrous in consequence of the intermingling of two entirely alien civilizations."

"I believe that the 'flying saucer' question is being dealt with by our leaders even though we don't seem to be receiving too much information from them. It is not conceivable that UFOs are being ignored."

"I think the UFO problem should be immediately dealt with because of the fact that UFOs could be dangerous. If they are, then we should know what precautions to take against them."

"I do not feel that those beings that are operating UFOs are dangerous to us because they have never seriously harmed anyone who has not attempted to harm them first. Only good can come from peaceful meetings with them."

"Assuming that UFOs are extraterrestrial and manned by a more intelligent race, then it doesn't matter whether we investigate them or not. When they are finished investigating us, they'll let us know!"

"So far UFOs to my knowledge have not adversely affected people and therefore the UN should not waste its time speculating on something which is not of pressing concern to a large portion of people."

"Personally I favor international cooperation among interested individuals or groups without any particular sponsor or authority so that the area of study would never be lost in the bureaucracy or in the memory banks of the technicians."

Although it would appear from a quick sampling of comments like this that the attitude toward seeking UN help is about evenly divided for and against, the overwhelming number of affirmative replies to key questions on this point leaves no doubt that Canadians favor such action.

This, then, will be the tone of Canada's submission when it joins with countries around the world in presenting the UFO petition to the UN. As there are still many copies of the questionnaire in circulation, however, we do not know exactly what the size and breakdown of that submission will be.

A short time ago, for instance, we received an unexpected but extremely welcome offer of help from the French-language research organization, SRPM of Quebec, which publishes the excellent bi-monthly AFFA on UFOs and psychic phenomena. Besides distributing the questionnaire among its members, SRPM is arranging to reprint it in AFFA, so we will not know immediately the total picture in Quebec.

Our appreciation of this kind of help extends also to our great team of regional coordinators whose list has continued to grow ever since the project was announced. In alphabetical order the complete list now is as follows:

David Bailey, Scarborough, Ont.
Richard Bastien, St. Lin des Laurentides, Que.
David Birtwhistle, Ottawa, Ont.
Mrs. F. Blakeney, Kingston, Ont.
Juergen Brauner, Scarborough, Ont.
Arthur Bray, Ottawa, Ont.
Mrs. Marjorie Brignall, Elkhorn, Man.
Miss Linda L. Brown, Victoria, B.C.
Herbert D. Clark, West Vancouver, B.C.
D.F. Clausen, Regina, Sask.
D.W. Coulthard, Regina, Sask.
D.S. Douglas, Granum, Alta.

Dr. L.T. Duska, Calgary, Alta.
Bruce Farrer, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Dennis Gaunt, Ottawa, Ont.
Brent Gibson, Moose Jaw, Sask.
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Mrs. Heidi Hugli, Scarborough, Ont.
Mrs. L.J. Killman, Caledonia, Ont.
Tony Lamonica, Ottawa, Ont.
Cy Lazelle, Victoria, B.C.
Roger Love, Hamilton, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Mancinelli, Regina, Sask.
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Ken McPherson, Toronto, Ont.
George Mudge, London, Ont.
Wesley Palmer, Nanaimo, B.C.
John Pearson, Victoria, B.C.
Robin J. Pearson, Victoria, B.C.
Miss D.M.W. Reid-Ford, Toronto, Ont.
Ernest Renwick, Edmonton, Alta.
Jacques Roussin, Ottawa, Ont.
Larry Simpson, Shalalth, B.C.
Peter Stevens, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Squence, Victoria, B.C.
Hermanus Voorsluys, Victoria, B.C.
Kevin Woodley, Ottawa, Ont.

Distributing the questionnaire in the U.S.A. are: Donald Boates, Portland, Ore.; L.L. Fairbairn, San Carlos, Calif.; Miss Lucinda Ann Rexford Birmingham, Mich.

Since Mrs. Carol Halford-Watkins, editor of the UFO publication 'Topside', is international coordinator for North America, replies from the States will be referred separately to her. Serving as national coordinator for Canada is John Magor, editor of 'Canadian UFO Report', with contributing editor Brian Cannon of Winnipeg as associate coordinator.

As we still have on hand a supply of questionnaire forms in both French and English, we will make these available to any readers who have not yet filled one out before officially closing the books on this first stage of the project. Address your request for one or more to: Canadian UFO Report, Box 758, Duncan, B.C.

UFO COURSE AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Thanks to James Auburn, director of the Meteor Research Society of Brooklyn, N.Y., we have received the text of a chapter on UFOs that formerly appeared in 'Introductory Space Science', an unpublished work issued for classroom use by the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. This particular chapter received prominence in the press due to the interest of another of our readers, Earl J. Neff, director of the Cleveland Ufology Project. As far as we know, however, it has not been quoted in the same detail we now give it.

While the chapter contains much information which is probably not new to many readers, we consider this reprinting important because of the book's official source. Last year the chapter was replaced by another on the negative findings of the Condon committee but this, of course, did not alter the fact that the AF Academy was prompted in the first place to give such attention to a subject which, for official purposes, is usually ignored.

After listing a number of "descriptors" on the behavior and effects of UFOs, the chapter continues:

We make no attempt here to present available data in terms of the foregoing descriptors.

What we *will* do here is to present evidence that UFO's are a global phenomenon which may have persisted for many thousands of years. During this discussion, please remember that the more ancient the reports the less sophisticated the observer. Not only were the ancient observers lacking the terminology necessary to describe complex devices (such as present day helicopters) but they were also lacking the concepts necessary to understand the true nature of such things as television, spaceships, rockets, nuclear weapons and radiation effects. To some, the most advanced technological concept was a war chariot with knife blades attached to the wheels. By the same token, the very lack of accurate terminology and descriptions leaves the more ancient reports open to considerable misinterpretation, and it may well be that present evaluations of individual reports are completely wrong. Nevertheless, let us start with an intriguing story in one of the oldest chronicles of India...the Book of Dzyan.

This book is a group of "story-teller" legends which were finally gathered in manuscript form when man learned to write. One of the stories is of a small group of beings who supposedly came to Earth many thousands of years ago in a metal craft which orbited Earth several times before landing. As told in the Book "These beings lived to themselves and were revered by the humans among whom they had settled. But eventually differences arose among them and they divided their numbers, several of the men and women and some children settling in another city, where they were promptly installed as rulers by the awe-stricken populace."

"Separation did not bring peace to these people and finally their anger reached a point where the ruler of the original city took with him a small number of his warriors and they rose into the air in a huge shining metal vessel. While they were many leagues from the city of their enemies, they launched a great shining lance that rode on a beam of light. It burst apart in the city of their enemies with a great ball of flame that shot up to the heavens, almost to the stars. All those who were in the city were horribly burned and even those who were not in the city - but nearby - were burned also. Those who looked upon the lance and the ball of fire were blinded forever afterward. Those who entered the city on foot became ill and died. Even the dust of the city was poisoned, as were the rivers that flowed through it. Men dared not go near it, and it gradually crumbled into dust and was forgotten by men."

"When the leader saw what he had done to his own people he retired to his palace and refused to see anyone. Then he gathered about him those of his warriors who remained, and their wives and children, and they entered into their vessels and rose one by one into the sky and sailed away. Nor did they return."

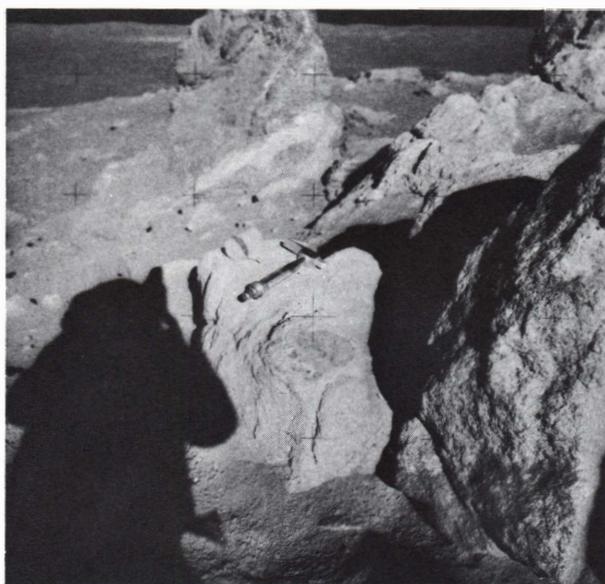
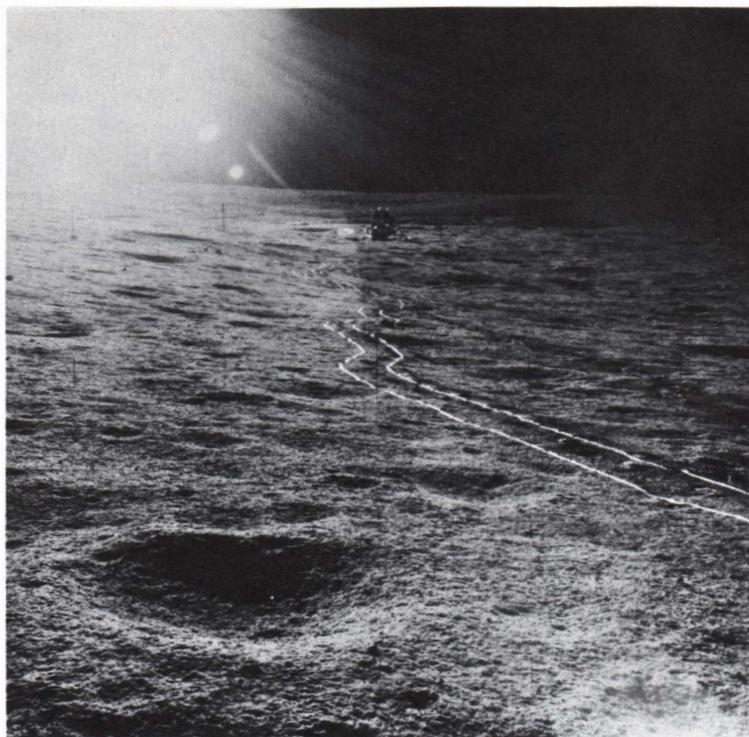
Could this foregoing legend really be an account of an extraterrestrial colonization, complete with guided missile, nuclear warhead and radiation effects? It is difficult to assess the validity of that explanation...just as it is difficult to explain why Greek, Roman and Nordic Mythology all discuss wars and conflicts among their "Gods." (Even the Bible records conflict between the legions of God and Satan.) Could it be that each group recorded their parochial view of what was actually a global conflict among alien colonists or visitors? Or is it that man has led such a violent existence that he tends to expect conflict and violence among even his gods?

Evidence of perhaps an even earlier possible contact was uncovered by Tsching Pen Lao of the University of Peking. He discovered astonishing carvings in granite on a mountain in Hunan Province and on an island in Lake Tungting. These carvings have been evaluated as 47,000 years old, and they show people with large trunks (breathing apparatus?...or "elephant" heads shown on human bodies? Remember, the Egyptians often represented their gods as animal heads on human bodies.)

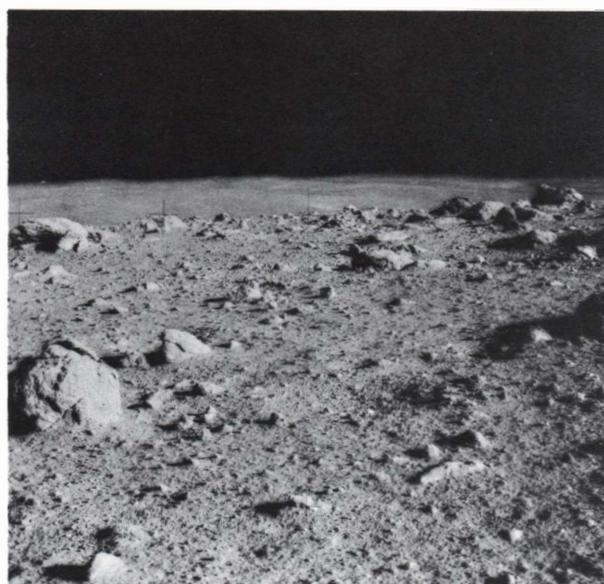
Only 8,000 years ago, rocks were sculpted in the Tassili plateau of Sahara, depicting what appeared to be human beings but with strange round heads (helmets? or "sun" heads on human bodies?) And even more recently, in the Bible, Genesis (6:4) tells of angels from the sky mating with women of Earth, who bore them children. Genesis 19:3 tells of Lot meeting two angels in the desert and his later feeding them at his house. The Bible also tells a rather unusual story of Ezekiel who witnessed what has been interpreted by some to have been a spacecraft or aircraft landing near the Chebar River in Chaldea (593 B.C.)

Even the Irish have recorded strange visitations. In the *Speculum Regali* in Konungs Skuggsa (and other accounts of the era about 956 A.D.) are numerous stories of "demonships" in the skies. In one case a rope from one such ship became entangled with part of a church. A man from the ship climbed down the rope to free it, but was seized by the townspeople. The bishop made the people release the man, who climbed back to the ship, where the crew cut the rope and the ship rose

*Astronauts having spotted
UFOs on several occasions,
it is inevitable sooner or
later...*



*... there will be close-up encounter. Air force
interest in subject is revealed in accompanying article.
These Apollo 14 photos...*



*... showing new details of lunar surface were released
by NASA. Have other visitors trod this same surface?*

and sailed out of sight. In all of his actions, the climbing man appeared as if he were swimming in water. Stories such as this makes one wonder if the legends of the "little people" of Ireland were based upon imagination alone.

About the same time, in Lyons (France) three men and a woman supposedly descended from an airship or spaceship and were captured by a mob. These four foreigners admitted to being wizards, and were killed. (No mention is made of the methods employed to extract the admissions.) Many documented UFO sightings occurred throughout the Middle Ages, including an especially startling one of a UFO over London on 16 December 1742. However, we do not have room to include any more of the Middle Ages sightings. Instead, two "more-recent" sightings are contained in this section to bring us up to modern times.

In a sworn statement dated 21 April 1897, a prosperous and prominent farmer named Alexander Hamilton (Le Roy, Kansas, U.S.A.) told of an attack upon his cattle at about 10:30 p.m. the previous Monday. He, his son, and his tenant grabbed axes and ran some 700 feet from the house to the cow lot where a great cigar-shaped ship about 300 feet long floated some 30 feet above the cattle. It had a carriage underneath which was brightly lighted within (dirigible and gondola?) and which had numerous windows. Inside were six strange looking beings jabbering in a foreign language. These beings suddenly became aware of Hamilton and the others. They immediately turned a searchlight on the farmer, and also turned on some power which sped up a turbine wheel (about 30 ft. diameter) located under the craft. The ship rose, taking with it a two-year old heifer which was roped about the neck by a cable of one-half inch thick, red material. The next day a neighbor, Link Thomas, found the animal's hide, legs and head in his field. He was mystified at how the remains got to where they were because of the lack of tracks in the soft soil. Alexander Hamilton's sworn statement was accompanied by an affidavit as to his veracity. The affidavit was signed by ten of the local leading citizens.

On the evening of 4 November 1957 at Fort Itaipu, Brazil, two sentries noted a "new star" in the sky. The "star" grew in size and within seconds stopped over the fort. It drifted slowly downward, was as large as a big aircraft, and was surrounded by a strong orange glow. A distinct humming sound was heard, and then the heat struck. One sentry collapsed almost immediately, the other managed to slide to shelter under the heavy cannons where his loud cries awoke the garrison. While the troops were

scrambling towards their battle stations, complete electrical failure occurred. There was panic until the lights came back on but a number of men still managed to see an orange glow leaving the area at high speed. Both sentries were found badly burned...one unconscious and the other incoherent, suffering from deep shock.

Thus UFO sightings not only appear to extend back 47,000 years through time but also are global in nature. One has the feeling that this phenomenon deserves some sort of valid scientific investigation, even if it is a low level effort.

SOME THEORIES AS TO THE NATURE OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

There are very few cohesive theories as to the nature of UFO's. Those theories that have been advanced can be collected in five groups: (a) Mysticism, (b) Hoaxes, and rantings due to unstable personalities, (c) Secret weapons, (d) Natural Phenomena, (e) Alien visitors.

It is believed by some cults that the mission of UFO's and their crews is a spiritual one, and that all materialistic efforts to determine the UFO's nature are doomed to failure.

Some have suggested that all UFO reports were the results of pranks and hoaxes, or were made by people with unstable personalities. This attitude was particularly prevalent during the time period when the Air Force investigation was being operated under the code name of Project Grudge. A few airlines even went as far as to ground every pilot who reported seeing a "flying saucer." The only way for the pilot to regain flight status was to undergo a psychiatric examination. There was a noticeable decline in pilot reports during this time interval, and a few people interpreted this decline to prove that UFO's were either hoaxes or the result of unstable personalities. It is of interest that NICAP (The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) even today still receives reports from commercial pilots who neglect to notify either the Air Force or their own airline.

There are a number of cases which indicate that not all reports fall in the hoax category. We will examine one such case now.

Here the chapter describes the 1964 incident at Socorro, New Mexico. Since this is referred to in the article "Earth Calling" by Thomas House, in our next issue, we omit that section. The chapter continues:

A few individuals have proposed that UFO's are actually advanced weapon systems, and that their natures must not be revealed. Very few

people accept this as a credible suggestion.

It has also been suggested that at least some, and possibly all, of the UFO cases were just mis-interpreted manifestations of natural phenomena. Undoubtedly this suggestion has some merit. People have reported, as UFO's, objects which were conclusively proven to be balloons (weather and skyhook), the planet Venus, man-made artificial satellites, normal aircraft, unusual cloud formations and lights from ceilometers (equipment projecting light beams on cloud bases to determine the height of the aircraft visual ceiling). It is also suspected that people have reported mirages, optical illusions, swamp gas and ball lightning (a poorly-understood discharge of electrical energy in a spheroidal or ellipsoidal shape...some discharges have lasted for up to fifteen minutes but the ball is usually no bigger than a large orange). But it is difficult to tell a swamp dweller that the strange, fast-moving light he saw in the sky was swamp gas; and it is just as difficult to tell a farmer that a bright UFO in the sky is the same ball lightning that he has seen rolling along his fence wires in dry weather. Thus accidental mis-identification of what might well be natural phenomena breeds mistrust and disbelief; it leads to the hasty conclusion that the truth is deliberately not being told. One last suggestion of interest has been made, that the UFO's were plasmoids from space . . . concentrated blobs of solar wind that succeeded in reaching the surface of Earth. Somehow this last suggestion does not seem to be very plausible; perhaps because it ignores such things as penetration of Earth's magnetic field.

ALIEN VISITORS

The most stimulating theory for us is that the UFO's are material objects which are either "Manned" or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint.

Here the chapter describes the case of Barney and Betty Hills, also dealt with in "Earth Calling." It continues:

The Hills' description of the aliens was similar to descriptions provided in other cases, but this particular type of alien appears to be in the minority. The most commonly described alien is about three and one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips. And there is a rare group reported as about four feet tall, weight of

around 35 pounds, and covered with thick hair or fur (clothing?). Members of this last group are described as being extremely strong. If such beings are visiting Earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't there been accidents which have revealed their presence, and 2) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially? The answer to the first question may exist partially in Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, and may exist partially in the Tunguska meteor discussed in Chapter XXIX. In that chapter it was suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually a comet which exploded in the atmosphere, the ices melted and the dust spread out. Hence, no debris! However, it has also been suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually an alien spacecraft that entered the atmosphere too rapidly, suffered mechanical failure, and lost its power supply and/or weapons in a nuclear explosion. While that hypothesis may seem far fetched, samples of tree rings from around the world reveal that, immediately after the Tunguska meteor explosion, the level of radioactivity in the world rose sharply for a short period of time. It is difficult to find a natural explanation for that increase in radioactivity, although the suggestion has been advanced that enough of the meteor's great kinetic energy was converted into heat (by atmospheric friction) that a fusion reaction occurred. This still leaves us with no answer to the second question: why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not "contact" a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation: a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't "contact" the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place secretly; and 4) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons. You may add to the list as you desire.

HUMAN FEAR AND HOSTILITY

Besides the foregoing reasons, contacting humans is downright dangerous. Think about that for a moment! On the microscopic level our bodies reject and fight (through production antibodies) any alien material; this process helps us fight off disease but it also sometimes results in allergenic reactions to innocuous materials. On the macroscopic (psychological and sociological) level we are antagonistic to beings

that are "different". For proof of that, just watch how an odd child is treated by other children, or how a minority group is socially deprived, or how the Arabs feel about the Israelis (Chinese vs Japanese, Turks vs Greeks, etc.) In case you are hesitant to extend that concept to the treatment of aliens let me point out that in very ancient times, possible extraterrestrials may have been treated as Gods but in the last two thousand years, the evidence is that any possible aliens have been ripped apart by mobs, shot and shot at, physically assaulted (in South America there is a well-documented case), and in general treated with fear and aggression. In Ireland about 1,000 A.D., supposed airships were treated as "demon-ships." In Lyons, France, "admitted" space travellers were killed. More recently, on 24 July 1957 Russian anti-aircraft batteries on the Kouril Islands opened fire on UFO's. Although all Soviet anti-aircraft batteries on the Islands were in action, no hits were made. The UFO's were luminous and moved very fast. We too have fired on UFO's. About ten o'clock one morning, a radar site near a fighter base picked up a UFO doing 700 mph. The UFO then slowed to 100 mph, and two F-86's were scrambled to intercept. Eventually one F-86 closed on the UFO at about 3,000 feet altitude. The UFO began to accelerate away but the pilot still managed to get to within 500 yards of the target for a short period of time. It was definitely saucer-shaped. As the pilot pushed the F-86 at top speed, the UFO began to pull away. When the range reached 1,000 yards, the pilot armed his guns and fired in an attempt to down the saucer. He failed, and the UFO pulled away rapidly, vanishing in the distance. This same basic situation may have happened on a more personal level. On Sunday evening 21 August 1955, eight adults and three children were on the Sutton Farm (one-half mile from Kelly, Kentucky) when, according to them, one of the children saw a brightly glowing UFO settle behind the barn, out of sight from where he stood. Other witnesses on nearby farms also saw the object. However, the Suttons dismissed it as a "shooting star," and did not investigate. Approximately thirty minutes later (at 8 p.m.), the family dogs began barking so two of the men went to the back door and looked out. Approximately 50 feet away and coming toward them was a creature wearing a glowing silvery suit. It was about three and one-half feet tall with a large round head and very long arms. It had large webbed hands which were equipped with claws. The two Suttons grabbed a twelve gauge shotgun and a 22 caliber pistol, and fired at close range. They could hear the pellets and bullet ricochet as if off of metal. The creature

was knocked down, but jumped up and scrambled away. The Suttons retreated into the house, turned off all inside lights, and turned on the porch-light. At that moment, one of the women who was peeking out of the dining room window discovered that a creature with some sort of helmet and wide slit eyes was peeking back at her. She screamed, the men rushed in and started shooting. The creature was knocked backwards but again scrambled away without apparent harm. More shooting occurred (a total of about 50 rounds) over the next 20 minutes and the creatures finally left (perhaps feeling unwelcome?) After a two hour wait (for safety), the Suttons left too. By the time the police got there, the aliens were gone but the Suttons would not move back to the farm. They sold it and departed. This reported incident does bear out the contention though that humans are dangerous. At no time in the story did the supposed aliens shoot back, although one is left with the impression that the described creatures were having fun scaring humans.

ATTEMPTS AT SCIENTIFIC APPROACHES

This section is primarily a discussion of the work of Jacques and Janine Vallee, with graphs, which space obliges us to omit. The chapter goes on to its conclusion:

From available information, the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for almost 50,000 years. The majority of known witnesses have been reliable people who have seen easily-explained natural phenomena, and there appears to be no overall positive correlation with population density. The entire phenomenon could be psychological in nature but that is quite doubtful. However, psychological factors probably do enter the data picture as "noise." The phenomenon could also be entirely due to known and unknown natural phenomena (with some psychological "noise" added in) but that too is questionable in view of some of the available data.

This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO's. However, the data are not well correlated, and what questionable data there are suggest the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development). This too is difficult to accept. It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems.

A solution to the UFO problem may be obtained by the long and diligent effort of a large group of well-financed and competent scientists, unfortunately there is no evidence suggesting that such an effort is going to be made. However, even if such an effort were made, there is no guarantee of success because of the isolated and sporadic nature of the sightings. Also, there may be nothing to find, and that would mean a long search with no proof at the end. The best thing to do is to keep an open and skeptical mind, and not take an extreme position on any side of the question.

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

UFOs: OPERATION TROJAN HORSE,
by John Keel.

"The flying saucers do not come from some Buck Rogers-type civilization on some distant planet. They are our next-door neighbors, part of another space-time continuum where life, matter and energy are radically different from ours."

Those few words say as well as anything in this fascinating book what John Keel considers to be the true nature of UFOs. But, while Keel has done tremendous research to support his point of view and unquestionably ranks as one of the world's best-informed ufologists, his argument is not always easy to follow. For instance, a few pages after the above passage is this one:

"... it would be very dangerous for us to exclude the possibility that a very small residue of sightings may be very real. Most scientists agree that there is a chance that there may be billions of inhabitable planets within our own galaxy, and there is always a chance that living beings from those planets might have visited us in the past, are visiting us now, or are planning to visit us in the future. To regard all UFO sightings as illusions, hallucinations, and parapsychical manifestations would expose us to a potentially volatile situation -- an invasion from another world."

Although the author returns quickly to the realm of psychic phenomena, we are left to wonder if little clauses like this are an escape hatch to be kept in readiness in case our visitors do after all prove to be Buck Rogers-type supermen.

However, the point is not too worrisome, particularly if the reader concedes -- as we do -- that at our present level of ignorance there does appear to be a blend of the material and mystic in the behavior of UFOs. What counts here is Keel's effort to penetrate the UFO enigma deeply enough to discover what manner of people our visitors might be. As a result he has not simply ground out another book of flying-saucer newspaper items which, sadly, provide much of our literature on the

subject. Such items are there all right, along with those developed from his own legwork, but he has also supplied an interpretation of what he has read and observed which, right or wrong, gives a depth to his study that is too infrequent in this field of writing.

How often, for instance, does one see this sort of analysis in UFO literature?

"... it does appear that our angels and spacemen come from a world without sex -- and, very probably, a world without an organized society; a world in which each individual is merely a unit in the whole and is totally controlled by the collective intelligence or energy mass of that whole. In other words, these beings have no free will. They are slaves of a very high order. Often they try to convey this to percipients with their statements, 'We are One,' 'We are in bondage.'

"Such a world would have no need for money, and contactees are often told that the great civilization in outer space does not use money. Ego would be unknown, and so all of the social problems, conflicts and ambitions produced by ego would be unknown, too. Even death would hold no terror. To us, death means the end of our enjoyment of material things, of sex, of ego. To them, death means nothing more than the termination of existence. If they are really mere manipulations of energy, as I believe them to be, then they might be reconstructed at some time in the future."

Keel's close inspection of our visitors' behavior leads him to a certain conclusion about their overall program -- it is, in fact, his main conclusion and provides the book with its title -- which is sure to provoke disagreement: namely, that for reasons of their own, our visitors are playing an enormous trick on us.

Pointing to apparent UFO pranks and the discomfort often imposed on contactees, he says:

"... a complex and frightening hoax is involved in all this. But it is not the product of run-of-the-mill practical jokers, liars and lunatics. Quite frankly, many of these contactees lack the imagination to make up their stories or to construct the complicated 'hoaxes' which develop. They are well-meaning, honest people who have undergone an experience which seemed very real to them. In case after case, such people are able to come up with details which correlate and which have received little or no publicity. This would be absolutely impossible if they were simply making up their stories.

"No, the real truth lies in another direction. The contactees from 1897 on have been telling us what they were told by the ufonauts. The ufonauts are the liars, not the contactees. And they are lying deliberately as part of the bewildering smokescreen they have established to cover their real origin, purpose, and motivation.

"In recent years we have been informed by seemingly sincere contactees, several of whom have undergone psychiatric and lie detector tests and passed them with flying colors, that the saucers come from unknown planets named Clarion, Maser, Schare, Blaau, Tythan, Korendor, Orion, Fowser, Zomdic, Aenstria, and a dozen other absurd places. There have also been contactees who talk freely about the people of Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn and the moon.

"Chances are excellent that the UFOs do not come

from any of these places... These names are plants, not planets."

While having the greatest respect for John Keel for wheeling this so-called Trojan Horse in for examination, we do not envy him the task of studying the UFO mystery in this particular way. Since he has to concern himself so closely with telepathic messages received by contactees, he must inevitably reach a point where it is difficult to distinguish between what is real mystery and what is just plain mental.

But whether or not the reader agrees with Keel's approach, he must admit the book is better for the fact that there is one. The author has the courage to say what he has in mind. As a result, instead of creating a mishmash of quickly forgotten impressions, he leaves you with that intriguing question: could he be right?

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LETTERS

Sir,

I have read, with much interest, your article "Disappearing Stars" in the Fall, 1970, issue of your magazine.

You may be interested in knowing that a leading American astrophysicist, Freeman J. Dyson, of The Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., has given considerable thought to the possibility of "super-civilizations" at large in the galaxy.

Perspectives in Modern Physics (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.) contains his chapter "The Search for Extraterrestrial Technology," in which he points out that to detect such a technology we must search for it in infrared radiation. Although infrared sources are being studied at the moment, there is no reason to believe that they are artificial. Large scale electrical operations would produce stray electromagnetic fields and radio noise which would indicate technology. However, none has yet been detected.

Dr. Dyson concludes with the question: "Either we do not see technology because none exists, or we do not see it because we have not looked hard enough. After thinking about this problem for a long time, I have come reluctantly to the conclusion that the first answer is the more probable one.if an expanding technology had ever really got loose in our galaxy, the effects would be glaringly obvious. Starlight instead of wastefully shining all over the galaxy would be carefully dammed and regulated. Stars, instead of moving at random would be grouped and organized.....nothing like a complete technological takeover has occurred in our galaxy."

Richard Greenwell,
Assistant Director,
Aerial Phenomena Research
Organization,
Tucson, Arizona

We appreciate Mr. Greenwell's astute reference work. "Disappearing Stars" concerned the case of three stars which, late in the 19th century, were recorded by astronomers as having vanished from the vicinity of Arcturus. Perhaps Dr. Dyson's remarks make it doubtful any super-civilization was responsible. Alternatively, could this have been a small, preliminary part of the very sort of program for "dammed and regulated ... grouped and organized" starlight on which he speculated?

Sir:

Since you published my letter in your last issue comparing a 1968 sighting in Indiana, Penn., to that in Duncan, B.C. in 1970, involving two occupants in both cases, I have noticed another similarity between the two.

According to Kenneth Larson's letter-number system, A equals 1, B equals 2, C equals 3, etc. Working it out for the Duncan sighting, we have: Duncan (57) plus British (85) plus Columbia (76) plus Canada (24) plus year 1970 equals 2212.

For the Indiana sighting we have: Indiana (52) plus Pennsylvania (152) plus U.S. (40) plus year 1968 equals 2212.

Both totals are the same.

Mark R. Herbstritt,
St. Mary's, Penn.

Larson, who first explained his calculations in the late Saucer Scoop, found they led to several coinciding results like the above. They provide a game of sorts but some ufologists believe our visitors are given to precisely such pranks. See review of John Keel's Operation Trojan Horse in this issue.

Sir:

Concerning Ottawa's 3000-lb. "chunk of metal", I wish to bring your readers up to date as to the current status of the mystery of the true nature of this artifact.

A sample of the metal has been in a federal government laboratory in Ottawa for well over one year. The only report received so far concerning the analyses conducted was a simple statement in a letter to the effect that it is "manganese steel, probably the ladle residues from several heats at a foundry". This statement was made one month after receipt of the metal by the laboratory. Fourteen months have since passed and I am still awaiting a copy of the official lab report specifying the analyses conducted, the findings, etc. The latest word is that this information will be published in a scientific publication. Just when this may happen was not stated.

In the meantime, several other independent analyses are also being conducted on other samples of the same artifact. When all these are complete, a comparison of all reports will be made.

Until then, rest assured that positive and very firm efforts are being made to settle this controversial matter. I will report again at a later date.

Arthur Bray,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Sir:

There are references in your Fall, 1970, issue to the "chunk of metal" at Ottawa that demand comment. I was present in Ottawa with members of the Ottawa New Sciences Club when Mr. Matthews examined (?) the metal. His statements in your article are -- when taking into consideration the way in which the metal was found, plus the state of the metal -- idiotic.

The metal mass measures 70½ by 54 by 24 inches. It is very dense and heavy -- very ragged. It is in layers, having apparently gone through intense heat and a very heavy impact. I have been used to hard work and have been exercising for the past 35 years, so I know that it was not easy to break off the few pieces that I have. The shape is unusual and bears no heavy seaming that one would expect to find on metal that has been cut by acetylene torches. The mass weighs, or did weigh, about 3,000 pounds. If it ever was part of an old bridge, then how many thousands of tons did the bridge weigh?

While the metal was being moved by some of those interested, it slipped, falling onto a concrete floor and cracking it. There was apparently not any evidence of such a mass ever having been towed to where it was found. What methods were used to put the metal down on the boulder where it was found without causing indentations on the boulder? Does Mr. Matthews have any personal opinions about the nature of the metal, and has he compared his own expert appraisal of the metal with those of the scrap-dealer?

Personally, taking all things into consideration, I cannot agree with his statements in your article.

Ronald Anstee,
Montreal, Que.

Without bias or opinion we quoted Mr. Matthews' views that the metal was a piece of debris from the Quebec bridge that collapsed in 1907. We do believe, however, more solid information is needed in this debatable case. Hopefully the lab report mentioned by Mr. Bray will provide it.

Sir:

Your editorial in the Fall issue on "Matter-Energy Exchange" prompts me to submit these thoughts:

Light waves of varying frequencies move from the rainbow spectra through to the invisible-light or infrared range (x-ray, gamma, cosmic, etc.) and the same holds true for sound waves which vary in frequency from the audible range through to high frequency, microwave, radar, etc.

As these are natural laws as we know them, why wouldn't an object whose light passes through the various colors of the spectra follow the same natural pattern and become invisible? Supposing this object was oscillating or vibrating at higher and higher speeds or frequencies, would it not reach the range of invisibility? According to Max Planck's Black Body Radiation theory, as a wavelength is made progressively shorter, the energy is increased proportionately without limit. Would it follow that as an object increased in intensity of pulsation, the wavelength would shorten and the object would become a mass of energy and hence invisible? This would theoretically, be passing from the

third dimension (of our capability of vision) to the fourth dimension (of total energy) beyond our capability of vision.

I wonder, too, about the possible use of mercury in different types of UFO systems. Ionized gaseous mercury is useful in rectifiers for alternating currents. Mercury has high density and low vapor pressure, is a good electrical conductor, has a high boiling point and is not readily oxidized by air. There may be a connection here because chronic mercury poisoning shows itself in the following symptoms which are sometimes found in cases involving close proximity of UFOs: loss of appetite, nutritional disturbances, vomiting and anemia.

Josephine Clark of Data Net (amateur radio network), in California in a recent letter to me, mentioned a small-scale UFO flap which occurred around Rio Vista. This flat delta area is dotted with gas gauges protruding, each of which contains a sizable amount of mercury. The mercury began to disappear mysteriously the same time as the sightings. The gas company set up hidden infrared cameras to catch the thief and later stated the culprits were thieves selling the mercury in Mexico at fantastic prices. So the case was closed, but the mystery of the UFOs' interest in that area remains. And this brings to mind "angels' hair." Could this strange material from UFOs be burned mercury thiocyanate ash?

These are a few ideas, anyway.

Mrs. Lorraine Cameron,
Saskatchewan Unidentified
Phenomena Research,
Regina, Sask.

Sir:

As a keen and deep student of the whys and wherefores of UFOs for approximately the past 23 years, your editorial in the Fall, 1970 issue titled "Matter-Energy Exchange" interested me very, very much. Within the past few years I am another one who has come to the conclusion that the UFOs not only manifest from another dimension, but also operate or travel through other dimensions.

I also think and feel that the whole UFO question will not be solved by orthodox science. I also think and feel that the whole UFO mystery will be solved and explained when the occupants of the UFOs land, not only explain why they are coming here, where they are coming from, but also how they do it or operate space crafts.

Nicholas Nestor,
Cleveland, Ohio

Sir:

In mid-summer, 1967, the following occurred. My husband, now retired, was working in the Nitinat area (British Columbia) for B.C. Forest Products, and was away from home each week from Sunday evening to Friday evening. I was therefore alone at home five days out of seven. (I teach at Nanaimo District Secondary). One night I became aware that our dog in the basement was barking restlessly. I woke groggily and subsided again into sleep several times. (This is an unusual way for

me to behave; if something disturbs me at night, I usually wake completely, though I readily fall asleep again.) The duration of the time is impossible to assess--10 minutes? --30 minutes? I simply do not know.

At any rate, some time passed in which I was blurrily semi-conscious at times and aware that the dog continued to bark. Suddenly my room was lit up vividly and momentarily. (My eyes were closed--I saw this through my eyelids.) That really wakened me--completely! In a panic I snapped on my bedside light, leaped out of bed and proceeded to turn every light on inside and outside the house. Of course, my first thought had been that intruders had shone a powerful light on the house, and were trying to find an entrance into the house. For ten minutes, I prowled around while the beating of my heart gradually returned to normal. I finally convinced myself that all was safe and well, the dog had stopped barking, and I eventually went back to bed and to sleep.

The next day, or very soon thereafter, I took my dog for a walk down a bush trail near here. About 200 yards from the house, I stopped and stared at a peculiar flattening of the tall lush grass in a small open area beside the trail. But what actually frightened me was that a narrow straight path had been opened from this flattened spot through a swampy tangle of undergrowth, to the sea, some 50 feet away. My reaction to the flattened grass was "why on earth would anyone roll over and over on the ground here?" but the strange new path actually panicked me, it was so inexplicable. I hurried on and never went back for sometime. I was trespassing, anyway!

Not until nearly a year later did I see in a UFO paperback a picture of a 'saucer nest'--in Australia, I believe. At that moment, I realized that what I had seen was a saucer nest, for it was exactly like that in the picture. All a coincidence? I cannot tell.

In the other incident, I at least saw something tangible. In mid-September of 1967, again alone, I turned off all the lights before going to bed, but came out into the living room to look out over the Stuart Channel. My drapes were not drawn, and at that moment, I saw what I first took to be a huge bonfire across the Channel on the shore of the island opposite (one of the DeCoursey group). Then I saw the light was moving, not very fast, and apparently quite low over the water. This UFO was quite distinctive, not only for its size, but because of the nature of the light--not a white light, but a blending of colors. The most amazing thing was the pulsating, vibrating appearance of the light. It proceeded slowly southward until it passed beyond my line of vision. I heard no sound. In all, it passed through about 100 degrees of arc, and took approximately a minute and a half.

Mrs. Margaret A. Smith
Ladysmith, B.C.

Dear Sir:

On two separate occasions two friends of mine saw a strange crescent-shaped object flying close to the ground and I thought you might be interested in their reports.

Mrs. Betty Joseph made these notes of what she saw in December: "Crescent-shaped upside-down with a glow point to point. Dark patch area within the crescent. Color -- deep orange. Below tree-top level. Followed in my car at a speed of 30-40 m.p.h. As it appeared to land, light went out."

Mrs. Mary Mallett said what she saw also had a crescent or banana shape and was bright orange, like fire. It was below tree-top level and after about 20 minutes lowered itself to the ground. Then blank - nothing.

Other people have had sightings around here. Elkhorn sits on a body of water and UFOs appear to examine this area from all angles, encircling it.

Marjorie Brignall,
Elkhorn, Manitoba

Sir:

I wish to comment, that your UFO reports are very interesting. I have been a UFO fan for many years and really enjoy the subject and possibility of intelligent life on planets in or out of our own universe. There are too many incidents and too much similarity in stories (from towns and places that could no way be related) for anyone to doubt the existence of some type of beings, other than ourselves.

I do not know if the following will be of any interest to you or not, but I shall tell you of this anyway.

Two years ago my husband, my two children and another family and myself, were in Northern B.C. at a place known as Germansen Landing. My husband was working for the Department of Highways, repairing the North Road. We were camped at Germansen Landing for several days. I have always been interested in UFOs and was talking with Mrs. Mitchell Illerbrun about space ships and such. I mentioned to her that various reports stated that sightings quite often were in the mountain regions. Germansen Landing is very isolated and quite mountainous and in very dense bush area. She mentioned having a pair of binoculars in her trailer, so we got them out and scanned the area.

A mountain straight north of us up the road, stood out quite clearly. A short way down the mountain there was a shiny round object. It looked like a huge dome of some sort. It was stationary and did not appear to move at all. We took turns watching it for at least a half hour before we broke camp. I inquired about a radar or similar station that may be on this particular mountain, but no one knew of any such thing that would be there. I asked a pilot for Northern Mountain Airlines if he knew of anything that would be there and he said he did not. I have never been able to check out whether there is a radar station or possibly a forest-fire station on that particular spot. It would be quite interesting (at least to me) to know if there is anything there or not. Perhaps you have access to maps or something that could tell us if anything is supposed to be on the mountain.

Mrs. M.A. Campbell,
Prince George, B.C.

Mrs. Campbell pinpointed her sighting on a map she enclosed and, in a follow-up letter, gave further help for

making inquiry. So far we have been unable to learn if the object is still there or anything more about it. But studying the map, we conclude the site does not have the all-around view necessary for a radar station or fire lookout. Germansen Landing is 75 miles north of Fort St. James. Suggestions, anyone?

Please Note

With eight issues of Canadian UFO Report making up a volume, this issue, being the ninth since we started, is the first of volume two and, for the sake of brevity, is shown on the cover as Issue No. 1-2. Next will be Nos. 2-2, 3-2 and so on until eight are completed, when a new volume starts.

We ask readers, when ordering extra copies of the magazine from now on, to refer to the issue number on the cover. Our reason is that, while still planning a publication schedule of four times yearly, we hope in time to drop seasonal dating completely since UFO activity is not so easily confined.

To make the changeover easier, the next two or three issues will carry the dating on the masthead (page 1) -- this one being Spring, 1971 -- but in time we hope the number on the cover will be sufficient.

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