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EDITORIAL



By: Robert Sapienza
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This has been a most interesting Autumn both locally and worldwide for those individuals and organization interested in UFO research.

Locally, eastern Canada and more specifically the Montreal area has been quite active. This should dispell the myth that UFOs are never seen over heavily populated areas. On the other hand, details on these cases are limited and therefore firm conclusions or clearer evaluations are very difficult to be put forth. Nevertheless, Unknown Objects are most definately appearing in our skies. On a worldwide scale, more UFOs are being sighted than ever before. A close look at any UFO Newscipping Service will verify this. And, I may add, a vast number of these current sightings are NOT the average Nocturnal Lights. There seems to be an escalation in Close Encounters of the first and second kind. Which very nicely leads me to my next point. Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

We are all aware of the positive publicity which most UFO publications have been giving Columbia Pictures' latest venture. Although I am looking forward to this movie as much as anyone else, and let me say that maybe with even a controlled excitement (?).

I have a few NEGATIVE points to get off my chest. I think they are necessary, because anyone who is OBJECTIVELY involved with UFO research should be able to examine both positive and negative aspects of this movie. By the way, I admit that my comments may be premature as I have

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not viewed the movie, so you will please allow me the luxury of eating my hat after I see it! Anyhow, although I have the greatest admiration for David Spielberg and Dr. Hynek, and I have no doubt in my mind that the movie takes a serious look at the UFO enigma, I am about public reaction. I am not referring to mass-panic as occurred when Orson Wells broadcast his famous War of the Worlds in 1938. I think that as a society we have progressed a little more and therefore do not believe that there will be a mass exodus from the cities as a result of the movie, although if there was a real landing tomorrow, I might be the first car out! All kidding aside, I think that the first NEGATIVE result of this movie will be that every Tom, Dick and Harry (in view of women's Lib I must include every Jane, Sue and Mary!) will be seeing "Flying Saucers" everywhere and at all times of the day and night. If this does begin to happen, this researcher will cancel his telephone subscription and only be available by mail! I prefer the sound of paper flapping rather than bells going off!

Do you remember when Spielberg made "Jaws" ? Do you also remember all the sharks that everybody was seeing ? How many of them turned out to be pieces of driftwood, dolphins and coke tins ? You see, I am afraid that whatever positive results this movie will have on UFOlogy, they may be offset by the negatives.

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Moment of revelation: Close Encounters of the Third Kind

And you better believe that the Phil Klass Brigade will only pick up on the negatives. Of course if this type of reaction does result I can only deduce that it will eventually subside once the public loses interest. We are such a fickle and disposable society now that we never stick to anything for too long. That's what worries me about the recent developments in the Middle East. But I feel that whatever credibility we have gained in recent years in UFOlogy, may get lost somewhere. We'll see.

Another negative result of this movie will be that the advertising world will certainly "cash in" on the excitement. Can you just see it ? K-Tel's alien shaped utility knife ? A personalized Allen Hynek Doll ? A Fisher-Price Flying Saucer Piggy Banks ? I am positive that this will happen. Sure, as Dr. Hynek says, a result will be that a lot of "closet cases" will come out. But I also see a lot of pilots and radar controllers going back into the closet too. There is no way these reliable observers are going to want to be involved in a great "cashing in". Boy, and on a personal level I can just see what kind of Christmas presents I'm going to receive! I already have a conventional piggy bank..... are you listening to me Mom ? Finally on this same aspect, although this will be a good film, wait till Hollywood begins to cash in on it. There are going to be some garbage films... for sure. I have found out that there are already some 18 productions in the making on the same subject. I hope Linda Lovelace will not be included in any of them, that would be a little hard to swallow!

Finally, I think the film may just scare a few people with its message and conclusion.... We are NOT Alone..... It may trigger some otherwise stable people into having some serious psychological fears. I can't get my brother into the ocean for a swim since he saw Jaws!

Now that you are ready to throw rocks at me, I will admit that in the long run, after the excitement subsides, this movie will have positive results that will outweigh the negative. We all know what they are. They have already been printed.... numerous times, and as you know, I want this magazine to be able to provide you with original ideas and stories. I don't use carbon paper. Enjoy the movie. See you next month.

UFOS AND THEIR EFFECTS ON ANIMALS

Suddenly there came a knock. A furious banging, which alerted the dog and caused it to jump towards the door, awakening Mrs. Orfei. Then all of a sudden the dog retreated, trembling as if terrified and hid in a corner.

It has been said many times, that man's best friend is a UFO investigators' best known UFO detector.

"the dog howled, enough to awaken the dead".

"one barked furiously, frothing at the mouth".

"the dog carried on something terrible".

"the dog made a dreadful sound".

The above quotations are taken from reports of Close Encounters with UFOs, but of the reactions of dogs. This doesn't necessarily mean that psychological effects limited to dogs. There are many cases involving; birds, ducks, chickens, turkeys, sheep, cattle, horses, cats, etc.,.

"Dogs howled", "At the edge of town, a huge bull coral was kicking and charging the gate".

For the first part of this article and the majority of it, I shall concentrate my study on the effects on dogs because of the great amount of information available.

January 6, 1977, Montreal, Quebec, Canada-A Mrs. Florida Malbeuf, observed an oyster shaped craft hovering and land on the roof of the duplex across the street. It was later learned that the neighbour who was living in the apartment below, said that around the same time, as the UFO was seen their dog began howling and running around in circles.

Because dogs are extra sensitive and extremely terrified of UFOs, could it be possible that the dog is able to detect sounds emitted by the UFO that we are unable to hear? Let us presume this is true for a moment, and a high intensity signal (microwaves), is responsible for the paralyzing effect.

A frenchman out hunting with his dog saw a UFO on the ground. The man fled but watched his dog run towards the UFO. Suddenly, the dog retreated as if it was partially paralyzed.

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October 21, 1963, Tranas, Argentina, six UFOs were seen for forty minutes. During this period, a local farmer reported that three of his dogs and two dozen fowl outside were frightened and paralyzed by a revolving vivid hot beam of light varying in colour from red to violet.

These cases give evidence to the theory that UFO have the ability to be paralyzed by a type of microwave. Although, there is no laboratory evidence which suggests that microwaves can paralyze humans, but tests on small animals indicate that a slight paralysis which disappears when the treatment is stopped. In some cases animals and humans have been paralyzed by high pitch noises (Barney & Betty Hill case).

Unfortunately, in some cases animals do not return to normal after a UFO incident. Dogs or cats would not enter an area where a UFO had been and in other cases, cattle wouldn't graze in the area where a UFO had landed.

What could be keeping the animals away? Well, there are two theories available: a) a bad odor b) an oily residue in the area which effect the animals. But it seems that after a rainfall thing return to normal. So we must presume that the rain washes away what ever distrubes the animals.

CONCLUSIONS

When a UFO is near, whether the animal be indoor or outside, able to see the UFO or not, animals seem to exhibit extreme fear of UFOs (especially dogs).

What produces this state of fear, still remains a mystery. We can theorize on a number of possibilities such as radiation, but presently there is no way we can be certain.

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HOWARD GONTOVNICK

NASA REJECTS UFO STUDY

NEWS FEATURE

The U.S. space agency has rejected a request by the White House to reopen government investigation into the UFO phenomenon.

The National Aeronautics & Space Administration(NASA) said that a study would be "wasteful and probably unproductive".But NASA stands ready to analyze "bona fide physical evidence from credible sources",evidence that NASA says has NEVER been found.

This all began back in July(1977),when presidential science advisor Dr.Frank Press asked NASA to become the governments focal point for the newly revived interest in UFOs. Press recommended that NASA set up a small panel to take a closer look at the UFO enigma.

The rejection was made by a NASA administrator,Robert Frosch in a letter in late December.Mr.Frosch told Dr.Press that a NASA technical team considered establishing a UFO panel but decided other wise.To quote Mr.Frosch," I would therefore propose that NASA take no steps to establish a research activity in this area or to convene a symposium on this subject.There is an absence of tangible or physical evidence available for thorough laboratory analysis.To proceed on a research task without a disciplinary framework and an exploratory technique in mind would be wasteful and probably unproductive."

UFO CANADA will continue to monitor the NASA situation. And Further details will be published when we recieve them.

SOURCE:MONTREAL STAR

Montreal,Quebec,Canada December 28,1977.

MEDIAGRAMS



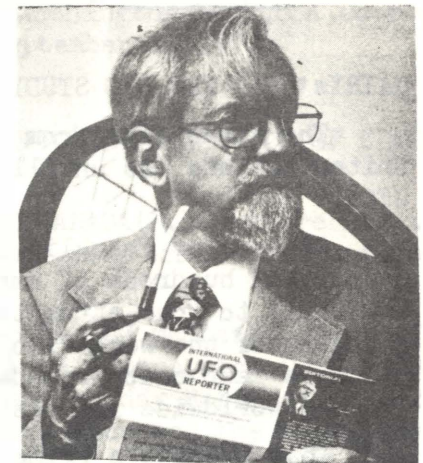
A ROUND-UP OF RECENT NEWS & INFORMATION

FRANCE TAKES UFOs SERIOUSLY

The french National Center for Space Studies(CNES), has created a research group to take recognition of the serious nature of the UFO phenomenon.

Dr.J.Allen Hynek,Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University and Director of the Center for UFO Studies, has been asked by the government of France for mutual co-operation in there study.

Dr.Hynek told reporters that , "It points up to the growing interest on an official level & recognition of the serious nature of the phenomenon. All our data is available to them.We have computer data on 60,000 cases. The great difference between our work and what the French will be doing is they will be properly funded".



SOURCES:(a)Chronicle-Houston,Texas,USA,October 8,1977.
(b)The Miami News-Miami,Florida,USA,October 7,1977.

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LANDING SITE DISCOVERED ?

Betty Hill, 57, who back in 1961 claimed that she and her late husband Barney, were taken aboard a spacecraft and underwent a physical examination by the occupants.

Recently, Mrs. Hill told reporters that she has observed five landed UFOs within the past year. These objects were all seen at an undisclosed site near Kingston, New Hampshire, USA.

She refuses to disclose the exact area of the site because she doesn't want to see "bumper to bumper traffic there".

Several people have been to the area with Mrs. Hill and in fact viewed strange objects in the sky. One reporter has photographed a UFO on one occasion.

NOTE: The editor & assistant editor hope to visit the area hopefully in the near future.

SOURCE: Kingstonian-Kingston, N.H., USA, October 12, 1977.

GAIRYs' BID FOR UFO STUDY FAILED IN UN

The ambassador from Grenada was disappointed when the United Nations was unwilling to part with \$16,000 to study UFOs.

Ambassador Franklin Dolland addressed a handful of delegates and hundreds of empty seats, that understanding UFOs was vital to "our attempts to solve the social & economic problems of the world". Dolland further stated that due to the mere fact that Grenada introduced the subject, it "has aroused worldwide interest".

What Grenada's Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy, wanted to establish a UN agency to study the UFO phenomenon. But all his ambassador received was another promise that the members would still study the proposal.

SOURCE: Montreal Star-Montreal, Quebec, Canada, December 14, 1977.

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SOVIET ASTRONOMER EXPLAINS UFO OVER RUSSIA

In the September issue of UFO CANADA (P.12), there was mention of a massive mysterious light over Russia on September 20, 1977. The report stated that Soviet scientists were baffled as to the origin of the light.

Recently, UFO CANADA has learned that Professor Vladimir Krat, of the Pulkova Astronomical Observatory of Leningrad, explains the strange light as "probably a rocket stage burning up or a cosmical sputnik coming back into the earth's atmosphere".

It has also been learned that the town of Petrozavodsk where the light was originally seen, is 190 miles slightly southwest of the Soviet launching complex at Plesetsk. On September 20, the Soviets launched Cosmos 955, a military intelligence monitoring spacecraft.

SOURCE: (a) State Journal-Madison, Wisconsin, USA, October 21/77.
(b) Defence Space Business Daily-Washington, D.C., USA, October 17, 1977. (c) Le Parisien-France, September 24, 1977

MORE ON: THE COMMITTEE OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS OF THE PARANORMAL

In the October issue of UFO CANADA (P.10), there was a brief feature on a New York based group which was designed to clean up paranormal cults.

Recently, we learned more on the 43 membered group of scientists, journalists, educators, magicians, etc., On the CBC (AM radio) current affairs program 'Sunday Morning'. A spokesman for the group, Robert Sheaffer discussed the committee's views on UFOs.

Sheaffer, who is well known among UFO researchers and for his article in OFFICIAL UFO (August 1976) 'The Interrupted Journey Explained'.

Throughout the brief interview, Sheaffer stuck to his main theme that the whole business of UFOs, is a kind of religion.

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He also discussed such cases as; President Jimmy Carter's sighting in 1969 and explain it as a misidentification of the planet Venus. He claims that the position of the UFO coincides with the position of Venus that evening.

Sheaffer went on to discredit other cases and what he calls-so-called UFOlogists. Also appearing on the program was Prof. Paul Kurtz, who stated clearly that the committee's main attack would concentrate on the so-called field of UFOlogy. Other members of the group included; Carl Sagan, Issac Isimov, B.F. Skinner, to name a few.

NOTE: The Committee of Scientific Investigation of claims of the Paranormal-Box 29, Kensington Station, Buffalo, N.Y., 14215 USA. Publication-The Zetetic, \$10 yearly.

MEDIAGRAM NOTES.....

Radio station CJFM in Montreal recently aired a four hour UFO documentary titled: We are not alone. The program examines the UFO question quite well. It featured such guests as Dr. Hynek, Stanton Friedman, Ted Blocher, John Musgrave, Dr. Richard Haines and Steven Spielberg plus many others. According to CJFM Program director Bob Wood, the show is supposed to be distributed by Columbia Pictures.

A course dealing with UFOs will soon be offered in the Toronto area. The classes will be given by Henry Mckay of Agrincourt. Mr. McKay is a well known Canadian UFO researcher who has actively been involved in field investigation, research, T.V. & radio appearances. The course is designed to understanding of the UFO phenomenon. Further details will be published in a future issue of UFO CANADA.

Beginning in February 1978, NBC (USA Television) will air a new series called PROJECT UFO, a true-to-life dramatization of the United States Air force investigations of Project Blue Book. The program will be produced by Jack (Dragnet) Webb.

SEVEN MAXIMS OF UFOS: A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

PART 6

By; Peter Millman

RECORDS ARE NEVER COMPLETE

Compilers of UFO data are fond of giving percentages that may be ascribed to various known phenomena and usually conclude by pointing out that there is always a "hard core" of unexplained sightings which proves that something, or someone, mysterious is entering our atmosphere. Actually, this proves nothing of the kind. In any large compilation of strange observational data some items will be explained easily, some with a bit more difficulty and some only after an investigation where eventually the missing clue turns up. According to statistical probability there are almost certain to be cases where the clue is lost and never does turn up, so the existence of the "hard core" proves little one way or the other. The great majority of unexplained UFO cases are so lacking in firm factual data that a good scientific study is very difficult, if not impossible.

I would like to mention three interesting cases where the clues did turn up, as described by Menzel & Boyd (1963). In August, 1951, strange lights were seen flying in scattered formations over the town of Lubbock, Texas. Thanks to one formation that came lower than the others, they were identified as plover, reflecting the mercury-vapour lights of the town from their white, oily breasts. In Norfolk, England, over a long period of years, strange ghostly lights had been seen in the air at night in a certain area. Eventually these proved to be owls that often seek refuge in hollow trees during the day. The owls were dusted with a common fungus, *Armillaria mellea*, that infests rotting wood and is phosphorescent. Strange iridescent globes floating in the sunlit sky, and seen in various parts of the USA and France, have turned out to be migrating spiders which spin a balloon-like web that allows them to be borne aloft on the rising currents of warm air on a fine day.

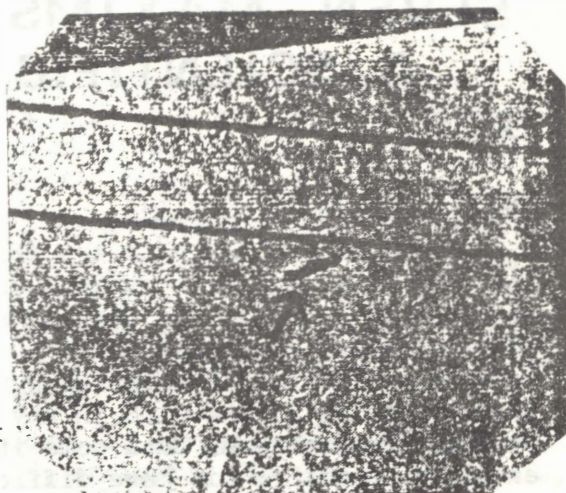
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SIGHTINGS

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July 2, 1977, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

Two young boys claimed to have observed and photographed a UFO. The object was in view for approximately 5 minutes. During this period, it remained stationary for 30 seconds when the first photograph was taken. The object then moved a short distance where it remained stationary for about two minutes, then finally took off. Three pictures were taken in all. Robert Kovac, who photographed the object said the object first emitted flashing red lights. The reproduction of one of the photographs, shows a dark domed image flat on the bottom and two vertical apertures at both ends.

SOURCE: Cambridge Times—Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, August 17/77.

August 14, 1977. (13 miles N.E. of Goodspirit Lake), Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada.

While driving on Buchanan road, four witnesses observed a brilliant light over a field around 1 a.m. The witnesses viewed the UFO through binoculars and revealed that the UFO glowed red then green and to yellow then to a sort of mauve. A smaller dull light (white), remained the same throughout the incident. But the object moved in 100 yard movements which appeared to some of the witness as up and down, sometimes sideways. In some instances it disappeared. "Two beams from the light suddenly shone down and illuminated a large area beneath it. The beams covered a area of almost half a mile wide. It was so bright, it almost looked like daylight", said Lovadie Laube one witness.

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SOURCE: Potashville Miner Journal, Potashville, Saskatchewan, Canada, August 17, 1977.

August 19, 1977, Gairloch, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Between 11:15 and 12:00 o'clock several people (four Adults & one child), watched a strange light in the night sky. "At first it looked like a sunny stationary light. Then it started to descend and by the time it went behind the trees it was a large white glow", said Thomas Dudka a nearby resident. He further added that the object made no sound. The sighting was reported to the local RCMP, but the force couldn't offer any explanation.

SOURCE: New Glasgow News—New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 22, 1977.

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

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Seven Maxims of UFOs..... cont'd

The Condon report (1969) concluded that little could be learned through additional interviews in re-investigating old incidents that had occurred a number of years earlier. Once a story has been told many times it becomes set in the mind of the narrator and new information of value does not become available. On the other hand sometimes a new fact comes to light by pure chance, and this may make possible the solution of an otherwise baffling case.

NEXT: Maxim #6—Man makes mysterious machines.

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