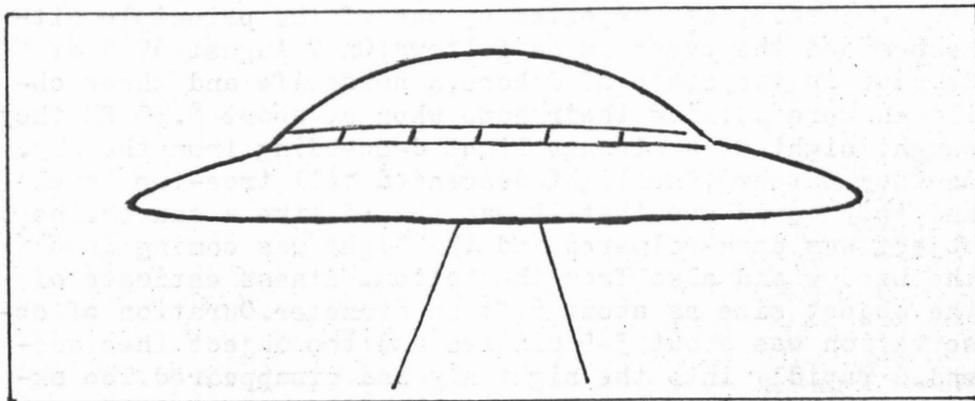


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1981 MALAYSIAN UFO REPORT

UFO reports in Malaysia for the year 1981 is low as usual. There were only 4 known cases. There does not seem to be any spectacular events except for one which occurred on 1 November 1981. No follow-up is possible since the newspaper report did not give any names of the witnesses. The following is the translation of the event as it appeared in Berita Harian, 3 November 1981: SEREMBAN, Monday-- An object looking like a 'flying saucer' which was sighted by several people at Kilometer 18, Kuala Lumpur-Seremban Highway is still a mystery. Several residents of a nearby village reported that a violent gust swept over the area at about 10 PM for a few minutes but there were no sound. According to the people there, they stayed in

their houses at the time of the incident and did not have the chance to see the object, but did not believe that the wind was caused by something. Anyhow, several drivers who passed along the road at 10.05 PM encountered the object which looked like a flying saucer and moving like lightning'. The object was shaped like diamond and emitted three colours -- red, yellow and blue. However the yellow light in the centre of the object could change colour to white.

The first case to have come to our attention was an incident that occurred in Southern Malaysia. It was reported a few days after we put up an ad in the local papers for UFO reports. It was reported by one of the principle witnesses and the event is as follows: On 7 August 1981 at Sekudai in the state of Johore, a housewife and three children were outside their home when at about 8.30 PM they caught sight of a strange light descending from the sky. As they watched, the light descended till tree-top level and they could see that it was shaped like a saucer. The object was dark-coloured and the light was coming from the window and also from the bottom. Witness estimate of the object size as about 6 ft in diameter. Duration of observation was about 3-5 minutes and the object then ascended rapidly into the night sky and disappeared. The sketch of the UFO is given as in the figure on page 1.

On 25 October 1981 at Seberang Takir in the state of Trengganu, about 6-10 people watched a strange light, small and pulsating, appeared from the South China Sea and flew silently inland. Witness estimated that the UFO was flying at about 3,000 ft altitude and with a speed slightly faster than a plane. Time of sighting was between 7.05-7.10 PM and witness lost sight of the light when it passed over some high buildings.

The last known case for 1981 is still under investigation. It occurred sometime in October just before sunrise on the island of Penang. A strange light was observed by 3 people flying silently towards the sea. The sighting lasted for only a few minutes when the light was lost from view.

ABDUCTION: THE MALAYSIAN SYNDROME

CE4 or abduction experiences are probably the most bizarre events of the UFO Phenomenon. Over the years many strange cases has been reported from all over the world. The theories to this mystery has also been many and they are just as 'strange' as the phenomenon itself. Regardless of what is behind it all, we present here some of the anomalies that have occurred in Malaysia.

CASE OF A STUDENT WITH 12 MISSING HOURS AND 140 MILES SPATIAL DIS- PLACEMENT.

Sivaraman, a student aged 17, left his home at 7 PM on 5 August 1970 to go to a tuition class. He woke up 12 hours later and found himself by the roadside, 140 miles away from his home in Kuala Lumpur. He was cold, hungry, tired and feeling the blister on his feet. He recalled leaving his home but from then it was all blank. He could not account for the missing hours. He has to hitch hike home(1).

CASE OF THE MISSING SOLDIER

Abdul Mutalib, a soldier aged 18, was on duty on the night of 25 January 1982. He was found missing in the morning at about 5.30 AM together with his M16 rifle. A search was then conducted but to no avail. The soldier was guarding the rifle range of the Recruit Training Centre at Port Dickson when he mysteriously vanished. According to Centre's sources, such disappearances has occurred several times in the past but the victims usually returned after several days. They are believed to have been abducted by elemental beings known in Malaysia as the 'Buni-an People'. On their return, the abductees reported that they went to a distant place and were given delicious food. When they vomited it was found to consist of worms and grasses(2).

CASE OF THE TWICE MISSING HOUSEWIFE

Zainab Hussein, 40, a housewife left her home on 27 January 1982 at about 8 AM and was never seen again until 4 days later. She is believed to have been abducted by the 'Bunian People'. A search party led by the village headman found her lying exhausted under a tree 200 metres from her home at 8.15 PM. This is the second time that she had been missing. The first time that she mysteriously vanished was on 4 January 1982. According to her daughter, her mother fell sick some eight months ago and had always been driven by a strong urge to leave the house. She was taken to see a doctor who found nothing medically wrong with her. The daughter claimed that there was something wrong with her mother as she had difficulty sleeping even though she had taken sleeping pills(3).

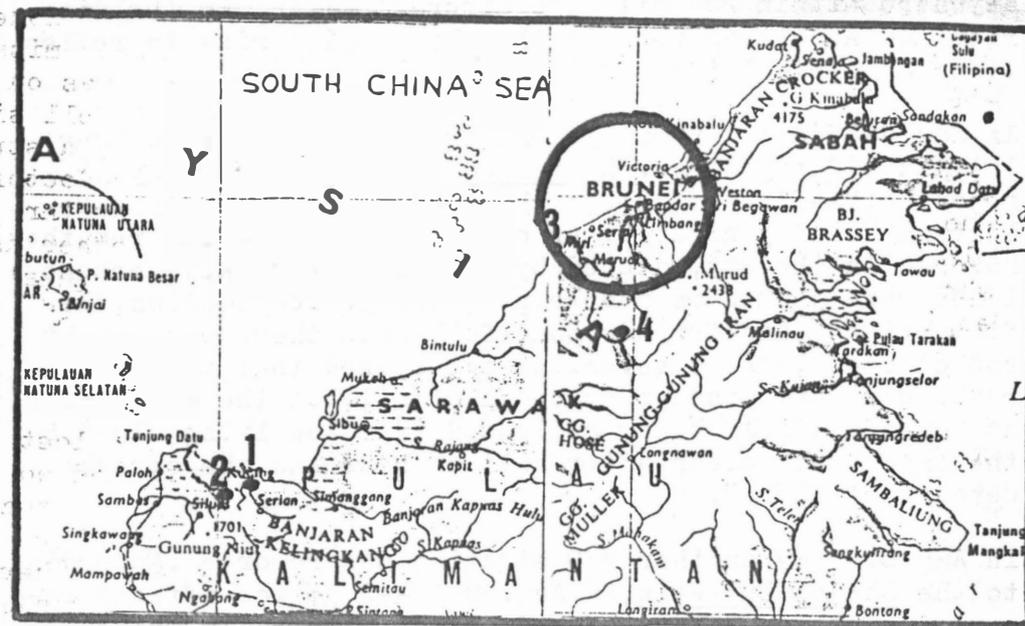
CASE OF A GIRL'S LOST HOURS

A 16-year old girl reported to the police that she lost consciousness on her way to attend tuition class and woke up several hours later in a building about 500 yards away. The girl said she saw a dark figure dashing across her path at 7 PM and the air had a foul odour which made her lose consciousness. She woke up later and found her hands and legs tied. She struggled free and arrived home past mid night. Police are baffled by the mystery but they have classified the case as kidnapping(4). The incident occurred on 25 July 1981 in Kota Baru.

CASE OF THE LATE TRAIN

What ! An abducted train? No one knows for sure. But mystery surrounds the late arrival of the night mail train from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur on the morning of 25 July 1981. The train left Singapore on time but arrived at Gemas 30 minutes late. The reason given by railway sources was that the train had run out of fuel. But Railway officials later expressed surprise at the report. They said it was highly unlikely that the train had run out of fuel because it was carrying 300 gallons of fuel when it left Singapore and it is enough to complete the journey(5).

UFOs OVER BRUNEI



The small oil-rich country of Brunei is situated on the island of Borneo, sandwiched between the two East Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak. Few UFO reports have emerged from this country in the past and all seem to have quieted down in the 70s. One of the earliest cases to have received press attention was the events of 24 February 1953. The following is the report as it appeared in the Straits Times of 26 Feb. 1953 --SERIA, Wed.-- Hundreds of people in this oilfield town are puzzled by a flying saucer phenomenon seen this afternoon. In clear blue sky they saw a trail of white cloud pointing like a finger to a tiny but exceedingly bright star-like object which hovered at an estimated 30,000 ft for 40 minutes. The object appeared to be rotating slowly with two jets, vapour or cloud formation, appearing and disappearing at the edges. On several

On several occasions recently flying saucer phenomena have been reported in the skies over Borneo. One photographer

who exposed a film at the height of a thunderstorm, hoping to catch a zigzag lightning flash, found on developing the film that he had missed the flash but obtained a picture of five circular objects in the sky. No other negative in the photographer's roll of film showed any abnormalities. Conventional explanations for today's sky incident are completely lacking -- no meteorological balloons were released anywhere within 200 miles, no aircraft flying in the district and no clouds were in the sky to give rise to reflections or optical illusions.

In May 1967 another excitement broke loose after a long lull in UFO sightings. The Borneo Bulletin of 13 May 1967 reported: "A fleet of space ships appeared over Seria-Belait on Tuesday night. Cigar shaped and flickering red, they hovered in the sky, watched by scores of people. Telephone lines were jammed as people rang the police station, the fire brigade, and friends. Some folk said there were eight rocket craft, others seven. One man opined that the red streaks were not Russian spacemen at all, but the gas flares at Seria oilfield being reflected from low lying cloud. But the sky became clear after half an hour and the streaks were still there".

In August 1967 another UFO sighting was reported. According to the Borneo Bulletin, 26 Aug. 1967 -- A police officer reported sighting a large round object with a dim white light underneath, at about 7.45 PM. It was traveling horizontally at about 30 mph and completely silent. The object moved across Kuala Belait from the direction of Miri going towards Seria. Army and Shell aviation authorities in the district report no aircraft in the area about the time of the sighting. Shell's aviation adviser suspected the object might have been a meteorological balloon.

West Malaysian students who made a geographical survey of Brunei sometime in 1967 reported seeing a mysterious object trailing a flame whiz across the night sky when they were in the Labi area. Aviation authorities think this was probably a meteorite or a satellite burning up. Anyhow a large meteorite was found near Brunei Town in April 1968.

INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT STUDIES UFOs

The Indonesian Government is probably the second country in Southeast Asia to take some interest in the problem of UFOs. The first country in this region to do so was the Philippines and it was given to the military authorities to investigate the reported sightings. From the New Straits Times of 15 Aug 1977 we see the following report from Indonesia: "People living in Irian Jaya have been instructed to report any sighting of Flying Saucer to the Indonesian National Aeronautic and Space Institute. The chairman of the Institute, J. Salatun said his organisation needs more details for an intensive study into the mysterious flying objects, last reported to have been seen in Papua, New Guinea, the other half of the island. Quoting reports Mr Salatun said flying objects were seen every afternoon for one week by the local villagers. The reports said the occupants of the flying saucer appeared to resemble humans and waved to the bewildered villagers."

COMMENT

The approach taken by the Indonesian Government is to be congratulated. It is hoped that the other Governments in this region such as Thailand, Burma, IndoChina, Singapore and Malaysia would follow this fine example of trying to understand the number one mystery of our time.

What has created the interest of the Indonesian Government to look into this controversial enigma? There are probably two reasons to this... 1) if the author is not mistaken, Dr Hynek visited Indonesia sometime in 1976 and has given a talk about UFOs to a group of Government officials. The above report which refers to a UFO and occupant sighting from New Guinea is not a recent event but the incident which occurred way back during the 1959 UFO wave there. This case was probably quoted from Dr Hynek's talk, and 2) the chairman of the Institute Mr J. Salatun is probably personally interested in the phenomenon even before Dr Hynek's visit to Indonesia, for if this is the same person mentioned in the press report below, then it is evident the interest to study the UFOs was there much earlier than the

year 1961. The following is the report which appeared in the Sunday Times of 12 Nov 1961: "FLYING SAUCER TRACED" -- Jakarta, Sat. --- A senior Indonesian air force officer claims to have traced the source of "flying saucers" and to have devised an aircraft capable of travelling both in the atmosphere and in space. Col. J. Salatun, secretary to the Indonesian Joint Chiefs of Staff, and secretary to the Aviation Council, has published a book entitled "The mystery of the flying saucers revealed". The Colonel said flying saucers came from a planet designated YC5473. They were flown by beings 10 ft high, with a "non-Freudian makeup."

THE UFOLOGIC CONFUSION

Many South American still believes that UFO occupants are good old extraterrestrials. Meanwhile American researchers are coming down with "imaginary abductions", the Europeans with archetypes and subjectivity, the Australians with hypnopompic and hypnagogic imagery, the Russian with you-guess-what, the Asians thinks it was the devil and elemental beings, and by the way what happen to the UFOs that Kenneth Arnold saw on that fine day of June 1947? Yes, it is still flying around the globe unaware (or perhaps fully aware) of the confusion it left behind in its wake.

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Seismic fireballs

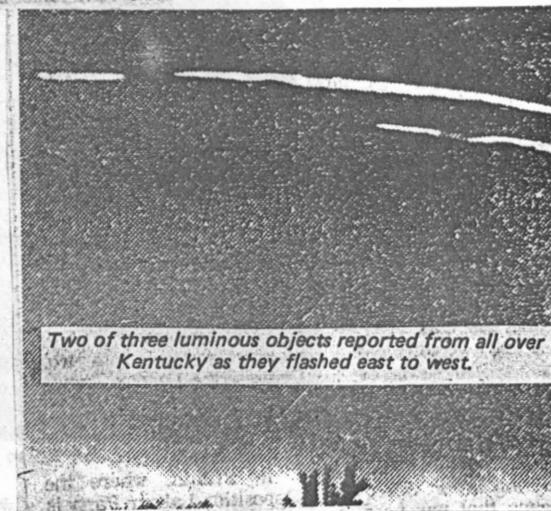
MANY of the mysterious objects that people have reported as UFOs may not be alien spacecraft at all. They may actually be a natural phenomenon -- possibly charged balls of light released by certain rocks under the stress of an impending earthquake.

Dr Michael Persinger, a neurobiologist at Laurentian University in Ontario, Canada, has discovered a relationship between seismic activity and balls of light reported as UFOs.

Using a computer to analyse about 3,000 UFO sightings, he found that many of them occurred weeks or months before the start of earth tremors. Japanese geologists have even provided him with rare photographs of a luminous display moments before an earthquake.

How might geologic forces cause these fireballs? The answer is not clear, but Dr Brian Brady, a physicist at the U.S. Bureau of Mines, believes they may be the result of a special electricity-generating property of quartz.

Demonstrating the phenomenon in his Denver laboratory, he places a cylinder of quartz-bearing rock into a machine that compresses it. Just before the rock fractures, the electrical field inside and around it increases rapid-



Two of three luminous objects reported from all over Kentucky as they flashed east to west.

ly, producing sparks of light up to half a centimeter in diameter, for as long as a tenth of a second.

Brady thinks this light emission could occur on a much larger scale in nature -- large enough, for example, to be mistaken for a flying object.

The enormous stress placed on quartz-bearing rock before and during an earthquake could create a ball of light that would feed on the ambient electromagnetic field, according to Brady.

"The light could take wild paths and exhibit all the characteristics of UFOs," he says, adding that some of the balls could last several minutes.

The ability of quartz-bearing rock to produce a current under stress is called the piezoelectric effect (the prefix piezo comes from the Greek for "to press"). It is an important means of converting mechanical energy into electrical energy and vice versa. Discovered in 1880 by Pierre and Jacques Curie, its many applications include phonograph pickups and sonar. — Science Digest:IPS.

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Penang, Malaysia

ENCOUNTERS WITH UFOs

Notes

UFOs AND EARTHQUAKES : 'ARE THEY RELATED?'

Introduction

Observations of anomalous atmospheric phenomena in relation to geophysical events or weather conditions has given rise to what is known as earthquakes lights and ball lightning. Both of these phenomena are not new yet its physics is little understood. The appearance of UFOs before or after earthquakes, the size and characteristics of which does not fit any of the above mentioned phenomena, has raised another interesting observation and speculation. Are UFOs another form of natural phenomena or does it has any direct or indirect association with earthquakes?

One of the earliest attempt to correlate the time coincidence of UFO appearances and earthquakes was made by Gribble(1). Persinger and Lafreniere(2) analysed 60,000 UFO sightings and their preliminary findings indicate that 85% of the sightings occurred on or close to geological faults. Accetta(3) using a small sample for a broad study has also attempted to check UFO appearances with respect to perturbations in the recorded geophysical data.

UFOs and Seismic Coincidence

1. One of the stable factor in UFO observations is the so-called 'Law of the Times'. Most UFO reports were made between 8PM to midnight. A decreased in observation is most prominent during noon. Shimshoni(Geophys. J., 24, 97; 1971) analysed 15,325 seismic events and discovered a peak around midnight and a minimum around noon.
2. Preliminary analysis by Persinger and Lafreniere indicates that the majority of UFO sightings were made

ON Dec. 29, 1980, Mrs Betty Cash encountered an enormous bright, diamond-shaped UFO that spewed flames from its underside. She was burned and suffered other injuries that still plague her.

Mrs Cash's case is one of many now under investigation by an unusual organisation called Project Visit (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team), a group of 12 scientists who seek to learn more about UFOs by studying such medical mysteries.

Visit's impressive team of volunteers — about half of whom are associated

with Nasa — represents a variety of specialties.

A case submitted to Project Visit is first screened for validity; individuals involved are interviewed and their medical records examined.

In Mrs Cash's case, Visit found that, by the morning after she had seen the UFO, she had developed large, knotlike boils on her neck, head and



Mrs Cash began to lose her hair after seeing the UFO.

face. Soon after, she began to lose her hair.

Four days later, unable to eat and suffering from vomiting, diarrhoea and swollen eyes, she entered a hospital where she spent nearly a month undergoing tests.

She had other signs of what could have been radiation exposure as well: burns, cramps and loss of energy.

In similar incidents, a Canadian prospector encountered a disk-shaped metallic object on the ground and suffered burns, nausea, vomiting, swelling and an extended illness,

and a Missouri truck driver was blinded for days by an extremely bright UFO.

After recommending medical experts to the victims, Visit members collect all medical and scientific data to piece together in an attempt to understand how the UFO worked.

In the hope of determining common factors, Project Visit collects and catalogs data on UFO incidents involving alleged injury from or entry into a UFO. — Science Digest-IPS.

on or close to geological fault lines. Even before this analysis, it is a well known fact that the majority of UFO sightings were made along the fault lines. Earthquakes may occur anywhere on Earth but the majority of them occurred along the fractured lines.

3. Analyses of geomagnetic disturbances of the Earth's magnetic field by Poher(4) and Poher and Vallee(5) for the period in October 1954 shows remarkable correlations between the magnetic disturbances and the manifestation of the UFO Phenomenon near the recording station. Moore(6) and Breiner(7) have recorded the magnetic disturbances of the Earth's magnetic field before an earthquake occurs.
4. Anomalous animal behaviour is exhibited during or after a UFO manifestation. (Refer FSR vol 16, no 1 - vol 18, no 3 - "A New Catalogue: The Effects of UFOs on Animals Birds and Small Creatures") Anomalous animal behaviour has been observed before an impending earthquake.
5. Stopping of watches occurs during the close approach of a UFO manifestation. Watches are known to have stopped during seismic events.
6. Motor vehicles are stalled when close to a UFO. Vehicles are also stalled during seismic events.
7. Some UFO reports described luminosities to the environment during the UFO manifestation. Just before the first tremor of the destructive 1976 Tangshan earthquake, the sky light up over the city like daylight. Thousands woke up thinking their room lights had been turned on.
8. Philips(8) has compiled a catalogue of the numerous evidences of scorched marks or landing imprints at alleged UFO landing sites. During the Tangshan (China, 1976) earthquake one large corn field was knocked over in the same direction as though by some giant wind. Leaves on many nearby trees were burnt to a crisp and growing vegetables were scorched as if by a fireball.

Discussion

The alarming increase of earthquakes seem to coincide in time with other observable physical changes on Earth and the Solar System. These changes include the tremendous increase in total annual sunspot counts over the past years, severe climatic changes, and the possibility of another magnetic field reversal of the Earth. Could there be a relationship between UFOs and earthquakes? Could there be some yet undetected trigger force which causes both UFOs and earthquakes? If this trigger force does exist, we can expect an increase in UFO sightings as earthquake activity increases. The important time, space, and other observable features shared by both phenomena should renew interest among scientists, especially seismologists, in detecting these "trigger forces" and perhaps be able to better predict earthquakes.

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EARTHQUAKES AND THE 1954 UFO WAVE

One of the best documented UFO waves in the study of Unidentified Flying Objects was the 1954 manifestations in Europe and South America. Two hundred landings and occupant encounters was recorded from this region alone within a span of less than 4 months(1). This wave has also opened up some interesting avenue of research viz. the work of Michel on Orthoteny(2) and the formulation of the Law of the Times by Vallee(3).

The studies relating to the 1954 UFO wave has been directed at the phenomenon itself without due attention being given to the other observed physical changes occurring on the Earth. Poher(4) however attempted to find some correlation in the perturbation of the Earth magnetic field and the UFO manifestation near a recording station during October 1954.

During the 1954 UFO wave period there was some notable seismic activity in Europe. Is there a direct or indirect association between the UFO sightings and the earthquakes?

During May to September 1954 scores of earth tremors were felt in Europe especially in Switzerland and to a lesser degree in Greece, Spain, Germany, Belgium and Norway(5). In October earth tremors were again reported to have occurred near Innsbruck and in Spain(6).

51 percent of the 1954 French UFO landings were concentrated in the eastern sector of the country which incidentally is close to the numerous shocks originating from Switzerland. The Italian shocks were felt south of Rome and near Palermo, in Sicily on November 16 and 23 respectively. The UFO manifestation in Italy seem to be concentrated there also in November of that year. By December, most of the UFO sightings were made in South America notably in Venezuela. On December 9, a magnitude 6.25 earthquake occurred near Trinidad.

In Figure 1 we plot the geographical locations of the UFO concentration against latitude and the month. It is evident that the geographical migration of both the UFO concentration and the earth tremors are in close agreement in time and space. Is this observation a coincidence or is there a direct or indirect relationship between the earthquakes and the 1954 UFO wave?

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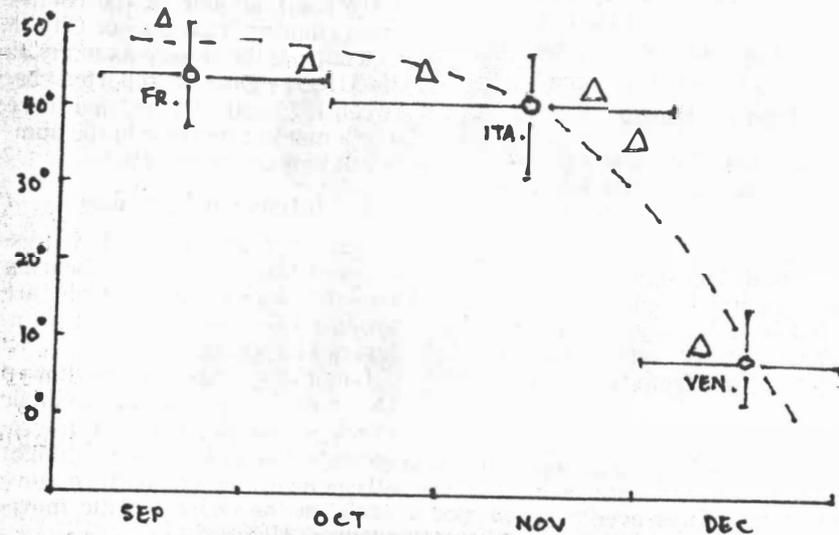


Fig. 1. The geographical shift of UFO activity (crosses) and earth tremors (triangles) plotted against time.

Spot a UFO?

Blame an earth tremor

By John Picton Toronto Star

That light in the sky you saw last night wasn't a flying saucer. It wasn't marsh gas, the heebie-jeebies, or any of the other familiar explanations.

Chances are that "UFO" was caused by a mysterious process on earth that scientists are just beginning to observe and understand.

Blame an earth tremor.

That's what Michael Persinger, a psychologist teaching at Laurentian University in Sudbury, and Brian Brady, a geologist at the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Denver, believe.

Fed into computer

"More than half the UFO sightings are because of earthquake lumination," Persinger told the Sunday Star.

Of the remaining sightings, he says: "The concept of explaining all UFOs is out of date, anyway. The average person must realize that not all sightings are from the same source."

He adds that such sightings may be a warning of earthquakes to come weeks, months or even years later.

Persinger, who majored in geophysics, began studying unusual phenomena in 1971, feeding all the data he gathered into a computer.

"When we did an analysis, the trend jumped out with unbelievable intensity," he says. "It went back to the 19th century in England and the U.S. when these lights were called devil stars and comets and aero ships."

One area he's researched, one he says proves his theory, is the New Madrid region where the borders of Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas come together.

The most severe earthquakes in North American history occurred there in 1811-1812. In 1958, earth tremors were recorded there again, and "there was an eight-fold increase in the number of luminosity reports in the region in the previous six months."

Over a fault line in the earth's crust running from Quebec City to Chicoutimi, there were as many as 30 UFO sightings reported between 1975 and 1979 — "and there was a marked increase in the number of luminosity reports."

Intense as lightning

Persinger and Brady have discovered that when quartz-bearing rock breaks up, balls of light are produced — short-lived, but as intense as lightning.

Laboratory experiments showed the luminescence from a single crack would last only for microseconds, but in that time it might streak away, hover, and then move again in the characteristic movements of UFOs.

The movements are explained by complex theories of ions, electrons and electro-magnetic fields.

The Chinese already call such luminosity "earthquake lights."

One case the scientists studied was a series of sightings made from an aircraft flying a midnight run from Wellington to Christchurch, New Zealand, on Dec. 30, 1978.

The crew had spotted brilliant and mysterious lights in the sky a few days before and a TV crew was on board in case they happened again. About 25 minutes out of Wellington, the light appeared and seemed to follow the plane's flight path, sometimes hovering and then speeding away.

The position and altitude of the lights from blips was confirmed by blips on radar screens.

On the ground, researchers looked for rational explanations — fishing boats, meteors, secret aircraft, sightings of Jupiter or Venus, city lights or simply a hoax. None seemed reasonable.

The sightings remained a mystery until Brady laid a geological map alongside the flight path of the plane and realized it had been flying parallel to one of the earth's great fault lines, the Alpine Fault

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QUAKES AND UFOs

PENANG, Sat. — Many researchers believe there is a link between earthquakes and UFO sightings and that it may be possible to predict earthquakes through UFOs. So says local UFO researcher Encik Ahmad Jamaludin.

He said records had shown

**There's a link
between them,
says 'expert'**

that sightings were frequent in places where earthquakes occurred.

"For example, South America has the highest incidence of UFO sightings in the world," he said. "And there are many examples of earthquakes and UFO appearances occurring one after the other."

Encik Ahmad held to the theory that "whatever was triggering earthquakes was also triggering the arrival of UFOs."

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UFOs & EARTHQUAKES

The appearance of anomalous lights, be it quake lights, UFOs or whatever you wished to called them, before, during or after the occurrence of earthquake should be of interest to scientists because it is one of the major indicator of an impending earth tremor. With the present sad state of earthquake prediction, it is high time that these lights be given a place in our scientific research. The following are some example of anomalous lights or objects sighted before or during an earthquake.

1. 7 June 1779 --Earthquakes and prodigious number of luminous bodies over Boulogne, France.
2. 12 Feb 1870 --Luminous body in the sky and earthquake in Italy.
3. 27 Feb 1883 --Many reports of luminous objects in the sky and earthquake in Connecticut, USA.
4. 20 Jan 1891 --Earthquake and luminous objects or meteor in Italy.
5. 1 Sep 1923 --'Lights' were seen in the skies at the time of the great Japanese earthquake.
6. Sep 1954 --'Lights' were sighted over Algeria during the earthquake.
7. 11 Feb 1957 --Tadpole-shaped UFOs seen during the English earthquake.
8. 27 Mar 1968 --Strange objects over Veracruz, Mexico and an earthquake occurred.
9. 30 July 1977 --A bright object flash through the skies over Madagascar. Half hour later an earthquake occurred near Fianarantsoa.
10. 31 Oct 1979 --Strange object seen in the sky over Fairbanks, Alaska. One minute later a mild earth tremor occurred.

THE FLYING EARTHQUAKES

~~FIRST Flying Saucers~~
and now Flying Earthquakes.

The "earthquake" reports come from Japan—from the town of Wakayama, south of the factually-minded cotton centre of Osaka.

Twice recently, immediately after real earthquakes had rocked the district, phenomenal sunsets coloured the sky. Such sunsets are normal after earthquake shocks but the sunsets of Wakayama were accompanied by flames leaping in a giant arch across the sky. 12 SEP 1957

These eerie spectacles lasted for nearly 10 seconds after the earthquake.

There were no fires to account for the apparitions, which were witnessed by many awestruck people, including Mr. Mihara, seismologist, who was awake and on duty at the city's meteorological station.

Seismologists are unable to account for the phenomenon with any natural or scientific explanation and the people of Wakayama are now anxiously awaiting the next quake—and the subsequent phenomena.

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UFOs really lights from quake faults?

By BOB GLENDY
News Staff Writer

INDIAN TRAIL — UFOs aren't space ships from another planet bearing little green men.

It may sound like heresy to staunch believers, but the answer to many UFO sightings may be a natural phenomenon and not something from out of this world, says one area researcher.

Wayne Laporte, who has studied reports of unidentified flying objects for three years, thinks some sightings may be due to "quake lights," a natural occurrence associated with earthquake fault lines.

Laporte, who works for a textile dye manufacturer in Mount Holly, is a field investigator with the Aerial Phenomenon Research Society of Tucson, Ariz., and state section director of the Mutual UFO Network of Sequin, Texas.

In addition, he belongs to the Carolina UFO Network and has investigated hundreds of reported UFO sightings in the Charlotte area.

Laporte's research paper agrees with statistics compiled by two Canadian researchers showing that 85 percent of 60,000 UFO sightings have occurred along or near geological fault lines.

"Quake lights" have appeared before, during and after earthquakes, he says, and several theories have been advanced to explain them.

One suggests that the lights come from violent low level air oscillation. Another suggests an electrical effect related to quartz-bearing rock.

Laporte points out that Indian Trail, the scene of many sightings, lies on the Gold Hill geological fault line which is made up of quartz-bearing rock.

Laporte thinks the electricity induced by the shifting earth creates charged air which produces the lights.

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