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UFOs INVADE ARGENTINA, by Penny Lernoux--The Cordoba taxi driver and self-proclaimed flying object expert was adamant. "As a journalist, you must have access to a lot of information about flying objects. Maybe you've even seen some." He eyed me hopefully. Never having seen a flying object, I quoted St. Thomas. "Well, everybody around here believes in them," he retorted. Having just come from the Argentine Air Force airplane factory in Cordoba where the military is testing missiles and anti-guerrilla airplanes, I might have found it hard to believe the cab driver. Except that even the Air Force is prepared to consider flying objects seriously. In recent months Argentina has been invaded by waves of strange-looking men in flying objects. Reports of UFOs have been made in Cordoba, Mendoza, Mar Del Plata and even Welsh communities in Patagonia, the lonely windswept Argentine South. The latest incident reported occurred in no less a place than Avenida Gneeral Paz, Buenos Aires' principal freeway. According to witnesses, a UFO landed in the busy highway. Rumors soon embroidered the story. A man from outer space had stepped from the flying object. The UFO collided with a car. The object's crew had been captured, an event recorded by a mysterious photographer from a metropolitan newspaper. The Buenos Aires Daily Chronicle took the story so seriously that it had the headline "Police Arrest Two Martians" ready to go to press before the rumors proved false. Defense Minister Emilio Van Peborgh stated, "I know nothing about it. Nevertheless, I would like to see one to have a personal impression of what is happening." In the city of Cordoba in central Argentina, many people are still convinced that a local girl was paralyzed after an encounter with a flying object. The girl, who since has recovered, reported holding a conversation with the crew. Cordoba UFO enthusiasts insist the path on which she was walking when she encountered the object is strewn with radioactive material.

The inhabitants of Mendoza, Argentina's wine-producing center, are in an uproar as a result of a report by two men who claimed they were stopped by "dwarfs who came out of a flying object" when they were driving home one evening. Employes of the local casino, the two men said their car stopped mysteriously, and five beings, described as look-alike dwarfs with oversized bald heads, held a conversation with them in a strange language they were somehow able to understand. The beings told them the craft had orbited the sun three times, that the crew was studying the customs and languages of the system's population and that the universal language was mathematics. Space Research Center officials who examined the car said there "was no doubt beings from outer space had communicated" with the two men. Victoria Corradi, the center's vice president, said the inscriptions left on the car by the visitors indicated they were a chart of the course 'of the stranger' three trips to earth from Ganymede passing Mars." Meanwhile in the province of Chubut, several Welsh colonies reported simultaneous sightings of UFOs. Among those who testified were the director of the television station of the town of Trelew and its mayor.

And in the port of Bahia Blanca south of Buenos Aires, a 19-year-old housewife and mother of two claimed a tall, hairless and earless creature with flashing eyes, a big mouth and long teeth called at her house one night. The being disappeared with a demonical laugh after rapping insistently on her door.

ALIEN CRAFT FOLLOW CARS--"I thought for sure I was seeing something that wasn't there" said Peggy Walker of Verona, Missouri, after sighting what she thinks must have been a UFO the night of August 18 as she returned to her home from Monett. Miss Walker said she was driving from Monett to Verona when she saw something hovering over her car, and the object followed her all the way to Verona, sometimes even with the car, sometimes ahead. Some of the time, she said, there were red and green flashing lights, at other times the craft seemed to glow. She admitted she was rather frightened. Arriving at home she called her parents who also saw the object. Two frightened Independence, Missouri youths say they were chased by an UFO with "flashing lights" two nights in a row on Missouri-7, just east of the city. Robert D. Lingle, 18, said he and Ricky Phillips, 16, were traveling west on the highway about 9:30 p.m. August 21 when they were followed for the second time by a moving object in the sky. "It was round in shape, with yellow, flashing lights all over it, appeared to be from 20 to 60 feet in diameter," said Lingle. "It came along behind our car at some distance, and then suddenly disappeared. It didn't fly away, but suddenly wasn't there any more. We got scared and took off for home." The two youths also saw what seemed to be the same object August 20. "The first time we saw it, the object came up out of some trees south of the highway and to the east of us. That time the flashing lights were white, instead of yellow. We were in about the same location on 78, headed west, sometime between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. I can't remember exactly what time it was. The first time the object appeared, Lingle said, it seemed to be "a big glare of light over some trees to the east."

Fremantle publican John Stevens was tracked for more than 20 miles by what he thinks was a flying object in the early hours of August 27. Mr. Stevens, who was driving to Kalgoorlie, West Australia for the annual race round, had the interior of his car lit up by weird light which he first noticed about 20 miles on the Perth side of Coolgardie soon after midnight. The light first appeared through the rear window of his car. There was no traffic near him and the glow mystified him so much that he stopped the car a few hundred yards after the light first appeared. The moment he got out of the car the light disappeared. "I immediately got back into the car and went for my life. As soon as I'd got started again the light came back on again right behind me. At first I thought it might be somebody on a motor cycle trying to be funny, but when it came on the second time I was beginning to get very frightened and started going a lot faster. The light stayed with me all the time." Mr. Stevens said that the light was difficult to describe but it looked like two arms of light in a V-shape with a big central spotlight between them.

UFO SEEN ON U.S. 17--Mrs. Lawrence Gaskins, who lives on US 17 about five miles south of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, said she and her niece saw a UFO July 18 at 10 a.m. while driving toward Hertford. "We didn't see the object," Mrs. Gaskins said. "We saw this light right in the center of the highway, just about car level from the ground." At first Mrs. Gaskins and 13-year-old Gloria Jean Harden thought there had been an auto accident ahead of them. "But a green car passed us and went right through the light," she said. She drove on and "the light disappeared when we got

about a quarter mile from it." Asked if the thing could have been a reflection of some kind, Mrs. Gaskins said "No. It was a big white-silver light, blinking off and on. It was so bright it hurt your eyes. It was the brightest light I've ever seen in my life." How large was it? "About 36 inches wide and round-like," she said. It wasn't moving, just blinking. "It scared us plenty," she said. "I'm still nervous."

FLYING OBJECT STILL MADRID MYSTERY--Madrid's UFO is still a mystery, weeks after thousands of people saw it cross the sky above the Spanish capital. Even the Spanish Air Ministry admits it has no positive knowledge about the nature of the UFO. What's more, the Air Ministry refused to comment about another sighting reported a day later by scientists at a weather station in Cuenca in east central Spain. Spanish Air Force F-104 jet fighters attempted to intercept the thing seen by thousands of Madridentians. The mysterious alien object, which appeared above the Spanish capital September 5 during an evening rush hour, when the sky was still light, cruised above the center of the city for more than an hour. So many people stopped to stare at the strange gleaming object that traffic in the Gran Via, Madrid's main street, became completely jammed. At half past seven that evening I was at the Plaza De Colon in central Madrid, waiting for the arrival of the Olympic Games torch bearer. The crowd was not looking up the broad avenue leading to the ceremonial platform. All heads were turned skyward. First with skepticism, then with growing astonishment, saw a brilliant apparition in the western sky. As it moved slowly to the southwest, the entire crowd's attention was completely distracted from the ceremony. Photographers turned their cameras skyward and took numerous photos, some through telescopic lenses. The photos clearly showed that whatever the thing was, it was something very unusual, conical in shape and emitting a blinding light.

The Spanish Air Force, which picked up the UFO on their sophisticated American-designed radar network, dispatched F-104 jets to investigate. One pilot attempted to approach the object at an altitude of 50,000 feet but was forced to give up the chase with the device still a great distance above him, when his fuel ran low. Another pilot came close enough to give a graphic description of the device. "It was pyramid-shaped," he said, "and there were three globes of bright light at its base." The many photos, and telescopic information from the Madrid Observatory, bore out his description. Amid the flurry of imaginative rumors, at least a few facts emerged to establish what the thing was not. The first reaction from the Madrid Observatory was, "We don't know what the thing is but we assume it must be a satellite." However, a spokesman for the U.S. space tracking facility at nearby Robledo stated, "It is definitely not an American satellite." When asked if it could be a flying object he answered, "Who knows?" The Spanish weather bureau announced that there was no reason to suppose that it was one of their meteorological balloons. While tens of thousands of Spaniards gaped at the moving object in the heavens, and Spanish radar briefly tracked it, strangely the vast U.S. military air base at Torrejón on the outskirts of the capital claimed it did not show up on their radar screens. The Spanish Air Ministry, while admitting that it had no positive knowledge of the nature of the thing, offered a soothing suggestion--with considerable reservations--that it might be a commonplace thing. "Although trustworthy data is lacking," the statement said, "it would seem that it might possible be dealing with a weather balloon." It was not a very convincing explanation, nor one which tallied with eyewitness descriptions and photos. For one thing its shape did not suggest a

balloon; for another the pilot quoted in an air ministry statement described something quite different from a balloon; and finally, there were credible reports that the thing was moving counter to winds at its estimated altitude. One theory advanced by a respectable government source was that it was a meteorological balloon that drifted over Spain from France--a balloon used by researchers in the Concorde jetliner project. But that theory collapsed the following day when French technicians found their balloon in northern Spain and said they had tracked it constantly and it had not drifted over Madrid.

MYSTERY DISC OVER ILLINOIS--An UFO was reported over Aurora, Illinois on August 1. The sighting was reported in a cloudless, sunlit sky at 7:15 and again at 7:30 p.m. by Roy Wiskur, Sr. Substantiating Wiskur's report were three persons who said they heard a weird sound, presumably coming from the object. They were his wife and two neighbors, Everett Parcell and Bill Schinke. At 7:05 p.m., while trimming his lawn with a power mower, Wiskur heard a loud noise above the sound of the mower. It sounded "like 50 steel rakes being scraped on concrete." He stopped the mower, looked about, but saw nothing. Then his wife, who had been gardening behind the house, came to the front and asked him about the noise. Neither could account for it. Wiskur continued mowing. At 7:15 p.m. the noise returned. Wiskur again stopped the mower and looked up toward the apparent source of the noise. He then spotted a disc-shaped craft, above and to the east of him. "It was as shiny as a new half-dollar," he said. "It remained in view for about 45 seconds. All of it, or an outer rim, was constantly spinning. It changed direction of movement several times and tipped slightly each time it did so. "When it tipped at a certain angle, the sun reflected from it so brilliantly it hurt my eyes. And when it left, it went straight up. The sound faded with it." When it moved, Wiskur said, it seemed to have a speed of hundreds of miles per hour. The sound returned a third time, at 7:30 p.m., but it was not so near. Scanning the sky, Wiskur then spotted the disc to the west, approximately over the Aurora Country Club grounds. Neither Parcell nor Schinke saw the craft, but they confirmed the strange sounds as having occurred simultaneously with their neighbors sighting. They agreed the sound was similar to a harsh hissing and that it was unlike anything they had heard before. Wiskur could not be sure of the size or height of the craft above the ground. He estimated that it may have been from 200 to 1000 feet in the air. He guessed its diameter at 45 to 50 feet.

DOES SEVEN HILLS AREA LURE UFOs--by Dennis Maiotti--Sunday, July 7 marked the fifth time during the past few months that an UFO was observed in Seven Hills, Ohio. The object, observed by six individuals on a farm, appeared to descend into the woods at approximately 9:21 p.m. The object, when sighted, appeared to travel east in a path parallel to the horizon, approximately 100 feet above the tree-tops. Changing to a southeast direction, the object began to descend into the trees. Suspending itself momentarily a few feet above the tree-tops, the object then continued to descend rapidly into the woods. Appearing to be located one mile into the woods, the size of the UFO was undeterminable. According to observers, however, the object appeared to be larger than a jet aircraft. Not emitting any audible sounds, the object seemed to be an oval-shaped, swirling, pulsating mass of orange light. Distinguishable in the center was a bright white searchlight. Those who observed the object referred to the searchlight as "resembling a type of landing light." Similar objects have been observed four times prior to July 7 by various other residents

in the area. According to residents, the first observation was made by a woman. She reported that at approximately 9:30 p.m., April 12, she was drawn to look out of one of the back windows of her home, when her dining room was illuminated with a "big bright orange light." Stunned, she observed the light to suspend itself above the tree-tops. According to her, within seconds this huge ball of orange light vanished as if someone turned off a switch. During the first week of July, this same woman observed two such smaller objects in the same area. Another resident of the general vicinity related that her living room was also illuminated by an orange light. The light which occurred in the evening, penetrated her draperies which were closed at the time. Thinking that the home across the street was burning, she went outside, only to find a glowing orange ball of light hovering above the rooftops of the homes across the street. Once again, within a few seconds, the object vanished. A group of friends visiting each other reported observing an orange mass, or light, suspended above a wooded area during the twilight hours of June 2.

WHAT'S NEW UP THERE--WEIRD ASTRAL SIGHTS--The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has published a report that is certain to become must reading for serious moonwatchers and UFO fanciers. The 55-page booklet bears the innocuous title "Chronological Catalogue of Reported Lunar Events." The term "reported lunar events" means strange lights, objects, clouds and other things that amateur and professional astronomers have reported seeing on and above the lunar surface for more than 428 years. Authors of the NASA report--supported by grants from the National Science Foundation--are: Barbara M. Middlehurst, of the University of Arizona; Jaylee M. Burley, of the Goddard Space Flight Center; Patrick Moore, of the Armagh Planetarium, and Barbara L. Welther, of the Smithsonian Astrological Observatory. Some weird and unexplained sightings of moving lights, phantom objects and other strange happenings reportedly seen--by professional or lay astronomers--occurring on or above the surface of the moon are listed, despite the authors' statement that: "We attempted to eliminate all doubtful reports from this catalogue." Popular impressions to the contrary, the "Catalogue of Reported Lunar Events" shows that reports of strange lights and other events on the moon have increased rather than decreased since the advent of the space age. A breakdown of the 579 reported lunar events that the authors list as having occurred between November 26, 1540 and October 19, 1967, shows: One or two such reports are in the literature of the 16th century; Seven such sightings are reported in the literature of the 17th century; There are 62 such reports in the literature of the 18th century; There are 136 such reports listed in the literature of the 19th century; There are 372 such reports listed in the literature of this 20th century, including 155 such reports since 1960. Eight such lunar events were reported last year.

The "events" range from lunar lighting, to moving and stationary starlike objects through volcanic eruptions, the appearance and disappearance of phantom hills and clouds to flashing lights that formed symbols looking like the Greek letter gamma. Some examples, of the reported lunar events listed in the booklet: November 26, 1540--observers at Worms reported a "starlike appearance on the dark side of the moon." Forty-seven years later--on March 5, 1587--an anonymous observer reported also seeing a star on the dark side of the moon. His quaint Chaucerian-like description of that observation follows: "A sterre is sene in the bodie of the moon upon the (blank) of Marche, were at many men mervelled, and not without cause, for it sode directly betwene the pointes of her horns, the mone

being changed, not passing 5 or 6 daies before." By the end of the 17th century clouds and spots were reported seen on the moon. In the 18th century the tempo of reports of strange things happening on the moon increased. Sparkling spots, lightning, moving glows and other curious phenomena were reported from time to time. On May 4, 1783, the great astronomer of his day, William Herschel, touched off a dispute that is still raging. He reported seeing a volcano on the moon. And four years later, on April 19, 1787, he again reported seeing a volcanic eruption on the moon in a single night. Since Herschel's first identification of what he called volcanic eruptions on the moon there have been literally dozens of reports from various parts of the world recording the observation of volcanoes, dark clouds, smoke plumes and other peculiar events on the moon. Because until recently it was an unofficial dictum of astronomers that the moon was a cold, dead body, there has been a strong reluctance of any professional astronomer to report seeing volcanoes on the moon. Any changes in colors on the lunar surface are described by such terms as "glow" and "color anomalies" or "spots."

AERIAL MYSTERY OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA--The Ocotillo-Blaster City, Calif., area was the scene of an unexplained aerial sighting on August 8. At approximately 1:15 a.m., Navy personnel in the control tower of the Naval Air Facility in El Centro saw what they first believed to be flares in the sky. This was in the same general vicinity where what appeared to be a flaming object in the sky had brought reports of an airplane crash from witnesses the night before. The Navy personnel called the Border Patrol to ask them to investigate, who in turn called the Imperial County Sheriff's Office. According to base chaplain Myron E. Insko, acting public information officer for the NAF, the tower personnel became convinced that what they saw were actually not flares, since they appeared to be stationary in the sky and did not drift or fall downward as aerial flares might be expected to do. Chaplain Insko said that the men had become convinced that what they were seeing were the reflections of the headlights of cars off of hillsides or small clouds. The fact that they were evidently so noticeable as to be reported was explained as being due to the unusually clear atmospheric conditions resulting after a rainstorm in the area the evening before.

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