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ALIEN CRAFT LANDS NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C.--A 16-year-old Bethesda, Maryland youth, delivering the Washington Post in Bethesda, says he saw an alien craft in the River Road-Western Avenue vicinity the morning of October 24, 1968. It wasn't hovering--it was on the ground. The incident is under investigation. "We can't tell you too much about it right now," said Gordon Lore, investigator, "as we haven't put any label on it yet." The craft was spotted by the Post carrier about 6 a.m. Sighting was in a small park near River and Western. The youth described the craft as "disc-shaped with a cone-shaped protrusion which rested on the ground. It was quite large," he said, "about 17 yards across the disc portion." There were alternating, dim red, white and yellow lights around the center of the disc, and the craft did not move. Street lights behind the park, reflecting on the disc, made it appear that it was of silver, metallic material. What was the young Bethesdan's reaction? "I just stood and watched it for two or three minutes. I had to deliver the rest of my papers and when I came back in about 20 minutes, the thing was gone." The carrier said, however, that he saw a hole in the ground, about two feet by a foot and a half, where the craft had been. There was also a circular area of scorched earth, about two feet wide, surrounding the hole. The carrier apparently took the incident in stride. "I wasn't really scared," he said, "because if there was anybody in that sophisticated craft, they knew that I was out there and they didn't hurt me." He estimates that when he first saw the craft, he was standing about 150 feet away, in the street. "I did feel kind of numb all over," he admits, "just sort of stunned and I thought 'There's somebody else here... that's for sure!' But, our astronauts wouldn't be scared if they saw life on other planets...maybe if they come here, they want to see what--and how--we're doing."

A team of eight men, headed by investigator Lore, went out to inspect the area and talk to the youth. Included in the group was a man from the National Aeronautics and Space Agency and one from the Library of Congress. The group took earth samples from the hole and the surrounding scorched earth which are now under analysis. One of the tests will be a chemical analysis to look for minute metal particles and to determine if they are "foreign." The group also ran a geiger counter test on the spot and found no change in the radiation count. But, Lore explained, "that was six days after the sighting and rain would have washed away radiation." One area of doubt is that the hole could have been there for some time before the sighting. A birdwatcher who lives in the area says that the hole was there before. When questioned on this, the newsboy replied, "My friends and I have played baseball and football in that field for about ten years and have never seen the hole before." Lore described the youth as a "stable young man," and others who knew of the sighting said he was "a reliable source." His parents have asked that he not be identified because of possible bad publicity.

PSYCHIATRIST REPORTS ON UFOs--Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz of Montclair, New Jersey has never seen an UFO, but he has talked to people who have. Schwarz is not saying "yes," and he's not saying "no." But in a recent article written by him for the magazine "Medical Times," he cites four cases, two of them occurring in New Jersey, and two in Pennsylvania. Dr. Schwarz is an assistant attending psychiatrist at the Montclair Community Hospital in Montclair. He has long had an abiding interest in supernatural happenings, extrasensory perception and related phenomena. At the conclusion of his report, Dr. Schwarz said he felt that the objective "details of the reported UFO experiences are essentially real, and neither phantased nor derisive." One of Dr. Schwarz's first interests in UFO sightings was concentrated on the experiences of a sergeant in the Wanaque Reservoir Police Force. The sergeant, Benjamin Thompson, has six years on the reservoir police force and twenty years as a guard for a New Jersey chemical plant. Dr. Schwarz relates that Sgt. Thompson observed UFOs on four separate occasions. The first was while the sergeant was on patrol on the night of Oct. 11, 1966. Having received a report of a UFO sighting by radio message in his patrol car from a fellow officer in a community nearby he sped to the area. Dr. Schwarz quotes Thompson as saying: "It was diagonally 250 feet from me, out over the reservoir, as big as an automobile, or bigger. It was about 250 feet up in the air. When I got out of the police car, this thing was so bright that it blinded me so bad I couldn't find the car. It was all white, like looking into a bulb and trying to see the socket..." According to the doctor, Sgt. Thompson said he observed the UFO for three minutes and that it made no sound. He described it as a basketball with a hole cut in it and a football set in it and it could shoot straight up into the air. Dr. Schwarz said that a fellow police officer of Thompson's, in addition to a woman driving by the reservoir at the time, witnessed the craft.

The second New Jersey case of a UFO sighting was by Jerry H. Simons, a 22-year-old forester from Newfoundland, five days after Sgt. Thompson's sighting. The episode occurred just before dawn while Simons was camping at Split Rock Reservoir in northern New Jersey. It was Simons' first experience with a UFO. A day after the experience, Simons related, according to Dr. Schwarz, that he was "traveling north on the road and noticed a very outstanding glow in the rear-view mirror. I thought at first that my brake light was stuck." The light became brighter. Simons stopped the car and rolled down the window. "What I saw took me completely unawares and scared the living hell out of me," he related. "At first glance it seemed to be nothing but a huge glowing light, but then I noticed a very distinct outline of what appeared to be some sort of a solid body." The wierd light pursued Simons in his auto. Simons sped off to the home of Thomas P. Byrnes, superintendent of the Newark Watershed in Newfoundland. "He was terribly excited, almost white." Byrnes recalled. A report was made to the West Milford Township police. Simons sketched the alleged UFO as being an estimated 25 by 30 feet, and at tree height. According to Dr. Schwarz, the object "made no noise, and there was no odor or other sensation." He (Simons) estimated that the auto motor was unresponsive for less than a minute, and then when the lights came back on he started the engine again. Dr. Schwarz said that, when Simons arrived at the reservoir office, he turned off the engine, but the car later started up spontaneously, despite the fact that the ignition key was in the off position. Dr. Schwarz reports: "Three months after the UFO incident (January 17, 1967), Simons was admitted to Montclair Community Hospital for a 'fascinating illness of three months!'"

duration characterized by fatigue, anorexia, generalized sorness and weakness of the muscles, drowsiness, chills for three or four days and a weight loss of 35 pounds.' " As Dr. Schwarz points out in his article, gt. Thompson's drawing for the UFO as he saw it closely resembled the hysical shape of that sighted by Simons. Case No. 3 in Dr. Schwarz's report is that of a 73-year-old Monroeton, Penn., electrical contractor who, on April 25, 1966, while driving with a friend, noticed an "awesome, huge, flaming body, which lit up a large area visible for a few seconds." His auto engine stalled and the lights went out momentarily. Dr. Schwarz sums up: "Although the objective reality of the alleged UFO accounts can neither be proved nor disproved, the data are entirely similar to many published experiences and seem to be authentic."

FISHERMEN REPORT FLYING OBJECT--Three frightened fishermen said they witnessed an alien object come from the stars, cross the water to their fishing boat where it stopped for a minute or more then flew straight up and out of sight at a fantastic rate of speed on November 22, 1968. Boxed in for most of the day by dense fog, shrimp boats began to move about as the fog lifted in the late evening, prelude to a crystal clear night with a light breeze and plenty of stars in the sky. The Gulf Central, a 53-footer, was heading to Biloxi, Mississippi, located at the time of the sighting between Chandeleur and Ship Islands on the Gulf of Mexico. The skipper, Preston L. Mallette, Sr., was attempting to locate another vessel, the Bobby Charles, which had been lost in the fog since early that morning. By radio, the Bobby Charles reported a single engine plane had just crossed its bow and asked the Gulf Central crewmen to locate this plane in order to get a fix on the Bobby Charles. Kenneth Lee Mallette, Jr., the skipper's son, rushed to the after deck and turned off the stern lights. Gazing across the waters the younger Mallette's attention was drawn by a light which moved high in the southern sky. "At first I thought it was a star. It came straight down." It didn't jostle the young man, however, because he often "laid down on the back deck and looked up at the stars" and often saw them fall like meteors and disappear over the horizon. This one made a turn though. After traveling straight down for a while it made a 45-degree turn and continued its descent. Then it leveled off and traveled across the water generally from south to north, aiming itself at the wake of the Gulf Central.

Frighteningly, Mallette related, the object traveled right up to the boat, within 1000 feet overhead. It was brilliantly lighted, it made no noise. It made its approach over the water. "It looked like a star moving at us; it looked like a big star. It came right on towards us and whenever it got right up over the boat it hesitated about a minute to a minute and a half and then went straight up out of sight." How high was the UFO? "We've been arguing that point, Mallette replied. His father claims 1000 feet, the younger Mallette and his uncle, William R. Mallette, the skipper's brother, claim it was a little less. How big was it? "We weren't sure. It looked as big as the boat and we finally settled on about 15-foot in diameter." What did it look like? "It looked just like a plate you set on the table," the skipper's son said. "It was flat on top and bulged at the bottom. It was round." The craft also gave off a light. How bright was it? "It was white on both sides, it looked smooth and the light didn't blind you. We had all the lights off on the boat and it threw a light on the boat like somebody was throwing a spotlight on us. It looked like one great big white light. We looked for blinkers on it, but there were none to see." Then it turned and shot straight up "It took anywhere from 30 seconds to a minute to get out of sight."

UFO 'SANK IN RIVER'--Acadia University geology professor R.H. MacNeill has another UFO report to evaluate--one that he barely missed making first hand. As a member of the National Research Council's meteorite committee, Prof. MacNeill said he was satisfied four boys definitely saw something which they vividly described to him following a hike September 15, 1968 on the Cornwallis River dyke near Port Williams, N.S., Canada. David Taylor, 14, Wolfville grade nine student, and three companions saw the craft. "We were out on the Cornwallis River dyke at 4:30 and the object we saw was about 15 feet across and six feet high," David said. "It was about a quarter of a mile away." The craft was black and hovered 100 feet above the river. "We ran over and it was just floating in the air and appeared to be oscillating like a spinning top. We were 40 feet from it. We stood there and watched it for about 10 minutes--then it slowly started heading down for the Cornwallis River. It went onto the water and moved with the current." There was no splash when the object hit the water and it made no noise in the air, the youth said in an interview. "When we got there it was nothing but a big black shadow under the water. It broke surface twice. The boys returned to Wolfville and contacted Prof. MacNeill who went to the scene. David said he went on ahead of Prof. MacNeill and saw the craft again. "It must have detected us because it slowly moved out and sank into the river," said David. "It just seemed like a huge mass. At first we thought it was birds forming up into a flock. Then we decided it must be a UFO." Prof MacNeill said he did not see the object when he arrived. "But I feel the boys saw something. They are an intelligent group of boys."

THREE ALIEN CRAFT LAND IN MISSISSIPPI--John M. Putnam of Cameron has vividly described three alien craft that landed in his driveway about October 20, 1968. "Shortly after midnight I awoke during my sleep because I rarely am able to sleep much at night. The lights were off in the house but I wanted to smoke my pipe, so I had started into another room where I knew my pipe was. Before I could get there, I heard this scraping sound out in my front yard." Putnam went on to tell how he went to his front door and discovered three extremely bright objects in the driveway in front of his home. "The objects were so bright that they just lit up the countryside--you could even see the pine burrs on the trees across the road," Putnam said, pointing out that even in broad daylight they couldn't be seen from his house. "Looked kind of like round metal corn bins, one was seven feet in diameter, another five and a half feet, and yet another four and a half feet across. All three were about 12 feet tall and I could see the curtains behind the windows, I mean they were so bright they looked like Christmas trees." Putnam said that he couldn't see anyone or anything move and that all he could see were the three cylinder-shaped craft. "As I made my way out on the porch and down the steps they disappeared, just like blowing out a match. All of a sudden it was gone and everything was dark." Putnam related that he was disappointed that he wasn't able to see them closer, but with little or no noise they left. "I was a little afraid to tell anybody about it because I knew that they would think I was crazy," he said. Putnam did tell the story to a friend who remarked that it was the devil coming to get him. "I just hope that if it was, he comes back in something that pretty," remarked Putnam. There were three very distinct circular tracks left in the Putnam driveway marking the spot where the alien craft had landed

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