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Due to the lateness in getting this issue out, there won't be any "Club News Corner" page but it will be included in the next edition.

11/5/57 - Mitchell, South Dakota - Four Mitchell people and a Pierre, S.D. man were witnesses to the sighting of three UFO's, according to Police Chief Don Licht, who reported seeing the objects himself. With Licht at the time of the sighting were C.R. Schlicht, who first spotted the objects; Schlicht's daughter, Joyce; Don Rounds, Pierre area safety coordinator for the State Highway Patrol, who was visiting the Lichts, and Mrs. Licht. Licht described the objects, seen at about 6.30 p.m., as having one large bright white light with smaller lights around it. There were 3 of the objects, he said. The objects themselves could not be seen because of darkness, the police chief said. He added that the center object also had a red light above the white lights. One of the objects was a little behind and away from the other two, but all three held to a formation. They made no noise like an airplane, Licht stated, and changed direction abruptly, and when they did so, the lights grew brighter. Licht said the group watched the objects 15 to 20 minutes. They appeared from the west, go east, return over Mitchell and turn south. They then circled in the southeastern sky. Licht also reported that on two occasions last night two different desk sergeants at the police station had heard what sounded like a foreign

language on the police radio--something that had never occurred before. He said that he had been informed by Hanson County Sheriff Dewey Heineman that he had also picked up the sound on his radio at approximately the same time the objects were sighted over Mitchell. Licht said he had no way of connecting the two occurrences, except that they were at about the same time. (NOTE: On the night of Nov. 6th, police and sheriff's radio transmitters were blacked out by mysterious foreign-like voices which were heard in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. These signals were strong enough to stop transmission in many areas.)

11/5/57 - Hebron, Illinois - Six UFO's were seen circling over Hebron during the evening. The descriptions indicated the objects seemed to be rotating and every once-in-a-while a flash of white, red and yellow would appear. The objects changed direction and color rapidly, moving like a flash. Hebron Town Marshall George Waples said he and 20 or 30 other residents watched about an hour as the objects drifted and darted above. "They seemed like moving lights, pretty high up. The colors seemed to change regularly--red, green and amber. And the objects seemed to be turning," he said. "The first one--the largest one--came in

from the southeast, fairly fast. It headed north toward Milwaukee, and then seemed to veer east. The others seemed to be scattered about the sky with it."

11/5/57 - Houston, Texas--William Rush, said electrical interference from an unidentified flying object killed his car engine on Long Point Road near Silber Road about 4.30 a.m. Rush, who is manager of Yale St. Transport, said he first mistook the object for a red traffic signal. It was egg-shaped and glowed brightly. His car radio was blanked out with static. The object moved at high speed, Rush added.

11/5/57 - Hedley, Texas - W.V. Bain said he saw a mysterious light hovering over his farm about dusk. Bain lives 1½ miles north of highway 287, halfway between Hedley and Lelia Lake. "Just as I was walking out to the pick-up truck with my head down I noticed the ground lighted up. I looked up, and about 30 feet off the ground and about a mile to the west was this flickering mysterious light. I've never seen a light of that color before--it was between a blue and a green and brilliant. It flashed on and off six times, to be exact, and disappeared to the northeast. It scared the fool out of me and left me weak," Bain said. Bain's wife, Alma Jo, said she was busy in the kitchen and at the same time she noticed bright flashes come through her kitchen window. Bain also later learned that Paul McCarty, a neighbor living one mile north of him, reported his television suddenly went off the same time Bain reported seeing the light. "It was just about enough to make a preacher of me," he said.

11/5/57 - Galesburg, Illinois -- A farmers wife, Mrs. William Steagall said that a "fiery orange" object hovered over the area in the pre-dawn hours and then disappeared in a northwesterly direction. She said she spotted the cigar or egg-shaped object in the sky about 4.30 a.m. when she was awakened by the barking of a neighbors dog.

11/5/57 - Near Antioch, Illinois-- (Special Report) -- A man who said: "was never so scared in my life," and his wife who fainted after seeing something she says she never wants to see again, are living with the fear that what happened to them may happen again. The unidentified object that struck fear in the hearts of Larry Beaman, 20, and his wife Marilyn, 18, residents of Ringwood Illinois, a small town near McHenry was described by them as a burning white ball "that looked like the moon." Beaman and his wife first saw the object about 6.30 p.m. near Antioch, in northern Lake County, Illinois. It followed their car and later almost landed behind a school building in Ringwood, about two blocks from Beaman's home. "I ran back and got witnesses to come and see this thing behind the school. "I never saw anything like it before in my life," said Beaman. "I didn't want people to think I was lying." At the same time Beaman was standing on a deserted Illinois highway surrounded by darkness watching the weird object, television sets in Ringwood began to dim and then lost their picture and sound altogether. This was at about 7 p.m. Beaman said he and his wife first noticed the ball of white fire on his wife's side of the car as he drove. "We both looked out her window and saw it following alongside us at about 2,000 feet. It was a perfect ball in shape. It pulsed from white to yellow." "It went out several times just like a light bulb. We estimated it would stay out for several minutes and then come back on. It did this several times." She said by now they were driving on county highway P, seven miles of highway between Richmond and Ringwood. "Then it went out again and I asked my husband to stop," explained Mrs. Beaman. "I wanted to see if it would return because we were so close to home I thought we could get some of our relatives to see it. We pulled to the side of the road and stopped. We had our five month old baby in the car. We couldn't see it anywhere, then suddenly it flashed on

and started coming for us." It seemed to grow in size as it came for us, said Beaman. My wife screamed and I got the car going as fast as I could. He estimated the ball at its largest size as 30 feet in diameter. As the Beamans sped into Ringwood they saw the weird ball settle "like it was going to land" behind the school. Beaman said he took his wife home with the child and then drove back up the road to the school. "There were trees and it was in them," he said. "It was moving up-and-down, like a yo-yo, between the tops and base of the trees. I guess I was about 250 yards from the thing and that was close enough. You couldn't watch it for any length of time. It looked like a diamond the way it glittered. Like a welder's arc would be better. You just couldn't watch it. Beaman drove back to get witnesses. Back with him for the second time came his wife and neighbors. They stood on the road. "I wanted to find out what it was," said Beaman, "then suddenly I didn't--after I got there--because I was scared. A sound like that of water being swished around in a washing machine was constantly around us while it was present. I couldn't see any entrance to the thing and I couldn't see any wheels. It changed in shape as it came near the earth, resembling half of a ball, just like making a perfect ball and cutting it in half," both the wife and husband agreed. They said only the top half glowed the same shimmering white. The sight was too much for Mrs. Beaman. Before they could get her home she fainted. Beaman got Charles Tate, 26, of Ringwood and several other men. "We went back up there for the third time. I was really scared but I wasn't making this up. When we got there," said Tate, "it was leaving. It looked like a big red light and then it turned burnt orange and finally a purple hue and disappeared towards the southwest." "When it got up over the trees again," remembered Beaman, "it turned to its original shape. Like a perfect ball. Its movements were darting, jerking like. Like a humming bird can hover for a second or so then dart to another spot." By now it was dark outside.

11/5/57 - Near Hobbs, New Mexico -- Two Hobbs men, who refused to permit use of their names, reported a mysterious light hovered over their speeding car while the pair was returning to Hobbs from Carlsbad, N.M., causing the engine to stop and the lights to go out. It exhausted the power in the car battery, as well. The incident occurred about 11 p.m., on U.S. 180, at a point approximately 13 miles west of Hobbs. The driver of the car, a 21-year-old clerk in a trucking firm, described the experience as "About the most scary thing that ever happened to me!" He still was frightened when interviewed, and his hands shook badly as he talked. The clerk said he and a friend were returning from a meeting in Carlsbad when they first saw the "reddish colored" light north of the road at a point shortly before reaching a point 38 miles west of Hobbs. "It remained in sight for the next nine or ten minutes. Then, while we both were watching it, the light suddenly rose straight up in the sky. We couldn't tell how high, because we could not judge how far away from us it actually was." The clerk continued to drive towards Hobbs and the light seemed to travel parallel with him north of the road. "I was getting pretty scared about that time and kept speeding up, trying to get away from it," he said. "I finally reached a speed of about 90 m.p.h. when the light suddenly turned toward my car and passed directly overhead while we were about a mile west of the Permian Basin Pipe Line Plant. At the exact moment it was over us, my car motor began acting up--coughing and missing. At the same time the lights suddenly went out. Then the motor quit altogether. I put the car in neutral and coasted all the way to the Monument on U.S. 180. My friend kept watching the light and he told me it had passed over us and seemed to hover over the Basin Pipe Line Plant, remaining there for maybe 7 or 8 minutes. I coasted to a stop and then tried my starter. The motor caught and the lights came back on, and I drove to Hobbs." The next morning when he

went out to start his car the battery was completely dead. The clock on the dashboard also had stopped. Four persons, whom Hobbs sources consider reliable, including a trained Civil Aeronautics Administration employe, said they watched a strange ball of fire hovering under overhanging clouds southwest of Hobbs that night.

11/6/57 - Stanton, Minn. - Two housewives, who once made fun of UFO reports, had a very real experience. They are Mrs. Bill Cahalan and Mrs. Bernard Wierson. Her daughter Barbara, 7, was looking out the back window to the north, as they traveled south on highway 56. About 3 p.m. Mrs. Cahalan was enroute to Stanton to visit Mrs. Wierson. They had just passed Randolph and were nearing the Stanton Airport. Barbara said, "Look at the funny moon following us." The mother said, "No, that's the sun." However, she then realized the bright object was to the north on the overcast sky. Mrs. Cahalan stopped the car, and everyone got out to have a look. One of her six children described it as looking like a "flying soup bowl." It was bright porcelain, round-like. It kept changing color, but the predominating one was greenish-yellow. The object followed them to Wierson's farm, where it hovered over the house. The glow around the object was as large as an eight room house, Mrs. Cahalan said. Mrs. Wierson declared the round object which probably came within a block of the house, was like a full moon. There was no sound. The greenish-yellow glow changed the complexions of the onlookers. The dog barked violently. It came down out of the overcast and was about 500 feet over the house. It was bright, but you could look at it, they declared. "Your first glance at it made you want to look away," Mrs. Wierson said. Suddenly the thing went straight up and disappeared in the clouds. Greenish-yellow streaks remained for a time in the sky. Mrs. Cahalan's husband said his wife is the type of person who has-- in the past--been inclined to comment on flying saucer reports: "What's the matter with people's heads, reporting stuff like that." Mrs. Wierson said she was a former skeptic too.

11/6/57 - New Orleans, La. - Coast Guard officials received an early morning report of a UFO in the sky 300 feet off the ground just before a Coast Guard cutter picked up a UFO on their radar in the Gulf of Mexico just south of La. Frank Accardo, a milkman, and his helper, Charles Smith, reported they saw the object in the western sky just before 5 a.m. Accardo reported he and his driver descended from the truck in order to watch the object. "I had just read the story about the man who said he visited a space ship and I had laughed at it thinking that fellow must have been off his rocker," Accardo said. "Then I picked up my helper and we drove out the River Road. Just behind Foundation Hospital I saw this thing rise over the levee, like it was coming out of the river. It was about 200 feet from me and about 300-400 feet in the air. It was about 4.30 a.m. to 4.45 a.m. I turned to my helper and asked if he saw anything. He pointed to the object and said he saw that "thing". Accardo said the object appeared to be a cluster of lights and then looked like a "fat cigar". "The thing sort of glowed. It didn't have any glare--just a brilliant glow. We looked at it for about a minute and a half and then when we really realized what was going on we got out of the truck. Then all of a sudden, in about five seconds, the brilliant glow just dimmed out and the thing disappeared.

11/6/57 - Waukesha, Wisconsin --Ray Wuchterl, 28, and William Madden, 23, saw a strange cigar-shaped object in the sky over Waukesha at about 4.20 p.m. They watched it for about 15 minutes as it streaked across the sky from east to west, then seemed to hang in mid-air over the city for about 10 minutes, Wuchterl said. "We were driving along in our truck," said Wuchterl. "Billy saw it first. He saw a short streak of vapor. He told me it wasn't like the vapor left by a jet. Billy just got out of the Air Force so he knows about planes. Then we saw it. It looked like a big cigar. It seemed to glow or sparkle. Looked like polished chrome in the sunshine. We headed

down the road, west. The thing was in the northwest sky about one-third of the way up from the horizon if you formed an angle by using the horizon and a line straight up. Twice it let off a big black thing from the side. Then it glowed. It turned left, then it turned right. Then it just stood still. Pretty soon it just took off. I never believed in that stuff before, but believe me, after I saw that, I could have knelt down and prayed."

11/6/57 - Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.- An unidentified flying object was spotted in the sky above the super-secret rocket test area at Edwards A.F. Base. Six air policemen in three locations on the sprawling base told of seeing the object, which they variously described as "an orange ball" and alternating red and white light. Observers put the object about 200 ft. above the closely guarded rocket test facility.

11/6/57 - Graham Air Force Base, Fla.- Two Graham Air Force Base security guards reported "a brilliant cigar-shaped object" travelling at a high rate of speed north-northeast of the base shortly before dawn. Roland Padgett explained that at 4.30 a.m. he and his co-worker, James R. Miller were checking early arriving employees through the main gate. Noticing the loom of headlights from the highway, they unconsciously made ready to pass a car through the gate--suddenly, both noticed a flash of light. Padgett exclaimed, "Where is that car?" they both realized there wasn't any. The bright light was coming from the sky, not the road. "It wasn't a meteor," said Padgett, who is 48. "I've seen plenty of those. It lasted several seconds. I don't know what it was. It was here and then it was there. Many of the early arriving workers reported seeing it also.

11/6/57 - Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. "An unidentified flying object" was reported by officials here at 4.26 a.m.

11/6/57 - Santa Fe, New Mexico - A motorist and his wife reported they spotted a large, bright object hovering above the ground a few blocks from the state capital early in the

morning. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marez said they were terrified about 4 a.m. by the sight of a "huge glob of light" ~~HOVE~~/hovering 60-70 ft. off the ground about six blocks northwest of the state capital building. Marez said the object gave off sparks and left a blue and yellow trail of vapor before speeding off in the direction of Las Vegas.

Santa Fe, New Mexico - Joe Martinez and Albert Gallogos reported seeing a huge "blob of light" zooming over the city shortly after midnight. Martinez said he and Gallogos were driving ~~toward~~"when this thing came out of the north right at us." We were driving very slow at the time. The motor stopped, but I may have killed it myself. I know it was right after midnight, because the clock in the car stopped too and so did my wristwatch. I can't describe it. It was huge and so bright that it lit up the ~~inside~~ of the car. We thought it was going to hit the car. It seemed to be moving very slowly--coming out of the north towards us. It wasn't round--more of an egg shape--and very bright. When it got right over the car we heard a distinct humming sound very plainly. Then it pulled up and shot away toward the southeast. Tell me one thing, Martinez asked, am I going crazy, seeing something like that.

11/6/57 - Near Westport, Indiana -- Albert Small, 22, of Westport, said he and a companion, Charles McLeod, 20, of North Vernon, were driving from North Vernon to Westport about 7.30 p.m. when they sighted what they at first believed to be an exceptionally bright star. By the time they reached Westport, Small stated, their curiosity was aroused as the object they had spotted now appeared larger and closer to the earth. It was visible to the north-east of Westport, he said, and they decided to investigate. Driving north on State Road 3 to Letts, they then proceeded east about three miles on a country road. It was here, Small reported, that he and McLeod got within 200 yards of the object, which was now on the ground.

The Westport youth described it as larger than an ordinary house giving off an extremely bright light that made it impossible to accurately define its shape. Small related that after a few seconds, before the two could get any closer, "it took off straight up with tremendous force." He said it reached an altitude he estimated at 5,000 feet in just a few seconds.

11/6/57 - Albany, Ga.--At least four reliable witnesses at widely separated points, said they saw a mysterious flying object during the early morning hours, and all gave essentially the same descriptions of it. First report of the sighting came from the Civil Aeronautics Administration's communications station at Albany Airport. W.G. Kelley, who was on duty at the time, recorded it on his official report. He described it as appearing to be 75-100 feet long, a brilliant red toward the back, and a bluish-white in the front. His report stated that the object appeared to be flying at about 12,000 feet when he first observed it, and that it glided downward and leveled off at an estimated 1,000 feet, and seemed to be preparing to land. His report said the object seemed to make a landing "two or three miles" south of the airport, and that it was so bright it lighted up the entire southeastern horizon. Kelley's report further stated that he was in contact with an airline pilot flying in the vicinity of Troy, Ala., and that the pilot had seen the same thing at the same time. Other contacts disclosed that CAA stations in Orlando, Miami and Vero Beach, Florida, also sighted the unidentified flying object.

11/6/57 - Near Atlanta, Ga.-- A truck dispatcher at an Atlanta terminal said 3 truck drivers coming into Atlanta from Macon on U.S. Hwy. 41 each made an independent report of seeing a red, egg-shaped ball on the highway. Each man said he saw the object between 1.00 and 1.30 p.m. As the truck approached the object, each driver reported, the ball disappeared. They each said it was "about the size of the moon."

11/6/57 Bonners Ferry, Idaho--Several residents reported seeing a mysterious

fireball crash to earth near here but searchers could turn up no trace of such an object. Boundary County Sheriff Jim Mulvaney said deputies searching the area where the object was reported to have gone down west of town could find only a brush fire started by the Forest Service. Jimmy Burkholder, who lives on the north side of town, reported seeing a "big ball of fire" that appeared to land about a mile west of here. Mrs. Ted Lozier who lives near the center of town, said she and her family had also seen a fireball fall, but they thought it landed about seven miles west with an explosion. Joe Guthrie said he saw the object and it appeared to fall farther south. The Sheriff's wife said she heard an explosion from her upstairs quarters but deputies below reported hearing nothing.

11/6/57 - Dugger, Indiana--Varnie Gilham, 34, told a doctor he got an eye inflammation after looking at an unidentified flying object that hovered over him for ten minutes.

11/6/57 - Long Beach, Calif.- The motors of three cars travelling along Vista del Mar at Playa del Rey conked out simultaneously at 5.40 a.m. and the drivers emerged to see a mysterious egg-shaped space ship "in a blue haze on the beach." That's what Richard Keyhoe of Long Beach, told the Mirror-News, adding: "I don't expect anyone will believe me--except someone else who's seen the same thing." Further, Keyhoe said, two men from the object spoke to him and the drivers of the other two cars "in broken english", then departed in the ship with a whoosh "straight up". Keyhoe, identified the other drivers as Ronald Burke, Redondo Beach, and Joe Thomas, Torrance. "Thomas called the Los Angeles police," Keyhoe said, "and the sergeant or whoever it was answered wanted to know if we'd been drinking." Keyhoe said he didn't get the street addresses of the other two drivers. "We were so frightened, we couldn't think of much of anything," he said. The phantom ship appeared on the beach in the area between Imperial and Century Blvds. while he was driving to work at the General Telephone

Company shops in Santa Monica, Keyhoe said. He described the space ship as "solid metal," tan or cream in color, with two metal rings around it on which it rested." Keyhoe described the space men as "both about 5 feet 5 inches, wearing black leather pants, white belt and light-colored jerseys." "They wanted to know where we were going, who we were, what time it was and questions like that," Keyhoe said. "Their skin seemed to be sort of yellowish-green in the early light, but they looked like earth people to me." Keyhoe, a single man who lives with his parents said he'd tried "to think if I've had a nightmare, but I don't believe it. I've never seen 'flying saucers' before or anything like that." Keyhoe said he and the other two drivers watched the ship zoom into the sky and disappear--then all of the cars started right away.

REQUEST STEP-UP IN U.S. PROBE OF UFO SIGHTINGS -- Long Beach, Calif., The former head of the Air Force's Blue Book investigation of UFO sightings, government should step up its probe of UFO sightings. The intensified investigation was urged by Edward J. Ruppelt, Long Beach, former Captain in the Air Technical Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and head of the Blue Book Project from 1951 to 1953. Ruppelt, now an aircraft research engineer specializing in weapons systems, said that in 1953 his staff presented evidence of sightings to seven top scientists who were gathered by the Air Force to consider UFO reports. "The scientists decided the evidence did not justify the conclusion that the flying objects were visitors from outer space," Ruppelt said, "but they did urge a greatly increased expenditure for an intensified investigation." According to Ruppelt, the recommendation ran head on into governmental economy drives and probe was never made. "The Air Force, therefore, adopted the position that UFO did not exist," Ruppelt said. He urged the Air Force to go back and take up the 1953 recommendation for increased investigation.

MILITARY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AUTO STALLER Washington, D.C., - 11/5/57 -- A device capable of disrupting the operation of motor vehicles or other mechanical equipment is one of the things the armed forces would like to see developed. But Leonard Hardland, chief engineer of the National Inventors' Council, said in response to an inquiry that he does not know of any research in this country aimed at producing a device that could stall automobiles or cause radios to fade. Asked how a "mystery object"--if it exists--could conceivably cause automobiles to stall and radios to fade, Hardland said his guess would be that it would involve some form of electromagnetic radiation. Such radiation, in the case of the internal-combustion engine operating on an ignition system, might cause a short circuiting of that system, he said. As for radio fading, Hardland said this, too, might involve electro-magnetic radiation. "You can block a radio by putting a high-intensity signal that will block the receiver completely," he said, adding, "It's a very common phenomenon in the vicinity of powerful radio transmitters" for nearby radios to be "blocked."

FLYING OBJECTS STIR INQUIRY BY PENTAGON PENTAGON Los Angeles, Calif., 11/6/57 -- The Pentagon is "greatly concerned" about the many reports of UFO's flitting about the country, and is "directing a very thorough investigation," Col. Dean Hess, Air Force Public Information officer here, said today. The Korean war ace called the office of the Secretary of the Air Force to ask a thorough investigation "so the public may know" the real nature of the objects. "I'm not going to be satisfied with one of these routine inquiries," said Col. Hess. "I am sure the American people would be receptive to information as to whether these objects are of terrestrial or celestial origin." (Editors Note: Col. Hess was sharply reprimanded for his public statement.)

11/7/57 - Fort Hood, Coryell County, Texas, -- Two Ford Hood Military Police said they got "within about 300

yards of a mysterious blue-bright light, brighter by far than any moon," at about 10.30 p.m. They said they spotted it "hovering about 100 feet above the Fort Hood Military Reservation." They said they got within "about 300 yards of it. Then it went."

11/7/57 - Near Waco, Texas -- Texas Ranger Captain Clint Peoples of Waco provided a vivid description of a mysterious blue-bright light spotted in the Waco area. "I first spotted it about 7.30 p.m. It seemed to lie between McGregor and Belton--in that general direction. It was way up there when I first saw it--several hundred feet up. A plane--I don't know what kind--started toward it and the light dimmed. Then it moved to the right. Three more planes started toward it. They peeled off to the right, but as they got near it, they headed back. Another plane seemed to circle it--at least it looked like the light was between the plane and me." Peoples said the light was growing dimmer and heading toward the ground the last time he saw it. "It seemed like it was only 300 or 400 feet off the ground. The closer it came to the ground, the dimmer it got. Finally it went out."

11/7/57 - Weatherly, Pa.,--More reports of UFOs over the Lehigh Valley have turned up. One of the most descriptive came from a group of teenagers in Weatherly in Central Carbon County southeast of Hazleton. Their report was confirmed later by Norman Koch, secretary of the borough. Koch said he had seen an object similar to the one reported by the youngsters while he was on his way to Tamaqua that evening. The eight teenagers in Weatherly were talking on the public steps of Kline Street shortly after 7 o'clock. One of the group, Joseph Furmanchin Jr., 13, reported it this way. "A large oval-shaped thing zoomed into sight at tremendous speed with a sort of hissing or sizzling sound. It had four bright red lights, diamond shaped. It made a kind of dip and then shot upward in the direction of Hudsondale. It was over in three or four seconds. We were scared stiff. The girls got hysterical. We got down off the steps and ran to my house." Not knowing,

of course, that the youngsters had seen an "object" until later, Koch reported he and his wife were driving to meet a train at Tamaqua when they saw it. "Halfway out in the middle of the Quakake Valley near the "Roundhead", a small rounded mountain, we saw a cluster of four or five red lights high in the sky. The cluster was stationary. If it moved it was very slowly and it was hard to make out any outline because of the height," he said. The couple watched the cluster from several different points, stopping to see if it was moving. On the return an hour later, Koch said the lights were gone.

11/7/57 - Anaheim, Calif.- A mysterious cigar-shaped object, bearing a sharp resemblance to a twin jet bomber without wings, was photographed by Edwin G. Leadford. Air Force Intelligence Officers, Leadford said, were inclined to brush off his picture. However, Col. Dean Hess, public information officer, said that he would take one to Air Research and Development Command at Dayton, Ohio. Leadford said he first saw the object in the northwest skies at 12.00 a.m. as he drove over the Katella overpass at Santa Ana Freeway, a mile east of Disneyland. He stopped his car and took the picture. Then the object suddenly disappeared. It was standing still when he snapped the shutter, he said. Members of the Garden Grove Ground Observer Post also saw the object Leadford said, but it was not reported to the Air Defense Filter center at Pasadena. Leadford said he telephoned the FBI and was referred to the Air Force counter intelligence group at Cheli AFB, Maywood. All they said was "get fingerprints on the negative," he said. He took the picture to the filter center where it was viewed briefly without comment. He also took it to Dr. Dinsmore Alter at Griffith Park Observatory. "I don't know what to say about it," he quoted Dr. Alter. "I'm only an astronomer and familiar with only celestial objects."

11/7/57 - Amarillo, Texas - Blinding bright objects flashing red, white and green lights hovered for some 30 minutes over the Pantex Atomic Energy

Commission ordinance plant, 15 miles east of Amarillo, according to plant guards. The brilliant objects were reported to the State Highway Patrol office by plant guards at 7.46 p.m. A Highway Patrolman who was dispatched to the plant immediately arrived about 8.15 p.m. and reported he, too sighted "a strange light". The patrolman said when he arrived the guards "were all shook up". Guards said 3 objects had been floating over the plant some 50 feet above the ground "for some time." "When I got there," the patrolman said, "The guards said one of the objects had landed on Farm Road 2373 three miles north of Hwy 60. We drove to the area but nothing was there. But I'm convinced," he continued, "that the guards saw something land. I saw one of them, too," he said. "I was parked on the farm road where one was supposed to have landed--I had my lights off--and I saw this bright reddish-tinted object really moving. It was zig-zagging in and out of the clouds. It didn't make any noise." The patrolman also said he spotted a commercial airplane at the same time the "strange light" was above his patrol car. "The plane was making noise and had completely different lights--nothing like what I saw," he said. "I may have seen another, too," he said. "But the second light I spotted was higher and farther away and I couldn't be sure it wasn't an airplane light." The patrolman said guards told him they had tried to slip up on the objects by turning off their lights "but the things would just slip away from them when they got near," he said. According to the guards, one of the objects circled the east side of the plant area time and again. "They said it had bright lights-blinking fast--and appeared to be very sizeable." The guards were unable to estimate the size of the objects "because they couldn't get close enough to them." He also said the guards seemed positive "they saw more than just lights--that objects were in the sky."

11/7/57-Alamogordo, New Mexico--A report of a daytime sighting of a UFO in the White Sands Proving Ground

Area of Southern New Mexico came from an Alamogordo insurance man. Trent Lindsey told the Alamogordo Daily News that he, his wife and his son, Byron, 22, saw the object in the morning as they were driving on U.S. 54 only a few miles north of the spot where an Air Force Missile Development Center engineer, James W. Stokes, 46, reported seeing a UFO. Lindsey said he spotted a silvery object traveling at "tremendous" speed out of the northeast. He estimated it was about 10,000 feet high and 30 miles away. He said it was very large, as even at that distance he could see it was not a conventional aircraft. Both Lindsey and his son described the object as being cylindrical or oval-shape.

11/7/57 - Spokand, Washington --Two Deputy Sheriff's searched around Newman Lake in vain after getting a call that a strange cigar-shaped object in the sky was scaring cows in pasture. Quickly dubbed the "cigarnik", the object was described by the unidentified caller as orange and green in color and hovering about 150 feet off the ground. Then David Olson, 22, a hunter reported a similar description to a Spokane radio station. Officers Edward Burke and Dean Lydig drove out the 17 miles to Newman Lake, looked around a couple hours, and said they couldn't find anything.

11/7/57 - Midland, Texas--A strangely lighted object zoomed across Midland skies, supervisor of the Ground Observer Corps said. Leonard Measures, the supervisor, said he and other volunteers tracked a brilliant blue-white object across the western skies from 7 until 8.30 p.m. before it disappeared from view. Measures said the UFO was round-shaped and when last seen gave off a brilliant red light.

11/8/57 - Near Midland, Texas,-A lone woman motorist reported to police that she crashed through a mysterious, brilliantly-lighted object shortly after 2 a.m. on a deserted highway 30 miles southeast of Midland in Glasscock County. "Two 'beings' ran from it just as I reached the object and it collapsed," reported Mrs. Edith Joyce Wilson of San Angelo, almost hysterical as she

reached Midland. "A few seconds later 'something' with a brilliant red-light--pulled in behind me and chased me four or five miles. Glasscock Sheriff Buster Cox investigated immediately with Deputy Otto Dozier. "We searched the entire area from 2.30 until about 4.30 but we couldn't find a trace of anything," he reported. Mrs. Wilson insisted she had seen and hit something but admitted it might have been someone playing a prank--in the light of widespread reports of mysterious objects. "It was such a nice night. I was driving along enjoying the radio and I must have been five miles this side of Garden City," she said. "I had my lights dim and suddenly I saw something in front of me that looked like...well, I don't know what it looked like. It was glowing red like red lights were shining on it. Just as I reached it, it collapsed in front of me and I felt my car hit something. Two 'beings' ran from it, one on each side of the road. At first I thought I might have hit someone as it went under my car, but I guess it didn't. I don't think I would have stopped anyway. Immediately, I saw something pull onto the road behind me, with a brilliant red light shining through my rear window. I've been traveling 25 years and I've even been held up at the point of a gun. But I never had anything scare me half as much as this did." She said the object wasn't as big as a house, "but it probably looked twice as big as it really was, I was so scared."

11/8/57 - Near Abilene, Texas -- A Dyess Air Force Base sergeant summed up all this talk of flying objects after spotting three UFO's when he said, "I'm just trying to make myself think that I'm not going crazy." Sgt. Richard Viner, his wife and two children were driving from San Antonio to Abilene when they saw the flying objects. They saw the red glowing objects about 12 minutes out of Abilene on U.S. Hwy. 83. "They were very high...all 3 flickering...couldn't have been a plane...no white or green lights... just a ball of red...maybe 3,000 ft. He said all three lights were flying

in an unorganized manner and then they lined up in a perfect line "from where I saw it and they just went," Sgt. Viner and his wife lost sight of the objects as they pulled into Abilene about 7.40 p.m.

11/8/57 - Paris, Illinois--Seventeen high school seniors told of spotting a UFO and a mysterious white substance that couldn't be broken or scratched. Arlene Greenlee said she saw a glowing reddish object fall into a plowed field about 100 yards west of the school as she was looking out the window. When the object fell, another ball shot upward in an arc following a white streak of light and fell back to the ground. When it hit the ground it turned reddish orange like the other. Two of the boys who saw the sight drove to the sight and the two objects reportedly disappeared into the air with a hissing sound as the car lights shined on the area. To add fuel to the controversy later discovered several pieces of strange looking material, white and non-metallic but extremely strong. The boys said that the straw and stubble in the field was burned around each one of the pieces which were about six inches across. The time of the sighting was about 9. p.m.

11/8/57 --Springfield, Illinois --Two groups of Springfield residents reported seeing a mysterious bright light in the northeast sky shortly after 7.p.m. One observer, who with his wife and another couple said the object looked like a pale light seen from a distance. He said three jet fighters circled the object for some time. "Then the light got a lot brighter and headed right for one jet.. then it went out. At about the same time, Mrs. Norman Howdeshell her daughter and son saw an object that turned red, then white, then green. They said that jet planes were chasing the object.

11/21/57 - Tokyo, Japan, - Persons in many parts of Tokyo saw a "ball of fire" shoot over the skies to the southwest of Tokyo and explode in a shower of sparks. The Tokyo Astronomical Observatory suggested the streak of light was a meteor.

On the night of February 24th, three brilliant UFOs, flying in straight-line formation, and moving occasionally out of formation apparently to observe at a closer point, trailed a non-stop Newark to Detroit DC-6 American Airlines plane from Bradford Pennsylvania for 45 minutes. These UFOs were seen by the pilot, co-pilot, 36 passengers and the pilots of two other planes flying in the vicinity. Investigators are on the trail of all witnesses and a full report on this incident will be printed in our next issue.

## 2 FLYING OBJECTS, LANDING OF 1 REPORTED SEEN HERE

(The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Wednesday January 28, 1959.)

A couple of skyborne mysteries showed up over Cleveland last night and one of them seemed to land. It was shaped like a sausage with lights on it. School Board member Robert H. Jamison said it seemed to land behind the Lincoln Storage Co. warehouse, 11201 Cedar Avenue S.E.

The other was said to look like the third stage rocket of the most recent Russian satellite.

Both sightings were made about the same time, 9:45 p.m.

Jamison, who had handed out diplomas at West High School, was on his way to his home at 11957 Carlton Road S.E. when he spotted the sausage-shaped object apparently floating down.

"I was at E 79th driving along Carnegie, when I saw it first," he said. "It was rounded at both ends, not like a blimp, and it had a lot of separate lights on it."

"It just drifted down, and I was wondering what I would do if it hit me."

He said he was on Carnegie at E 107th Street when the object floated quietly down behind the warehouse and was seen no more.

The other sighting was made at the same time on the West side by Tim Ponstingle, 17, of 3100 W 146th St. He was supposed to be studying when he saw a bright object through the window. He called his father, Ernest.

The elder Ponstingle said he had seen the last stage of the Russian satellite and this looked a good deal like it.

"It was high, about 70 degrees above the horizon, and going from northeast to southwest," he said.

Dr. Bruce Stephenson, on duty at the Case Observatory, said there still were satellites aloft but none visible to the naked eye.

Police in Cleveland and Cleveland Heights said they had no report of the sausage-shaped object, nor any knowledge of it.

The Cleveland Press of Jan. 28th, 1959 reports that J.E. Talcott, 1374 W. 89th St., saw a bright blue light in the eastern horizon between 11:30 p.m. and midnight. The light appeared to be moving. He said he called the Case Observatory and was told that the light undoubtedly was the bright star, Arcturus.

## REPORT ODD CAPERS OF "FLYING OBJECTS"

(The Cleveland Press, Jan. 29, 1959)

Maybe you saw the mysterious goings-on in the sky early last evening too. On the basis of excited phone callers who kept the Press switchboard busy, many Greater Clevelanders watched while strange objects cut capers overhead.

Mrs. M.J. Gross, 2345 Charney Rd., University Heights: "It had a pear-shaped tail, seemed to float down and when I drove faster it disappeared."

Jack Taylor, 15501 Bennet Rd., North Royalton: "It was an orange ball, had a tail and appeared to be moving west."

Russ Frederick, 3014 Priscilla Ave., Parma: "There were three red objects with tails. Were visible for only a few minutes."

Werner E. Forndran, 11311 Clifton Blvd., "It was a small strip of orange-yellow light, looked like a bulb hanging in the air."

Mrs. William K. Britt, 4503 W 174th St: "Was size of an airplane without wings. Had a dark stretch in the middle."