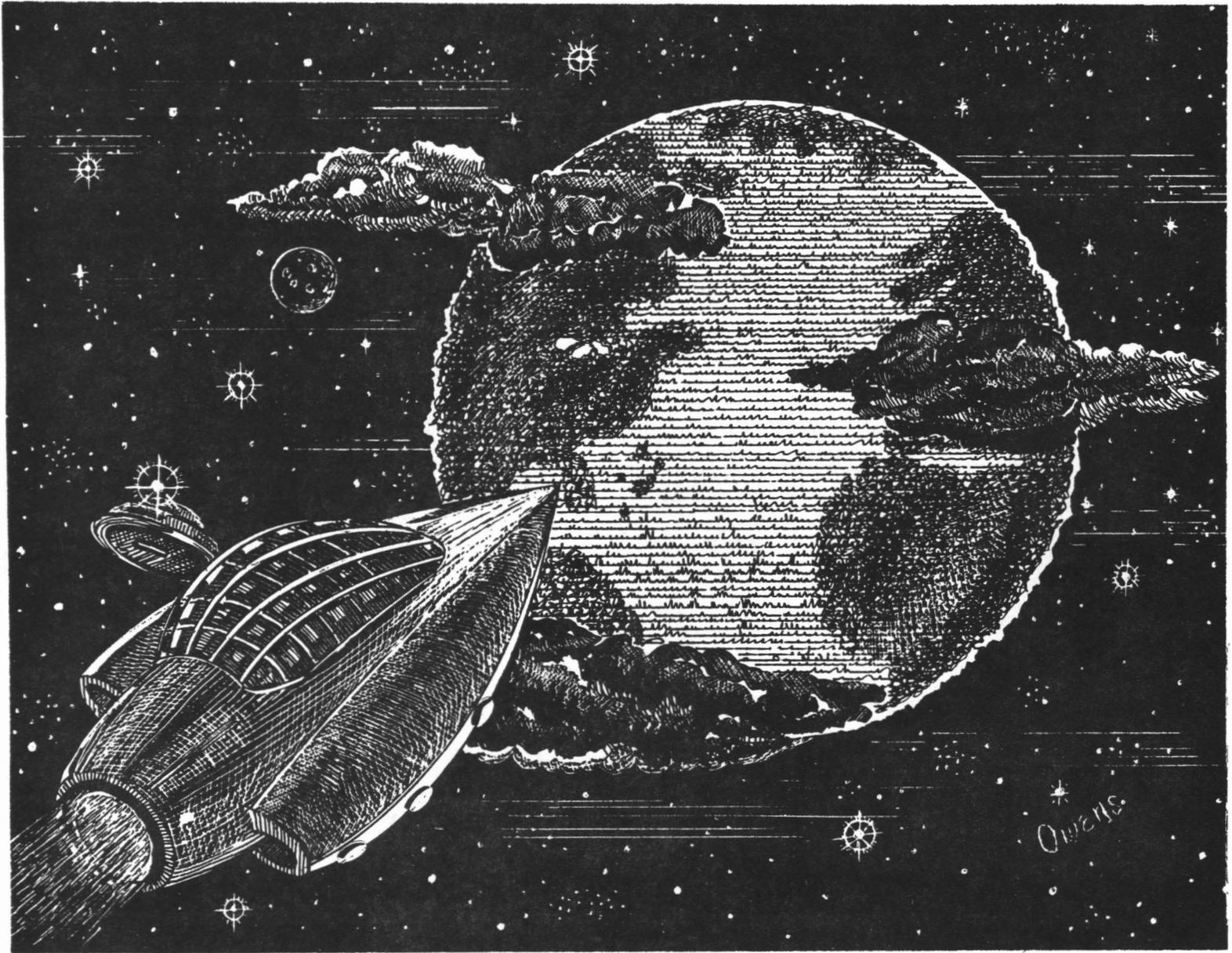


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FROM THE EDITOR



Well, this is the last issue before the UFO Conference. This is always a very important time for us in Cleveland, and we're quite busy with convention planning.

We have set the agenda with speakers. So here goes: I, as editor, will say a few words at the first session, followed by James W. Moseley of Saucer Smear fame, followed by Ron Schaffner, then Antonio Huneus in his first lecture. The evening session will open with Ed Biebel our western UAPA delegate, followed by Tim Beckley publisher of UFO Universe, then Curt Sutherly with a surprise lecture, followed by Antonio Huneus in his second lecture. We are also expecting to announce two more speakers within a few weeks of this writing.

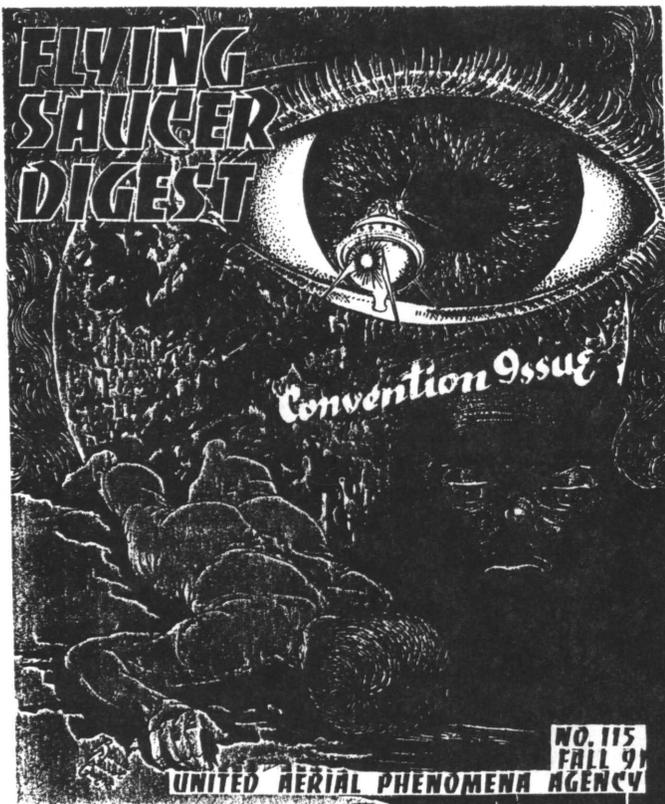
There will be a few surprises at this conference. First, Benita C. (Bunny) Owens will have her special art work for sale at our UAPA tables. This you must see! Second, your editor will have a new booklet for sale, just published in time for the conference entitled They Called Them Discs. I will be available for autographs if one so wishes. Thirdly, there will be a giant UFO gift pack for everyone. Just come over to our UAPA tables and ask for one. It's absolutely Free.

The ticket sales are moving very nicely. This is the first time we have sold this many advance sale tickets since 1968. Now, if only we could guarantee

a 1968 attendance to go along with the sales!

There will be two intermission breaks, one in the afternoon session about 3 p.m. and one in the evening session about 9 p.m. Come on over to the UAPA tables and meet us, as we sure would like to meet our subscribers.

UAPA announces the most fantastic sale of UFO maps yet. The 10 1968 UFO maps include: 1. Where UFO's are seen. 2. The 100 top UFO cases. 3. The top 50 landings. 4. UFO occupants. 5. The 75 top UFO landings(world). 6. UFO organizations(world). 7. Angel's Hair falls. 8. Angel's Hair falls (world). 9. Magnetic effects cases. 10. Magnetic effects cases (world). The five 1988 UFO maps includes: 1. Top 120 UFO cases 1947-1987. 2. Where UFO's are seen. 3. UFO sightings by state. 4. Forty years of UFO landings. 5. Where ice falls have taken place. All 15 UFO maps in a special set for



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READERS SAY

Greetings. Each issue has been fascinating so far. The UFO maps will help satisfy my curiosity and my lust for ultra-knowledge and research and study. I've already got the "UFOs 1947-1987" booklet and it's a gold mine of information, plus I've got other copies for a cousin and a couple of friends. Here's \$2.50 would you please send me your book bargain, UFOs - An Enigma From Space. Thank you very much, it's always a pleasure.

R. Fleetwood
Woodbury, NJ

AJM- Thank you Mr. Fleetwood for the kind words on our products. As always, we try to bring readers of our UAPA material the kind of information we would like to receive ourselves.

What do you know of a Harold Heaton, Ph.D. who has collected some 373 UFO cases involving animals? He claims animals react strangely when UFO's are near. Dogs tremble and bark furiously, horses kick wildly and cows bellow and kick.

N. Schmidt
Columbus, OH

AJM- I don't know of this Dr. Heaton, but animals always reacted strangely when a UFO was near. Thank you for the lines Mrs. Schmidt.

What are the times the UFO Conference will begin on Saturday the 14th of September?

J. Smolts
Toledo, OH

AJM- Afternoon session 1 p.m., evening session 7 p.m.

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UFO BITS AND PIECES

Curtis G. Fuller, 79, the former publisher of Fate magazine, which deals with psychic matters and UFO sightings, died Monday April 29, 1991 at his Arizona winter home.

Mr. Fuller's magazine has been featuring stories on flying saucers, poltergeist, levitation and ghosts for more than 40 years.

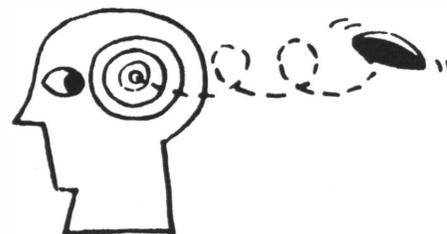
Formerly based in Highland Park, Illinois, Fate was created by Mr. Fuller in 1948 after unidentified flying objects were sighted over the Cascade Mountains by Kenneth Arnold the year before.

"I was working for Flying Magazine and I tried to check out Arnold's report," Mr. Fuller recalled during a 1977 interview. "All I got was a runaround. I came to understand that the government was not telling the truth and I became generally skeptical of any so-called official explanation of unconventional events."

The magazine has been criticized by scientists for many of its sensational stories and praised by such people as the late Dr. Allen Hynek, former director of the Center for UFO Studies and by the United Aerial Phenomena Agency (UAPA).

On March 27th, NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" featured a story on a Vancouver, B.C. woman who has recorded 25 hours of lights in the night sky with a video recorder. She and another witness also claimed they saw a metallic UFO at a low level.

UFO RETROSPECTIVE



ANOTHER LOOK AT THE DIMMICK "HOAX"

As is evident from all the recent furor over the alleged Roswell, New Mexico saucer crash back in 1947, people in ufology really have a fascination (sometimes bordering on the extreme) with these kinds of stories. And who can blame anyone for not being fascinated by the possibility of actual alien craft being recovered after some sort of malfunction forced them down to our humble planet? That's why there is so much heated discussion and debate concerning any "crash" case that surfaces in the ufology press.

The Dimmick story from 1950, however, has generally been tagged as a hoax by just about all quarters of the UFO scene. Coming as it did on the heels of the Frank Scully book from about the same time, it couldn't avoid being painted by the same brush that "shot down" Scully's tale of saucer crashes and the mysterious "Dr. Gee". That's not to say that it's not an interesting story, however. And it does give a certain insight into what was being talked about in those early

days of the UFO mystery. That's why we're running the following report that was published in the March 10, 1950 edition of the Toronto Telegram, as it not only relates Dimmick's story, but it gives other sighting reports as well:

A Los Angeles business man reported today that Martians are 23 inches tall, expert engineers, but not so hot as warm weather pilots.

He added that the "flying saucers" the Martians have been busily flying over the earth for the past few years are 46 feet long, 90 inches thick and powered by two motors.

The business man, Ray L. Dimmick, a powder company salesman, added to the growing tide of rumors and "observations" of mysterious discs in the atmosphere that has resumed since Mexican observers came up with a series of reports on saucer appearances over their country.

Dimmick said he had been told the story about the 23-inch Martian, supposed to have crashed on a mountainside, when he was in Mexico on a business trip. He hadn't actually seen the little fellow himself, he said, but he knew two men who had. He said the Mexican government had sworn him to secrecy before he left the country.

Both Mexican and U.S. officials said they knew nothing about such an occurrence and if there had been any, they wouldn't try to keep it secret.

A similar rumor circulated in Denver, Colo., where the number of "Martian" passengers was upped to three.

However, the Mexican government newspaper, El Nacional, quoted " a



famous and reputable astronomer" as saying the numerous discs reported over Mexico "carry visitors from Mars."

The discs have been reported by residents of Guadalajars, Juarez, Mazatan and Durango and were similar in description to one which airport officials said they saw over Dayton, O., on Wednesday. However, trained astronomical officials in Dayton said they believed the flying saucers were only the planet Venus.

The unidentified Mexican scientist wrote that the manner of flight and proportion of the discs "make it obvious that they carry beings from another world." He said his claim would be confirmed in the near future "when one of the discs is chased to earth by some military plane."

Scores of Orangeburg, S.C., residents added to the growing number of flying saucer reports today with the description of a disc which hovered over the city for 25 minutes, then disappeared leaving a vapor trail.

Six members of the staff of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat said they saw the disc last night after Mrs. Donald Law, wife of the city editor, told them about it. They said it was about the size and color of a new moon, "only brighter."

Publisher J.L. Sims said the disc appeared to turn slowly in the air, from vertical to horizontal and then vertical again, before disappearing in the western sky. Harry Player, a composing room employee, said he and four other persons saw the disc while driving on a highway 15 miles out of Orangeburg.

Another flying saucer was reported yesterday by residents of Van Nuys, Calif., who told police they saw a bright disc about 400 feet in the air. All witnesses said they were sure it was not an aircraft of any known variety.

Composer Eddie Coffman and actor Reed Hadley and his wife said they studied the disc through a telescope. Coffman said it appeared to be 50 feet in diameter and have a dark smudge on the top.

FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE

UAPA Chairman Allan J. Manak has chosen this story from the Corvallis, Oregon Gazette-Times as this issue's foremost UFO incident, or in this case, incidents:

A rash of reports of unidentified flying objects in Harney County Tuesday may have been triggered by a bright star over the southeastern Oregon desert.

But authorities say they have heard other tales of UFOs recently that aren't so easy to explain.

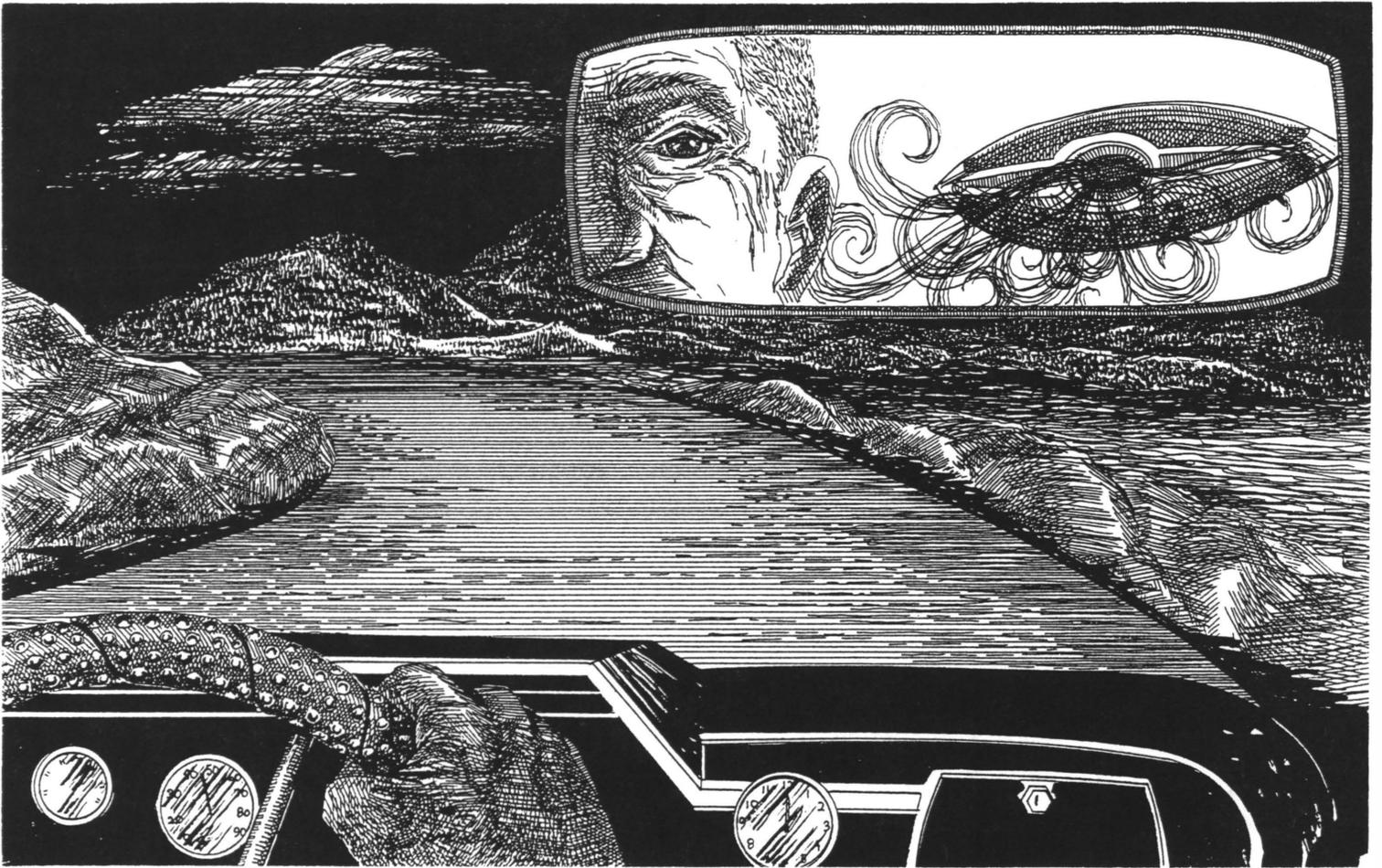
People in the high desert region of Oregon reported aerial "light with flames," hovering objects and something that "flew right over some cars with no noise," Harney County Sheriff Dave Glerup said Wednesday.

Burns Police Chief Aaron Richardson said he responded at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday to reports of a bright object in the northwestern sky above the Burns-Paiute Indian Reservation.

"I looked at it through a spotting scope, but I couldn't really determine what it was," Richardson said.

Pauline Brymen, editor of the Burns Times-Herald, said she studied

the light through a telescope and determined it was a star.



But other recent UFO reports seemed more baffling.

Donna Clark, Times-Herald publisher, said about 10 residents reported a strange aerial object giving off blue and red rays hovering directly over the town about 10 p.m. Sunday.

"And then it just disappeared," Clark said. A Nampa, Idaho, motorist told the newspaper that a UFO buzzed his car the evening of March 27 on U.S. 20 about eight miles west of Burns.

"I saw two bright lights that looked like landing lights on a plane coming towards us above the highway," Darol Ady told the newspaper.

He said the lights suddenly blinked out, and then the area was showed with something resembling burning embers. His wife saw three heaps of ashes and chunks of something that was burning, he said.

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Be sure to check out our UAPA book bargain on the back cover of this issue. It is a very interesting booklet.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD

by Rick R. Hilberg

MYSTERY LIGHTS SIGHTED IN MICHIGAN

The following report was made in the Brown City, Michigan Banner for February 9th under the byline of Linda Faulconer:

A number of local people reported seeing some strange lights in the sky on January 31.

The lights, described as a line of about five very bright spots, were spotted in the northern sky and seemed to be located to the north and west of Peck.

Residents reported watching the objects which were motionless and quiet for about 30 minutes.

A spokesperson from Selfridge Air Base in Mt. Clemens said that the lights didn't belong to the base. "Our planes which usually fly over that area are all stationed in Saudi Arabia so we know it wasn't them," said Alice Errington of Base Public Affairs.

Errington said that the lights could have been linked to a NASA project. "I remember that NASA had an atmosphere testing experiment planned for about the time that the bombing started in Iraq and I know they delayed it," said Errington. "Their project involved some type of very bright lighting but I don't know if this might have been what the people up there were seeing or not."

However, NASA spokeswoman Mary Ann Peto couldn't add to the Selfridge information.

"We are doing some lighting experiments which causes a reddish glow," Peto said. "These are only visible in the southeastern U.S."

Regardless of what the military people say, the folks who saw the lights know they weren't swamp gas.

"They looked really close," said one caller. "They went off and on and every time they came back on they were in a different formation." Another caller said although the lights were strange, they were not frightened by them. "I thought they were landing in our yard," she said.

LIGHTED OBJECTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

These fascinating accounts come from Anthony Padovano of the Derry, New Hampshire News of January 30th:

It might not be War of the Worlds. And it might not be Invasion of the Body Snatchers.

But for those who have seen UFOs, it certainly might seem like the Twilight Zone.

With glaring lights and lightning speed, UFOs swept down on the local area Thursday evening Jan. 10, and early Jan. 11.

At least three separate sightings of unusual objects in the sky were reported to the Derry News. In addition, several anonymous callers told of their experiences on the Derry News Hotline.

One sighting occurred at about 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Joni O'Blenes had fallen asleep on her couch earlier that evening. At about 3:30 a.m., the nurse woke her from her sleep and happened to look out her window. She noticed a bright white light over one of her neighbor's houses.



"It was bright and hovering at about tree top level. Then it got larger and brighter as it moved over my neighbor's house and moved towards mine. I went out on my deck to get a better look," she said.

In her mind, it was definitely not a plane or helicopter. She has lived within 10 minutes of Manchester Airport for the past seven years and knows the look and sound of just about anything that moves through the air, she said.

A neighbor of hers said it might have been an Apache helicopter on a military training mission, but a controller at the Manchester Airport flight tower said no military exercises have taken place in the area in the recent past.

She said people react a little skeptically when she tells of the experience, but she said it wasn't anything she had seen before.

"It was a flying saucer," she said.

O'Blenes was not alone in her sighting.

Earlier that night, at about 9:30 p.m., 12-year-old Michelle Grenier was laying in her home on Warner Hill Road in East Derry. Her sighting was more dramatic.

"I was just laying there and I just looked out the window at what I thought was a star," she said. "I could see it in the moonlight and it was oval and it didn't look like a plane. It came in slow and then it came in real fast."

She said the object was flat and oval with a white light on top of it. There were two green lights on either edge of the disc as well as

red and blue lights.

She said the object came rather close to her house and looked to be slightly bigger than a car.

Still, earlier than that, at about 8:30 p.m., one area resident saw a strange configuration of lights flying at an inordinately slow speed near Londonderry High School.

"That was really strange," said a man who declined to identify himself. "It was a weird configuration of six small lights - three green, two red and one white. At first I thought it was a plane pulling into Manchester airport, but the configuration of the lights was all wrong.

"I stood there for about three minutes staring at the thing, trying to see through what I thought was an optical illusion with the lights. Then I realized I couldn't and hadn't heard any noise from an engine.

"I'm not saying it was a UFO, but I don't believe it was a plane or helicopter. It was flying too slow, too quiet and too flat to have been a plane, I think," he said.

UFOs AND MYSTERY PLANES IN MINNESOTA

Paul Adams of the Faribault, Minnesota Daily News reported the following regarding this incident of April 2nd in the paper's April 5th edition:

Recent events in Faribault have all the makings of a good 1950s B movie.

Strange lights in the sky followed by the sudden appearance of military aircraft behaving in an odd manner have left numerous witnesses with a lot of unanswered questions.

No one seems to know whether the lights several local residents saw were something from out of town, out of state or out of this galaxy, but there are some things everyone is certain of.

What they saw has not been identified.

It was flying.

And its physical properties suggest that it was - you guessed it - an object, of sorts.

The only thing missing was the sound of Orson Wells over the airwaves.

So far, none of the witnesses are using the term UFO, lest peaceful Faribault be molested by reporters from shopping market tabloids. However, one local man and several of his neighbors on Roberds Lake say what they saw was cylindrical, well equipped with lights and was either moving slowly or hovering.

Dick Feichtinger, owner of Paradise Theater in Faribault, first saw the object while driving to work Tuesday night. "I saw this object that was oblong, but it seemed to be hanging up and down. Rather than horizontal, it was vertical.

"I thought it was sort of odd, I have never seen anything like that before."

Feichtinger said the object was white, and very long and narrow. He also reports there were not many clouds in the sky that night. It was about 7 p.m., and still fairly light out.

Later, as he was heading home, Feichtinger saw the object again. This time, it was red and green. Feichtinger rolled down his window to make sure the lights were not a reflection, but the image was the same.

"The fact that it wasn't horizontal is strange ... from the configuration and the way it was hanging - that was what drew my attention to it."

He continued to track the object until he pulled into his driveway. He then summoned his wife and children outside, and they also saw the object.

Feichtinger called neighbors and friends. Before long, there were several witnesses to the object.

Those witnesses say the object was red, green and at times solid white. It also tended to move around as though guided by some intelligence.

But what really fed the already active curiosity of witnesses was the sudden appearance of what some described as military aircraft.

"I couldn't miss them, I thought they were going to land on my house," said Steve Kelly, who lives on Roberds Lake.

Kelly saw two very large planes flying extremely low and at a reduced speed. He said the planes were flying very close to one another, or "nose to tail."

"I've never seen anything like that at night as far as planes flying in this area."

Feichtinger also saw the planes. As he stood under a street light, he waved to them. As they flew overhead, one of them briefly turned on what seemed to be flood lights.

"They were flying so low I couldn't figure out what was keeping them up there," said Feichtinger. Later, more aircraft appeared in the area. Feichtinger said his son counted as many as 11.

Other witnesses say they saw helicopters as well as planes in the area. The two large planes made a few loops around the lake, and eventually left.

The unidentified light in the sky also left, leaving behind many residents who will be looking over their shoulders for awhile.

A spokesman for the Air National Guard admitted there were two C130 aircraft flying a routine training mission in the Faribault area Tuesday night. The C130s are large, cargo planes capable of flying at low speeds and low altitudes.

Lt. Kevin Gutknecht said one of the pilots of the planes reported turning on some of his landing lights while in the area.

However, Gutknecht said there were no other aircraft reported in the area, and the two C130 pilots say they didn't see any strange lights in the sky.

Feichtinger and other witnesses say they have no explanation for the incidents. Some think it might have been a balloon.

However, the National Weather Service ruled out that possibility. A spokesman for the service said there were no balloons released in the area, and a balloon would not have any lights attached to it.

Gutknecht was equally puzzled by the description of the unidentified object.

"I have no idea what it is. It doesn't sound like anything we have in the Minnesota military inventory."

WEIRD DOLOGY

NICARAGUAN "XIPE"?

OK, just what's a "xipe"? Well, this article from the Managua Barricada International of November 17th answers this burning question:

A few weeks ago rumors arose of an unusual sighting near a pond not far from Matagalpa. A group of local people fishing were surprised by a "large, hairy, agile humanoid" which emerged from the muddy waters. Was

it a Nicaraguan "yeti" they asked, and from then on the tale began to grow.

So far nobody claims to have caught more than a fleeting glimpse and the various versions as to the creature's appearance don't even tally. "They say it has horns" one old man asserted, while another declared that "It's a snake with a very broad head."

"There's nothing here at all," a woman living nearby said flatly, but it takes more than a denial to kill the rumors. The area is poor and desolate from the drought affecting the country. What we have here, commented Barricada, "is simply a fearful community trapped by its own beliefs and under the strain of hunger."

For those who prefer to believe in the "monster," the most attractive theory seems to be that of Prof. Juan Mendiola, of the environmental institute of Direna. He says it's a "xipe," a monkey "half-way between a gorilla and a white-faced monkey," measuring 75-100 cms in height.

It's main peculiarity is that its feet face backwards. Another peculiarity is that no one knows for sure whether it exists outside of popular belief.

According to peasant folklore, the "xipe" is a supernatural being which looks after the crops and single women. However, Mendiola asserts that it does indeed exist, particularly in places similar to that of El Palacio pond, where there are caves and undergrowth. It likes to play with ashes and steals children's clothing to dress up in; its name comes from the Mayan language and means "lost child." In Nicaragua the "xipe" has given rise to folk tales of a little creature with its feet on backwards known as the "xiximique."

According to Mendiola, the last and possibly only time a "xipe" was caught was in 1968, when a group of peasants trapped one in a cave and set fire to the scrub around it, later finding its skeleton inside.

"BUBBLY CLOUD" IN ARKANSAS

The Little Rock Gazette ran the following in its February 7th issue under the byline of Larry Miller:

If Joseph Hubbard weren't already a religious man, he says he would have become one Wednesday morning after watching a soapy, bubbly white cloud roll across his property.

It was about the size of a cotton bale, Hubbard said, and rolled through a fence before coming to a stop at his pond about 6 a.m.

Hubbard, a preacher, said later with a laugh: "I thought it may have been the Lord coming. He went away in a cloud."

It scared his geese so bad, they may never return, Hubbard added.

Investigators came to look at the mystery substance Wednesday. They later surmised it could have been methane gas that had escaped from an old septic tank on the property.

Whatever it was, is dissipated in the air as the sun rose about noon over Petit Jean Mountain. But not before George Wade, corporate environmental manager for Arkansas Kraft Co. at its paper mill nearby, had got some of the stuff in an air-proof jar for chemical analysis.

Results of the analysis may be known today.

Hubbard, 66, who lives near the Conway-Perry County line south of Petit Jean Mountain, said he noticed the cloud when he walked onto his back porch, his first cup of coffee in hand.

"It was larger than a big bale of hay, bigger than a 500-pound bale of cotton" next to the highway, he said. Observers later estimated it was 6 feet by 6 feet in size.

"It was rolling across the field, rolling slow, and it would scare you to look at it, Hubbard said. "I have lived here 48 years and I've never seen anything like this."

He called for his wife, who quickly figured it was fog.

"I told her there ain't no fog to that," Hubbard said.

As they watched, the cloud rolled across the field, through a fence, up a steep bank and onto the pond. "It caused my geese to go into orbit," Hubbard said. "They have not come back. I don't know if they will."

The cloud then turned north before changing to a western direction and rolling to the base of some trees.

Hubbard and his son, Leon, steeled themselves and went to inspect. Leon took a stick and "raked" through it. "When he did, it started breaking up, Hubbard said.

One of the pieces rolled about 100 yards into the yard of his neighbor, Carroll Cody, Conway County Sheriff Carl Poteete came by and described the substance as slime and sticky. The sheriff placed a small amount in a jar and cardboard box and took it to Wade. The stuff in the box disappeared.

Wade went to Rose Creek with the sheriff and walked over a large area, looking for some type of gas escaping from the ground. They found an area near the pond where an old septic tank was thought to be and found small holes in the earth. Wade said it was possible methane gas from a septic tank could have formed the unusual cloud. A small cloud, which had tiny bubbling particles constantly moving around inside, burned when ignited with a cigarette lighter.

JAPANESE TO USE SUB TO HUNT OGOPOGO IN CANADA

Lake Okanagan's famous resident will be investigated by a high-tech Japanese expedition, as this article by Moira Farrow of the Vancouver Sun of February 6th explains:

If Ogopogo is peacefully hibernating his way through winter in the depths of Lake Okanagan, he's about to get a wakeup call.

A Japanese expedition, equipped with a sub and a budget of at least \$10,000 a day is planned for next month.

"This is fabulous, it's the first time a sub has looked for Ogopogo," said Arlene Gaal, researcher of the Okanagan's fabled lake creature.

She said that she is coordinating the expedition on behalf of Nippon TV, which will make a film of the project for World Supernatural Phenomena.

The Japanese television network first visited the Okanagan last summer and the film it made then included footage of at least one apparent sighting of the legendary lake monster.

"There will be a sub and a helicopter for about five days, a 700 lb. remote-control camera, boats equipped with sonar, a houseboat, a barge with cranes to lift the sub and a tug to support the barge," she said.

According to Murray Spier, project manager of Can-Drive Services Ltd. of North Vancouver, Nippon is renting his company's Deep Rover one-man submersible, which has an acrylic hull providing a 360-degree view.

"It can go to a depth of 3,000 feet and we're told the lake goes to about 800 feet, so there should be no problem getting to the bottom with this machine," he said. "We will truck the Deep Rover to Kelowna. We've never had the machine into Lake Okanagan. But we've had it in some neat places, like Crater Lake and Monterey Bay."

Asked if he believed in Ogopogo, Spier said: "Well, you have to keep an open mind. I don't know what we'll find, but this will be a high-profile task."

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