

Published by the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena

Vol. 3 No. 8

May 1965

Issue No. 32

"To date, no unidentified aerial phenomena has given any indication of threat to national security." U.S. Air Force, Office of Aerial Phenomena.

WHIDBEY ISLAND, WASHINGTON LIGHT COMPARED TO TV FANTASY--"It was like the science-fiction things you see on TV." Donald Peterson, Seattle, was describing his experience on the night of April 3, when he and his wife Dolores together with two friends, Mel and Joan Smith, were staying at the Peterson's cabin on Whidbey Island. "We heard a wailing noise, like a dog howling," said Mrs. Peterson. "It's usually so quiet up there that we noticed it at once." "I first saw a bright reflection in the water," said Peterson. "Then I looked up and saw it hovering over the water." "It was like a real bright large star, wavering back and forth in that part of the sky looking toward Bremerton and the Olympics," Mrs. Peterson added. "I looked at it through a rifle scope and couldn't see much; it was so bright," Peterson said. "He shot up into the air with the gun to see if he could make it move away," said Mrs. Peterson. After about 15 minutes, the bright object disappeared, leaving two clusters of different colored lights behind. The Peterson's estimated the objects were about two blocks apart. "I've always thought people seeing things like this were nuts," Peterson added. "But this was crazy."

RUSSIAN MAKES 'MOON' DISCOVERY--Alexander Kalinyak, Soviet Astronomer, has discovered that three satellites of the planet Jupiter have atmospheres, the Tass news agency said on April 7. It said Kalinyak proved the satellites had atmospheres by studying photo spectrograms of the Jupiter "moons."

BRILLIANT UFO LIGHTS HEAVENS OVER NORTHWEST U.S. AND SOUTHWEST CANADA--RCMP and civilian searchers led on by the smell of sulphur fumes, were attempting to locate the remains of a brilliant UFO that lit the skies and landscape across British Columbia, Alberta and parts of the U.S. on March 31. Hysterical women asking if the country was at war, telephoned Chase, B.C. police following a brilliant flash and loud explosion that turned night into day for 30 frightening seconds when the huge UFO roared over the lumber town. Two fires, one in a nearby lumber yard, flared after the object flashed by at "hundreds of miles an hour" and disappeared. Immediately after the flash there was a loud noise and all the buildings started to shake. Chase streets immediately filled with people. Meanwhile from over a wide area came reports of sightings of a brilliant lit object traveling south to north. According to Cecil Myers, of Anglemont, B.C., "when the boom came there was a tremendous suction--it seemed to be taking our breath away, just like a dynamite explosion. It shook everything and felt like an earthquake. The ground shook, doors and windows rattled, the front door flew open and when we ran outside the ground was still shaking. A weather observer at Revelstoke said an object which passed over that central B.C. community was accompanied by "ten minutes of thunder which shook the buildings." Elmdor Devore, news director of radio station CJDC, at Dawson Creek in the northeastern B.C. Peace River

country, said he saw it begin as a small object, Its color was yellow. "But it gradually increased in intensity and lit up the city," he said. "Then it changed to white and remained white until it struck the ground, then turned blue and disappeared. The light lasted about 25 seconds." RCMP went to the Tupper-Tomslake area 30 miles southeast of Dawson Creek after many persons reported sighting a glowing object. They said the smell of sulphur was strong. Mrs. Clare Lingenfelter, of the Shuswap Lake, B.C. area said a tremendous explosion shook the lodge about 10 p.m., and shattered the front window. Pilots of two commercial aircraft reported their cockpits were lit up by the object, and an RCMP constable at Kamloops, B.C. said he was so dazzled he was unable to drive for a short time. A smell of sulphur was reported there, too. A girl riding in a car with her boy friend in the Penticton, B.C. area, was so shocked by the sight she went into hysterics for several minutes. Flight Lt. Cliff Turner of RCAF Station Kamloops said despite the fact that the station was deluged with phone calls from across the province they knew no more than anyone else. However, he said, the station's 24-hour-a-day photograph of the sky in an effort to track the bird routes, may have picked up photographs of the object. Most sightings in the B.C. area were reported about 9:45 p.m.

"It was a brilliant ball of fire so big that at first I thought an atomic bomb was exploding," was the way Roman Pivowar, vice principal of Chestermere Lake, Alberta High School, explained the object. He said his wife was looking out their bay window, facing west, when the object started as a fine streak of light. "She called me to the window and the streak changed to a wide path of flame. It was yellow in color, with a tinge of orange. It became huge as it met the horizon and started behind the cloud cover." Mr. Pivowar said the object lit up his room at about 10:36 p.m. "just like daylight." Mr. Ed Hendel, driving about 17 miles west of Hussar, Alberta said the object "lit up the inside of the car clearly and you could see the stubble in the fields." Mr. John Maloff, Jr., was driving home to Exshaw, Alberta when the object appeared in the sky "like the sun getting up from the west. There was enough light to see the trees and mountains." Reports of the flash came from points as far away as Salt Lake City, Utah to the south, Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada to the east and Fort St. John in northern B.C., Canada. The pilot of a commercial airliner over Ephrata, Washington said the flash lit up the cockpit of his DC-3 plane as "bright as day."

BURKE, IDAHO RESIDENTS SAY SOME FORCE SNAPPED TREES--Burke residents reported that a number of trees have been twisted off by some mysterious force on the steep hillside above the old Hercules mine and wondered if there was some connection with the brilliant object that swept across Northwest skies on the night of March 31. Joe Battick and Grover Allen, KWAL newsman, visited the scene above Burke and reported a path from the top of the hill above the Hercules mine down to a spot above the Catholic church is visible where some force snapped off trees, some a foot in diameter. Burke residents reported a rumbling noise on the night of March 31, at about the same time the UFO was reported in other Northwest areas.

AIR FORCE SAYS UFO LANDING STORY JUST A HOAX--On March 31, the Air Force placed "an apparent hoax" tag on the reported landing of a flying object and spaceman near Brooksville March 2nd--following a thorough investigation of eye-witness statements, physical evidence at the scene

and analysis of other purported evidence at the Florida landing site. The report, released by the Pentagon, said: "In the Air Force view, the whole thing was an amateurish attempt on someone's part to create a sensation." The investigators found several statements in the so-called "eye-witness" account which they said "cannot be confirmed as facts." Apparent clue to the conclusion, however, was examination of papers the "space man" was supposed to have dropped as he took off, according to Reeves, at 5,000 miles per hour. Decoding of the language on the paper was a simple procedure, the Air Force said, and produced in part, the following: "Planet Mars, are you coming home soon? We miss you very much. Why did you stay away so long?" The paper itself, which was analyzed by the Institute of Paper Chemistry at Appleton, Wisc., proved to be of fibers common all over the world, the report indicated. Physical examination of the scene by MacDill Air Force Base investigators showed no evidence of a blast-off or other abnormal disturbance at the "landing" scene. Investigators also questioned whether an object no more than 20 or 30 feet in diameter could have been visible as long as Reeves claimed.

TWO ASTRONOMERS SPOT UFOs IN BELMONT, CALIFORNIA--Two members of the San Mateo Astronomical Society, Al Del Bosque and Floyd Sampson were observing the planet Mercury through telescopes shortly after sunset on March 20. Both saw a flaming object appear behind the constellation Pleiades. Then a second object appeared behind Orion, halted, shifted into position behind the first and then both moved off with incredible speed south-bound

MERCHANT AND WIFE SEE FLYING OBJECTS IN SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA--"I don't believe it yet," was the way Mrs. Linda Honaker explained an experience she and her husband had about 9 p.m. on March 19, as they were driving over the lonely Low Gap mountain road, "but it is actually true." Mrs. Honaker had just finished explaining to a news reporter the weird experience when she and her husband watched several strange objects that appeared in the sky. After closing his Bellpoint store, Mr. and Mrs. Honaker decided to take a ride, and after climbing Zion Mountain they headed toward the Low Gap Church. As they drove along the road Linda called her husband's attention to a bright light in the sky, but he thought nothing of it; saying it is probably just a large star, so they continued on. It was when the couple started driving up the secondary road from Indian Mills to Forest Hill that Linda again saw the bright light and it kept coming closer and closer. This time David was convinced that the light was not a star, so he stopped the car and turned out the lights, and as the large object kept coming closer and closer they could see it was being trailed by two smaller objects on either side. The large oval-shaped object kept zigging and zagging from side to side and not a sound could be heard.

The larger of the three objects was covered with lights like windows in a large airliner, and as it neared the Honaker car it seemed to hover and almost stand still. As the Honakers watched one of the smaller objects seemed to separate and float out in the air alone, but after a few minutes returned and merged with the other objects. Mr. and Mrs. Honaker watched the three and then four flying objects for fully 10 minutes when they disappeared in the direction of Peterstown, so they tried to follow in their car. They again saw the large object coming toward them as they drove out the Greenville road from Forest Hill, so they continued to the road side park as the object followed overhead where they turned the car

and headed back toward Forest Hill. As the car headed up a steep hill on the Greenville road the larger object again headed directly toward the couple, so David stopped the car and turned off the lights. "We could plainly see this thing," David said, "as it was brightly lit with numerous lights so as it got closer and closer, I again turned off my lights and as we watched it approached." Both Mr. and Mrs. Honaker said they could hear no sound at all, and as they watched the "flying object" approach, they noted an airplane in the distance. Mrs. Honaker said: "I believe the pilot of the plane must have seen the same thing that we did." Since the Honaker car was parked on a steep part of the road their headlights were pointed partially skyward, so as the object got closer David started flashing on and off the car lights. As he did this the approaching object suddenly stopped in mid-air, turned, and quickly disappeared. "I never believed these stories before," Linda said, "but I do now. We were not frightened," she said, "but it did give us kind of a weird feeling. Actually," she said, "I was hoping that the thing would come real close, so we could see who or what was inside and talk to them if possible."

MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECT SEEN OVER NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA--A strange flying object which appeared to burst into flames was observed by several people in various parts of Nova Scotia on March 18. The unidentified object was seen about 9:20 p.m. by Clarence Dixon, chief of police in Oxford, and Constable G.L. Coyle of the Springhill detachment of the RCMP. They said they saw three flashes of light followed by a burst of flames. The object was oval-shaped and light blue in color. The object was also seen by Halifax RCMP officers, Inspector L.G. Pantry and Superintendent L.J. Watson at Thornvale Barracks at the same time. Inspector Pantry said it seemed to be heading towards the earth.

AIRLINERS CHASED BY FLYING OBJECT OVER JAPAN--Two airliners flying from Osaka to Hiroshima were chased by what appeared to be a "flying object" over the Seto Inland Sea. The emergency reports were made to the Takamatsu Air Safety Office on March 18. The Convair-240 liner of the Toa Air Lines with 28 passengers aboard was flying over the Deshima Islands southwest of Himeji City, Hyogo Prefecture, at an altitude of about 2,000 meters at 7:06 p.m. March 18, when its chief pilot Yoshiharu Inaba, 43, suddenly noticed something oblong and luminescent was approaching his plane. It came close to the airliner, halted, made an abrupt turn and flew along with the plane for about three minutes. It finally disappeared in the direction of Takamatsu City on Shikoku Island. About a half minute later, the Takamatsu Air Traffic Control Tower received another emergency call from the Piper-Apache plane of the Tokyo airlines that it was being pursued by an unidentified flying object over Takamatsu City. According to Inaba there was not a sign of a cloud over the Seto Inland Sea at the time the mysterious incident occurred and visibility was excellent because of the bright full moon. He said that when the "flying object" came dangerously near his plane he signaled his position and made a 60-degree turn to the right to avoid collision. "The object was about 15 meters in diameter. As it radiated a greenish light, I could not ascertain its exact shape..." Inaba said. He said the greenish light violently affected his automatic direction finder and his radio. He said he tried to contact the Osaka communications tower but failed.

MORE UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED FROM JAPAN--The "flying object" which chased two planes over the Seto Inland Sea on March 18, was also sighted by three

people in Fuchu, Hiroshima Prefecture, all workers of the Chugoku Electric Company. Katsuo Asano, 43, chief engineer of the Fuchu office of the company, Toshiro Sakurai, 25, and Terumi Tahara, 23, were in a car on a highway at Yuki Town, Kamiichi-gun, around 7 p.m., when they saw a strange object flying in the sky. "It was shaped like a triangle whose top radiated brilliant light. It was in sight for about 10 seconds and then disappeared, leaving a mushroom cloud," they said. Mr. Noboru Kawato, 33, policeman, his wife and some neighbors, caught sight of a fast moving object over Shikoku, Tokushima Prefecture at 7:15 p.m. the same night. Mr. Zenji Ikegami, 49, of Shimonoseki City, noticed a bell-shaped red light about 1,000 meters above the Kan-Mon Strait at 7:05 p.m., March 18. That same night Mr. Iwao Nakamura, 57, and Miss Kumiko, 17, of Moji City, also noticed a triangle-shaped, white, bright object over Moji City at 7 p.m.

MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS SIGHTED IN SKY IN SOUTHEAST CANADA--Strange flying objects were reported seen in the sky by residents along the eastern Canadian seaboard on March 16. First report of the objects were made by a person who had seen them at Grand Bay, New Brunswick, shortly after 10 o'clock. The witness reported having seen what he had at first thought was a meteor. "Then I thought it might be 15 or 16 jets," he said. He also reported seeing fire and sparks. He said the object was heading northeast when spotted. The Radio Range at the Saint John, N.B., Municipal Airport reported that an unidentified flying object passed over the area at approximately 10:15 p.m. A plane was out at the time the object was sighted. "The pilot of that plane reported that a fiery object passed over them while they were at 7,000 feet." Sightings were also reported in the Moncton, N.B. area, where one witness said he saw two objects at 10:20 p.m., heading northeast. He described the objects as yellow or white in color. They could be seen for less than a minute. Another witness reported sighting three objects. Ernest Dick, 55, said he was out walking his dog at Woodlawn, Nova Scotia when he saw a bright object moving rapidly just above the horizon around 10:30 p.m. It was trailed by a series of colored lights, "and looked just like a floating hotel," he said. He felt sure it was not an aircraft, and there was no sound from it. Other viewers said the object looked like "a flying train with its lights on." There was blue flame coming from its rear, they reported. An RCAF spokesman said an aircraft flying over Maine, U.S.A., at 10:27 reported seeing an object and Prince Edward Island, Canada residents sighted it at 10:35 p.m.

MARTIANS LEAD THE SWEET LIFE?--Scientists at the Space Agency's Ames Research Center reported some intriguing new guesses about the nature of Mars on January 27. The red planet, they said, may quite literally lie under a rain of "manna from heaven"--a steady flow of edible sugars produced by the sun's rays from the basic chemicals in the Martian atmosphere. In one investigation Dr. John Young and Dr. Cyril Ponnamperna have been creating organic compounds in a box simulating the soil and atmospheric conditions on Mars. Into an artificial atmosphere largely composed of nitrogen and carbon dioxide, with a tiny trace of water vapor, the scientists shone intense ultraviolet light--the way the sun might shine on Mars. The light acted on the atmosphere to create by photochemistry the organic liquid called acetaldehyde, and continued irradiation of this compound with more ultraviolet light created a host of other organic compounds. Among the important products have been such common--and nutritious--sugars as glucose and sucrose. Dr. Harold P. Klein, chief of

life science research at Ames, said "I call it manna from heaven. I can just visualize a steady rainfall of food on the surface of Mars, directly produced from the atmosphere by photochemistry, without any need for the process of photosynthesis that's conducted by green plants here on earth." What's more, Klein said as he speculated on this Martian manna, the sugars and other compounds may drift down to the Martian surface, seep into the soil, and form underground reservoirs of nutrients.

TWO WOMEN, 25 YOUTHS REPORT WATCHING FLYING OBJECT OVER BURLINGTON,

VERMONT--Two women and some 25 youngsters reported seeing an unidentified flying object flowing in the sky over the south end of the city on March 12, about 8 p.m. Tom Provost, 16, said he saw the object four different times after two other boys told him about it. Provost said he first saw the flying object coming from the direction of Pine Street and Proceeding out over the lake by Cliffside. He said it had a yellowish top and bluish bottom with "a glow all over it." He said it would move rapidly and stop, and rays of red light would shine down when the object stopped. He said he ran down behind Vermont Structural Steel Corp. with four other boys to see if they could see it. Provost continued down a path through the woods alone towards the lake thinking it was a meteor or something, he said. The first two boys who reported seeing it, Dave Rockwood, 15, and Norman Matton, 15, along with Dave's brother, Bill, 13, and Michael Kriesel, all accompanied Provost as far as the steel firm. Provost said he was going down the path when he heard a noise and turned around. He said when he turned back towards the lake he saw the object in the sky heading up out over the lake. "I never ran out of the woods so fast in my life," he declared.

Provost said he ran over to the corner of Foster Street and Lyman Avenue where several people had gathered. "We were standing on the corner and the flying object appeared again, this time about halfway between Vermont Structural Steel and the lake from where we were. "It stopped and began dropping rays of red light. Then it started moving backwards and we lost sight of it behind some trees," he said. He said some of them got into a car driven by his mother, Mrs. John Duclos, and drove down towards Cliffside and Flynn Avenue. Provost said they saw the object again moving in an irregular pattern. The object then rapidly disappeared over New York, he said. He said when the object moved it constantly kept changing its glow from bright to dim. Mrs. Duclos and Bill Rockwood verified the boy's story as he reported it. Mrs. Wallace Rockwood, mother of two boys, also saw it. Mrs. Duclos said the object looked round and bright. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," she said. Bill Rockwood said it would turn very bright, and then fade to a shiny glow. He said it kept swooping down out of sight behind the trees and Vermont Structural Steel.

MYSTERY OBJECT OVER WESTERN ENGLAND--Reports of an unidentified flying object which lit up the sky as it traveled fast from north to south poured into news offices on March 11. "In some ways it resembled a meteor, but I am sure that it was not," said Mr. H.D. Barry, of Aughton Green, Ormskirk, Lancashire County. "It made a tremendous swishing noise as it traveled across the sky from northwest to southeast. The object was also seen by a Gateacre man as he arrived home from work at 8:10 p.m. "It was bright enough to read a paper by for a few seconds," he said. "In some ways it looked like a comet with a fiery tail. When I last saw it, it disappeared over the tenement flats at Gateacre."

HUGE FLYING OBJECT SEEN OVER NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA--Residents of almost every area of Cape Breton, N.S. reported sighting a huge glowing object visible over the area on the night of February 14. Radio station CJCB said it received more than 100 calls describing the phenomena in similar terms. Callers said they saw a bright green ball of light about eight feet wide with a long flaming tail and an orange glow around the tail. All said it traveled towards the southeast.

BALLS OF FIRE ARE REPORTED FLYING IN VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA AREA--Several Valley City area residents have reported seeing balls of fire flying through the sky. The first sighting was reported on the night of February 12, when Mrs. Martin VanHal saw what appeared to be a ball of fire drop out of the sky and hit the side of a hill just southwest of the city. Mrs. VanHal, who lives in the southwest part of the city, was watching out of a living room window when the fireball roared into the ground. On February 13, Jim Kunz, who lives on a farm southeast of the city, reported seeing about the same type of object hit the ground in that direction. Both objects were reported to be about two and a half feet in diameter, blue or blue-green in color, and trailing a bit of white smoke. They were both reported to have slammed into the ground at a high rate of speed. Both Kunze and Mrs. VanHal reported that they saw nothing of the object after it hit the hillside. Mr. VanHal saw basically the same type of object flying low through the sky just west of the city. He was driving west of the city on February 16, accompanied by his 12-year-old niece, when a fireball appeared in a break in low-flying clouds. This object, too, was comparatively small, described as about twice the size of a basketball, and was traveling very fast in a nearly horizontal plane. Both VanHal and his niece saw the object, and they stopped the car to observe and listen for possible sound. The object was apparently silent as it disappeared into a cloud bank. At about the same time and night, the Mel Anderson family reported seeing the same type of flying object.

FLYING OBJECT REPORTED OVER ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS--A flying object was reported hovering over Elk Grove Village at 12:47 a.m., February 9. Mrs. Susan Crowley told police she saw the object hovering over a home behind hers. She described it as having a clearly defined form and moving from side to side. Its color was soft white and it appeared 40 feet above the house, she said. The object had disappeared when she went in the house to call her husband.

LIGHTS IN SKY "WERE UFOs," SAYS ASTRONOMER--Astronomer Father Burke-Gaffney of St. Mary's University, says he has written off the large number of flying objects seen over most of Nova Scotia, Canada on March 16, as unidentified flying objects or UFOs. Father Gaffney said the objects were not meteors and "not astronomical." Reports poured into the weather office, armed services, RCMP and news media that rows of lights, and reddish glowing objects had been seen. Two police officers reported seeing very rapid flashes, followed by burst of flames.

PASTOR SAYS OBJECT SEEN AT MARION, VIRGINIA--A Chilhowie minister reported that he and a group of other people watched an unidentified flying object at close range above downtown Marion on the night of January 26. The Rev. H. Preston Robinson, pastor of the Chilhowie Church of God, said "It stopped some 600 feet above the ground, right over downtown Marion and had

a round-shaped bottom from which several lights showed--I don't know how many." Mr. Robinson, along with about 10 other persons, including his mother and father-in-law, spotted the UFO some four to five minutes before 9 p.m. As it went out of sight, he said, what looked like a ball of fire came from beneath the unidentified craft, which traveled at a fantastic rate of speed, spinning clockwise. "It moved from east to west, disappeared, and then the satellite (Echo II) which usually goes over Marion this time of night came along on schedule, after which the unidentified object returned, reversing its course, back over the town, hovered momentarily, and then, literally, just disappeared," Mr. Robinson said. He also said there was a steady, buzzing sound, clearly heard, not the kind of a sound a motor or jet would make, during the "less than a minute" it stopped over the community. Several groups, scattered throughout the town, also saw the UFO, describing the same events at the same time. Town police and local radio stations were deluged with phone calls regarding its mysterious and short appearance. "So," said Mr. Robinson, "we weren't the only ones that saw it."

UFO SPOTTED BY STUDENT NEAR NORFOLK, VIRGINIA--An unidentified flying object was spotted in the Norfolk area around midnight on January 14. James Myers, an Old Dominion College student said he saw the object as he was traveling east on Little Creek Road near Taussig Blvd. Myers said the object was east-northeast of his location. "It rose from the ground to the sky and disappeared at about 1,500 or 2,000 feet," he said. He said the object first looked diamond-shaped and then appeared to be round. He said it was "silvery, bright and flowing. It didn't look anything like a shooting star or anything I've ever seen before," he said.

ANOTHER UFO SEEN BY COUPLE NEAR NASA STATION--The observation of fast-moving, unidentified flying objects over the Eastern Shore seems to be on the increase. There was a new sighting at Locustville, Virginia on January 12. Several of the previous sightings have been by employes of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Wallops Island, 16 miles north of Locustville. The Locustville sighting was by a NASA staff member, Mrs. Joyce Milliner of the Press Relations Office. With her at the time was W.J. Milliner, her husband. They reported that they saw a rapid-moving, twinkling object larger than a star about 6:30 p.m. It moved north and was in view about two minutes before fading from sight, they said. While this viewing was not near Wallops Station, the Milliner home is near an observation station maintained by NASA. The object on its northern course was heading generally towards Wallops Island, it was reported. "We were coming from the garage," Mrs. Milliner said, "when he saw it and grabbed my arm. I was frightened. At first I thought it was a comet coming straight at us."

N.I.C.A.P. REPORTER is published monthly by the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena--National Headquarters--5108 S. Findlay St. --Seattle, Washington 98118. Yearly subscription: U.S., U.S. possessions, Canada and Mexico--\$2.00. All other countries--\$2.75. All subscriptions are sent First Class mail in a sealed envelope. Make all checks and money orders payable to Robert J. Gribble. Subscribers will receive a one month extension to their subscription for each non-duplicated newspaper clipping sent to N.I.C.A.P. about current reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. Name, date, city and state of publication must be attached to each clipping. Copies of original clippings will not be accepted. N.I.C.A.P. is a non-profit organization serving the public through education since 1955.