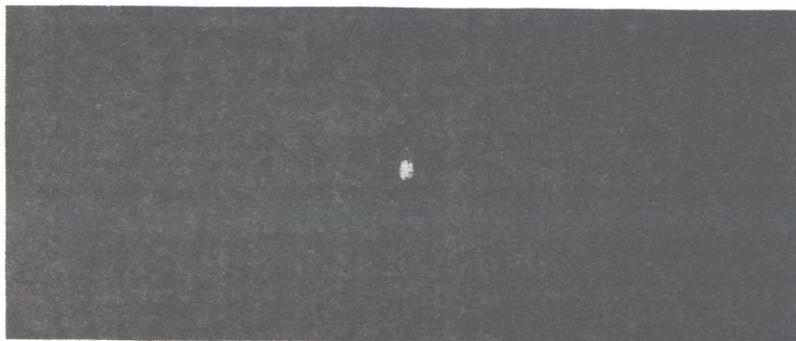
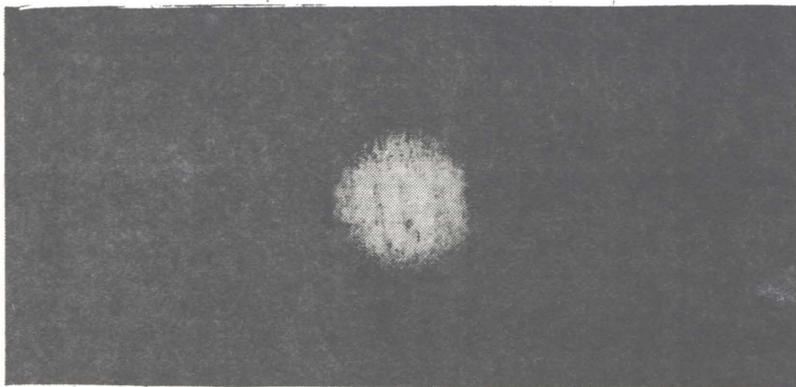


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(near Civic Center)
SAN FRANCISCO

Since 1964 the National UFO Conference has been an annual gathering of ufologists who get together to share news, information, and ideas (the Conference was known as the "Congress of Scientific Ufologists" between 1964-1972). The "con" has had only one set policy over the years: open participation - no group or individual has ever been excluded. We believe this policy is particularly appropriate today in light of the numerous personality disputes and group rivalries which characterize contemporary ufology.

The "closed session" is designed to facilitate the personal exchange of information among participants. It consists of presentations and talks on various aspects of the phenomenon with the opportunity to ask questions and comment. Because this is being written several months in advance, it is not possible to list here all of this year's participants. As of this writing, a tentative list includes: Allen Greenfield of Florida, one of the con's founders with 17 years experience in the field; R.F. Haines, Ph.D, a research scientist speaking on "What do UFO witnesses and non-witnesses think UFOs look like?"; Curt Sutherly of Pennsylvania, a writer whose articles on UFOs and paranormal phenomena have appeared in many national magazines; Gray Barker of West Virginia, whose investigation of the Flatwoods, West Va. "monster" in 1952 led to what is now a 25 year involvement with the UFO phenomenon, not only as an investigator, but as a writer, editor, publisher and author (his best-known work, They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, appeared in 1956 and was the first discussion of MIB incidents); John Musgrave of Edmonton, Alberta, one of Canada's most respected researchers, talking about "Occupants and Critters North of the 49th Parallel"; Rick Hilberg (another founder of the con) and Bob Easley of Ohio, discussing recent developments in their State. The chairman of the conference is James W. Moseley, who was editor of Saucer News between 1954-1968. This year's event is sponsored by California UFO Research, a group from the San Francisco Bay area.

There is still space on the program for a few additional presentations. As this is the first time the conference has been held west of the Mississippi, California researchers are especially invited to participate. For those coming from out of town, there are rooms available at the San Franciscan Hotel at a special group rate. The meeting room for the closed session has a limited capacity which necessitates advance registration (there is no fee). If you wish to give a presentation, reserve a seat, or reserve a hotel room, please use the space below. We look forward to seeing you August 6th.

To: California UFO Research, P.O. Box 11304, San Francisco, CA 94101.

_____ I'm interested in giving a presentation at the closed session (send details).

_____ Please reserve me a seat at the closed session.

_____ Please reserve a _____ single (\$22) _____ double (\$26) room for the night(s) of August _____.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

A CAPSULE COMMENTARY ON 30 YEARS OF SKY WATCHING

by Robert S. Easley

Kenneth Arnold, like an aging, retired movie star, is now receiving honors for his sightings of nine disc-shaped objects on 24 June 1947. Often considered the "Father" of the modern-day UFO enigma, Arnold will be honored at the first "International UFO Congress" in Acapulco in April and at the FATE MAGAZINE sponsored Conference in Chicago in June. His sighting over the Cascade Mountain Range is still often mentioned in books and magazine articles on the elusive objects better known as flying saucers.

The past thirty years have been turbulent ones indeed in the search for the identity of UFOs. Every explanation imaginable has been postulated by researchers, religious fanatics, and government officials alike. As yet, no explanation given has come close to solving all the many questions that have flown up in the faces of Ufologists.

These explanations have run from secret military aircraft to Hallucinations, from extraterrestrial craft to living animals, from psychic emanations to time machines. You name it, and at one time or another it was probably thought of as the definitive answer to the UFO problem.

The U. S. Government and its' role in the UFO phenomenon has been played up innumerable times in books and articles, on TV and radio shows, and in the many lectures given by numerous UFO personalities, including this writer. The Air Force, CIA, and FBI have all managed to get their fingers into the UFO soup at one time or another.

UFO observers have run the gamut from your average citizen to astronauts, from policemen to movie stars, from politicians to military officers. No Country's population has been ignored by the many shapes, sizes and colors of Unidentified Flying Objects.

Pseudo-scientific studies have given us such conclusions as the UFOs are definitely interplanetary spaceships (1948), all UFOs are natural phenomena (1953), and UFOs not only don't exist, but will not exist for at least another 10,000 years (1968). Is it any wonder that scientists have no idea what - or who - to believe anymore?

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COVER: Frames of photographs released by Vestiga of a "spook light" phenomena taken November 20, 1976 in Washington Township, New Jersey. (Vestiga, RD 2, Brookwood Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874). Photos published in THE FORUM, Hackettstown, New Jersey.

UFO groups have run from the ultra-dedicated NICAP group to the so-called religious teachings of Bo and Peep, from MUFON - who argues with everyone and everything, to the NUFOC - who doesn't really do anything except meet once a year for a gala booze party and talk-fest. Perhaps this is why nothing has really been accomplished by the many private UFO groups. They are no closer to the answer now than they were on that sunny June day in 1947.

Who will solve the UFO puzzle? Will it be the Hollow Earth Society or will it be Project Starlight International, with all their fancy, highly-sensitive, modern equipment? Will it be Dr. Hynek and his "Invisible College" or will it be Allen Greenfield and his AR theories? I do not know, do you?

1977 marks my 15th year chasing these crazy objects half-way across the world. I have no idea what they are, just as I didn't in 1962. I guess I haven't progressed much in these fifteen years. Perhaps the next fifteen...

To end this article on a note of optimism; if anyone can solve this mystery it will be Project Starlight International, headed by Ray Stanford (P.O. Box 5310 Austin, Texas 78763). Their instrumentation studies should provide us with the key for unlocking this mystery of lights in the sky. Hopefully, the key will be found before another thirty years have elapsed.

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RECENT UFO REPORTS

by Rick R. Hilberg

UFOs Spotted in California Mini-Flap (3/21-22/77)

Sherrif's Deputies Ronald Krug and Richard Green reported sighting two large objects over San Joaquin County, which traveled from west to southeast, hovered, and then left at a high rate of speed on the 22nd.

Green stated they observed the UFOs at about 5:15 A.M. "At first, they were stationary and appeared to be hovering over the Stockton area," he said.

Deputies Russell Truman and Bruce Agnew then reported sighting a large object in the sky, which rose at a 25-degree angle until it was no longer visible. Deputies Scott Gudgel and Bill Issacs also confirmed they too had spotted the mysterious objects.

However, two Los Angeles County sheriff's department helicopter patrolmen were probably the first to report sighting UFOs, as they spotted two bright lights with an orange cast on the evening of the 21st.

Raymond Davis, the pilot, and Theodore Roach, the observer, said they saw the two lights in the Whittier Hills area about 8:30 P.M. and tried to follow at speeds of 80 miles an hour.

Davis and Roach said the objects looked somewhat like landing lights on a plane, but reported that the lights were not attached to anything.

Then at about 3:30 A.M. on the 22nd, security personnel at March Air Force Base, some 50 miles to the east, saw a pair of lights and within minutes, law enforcement officers from Riverside to Ventura also reported sighting mysterious lights in the sky.

California Highway Patrol officers Robert Scholl and L. Orchard in Riverside wrote in their log that the UFO, "a bright light with a vapor trail," hovered over the Box Springs Canyon area before it sped off to the south.

Two sheriff's deputies on the outskirts of Los Angeles also saw the lights about 3:30 A.M. and said that one followed the other as they sped from west to east at a high rate of speed.

At about the same time, officers in Ventura County, 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles, reported sighting the strange lights.

Extensive checks with various government agencies could turn up no reports of scheduled missile launchings, nor were any aircraft test activities going on at the time to possibly explain the many reports of unusual lighted objects.

And Meanwhile in Ohio... (3/22/77)

While lawmen were observing UFOs in the skies over California, two South Euclid women were trying to identify a strange object hovering in the western sky.

Rose Melega was watching television at about 8:00 P.M. when her neighbor, Dorothy Barkan, called. "She said she was talking on the phone and looking out the window at something bright and blinking in the sky," Mrs. Melega said.

"It wasn't a star - it couldn't be. I had to look between branches to see it, so I told Dorothy I was going to put on my coat and go out."

Mrs. Melega watched the strange object for about five minutes before it disappeared in the west.

"It just seemed to be stationary, and it was just huge compared to the stars. I can't say how high it was, but it was much lower than the stars." The object grew to a brilliant brightness, and then dimmed, she reported.

"It was doing that over and over again. Then I came in and told my husband. When I went back out, it had dropped down quite a bit. Then it would go completely dark, then come back again."

She described it as disc-shaped object with an antenna on top. "I can't believe it was a star, and it couldn't be a planet. You don't see planets move," Mrs. Melega said.

Domed Saucer Sighted in Idaho (12/30/76)

A saucer-shaped object with a bright dome was sighted by a St. Maries woman and her four children while driving between Worley and Rockford. The sighting occurred at 6:15 P.M., and it was already completely dark outside, the woman reported.

She thought at first that the object was a light on a radio tower, while her children speculated that they might be sighting a distant airplane.

They pulled off the highway and watched from their car as the object came toward them. "It had a big dome light on top of a saucer-shaped object with two blinking lights on the rim of the saucer," she said. The object was very bright. The light on top was white and the saucer seemed to give off a pale green light, she recalled.

She was not sure of the actual size of the object, not knowing her distance from it in the darkness. However, when they first pulled over, the object seemed to be quite some distance from them, then "it came up quickly without making any noise," she said.

Seeing the strange object fly up to them frightened the group. The woman drove back onto the highway, heading toward Worley. The children said the object started heading toward Spokane. After a while she again stopped the car to have a look back. "It seemed to be heading along the mountains in the same direction we were traveling and then went out of sight."

When they reached Worley, they could no longer see the bright lighted object although they saw about eight blinking lights similar to those on the rim of the saucer-shaped object.

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Around And About The Saucer World

by Rick R. Hilberg

We are really looking forward to attending the fourteenth National UFO Conference in San Francisco this coming August. Aside from being the thirtieth anniversary of Ken Arnold's famous sighting, those who have announced that they will be attending the con promise to make for some very interesting conversation and swapping of UFO-related information. As we reported last issue, Dale Rettig is working furiously to assure a successful gathering of Ufologists, and an interesting lineup of speakers for the public open sessions.

It looks as if many "Middle Ufologists" are looking to the NUFOC for leadership in their sector of the field. The enthusiasm shown to date has been nothing short of phenomenal, and should make the con the focal point for serious future cooperation in the field. Make your plans to attend now!

Laura Mundo recently wrote us to say that her newsletter will not be published on a regular basis anymore, but will be issued whenever she feels some special events warrant.

Laura also asked us to insert the following message for our readers: "Laura Mundo, pioneer flying saucer researcher, writer, and lecturer urges that we all write President Carter and remind him of his campaign promises to reveal what UFO info. the government or previous administrations had kept hidden from us. He has had a sighting of his own and he knows how vital it is to the saucer believer to know his government is living up to its responsibilities in this matter."

Who knows, maybe a great number of letters may just have some positive effect to this end. Maybe the tidbit that Bob Easley reports on in his "Notes" regarding Carter and UFOs may just come to pass.

Those readers who would like to contact Laura may write to: 140 Cherry Valley Dr., Apt. D-13, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Hey Laura, maybe we can see you out in San Francisco this August...

We read in the papers that a contactee named Guillermo Jaimes Gonzalez presented a report on a model of a flying saucer that actually flies, to delegates at the recent "International Congress on UFO Phenomena" at Acapulco. Gonzalez claims that the small model is made of a "completely new metal system" that makes it fly when hit by a one million-volt electrical charge. Boy, we'd sure hate to be in a full size saucer when it gets zapped by that much juice!

Also on the "Congress" scene, we understand that organizer Guillermo Brave lost about \$45,000 because only about two hundred paying delegates attended the gala affair. We thought we lost a bundle on the last two Mysticom shows, but Brave's losses make ours look like peanuts!

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NOTES FROM THE SAUCER'S CUP

by Robert S. Easley

I recently received a clipping from long time researcher Robert Schiller concerning a huge mysterious object that lies beneath the northern part of Ellesmere Island, 600 miles from the North Pole. According to Prof. John M. De Laurier of the Dominion of Canada Observatory in Ottawa, the nearly cylindrical object is sixty-five miles long and lies fifteen miles beneath the earth's surface. It extends downward in a southwest direction to a point estimated to be the boundry between the earth's mantle and crust. This object is apparently causing a large distortion in the earth's magnetic field above the object.

If anyone has further information concerning this object, please get in touch with me, in care of this magazine. Thank you.

Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt, never realized that 3,212 years after his death he would become gravely ill. The mummy was plagued by 60 types of fungus and two strains of insects. However, after receiving radiation treatment, it is felt that the mummy will no longer deteriorate. Many Egyptians still believe that the soul of Ramses II will one day return to his body.

In a recent survey taken of members of the American Astronomical Society, 80% of 1,356 astronomers feel that UFOs deserve further scientific study. The poll also showed that sixty-two persons had either seen or had made instrument recordings of events that they felt might be related to the UFO phenomenon. (Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 17 March 1977).

The following is taken from the 18 April 1977 issue of U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, the "Washington Whispers" column: "Before the year is out, the Government - perhaps the President - is expected to make what are described as 'unsettling disclosures' about UFOs - unidentified flying objects. Such revelations, based on information from the CIA, would be a reversal of official policy that in the past has downgraded UFO incidents."

I recently attended a lecture by Dr. Wilbur Franklin entitled "Is There Science in Paraphysics/Parapsychology?" Dr. Franklin was the first scientist to study Uri Geller (at the request of former astronaut Edgar Mitchell) and is now one of the leading scientists in Parapsychological research.

During the Question/Answer period I asked Dr. Franklin what his beliefs were pertaining to UFOs. His answer followed the reasoning of Hynek and Vallee, that there is a possibility that UFOs could be some type of psychic emanations from the mind.

Dr. Franklin also felt that with the large number of planets throughout the Universe, it would be highly unlikely that there is not intelligent life out there, somewhere. Whether that life is visiting us or trying to communicate with us now, he mentioned, is hard to answer.

The United States and the Soviet Union will cooperate on a study of the Bermuda Triangle, according to the Soviet News Agency, Tass. The project, called "Polymode", will start in June and concentrate on whirl formations. "The formations range up to several hundred kilometers in area and resemble cyclones in the atmosphere in their structure. They reach to a depth of several thousand yards." No mention of any disasters or disappearances was made. (TOLEDO BLADE, 29 March 1977).

Latest news on the "Star Trek" movie is that Paramount will probably begin production in November or December, with a projected release date of Christmas, 1978. Gene Roddenberry, creator of "Star Trek", is re-writing the Bryant - Scott script; while Bill Shatner and Leonard Nimoy have stated that they would like to re-create their TV roles as Capt. James Kirk and the alien Mr. Spock.

Oregon State Representative Ted Kulongoski (Rep. - Junction City) has introduced a resolution to prohibit the "harassing, annoying or intimidating" of Bigfoot. Kulongoski's children came up with the idea of protection for Bigfoot after watching the recent TV Special "Bigfoot: The Mysterious Monsters." Maximum penalty for violation of the possible new law would be "two days labor picking up garbage along Oregon highways." (NEW TIMES MAGAZINE, 18 March 1977).