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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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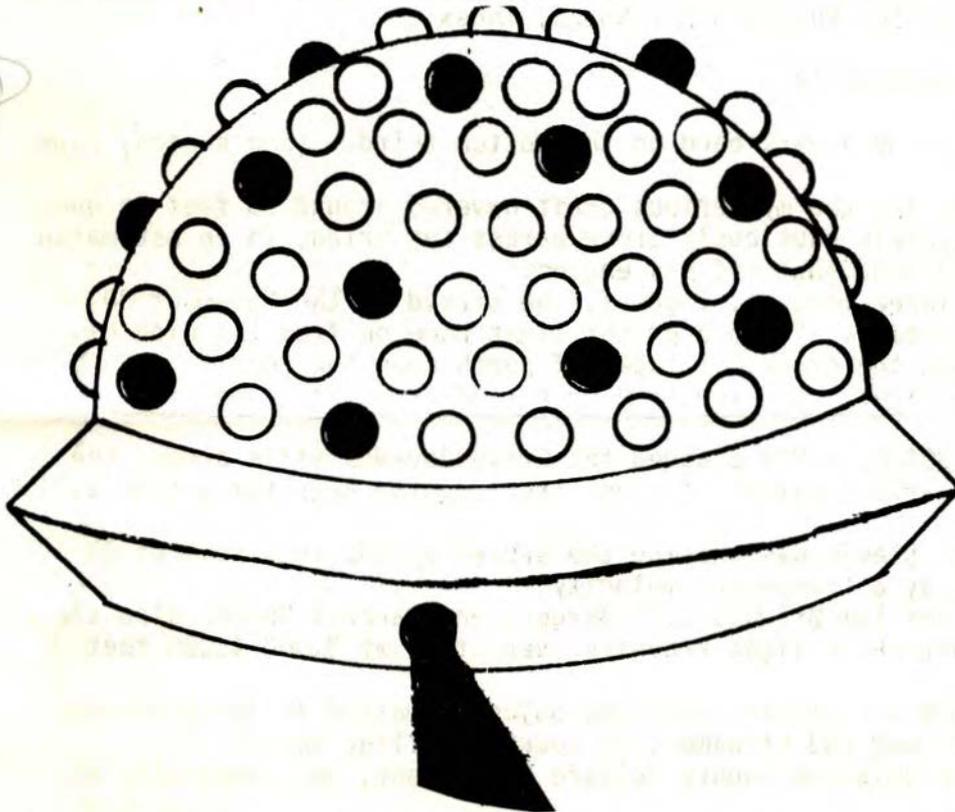
## FANTASTIC SIGHTING REPORTS CONTINUE

Reports of occupants, including one that caused a witness to faint; a UFO that shone a light on a witness and flew "from 100 to 500 times faster than a jet airplane"; an object that emitted a light beam onto a car; another that shone a light up and down a creek; a UFO that lifted a truck off a road and caused extensive damage to it; an object that was chased at speeds of more than 90 m.p.h.; another that paced an automobile; UFOs that appeared to communicate with each other; an object that responded to signals from a witness; another that disappeared as a plane approached; a UFO that vanished as a car approached; an object that nearly collided with a boat; another that may have left behind physical evidence; and

UFOs that landed and took off, caused electro-magnetic (E-M) effects and animal reactions, emitted sounds, and frightened witnesses were characteristics of sighting reports from at least 14 states and Canada during the period October, 1973 - March, 1974. Witnesses included police, a former radar operator, a welfare department chief, a college professor, and a television engineer.

Oklahoma came under the scrutiny of the mysterious objects.

Darrel Nickels was driving near Dead Woman's Crossing, just outside Weatherford, at around 7:30 p.m., November 29, when he saw a UFO with approximately 30 flashing, multi-colored lights. The object was 16-20 feet wide, 9-10 feet tall, and had several "pads" on the bottom. It



UFO Seen by Darrel Nickels, Weatherford, Okla., November 29, 1973

(Courtesy: Weatherford News)

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### NEW BOOK PROBES PASCAGOULA INCIDENT

An in-depth probe of the now-classic Pascagoula, Miss., incident of October 11, 1973, is the most salient feature of a new book by Ralph and Judy Blum entitled *Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs*. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 1).

While the book is centered around the startling "kidnapping" of two Southern fishermen by alleged alien beings, there is also a laudable recounting, mostly from newspaper clippings, of the big 1973 UFO flap. Much of the work, however, is devoted to a rehash of older sighting

reports culled from previous books and magazine and newspaper articles. The UFOR editor's book, *Mysteries of the Skies; UFOs in Perspective*, for instance, is widely quoted, including complete reproductions of two airship patents from the great airship sighting wave of 1896-7.

Ralph Blum personally investigated the Pascagoula case, becoming friendly with the two witnesses, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, and the behind-the-scenes follow-up to the encounter makes the book valuable to a more complete understanding of this incident, destined for a high place in UFO annals.

Blum, the senior author, had been investigating the UFO phenomenon for only a year before completion of the book and, though the work is generally credible and accurate, his lack of total, long-term experience with the subject shows. There are some commonly made mistakes. Still, the work holds together and is a good introduction to the overall subject.

(*Beyond Earth: Man's Contact With UFOs*, by Ralph Blum, with Judy Blum (New York: Bantam Books, 1974), 248 pgs., \$1.50, Photographs, Notes, Index).

### *Fantastic Reports* (Continued from page 1)

looked like it had a silver dome and a dark band on the bottom third. (See sketch, page 1).

The witness neared a bridge and the mysterious craft hovered around 30 feet to one side and above the crossing. Nickels cautiously drove across the bridge to an estimated 30 feet from the object, stopped, and shut off his engine.

"I looked at it for about three minutes, I guess," he stated in the November 30, 1973, edition of the *Weatherford News*. "Then a bright light came on from the side of the object and shined up and down the creek. I took off north down the road."

Others, including police officers, saw the same or a similar object along the banks of the creek.

On the evening of October 29-30, a UFO plagued the Grove-Jay-Westville areas, the *Westville Reporter*, November 1, 1973, stated. It was first sighted near the ground at Grove at about 11:38 p.m.

Grove Police Officer Dennis Steele was chasing the UFO at speeds in excess of 90 m.p.h. when it shot up and away at a tremendous velocity.

In Westville, Police Officers Tom Bright, J.R. Berger, and Darrell Rector also saw it. They said it was a brilliant white light traveling very fast at 3,000-4,000 feet altitude.

Bryan Sweetwater, Jay police dispatcher, said the object remained in the Grove-Jay area several hours. He added it had red streamers or sparks trailing behind it.

Carl Williams, chief of the Delaware County Welfare Department, unsuccessfully attempted to photograph the UFO.

Clay Knight was letting his cattle out for early-morning milking at about 4:30, February 18, near Vinita, when he spied a shiny, silver object "the size of a bedroom"

with flashing red or orange lights that emitted a shrill sound and landed and took off three times from a pasture. The cattle were so frightened they "wouldn't give a drop of milk." Knight's herd dog was so terrified he fled the scene.

"[Knight] was scared or shook enough that you could tell he was startled by whatever it was," Deputy Sheriff Joe Davenport said in the February 19, 1974, edition of the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times*.

Occupant reports from UFO investigator George B. Fawcett highlighted North Carolina sightings. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 8, p. 7, No. 9, p. 6, and No. 10, p. 3).

At 7:45 p.m., October 19, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Doby, of Copeland, were leaving their mobile home to attend a football game when they saw "a large, bluish, oval-shaped UFO" that hovered overhead. Mrs. Doby began screaming when she saw a "small three-foot creature in her front yard." It was completely dressed in a golden metallic suit. The stunned witnesses jumped into the car and left the farm for the evening. The family dog also fled.

Five nights later -- October 24 -- David Simpson was driving near Dobson on his way to Mount Airy at 9 p.m., stated *The Mount Airy News*, November 30, 1973. His automobile engine and headlights ceased functioning as an "oval-shaped UFO, about 12 feet wide and eight feet high" landed near the vehicle. A creature with eyes resembling "balls of fire" looked through the window and Simpson fainted. When the object left, the car resumed normal function and the terrified witness completed his journey.

Ray Shutt had just finished delivering papers in Winston-Salem at 6:25 a.m., October 17, when he saw a UFO with red lights surrounding it and a large white light in the center. The object hovered and zigzagged in the southeast, the witness stated in a report to UFOR. Shutt said the red lights flashed erratically.

Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Shutt, were alerted and the family watched as a second, identical object joined the first one and both flew east, one over the other.

A family near Blanket City spotted an oval-shaped object with purple, blue, and green lights at 7:27 p.m., October 30, stated the November 2, 1973, edition of the *Mount Airy Times*. The UFO emitted a buzzing sound as it flew over the home and dogs violently barked.

#### *UFO Disappears as Car Approaches*

It was around 1 a.m., December 28. Mrs. Clifford W. Sammis, of Beaverdam Valley, was ready to retire when she observed "two long slits of light, about 150 feet apart," stated the Asheville, N.C., *Citizen*, December 30, 1973. She awakened her husband, who also saw the reddish-blue lights.

About 10 minutes later, a light "brighter than the moon" shot up from the two objects and hovered in the center. Then a car drove along Beaverdam Road and the large light disappeared.

"The two smaller lights below then began to flash alternately and then faded," Mrs. Sammis remarked. "The fact that the car coming caused it to go out made me think it knew what it was doing."

The state of Mississippi was also host to UFOs. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 1, No. 8, p. 7, No. 9, p. 2, No. 10, p. 7, and No. 11, p. 4).

Bob Williams and Billy Smith spotted a UFO at Cameron Lake at about 9:15 p.m., October 4.

"We were watching television when, suddenly, there was a brilliant flash of light through the window near the front porch..." Williams reported in the October 11, 1973, edition of *The (Poplarville, Miss.) Weekly Democrat*. "I immediately rose to find out the source of this light. It resembled a light given off by a flash-cube, only much brighter. It lasted only for a fraction of a second on the front porch. I could see an object over the trees about 150 yards from the cabin and about 200 feet above the ground. It had two bright lights on it, just far enough apart to distinguish a space between them. I called Billy, who came out and saw it also... Every so often it would get dim or get brighter, and then it would turn red. There is a street light in the yard of the camp which I turned on and off, watching for reaction from the object. After I flashed the light and left it off, it would move very fast to the right... Once it seemed to get farther and farther

away, then suddenly 'shoot' back to its original position. It moved in quick jerks or pulses... After watching it until approximately 10 p.m., we walked to the other cabin to phone our parents. After telling them, they called the FBI in Jackson. A representative of the FBI called and talked to me for a few minutes, then connected me with the local authorities... The deputy sheriff told me the sheriff was out of town and to call back later. After this, we went to see if we could locate it again. It had moved higher up and was getting dim. But then it would glow red and bright white again... When it turned the lights would reflect off of it."

At least seven other witnesses also saw the object.

Kerry Hamilton and his uncle, W.E. Henry, saw an object with two large red flashing lights on the bottom, a white one in the middle, and a light blue one on top, at around 8:30 p.m., October 10, in Schlater. Each light was at least "as big as a car," Henry stated.

The men jumped into their car and pursued the UFO when a brilliant light beam emitted from the object flooded the vehicle, making it "as bright inside the car as if I'd turned on the overhead light," Henry remarked.

"You know, I thought I'd like to be the first to greet someone from another planet," Henry said in the October 11, 1973, edition of the *Greenwood (Miss.) Commonwealth*, "but, when that white light hit us, I didn't have any desire to be the first and I didn't see Kerry in any rush to get over there either. It was like the beacon on a riverboat. That's about the only thing I can think of I've ever seen that was that big."

Hamilton and Kerry turned down a cotton row and stopped an estimated 1,000 yards from the object, which had moved over a rice field.

"When we stopped, it stopped," Hamilton related. "When we cut off our lights and opened car doors to get out, the lights on the object went out."

#### *Objects Land in Field*

More than a dozen witnesses spotted a formation of seven UFOs "about the size of a small house" that "zipped across the sky for almost 90 minutes" on the evening of February 19, in Hattiesburg, stated the February 20, 1974, edition of the *Biloxi-Gulfport, Miss., Daily Herald*, and the February 21, 1974, edition of the *Arkansas Gazette*. Harold Stanton, engineer for WDAM-TV, said he and several others followed five of the objects. They landed in a field, then took off.

"They gave you the impression they were staring at us," Stanton remarked. "At times they would dim until they were a bluish halo-like affair which seemed to rotate."

An unidentified college professor was among the observers.

The Lone Star State of Texas continued to be visited by UFOs. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 10, p. 6, and No. 11, p. 3).

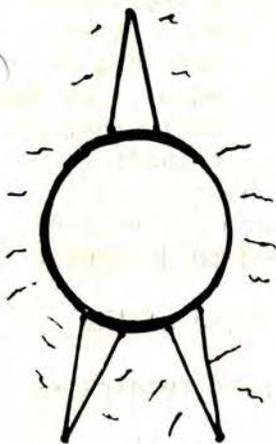
At around 7:15 p.m., October 15, Jeffrey Dean, his wife, and about eight others were fishing in the Hideaway Lakes, not far from El Paso, when they observed three erratically-moving objects that "looked something like a fluorescent light." One of the UFOs alternately brightened and dimmed and Dean heard a loud thumping sound. He said the family's German Shepherd barked and "went under the trailer and stayed there." Another smaller dog ran inside the trailer and hid under some bed covers.

Meanwhile, inside the trailer, the television set of Jeffrey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean, blacked out after emitting three "beeps." Rushing outside, they saw two bright objects.

"They seemed to be communicating with each other," the Deans related in the *Albany, Ore., Greater-Oregon*, February 1, 1974, "for, when one would dim and brighten, it would stop and wait and the other one would dim and brighten. We always had the feeling that the object to our right was in some kind of difficulty and was getting assistance of some kind."

The UFOs appeared to change from a round to an elliptical shape. The third, smaller object appeared to have been emitted from the left side of the largest object. Whitish-silver in color, it was "a bright streak" that traveled at an estimated 3,000 m.p.h. or more. After the sighting, the witnesses noticed a huge burned area in the mountains in the distance which they said had not been there before.

It was the evening of Sunday, November 18. Mrs. Fay Seeley, her sons, Richard and Russell, and Mrs. Fay Hileman and her son, Richard, were returning home to Rosebud from Buffalo. They were near Bremond when they observed "a bright, then dimming light low in the sky." The round object had a point on top and two on the bottom. (See sketch, left). It paced the automobile, flashing to the left, then right to the car almost simultaneously. The UFO dimmed, brightened, then disappeared. When the witnesses neared the Brazos River Bridge, the object reappeared. The car slowed.



UFO Seen Near Bremond, Texas, November 18, 1973

(Courtesy: Rosebud News)

"I saw that the thing was going to land in front of us on the highway," Mrs. Seeley related in the November 22, 1973, edition of the *Rosebud News*. "It never did land, but was about treetop high and was blocking my way... I whirled that car around and got out of there fast as I could, and it still followed us and stayed behind us... When we got back to Reagan and got back on State 6, we were behind another car and the thing just seemed to lift up and disappear."

Ohio residents continued to observe UFOs. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6, No. 8, p. 5, No. 9, p. 4, No. 10, p. 7, and No. 11, p. 6).

At 7:15 a.m., October 19, two men near Columbus Grove reported seeing a dome-shaped object with blinking lights on top and a white light beam that was directed toward Route 75, stated the October 25, 1973, edition of the *Columbus Grove Vidette*. Suddenly, the twinkling lights went out, another light became so bright the observers almost had to look away, and the object shot off.

Mrs. Robert Blake awoke at around 4 a.m. the next morning -- October 20 -- when a brilliant light filled her bedroom. She went outside with her son, Scott, and saw an object "shaped like an old-fashioned mousetrap." It was encircled with bright flashing white lights. The UFO then "streaked upward at an angle," flying over Beaverdam and disappearing.

The next morning -- approximately 9:30, October 21 -- Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gerdeman, of Ottawa, observed a bright light flash through their window as they were watching television. They saw a large object with multi-colored lights hovering over the woods. It took off, traveling northwest, then north. Twenty minutes later, the Gerdemans and some neighbors saw two more UFOs.

UFOs zeroed in on Nevada.

Haakon Hanson, a Nevada Power Co. troubleshooter, was on his way to Henderson at around 1:30 a.m., November 29, when he saw a UFO over a school.

"It had a red light in front, a green light in back, and a bright greenish-white light revolving in the center," Hanson stated in the November 30, 1973, edition of the *Las Vegas, Nev., Review-Journal*. "It shined its light on me."

The witness said the object was long and flat, with no wings, and flew at an incredible speed -- "from 100 to 500 times faster than a jet airplane."

"At first I thought it was a helicopter," Hanson explained, "but, when the light went out and it vanished into thin air, I knew it wasn't any helicopter. It was just stopped, parked in the air, then it moved north real fast and disappeared."

There were at least two other witnesses to the sighting.

Two Orange County, Calif., brothers were the subjects of an incredible incident that began at 4:15 a.m., February 14, about 55 miles north of Ely. The unidentified businessmen, in a U-Haul truck, observed an orange disc "that appeared to be about 10 feet off the desert floor." To the right were three smaller, blue objects, one of which was "flickering on and off."

"We were moving at about 55 m.p.h., and... it felt like we had been hit by a blast of wind or force field," one of the witnesses stated in a report to Robert B. Klinn and David Branch, who included it in their weekly UFO column in *The (Santa Ana, Calif.) Register*, March 27, 1974. "The lights on the truck flickered on and off and the engine started to miss. Then he lost control of the truck and couldn't steer it. I told him to stop, and

then, before we could stop, the transmission selector jumped out of 'drive' into 'neutral,' and we coasted to a stop in the middle of the road. Up to that point, I wasn't very scared yet. As we sat there in the road with the motor running, we observed a huge silver metal ball with a dome on top and sharp wings, standing still over a hill to the left. It was pulsating. We then were scared half to death as we observed a huge light on the road in front of us that had a red light on top of it. We thought it was moving toward us. It appeared to be maybe a mile ahead of us. I got out of the truck and shined my flashlight at it, but nothing happened. I then looked under the truck to discover the drive shaft turning. Fearing for my life, I got back into the truck, and we both kept watching the light move closer. We felt that we were in a vacuum of some kind and isolated from the rest of the world. This experience lasted approximately 20 minutes. Then it seemed to disappear and it was over."

He added the truck appeared to be floating when the wind blast hit: "None of the wheels were touching the highway."

The service station owner in Ely -- where the vehicle underwent extensive repairs -- said the whole rear end of the truck had to be replaced.

"When our town truck lifted up the back of the truck," Lewis Sandberg said, "the rear wheels just fell right off! Those men stopped that truck just in time."

#### *UFO Disappears as Plane Approaches*

On the evening of October 20, Mrs. Rachel Gray and her family, who live near Bay View, Md., observed a UFO.

"We were driving home on I-95... about 7 p.m....," Mrs. Gray recounted in the October 24, 1973, edition of the Elkton, Md., *Cecil Whig*. "Just a few minutes later, we saw something bright red, and in the middle was a bright light. My husband was driving and trying to look out the window when it stopped over us. Then it shot off like a cannon, suddenly, faster than an airplane could have done. That's when the kids got scared. We pulled up at the toll booth... and it stopped over us again. Then, when we moved away, it did, too, and seemed to follow right along with us."

The family stopped at the home of relatives and alerted them.

"We watched this thing for almost an hour before we called police," Mrs. Gray continued. "There were eight of us and none of us had been drinking. It was straight overhead. It seemed like the bright light going on and off (not at regular intervals) was signaling to whatever the red lights were, and then, as the red lights would get closer to the bright yellow one, they all disappeared. Then, a few minutes later, the big light would come on again. At one point, we saw an airplane approaching from the horizon, and this thing just went off completely until that plane was out of sight."

Police at the North East Barrack also saw the object. They contacted Andrews Air Force Base, just outside Washington, D.C. The base's radar scanned the area, but found nothing. All the witnesses were convinced they had not seen any type of aircraft.

Police officers and others saw UFOs in upstate New York during the evening of October 22, the Buffalo, N.Y., *Courier-Express*, October 23, 1973, stated. Silver Creek Officer Thomas Dalton observed three diamond-shaped objects with a white light through the center and dull yellow lights on the sides.

Near Forestville, a couple saw two objects similar to those seen by Dalton fly over their home. The witnesses' television set ceased to function while the UFOs were in the area, but returned to normal when they disappeared.

At 6 a.m., October 27, Mrs. Margaret Porter and her children, Kathy, Debra, and Jess, were driving east of Pomona, Mo., when they saw a silver, oval-shaped, rotating object as big as a tractor trailer truck that had a soft glow around it and "was able to move quickly in any direction" over a farmhouse.

The UFO quickly ascended, went over the car, and turned coal black, giving the witnesses "a very frightening and eerie feeling." Mrs. Porter floored the accelerator and sped off.

A little later, the family again saw the object over another farmhouse.

At 8:10 p.m., October 31, Lee Schuchardt, of St. Charles, Ill., was watching television while his wife, Ruth, was washing dishes. Some Halloween trick-or-treaters had visited the home, but what the Schuchardts experienced next was no trick -- or treat.

Schuchardt, a former radar operator for the Navy, noticed the color suddenly went off the TV set. Looking out of a window, he noticed "a series of four horizontal and five vertical lights of varying intensity." Grabbing his wife and a pair of binoculars, he rushed outside.

"The strange thing about it was that the end light on the bottom left the other lights, circled up beyond the top light and returned to its starting point about five times," Schuchardt stated in the November 7, 1973, edition of the *St. Charles Chronicle*.

Schuchardt managed to snap two photographs of the weird formation, but the film drew a blank.

"After we stared at the lights for about 12 minutes, the whole thing slowly started rising, then shot off out of sight," he continued. "After the thing was gone, the color came back on the TV."

On the evening of December 5, Mrs. Ramona Dicks and her four daughters were driving southwest of Underwood, Iowa, when they observed a strange light.

"We first saw what looked like a flash of lightning," Mrs. Dicks related in the December 9, 1973, edition of the Council Bluffs, Iowa, *Nonpareil*. "Then there was an explosion of green."

The green, domed, cupcake-shaped object glowed yellow in a soybean field. The "excited and scared" witnesses did not stop.

#### *Object Nearly Collides With Boat*

Danny Prezkop and Jeff Sneed were outside in Fort Pierce, Fla., at approximately 10 p.m., January 19, when they saw a brilliant, orange object with fire coming from the rear approach from the north and descend to the level of the Indian River. The cigar-shaped craft emitted a hum and appeared to have windows near the rear. Its length was estimated at 20 feet and its height at 10.

The UFO slowed and dropped closer to the water.

"It got real low until we thought it was going to land," Prezkop declared in the January 20, 1974, edition of the *Fort Pierce News-Tribune*. "Then we could see a barge or yacht traveling up river and, for a minute, we thought the thing would hit it, that's how low it was."

As the witnesses braced for what appeared to be an inevitable collision, "the object lifted, increased speed, and vanished to the south."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Thomas I. Small and her son, Michael, also saw it.

"It was so bright you could hardly look at it," Mrs. Small said, "and it seemed to come right down on top of us. I've never been so frightened in my life... The object was huge. It was round with some kind of fins sticking out from the sides. It came down so low I just didn't know what was going to happen. Then it began to lift and went off so fast you could hardly keep track of it. I thought it went straight up, but nothing in this world travels as fast as that thing did."

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kendall and two friends had just returned from a wedding and were in the Kendall home in Lemoore, Calif., at about 12:30 a.m., January 25, when they saw an object with amber and white lights hovering 15-20 feet over the ground. It then took off, hissing "like an idling jet" and emitting a clicking sound "like a bicycle when kids put cardboard against the spokes."

"I have done some flying, but I have never seen anything that could change altitudes as quickly and gracefully as this thing did," Kendall stated in the January 26, 1974, edition of the *Fresno, Calif., Bee*.

The UFO rotated clockwise. It disappeared and reappeared a few minutes later. Then it sped south.

At 4:15 p.m., March 2, an unidentified witness was waiting for a bus in Trenton, N.J., when he and about six others observed "a strange object in the sky."

"It flew rapidly southward," the main witness stated in the *Trentonian*, March 13, 1974. "As it grew nearer, it grew larger. It stopped dead in the air and hung stationary in one spot and it seemed to change from a round to an oval or saucer shape."

The ice was solid and the skating excellent for 10-15 youths behind the North River Elementary School, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, early on the evening of January 2, according to the *Truro Daily News*, January 12, 1974. But the main attraction came from the sky -- an oval-shaped, blue object that descended "on a bit of a slant."

Some of the witnesses claimed that, at the same time the object was seen, lights in the community went out for approximately five seconds. At about the same time, an engineer admitted, the transmitter for Radio CKCL "went off the air for a few seconds." Nova Scotia Power Corp. officials in Truro refused comment on the brief power shortage.

### UFO PROJECT DIRECTOR CONDON DIES



Dr. Edward U. Condon

Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the University of Colorado's UFO Project during its tenure from 1966-1968, died in Boulder Community Hospital, Colorado, on the evening of March 25 of complications resulting from heart disease.

Though Condon had led a distinguished career as an atomic physicist, including helping to develop the Atomic bomb as a member of the Manhattan Project, being a former director of the National Bureau of Standards, and president of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physical Society, he is probably best known to the public as director of the Air Force (AF)-sponsored UFO Project. It was Condon's "conclusions and recommendations" section in the first six pages of the mammoth 965-page (Bantam edition) Project report, *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects*, that was accepted by both the press and the public as the official denunciation of the subject, though the rest of the report contained abundant evidence to the contrary.

During the McCarthy scare of the early 1950s, Condon became embroiled with the House Un-American Activities Committee, with Richard M. Nixon one of the leaders challenging his security clearance. Condon was noted as a hard-nosed, independent scientist and, shortly after his death, Dr. Ralph Lapp, another noted nuclear physicist, told the UFOR editor the Colorado professor had not been adverse, during the McCarthy era, to carrying a copy of *The Daily Worker* in plain view down the aisles of airplanes during his travels -- not because Nixon and the rest were correct in their assumptions but because he (Condon) would damned well carry what he pleased. He apparently thrived on controversy and that is what he effectively stirred up as director of the UFO project -- so much so that, as a result of his negative views on the subject, the Project was split into two factions, two scientists were fired, and the ire of serious UFO researchers everywhere was raised to a fever pitch.

While the UFO subject is just now beginning to recover from the effects of Dr. Condon's pronouncements -- as a result of the 1973 UFO flap -- his views, nevertheless, managed to effectively stifle the subject for more than four years, throwing the AF's Project Blue Book into a tail spin -- and out of existence.

"You should have known him years ago," Dr. Lapp said, obviously preferring to remember the independent, fighting liberal over the man whose judgment was not about to be clouded by the facts.

### SIGHTING CAPSULES

The following sighting reports have also come to UFOR's attention:

- January 2, 1974. About 11:45 p.m. Yalaha, Fla. According to the Leesburg, Fla., *Commercial*, January 3, 1974, a resident saw a multi-colored flying object that hovered and swung back and forth. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).

- January 5, 1974. Early morning. Walden, N.Y. Five witnesses watched an object with multi-colored lights that "went up and down and around in circles," stated the Walden *Citizen*, January 9, 1974. (Possible explanation: planetary illusion).