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# EDITORIAL

No one knows for certain just how many times someone looks at the sky, sees an object that is unidentified and never reports it. Some estimates put the number of such sightings as well over 900 in the United States every year. The reports vary from lights in the sky to oddly-shaped aircraft. A good portion of the yearly sightings even include humanoids allegedly ascending and descending from their inter-stellar vehicles in highly remote areas.

Reports from individuals, police and the military notwithstanding, are forcing more and more scientists to admit that extraterrestrial life forms, in alien crafts, are penetrating our air space.

Some time back a questionnaire was circulated among 2,611 astronomers. They were asked, point blank, whether they believed the subject of unidentified flying objects "deserved serious scientific study."

The questionnaire, prepared by Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, professor of space science and astrophysics at Stanford University got some remarkable results.

Of the 1,356 responses, 23 per cent said "certainly" UFOs merit such study. Another 30 per cent said "probably" they do, 27 per cent said "possibly" and the rest said probably not or certainly not. What's more, 2.5 per cent requested that their identities remain anonymous.

Recently, a similiar questionnaire, prepared by an independ-

ent fact-finding organization was sent to over 3,500 astronomers and scientists throughout the United States. Of the 93 per cent who answered the query, a startling 9.1 per cent stated emphatically that UFOs not only exist and are prevalent in our skies today, but that within the next decade, actual contact between leaders of this planet and theirs will have been established.

And although the U.S. Air Force officially left the UFO business on December 17, 1969 with the abandonment of *Project Bluebook*, many incidents since have convinced many Pentagon Military officials that UFOs are a reality.

*Blue Book* had it in its day (it began in 1948 and covered over 12,600 reported sightings) put off UFO reports as weather balloons, satellites, planets or meteorological phenomena such as lightning and fireballs. However, some 701 cases still remain unexplained and a total mystery.

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## CORRECTION:

*We goofed in issue number 9, page 8. The photograph is that of Leonard Stringfield, author of "Situation Red: The UFO Seige."*

*We regret the mistake. Although we try to avoid these errors they sometimes happen no matter how careful a publication is.*

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Yet, despite their supposed lack of interest in the subject, various air busses and commercial air terminals keep confirming unidentified "contacts" that constantly crop up on radar screens everywhere. The same confirmations come from NASA bases as well as Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps installations.

In the words of a Pentagon spokesman, "The decision to terminate the study is due mainly to the fact that no UFO that has been reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of a threat to our national security."

The Air Force spokesman added that UFO sightings represented not technological development or principle beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge and that there has been no evidence to indicate that sightings characterized as unidentified are extraterrestrial in nature.

Worth mentioning here are the words of Dr. J. Allyn Hynek, professor of astronomy and former consultant for the Air Force's *Project Bluebook* "There is a sense in which each age is ripe for breakthroughs, for changes that were not only impossible but even frightening when imagined in an earlier age. The UFO phenomenon may well be one such challenging area of interest even though it is seemingly out of place in our present world picture—as incredible to us as television would have been to Plato." □

*Harry Belil*  
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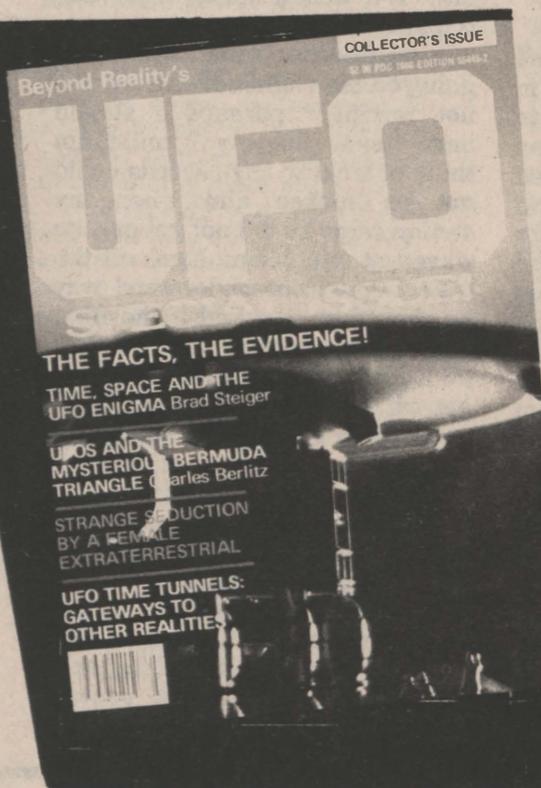
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# Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

If possible, I would appreciate knowing how to contact Ramona Cortez, who wrote an article on Col. Faucett in your April 1980 issue.

I am interested in Brazil and the Theosophical Society, who believe that the earth is hollow.

Sincerely,  
LaBron Bynum  
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—Editors Note:

*Your letter will be forwarded to author Cortez who will be in touch with you.*

Dear Editor:

Your article on NASA and UFO by Robert A. Goerman appearing in the current issue of your magazine is interesting to me mainly from Mr. Goerman's mention of "Old New Moon" and "Blue Paper" as the current identification of the continued project of UFO investigation. I first learned of these titles several years ago as a result of a statement made by a British ex-biologist while he was attending the International Astronomers Conference in Rumania several years ago. My understanding, the man was attending as an observer to the UFO session at that conference, and made mention of the aforesaid titles.

I was intrigued by what appeared to be such a childish attempt to recycle the demise of the subject at the near time of the issuing of the Condon Report. I have been in the subject of UFO since 1947, so I could hardly be termed a "Johnny-Come-Lately to the Scene" and the titles were most amusing.

The attached break-down of the title, "Old New Moon", is purely my interpretation and should be viewed as such for what it may be

worth. We live in a world of not only double digit inflation but apparently double face confusion.

At the issue of the Condon Report, Blue Book could no longer make the rent so moved to the basement apartment and called it "Blue Paper". Incidentally, what has happened to Quintenella? At the time he headed Blue Book he was highly cranked up on religion, and he has since the close of that project, been conspicuous by his absence. Did he join a monastery or maybe become cannonized as St. Quintenella?

I would appreciate your forwarding this letter and code breakdown to Mr. Goerman. I am certain he would be as interested as was Mr. Spaulding of G.S.W. at the recent symposium on UFO held in Burlingame, Calif.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Editor:

I thought I would write and tell you about an experience I had in 1968. It began when I started to write about new age ideas and philosophies concerning children and growing up together and finding a new understanding for mankind. Well, I kept writing and I had a few items published, not many, and I was also involved in a quest to put my ideas into practice. I had ideas for a motion picture to show these ideas but I found myself blocked everywhere by a mysterious force. Suddenly I became aware that I was being observed. People would come and ask me silly questions in the street at ridiculous times. Once I sent an article in and as I posted it, a man came up to me and asked me how much I put on the letter. He seemed to be

keeping a record of every little effort I was making, or rather I should say "they" seemed to be. They were all dressed about the same, and believe it or not 'trilby' identical hat, they were about 30 years behind the times in their dress. I always knew when I was going to be approached by one of these people because I could spot them a mile off, they stood out in the crowd. Finally after a few months I began seeing one at the station (Victoria in London). He always left the platform before the train departed but never boarded the train. Always the same man there everytime I went into town. I was then living in South London. Then one day as he left the platform another man, dressed the same but with a bigger build came and sat down beside me. He asked me if the train was going to my station and I said yes, then he said 'Oh good, only I have to rely on the British rail and underground while I'm here'. He smiled at me but did not remove his trilby hat. We talked about everyday things.

I wanted to know what was going on but could not ask... I was not terrified...perhaps I should have been. Anyway I could not think of what to say...words could not be spoken and when my station came he did not get out, he waved at me. When I got off the train I could not understand why he should have asked if the train went to my station, for he asked for it by name... and yet he did not get off there... how then did he know, if he knew, if I was getting off there?

Then, one day, a child came up to me in the street and asked me and I quote "Can you spare your life"... a complete stranger, for I had never seen the child before and I never saw him again... then a month later I was travelling on a bus which investigation proved

'never existed' or at least was denied... and the bus was terminated early in the journey. This took place near Jodrell Bank in Cheshire. I had to take a taxi and the taxi went very slow. I complained at this to the driver as it was late at night and I had gone to visit my mother. I wanted to get home fast... Then I saw it... my one and only UFO sighting which was to be the last unusual experience and what a finale it was too. A large glowing light that at first could be mistaken for a star, yet it hovered low over flat countryside and glowed brightly. I watched it and it moved up at an angle of about 60 degrees and as I watched it speed up into the universe it went in a kind of spiral fashion taking me with it as it moved. It went into the universe way beyond the earth and I did not see it again.

As chairman of London's UFO Network I now lead an ordinary life but I shall never forget those years and the traumatic experiences I had then.

Sincerely,  
Richard Lawrence  
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Dear Editor:

Your magazine is one to be appreciated by the no-nonsense UFO enthusiast who tires of rehash and seeks new up to date news. Thanks and keep up the good work. I am a girl of 20, living with my family and have had extreme interest in the UFO phenomenon since 1978, when most of the strangeness started to occur.

A few years before that, I remember some odd things happening. For instance, I was sitting in the living room watching TV on a clear summer night when the window facing the backyard sud-

denly lit up with brilliant white light for a split second like when lightning strikes very near, only minus the noise and weather conditions. My little brother was urging me to come outside. My mother witnessed a point of light similar to a star or a satellite. And it was making the weirdest maneuvers directly overhead.

Early one morning in '78, a good friend of mine was awakened for work by the sound of her alarm radio. The first thing she heard on the radio was talk about a woman in a certain area of town who had seen a glowing cigar shape in the sky. A very short while after that my younger brother and I had witnessed a V-shaped formation of many glowing lights travel swiftly across the clear starry sky right over our house. We both ran in the house but I came outside again, pulled up a lawn chair, and waited to see if they would come back. I was to see the V-formation again a couple of more times that night, flying over our yard, followed by two dim, blobby, white-grey, glowing round objects flying closely side by side, very fast and noiselessly.

I called my girlfriend, excitedly telling her that flying saucers were buzzing around our house. The second night we didn't see much but the third night when my friend and I were sky-watching in the yard I suddenly saw a dim round object fly by. When it got directly above us both, it disappeared right before our eyes. Then two seconds later two of them reappeared directly above us and took off over the neighbors' house, where they swiftly turned off to the left to disappear into the clear night sky.

My friend lives no more than a mile from me, and across the street from a big, empty football-baseball field used by the high school. After the fantastic sight-

ings of UFOs at my house, we both decided to sky watch often at night at the field by her house, and within the span of a few months we saw some fantastic things.

A few times we saw brilliant balls of light much bigger than plane lights or any other kind of lights of conventional nature. These lights would travel very low and very slow across the sky being totally noiseless as they went, sometimes leaving a glowing trail of zigzag-shaped light behind, or changing from a brilliant blue to white. They like to pop into existence from nowhere before your eyes and zap out again like a light turning off. Even more fantastic is that sometimes they would appear at a certain point up in the sky and descend slowly, as if they were floating, straight down to the ground. And before they seemed to hit the ground, they would "turn off".

But I think the most peculiar sighting so far occurred when my friend and I looked up and saw, travelling swiftly and directly above us, a formation of about eight round, slightly orange glowing objects in a straight line, not single file but side by side.

I try to be skeptical and think of mundane explanations before I call something a true UFO but if you would have seen these things for yourself, I bet it would have left you speechless. And I want to stress here that most of these phenomena, took place in the spring and summer of 1978, just in case you get the impression that we see them every single night.

Sincerely,  
Simone Mendez  
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Dear Editor:

In early October I purchased a  
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# UFO Update



## CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

Two witnesses verified the sighting reported by a teenage girl who maintains she was chased by a small disc flying at treetop level. The craft, they testified, temporarily blinded her by flashing a bright light down upon her as she reached the door of her home.

This recent encounter was the 153rd apparent sighting of UFOs being studied by a Missouri physics professor over the past six years.

Director of a UFO group—Project Identification—Dr. Hartley Rutledge and other members of his group have sighted various kinds of colored lights and physical objects hovering or streaking above parts of Missouri since 1973.

Thirty-four of the reported sightings are being labeled “incredible” because the various craft “exhibited physical or behavioral properties beyond known human technology.”

## —GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA UFO or optical illusion?

That’s the question plaguing professors at Kearny State University’s physics department, since several members of the Hall County, Nebraska Sheriff’s Department spotted two objects with red and green lights, moving in opposite directions, and then joining together, doing aerial maneuvers that would make the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels blush with shame.

The stir began in Adams County late last month. Sheriff Jake Thiel said his dispatcher received a call from a resident who reported multi-colored lights. Dispatcher Will Gigrich said he also saw what he described as red, blue and green lights. Other witnesses said they thought they

were looking at the stars, until they changed color.

One woman reported, “After looking through binoculars, I could see the lights were green, white and red and appeared about the size of lightbulbs. They were spinning but didn’t move very much. I was sorry to see them disappear. They were so beautiful.”

## —HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA

“An aerial craft larger than a railroad car— and lighted!”

That’s the way a woman caller identified a UFO to the police last August 15.

She said she was driving her pickup below the Laveaga Peak area “and the craft was hovering above the ridge,” she said. “It

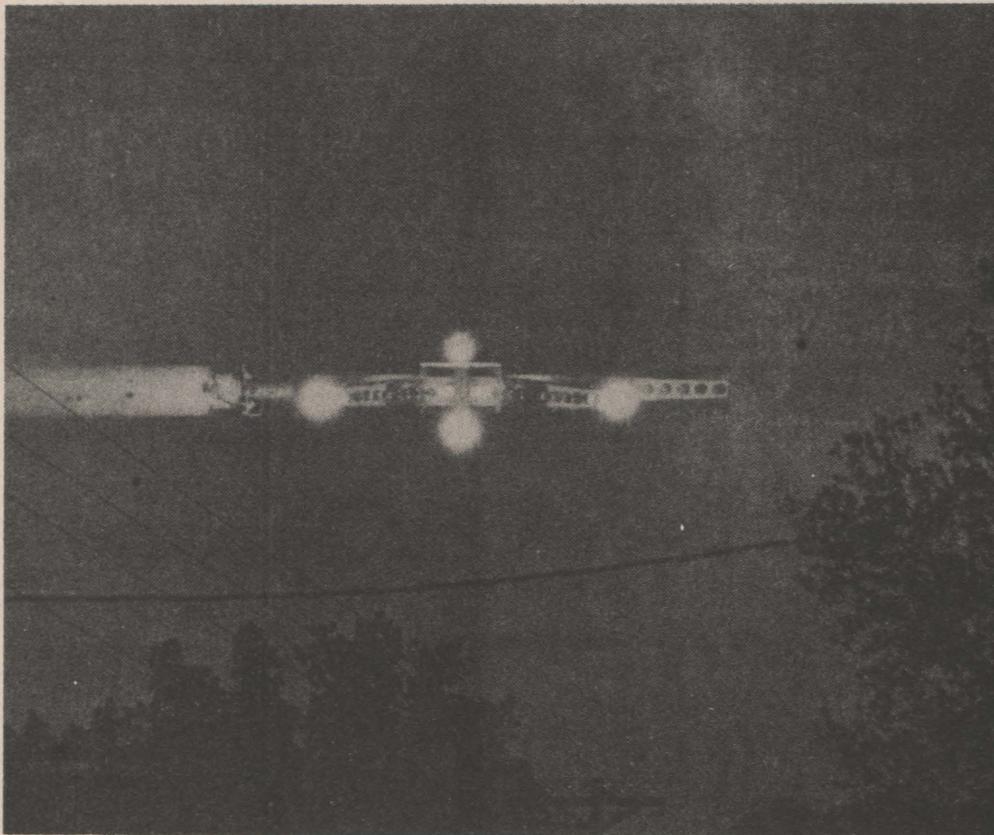
was huge, oval, and bright like a flame.”

It definitely wasn’t an airplane, she said. The woman affirmed, “We were staring at it and at first someone said, ‘look, it’s a plane.’”

“I said, ‘Hell, no, look at it. It’s not a plane, and it isn’t a star.’ The size of it was huge, and it was all lit up. Six saw it before it disappeared behind the hills in San Benito County’s northeastern tier of the Diablo Range just after sundown.

The caller, who said the aerial craft was “not earthly, for sure,” said she was not afraid, mostly curious.

“It doesn’t bother me. It was something I wanted to know more about,” she said.



BY GARY PARSONS

—BOISE, IDAHO

Although calls to the Mountain Home Air Force Base and Arnold Aviation proved negative, the UFO that hovered over Cougar Mountain for 20 minutes last April 16 left a dozen residents temporarily paralyzed.

While driving east from Banks, the Joe Lorenzo family saw a 200-to-300 foot object high in the sky. "Suddenly, the engine died, Joe, 36, a construction contractor said. His wife, Marie reiterated her husband's words, adding: "It was as though the ignition was shut off instantaneously, and the car just made a dead stop in the middle of the road."

Other vehicles, police reported, also died while en route, and remained motionless for ten minutes until the UFO was out of sight.

All 12 calls to the Boise Police Barracks identified the object as diamond shaped with multi-colored lights zig-zagging across the night sky. And all who reported the UFO said when it left, they experienced arm and shoulder pain, for approximately half-an-hour. Some said their limbs felt numb. "I didn't get feeling back into my arms until we got home," said Mrs. Lorenzo.

—WEST MILFORD, N.J.

The witnesses noted that the two objects spotted over Lindy's Lake last July 31, were flying too conspicuously slow to be airplanes or helicopters. In fact, an airplane flew by about 2,000 feet higher than the UFOs while the couples were observing them, and they noted the contrast.

The residents, two married couples who live down the street from each other, described the strange aerial vehicles in the same terms: "four circular red lights, flying equidistant from each other

in a diamond-shaped pattern, with a fifth light behind and higher than the others.

The sighting took place between Ringwood and Mahawah about 8:30 p.m. "It was very scary, the first time I've ever seen anything like that," one of the wives said. Her husband estimated the objects flying at an altitude of about 3,000-5,000 feet over the mountains, "moving very, very slowly."

However, the Lindy's Lake residents weren't the only ones sharing close encounters that Sunday night. Also, at 8:30, West Milford police switchboards were lighting up with reports of similar objects over Clinton Reservoir.

—CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

An unidentified object hovering in the night sky was observed and reported by law enforcement agencies from four counties last August 2. It was described as having green and white lights. said ambulance attendant Chip Haight, "We've been looking at it for about the past 10 minutes. We went to look out the window and we saw what everyone appeared to be talking about.

Haight had been on duty at the Wexford Sheriff's Office, and said the object had been spotted by officers in Osceola, Benzie, Wexford as well as Kalkaska.

—OAK GROVE, MISSOURI

"It was oval-shaped, about the size of a helicopter's passenger compartment. It had a mirror-like finish with no wings and no props."

That's the object that buzzed Route AA at 3:20 p.m. last August 12. All who spotted it specified that it was definitely not an airplane, helicopter or balloon.

Witnesses said as the object crossed the highway and vanished

in the vicinity over the Haymarket Shopping Center, they noticed a "domelike structure over the top."

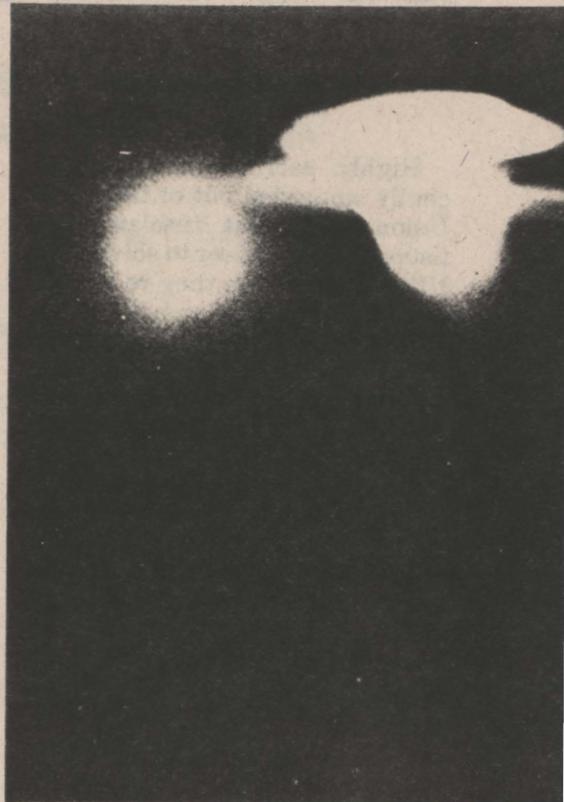
George Edwards of Grain Valley, said it had a mirror-like finish but could distinguish no lights.

—MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

"The dog was barking something awful and woke us sometime between 5:30 and 6 a.m.," said Mrs. Ronnie Garner of Nails Creek Road. Mrs. Garner recalled that her husband got up to see what the dog was after. It was a big, round light moving down the ridge. "That's when he yelled for me to come and look."

Mr. and Mrs. Garner watched the light— like a big floodlight or

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Although they are keeping it quiet, and enthusiasm is staged at a low key, Soviet officials point with pride to what they're uncovered—boasting an awesome knowledge to the world's oldest question: What lies beyond the stars?

# SOVIET SCIENTISTS PROBE THE UFO MYSTERY

Highly secret documents recently smuggled out of the Soviet Union reveal that Russian scientists are much closer to solving the UFO enigma than they're leading the Western world to believe.

And yet, if you'd discuss it with most Red government officials, chances are they'd tell you they never even heard of the term flying saucer.

Although "mums the word" throughout the Iron Curtain, and reports, both pro and con, have been kept at a minimum, one senior Russian scientist related that Soviet space stations for years have been systematically monitoring "all of the stars of the galaxy."

And although the official word from the Kremlin is that nothing

has been heard from any civilization that may exist in outer space, classified accounts smuggled out of the Iron Curtain hint that the Russians have captured an extra-terrestrial spaceship and are keeping the remains of its occupants embedded in ice for the purpose of study.

Said Vsevolod Troitsky, who wrote in the weekly *Za Rubezhom*, "The activities of such (other worldly) civilizations could not have passed unnoticed, and if we fail to discover them, this means that there are no such civilizations in existence."

Yet, following on the heels of Troitsky's official statement come documented reports from highly secret sources maintaining not only that Russia has already

deciphered signals being sent to Earth from other worlds, but that contact has actually been made.

Forty-one years ago, on February 10, 1939, the crew of a small fishing vessel anchored near a glacier in the Arctic ice, reported that a dark form was embedded in a huge iceberg. The captain ordered his ship to heave-to, and once alongside, his men worked for several hours to release it from its frozen prison and haul it onboard.

It was something of a humanoid shape and also well-preserved. "The head was large in proportion to the rest of the body," Captain Igor Vlensky signaled his headquarters, who in turn ordered the find returned to port where local authorities were waiting.

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*This bright object was photographed by a Russian Army officer as it flashed over Sverdlovsk in the Ural Mountains to collide with an airliner.*

*Dr. M. Dimitriyev, a leading Russian scientist claims that what the officer photographed was not a UFO but rather "bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation."*



Shipped to Moscow laboratories for positive identification, the discovery was mentioned in a small article in Pravda. And then all mention of it ceased.

Fifteen years later, in 1954, the world science fair opened and the Russian government gave special permission for scientists from several countries to come to Soviet Russia and view it. Indeed, once Western scientists saw the figure, they saw little else at the fair.

At the time, according to the Western press, "The figure was indeed humanoid in shape with a head which was much larger than the rest of the body. A previous autopsy revealed a much larger brain than human. It had in the chest area two hearts, one on either side, the circulatory system was vastly different, and the body yielded several other organs unlike anything known to modern medical science. The skin was thick and tough as if made to withstand a much heavier gravity than earth's."

Although all agreed the cadaver was extraterrestrial in origin, questions remained, such as how long had it been embedded in the

frozen ice. Within several days, the "creature" was hidden from the rest of the world.

There's no denying that UFOs have been spotted in the skies over Russia and Siberia, coming down thick and fast in all shapes and sizes, all of the data pertaining to these extraterrestrial craft recorded scientifically in the *Soviet Journal Aviation and Cosmonautics*.

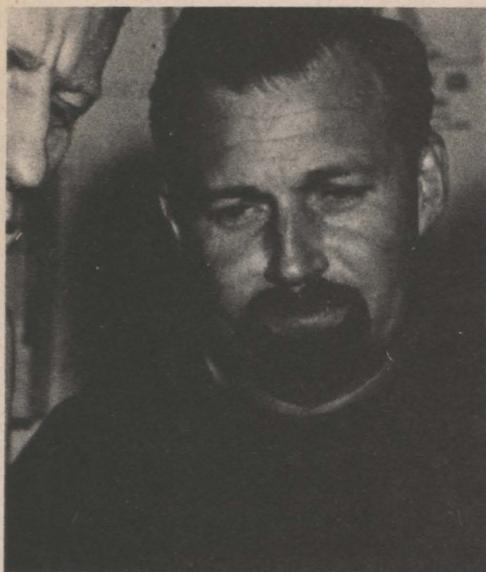
A report from Tass dated last September 4, revealed that the inhabitants of Petrozavodsk, capital of the Soviet Republic of Karelia, have witnessed an unusual natural phenomena. At about 0400, one secret communique states, a huge star suddenly flared up in the dark sky, sending shafts of light to earth. This star moved slowly toward Petrozavodsk, and spreading out over it in the form of a medusa, hung there, showering the city with a multitude of very fine rays which created an image of pouring rain.

The report maintains: "After some time the luminescent rays ceased. The medusa turned into a bright semi-circle, resumed its movement in the direction of Lake

Onega, all the while shrouded in grey cloud. A semi-circular pool of bright light, red in the middle and white at the sides, then formed in this shroud." The phenomenon, according to the testimony of eyewitnesses, lasted from 10-12 minutes.

Again, on September 23, flying saucers, traveling from south to north, were observed over Kostice at 1800 hours. According to Major Boris Domanski of the Red Army, who was strolling down Komensky Avenue with his wife and sister, the trio saw a large crowd scanning the heavens. Then they looked up and saw a red, circular object flying from the direction of the East Slovak Ironworks toward Benkov. Simultaneously they observed a black colored object rotating in place at a height of about 3,000 meters and about 7,000 meters from Kosice. When the red circular object passed the black rotating one, the latter moved off and disappeared.

According to information supplied to this publication, Pravda's newspaper offices have been flooded with calls from citizens who had witnessed the phenome-



*Major Boris Domanski was walking down Komensky Ave in the village of Petrozavodsk when he saw several UFOs flash across the sky. He watched the strange objects which stayed in view for well over half an hour.*



*The area where the crew of a small fishing boat in the Arctic Sea reported to have found the body of an alien being embedded in a huge iceberg. The body was sent to Moscow for examination.*

non. And our source revealed that according to data from the State Airline Administration, the Kosice radar station recorded no objects in the air at that particular time because they monitor only the flight routes of incoming and outgoing airplanes.

Another reported sighting dated September 27, 1979, tells that during the early morning, British European Airways flight 831, flying from Moscow to London, was cruising at an altitude of 3,300 feet inside the border of Lithuania. At between 1830 and 1900 hours, a blinding light was observed off the plane's starboard flight path, 75 miles away and 6,000 feet below.

Yellowish in color, resembling a sodium vapor lamp and viewed above a cloud layer, the light was observed for 10-15 minutes. The pilot called the Soviet flight tower asking for an identification, but the communication he received was a negative identification response, which suggested that he not ask questions.

Once more, on October 11 of last year, three new Soviet military aircraft were being tested

near the city of Ryazan, its crews flying at a height of 27,000 feet and keeping a distance between them of 50 miles.

Reliable, trained observers, the crews spotted a luminous object which was pulsating. The UFO was white in color. Suddenly, it departed from its flight pattern and approached the lead aircraft, beginning to ascend at an angle of 70 degrees.

It is reported that during the 24 minutes the UFO was in the vicinity of the aircraft, the airplane's VHF radio stations didn't work. And as it drew away, resuming its original flight path, and finally faded, the object resembled a tiny twinkling star in the dark night sky.

A week later, a similar experience was shared by the crew and passengers of a Soviet Aeroflot airliner. The pilot first thought that the light-emitting object they saw was the moon rising, and the cabin lights were switched off, so that the passengers could get a better view. As it came nearer its dimensions gradually grew. It was then that all onboard saw that the approaching "Thing" gave off a

brilliant white light — a disc floating at an angle of 70 degrees. Behind it was a trail of light which was visible for about eight minutes.

Three weeks later, on October 31, at 7:30 PM, over Sverdlovsk in the Ural Mountains a mysterious bright object collided with another Aeroflot liner flying from Petrograd to Moscow, causing an explosion and fire.

Is all this not clear proof that Soviet pilots met with flying saucers? "Not quite", says Soviet scientist Dr. M. Dimitriyev. In the *Journal Aviation and Cosmonautics*, he brought out: "What they encountered were not UFOs, but rather bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation."

He went on to explain, "In the atmosphere, there are always microscopic chemically active particles of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, etc.

"Energy released by chemical reactions of these molecules often change into photons, giving off a faint light imperceptible to the naked eye.

"When, however, these chemically active particles condense,

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**A disturbing number of lone miners are being molested by extraterrestrials. A host of Ufologists maintain it's no accident, that their brains are being picked to discover the whereabouts of our rich mineral deposits.**

# **EXTRATERRESTRIALS ARE STEALING OUR MINERALS**

**BY JIM MILES**

For 35 years researchers investigating the UFO mystery have questioned the purpose of alien visitations. A large number of various theories have been put forward, ranging from simple scientific studies like our Pioneer probes, to surveillance for possible colonization or military conquest by invading forces. One idea which has received only limited attention calls for closer scrutiny because of several recent advancements in our knowledge of UFO behavior. We have come to believe that aliens have arrived to mine the earth for its rich mineral wealth.

We have noted that a disturbing number of lone miners and prospectors have been molested by UFOs. It may be that they are chosen because of their isolation, but it is possible that they are being picked because of what they are doing. Both UFOs and prospectors share an interest in finding and extracting valuable mineral deposits and contact between

them is inevitable. The UFOs seem to be extremely hostile toward human exploitation of our own natural wealth.

Clint and Jane Chapin, an elderly couple who have been working a placer gold mine near Redding, California, for about 40 years, had an unusually close encounter with a flying object. They first sighted the UFO over their claim in 1969, but didn't tell anyone about the incident for fear of ridicule. However, after their fantastic experiences in December, 1977, and February, 1978, they had to reveal what had happened to them.

In December, the Chapins watched an egg-shaped object about the size of a Volkswagon land on their claim. Clint saw it first and yelled to his wife: "Get the gun. It's here again."

But before the Chapins could attack, the unidentified object took the offensive. It rose into the air and stunned them both into unconsciousness with an unknown

type of energy beam. Mrs. Chapin says the incident caused her to suffer a serious illness.

Enraged, they set a dynamite trap for the UFO, but alert sheriff's deputies persuaded them to abandon their plan to capture or destroy the alien craft.

Soon after the trap was disarmed, an identical UFO landed in the bushes 70 feet from their camp. It then lifted off the ground and sped away down a canyon. While investigating the touchdown spot, the couple found a two-inch deep depression in the soil. Within the circular mark they found a lump of metal and some peculiar sand.

The gray-colored, metallic lump, which looked like brass on the inside, was about the size of an infant's fist. It was subjected to exhaustive tests by metallurgists who testified that the substance was composed of seven metals which were fused together with great heat in a vacuum, presumably space. The green, glass-like

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particles of sand turned out to be pure silicone. Scientists flatly stated that it could not have occurred naturally, but required enormous refining.

Paul Cerny, an electronics engineer and UFO field investigator from San Francisco, believes the UFO might have dropped the materials. "For some reason, we have had a lot of reports of UFOs being spotted near old mines," he noted.

The most disturbing case of a miner encountering a hostile UFO occurred on May 20, 1967, when Steve Michalak, an American of Polish descent, was prospecting near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada. He sighted two UFOs flying towards him at an incredible speed, one only 15 feet above the ground, while the second was a little higher. The lower object landed near Steve, where he stood speechless, while the other hovered briefly, then left at a high rate of speed.

Michalak assumed that the craft was an experimental airplane being tested by the United States or Canada, so he hid in bushes and observed the UFO for half an hour. Finally, from the side of the object a door materialized, opened and a blinding purple beam shone from the inside. As Michalak donned his tinted welding glasses to protect his sight, he could see green, red and blue lights flashing within the craft. At this time, the object emitted an ear-splitting, high-pitched whine, as well as a "whooshing" noise as if a giant turbine was in operation within the machine. There was an accompanying smell like burning electrical wiring also.

Finally, Steve could no longer stand the suspense and had approached the object. He heard voices coming from the interior of the craft and called out a friendly hello, but at that moment the turbine noise ceased and the other shut. He was definitely not welcome within the spaceship.

He extended a gloved hand to

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**Throughout the last two decades, heavy UFO activity was concentrated in the Sellway wilderness, near Spring Creek Ridge, site of heavy mining activity. Four UFOs hung over a low hill busily tunneling, and shifting the earth into tiny openings in their large space craft.**

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feel the texture of the metal, but the rubber covering of his glove melted instantly and slipped away from the metal. At the same time the UFO spun in a counter-clockwise manner and shot out a blast of heated air which knocked him backwards and set his clothes on fire. The UFO then took off and headed back in the direction from which it had come.

Michalak managed to find his way to the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg. Doctors on duty discovered he had a checkerboard pattern on his chest formed of second and third degree burns. Afterwards he became ill and lost 22 pounds. He frequently blacked out, was plagued by constant nausea, and suffered from a terrible odor which "seemed to come from the inside." After a year of this his wife convinced him to visit the Mayo Clinic. Doctors there said his illness was caused by "a foreign substance" they found in his blood.

The most convincing report of UFO mining activity comes from the files of the venerable Tucson, Arizona, based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). In 1967 its founders and directors for nearly 30 years, Jim and Coral Lorenzen, received a sighting report from Buzz Montague of Twin Falls, Iowa. They were unable to investigate it during that exciting period of intense UFO activity, but a field investigator eventually looked into the matter in 1971. In their book, *Encounters With UFO Occupants*, Jim and Coral called this "one of the most interesting cases in the annals of UFO research."

Buzz Montague is a regular hunter and pursues his sport mainly in the Sellway wilderness near Spring Creek Ridge. A great deal of mining formerly took place in this region. Throughout the 1960's Montague spotted UFOs in the skies over this sparsely populated area.

The significant experience took place as Buzz and a friend,

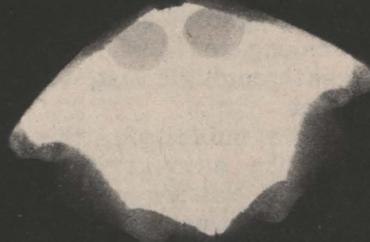
William Andrews, were camping on a high hill which gave a good view of the Spring Creek Valley. They awoke in the early morning darkness to discover a light hovering over a slag heap at the Spring Creek Mine on the opposite side of the valley. Intrigued, they resourcefully thought to examine the UFO through their 10-power rifle scopes. They were surprised to find that there were four objects at the ore dump.

Each of the ships were silver and although the tops were transparent domes, nothing could be seen within. From all four, long hoses extended from the top and were actively nosing through the slag heap. After some time the objects rose, one at a time, and the men noticed for the first time a large, cigar-shaped craft towering an estimated 1000 feet above them. This "mother ship" was dotted with four circular holes on its bottom, into which each of the four smaller UFOs inserted themselves so smoothly that they appeared to be a part of the ship, which was also silver and had regularly spaced portholes.

The long ship remained motionless and shortly the four mini-UFOs left and returned to pry into the heap again. This maneuver was repeated three more times within the next two hours. After the fourth trip, the four objects remained with the large craft as it moved rapidly up and away until it disappeared from sight.

The Lorenzen's suggested two theories to account for this experience: "One is that mining operations were being carried out. On the other hand, the earth which was being probed had already been mined by men so that if the occupants of the craft were engaged in research, they might have been obtaining samples to analyze later to determine the nature of man's mining in that area."

We think it was a mining operation. Their refining techniques are certainly more ad-



vanced than ours, and the occupants of the UFOs could certainly make use of what we wastefully throw away.

We have also been led to wonder if UFOs are taking water from lakes and streams. Since the UFO mystery began, many alien crafts have been spotted floating on the surface of such bodies and they usually have long, flexible hoses extending into the water. Witnesses to this behavior recall hearing sounds like suction and assumed that the ships were taking on water. Significantly, the premier case of this type comes to us from an area in Canada that is the scene of heavy mining operations.

On July 2, 1950, an executive of the Steep Rock Iron Mines was on a boating holiday with his wife in Ontario. At lunchtime they landed on a beach in Steep Rock Lake. As they ate, a violent shock wave shook the area, but no explosion accompanied it. Investigating, they climbed a ridge and from that vantage point spotted a strange ship sitting in the bay. They described the craft as two long saucers joined at the rim, with portholes spaced regularly around the middle. It was 50 feet in diameter and 15 feet high.

Even more startling was the crew, made up of 10 tiny men who scrambled about on deck. The men were not taller than four feet in height and wore dark clothing and blue helmets.

Two green hoses snaked from a hatch into the water and the witnesses heard a hum coming from the UFO. They believed the ship was taking on water through one hose, and returning it through the other, for what purpose they did not know.

B. Ann Slate, in a *Probe* magazine article several years ago, brought all the various aspects of this enigma together. She based her revolutionary theories on a UFO sighting by Patrick Thrush which took place in Bradenberg, Florida, in 1973.

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# I HELPED ALIENS FROM ANOTHER WORLD REPAIR THEIR SPACE CRAFT!

BY ROD JACKSON

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**The light  
in the corner of  
the room  
illuminated larger,  
and by degrees  
was forming a  
silhouette—  
a living  
creature, the  
likes of  
which I'd seen  
only in my  
wildest  
nightmare.**

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Dotted in places throughout the world are holes— dimension doorways, if you will— through which extraterrestrials pass to gain access to neighboring planets without having to travel great distances through the vast, dark void of space.

To the uninitiated, this may sound like a great Einsteinian revelation. But it's not meant to. You see, I'm not an astronomer, armchair, professional, or otherwise.

I'm a 30-year old electrical engineer living in the suburbs of New Jersey. And the only heavenly body I'm familiar with— or even care to be— belongs to my wife who shared in the bizarre encounter I'm about to relate.

Marilyn, my wife of eight years, and I, went to a movie on that recent summer night. The kids— we have two, Robin 5, and Jennifer, 3— were staying with their grandmother in Ohio for the first month of their school vacation.

We left the theater at 10 p.m., stopped off for a deliciously filling Italian dinner and began to drive home 15 minutes before midnight.

More than three-quarters of the way to our home, which is nestled in a small valley community in Dumont, surrounded by other equally fine homes, my wife nudged me. "Did you see that?" she asked excitedly.

I replied that I did, not taking my eyes from the darkened ribbon of road ahead. At first, it looked like an ordinary shooting star, and we were both certain then that's what it was. But mere seconds after it passed, rising high and dipping over the horizon, the entire sky lit up, turning night into

day for just a brief instant. We even mentioned that it was too bad the kids weren't with us to have seen it. They truly would have enjoyed the sight, although it was all too brief.

Within 15 minutes the car was in the garage and we were already unlocking the front door to the house. Suddenly, Marilyn stood there quietly, staring straight ahead but not really looking at anything. She was in fact straining her ears against the myriad of night sounds one hears when living in the deep country— the chirping of crickets, a frog calling to its mate in a nearby pond, an occasional train whistle coming from a long way off, an automobile speeding on some distant highway.

"I asked, 'well, aren't you going to turn the lights on?'"

But she made a motion for me to keep still. "Did you hear that?" she asked softly.

"Hear what?" I said, taking her hand away from the switch and flicking the light on myself. "I didn't hear anything."

And I truly didn't. Not then. It was only much later that same night that I'd heard what she'd been listening to earlier.

We were in our bedroom. It was precisely 3 a.m. when Marilyn's whispering voice nudged me awake, her hands gently prodding my shoulders.

"Rod!"

"Wha— "

"Shhh! Listen."

I sat up in the bed, groggy, but in seconds I was myself. I was just about to tell her somewhat angrily that I didn't hear anything, when it came. At first it sounded like the slow, steady hum of a swarm of

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bees from far away. But the longer you listened the more the sound resembled the noise of an engine— a crippled engine— low, but steady, and it seemed to come not from one location, but from all over the house, from within the very walls themselves. If you listened closely, it sounded like the engine was missing— sputtering, dying, and then starting up again, but always missing and dying out.

"That's what I heard when we came home earlier," Marilyn said, suddenly convinced that we were both hearing the same thing now. "Just when you think you're imagining it or thought you'd dreamed it all, it comes on. I didn't want to wake you, but —"

"It doesn't seem to be coming from one place," I said slowly, my words spaced out so that I wouldn't miss hearing any of it. "It's as though it's coming from all over the house."

Marilyn agreed, shrugged her lovely shoulders and then lay back on the pillow. And then it happened. A sudden light flickered in the corner of the room near the window. Marilyn gasped shaking. She grabbed my arm. "Look!"

The light luminated larger, and by degrees was forming the silhouette of a figure— a living creature, the likes of which I'd never seen before except in my wildest nightmare.

✓ He— it— was about seven to eight feet in height, slim— that is from the waist down, like an athlete whose wide shoulders formed an enormous V shape. Its face was grotesque, like a portrait painter suddenly gone mad, in one fell swoop with a brush creating a montage literally designed to raise goose bumps.

My wife opened her mouth to scream but the scream was stifled as we both sat there, bolt upright in the bed, unable to fully comprehend the weird scene unfolding before our disbelieving eyes.

In seconds another flicker of light flared up beside where the

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**At first it had sounded like a swarm of bees coming from a long distance off. But the more you listened, the more the sound had resembled the noise of an engine coming not from one direction, but from all over the house, from within the very walls themselves.**

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first one had, and like its predecessor it took on the same grotesque shape.

They— the twin entities— just stood there in the corner of the room staring down at us for what seemed an eternity, their faces expressionless.

One of them raised an open gloved hand, and we could see the expression on their faces were far from malevolent. They spoke to us softly, calling me by name. "Mr. Rod Jackson," the one who materialized first said. His voice was low and clear. Could you imagine that. "Mr." Rod Jackson —and from someone not even of this earth.

Anyway, they went on to explain, in calm, quiet, almost religiously benign voices that their home was located in a galactic cluster of stars far from here, and that they were returning to their home planet from a scouting mission in deep space, when their ship suffered a computer malfunction which forced them to alter their course and crash land on the first available, breathable planet.

Their visit, they assured us, was temporary, quite unavoidable, and, they stressed— friendly, seeking aid.

"How— how did you know us?" Marilyn asked, her voice quaking, but obviously not as frightened as she'd been at first. "You did call my husband by name."

"When our starboard computer began to fail," the second entity replied, speaking with equal calm, "and we knew we would not be able to arrive home with the damage the computer failure sustained to our ship, we immediately began to monitor the terrain and the inhabitants where we realized we would have to deposit ourselves. We feel we are fortunate on three counts. The first, that our mishap occurred quite close to a portal, secondly that you yourselves are of a friendly and hospitable nature—"

And the third," the second

entity interjected, smiling softly, "is your field of study. If anyone could help us repair the damage to our computer, surely an electrical engineer of your caliber—"

Marilyn, now no longer frightened in the least, looked at me with a sudden puzzled expression. I think I read her mind then, because the question I asked brought delightful smiles to the faces of our interstellar visitors.

"You used the term *portal*," I said. "It was fortunate, you said, that your ship was close to a *portal* when your computer difficulties were evident."

"You pride yourselves on the remarkable scientific strides your scientists are taking in the study of outer space. And yet your ignorance of the universe is made manifest."

"Could you explain that?" Marilyn asked.

The beings seemed to think for a long moment, looking at one another, and then at us. "When you go from one place to another in your automobiles, are there not turns you may take to make the route shorter, less circuitous?"

"Yes— you mean—"

"Short cuts", Marilyn said suddenly.

"Exactly. Can you conceive of these short cuts in deep space, making exits and entrances to and from planets and star systems more easy, taking less time and ships having to store less precious fuel?"

"Of course," I said. "It makes sense. Short cuts in space. It cuts down on time and —"

"You're very perceptive, Mr. Jackson," they both seemed to say simultaneously. "With just a hint of a suggestion, your mind seems capable of picking up entire thought patterns."

"You made mention of the fact that it was fortunate that you came down— your ship— in the area where there was an electrical engineer handy—er, available."

"You may use your colloquialisms," Mr. Jackson. We have become quite accustomed to your

language."

"How can we— my husband— be of help?" Marilyn said softly, smiling earnestly.

"Our breakdown seems to be in the starboard computer's rear terminal. The connection between circuits Alpha and Beta are not functioning properly. It first began giving us trouble when we entered the Andromeda quadrant. And by the time we reached the quadrant of Cassiopeia a breakdown was evident, only a matter of time. Our computer short circuited in your own galaxy, near to what your astronomers refer to as the area comprising the Corona Borealis."

"To put it in understandable terms, Mr. Jackson," the other entity— the second— said, "it occurred in your very own atmosphere."

"Yes, although thousands of miles in space, we were able to navigate into a nearby portal— or what your scientists would call a hole— a black hole— in space, through which we were able to monitor where we would land— crash land, if you will."

"Where is your ship now?"

"In this very vicinity. You would not even have to climb from your bed to reach it."

"It is here," the other said, "but only in another dimension, near the outer walls of the portal which brought us here. You can not touch it or see it, and yet it rests just mere feet from where you sit in your bed."

"How can I help," I asked, feeling like a school child being asked to come to the aid of his teacher.

"If you would but close your eyes and concentrate on trying to help us, you will be transported with us aboard our spacecraft."

I looked at Marilyn and she looked at me, our expressions both blank. Suddenly I was aware of feeling tired, very tired, as though I'd been working round the clock for days without any sleep. My eyes, like massive concrete blocks felt heavy. It was

impossible to keep them open.

I think that only mere seconds had passed and I was aware of my body rising from the bed. I felt light, like a feather being swirled around in a wind. I looked down from my new-found height and I saw Marilyn sitting on the bed, looking down at me. Yes, I saw my body still lying prone on the bed, eyes shut, face blank, mouth half open as in a deep sleep.

And then I found myself standing on a solid floor. It was glass-like and spotlessly clean. Lights flickered on walled panels wherever I looked. I was in their ship, or as they explained, the control room of their extraterrestrial craft which hovered between our bedroom and some other dimension.

With one of the beings on either side of me, I was ushered through a myriad of doors and passageways. Through a portholed window I was able to see the night sky, dotted by clusters of stars dancing and twinkling all about each other.

They led me through a final door and into one of two seats. In front of me, surrounded by all sorts of switches stationary on a cockpit-like panel protruded a maze of loosely-hanging wires. Dangling from one of the wires was what looked like something that resembled the component from the sophisticated CB unit I have in my car.

"It looks just like a communications device I have in my vehicle— my car— my automobile," I said.

"It is not a communications device," they both said. "It is one unit of many, intricate in design, which helps to manipulate our craft. Through a process of mind manipulation you are able to view it as something second nature to you."

"You mean that I'm imagining all this?"

"No. On the contrary," one of them said. "It is quite real. Only you are able to see it in a way which is familiar."

"Well," I said, "If I wouldn't  
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From deep within the Pioneer capsule, delicate instruments probe the very bowels of this distant planet in hope of finding an alien form of intelligence with which to communicate

# SCANNING VENUS FOR SIGNS OF LIFE

BY PETER A. JORDAN

Based on extensive radar data returned by NASA's Pioneer Venus spacecraft, scientists for the first time have identified huge continent-sized features—including mountains as high as Everest and deep rift valleys.

Pioneer Venus has now mapped about 83 per cent of the planet's surface, and by month's end will have covered 93 per cent prior to Pioneer, less than one percent of Venus' topography had been measured by ground-based radar.

Venus' surface has never been seen because of the clouds which permanently cover the planet.

Pioneer data suggests that Venus' terrain and geology have both strong similarities to and major differences from those of any known planet. According to Dr. Harold Masursky, Venus' surface is gently rolling, with local dramatic highs like the North American continent. However, not counting Earth's oceans, Venus' range of elevations is somewhat greater than Earth's, ranging from 2.9 kilometers (9500 feet) below the average radius of

Venus' spherical surface to 10.8 km (35,000 feet) above that level.

Pioneer's radar-mapper measures the Venus surface deviations in topography from 75 degrees North latitude to 63 degrees South latitude. This covers 83 percent of the planet's surface, missing relatively small circular regions at each pole.

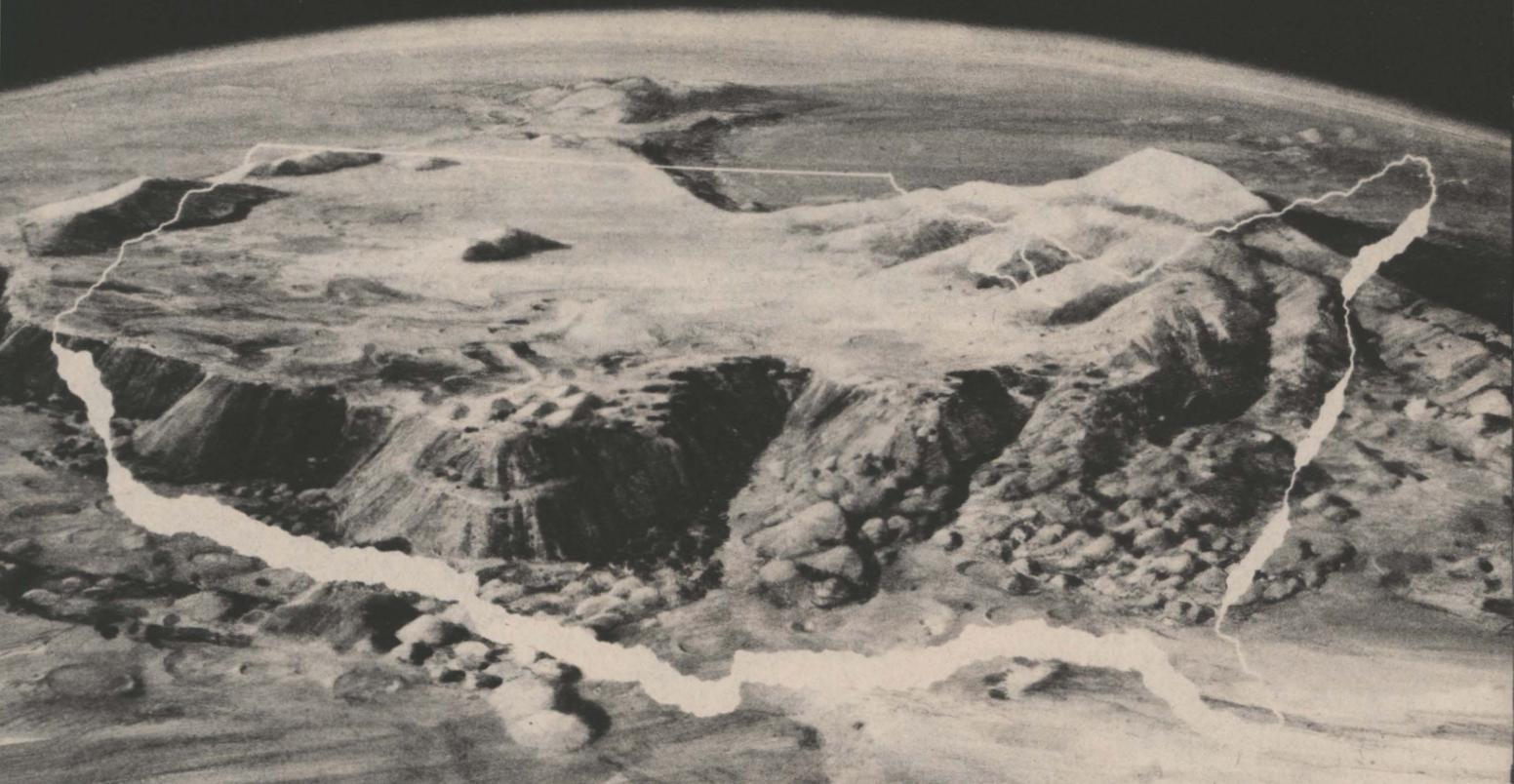
Because of temporary instrument failure, a mapping gap exists along 30 degrees longitude. Pioneer is currently mapping this area. Typical "footprint" size for altimetry measurements of topography is 25 by 50 km, on a grid with spacing of 100 km.

Sixty percent of Venus' surface is relatively flat, rolling plains, varying in height by only about 1000 meters (300 feet) between high and low points. This huge, planet-encompassing plain lies at a 6050-km radius from the center of the planet. (This 6050-km radius describes a reference sphere, much as sea level does on Earth.)

About 16 percent of Venus' surface lies below the 6050-km

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*This is an artist conception of Ishtar Terra, the highest and most dramatic continent-sized highland region on Venus, based on topography measurements by Pioneer Venus Orbiter spacecraft. Ishtar is a high plateau, carrying several mountain ranges, and about the size of Australia or the continental United States. The huge escarpments around the plateau's edge are quite steep.*

mean radius. Such low-lying regions are far more common on Earth (they are the ocean basins) than on Venus, occupying nearly two-thirds of Earth's surface compared to the one-sixth of Venus.

Most of the remaining 24 percent are only a few thousand feet higher than the plain. Only eight percent of the planet is "true highlands," ranging in height to maximum altitudes 10.8 km (35,400 feet) above Venus' rolling plains. These true highlands may resemble similar areas on Earth. They may be made of very light rock, and hence "float" much higher than other features.

The largest of the highland regions, Terra Aphrodite, is half as large as Africa. The smaller highland region, Terra Ishtar, is the size of the continental United States. Both Ishtar and Aphrodite are rough, apparently fractured and faulted. Two other notable highland areas are Beta Regio,

site of what seem to be two giant shield-shaped volcanoes, and Alpha Regio, a region of rough, probably geologically old terrain.

Although not as thick as those of Mars and the Moon, it now appears that Venus' crust is thicker than Earth's— so thick that it has choked off most crustal movement or plate tectonics. The lower layer of this crust apparently consists of heavier basalt-type rocks and wraps the entire planet. On top of this is a layer of light, granitic-type continental rock. (Russia's Venera 8 found the radioactivity of rocks in one area of Venus' plains to be like that of granite.) This ancient layer of lighter rocks may form a single huge planet-girdling continent, covering about 84 percent of Venus' total surface. Perched on top of this giant Venusian continent are the smaller but still continent-sized highland regions.

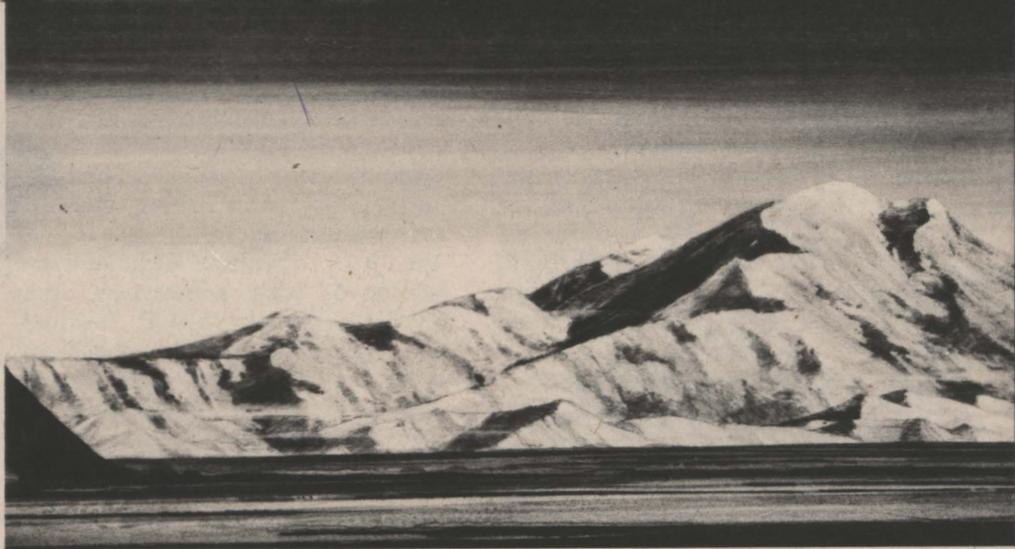
Venus' crust apparently com-

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*This valley is much deeper than similar formations on Earth, where most valleys have been formed by erosion rather than by faulting activity. Venus' surface has never been seen because of the thick clouds which permanently cover the planet.*

*This view of Venus' surface shows the planet's three continental-sized highland regions, Aphrodite Terra (foreground), Ishtar Terra (top), and Beta Regio (left), based on topography measurements made by Pioneer Orbiter. Venus and Earth are almost the same size. Aphrodite Terra is as large as half of Africa, and Ishtar is the size of Australia.*



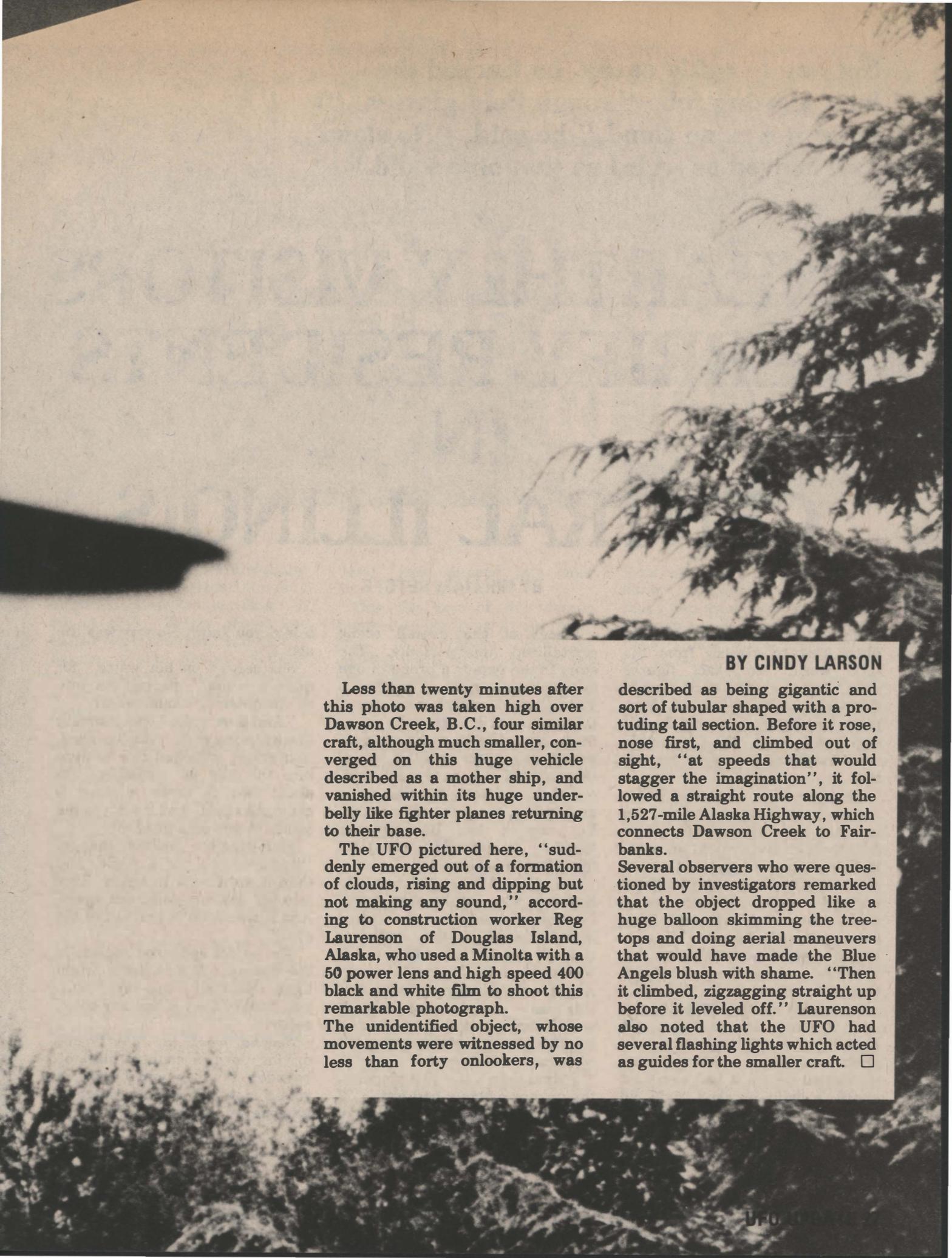
*The highest point yet found on Venus is a mountain higher than Everest, tentatively named Maxwell Montes. It is shown here in an artist's conception based on topographic measurements. This huge area of uplifted terrain occupies the entire east end of Ishtar Terra. The radarmapper instrument which provided data for these photos is from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with maps by the U.S. Geological Survey.*



# **SPECIAL REPORT**

**EXCLUSIVE TO UFO UPDATE!**





**BY CINDY LARSON**

Less than twenty minutes after this photo was taken high over Dawson Creek, B.C., four similar craft, although much smaller, converged on this huge vehicle described as a mother ship, and vanished within its huge underbelly like fighter planes returning to their base.

The UFO pictured here, "suddenly emerged out of a formation of clouds, rising and dipping but not making any sound," according to construction worker Reg Laurenson of Douglas Island, Alaska, who used a Minolta with a 50 power lens and high speed 400 black and white film to shoot this remarkable photograph.

The unidentified object, whose movements were witnessed by no less than forty onlookers, was

described as being gigantic and sort of tubular shaped with a protruding tail section. Before it rose, nose first, and climbed out of sight, "at speeds that would stagger the imagination", it followed a straight route along the 1,527-mile Alaska Highway, which connects Dawson Creek to Fairbanks.

Several observers who were questioned by investigators remarked that the object dropped like a huge balloon skimming the tree-tops and doing aerial maneuvers that would have made the Blue Angels blush with shame. "Then it climbed, zigzagging straight up before it leveled off." Laurenson also noted that the UFO had several flashing lights which acted as guides for the smaller craft. □

Not one to ruffle easily, he tracked the long glowing tube through field glasses. "I knew it was no cloud," he said. "No cloud ever moved as weird as that object did."

# UNEARTHLY VISITORS TERRIFY RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

BY WILLIAM RETOFF

North central Illinois rarely plays host to visitors from the UFO world. No exact figures exist, but over the past decade this checkered stretch of farm plots and burgs probably hasn't registered more than a single decent sighting or two per year, at best.

That unspoken truce with UFOs snapped, however, during the summer and fall of 1979. From July through Halloween, unearthly flying objects appeared in the skies 10 times over a triangular region— some 70 miles on a side— bounded by the farm community of Wenona; Kankakee, a modest industrial city; and Sycamore, one of the last country outposts bordering Chicago's suburb sprawl. The streak began with a lone disk in the night hanging over a factory town, and almost landing. A police chase developed before it had vanished above a wind-shocked field 20 miles from its point of arrival.

Pieces of the overall scene crystallized unexpectedly. The story in the paper; a probe of one case springing news of another... Then chase down the witnesses— those that are still around; get to them, interview them before time grinds away their recall. A few of them moved on, out of reach now, out of touch. Some specific dates and details are lost or forgotten. Yet enough has been pieced together to chronicle this UFO diary for mid-Illinois.

*July 1979:* A retired secretary in Streator, wide awake near dawn, became aware of a soundless object visible in the southeast through her kitchen window. "It was about 5:30 in the morning. And I was wondering what this star was— or light in the sky. It wasn't really a star. You couldn't say that it was a star because the coloring was *different*."

Rather than a star-like pinpoint, the unknown object had form. "It looked more like a disk sort of

thing, you know. No way was it a star."

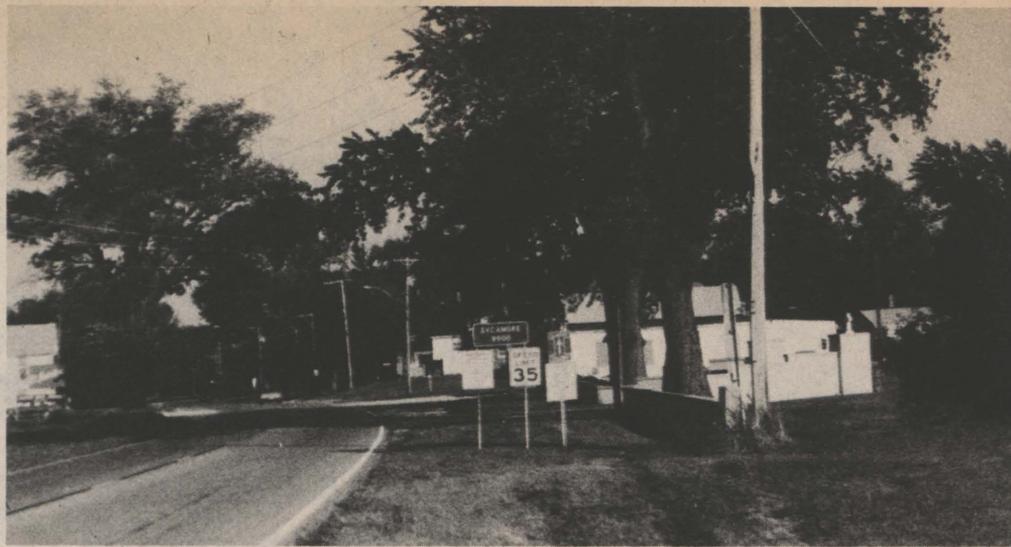
She carried on her watch "for quite a while," staring out into the brightening cloudless air.

"And then while I was standing there looking at it, it *disappeared*. You know, it looked like it went into the sky or something. In about two or three minutes it came out again. And it went to the south. It moved a little bit."

Following the position change, "it stayed still for a while, and then it went back in again. Back into the sky and came out again. And it would go in and out of the sky."

The object appeared radiant to the woman. "It was like a bright light, that's all I can say. You... you wouldn't say it had any color, really."

*Second week in July:* While driving down a country blacktop between Wenona and Toluca, a young man and woman caught a glimpse of "a flare in the sky."



*The Kekalb County UFO incident started near Sycamore, Illinois when Charles Weeden Jr. spotted a brilliant object in the sky that wasn't a star.*

*Pattie Ong of Wenona observed three separate bouts of UFO activity during the four-month streak in north central Illinois during 1979.*

The incident happened around 10 p.m.

*Third week in July:* Lonnie Davis (real name on file), a Wenona resident, "saw something strange going on overhead" as he traveled a back road close to the sighting locale of the previous week. The airborne occurrence resembled an "explosion". Time of the sudden night encounter: just about 10 o'clock.

*Friday, July 27:* With nothing much else to do, Jim Melvin, Alice and Pattie Ong were out riding in a Dodge Sebring in the country, playing some tapes and enjoying the night with the car's sun roof open. A "bright flash" occurring "somewhere between 9:30-10 p.m." unexpectedly lit the heavens. The flare-up fumed above a bean field south of the unnamed road they were cruising. 26 year old Pattie reported that with the tape deck on, nothing was heard over the music.

*Saturday, July 28:* Pattie Ong

headed for a party in Toluca, driving alone in her black van down another road skirting the same field where the past night's incident happened— a place just west of Wenona. "It was about 10 to 10:30— I had my watch with me," she noted. "And it was pretty windy out." A glowing outline, pyramid-formed, materialized out over the cloud-banked night horizon to the north. "I couldn't see the object itself," recounted Pattie, "just the lights placed along it. So it really could've been any shape."

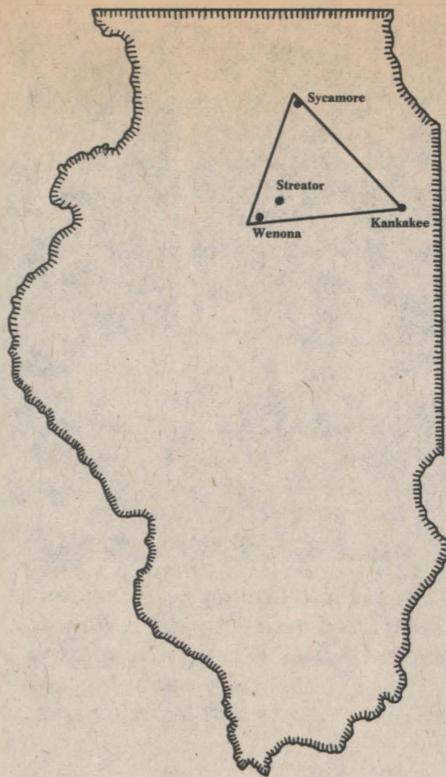
The unidentified object moved soundlessly. "It was comin' right towards me at low altitude— real bright white. See, I thought it was this friend of mine who has a private plane— thought he was buzzing me for a second. And I said, 'Aw my god, it's gonna hit me?' It was comin' at me real fast like a low-flyin' plane. "And then all of a sudden it just stopped."

The lights flickered off, then on

again. It started downward. Two weird appendages, looking like "lines of light," swung out from the object's undercarriage. The thing blinked off. When it flashed back on a second later, the appendages were buckled under it. The craft was now practically scraping the vegetation growing in the meadow. "It was real big," Pattie disclosed, regarding the device. "It seemed a half-block long. It wasn't saucer-shaped; it was like a diamond or a pyramid. And it kinda just faded down in the field.

"That was it. There was no way you could get a good look at it because it happened so fast. It was like a strobe light. Bam, bam, bam. You saw it flash— you saw this shape. It flashed— you saw these... these things comin' out. It flashed— you saw 'em down. It happened in about four seconds. I just saw the shape and those lines extending."

She paused. "And then after  
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*This map shows the triangular region invaded by UFOs during the 1979.*



*An artist's concept*

that, there were like these little flares that went up from where it was at. They shot up about 50 feet."

At her vantage point about a half-mile away, Pattie Ong could trace them drifting back into the field and out of sight. "Then I kept going around and searchin', but I never saw it again. But it came down under the same area as the Friday night flash in the sky."

*End of July:* The retired secretary who turned in the initial report of this sighting streak was getting ready to sleep about midnight. Glancing by chance out her bedroom window, she spotted a "red light" moving from south to north. The "light" resembled no common aircraft. "It was sort of like, oh... not a round shape," she says. "It was more oblong-like. That type of thing."

As in all the other cases, the aerial device emitted no audible sound. "It was travelling very slow. And it had these red lights around the thing. That's about all

I can tell you— about the best I can really recall clearly."

The incident took place "a month or so" in the wake of her first sighting. She divulged her experiences to this writer about three and a half months after they'd happened.

With six reports already documented, this subtle wave had registered two repeat witnesses— extremely unusual. And the cases seemed cohesive, all entailing brilliant, silent flying objects.

The events stayed underground, though. No one— not even those isolated persons directly involved— even knew a UFO escalation was occurring in north central Illinois. Local media, through ignorance or carelessness, didn't pick up on a single incident...yet.

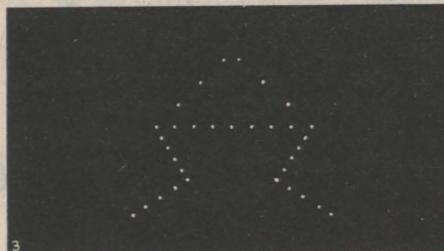
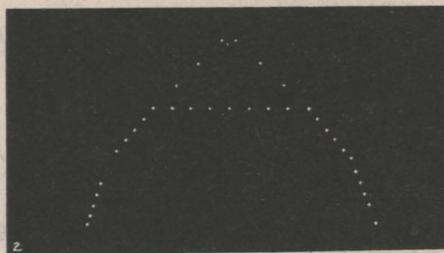
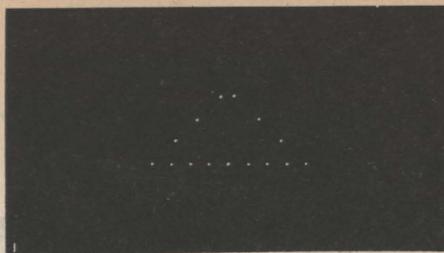
*August 29-30:* A night-flying beacon invaded the northern-most block of the Illinois UFO triangle on Wednesday, the 29th. Sycamore resident Charles A. Weeden, just getting off work, was going home on Illinois Route 64, idly

glancing up at the star-drenched rural summer sky. One shimmering light in particular attracted his curiosity— a stationary light switching colors at an irregular rate. First it was orange, then red, finally a greenish hue.

Weeden concentrated his stare. No, it wasn't a light, really. That thing up there had a definite shape: conical on top and round on the bottom. Suddenly it had dropped. Roughly halfway to Earth, the object halted. It began edging along laterally, "faster than what an airplane could move," according to Weeden. The multi-colored object appeared to ready itself for a landing. Weeden phoned the DeKalb County Police.

Authorities dispatched Officer Berna D. VanVlerah to check out the incident.

While waiting for the police, Weeden called his father, who lives on a farm three miles away. Weeden's father verified seeing the cone form but didn't go outside to investigate.



*A flashing pyramid-like object was seen drifting into a field outside Wenona. The object portrayed by these dots appeared at night. The dots in the above drawing by eye witnesses represent lights.*

Charles Weeden maintained his vigil. In all, he kept the aerial intruder under surveillance "for about an hour and 45 minutes," or until after midnight.

County Policewoman Berna VanVlerah had sighted the craft first— it was now a shaded orange— while she drove eastward on Route 64 for Weeden's house. She pulled her car over and got out to get a better look. Observing it with binoculars, Officer VanVlerah "determined it not to be an airplane." The magnified view showed her instead "a dome-shaped object which was glowing a bright orange" and "moving very slowly" at an altitude "high enough to be picked up on radar, above 1,000 feet." (Rockford Airport traffic controllers, positioned 20 miles northwest of the action, monitored no activity on their tracking gear.)

When Berna VanVlerah had reached Weeden's place, they both studied the luminous spectacle for some 20 minutes. It began drifting west. Policewoman

VanVlerah hopped back in her squad car to follow.

The craft veered over the highway, leading the officer several miles down two secluded blacktops. But her chase ended on Esmond Road, which separates DeKalb and Ogle Counties. The shining aerial object traveled southwest into Ogle County. With no police authority in that sector, Patrolwoman VanVlerah broke off pursuit.

She radioed the Ogle County Sheriff's Department for assistance. But somehow, her directions got screwed up. By the time an Ogle officer arrived in the area, the conical ship— moving at an estimated 20 to 25 miles per hour— had disappeared from view.

"I've never seen anything like it," Berna VanVlerah told a DeKalb *Daily Chronicle* newsman later (this was the first cast to get media coverage). "I don't believe in those things. I didn't believe it until I got out of the car and used the binoculars."

While the DeKalb County incident was occurring Wednesday night, another UFO episode began some 60 miles southeast of Sycamore. Citizens of Kankakee, Illinois telephoned their city police and radio station wkan, stating that a glowing, domed vehicle could be seen hovering over their community. WKAN logged six calls; Kankakee law enforcers revealed they received "several." The object showed up "sometime after 11 p.m.," staying in sight for an unspecified period of time.

*Mid-September:* A pencil-like form swept over Streator around 7 a.m.; exact date unknown. Ex-aircraft mechanic John Andrew Rorke (name on file) spotted the unknown while gazing out his den window. He figured at first it might be merely a jet contrail. But no...

"It was a white thing," asserted Rorke, 66 and semi-retired. "I thought, 'Hell, that's no jet stream. It's movin' too slow. It ain't gettin' no bigger.' No jets fly that way. And a jet stream almost always keeps getting longer."

As Mr. Rorke studied it, he became convinced. "It sure was not moving like an airplane, you know. An airplane moves right along and you keep seeing more jet stream. But I wasn't seeing any more. And I thought, 'That's funny.' It sort of looked like a small white cloud floatin' by itself."

"But I *know* it wasn't a cloud." Rorke tracked the tube for "about a minute." It eased across the dawn horizon in a south-southeasterly direction.

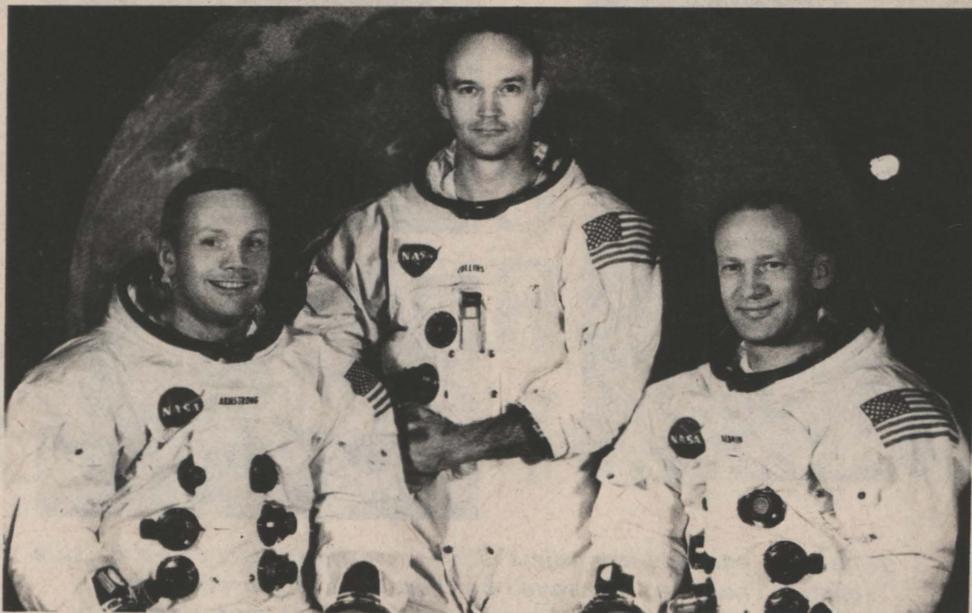
Strangeness or no, the grizzled Rorke— not one to ruffle easily— simply lost interest. "I went and did somethin' else and came back to look, and it was gone. Maybe I should've got my field glasses" (he owns high-power binoculars) "and paid a little more attention. But I thought, 'The hell with that— crap.'"

*October 31:* For a half-hour this Halloween night, at least 10 triangular unidentified flying objects coasted at low altitude two miles east of Wenona. Four

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**Did astronauts spot “vagrant sunbeams” bouncing off the moon’s smooth surface, or was it something else—something to make scientists speculate that the moon may indeed be an alien base of operations.**

*The history-making Apollo 11 astronauts, Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin viewed an enigmatic luminescence in the Aristarchus Crater during their first revolution of the moon.*



# STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING ON THE MOON

BY WILLIAM RETOFF

It is late Wednesday afternoon in Houston, May 21, 1969. Radio signals rustle over the communications link at the Manned Spacecraft Center: telemetry chatter and human voices from Apollo 10, now making its first circuit around the Moon.

“...glow as if they’re lit by radioactivity”— the words come from Lunar Module Pilot Gene Cernan, as he tries to describe an eeriness he sees about the craters less than 200 miles below, craters dull-lit only by light re-

flecting from Earth yet somehow luminous— “they glow in this very low, dim light.”

Back on Earth, Mr. Harrison Schmitt, the only astronaut with geologist credentials, suggests Cernan has spotted “vagrant sunbeams” bouncing off smooth rocks in the area. But the exchange has cued Houston to something else, and a call goes up to the spacecraft: “Look to the north before you go over the hill; check out Aristarchus...”

On Monday and Tuesday, the

first two days after launch, “transient events” were sighted in that 29-mile-wide crater by professional and part-time astronomers in California, New Mexico and Spain. These Moongazers made their observations as volunteers of the Lunar International Observers Network— LION, a 34-nation.

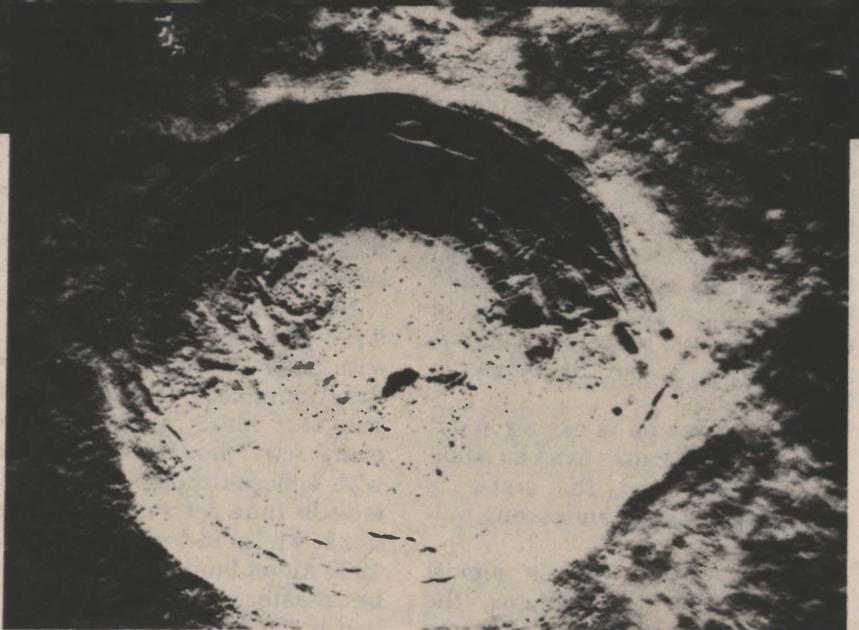
A deal has been made with NASA. If LION detects any extraordinary happenings on the Moon during Apollo 10’s mission, Houston flight controllers will instruct

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*The astronauts did not expect to encounter anything as strange as these weird lunar glows.*

*Baffling transient events during the Apollo Project emanated from here, Aristarchus Crater. For hundreds of years, this has been the site of unexplained activity.*



**The astronauts made the unusual sighting from their Command Module. The Module is shown here in lunar orbit. The lights just flashed on and glowed for some time, then they had vanished.**

the astronauts to make close-up scans.

Things do happen. LION has observed several strange events on the lunar sphere, all centering around craters. The rim of Atlas switched bright and dim; Biela blushed a distinct red, as did Manzinus, which showed its unusual coloring intermittently. Crater Bouguer inexplicably turned brilliant for a time. Harpalus, a bowl inside 100 miles of Bouguer, also haloed to an uncommonly bright shade.

...And Houston is asking about Aristarchus because even as Apollo 10 approaches, the crater is acting up with incandescent pulses.

The spaceship travels almost straight along the equator, the simplest and most fuel-saving course available around Luna.

Aristarchus dents the Moon some 475 miles north of 10's orbital track, right at the horizon in the spacemen's view.

It is lunar night there as Cernan, Tom Stafford and John Young strain for a look through Apollo's slightly-misted, head-sized windows. No luck, commander Stafford reports, no "activity"

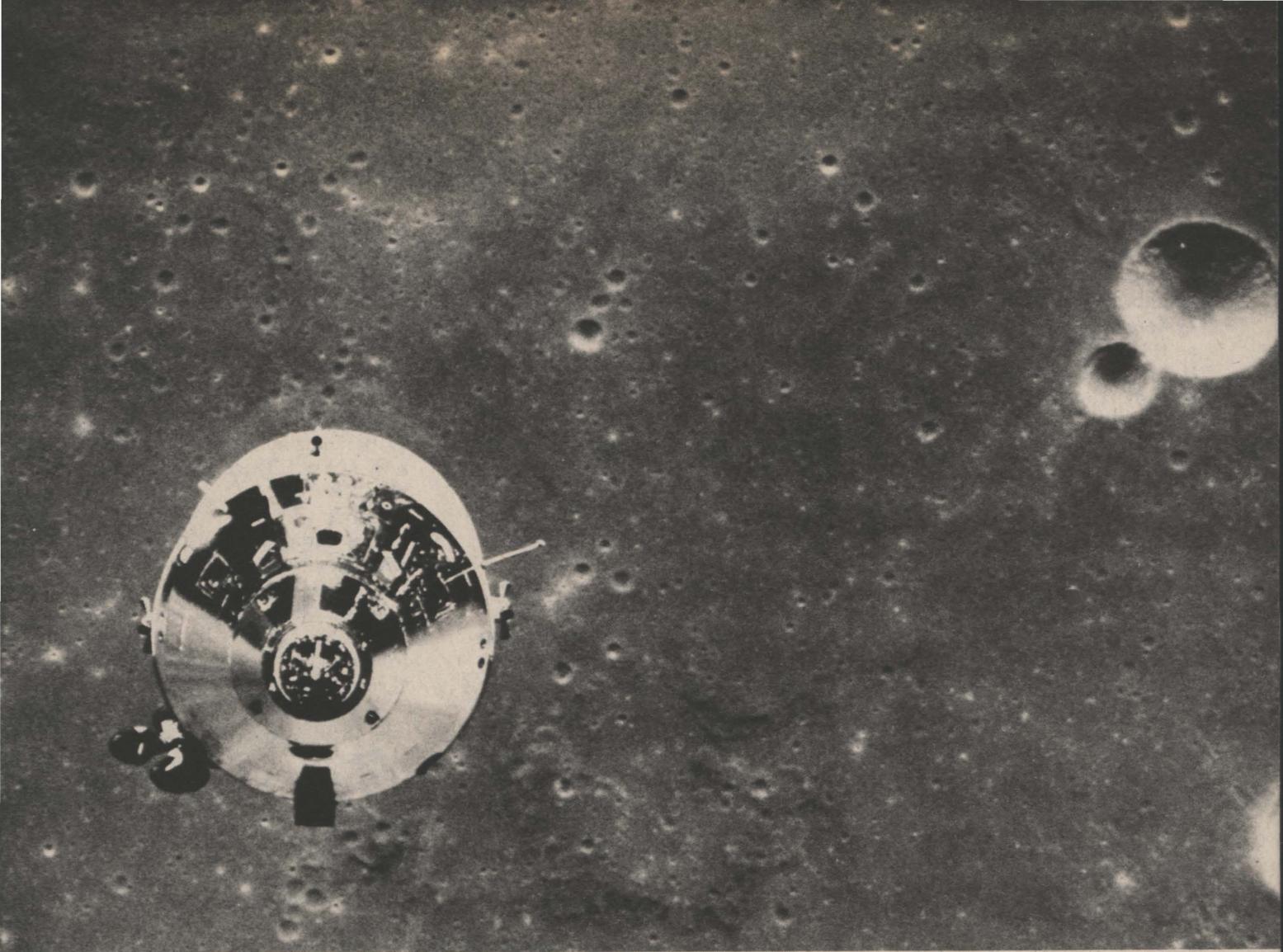
Houston and the astronauts let it go. Their flight is weighed down with difficult engineering tests of the Command/ Service Module and the lunar lander. Literally every active hour of flight swarms with spaceship operations. There is little time for random observations while in orbit. Kennedy's 1969 Moon landing deadline must be mastered; the quicker, the better. So Apollo 10 must proceed with the final rehearsal.

Their brief search for peculiar glows ends. Apollo arcs behind the Moon to start its second orbit. Houston files the incident.

The LION net, however, carries on its watch. Unexplained lights, carefully monitored from Earth, continue to haunt the Aristarchus region.

Which is not too surprising. Since 1587 (usually picked as the date lunar phenomena were first written into mankind's historical record), about one-third of all known incidents have happened in or near Aristarchus Crater.

A vein of likeness joins a bulk of the reports. The apparitions are often depicted as a luminous red coloration— "reddish glows"; "reddish-orange"; "light ruby red", in the words of eyewitness accounts. Emphasis also hits on their brightness— "sparkling",



“quite brilliant” specters sometimes very closely resembling “clouds”, or a “vapor column rising”; “luminous cable”; “erupting volcanoes”; or more mysteriously, “flickering lights”... “strange glows”... “possible vegetation”

The stories flow from trained observers using sophisticated equipment, in addition to dedicated amateurs. Eminent astronomer William Pickering, working at Harvard University’s telescope at Arequipa in Peru, watched the “vapor column” smoking out of the Cobra-Head region by Aristarchus in 1893. Scores of sightings later, British astronomer Harold Wilkins was viewing the enigmatic crater one night in the early 1950s. “Suddenly Aristarchus began to glow or lighten up until not only the central hill but also the

details on the inner slopes were clearly revealed,” he recalled. “There was no misty appearance. Everything was sharp and distinct.”

Exactly what these events represent is still uncertain. That empty verdict was decided at a symposium of lunar geologists convened in Huntington Beach, California, three months before the Apollo 10 flight. The meeting, conducted by the American Astronautical Society and McDonnell Douglas Advanced Research Laboratories, had included a survey of some 600 visual reports of unfathomed activity on the Moon. The selenologists did, though, find pointed trends in the reports.

The weird glows took place primarily at two specific times: when the Moon was closest to Earth, and when it was farthest

away. The lights also seemed to manifest themselves often within the first 24 hours of the two-week-long lunar “day”.

It was Lockheed scientist Dr. Barbara Middlehurst who drew attention to this latter indicator at the conference. She later worked in a science support room at Mission Control in Houston during the Apollo 10 trip. There she helped process incoming lunar phenomenon reports from the LION global network.

News of unaccountable events of this nature might have made tasty headlines in other times, but mid-1969 belongs to Apollo. And next up: Apollo 11, the Big Shot—man’s first crack at landing on the Moon...

Houston droops under a blanket of heat and humidity, a little past 1:30 in the afternoon on July 19

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240,000 miles out in the pitch-black void, Apollo 11 glides across the Moon's front face near the end of its first orbit. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins, after running an involved systems check of their spacecraft, settle down for a reconnoiter of the virgin desolation below.

They traverse the lunar sky, 77 hours-plus into the flight Aldrin's words rattle over the speakers at Houston.

"...until 79:10 then we'll breeze around here in orbit."

"Roger," replies capcom astronaut rookie Bruce McCandless. "And we've got an observation you can make if you have some time up there. There have been some lunar transients reported in the vicinity of Aristarchus."

There certainly have been. The Smithsonian's Center for Short-Lived Phenomena has been sieged with visual data from its watch team. At least four countries radio in sightings, all occurring "in recent hours." A U.S. observer squad has witnessed four events in the 29-mile cavity. A Canada station monitored "a blue flash" in the vicinity of Aristarchus. Inside the crater, "a series of bright pulsations" flashed bright enough to be seen from north Ireland. Brazil watchers report eerie animations at Aristarchus...

Buzz Aldrin's answer crackles across space. "Roger. We just went into darkness. Until then— why, we couldn't see a thing down below us, but with the earthshine the visibility is— oh, pretty fair. I can see the corona from where the sun has just set, and we'll get out the map and see what we can find out around Aristarchus."

McCandless, back in Houston: "Okay, Aristarchus is angle Echo 9 on your ATO chart. It's 394 miles north of track. However, at your present altitude, which is about 167 nautical miles (192 conventional miles) "it ought to be over— that is, within view on your horizon, 23 degrees north, 47 west; and take a look and see if

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you see anything worth noting up there. Over."

"Houston," says spaceship leader Neil Armstrong, "11. It might help us a little bit if you could give us a time of crossing 45 west...and then we'll know when to start searching for Aristarchus."

Bruce McCandless: "Roger, you'll be crossing 45 west at 77:04:10 or about 40 seconds from now. Over. Thirty seconds from now."

Lunar Module Pilot Aldrin slides into a tangent conversation with Houston about stars setting on the lunar horizon. Celestial mechanics is an abiding interest with the man; he has been involved in the tricks of navigation through space by the stars.

Observers at the Space Research Institute at Bochum, West Germany suddenly spot a flare-up at Aristarchus; some sort of glow. It intensifies to a brilliance two and half times more radiant than any feature nearby and can be seen from Earth for six seconds.

Up in lunar orbit, Neil Armstrong breaks into Aldrin's talk with ground controllers.

"Hey Houston. I'm looking up toward Aristarchus now, and I can't really tell at that distance whether I am really looking at Aristarchus, but there's an area there that is considerably more illuminated than the surrounding area. It just has— seems to have a slight amount of fluorescence to it."

McCandless: "Roger, 11. We copy."

Buzz Aldrin: "Looking out the same area now...well, at least there is one wall of the crater that seems to be more illuminated than the others...I am not sure that I am really identifying any phosphorescence, but that definitely is lighter than anything else in the neighborhood."

"Can you discern any difference in color of the illumination, and is that an inner or outer wall from the crater?" Bruce McCandless asks. "Over."

Aldrin: "I judge an inner wall in the crater."

Command Module Pilot Mike Collins adds, "No, there doesn't appear to be any color involved in it, Bruce."

The clock interferes here. Apollo 11 will drop out of contact with Houston in 20 minutes when it loops behind the Moon. The subject changes, as it must on these early, tentative voyages from the home planet, to matters of course plotting, systems diagnoses, and voice/telemetry time hacks. The rest of this first revolution around Luna—the rest of the mission, in fact—must ultimately focus on pulling off The Event: landing on the Moon and coming back to tell about it. Aristarchus passes out of sight...

Something is happening on the Moon, that much is clear. Orbiting spacemen have verified this fact from close range. Yet since nobody really understands the origins involved, schooled observers and scientists hassle over *what* goes on out there.

One belief structure pegs the glows as breakouts of volcanism; now and then, some ancient scar on the Moon shudders and spits out volcanic gases, heat, possibly lava. This action has not only been seen by human eyes, volcanists declare, but also by the unyielding stare of instruments.

Probably most famous of the volcanist influence is Dr. Nikolai A. Kozyrev, who obtained a spectrogram of carbonic clouds gushing out of crater Alphonsus on November 3, 1958. Several hundred thousand cubic meters of gas oozed into the lunar sky for hours that night, accompanied by what the Russian academician contends was volcanic ash. Kozyrev also has observed hydrogen seeping free of Aristarchus.

J.A. Greenacre and E. Barr, Lowell Observatory monitors of the bright and reddish pulses at Aristarchus on October 30, 1963, believed they were watching signs of igneous dynamics. Dr. William K. Hartmann and Daniel H.

Harris of the University of Arizona concur on this, a "probable" eruption which spewed "fire fountains". Their deep examination of 1966-68 unmanned Lunar Orbiter photos, too, revealed evidence of "well defined" lava flows blotching the Moon.

The volcanist corps sees more documentation piled up in infrared telescopic scans of Luna. The Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories and Boeing's Scientific Research Laboratories viewed as many as 563 "Hot spots" occurring up there via infrared hunts during lunar eclipses on December 19, 1964 and April 13, 1968. In advance of this work, the Boeing centers had detected identical warm areas in March and September of 1960, effecting scans from the Dominion Observatory in Canada. These earlier long-range examinations showed that craters Aristarchus, Tycho and Copernicus took longer to cool down during the eclipses than did surrounding regions. J. Negus DeWys of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California correlated the transient events with the infrared hot spot results, stating both originated from volcanic outgassing.

When the lunar transient symposium met in Huntington Beach before Apollo 10, USAF Cambridge Research Lab member R.K. Vincent laid out the volcanists' convictions. Additionally, a paper submitted by noted lunar scientist Dr. Harold Mazursky reported that "the primary mechanisms of lunar topography" were—by the evidence—volcanic and meteor impact machinations.

Only weeks after this meet, something had happened on the Moon. "An unusual red spot of approximately 102 kilometers" obliterated the west side of Aristarchus on April 1, 1969. Witness to the event: Dr. Nikolai Kozyrev, stationed at the Pulkovo Observatory in the U.S.S.R. He studied spectrograms of the incident, then stated "the emission of gases—molecular nitrogen and cyano-

gen" issued from a volcanic event.

While the volcanist case is convincing, not all are swayed.

Some students of lunar anomalies have fashioned a theory entailing high-energy particle bombardment from space. At Huntington Beach, Dr. Jack Green of the McDonnell Douglas Company reasoned that the mysterious glows and gases are actually the Moon's surface branded luminescent by cosmic radiation. This updates a hypothesis formed by British astronomer Wilkins. "The fluorescent effects," Wilkins wrote in his 1954 book, *Our Moon*, "may be due to electronic bombardment." French scientist J. Dubious mapped locations of the Moon's luminous activity in 1959.

But why do the strange glows commonly appear near the monthly lunar "daybreak"? The volcanism and energy bombardment sides both suggest answers.

According to the bombardists, radiation from the universe saturates the Moon's skin. When the new lunar day dawns, this built-up energy lets loose as visible glows.

The volcanists draw the Earth-Moon tide system into the picture. They emphasize that the powerful gravitational rope between our globe and its natural satellite pulls on the lunar face when the Moon is nearest to us, then lets up when it is most distant in orbit, all within each regular month. This periodic heaving triggers volcanoes.

Tidal effects underpin another somewhat coincident idea train: seismic activity, or Moonquakes. Lunar seismologists tend to believe quakes on the Moon represent fading remains of a fiery volcanic era there which began wasting away eons ago. They explain that the tidal g-forces may rumble Luna. At the near point, the intense g-pull disrupts the lunar surface, squeezing gas from stress points. The Moon later "settles" at maximum range, pinching out a random fog. These

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# RELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND

BY BRENT RAYNES

Recently one day in April 1980, I spied an interesting looking paperback on the book rack of a local department store. It was entitled *Close Encounters With God*, written by one Daniel Cohen and deals with the various testimonies of men and women who describe "religious experiences" they have had.

The title of the book intrigued me. For thirteen years I have been deeply absorbed in the study of UFOs and the title *Close Encounters With God* has a familiar ring to it that brings to mind *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, which is the ultimate UFO experience where human observers may see alien beings, and may even experience "contact."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies and formerly the astronomical consultant to the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, first presented this classification for a Close Encounter of the Third Kind in his book *The UFO Experience*, published in 1972. In fact, I had the privilege of meeting with Dr. Hynek in his home in Evanston, Illinois, to

discuss with him his book and studies shortly after his book was released. Of course today, after the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, for which Dr. Hynek acted as a consultant, the term is a household expression.

Back in 1971, when I began to concentrate my own investigative efforts on close encounter incidents, I was advised by the acclaimed UFO writer and investigator John Keel to brush up on literature dealing with, of all things, religious experiences. "Essentially, the contactee experience is identical to religious apparition phenomenon and probably is caused by the same factors," Keel explained in a letter. "It might be best to familiarize yourself with the medical and psychiatric studies of the religious cases before you tackle the UFO variation."

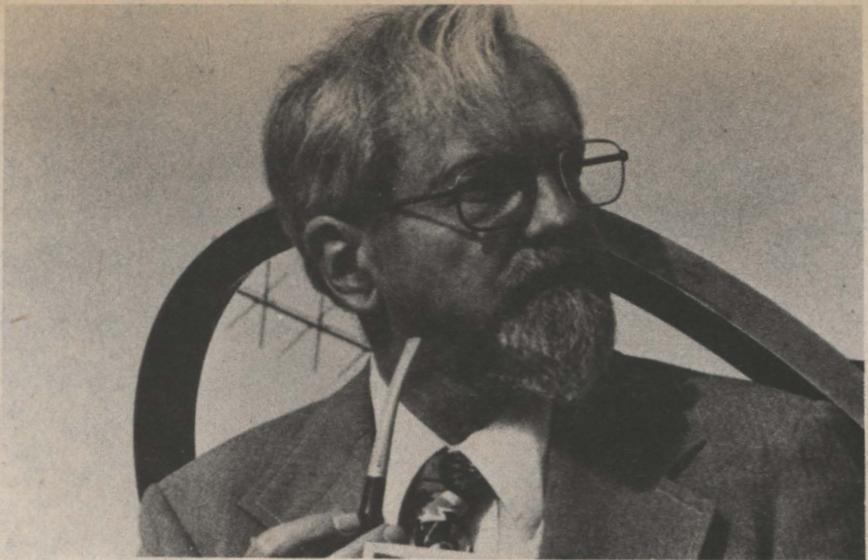
I must confess that Mr. Keel's appraisal of the situation proved to be right on target. My own interviews of UFO witnesses from Maine to Florida confirmed it for me. So when I grabbed this book up, *Close Encounters With God*,

and returned home to pour over its pages, I found many parallels between the "religious experiences" described in the book and the UFO cases in my own files.

On September 5th 1975, I sat with my portable tape recorder at my side interviewing Wayne Stafford, then 25, at his home in Akron, Ohio. Wayne described for me how he believes that when he was a boy of about six years of age that he had a UFO encounter. It happened in Brownstown, Indiana, when one night he felt an unusual urge to go to the door of his home and look out. When he did, he was surprised to see a large barn sized sphere composed of white light hovering perhaps 300 feet away at a 45 degree angle in the sky.

Years later when he was about fourteen, he was living with an uncle in Medora, about eight miles west of Brownstown, when again one night Wayne suddenly felt strangely compelled to head for the door. This time he stepped outside and moving in the sky detected a small dot of light. Gradually it grew larger and

*Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies, was also astronomical consultant to the U.S. Air Force's Project Bluebook. He also wrote the book "The UFO Experience."*



larger until it was the same barn sized sphere of light that he had seen at six.

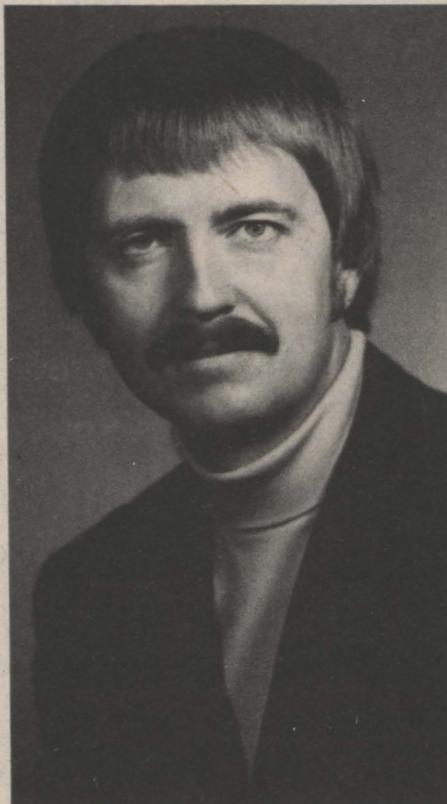
"When this ball came over me I couldn't move, and I didn't want to move," Wayne recalled. "I don't think I could have even if I would have wanted to."

As a boy Wayne had numerous occasions when a strange sensation of detachment would come over him. He would lose feeling in his hands and he would feel somehow as though he were in some way separate from his physical body.

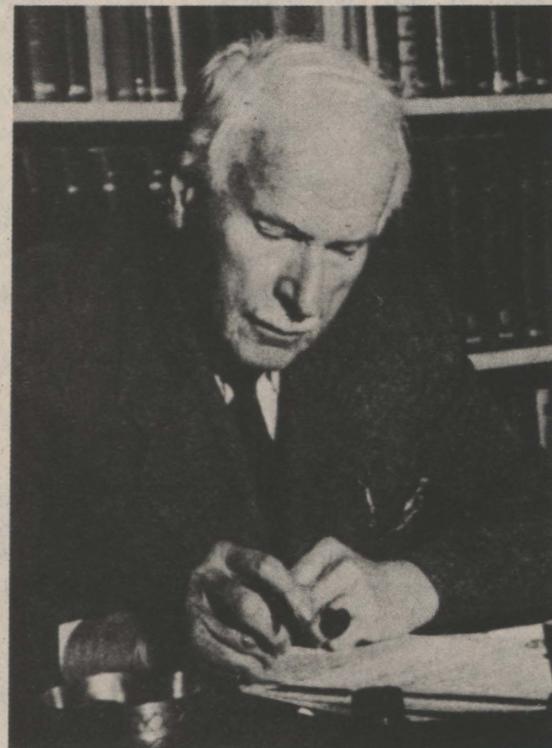
He always fought off these sensations until Christmas of 1971. He gave in, and he says that suddenly it was as though his body was surrounded in a "beautiful light" and he had, as he described it, the "feeling that my body was part of the whole universe."

Speaking of this episode, a classic "religious experience", Wayne recalls that the UFO experiences seemed related. "When it did happen I felt that it was all tied in."

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*The late psychiatrist, Dr. Carl G. Jung saw UFOs as "symbolic rumours" preceiving them as visionary vehicles ushering in the dawn of a new age.*



*Well known writer Brad Steiger who has authored many books dealing with UFOs, terms the UFO experience a "transformation symbol."*



The strange dreams began almost immediately after their unusual sighting. It was as though something evil had emerged from the bowels of hell to enter their lives. It would not leave until human lives were paid as forfeit.

# CHARIOTS OF THE GODS RETURN

BY BRENT RAYNES

"It seems like a UFO sighting can be taken for granted," a lady in northeastern Pennsylvania told me in 1977. "Many people see them even if you don't expect it to happen to you. But all of these other things that begin to happen is what at first makes you doubt your own sanity."

The "other things" she was referring to are the same inexplicable psychic experiences that happen with so many men and women who have seen UFOs. She and another housewife, on November 1, 1974, watched in amazement as a low-flying saucer-shaped object approached within about 100 feet of their car at tree-top level. But, I found in interviewing them both, that this was just the beginning as within weeks they both began to have strange vivid dreams about a handsome blond-haired man who spoke to them telepathically, one of the women even experiencing precognitive dreams that accurately foretold the separate deaths of her oldest sister and her mother. Both women also had to contend with poltergeist-type disturbances in their homes. They began to fear that something

"evil" had entered into their lives.

One day one of the women seemed to sense a "cold presence" in her kitchen, and she decided not to give into fear but instead challenged it. She spoke to "it" saying that there was not enough bad in it to overcome the atmosphere of good that had always existed in her home. Then, following this, the feeling of "evil" left and she began to find herself developing deep religious interests. "As the years go by I can understand more and more this feeling that he conveyed to me," she said of the blond-haired man in her dream. "This trustworthiness, his acceptance. This is love. This is what the Christian love concept means. This is what we should all feel about each other. I never liked people so much in my life. Before I was a real witch I think. ...As I looked at him I could feel so many things. I could feel my whole life. I was conscious all at once of everything that I had ever done that I was a little bit ashamed of. He was standing there smiling, very understandingly, and he knew me. I mean there was no pulling the

wool over this guy's eyes. He knew everything at all about me, that I had ever done, either right or wrong. ...He was conscious of the good and he was trying to get me to be conscious of the good, and he seemed to be telling me something like do more good. ...It was really a real dream that you felt meant something but for a long time just a dream and that's the only context of it."

Embraced by most UFO researchers is the notion that UFOs represent extraterrestrial technology. Emphasis has almost exclusively been focused on securing details, physical descriptions of the "Objects," neglecting incidents pertaining to any aspect of psychic phenomena.

The reason for this neglect is simple. The conventional framework of UFOlogy looks at the UFO problem as being of a technological nature since the "objects" often do things that suggest a state of advanced aerodynamics, and in this age of science and the exciting realm of astronomy, with the intriguing prospect of one day discovering extraterrestrial life, we instinctively look up.

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Therefore, the problem of effectively coming to terms with the full implications of this situation may hinge on a sort of cultural bias. Modern man bows humbly before the altar of his present state of science and technological understanding, and so to entertain notions that don't conveniently fit into a conventional framework can be quite disagreeable and disturbing to him.

Before modern man focused his attention on these objects and adjusted his guarded notions of reality to fit the reports, mankind in centuries before beheld the same "objects" but regarded them as divine religious manifestations. In our past they were seen as the proverbial "chariots of the gods."

Back in 1859, the Irish countryside was the scene of an intense religious revival. Hundreds of people thronged to these revivals which were often held outside. These crowds were frequently awed by the appearance of a dazzling "cloud of fire" that would appear and hover low over these gatherings.

Mystifying UFO-type appearances coincided a religious revival in Wales, back during 1904 and 1905. A Welsh woman named Mary Jones figured prominently in this revival, and on the very night she began her mission strange "lights" appeared in the sky. These occurrences intensified and were witnessed by great numbers of people as her revival efforts gained momentum. London reporters from the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Mirror* were quite shocked when they saw for themselves strange luminous cloud-like formations and bright lights materializing above chapels.

As recently as the 1960s a religious revival that swept the islands of Indonesia produced descriptions of UFO-type manifestations. In one instance, on the island of Timor, on September 12, 1965, a young man encountered a shining human-like figure with long white hair, standing in his garden. At about the same time a

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**The boy awoke to find a beam of light penetrating the darkness. There was a peculiar noise in the air, and the hands on the clock were spinning.**

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cousin had seen what he described as a "star" fall into the garden, and he pointed to the exact spot where the shining figure had been seen standing. Later the young man began to have visions in which he was instructed to preach to many people. His destiny had been transformed overnight by an angel that dropped in on him from the starry firmament above.

If we can separate ourselves from our notional frames of reference and unconditionally investigate the overall situation, regardless of what notional territory may loom into view, then I think that we can then truly begin to progress in our understanding of these UFO-type occurrences. We must pursue the activity objectively, pursuing its natural course rather than dictating our own.

In my own investigations I

learned to let the witness relate the experience in his or her own terms rather than structuring interviews that might unconsciously be designed to validate a particular frame of reference. In this way I have come across innumerable psychic episodes that would have been either neglected or ignored by many hard-line UFO traditionalists.

"I have become a little religious," confessed Mrs. Jacque Booth, as I sat with my tape recorder in her living room in Avon Lake, Ohio, telling me about her experiences with UFOs.

For Mrs. Booth it began on the night of March 20, 1974. A "beam of light" shined through her bedroom window, focusing itself upon her head. A great inner calmness filled her, despite an admitted history of bad nerves, and despite the fact that she could see the source of the beam, which was a circular object, circled with white lights and a pulsating red light on the underside. It was just over the tops of nearby trees and was about 35 feet in diameter.

In the months that followed there were additional UFO sightings. There were also psychic manifestations that included some locked doors inexplicably opening and the oldest of her three sons began experiencing involuntary out-of-body projections.

Mrs. Booth found her personality taking on little unexpected changes with the advent of her other worldly encounters. She was becoming much more sociable with people and was no longer the contented "home-body" she had formerly been. She was also sensing a renewed religious awareness. "I've had days when I go out to get into my car and I have driven down the road, and I'd have the weirdest feeling," she explained. "Like some days I have actually sat there in my car, by myself— I may be cracking up— but I say 'I know you're there.' I have a feeling I can reach out and touch the good Lord. It's just like He's right up there in front of my windshield."

Can a UFO experience somehow trigger off "psychic" and "religious" experiences? Are these things interrelated?

"I definitely go with the theory that the UFOs, the Bible, and psychic phenomena all go along together," Mrs. Shirley Fickett of Portland, Maine told me. Shirley has become very actively involved in serious UFO investigations as a direct result of a series of psychic and religious experiences that befell her. Between September 13 and December 8, 1969, she felt as though she was "being trained" by some alien intelligence for so-called "astral projection" or out-of-body travel. On one occasion she actually perceived an unusual looking entity in her bedroom while she was in the astral.

"Psychic vibration indicated that it was of male gender and stood approximately four feet high," Shirley recalled. "All noticed by me was its head, which was shaped like a coconut, with two slits for eyes and a tiny slit where our nose would be. There seemed to be no mouth."

The reason for these apparent astral conditioning became obvious on the night of December 8, 1969, when Shirley unexpectedly left her physical body and projected to a house a few blocks away. There she saw what she recognized as the spirit of her deceased father embracing a young male child. Then she returned to her body, or that is was returned, and then the "astral body" of the boy appeared in her bedroom. "I held my physical hand out in acceptance, to receive him, or let him know I did, Shirley told me. "He then vanished."

A short time after the experience Shirley discovered that this boy was real and alive, and not the product of some wild dream. She became acquainted with the family and made many fascinating discoveries. Psychic phenomena seemed to be somewhat of a common occurrence with them she learned. Shirley decided to keep in touch with the family and record anything unusual that might develop, and what strange developments she did record! After a while she realized that

various elements of these experiences shared characteristics in common with experiences people have described having with UFOs. The episode that really set her on the UFO trail happened one morning at about 5:30 a.m., in November 1972. The boy had awoken suddenly to find a beam of light penetrating through a solid wall of his bedroom, striking him and pinning him to the bed. There was a peculiar high frequency noise in the air and the hands on his electric clock were spinning wildly around.

Before mankind can begin to understand the things appearing in his skies, it seems only logical that he must begin by paying more attention to the queer things happening at ground-level under his very nose. He must put aside his preconceived ideals and notions, and replace them with sound, rock honest methodology. He must be motivated by genuine soul-searching curiosity and he must not settle for anything less than the simple truth.

That is, the whole truth and nothing but!

"We weren't drunk, we saw what we saw."

With those words, David Tobbell confirmed his belief in UFOs. Only several weeks before, on March 15, 1979, Tobbell, his wife Lesley, and their two young daughters were driving along the promenade near the Morecambe golf course and drove straight into an unforgettable encounter with a UFO.

Driving past the golf course, the family saw two red lights suddenly flash above the bay area, about three hundred yards from shore.

"I thought at first it was a boat," Tobbell reported. "But then I looked up and saw this thing above my car. It was massive."

Tobbell's wife confirmed that "the thing" was dome-shaped, with a silver underside framed by a rotating ring of silver light. Four

large red domes flashed from the bottom of the object.

There was no noise. It was raining heavily and the vehicle's engine noise probably drowned out any sound the UFO might have been making. The couple agreed that the craft's size easily engulfed his car and would have contained six average size terraced houses with no problem.

The object, after coming within

100 feet above the car, moved off in the direction of the golf course, hovering so low above the facility that the family expected it to land.

"Then suddenly a flame shot out from it, and the vehicle shot like a bolt straight up and out of sight. I never saw anything move so fast," he said.

Although Morecambe police said they had not other reports of UFOs in the area, a 13-year old Lancaster girl, Joanne Coupe reported seeing an unexplainable object above the city the following Wednesday just before dark.

The object was described as "three bright lights, slightly pulsating, moving somewhat erratically while changing formation. The young girl said the lights were too large and moved too erratically to have originated from conventional aircraft.

## ENCOUNTER IN LANCASTER

BY JEROME HENDERSON

Thunder racked the mountain as the small ball of light hovered above an evergreen tree. The entity, a beautiful woman, said she came from heaven, and began to answer every question put to her by the children.

# UFOs AND THE MIRACLE OF FATIMA

BY KARL K. KORF

One of the most bizarre incidents involving apparent extraterrestrial space craft, occurred in the obscure hamlet of Fatima, West Portugal, some 70 miles from Lisbon, in May of 1917.

The first of what was to become a series of incidents which began around midday in the summer of 1915, when a young peasant girl by the name of Lucia Abobora and several other children were tending their families' joint flocks of sheep in the local pastures. Suddenly the children sighted what they described as a "startling white glowing figure" moving over a nearby valley. The figure did this a total of three times. When Lucia returned home later that evening to tell her family, she was doubted.

In 1916, approximately one year later, Lucia and her two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, then aged seven and five respectively, were again tending their family's

sheep. Later that day a severe thunderstorm erupted, and the three children sought shelter in a nearby cave. Within a few minutes a strange light appeared and moved over to the entrance of the cave. There, hovering right in front of them, the three children could make out the distinct figure of a "transparent young man," extremely handsome in appearance.

The figure called himself "the Angel of Peace" and requested that the children pray along with him. At that instant the children experienced a trance-like state, unable to move, which persisted even after the entity had vanished. Within the course of a few minutes, the being reappeared twice more, and after the third and final visit the children were found to be in a state of Euphoria for many weeks thereafter. The children told no one.

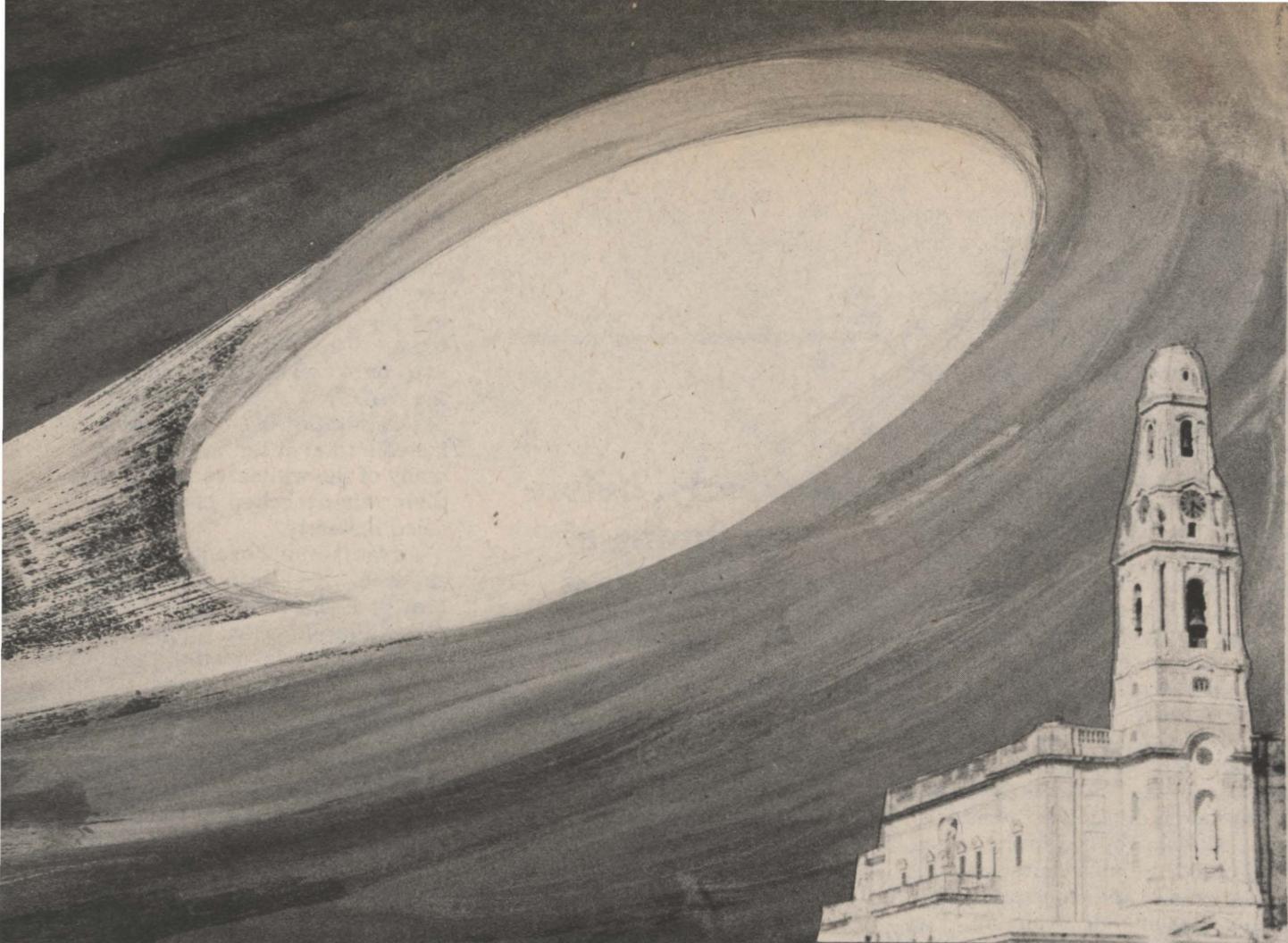
At 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13,

1917, nearly a year later, the children were out again in the fields. They had finished their meager lunch. Suddenly two bright flashes of light, like that of lightning, sent them again, seeking shelter.

However, while running for cover the three children stopped abruptly to observe a small ball of light hovering above a three-foot evergreen tree. Confined within the ball of light, there stood the image of a woman. Composed entirely of bright white light.

The entity exclaimed that she was "from heaven", and answered every question that the children asked. The entity also promised to return on the thirteenth day for the next five months. She disappeared immediately thereafter, floating away.

Again, the children decided not to tell anyone about the remarkable events that they had witnessed. However, Jacinta broke



her vow of silence and word leaked out. Though her parents were overtly impressed with the sophisticated language that Jacinta used, they still remained highly skeptical.

The three children returned to the same spot every month on the thirteenth. Eventually curious neighbors and onlookers soon followed, and each of them witnessed the same phenomena as described by three of the children.

At the time of the third week, twenty-five hundred people were there, including individuals from all denominations. Though the masses continued to observe the strange light, none experienced the psychic events other than the children.

The witnesses however, noted a small cloud which would descend upon the evergreen tree at the moment the children would become entranced.

On July 13, 1917, the entity

promised the children that she would reveal to them her name on October 13, and went on to state that on that date, there would occur a miracle "so that everyone would believe."

Then, according to the children, beams of light began pouring from the entity's fingers, opening up the surface of the Earth, and revealing to the children some of the wretched creatures that inhabited hell. The entity went on to prophesize the ending of World War I, the rise of Communist Russia, and World War II.

By the time August had rolled around, news of the alleged miracles was widespread throughout Portugal. The press by this time had picked up the story, and great controversy over the authenticity of the miracles ensued. Scores of people visited the homes of the children, and severe ridicule persisted.

On August 11, 1917, the child-

ren were ordered to face trial for "disturbing the peace". It had been hoped by Lucia's family that by facing trial, Lucia might retract her statements and admit that the whole affair was a grandiose hoax. She did not.

Lucia refused to answer all questions put to her, and ignored the ever-prevalent ridicule.

Lucia was finally dismissed, and was even threatened with being executed if she didn't confess. Still she kept silent.

On August 13, the day that the entity had promised to return, the three children were thrown into jail by the administrator of Fatima.

Hoping to get the girls to confess, he separated the children one at a time, and claimed that the others had been boiled in oil. The children however, refused to admit to any fraudulence. Convinced the situation was hopeless, the administrator returned the child-

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ren to their home.

Meanwhile, some six thousand people gathered around the ever-green tree and heard a low rumbling noise that seemingly came from nowhere. Suddenly a flash of light appeared, and a small white cloud floated in resting over the tree.

On September 13, a still larger crowd gathered around the area where all previous contacts had occurred. As had been the case before, the ball of light returned once again engulfing the entity. Several prominent officials, including the heads of the Catholic church were present this time, and all persons left the site startled and convinced.

On October 13, 1917, a heavy rain resulted in extremely muddy roads which led to the area where the encounters had taken place. This made it difficult for what was now, 50,000 people wanting to see the boasted-about miracles. Among one of the spectators was Senior Avelino de Almeida, the editor of *O Seculo*, the largest newspaper in Lisbon.

The children in the meantime, had pushed their way up to the tiny tree. Suddenly a brilliant flash of light engulfed the sky, and the children kneeled down, in a trance.

Suddenly Lucia shouted "look at the sun!"

The crowd immediately looked up and witnessed the clouds withdraw as if they were parting curtains on a giant stage. The rain suddenly stopped, and a colossal silver disk, the apparent size of the sun, hovered in the sky. Though the object was as brilliant as the sun, the 50,000 people could stare right at it with no damage whatsoever to their eyes!

The saucer began to dart about in the sky, whirling rapidly and dancing. From the rim of the craft all colors of the visible light spectrum could be seen. The disk stopped three times, and then continued gyrating. Suddenly, it

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**Suddenly, before  
the throng of  
on lookers, a  
low rumbling  
noise sounded,  
and a flash of  
light pierced  
the clouds.  
The entity  
told them the  
war would end,  
shortly, only to be  
followed by another  
some 20 years  
later. Then the sun  
blackened out,  
and when it  
shone again  
minutes later,  
a giant silver  
disc coursed  
through the sky.**

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flew straight towards the earth in a zigzag fashion.

The crowd sank to its knees in awe and fear as the UFO then *ascended* back into the sky repeating the zigzag pattern as it had before. The object then stopped, and continued to glow as bright as the sun.

The duration of this observation lasted a total of ten minutes, with many of the witnesses noting that their rain-drenched clothing had dried instantly.

As fate would have it, two of the children, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, died soon after. In fact, the two children even prophesized about their own deaths, without fear.

Lucia went on to become a sister in the Catholic church.

UFOlogists abroad consider this to be one of the most documented cases on record. All of the events described above, have been thoroughly documented by church officials, as well as public dignitaries. In addition to the numerous sightings, there were also photographs taken of the remarkable event. Though no thorough analysis has been performed on them to determine their authenticity.

One thing is for certain though, the events did indeed occur, and the miracle at Fatima should be considered strong evidence for the existence of flying saucers.

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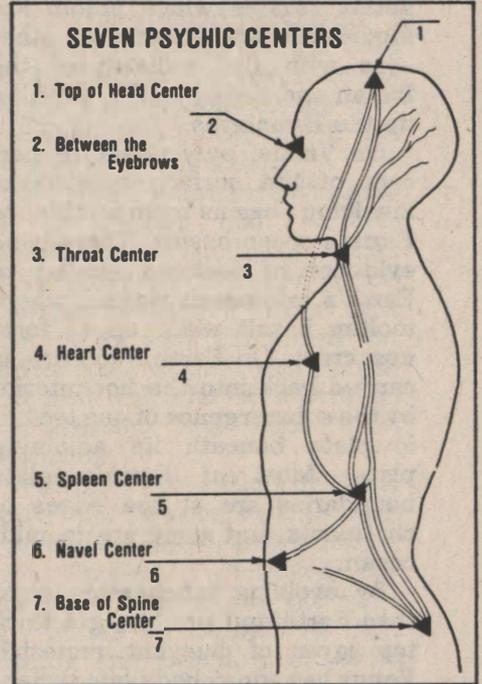
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presses one huge tectonic plate, compared with Earth's six major plates and several minor ones. Due to continuous formation of new plate material, Earth's plates constantly expand and grind together. Plates which adjoin are forced over and under each other—as with the collision of the Indian and Asian plates, pushing up the Himalayas.

On Venus, only about 16 percent of the surface consists of low-lying basins comparable to Earth's ocean basins. There is no evidence of features similar to Earth's mid-ocean ridges, where molten basalt wells up to form new crust. On Earth, old crust is carried back into the hot interior by the submergence of one tectonic plate beneath its adjoining plate. Most of Earth's plate boundaries are at the edges of continents, but some are in mid-ocean.

By evolving much more crust than Earth and producing a thick top layer of buoyant material, Venus has squelched plate tectonics, says Dr. William Kaula of the University of California, Los Angeles.

There appear to be abundant primordial impact craters like those on Mars and the Moon scattered over the surface of Venus. These craters have diameters above 75 km (45 miles), large enough for Pioneer to observe. Most of Venus' surface (and hence crust) appears to be ancient terrain. Atmospheric heating, water loss and crust formation apparently took place in the first 1-2 billion years of the planet's history.

Venus' two continent-sized highland areas, Ishtar and Aphrodite, may be remnants of the last plate tectonic collisional zones, before crust formation choked off tectonics completely. Alternatively, they may result from local lifting forces (like those that created California's Sierra Nevada range.)

The highest and most dramatic continent-sized highland region on Venus is the northern highland of Ishtar Terra. It is a high plateau, carrying several mountain ranges. It is about the size of Australia or the continental United States.

The western part of Ishtar (named for the Assyrian goddess of love and war) appears to be a smooth plateau. It is called Lakshmi Planum and is about 3300 m (10,000 feet) above sea level. Lakshmi is bounded on the west and north by mountains ranging upward from 2300 to 3300 m (7000 to 10,000 feet) above the plateau, and 5700 to 7000 m (17,000 to 20,000 feet) above "sea level". The western mountains have been tentatively named Akna Montes and the northern range, Freyja Montes. The Ishtar plateau is about as high as the Tibetan plateau, but twice as large. The central area of the plateau is smooth in the radar images and may be covered with relatively young lavas. The huge escarpments around the plateau's edge are quite steep.

The highest point yet found on Venus, a mountain mass higher than Everest, has been named Maxwell Montes. This huge area of uplifted terrain occupies the entire east end of the Ishtar Terra highlands. Its highest point is 11,800 m (35,300 feet) above "sea level" and 9000 m (27,000 feet) above the adjoining Lakshmi plain. The highest parts of the massif run northwest-southeast with lower projections extending both east and west. Observations from both Earth and Pioneer suggest that the mountain region itself is the roughest part of the planet—jumbled terrain, changing abruptly from the smooth plateau west of it. The brightness of this feature indicates that the steep slopes of this Mount Everest of Venus are covered with rocks larger than 10 cm (2.5 in.). On the east flank of Maxwell, Pioneer

data show a circular 100-km (60 mile) diameter dark feature more than 1000 m (3000 feet) deep. This may be a volcanic crater. East of Maxwell, extending for 100 degrees of longitude, is a complex topography of ridges and troughs, including many closed basins.

The largest continent-sized highland region on Venus has been tentatively named Aphrodite. It is as large as the northern half of Africa, and consists of two mountainous areas separated by a somewhat lower region. Situated almost on Venus' equator, Aphrodite Terra runs almost directly east and west for 9600 km (6000 miles).

Unlike Ishtar, a relatively level plateau carrying high mountains, the Aphrodite highland region rises to various heights above the mean planet surface. The western mountainous area rises 8000 m (23,000 feet) above the surrounding terrain, 9000 m (26,000 feet) above Venus mean surface. The eastern mountains of Aphrodite rise 3300 m (10,000 feet) above the surrounding terrain, 4300 m (13,000 feet) above the mean surface. Like Ishtar, the terrain of these Aphrodite mountains appears to contain uplifted plateaus or volcanic mountains, Aphrodite may be older and more degraded than Ishtar Terra.

Centered at about 30 degrees north latitude on Venus is Beta Regio, apparently consisting of two huge shield-shaped volcanoes, larger than the Hawaii-Midway chain. Beta Regio appears to be situated on a fault line running north and south, from 40 degrees north latitude to 50 degrees south latitude. This long fault zone connects several other highland features, which may be volcanic, south of Beta Regio. The two huge, adjoining mountains (which are smooth on the surface and shaped like the very wide-based Hawaiian volcanoes) cover a north to south distance of about 2100 km (1300 miles). Aside from their

appearance, rocks making up the twin Beta mountains appear to be basaltic and hence very likely of volcanic origin. (The Soviet spacecraft Veneras 9 and 10 landed just east of Beta, and found the rocks there to have radioactive element concentrations similar to basalts.)

The two shield-shaped mountains making up the Beta region have been named Theia Mons (the northerly mountain) and the Rhea Mons (the southerly mountain). Both rise out of Venus' great planet-spanning plains, and both are about 4000 m (13,000 feet) above the plain; i.e., above Venus mean surface.

The fourth notable highland feature on Venus is Alpha Regio, a rough region lying about 1800 m (6000 feet) above the Venusian great plain. Alpha Regio is about 25 degrees south of the equator and 6400 km (4000 miles) west of Aphrodite. Radar imaging shows that it has extremely rough terrain with parallel fractures through the whole feature. It may combine old and new geologic forms and resembles the basin and range structure of the western United States.

As noted, a relatively flat, rolling plain covers 60 percent of Venus' surface. Radar imaging shows many circular, dark features with bright central spots on this rolling plain.

These apparent craters with diameters of 400 to 600 km (250 to 320 miles) characteristically have depths of only 200 to 700 m (650 to 2300 feet). The bright, central areas could be the central peaks, typical of impact craters.

The very small depths and the very large diameters of these apparent craters, compared with the Moon and Mars, can be explained by "surface rebound" like that found on Jupiter's planet-sized moons. (The apparent wide-spread cratering suggest that Venus' heavily-cratered ancient crust is preserved over much of the planet.)



*Venus' surface has never been seen because of the clouds which cover the planet. This view of Venus' great Rift Valley (center) at the east end of Aphrodite Terra, the continent-sized highland region just south of the equator.*

The largest low area so far found on Venus is centered west of Ishtar at 70 degrees north. At its deepest point, this great basin is about 3000 m (9,000 feet) below Venus' great plain region. This low area, like others on the planet, is smooth, and lacks large crater forms. Like Earth's ocean basins it may be relatively young geologically and filled in by basaltic lava flows. It is about the same size as the North Atlantic ocean basin.

The lowest point on the planet appears to be in the rift valley just east of Aphrodite, slightly lower than the northern hemisphere basin at about 2.9 km (9500 feet;

below Venus' mean surface. This trench is deeper than the Dead Sea rift, but only one-fifth the depth of the Marianas trench in the western Pacific. It is roughly the same depth as Vallis Marineris, the great canyon on Mars. While Venus apparently has no plate tectonics, this rift valley and another parallel to it, both in the region east of Aphrodite, seem comparable to tectonic rifts on Earth. Here, new rock material wells up out of the molten interior.

In general, the jumbled region east of Aphrodite is characterized by high ridges and deep valleys. There is a similar region east of Ishtar. □

know any better, I would say that there's something missing from all this."

"What is that? Mr. Jackson."

"Well, if what I'm seeing is an ordinary CB unit, and if I'd be seeing this in my auto, I would say it merely needs a filament. A simple filament. As unbelievable as it sounds. I've got a whole set of filaments. But the filaments I have are for a CB unit, a simple CB unit. This is a space ship, an interplanetary vehicle. Yet, how could just a simple CB filament pilot your —?"

"Please, Mr. Jackson," they both said, excitement rising within them, as evident as the present reality of the whole thing. "Can your wife bring this filament to us."

"Yes she knows where it is. In my tool box in the garage."

"Mr. Jackson. You are earning our eternal gratitude. Please call to your wife now. She will hear your voice. Ask her to fetch the material— your tool box. Tell her exactly where it is and to make certain the filaments— as you call them— are there— and ask her to take the box and bring it."

"Bring it? Bring it where? I don't even know where I am or how I got here!"

One of them said, very softly: "Ask her to fetch the tool box and to bring it with her to the bed where we first made contact. Tell her to clutch the tool box tightly to her breast and to close her eyes and not to be alarmed at the sensations she will feel."

I looked at the beings closely, not exactly understanding the directions they were giving me. But one of them said, "Tell her, tell her now. She will hear you."

"Marilyn," I called into the semi-darkness of the almost cramped quarters.

"Rod!"

I heard her voice loud and clear.

"Rod. Where are you?"

"Marilyn. I'm going to tell you what to do. Listen carefully and don't interrupt. Tell me when you've done what I asked."

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through space,  
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I told her exactly what to do— where to go in the garage for the tool box and to take it back into our room and into the bed. I told her to let me know when she'd done it. Just talk," I said, "I'll know what your saying."

She told me that she was climbing from the bed and walking downstairs into the kitchen where the door is that leads to the garage. Her voice was with me every step of the way. I described the tool box and the combination that opens it. I described the filaments and she said there were five of them in the tool case. When she climbed back into the bed, one of the beings, who called her by name, told her not to fear, to just listen and do exactly as he said.

Within less than ten seconds Marilyn was beside me in the craft, the tool box still clutched to her bosom. I took it and carefully removed one of the delicate filaments from the container. With nervous fingers I removed the old, burnt-out filament from the control panel before me and replaced one of the good filaments. As soon as it was in place, the panel lit up, zigzagging lights suddenly bringing it to life, glowing in different colors, illuminating the cabin.

The alien beings looked at one another, and I thought. I could detect tears in their eyes— tears of joy, no doubt. The beings clutched our hands in theirs, and I knew what they were saying. No

words had to be uttered between us.

The next thing I was aware of was feeling a heaviness, and a total exhaustion come over me. The way Marilyn was holding on to me I knew she was feeling the very same thing. Holding my wife in my arms, I felt myself swirling through space, plunging headlong through a void of darkness and watching the stars quickly dance by, like marionettes in a freak puppet show, coming up from beneath us and zooming over our heads, merging into one another like speeding balls of light.

Suddenly, we were back in our bed and we were aware of the sound of an engine— their engine— revving up, only this time it didn't die out and fade, but sounded full, vibrant and rich. The sky lit up, like it did on our drive home, and after a couple of seconds it grew dark and normal again.

I'm not aware of anything else that night, except that both Marilyn and myself seemed exhausted and we fell into each others arms in a deep, tranquil sleep.

Well, that's how it all happened. You could believe it or not, as you see fit. You might be interested in knowing that the next morning at breakfast Marilyn remarked on the strange dream she had about seeing men from Mars, as she put it, in our room, and being taken aboard a UFO. I remarked that I'd had a similar dream. And she shrugged as she poured the coffee as though the whole thing seemed dim.

That was all several weeks ago. The kids are back with us and we're shipping them off to camp for the remainder of the summer. And yes, you might find this of interest: Last week, the CB set in our car stopped working. I went to the basement to get my tool box, to replace the worn out filament, and for a long time, both Marilyn and I were wondering just what happened to one of the filaments that seems to be missing from my tool box. □

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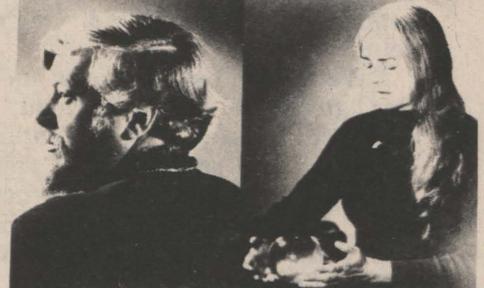
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witnesses— including Pattie Ong, making her third sighting, incredibly, and Perry Lombardi, a 20-year-old rock musician from Los Angeles— watched the late-evening display from Ms. Ong's country house.

"We were all sitting here: me, this guy and his girl friend," Lombardi related. "And Pattie comes by and says, 'Yeh, I saw these things on the way over out here.' And somebody went out and came back later and says, 'Wow! Come're lookit this!'"

Above a field just across State Route 17 fronting Pattie's yard, a group of shining objects loomed silently.

Said Perry Lombardi, "There must've been about 10 of 'em out there! Just flyin' around. And you know, I haven't seen two airplanes since I've been here" (air traffic over the area is somewhat uncommon).

"I'm from L.A. and I see airplanes all the time," continued Lombardi, whose father is a passenger jet pilot. "You know, I know what airplanes look like. And I know what helicopters look like. I know they weren't either. I know they weren't weather balloons, too. That's for damn sure."

Lombardi estimated their approximate height at 500 to 1,000 feet.

"They were straight south of us, like right out in front. And they were in pairs, groups of three. I looked at 'em through a real rinky-dinky pair of binoculars that don't work very good. And I could see *kind* of an outline. They were like flat on the bottom and like—not really a bubble—but almost like a triangle. And there were lights— red and blue and white— and they were revolving *around* each one, going around in a circle, right around the edge. It was just like they were all lights. Just looking at them, you really couldn't see an outline or anything what they were definitely

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**"They didn't make any noise. No sound at all. They were in formation, those weird lights almost blinded me. They were moving deliberately, very very slow. That's what made me sure they were searching for something."**

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shaped like. They were quite a ways off."

Perry Lombardi expressed befuddlement about the distinct absence of sound. "They didn't make any noise," he stressed. "No noise or anything, and it was real windy. We were downwind from 'em. So we should've heard engine noise."

Pattie told what she saw, describing the UFOs as "a red revolving light and white bright lights" bearing two smaller, trailing whitish beacons. "They were doin' formations and all kinds of crazy things," she added.

During our interview, Perry Lombardi backed off at one point to reflect on their flight patterns.

"You know—" he resumed cautiously, "it looked like...it looked kind of like they were flying around, scanning the area. It was strange. — Like they were *looking* for something."

Were they going all over the sky?

"They were all pretty much in one area. It was a large area, maybe a three-mile-radius circle. It looked like— like I said— they were scanning for something."

They weren't stationary?

"They were just goin'. They were like hovering and going wherever they wanted. And then they'd stop and just hold their position. And then they'd move. They were moving very deliberately, real slow. They wouldn't waver. You know, that's what makes me think they were scanning the area. They didn't jump around or anything... Just moved real slow."

Well into our conversation, Perry Lombardi apparently had decided to chance it again.

"There was a lot of electrical activity that night," he pointed out. "Maybe they were looking for a way to pick up energy out of the air, whatever they were. Who knows, you know?"

Did you consider calling the police?

"No," Pattie Ong reported.

You didn't consider calling the police—

"No. No, they'd just hassle us."

Asked if his name could be used with his testimony, Lombardi answered, "Oh yeh, that's fine. Because I *know* what I saw."

The unidentified objects disappeared abruptly.

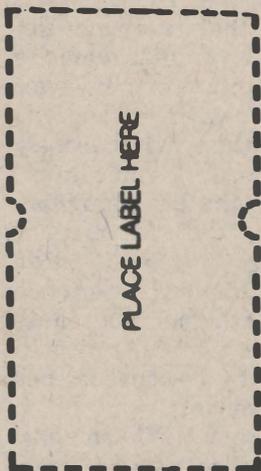
"They just flew over," Ms. Ong reported, "and... and left."

"It was kind of a scary feeling," Perry Lombardi admitted.

"I knew they weren't airplanes. It was outrageous. I couldn't believe it; we sat out there watchin' 'em." □

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inner self reaching out to the ends of the universe, and the perception of being engulfed in an indescribably beautiful light is a common description of the classic "religious experience" as outlined by Cohen in his book.

Follow-up investigations on a UFO encounter may prove very vital as significant developments may continue to unfold for years after the initial experience.

On July 29, 1967, at approximately 9 p.m., a married couple with their 13-year-old son were taking a leisurely spin in the family car in Mayport, Florida, when a metallic looking, dark gray domed, disc-shaped object some 40-45 feet in diameter flew silently into their lives. At one point it was roughly 15 feet off the ground at the edge of the road, and at an intersection the object actually flew low over the top of their car. Within only four days of this encounter, poltergeist (German for noisy spirit)-type activity broke out in their home. There were unexplained knockings, footsteps, odors, and on occasions, whether indoors or outside, a very audible and masculine voice saying her first name, but when she would immediately turn in the direction of the sound there would be no visible source. Incredibly in the months and years that followed the mother and the son began to awaken separately and at 3 o'clock in the morning, immobilized by tingling paralysis as small bluish and golden balls of light and humanoid entities seemed to materialize in their bedrooms. One night in 1977, the husband witnessed a small glowing ball of light enter the bedroom through an open window and approach the face of his sleeping wife, hovering briefly in front of her and then departing for parts unknown out another window.

"When you combine all of these past UFO related experiences with your life both past and present, the comprehension of what it's all about becomes quite

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**The small,  
glowing ball  
of light snaking  
its way across  
the floor and finally  
reached the figure  
of the sleeping  
woman. It stopped  
briefly, as though  
studying her and  
then suddenly  
departed through  
a window.**

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clear," this woman reflected in a recent letter to me. "But you almost have to experience it in person to completely understand the entire scope of it all. I have come to know the Lord in a way which I never dreamed of before. My heart is not hard anymore and I've become a better person for it all! So good does come of it all if we can see it for what it really is and not be misled by the various occult manifestations or be led down the spiritualistic path. So many people have gone the wrong way just by not understanding that all these events are not good. That some are evil!"

Whether or not the UFO experience can ever be proven to have a

concrete physical reality that can be scientifically verified, one thing is certain. For those who have the experience it is real. Very real!

I suspect that since the mechanics of psychic phenomena violate known principles and laws of physics and reality as presently understood and defined by modern science, then certainly an underlying relationship with the forces behind the UFOs would obviously, by their very nature, reflect the same peculiar qualities of non-verifiability. Certainly over the years, my own investigations have convinced me that a loosely defined "psychic connection" does exist with the UFO enigma.

Is it possible that the modern UFO experience is a modification of an ancient human experience that transcends the boundlessness of time and that forcefully refuses to be defeated by notional frames of human reference?

The sighting of a UFO somehow acts as a causative psychic force that enable various aspects of human consciousness to be activated and altered, resulting in the arousal of extra-sensory instincts, creative talents, and strong spiritual awakenings. Acclaimed UFO writer Brad Steiger terms the UFO experience a "transformative symbol," while the late Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Carl G. Jung saw UFOs as "symbolical rumours," perceiving them as visionary vehicles ushering in the dawn of a New Age.

New Age hopefuls predict an Aquarian Age in which brotherly love and spiritual enlightenment will become a way of life. These believers feel that UFOs are busily conditioning human consciousness for the New Age.

But I wonder if we are not unconsciously clothing the UFO with powers and capabilities to fulfill certain psychic needs? Could it be that the real power that the UFO has comes from us, and that without us it would be nothing? □

register as glimmerings and clouds over the surface at lunar dawn. "It makes us wonder about all those transient events, hot spots and flares, that have been reportedly seen on the Moon," commented leading Apollo seismic investigator Dr. Gary Latham, a few days after the Project's closing landing.

Dr. Barbara Middlehurst elaborated on the seismic possibility while at work in the Mission Control support room at Houston during Apollo 10. If, she related — if — the transients predicate on gas smoldering from the Moon's crust, they might become aroused to a glow by solar radiation, once out over the surface.

Two other speculations regarding the phenomena exist, leperously shunned by the straight science world.

Prior to World War II, Professor William Pickering caught glimpses of purplish "pseudo-shadows" around the Eratosthenes crater ring at high noon of lunar days. No shadows should have been visible at the times he saw them.

Dr. Pickering wondered if they were patches of low-order vegetation or herds of very primitive animal life, surviving somehow in an infinitesimal volcano gas atmosphere ghosting the Moon. Filter photographs chronicled the shadows' uncommon violet hue.

About the same frame of time, German scientist F. Kaiser discovered color change happenings on the floor of Ptolemaeus, a bowl only a few hundred miles away from Eratosthenes. The progression: grey to olive green, olive green to yellow through one two-week lunar day, somewhat like the cycle of Earthly plant life.

When the 1950s arrived, scientists started experimenting in labs to find the composition of the Moon. They tried the simulation route — constructing plots of ground to match the lunar skin out of volcanic ash, gravel, sand, pumice, granite. All attempts

failed; none of the models looked real enough.

Except one. J. Van Diggelen achieved an exacting layout of the Moon's exterior. The material he employed was lichen, a moss-like plant which grows on rocks. Scientist Van Diggelen spread the moss (*Cladonia rangiferina*) loosely across a surface to duplicate the Moon's low-gravity effects, then

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## Was it a meteorite that whizzed past Apollo 17 while it was probing deep space, or was it a spaceship from a distant galaxy?

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placed it under simulated lunar lighting conditions to top off the carbon-copy mock-up.

But the vegetation theory could hardly explain even a fraction of the sightings on the Moon and is supported by only scant observations. Project Apollo yielded no evidence of plant life there. None was revealed in the thousands of exposures snapped by Americans from orbit. No craft, manned or unmanned, touched down at Eratosthenes or Ptolemaeus, it should be pointed out, where the plant-like apparitions were seen.

The final speculation about the Moon beacons alleges they involve an alien intelligence. The door is slammed on this idea practically everywhere outside of a few ufology cults, mainly because no sensible, testable documentation presently exists to

champion it. What *do* exist are phony, twisted claims — blurry, mislabelled photos of mundane lunar features or lens flaring; made-up "secret" air-to-ground transmissions supposedly made by Apollo astronauts describing UFO fleets, buildings and machines on the Moon. Pure science welcomes facts, academicians will say; it ignores lies.

The fundamental truth of the strange lights remains beyond understanding...

With each new Apollo success, engineering priorities give way to scientific goals. Flight 14 embarks for the Moon fitted with equipment to search out gas fogs. A Cold Cathode Ionization Gauge is erected on the lunar landscape near the Apollo 14 Lunar Module during EVA by space pilots Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell.

Soon after, the device sniffs a 100 million-particles-per-inch vapor. (The Moon normally possesses a fleeting atmosphere of a million bits-per-inch, so thin that no two atoms in it ever collide. Earth's envelope is thicker by several powers.)

But the vapor's cause remains elusive. Some experiments at Houston insist the gas is venting from the Lunar Module. Others disagree, but cannot pinpoint its source. The gas, in any event, does not trigger any transient effects.

Rookie astro Alfred Worden is scheduled to do visual inspections, along with gamma-ray and alpha-particle soundings, of Aristarchus Crater during the Apollo 15 voyage. The instruments will ride in orbit on the command ship's exterior and are tuned to measure any radio activity and gases within their sights.

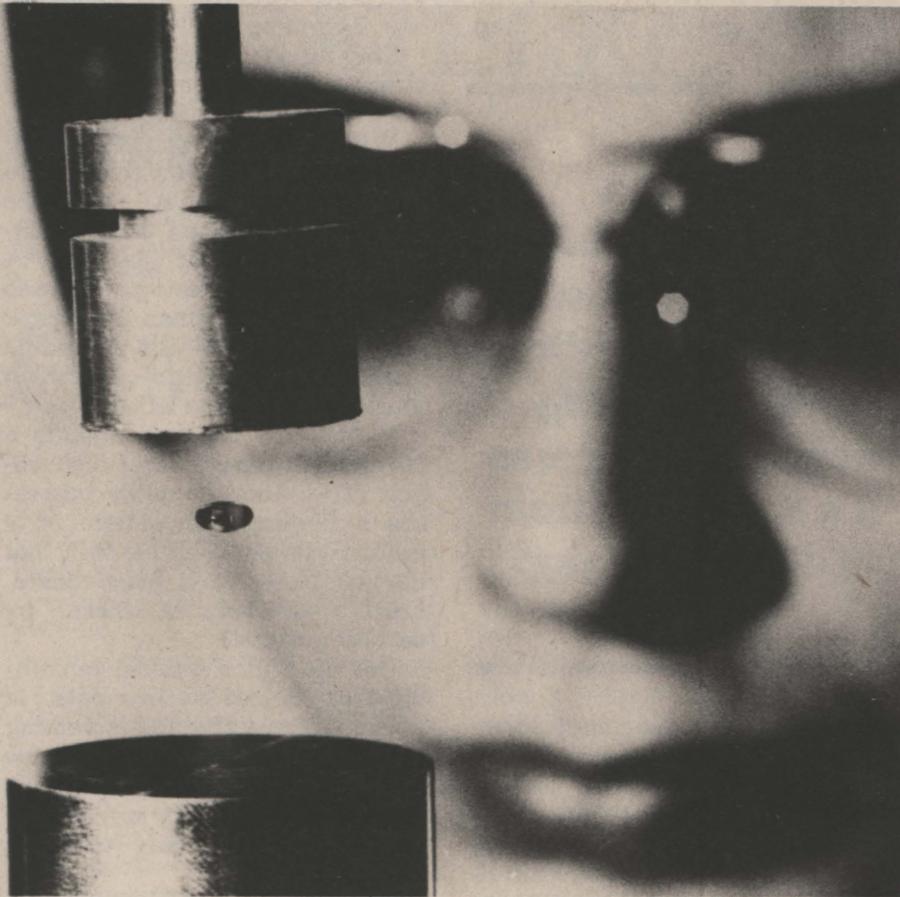
Al Worden spots volcanic structures on the plateau rimming Aristarchus. But regarding unusual phenomena, he sees "no evidence or current activity such as flowing materials, gaseous emissions, or flares", a post-flight NASA document discloses.

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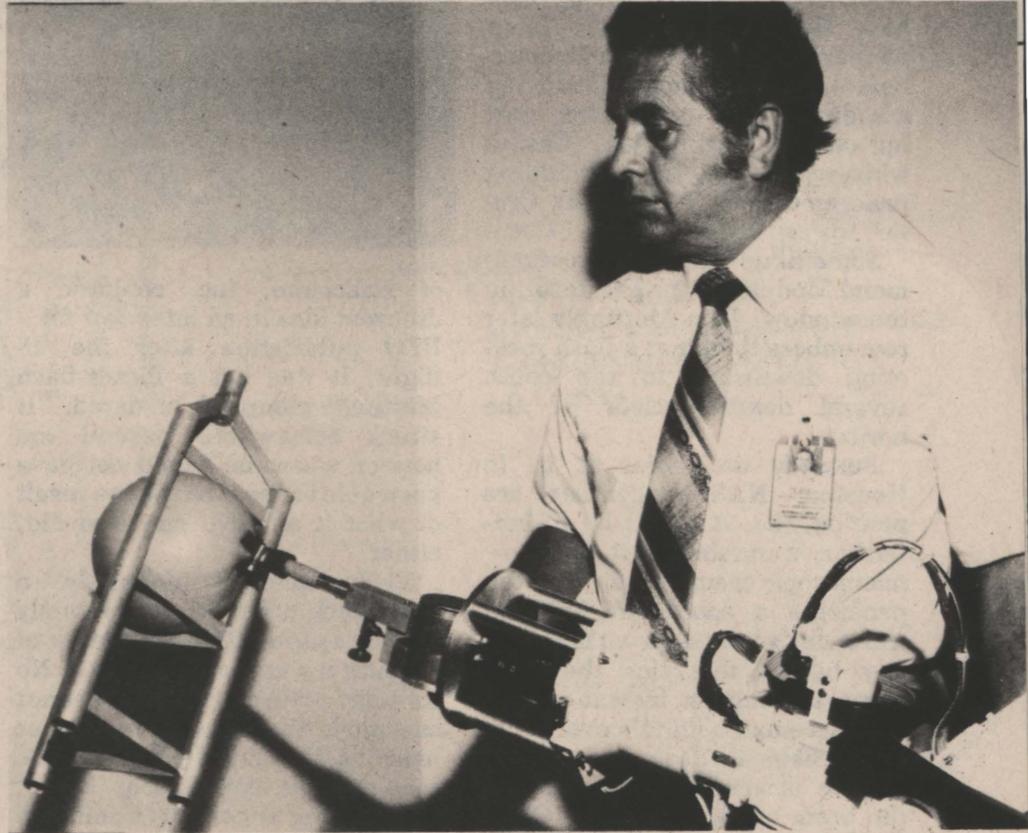
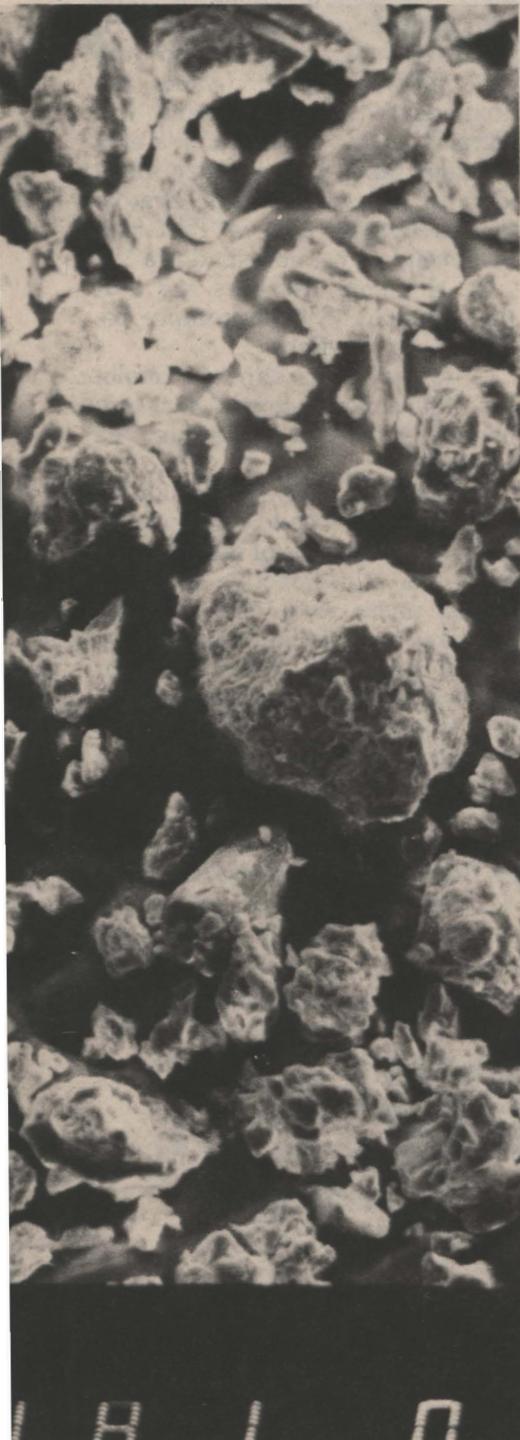
*Marshall Space Flight Center engineer Bruce Ross uses sound waves to suspend a water droplet in mid-air. Scientists at Marshall are experimenting with a concept called acoustic levitation for suspending molten materials during processing in the low gravity environment of space. A levitator could be used to hold free-floating material in place in a space furnace without the use of a contaminating container.*



*NASA's Quiet Short-Haul Research Aircraft (QSRA) is shown during recent carrier landing tests aboard the USS Kitty Hawk off San Diego. The QSRA is the first four-engine transport category jet aircraft to operate from an aircraft carrier at sea. During the joint NavyNASA evaluation exercise, a total of 37 touch and go landings and 16 full stop landings were made aboard the carrier.*



*Voyager 1's encounter with the planet Saturn has begun with a series of photos, among them, this one of Saturn and three of its satellites. The photo was taken from a distance of 66 million miles. After passing Saturn, It will leave the solar system. Nine months later, Voyager 2 will encounter Saturn and then continue to the planet Uranus.*



*Do these look familiar? For a clue, you might consider them as being somewhat the reverse of the famous "Moon Rocks" returned by American astronauts aboard Apollo Missions. It's really volcanic dust-ash from St. Helens magnified 200 times by a special Sperry-Rand scanning electronic microscope at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.*

*Using a toy balloon and a soda straw, Keith Clark of NASA designed a device which will serve as a mechanical "hand".*

*The device will serve to grasp and transport aluminum structural beams which will be fabricated in space by an automated beam-building machine carried in the Space shuttle cargo bay.*

Project Apollo is fast winding down. Two more flights, then mankind will be divorced from the Moon probably until the next century.

Along with the raw adventure and scientific finds of these final journeys, two intriguing incidents occur...

In the beginning hours of April 21, 1972, Thomas Mattingly cruises alone in orbit over the Moon aboard the Apollo 16 Command Module, "Casper"; crewmates John Young and Charles Duke have flown down to the lunar plains of Cayley less than 12 hours before. Pilot Mattingly is readying a zodiacal light experiment, next up on the flight plan. Casper whizzes across the forbidding panorama, past Ptolemaeus Crater, toward sunrise.

Something rips by the Command Module; a "bright flash" in the window, Tom Mattingly later remembers thinking; a flash rocketing downward to the south several degrees clear of the horizon.

Puzzled, he radios it in to Houston. NASA scientists are puzzled, too. It might be flicker-flashes, a number of them say—microscopic cosmic rays which can penetrate a spacecraft hull, an astronaut's helmet, even his skull; tiny beams that tick the optic nerve causing an instant pop in the spaceman's mind's eye. What looks like a flash somewhere outside is actually happening in the brain of the astronaut. Other Apollo pilots have "seen" flicker-flashes with their eyes open and shut.

Project Apollo photo-geology group member Dr. Farouk El-Baz



of Bellcomm, Inc. conjured a different idea in an interview for a UFO publication after the 16 flight. It was not a flicker-flash Mattingly glimpsed, he dared. "It struck somewhere beyond the horizon where he would not have been able to see it or see the result of what it did. No one else did, either."

El-Baz called it "definitely" a big object. "But it was certainly not any spacecraft that we know of because it was moving too fast. No Russian or American spacecraft can move that fast, either on or near the Moon." He believes the case escapes explanation.

One thing is certain; Command Module Pilot Mattingly must have good eyesight. The day after the flash incident, from his perch in lunar orbit, he spies a glint of the 16 Lunar Module resting on

Cayley Plains.

December 10, 1972— Apollo 17 tools along amidst the fourth day of its Program-ending mission. In mid-afternoon, Houston time, the craft nears the finish of its first circuit of the Moon, revolving across the lunar front. Astronauts Gene Cernan, Ron Evans and Dr. Harrison Schmitt are into the now-customary first-orbit scan of the sights below.

"—Hey!" LM Pilot Schmitt interrupts. "I just saw a little flash— a pinpoint of light." The spaceship is wheeling over Grimaldi Crater adjacent to the Moon's west edge. (Alone the next day, crewman Evans will witness a glow on Grimaldi's east frontier, and yet another flash later in the voyage near Eratosthenes Crater, site of Professor Pickering's "pseudo-shadows".)

In Houston, listeners are baffled by Schmitt's impromptu report. A flicker-flash?

A few minutes slip by. Geologist Dr. Schmitt comes back on; maybe it was a meteorite, he ventures.

Interesting is the Grimaldi locale. Orbiting Apollo sensors have discovered breaths of radon there. Radon is a radioactive element. Radon mists were also detected hanging over Aristarchus Crater, during Apollo 16. After the lunar project, scientists will conjecture that this substance may somehow be tied to the strange glows on the Moon.

...Bare static and white noise hiss over the Earth-crew radio link in Houston. Loss of signal. Apollo 17, abandoning the mystifying report, has swung behind the Moon... □

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On the night of December 13, Patrick sighted a dome-shaped object hovering 30 feet over the Braden River. A "projection of light" or tube extended from the bottom of the craft into the river. Thrush might have alarmed the crew by snapping flash pictures of the UFO, because the tube was raised into the craft and it started moving away. Patrick first heard a splash in the water as the UFO began to move, making him think that something had fallen from the ship, then it passed only a few feet over his head and an object crashed onto his car hood. It turned out to be a liquid and several small chunks of warm, lava-like rocks.

One of the rocks was given to UFO investigator and well known nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, who sent it to another physicist, Dirk Pearson of TRW Systems. Pearson deduced that the object had been melted and then rapidly cooled, a process which left it porous and glazed.

Another rock on his desk was identical to this mysterious mass. The second sample had come from an experimental mining device, a thermofusion drill at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories. This drill works by melting its way through rock, not actual drilling, and the resultant molten samples are carried to the surface by water.

"The similarities lie primarily

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**Hovering weirdly  
over the river's  
surface, a hole in  
the side of  
the silver-colored,  
metallic craft  
opened, revealing  
a tube extending  
out and lowering  
into the water.  
It seemed to be  
collecting rocks and  
earth which  
were sucked up  
into the body of  
the interstellar craft**

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in the porosity produced by heating due to the expansion and formation of little gas bubbles, then their rapid freezing," Pearson stated. "There is also a peculiar sheen resulting on the surface of the rock when a thermofusion drill has been used."

This led Pearson to believe that the UFO was "prospecting" in the Braden River, particularly when he heard Thrush's description of the tube which extended from the vessel. "To a non-technical person, the drill would probably look like a pipe or tube," he said. "It would be possible to put it on the end of a flexible cable."

The thermofusion drill actually uses less energy than a conventional drill and the necessary power could easily be generated by UFOs, especially when we consider the great number of electromagnetic (EM) effects often associated with flying saucer reports.

Until now we had assumed that all the reports describing UFOs hovering over or floating in lakes and rivers with tubes extending into the water were taking on water. We stupidly assumed that they used it for drinking, or more likely, for cooling their propulsion units. Today we must believe that they were prospecting, or perhaps even mining earth's resources, and we had better find out why! □

*Patrick Sighted a dome-shaped object hovering about 30 feet over the Braden River. Something that resembled a tube extended from the bottom of the craft. As the object moved over-head, several small chunks of warm lava-like rocks fell from the object hitting the hood of his car.*



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they create that chemiluminescence—their light becomes more intense and may, at times, be even 10 or 20 times brighter than the sun. These have their own source of chemical energy and can move, rotate, pulsate, emit light, imitate radio waves or swallow them.”

In short, Dr. Dimitriyev sternly reminds that people should not think in terms of UFOs, but of chemiluminescence.

Acknowledging that other civilizations that have achieved high technical levels may exist, Vsevolod Troitsky said in *Za Rubezhom*, “Evidently their level is not yet high enough to enable them to spread throughout the galaxy or to start sending powerful enough signals through space.”

Troitsky, as well as other Soviet scientists maintain that earthly listeners are not able (not yet, anyway) to find the right signals needed to hear from other worlds.

And while Troitsky played it safe, his comments cagey, unidentified sources at the Institute of Medico Biological Problems in the U.S.S.R., Ministry of Health, maintain that mysterious objects have indeed been detected in space by unmanned Soviet satellites. Referring to the Cosmos 1099 robot vehicle launched into orbit on May 17, 1979, our informants bring out, “Soviet detection equipment has actually picked up craft in the vicinity of this satellite’s orbit.

Emphasizing that the signals are not “space junk” left behind by other man-made vehicles, they maintain positively that Russian scientists are convinced that “something is out there.”

In the light of the aforementioned report, several leading Soviet scientists revealed their unanimous agreement that Earth is being spied upon by extraterrestrial life. What’s more, some of America’s top space scientists agree.

A highly-classified report, rich in statistics, which was smuggled out of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, says: “By all the preliminary indications, spacecraft

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The report examines closely 250 verified sightings in the Soviet Union since 1960, and every sighting has been reduced to a basic formula and fed into a computer.

Furthermore, the report— part of an ongoing Soviet program called SETI (Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence)— maintains that Russian scientists are prepared for the possibility that we are being communicated with by means that are yet unknown in present-day physics.

“If we can learn to duplicate the aliens’ advanced techniques for communicating and powering spacecraft, we’ll be making a quantum jump forward in our technology,” said Stanton T. Friedman, prominent nuclear physicist and UFO expert.

Said Friedman, who worked for 14 years on U.S. nuclear and space development programs, “True, a large share of the reports of sightings that are often termed UFOs can be explained by atmospheric phenomena. However, the fact is that a significant percentage— 20 to 25 percent of sightings— can not be explained.”

The Soviet government and its scientists, it seems, aren’t the only ones taking up the study of UFOs. The average man on the average street in cities from Moscow to Rostov, and from the Ukraine to the Crimea, are intrigued by flying saucers and the possibility of life on other planets.

In fact, so high-keyed are their beliefs that many are convinced that American astronauts met extraterrestrial creatures when they landed on the moon. Hundreds of UFO sightings are being discussed in various underground publications.

Said Sergei Voronitsyn, a Radio Free Europe researcher, “In the Soviet Union, the interest in anything that lies outside the dreary, official organized routine is increasing at an astonishing rate. □

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Now, I've got to admit that the big outfits gave me a lot of static when they learned I was about to 'go public' with their little money making wonder. They tried to stop me from publishing this, but they have failed-so far. And, while I can I'm going to tell the world about the 'magic' of the ages.

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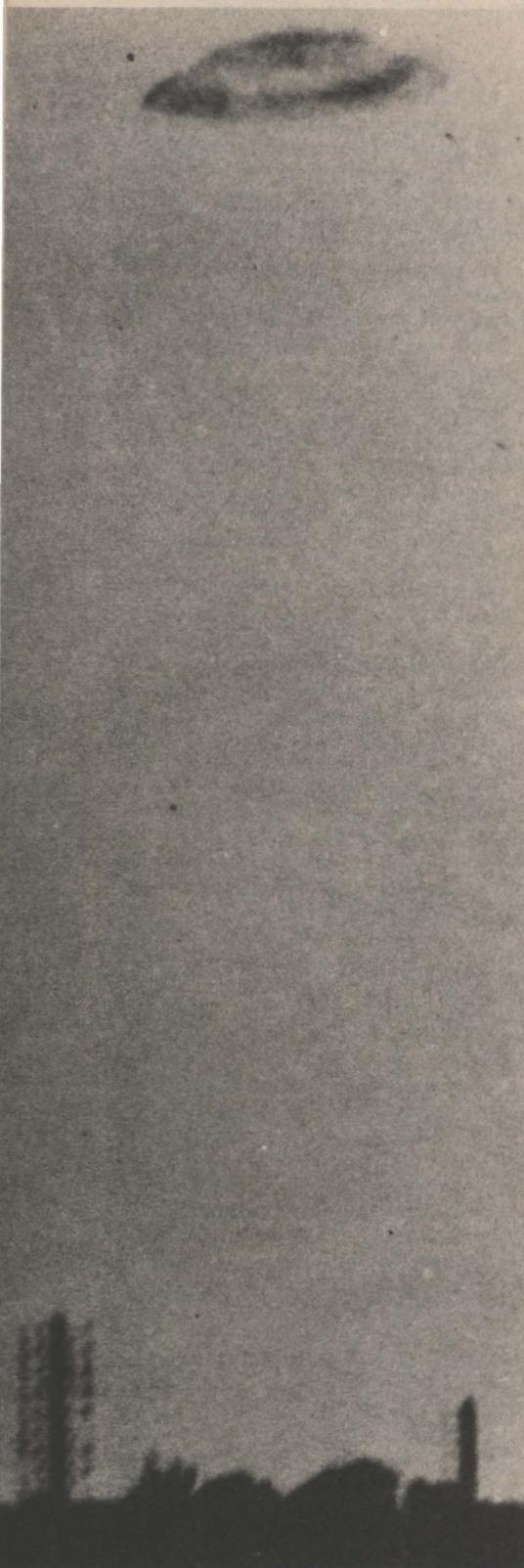
Materially, I've got a lot more money now, and the wonderfully free feeling that can bring. I can do what I want, when I want, and 'just know' that all of life's problems will work themselves out smoothly and easily. For you see, I've had more 'good luck' than I ever thought was possible. And it's because I've learned that you make your own luck, and by so doing, you control your own destiny. There's more prestige and respect. More love and goodwill, more of all the things each of us wants and needs. And WE CONTROL IT. We MAKE IT HAPPEN! It's Fantastic.

Yes, my life has changed, and I love it. And I really do

believe that yours can be changed and enriched too. But it won't just come to you-you've got to reach out for it and 'help yourself'. Sound just too good to be true? Reach out and find out for yourself.

While they won't let me sell already finished 'boxes' due to patent laws, I CAN show you how to put one together yourself, very easily, by following my simple directions. And if you think it takes an electronic genius to do it, think again. I've had kids put the box together and it worked just fine. Heck, you don't even have to use screws, bolts or solder...just glue and scotch tape will get the darn thing perking if your really in a hurry. And, instead of some mind boggling price few of us can afford, it'll only cost you about \$30 in parts, which you can pick up almost anywhere! Want to give it a try?

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a giant light bulb— until it disappeared behind some trees. “Then Ronnie went to call the airport or sheriff or somebody,” she brought out.

“I stayed there looking out and saw something in the field between our field and the bridge. I couldn’t figure out what it was at first.”

Mrs. Garner described what she saw in the field as having “a dome at its top, kind of round. Then there was this orange-red color like lights inside windows or something. The bottom was dark and I couldn’t tell if it was sitting on the ground or just above the ground. Then it just flickered out, like turning off a light switch. It disappeared.”

Said Mrs. Garner: “I never thought much about UFOs until we saw something a lot like the light as we were driving near Walland one night four or five years ago. We just saw it for a few seconds and didn’t tell anyone about it because people might think we were seeing things.

“It makes you wonder what it is that so many people see and can’t really explain,” she said.

#### —NORTH CHESHIRE, ENG.

When Mrs. Dorothy Harrison of Blackshaw Road, Glossop, saw it, the sighting was already reported by several other passengers.

Mrs. Harrison says she was on the train en route to her home at approximately 5 p.m. when she looked through the window. “It was flat and oblong with a lot of white lights on it.” Though it seemed quite low in the sky, it was difficult to tell whether it was moving because the train— between Broadbottom and Godley, was itself speeding

In describing her feelings, Mrs. Harrison said she was “amazed” at the appearing UFO. “It looked like an old iron bedstead with bars or lines across it,” she said.

#### —ST. HELENS, ENGLAND

It was a dull silver-colored sphere traveling low in the sky and about half-a-mile away from where Kenneth Graham was walking. The time was 7:40 p.m.

The object appeared near the Pilkington’s Cowley Hill Works, moving slowly at first. But when Graham turned down a street to take a short-cut home, the UFO sped off into the distance at great speed and in the opposite direction.

“I thought at first it was a star,” he said. But it was very dim and a normal star appears bright. As I walked down the road I realized it was moving nearer to me.” He said it was spherical and a couple of hundred feet high.

#### —PARIS, FRANCE

“I don’t believe in UFOs,” said Roland Varin, 39, an automobile technician living in Menucourt. “But this time I must admit they could exist.”

He said he was awakened about 4 a.m. by a strange noise at the ground floor flat in which he lives. “I had thought at first that it was my son who hadn’t turned off his stereo player. I went down. Vibrations were coming from outside, close to National Road #14, toward Cergy-Pontoise. The noise lasted about 10 minutes.”

He said it wasn’t the noise an airplane engine makes.

Others— approximately 15 telephone calls were received by the district police precinct— reported similar noises at precisely the same time. Some of the reports specified that the early morning sky lit up for seconds before the sound ceased entirely.

Police reported that several individuals reported seeing very strange lights in the sky, turning in directions that a commercial aircraft would find impossible to make. □

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copy of your Winter 1980 issue no. 5 *UFO Update*. I took it with me on the ship, S.S. African Sun, an American flag freighter on which I am the Radio/Electronics Officer. Your book interested me as I have been a "fan" of UFO's for many years and especially after the night off of the East African coast, between Maputo, Mozambique and Durban, South Africa, when I saw something that can only be described as a UFO.

First let me give a bit of personal background: 53 years old, six and one-half years active duty WW II and Korea as Naval Aircrewman (Aviation Electronics Tech, 1st Class, air borne radio and radar op.), two years college, and have been sailing as Radio/Electronics Officer, U.S. Merchant Marine for over 11 years. I consider myself to be a well trained and experienced aerial observer. I might also add that I have an additional 20 years as an aircrewman in the Naval Air Reserve, multi-engine transports. Now down to cases.

While reading through your issue no. 5 I noted a few things I would like to comment on. I hope you receive the comments as kindly as they are intended.

On page 8, *UFO Update* section, second column at bottom headed "Seattle, Washington" The radar installation on a merchant ship is there to detect targets (ships or other objects on the surface of the ocean and not aircraft or other airborne objects. The antenna rotates thru 360 degrees, but is fixed in elevation, i.e. it cannot be moved up and down. The opposite is true on Naval ships. Their radar antennas not only revolve thru 360 degrees, but are capable of being elevated and depressed as it is part of the job of a Naval radar to detect and track aircraft. Several times on various merchant ships when we have been in the area of naval surface/airborne operations I have gone to the radar position and observed that unless an

aircraft in the area is near the surface of the ocean it will not appear as a target or blip on the merchant ships radar scope. As a result, it would not be unusual for any airborne object, aircraft or UFO, to be missing from the radar presentation on a merchant ship. I feel that not too much should be inferred from the fact that whatever the crew of the President Johnson saw did not show up on their radar scope.

As an amateur radio operator (ham) of some 30 years I have often wondered why professional and amateur UFO observers have not enlisted the help of amateur radio operators in their quest for solid confirmation of UFO encounters. In the U.S. there are nearly 40,000 amateur radio operators using almost every portion of the radio spectrum, including hundreds, if not thousands who own and operate their own amateur radio television stations.

Twenty four hours each day amateur radio operators in all parts of the world communicate with each other and thereby form at least an informal network of reliable communications which, if used correctly, could help in the search for and observation of UFO activity. Don't let the word amateur fool you. Most of these radio hams are every bit a 'professional' group as you'll find, some with very sophisticated equipment. They are by profession engineers, doctors, lawyers as well as the common 8 to 5 working man. Are you aware that some hams are using the moon as a passive reflector and thereby beaming messages and other types of communications to other parts of the world by this method? Not bad for an amateur, huh? Do you know that the U.S. amateur fraternity has three amateur radio communications satellites circling the earth and that just recently the Russian hams boosted their own amateur radio satellite into earth orbit? The point I'm trying to make is that throughout the world

the ham radio operators have a very sophisticated communications network, both formal and informal, which could be of great use in tracking and locating UFO's. Granted that most of us have full time jobs which would prevent us from taking part in a full time UFO hunt, but there are thousands of us who are retired, available 24 hours a day. They are ready, willing, trained and able to take part in such efforts. I'm sure also that there are thousands of hams who are very interested in UFO activity and would jump at the chance to put their equipment and themselves at the disposal of some investigative team.

Thank you for allowing me to speak my mind. I wish you every success with your publication and will undoubtedly be purchasing it each quarter.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Editor:

In your *UFO Update*, Spring, 1980, Number 6, you have on page 28 an article entitled "The Reality of Alien Space Colonies."

I'd like to know how you came to the conclusion that an alien space colony looks like your drawing?

Sincerely,  
Mr. L. Perret  
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—Editor's Note:

*To begin with, we try to keep the magazine as exciting as possible, therefore, in many cases, the art will be an artist's concept. The magazine would look very drab without visuals.*

*The art used in this article was supplied by NASA. The art is that of a proposed space station complete with farms, forests, water, and just about everything needed to create a miniature earth-type space colony.* □

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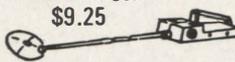


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