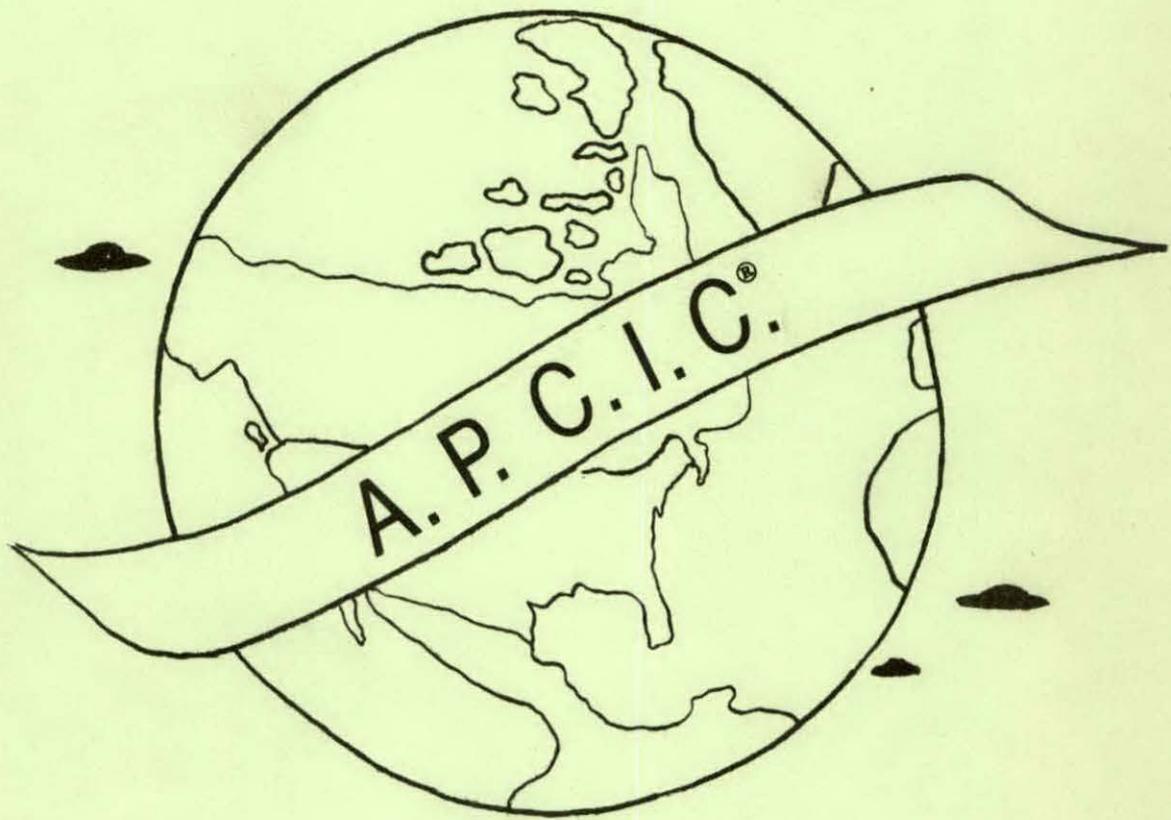


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Tells Own Tale Of Terror

'UFO Rushed My Plane And Forced Me To Crash'

A distraught pilot in West Virginia claims a flying saucer almost killed him when it caused his airplane to crash.

The terror-ridden moment occurred when Leon Senjanec, 31, was practicing landings in a small plane at an airfield in his hometown of Martinsburg, W. Va. As he banked and

descended, he noticed a bright, almost blinding light following him through the sky.

"At first I thought it was another airplane," he reported. "Then I made out the saucer shape and realized that the craft was zig-zagging from side to side, in a very peculiar way. I knew immediately it was a UFO (un-

identified flying object).

The intruder bore down on Senjanec at frightening speed. Fearful of a mid-air collision, he yanked back on his control stick, an almost fatal mistake. Instead of climbing, his Cessna 150 plummeted toward the ground.

His mind racing, Senjanec fought to cope with two prob-

lems at once — the impending crash and the onrushing UFO. In a split-second of sheer terror, while his plane plunged out of control, he caught what may be one of the closest glimpses ever recorded of a flying saucer.

"It was a red-hot pie-shaped object with completely smooth surfaces all around the circumference," he recalled. "There was a window at the front which resembled the captain's window on an airliner. The UFO was clearly under intelligent control and was only feet away from me."

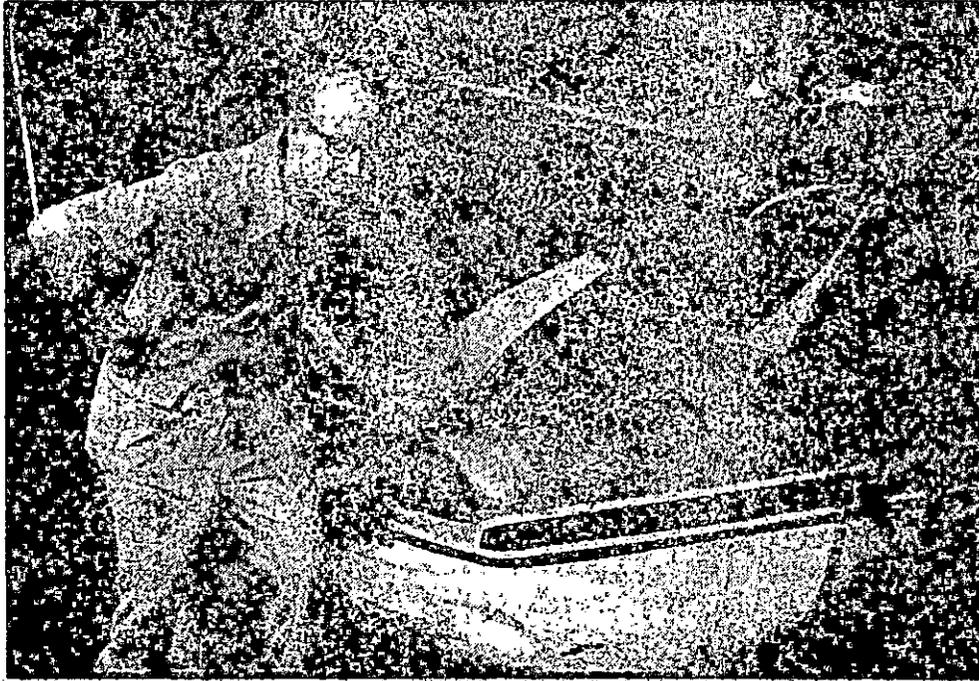
Senjanec's plane hit the ground, bounced, came down again and swerved into woods adjacent to the runway. Both wings were sheared off and Senjanec was briefly knocked unconscious.

Others around Martinsburg spotted a strange light cavorting through the partly cloudy sky that day of Sept. 7. West Virginia state trooper David Shumaker spotted the strange craft and said, "It was a definite UFO." The Air National Guard unit at the airport received several telephone reports of sightings.

Senjanec, an airline mechanic whose hobby is flying, is not considered a far-out, wild-eyed kook by his friends and neighbors in Martinsburg, W. Va. Just the opposite. A local citizens group, acting on his behalf, is demanding that Congress investigate whether UFOs may carry hostile invaders from some distant galaxy.

As for Senjanec himself, he's bitter that authorities have taken no interest. He's been told the Air Force stopped investigating UFOs in 1969 and no longer considers them a threat.

"That's nonsense," he scoffs. "It was performing maneuvers impossible for any airplane. It had to be an alien spacecraft."



LEON SENJANEC poses with his wrecked Cessna 150 which crashed after he was chased by a UFO over Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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THE TORONTO STAR
*****10/15/76*****

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS ROCK KELOWNA, B.C.

Special to The Star

KELOWNA, B.C. — Someone here is getting a bang out of life.

Three big explosions have been set off at night in quiet, unpopulated parts of the town in the last five days.

"We're not treating it as a mad bomber case but somebody could get hurt," police say.

UFO sighting reported in Norton

By HENRY REILEY
Sun Chronicle Staff Writer

NORTON - The flying saucer sped toward the sunset Friday afternoon and turned a sceptic into a believer.

James Thibodeau of 226 Dean St. was the sceptic. Today he is a believer. UFOs do exist in his opinion, for he says he saw a metallic gray flying saucer rise in the afternoon light over the old Roger Eddy Dump. The sighting was near the Rehoboth-Norton town-line.

"I guarantee it was no cloud. I know what I saw. It was a flying saucer. There was no doubt about it," said Thibodeau.

The "it" Thibodeau was talking about was an object shaped like an inverted pie plate. He was several hundred feet away from it when he spotted it rising from behind the bare trees.

Thibodeau estimated the flying saucer was 200 feet in diameter and about 50 feet high.

Another local resident,

Richard Owen of Lincoln Street, said he was traveling along Maple Street when he saw the object pass over his car.

Saucer described

Owen told listeners the flying saucer had an outside ring that was spinning about the center, which did not turn as it moved forward.

One person who encountered Owen shortly after the flying saucer flew over his car said the Lincoln Street resident's face was as white as a sheet.

Thibodeau said the UFO rose at a speed of between 30 to 35 miles an hour then headed toward Attleboro at a high rate of speed. He claimed to have seen the UFO between five and 15 seconds at 2:45 p.m. on a stark wintery afternoon.

The local resident explained that he was standing in his doorway listening to the radio when he first sighted it. At first he thought it was heading toward him. He ran to his camera a few feet away and snapped a quick shot through

the door. He was using a Polaroid camera he had gotten to take Christmas pictures.

'No airplane'

The Dean Street resident said, "I am glad someone else (Owen) saw it too."

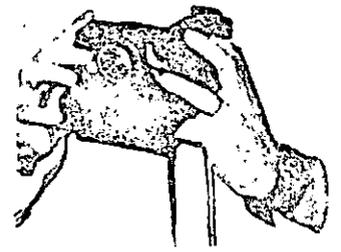
"Before I saw the flying saucer today I didn't believe reports of UFOs. I do know that I actually saw one for myself."

Thibodeau has resided in the town for about a year. He describes himself as self-employed and dealing in scrap metals.

Other sightings

In the past decade or so numerous reports of flying saucers had been received from the Dean and Maple street sections of town. Fire Chief George Burgess said today's sighting was the first day time one that he was aware of.

Fire Lt. Allan Bliss headed for the area after hearing the first report on the radio. He traveled along Maple Street before Owen made his sighting. Bliss was accompanied by



James Thibodeau

Building Inspector Joseph Grimaldi.

Several other reports were received of interference on citizen band radios and police radios. The Rehoboth fire and police frequency was blocked out for a few seconds, one source related.

UFO — flying billboard

COLORADO SPRINGS SUN
COLC. SPRINGS, COLO.
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By James Graham
Staff Writer

The mysterious question of the unidentified flying object that has "hovered" over Colorado Springs since Monday was answered Wednesday.

And although it looks from some angles like a genuine, twinkling flying saucer from Mars, the UFO's pilot turned out to be quite human in an earthy tradition — and enterprising.

The reaction in Colorado Springs for Allan Kevles' brainchild, "Skycaster," has apparently given some credence to his slogan: "The night has a thousand eyes — and they're all on your sales message."

And that, in a nutshell, is the name of Kevles' game — to sell and transmit advertising messages to area residents "in a truly spectacular fashion."

Kevles, owner of Mountain Aero Ads in Manitou Springs, started flying his 44-foot by 10-foot "billboard in the sky" Monday. It is seen at an altitude of 1,500 feet.

Sales messages, flashed on a large grid of 315 lights on the sign attached to the underside of Kevles' airplane, move across the grid at three characters per second, he said. And he'll sell potential advertisers to flash their message 210 times per hour over the main thoroughfares of the city.

Kevles said he flies the main routes because his sign is only readable within about one square mile. Outside that range, his plane turns into a perfectly believable flying saucer — as local authorities, newspapers, television stations and telephone operators can attest.

"They say they have received more than a few calls from area UFO-watchers asking what is "hovering" in the night sky. Well, relax Orion Welles fans, it's only Kevles and his flying billboard."

Ex-Astronaut Harrison Schmitt, Now U.S. Senator-Elect, Says:

I Believe There's Life in Space--And I'll Urge Govt. to Reveal What It Knows About UFOs

An astronaut and newly elected senator who holds the record for the longest time spent on the moon — says he believes that there's life in outer space — and will urge the government to open its UFO files to the public.

"It'd be pretty egotistical of us to assume that we're the only life form in the galaxy," said Dr. Harrison (Jack) Schmitt, the new Republican Senator from New Mexico who spent 74 hours and 50 minutes on the moon in 1972.

"It occurred to me while I was walking on the moon that perhaps some extraterrestrial being has walked on earth. It's almost a certainty that life has developed around other suns in the galaxy.

"There are so many solar systems with the potential of having suns like our own that you almost have to believe there's a high probability that life has developed elsewhere."

Dr. Schmitt, who holds a doctorate degree in geology from Harvard, not only believes there's life in outer space, he believes UFOs may come from another planet. And when he assumes office in January, Dr. Schmitt says he'll urge the government to open its UFO files to the public.

"It's certainly a possibility

that we've had visitors from outer space," he said.

"I would've expected them to be quite good at communications and they ought to be able to convince us of their existence — but perhaps they don't want to:

"I believe that UFOs are from an extraterrestrial life form, but they haven't communicated with us very well. If they're a life form like ours, they're going to be very cautious about coming into physical contact with us because of disease.

"We've already had that experience here on earth — such as when people from Europe came to this side of our planet and contracted syphilis and the Indians picked up chicken pox, smallpox, and measles."

Schmitt, 41, has never seen a UFO personally, but that hasn't affected his interest in them.

"It's a viable part of the space program to find out if there's life on other worlds," he said.

"The technology that we're developing relates to the possibility of life around other suns.

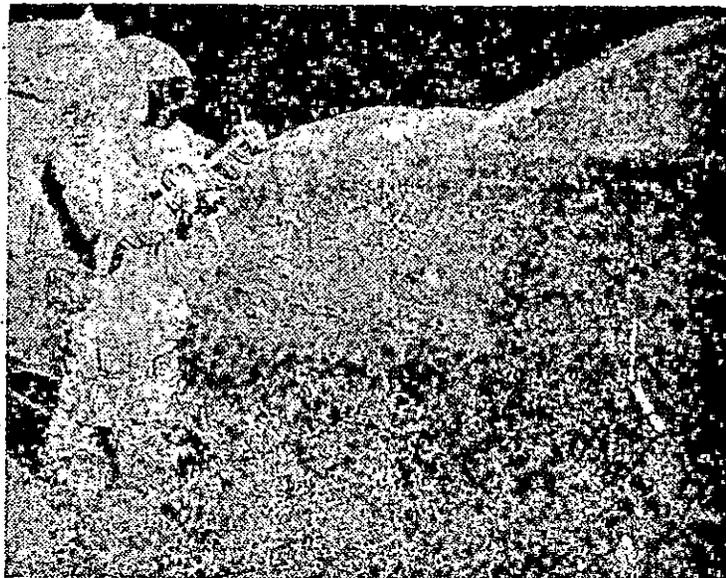
"Understanding the unknown

has always been historically worthwhile and I see no reason to stop. The most exciting frontier that is facing man right now is space.

"If the government has any information on UFOs, it should be released to the public — barring anything that might affect national security:

"We ought to be involved in a search to find out if there's any good evidence that UFOs really are spacecraft that are being piloted by extraterrestrial beings."

— JOHN BLOSSER



MOONWALKER Harrison Schmitt on the lunar surface in 1972. "It occurred to me then that perhaps some extraterrestrial being has walked on earth," he says.



HARRISON SCHMITT

Leonard Nimoy Is Fascinated By Mysteries

By DON FRIEMAN
Copy City News Service

HOLLYWOOD — Take the world of plants. Do plants communicate? Are plants able to feel, as humans do, and communicate? Do they react to human emotions, to affection, to attention? Do they respond to different types of music, from rock to classical?

Is it true that with some plants, if you strike a match 20 feet away, sensitive instruments attached to the plant will register a reaction of extreme terror? Is there a lot that we can learn from plants?

The foregoing questions were posed by Leonard Nimoy, that highly gifted actor who was tapped as host-narrator of an innovative new series called "In Search of..." Holding the reins on the series is the Emmy-winning producer, Alan Landsbury, who dispatched film crews out to pursue such elusive and intriguing subjects as the recent discoveries about plants.

Loch Ness Monster

"We delved into the mystery of plants," Nimoy was saying, "and the Bermuda Triangle and UFOs and the Loch Ness monster and the Dracula legend — all that good stuff."

It is a territory that fascinates Nimoy and it is, moreover, a part of the Nimoy image, the Nimoy aura, as an obvious consequence of his portrayal of Mr. Spock, the cool man of the Enterprise, in "Star Trek."

Focusing on some of the items in his new series, I posed a query: did Leonard Nimoy believe in UFOs?

"Yes, I do," Nimoy said. "I believe there is extraterrestrial life. I definitely believe there is an interplanetary capability."

LANCASTER NEWS BUREAU
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UFOs Frequent Visitors In Essex, England



JACK POINTS TO A PATCH of burnt grass where the spacecraft landed.

STONEHAM INDEPENDENT
STONEHAM, MA. 11/24/76

--A resident of Fieldstone Drive reported seeing an unidentified flying object over the Colonial Park School at 5:30 p.m. Friday. It hovered for two minutes then disappeared back into the woods.

Beings from another planet have been sighted often in Essex County, England, say some inhabitants.

As for flying saucers, they've become so commonplace that the residents of this area in the south of England don't get very excited any more. They report about 230 a year.

"I was watching for objects and suddenly this object appeared out of the sky," Barry King, 30, chief investigator for the British UFO Association, told a MIDNIGHT correspondent in England.

"It was triangular with a round section in the middle. At each point of the triangle were red lights and the center was surrounded by flashing and rotating lights."

As King and his companion, Jack Grant, 28, watched in amazement that night of May 11, 1974, the strange craft hovered, then dropped to the ground.

"Some very strange figures appeared and started to walk around," King continued. "They looked just like the old-fashioned version of a ghost. They looked shrouded and seemed to glide over the ground."



JACK GRANT holds up a sketch of a being he saw debark from a UFO.

Neither King nor Grant approached the unearthly visitors, but they watched what they said were beings from another planet for about 90 minutes. Then the creatures returned to the craft, which took off at an incredible speed.

Afterward, King said, he inspected the area where the saucer had landed and found large burns.

"I called a scientist from

the Imperial College, and he tested the ground and found it had a high magnetic content," King related.

According to King, at least four sightings were made in the county each week. The tally for the year is 230 and more are expected.

This eyewitness account comes from Christopher Gardener, a 14-year-old schoolboy, who observed a UFO as he ate lunch outdoors.

"It was very strange," he recalled. "As I sat down on the grass, a huge elongated sphere appeared overhead, as if by magic. It was metallic

blue and as it flew it tilted slightly and curved around. It slowed down overhead and hovered for a few seconds and then suddenly shot away into the distance. But I didn't hear any noise at all, except a slight hum."

The British government hasn't heard any noise at all, either — officially, that is.

"Yes, we have an extraordinary number of sightings from Essex," reported a spokesman for the Ministry of Defense. "But we do not know what they are. We do not accept that there is such a thing as extraterrestrial beings."

Top Researchers Claim . . .

Primitive Indians Drew Pictures of Spacemen & UFOs In North America 1,000 Years Ago

By MALCOLM BALFOUR

Amazing rock paintings drawn by primitive Indians more than 1,000 years ago just north of the United States border in Canada show spacemen, flying saucers and aircraft, top researchers believe.

"These drawings are almost identical to the primitive paintings found in the Sahara, Italy and Syria which Erich von Daniken says are evidence of aliens from space," said Canadian expert Alan Jay.

When The ENQUIRER showed copies of the drawings to von Daniken, author of the best-seller "Chariots of the Gods?" he said: "These are some of the best and clearest examples of extraterrestrial visits I've ever seen. Our ancestors tried, with their limited knowledge and in their primitive means, to draw these visitors."

Drawn on rocks and in caves throughout British Columbia by using strips of animal skins soaked in vegetable dyes, they are "all more than 1,000 years old according to our tests," said archeologist Doris Lundy.

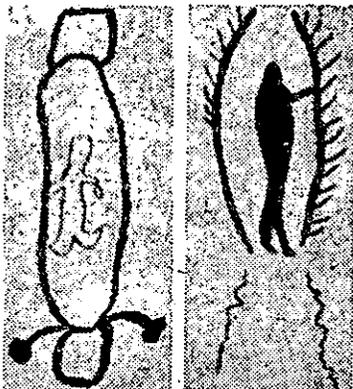
Researcher John Corner, who is studying the drawings on a Canadian government grant, admits that several of the paintings "have stumped the experts, including myself.

"These tribes usually drew only things which they saw — they weren't given to what we know as abstract art. Some of the drawings look like spacemen and space vehicles so the only logical explanation seems to be that the Indians saw aliens and attempted to draw them."

Corner, who is the author of a book on Indian drawings found in British Columbia, said the rock drawing which has aroused the most fascination is located near Christina Lake, just north of the U.S. border.

The drawing appears to show four men dwarfed by a giant saucer-shaped object hovering above the ground and shooting out a flame. "Canadian investigators are interested in this one," said Corner.

Another drawing, at Seton Creek, mystifies researchers because it looks like an airplane with large swept-back



CRUDE DRAWINGS by ancient Indians are believed to represent a one-man lunar module (left) and a cylindrical craft rising into air (right)

wings and small tail wings, he added.

Throughout the province there are other drawings of helmeted figures, including one at a site Corner called

Mar's because "the figure looks like a man from outer space."

Jay said the drawings showing spacemen and spaceships don't fit into any known traditional Indian culture.

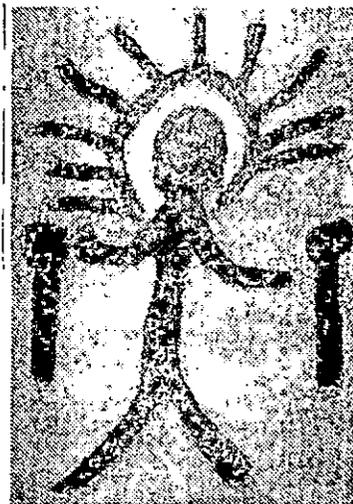
"If the paintings are not pictures of men from outer space, what were the artists attempting to draw? What did they see?"

"And why would so many different artists from all over the world draw such similar figures?"

Josef Blumrich, author and former head of future spacecraft design at NASA, is convinced the drawings were made by Indians who saw extraterrestrial visitors.

"Ancient paintings from many different parts of the world are far too similar for coincidence," he said.

"They depict visitors from outer space. There's no doubt about it."



HELMETED FIGURE carrying two unusual poles was drawn by Indians in western Canada.

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NEW BRITAIN HERALD**
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Woman spots strange object in the sky

PLAINVILLE — "Large. Oval. Very bright. And with glowing tentacles."

That's how Mrs. Janice Colby of 32 Lincoln St., described the strange object she said she saw in the sky last night.

"It looked like a big street light in the sky looming very low between two trees," said Mrs. Colby. She added that she was "sure it wasn't the moon or an aircraft because there was no motor noise."

Mrs. Colby, who was out walking at the time, said that a motorist stopped at about 10:30 p.m. while she was looking at the "eerie" sight and

peered into the sky, asking, "What is it?"

The light then soared across the sky and appeared to take on a flat shape as it turned over, according to Mrs. Colby.

She then told of seeing five tentacles, each with blue, green and red lights, protruding from the object's blurred edges.

"I became so frightened later that I went inside my house and didn't come out anymore," said Mrs. Colby. She said, "This is no figment of my imagination. I think it was some kind of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)."

UFO—Search

The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) has admitted it tracked an Unidentified Flying Object on radar and then scrambled two American F-106 fighter jets to intercept the mysterious object. Although the jet fighters failed to make contact with it, several other mysterious objects were spotted from the ground the same morning hovering in the skies over Ontario, Canada. But strangely, only one UFO was picked up on radar. Among the dazzled witnesses to the spectacular sightings last November 11 were seven police officers, military personnel from the NORAD radar base at Falconbridge, Ontario, and civilian residents of the area.—National Enquirer.

PEOPLE

'Something weird out there'

"It was like flatter than oval, sort of a pancake shape, doing revolutions like you wouldn't believe," Ann Parillo of 264 Peconic St., Ronkonkoma, said of an eerie white and yellow light that hovered at treetop level over her house early yesterday morning. "I was followed home," her 16-year-old daughter, Catherine, said. "I was at my girl friend's. It looked like a house-and-a-half in the sky. It kept following me home and was circling around the house." Others said they, too, saw the weird light and called Suffolk police and Islip MacArthur Airport in nearby Bohemia to report an unidentified flying object.

But according to police, the light was nothing more exotic than a searchlight at

the airport turned on to guide pilots to the airfield. An airport spokesman said it was a special rotating light that is turned on during adverse or overcast weather to let tower operators measure the ceiling and track cloud movements. He said it was on Friday night from about 10 PM until about 12:30 AM Saturday. The spokesman said that any time the light is on, "we get calls about UFOs." But Joseph Giglietta, a pharmacist from South Setauket who also watched the mysterious light, was unsure. "There's something weird going on and no one is telling us. It was moving east and west, moving horizontally across the sky. It was going around in a circle. There was something weird out there."

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 11/26/76**
*****ARKANSAS GAZETTE*****

3 Bright Objects in Evening Sky Are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn

Persons concerned about three bright objects in the evening sky shouldn't be; they're just Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

Clay Sherrod of the Mid-South Astronomical Research Society said many persons had called the organization, either to report an unidentified flying object or to ask what was going on.

Sherrod said the planets could be seen through November and early December in the evening skies. The brightest of the three

planets will be Venus, appearing as a white "evening star" in the southwestern sky. At magnitude minus 3½, Sherrod said, it is the brightest object in the sky, with the exception of the moon.

On December 1, he said, Venus will set 2¾ hours after the sunset and will be almost 40 degrees toward the zenith from the southwestern horizon.

Jupiter, which shines at magnitude minus 2.4, rises in the northeast sky just before sunset. The

bright yellow planet can be seen all night, reaching its zenith about midnight.

Saturn, the ringed planet, will rise about 9:30 p.m. on December 1. It is dimmer (plus 0.5 magnitude) than the other two planets. The rings cannot be seen with the unaided eye, but steadily held binoculars will reveal the ellipse of the ring system. Saturn will rise just north of east about 45 minutes after the rising of the constellation Leo. //

THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS
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Flying saucers

Two scientists in California think they have figured out how to build a flying saucer. In theory, you could create lift by generating a magnetic field under the saucer, and propel it with a stream of plasma produced by bombarding with lasers. They say that by 1990, his technology may allow us to zip through the atmosphere at enormous speeds and change directions quickly.

Presidential candidates can do that already. //

People Are Saying . . .

NEW YORK STATE has been the center of UFO sightings as of last month, where two enormous upside-down soup bowls were hovering in the sky, just over a dip in the Ramapo mountain range near Suffern, N.Y.

The red-orange rays of the setting sun glistened from their silvery metallic bodies. One remained motionless above the horizon, while the other slipped gradually and silently from a vertical position into a horizontal one.

The account of the UFO sighting was not the fantasy of a science fiction writer, but the coolly recollected observations of a 33-year-old Suffern, N.Y. lawyer — Warren Berbit.

Berbit, along with policemen, businessmen, school teachers, housewives and others, say they have seen strange objects recently in the skies over Rockland and Putnam counties.

Some think they have viewed UFO's sent to earth from another galaxy to observe the large power plants in the area.

Some think the sightings were stars or a planet or planes or helicopters.

Berbit, who has two engineering degrees and experience in aviation, does not think it was two airplanes he saw over the horizon. "I definitely looked at them and I saw it was not a natural phenomenon or anything I could explain."

Dan Cetrone in the neighboring Rockland County community of Tomkins Cove, who insists he is "no kook," says the objects are "obviously extraterrestrial and are preparing for an eventual contact here."

Cetrone lives in a house at the top of Buckberg Mountain Road. His terrace commands a view of the Hudson. Both he and his wife say they have observed several cylindrical flying objects with red, green and white flashing lights which hover awhile then turn sharply and disappear.

The UFO's, Cetrone theorized, are probably drawn to the area by the nuclear plants. They are part of a cycle, of UFO appearances that peaks every 61 months, he said.

* Astronomer

(From page 7)

The rings of Saturn, the 12 moons of Jupiter, the swirling surface of Venus all draw the eye of his scope. At times, Warren wonders if there isn't someone staring back at him.

UFOs (unidentified flying objects) come up in the conversation. Warren smiles a wary smile. He knows what most people think when they hear the term and he doesn't want to get involved with the "true believers".

But he has seen some unusual things.

"I did see a triangular shaped object over there one night," he recalls, pointing just above MacArthur Stadium, which practically abuts his property. "There were lights at each of the three points, and finally it just moved down below the horizon. I never reported it, though."

By this time, we have moved from the observatory and out of the cold into Warren's cluttered workshop. It's a jumbled mess, filled with the tools of his vocation as well as relics of his avocation: framed photos of bits

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UFO Sighting Stirs CB'ers

PALATKA — A bright whirling unidentified object was spotted in the sky during the early morning hours Thursday, according to reports telephoned to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Citizen Band radio channels buzzed with the first sighting shortly after midnight, according to an East Palatka service station owner who watched the unusual object until it disappeared from his sight at 5:30 a.m.

A West Putnam REACT Club report at 12:27 a.m. told of a sighting over Spuds, a small community southeast of St. Augustine. A second call to the sheriff's office came at 12:52 from a CB'er who identified himself by license and the handle Astro Boy.

BOTH SIGHTINGS described the object as having flashing light at the top with blue and green lights at the bottom.

A group of Interlachen CB'ers report watching the unidentified object as it "hovered and then rose and lowered and then moved from what looked like the Hastings area toward Lake Como."

A former Air Force serviceman said he watched the object from atop his mobile home at Interlachen.

He first sighted it about 2:30 a.m. and described it as whirling with very bright lights of blue, green, amber and white. He watched it with highpowered glasses as well as by naked eye, he stated.

of the universe torn from National Geographic and "Sky and Telescope", a Sky Lab poster, shelves of astronomy books and a photo of the cast of "Star Trek", the tv science fiction classic which ran just three seasons, but will live forever in the land of re-run.

Bill Warren, 52, who grew up on Buck Rogers ("I wanted to invent the first flying belt," he remembers) and Flash Gordon, is a Trekie, a devotee of the show's mixture of realism and fantasy.

"If they said the ship was headed for Rigel 3, in such and such a quadrant, you knew that was really the quadrant it was located in," he says fondly.

He whips out a thick, hard bound volume, "The Star Trek Technical Manual", which includes such esoterica as patterns to reproduce the uniforms worn by the cast, and detailed biographical information on each character in the show. Also included is a leatherette covered packet of blueprints for the Starship Enterprise.

Warren's 16-year-old daughter, Debbie, has joined us by now, and she's determined to get in on the interview. "He wishes a UFO would pick him up," she says mischievously. Her father smiles and says nothing.

It's just possible Bill Warren does wish for that sort of adventure from time to time. He speaks often of living in "a fishbowl", how most people are confined to just what the eye can see around them, admittedly the most miniscule fraction of the whole universe.

Bill's telescope lets him see a bit farther into the cosmos. Its highest magnification, 480 power, pulls in dim points of light of the tenth or eleventh magnitude, invisible to the naked eye.

"You look out the window or drive to work and you just see what's in front of you," Bill says.

"He wanted to be the first man to land on the moon," Debbie chimes in again.

"Not the moon, Mars," her father says with a paternal smile, a little joke between them.

"Most people don't realize there's more up there than just stars when they first come over," he continues. "Or that it's all very orderly and precise."

But already Bill Warren is getting a little impatient with his view of the universe. His 6 inch scope is fine, but think how much more he could see with a 12 inch reflector!

"It wouldn't be that hard to build, now that I know how to do it," he muses. The only trouble is that the tube would be about 10 feet long, too big for the already cramped quarters of his observatory. But he's only 52, there's still time, and the stars will always be there.

UFO Believers Vary In Degrees Of Enthusiasm, Devotion

By BILL BOSHEARS

Q: I've been reading your column for quite some time now, and I'm wondering why you have never mentioned anything about UFOs? Is it that you aren't interested, or is it that you don't think UFOs have anything to do with psychic phenomena? An awful lot of us out here would like to hear your views on the subject. Do you have any information that might be of interest to us UFO buffs? H. S. Delhi

only inhabitants of this world and all others.

There was an episode that might be of interest to you that concerned the phenomenon known as the "Mothmen." The Mothmen, you might recall, are the creatures that were seen around and on top of the Silver Bridge in Southeast Ohio before it collapsed. I had described these Mothmen to my radio listeners one evening and was treating the whole subject of the creatures rather lightly when the radio sta-

A: To answer your question personally, I'm probably like a lot of people who have had some type of experience involving an unidentified flying object. They feel intimidated by the experience thinking if they make it public their friends and relatives might think they're a little crazy.

For the sake of the UFO buffs, though, I will admit I did see a UFO in Cincinnati not so long ago... in Winton Woods while driving home early one morning.

tion lost all telephone communications with the listening audience. This happened a number of times, and each time the Mothmen phenomenon had been the topic being discussed over the air.

Recently I was one of the guest speakers at a psychic and astrological convention in Chicago. As there was also a speaker there who talked about UFOs, I got a firsthand look at how really enthusiastic UFO people are. There was one gentleman

Why didn't I report it or write about it in the column? I guess I really didn't think it was worth mentioning at the time. After all, after you've seen a UFO, what do you do with the experience? If it doesn't stop, land and talk to you, you haven't accomplished a whole lot. I admit I believe in UFOs and the possibility of greater intelligences existing elsewhere in the Universe. Certainly I can't buy the assertion by some that we're the

there who was acting as what you might call an outer space travel agency, actually signing people up to take excursions on a UFO if one wanted to take them.

Later I questioned a few of the people who had signed up, and they were really quite sincere. Though they might never be chosen for such an encounter with a UFO, they nevertheless wanted their names to be on the list. Who knows? they may go sooner than we think.

Spaceship from alien planet blamed in Siberia explosion

MOSCOW (UPI) — An enormous Siberian explosion that shook the entire globe 68 years ago may have been caused by the crash of a nuclear-powered spaceship from an alien planet, a Soviet scientist said yesterday.

Most scientists believe the explosion was a meteorite.

The Soviet news agency Tass said scientists estimated the strength of the explosion was between 20 and 40 million tons of TNT — or up to 2,000 times more powerful than the first atomic bomb.

The Soviet news agency reported scientist Alexei Zolotov has just returned from a survey of the area that found "higher than normal radioactivity" in remnants of trees near the explosion site.

"He assumes that the body which ripped into the earth's atmosphere might have been of artificial origin — it might have been a craft made by intelligent beings from other worlds of the universe," Tass said.

The blast in a remote river valley in Tunguska, Central Siberia, shook meas-

uring devices all over earth on June 30, 1908, and was heard 745 miles away. Trees were uprooted up to 30 miles from the site and the ground shuddered so violently that horses pulling plows 240 miles away were thrown to the ground.

Most scientists have believed the shock was recorded by a meteorite, or perhaps a comet, which they estimated would have been 100 yards wide, with a mass of 10 million tons.

Zolotov told Tass his team collected samples of permafrost soil dating back to 1908 and bits of trees which survived the catastrophe.

"Our investigation in the course of 17 years seems to confirm our assumption that what took place was a nuclear explosion," Zolotov said. "So far, there is not a single fact that would contradict our nuclear hypothesis.

"The possibility of our planet being visited by intelligent beings from other worlds is not entirely improbable. It is from this point of view that we are exploring the possibility of the artificial origin of the cosmic body."

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UFO's Invade New York State!

by IVAN ZOGG

An invasion of unidentified flying objects is underway.

The UFOs are appearing in the sky above Putnam and Rockland Counties, New York, north of New York City.

Many witnesses believe they come from another planet.

"I can't think of any other logical explanation," Warren Berbit, 33, an attorney in Suffern, N.Y., admitted. "We have no technology that I know of which is capable of producing something like what I saw.

"Of course it may have been something secret. But I doubt it. And what I saw was certainly no natural phenomenon."

What Berbit saw were two UFOs. They appeared to be hovering over a notch in the Ramapo Mountains, a range of low rolling hills in extreme southeastern New York.

One object was hovering horizontally, the other vertically, Berbit said. The evening sun was behind them, and



Warren Berbit with sketches of what he saw hovering over hills in the background. "Someone is watching us," he said

they appeared to be metallic, "definitely shiny and silver." Berbit, who used to design airborne navigation systems, estimates their distance as

only a mile to a mile and a half. Berbit saw no distinguishing features except for the outline of a dome on each object. He observed them from his car for

several moments, then went on his way.

In a three-week period from late August to early September, about 100 sightings

were reported in the area.

Dan Cetrone, publisher of the Rockland County Almanac, believes the UFOs are indeed extraterrestrial craft observing nuclear power plants in that area. He said he had seen one hovering directly above a plant at Tomkins Cove, N.Y.

UFOs have not been unknown in the area in the past. It still contains a lot of uninhabited country, especially within the confines of Harriman State Park, a large preserve in which no one lives.

Berbit recalls that a friend flying an airplane over the park at night said he had seen a rotating beacon illuminating the top of a mountain in Harriman Park. Knowing no one lived in the area, he flew lower to investigate. The light disappeared.

Another time, the same pilot flying in the same general area once again at night discovered something directly beneath him was obscuring his view of the ground lights and playing havoc with his radio equipment.

"If you want to speculate that someone is watching us, it's an ideal place to watch from, and New York City is ideal to watch," Berbit said.

We're Not Earthlings Says Scholar

by RACHEL ROBSON

Human life did not evolve on this planet says scientist Zacharia Sitchin. Ancient tablets prove that a race of beings from outer space colonized earth and created a mutant being, Man, to serve them as slaves.

But, says Sitchin, this mutant, bred originally through artificial insemination of female ape-women by the alien beings, eventually developed the power to reproduce itself and, unlike the mule, became a species in its own right.

Earth women then mated with the aliens directly and the human race multiplied, having been created from the invaders and a primitive humanoid ape.

Sitchin is a Russian-born author, linguist, scientist and successful corporation executive. After much research and the study of ancient tablets, he is convinced that the alien beings landed on earth some 450,000 years ago to look for gold.

The landing place, later colonized, Sitchin says, was Mesopotamia, long said by scholars to be the birthplace of ancient civilization. Here, the aliens set up mines and started to work them.

Through his knowledge of ancient languages and his mastery of ancient world studies, Sitchin is convinced that the aliens were called "nefilim" and that they came from a planet called "Mar-

duk." The existence of this planet has been speculated by astronomers but it has yet to be identified.

Sitchin, who is a recognized scholar in the literary and archeological lore of the ancient Sumerian, Chaldean, Akkadian and Babylonian civilizations, started work on his project some 15 years ago. He got much information from surviving stone tablets, inscriptions and even from the old Testament.

In the Bible, the word "nefilim" appears in Genesis and is sometimes translated as "giant." The actual meaning, in ancient Hebrew, is "those who descended from Heaven."

Like many other scientists, Sitchin became troubled both by the Biblical account of the creation of man and the theory of Darwin and his fellow evolutionists, who claim that man is the direct descendant of some subhuman ape-like creature.

Evidence contradicts both of these theories. The Biblical account is obviously an allegory, while the "missing link" of the Darwin theory has yet to be found.

So far, skeletons of men and



Zacharia Sitchin believes life was brought here from elsewhere — outer space

'Earth women mated with the aliens directly and the human race multiplied, having been created from the invaders.'

apes have been found all over the world but no creature linking these two different species has been found.

At some point in history, Sitchin says, man emerged as he is now and he believes it was this race of "nefilim" who deliberately created man to work the mines as slaves.

Sitchin's theories will be presented in his forthcoming book "The Twelfth Planet." The details have been compiled from translations the author obtained from ancient cuneiform

writings which were discovered in the Middle East and which date from ancient times.

When the spacemen arrived, Sitchin says, the earth was in the middle of an ice age and Mesopotamia looked to them like the best place to set up a settlement. The shuttlecraft brought in people and supplies from larger ships which circled the earth and the ancient tablets actually show drawings of spacemen, their ships and other things from that remote period. They ap-

pear in Sumerian pictographs and the Akkadians and Babylonians who followed them left references to the nefilim in their literature.

Furthermore, Sitchin says, the literature of all ancient peoples who left anything behind states that the earth was ruled by a race of godlike men who had descended from the heavens and who were immortal.

This immortality, he says, stems from the fact that like our years, the Marduk year was based on the length of time it took that planet to orbit the sun — which was 3,600 earth years. Thus, as the ancient Sumerian legends say, one of these "god kings" ruled in Sumeria for 40,000 years.

When earthmen mated with these aliens, their offspring inherited some of this longevity. So it was that the Biblical patriarchs had such long lives compared to modern man. Inbreeding, however, has nullified this original longevity.

When the ice began to melt, the nefilim, Sitchin says, saw the coming floods: But they did not tell their slaves. Instead, they took off in their spaceships leaving Man to his fate.

But humanity survived the floods as the Bible and other ancient records tell. What happened to the nefilim? Sitchin says they probably returned to earth but were never able to regain the control they formerly had over man.

Mysterious Alien Being Scientist Takes Picture

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An alien being finally has actually been photographed! Witnesses from a re-



mote community in Northern Italy claim the figure they have captured on film is a genuine visitor from someplace in

outer space. Thousands of UFO's have been sighted over the years.

Some people have even insisted that they have contacted extra-terrestrial life.

No concrete proof was ever offered, however — until the Northern Italy incident.

The history-making drama took place on two hills — Monte Parodi and Verrugoli — which surround the Gulf of La Spezia.

Ufologist Stellio Asso tells of seeing and photographing a "small man", just under four feet tall, while with his daughter Maria Grazia and artist Roberto Molino.

They said the being did not have eyes as we know them — rather it had two slits slanted upward. It was wearing black overalls.

They said the strange being walked around for a few moments — and then disappeared right in front of their eyes.

A number of other alien beings have been seen in the same area over the years.

The largest reported was said to have been just over five feet in height, according to witnesses. They said this one was also dressed in dark overalls — but was very husky in build and was wearing a steel helmet.

Witnesses said this larger alien somewhat resembled a human being. They said it was wearing a knapsack on its

back and was carrying a round, shiny object.

The witnesses said the lower part of this alien's arms was much longer than that of an average human being — reaching down to its knees.

They recalled that it walked around gingerly as if it was affected very little by gravity — just like the astronauts when they walked on the moon.

This one also suddenly disappeared — first the feet and

then the rest of the body.

Asso believes the alien beings he saw were non-militant. From whatever planet they are from, he concluded, "I believe that they have good intentions."

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Hynek has written numerous technical papers in astrophysics as well as The UFO Experience, A Scientific Inquiry. In the early 1960s Drake was head of the telescope operations and scientific services division at Cornell, where he conducted the first organized search for extraterrestrial radio messages.

Minkler Auditorium is at Finch and Woodbine Aves. Plans call for active audience participation. For ticket information call 491-8877.

Scientists to speak on UFOs

Two of the world's foremost authorities on unidentified flying objects will talk on UFOs and extraterrestrial life at Seneca College tomorrow.

J. Allen Hynek, director of the Centre for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, and Frank Drake, director of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Centre at Cornell University, will speak at 8 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium.

The two are taking part in a series of presentations, called The Human Kaleidoscope, sponsored by York University, Seneca and the North York Board of Education.

Veteran Pilot and Air Traffic Controllers Spot UFO Hovering Near Airport in Japan

By **SHELLEY ROSS**

A brilliant golden UFO hung like a miniature sun in the late-morning sky over northern Japan, dazzling observers at Akita Airport including a veteran airline pilot and air traffic controllers.

The shining disk-shaped Unidentified Flying Object hovered motionless for 5 minutes in broad daylight last October 17. Newspapers reported that about 50 people saw it.

Kenichi Waga, who is a telecommunications officer at Akita Airport's control tower, was one of the first people to spot the awesome UFO, at 10:40 a.m.

"It was south of the airport, about 5 miles away from it. I watched it for about 5 minutes," he told *The ENQUIRER*.

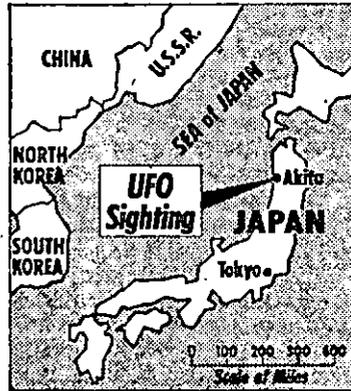
"It was disk-shaped, larger than a car but smaller than an airplane.

"It was very bright and shiny, golden in color, with white lights.

"I could see it was definitely not an airplane. I've worked in the control tower for more than 6 years and I've never seen anything like this.

"I immediately warned all pilots in the area to watch out for the UFO."

About the same time, Capt. Masaru Saito, 34, a Toa Domestic Airlines pilot with 12 years' experience, was preparing to take off in a passenger jet when he noticed "a strange-



MAP shows location of Akita Airport in Japan.

looking disk-shaped object 5,000 feet from the ground.

"Then I got a warning from the control tower to be careful — that an Unidentified Flying Object was nearby.

"It was something I had never seen before, in all my experience with aircraft. I believe in UFOs now, although I had been very skeptical before."

Tazawa Takumi, an air traffic controller, was on duty at Akita tower when he noticed "a bright orange, shining object in the sky.

"I grabbed a pair of binoculars and got a very close look at it.

"I saw an unusually shaped flying object — it looked like two plates placed together, with the top one inverted.

"We gave warnings to incoming and outgoing planes, but the UFO disappeared after about 5 minutes.

"I wasn't sure of their existence before, but after what I saw I certainly believe in them now."

A television reporter, Masaki Machida, had been assigned by Akita Broadcasting Co. to do a story on pilot trainees making an inaugural flight

for a new airline route. Instead, he got a "scoop" on the UFO story.

"I watched the object descending from the east," he told *The ENQUIRER*.

"It was dome-shaped, with white lights on the inside, and golden in color, like the rice fields in autumn. It looked about as big as my thumbnail.

"I told my cameraman to start filming, but he didn't have the right lens on his camera to shoot something that far away.

"On the film, all you can see is a dot in the sky, without any details.

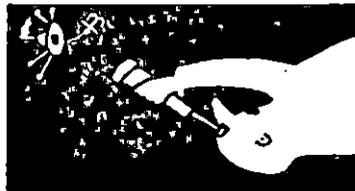
"After staying in a fixed position for 5 minutes, the UFO flew off in the direction of the sea.

"It disappeared very quickly.

"The whole thing was the most incredible experience that ever happened to me on the job."



OFFICER in control tower, Kenichi Waga warned pilots to watch out for disk-shaped object.



SCANNING THE SKIES: If you see unusual objects flying around during the holidays (or any other time), it now is possible to report them to an Oregon agent involved in an international effort to pinpoint information on alleged UFO sightings. Terry Hartman, a Portland advertising man, is Oregon's first representative to the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, a Texas-based nonprofit organization dedicated to gathering UFO sighting data. Hartman, who has been involved in the UFO watch for five years before coming to Portland, hasn't committed himself to believing or not believing in UFOs. "We have a lot of evidence but no proof," he says. He's accepting written sighting reports at Box 40213, Portland 97240.

INSIDER
Seen Any UFOs Lately?

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Lake Scugog UFO is sighted

The McBriens haven't quite settled into their new surroundings on Lake Scugog at R.R.1, Little Britain yet, and there were no drapes hung over the bedroom windows. D'Alten McBrien noticed the unusually bright light reflected in the

still water of the lake. Examining what he thought was an unusually bright harvest moon. Mr. McBrien walked to the window and looked skyward. No moon. A bright "star-like" light hung over the

lake, one side red, the other green. My husband was having a restless night, and it was about 3 a.m. in the morning of Friday, September 23 that he noticed the light," said Mrs. McBrien in an interview with the STAR.

Fascinated, he called his wife Audrey who also observed the phenomenon and wondered at first if it was a giant star in process of breaking up. However, the fact that it appeared relatively stationary and the presence of the red and white lights revolving around it dispelled that

idea. "I don't think we were afraid," she said. "Perhaps concerned is a better word. It was like nothing either of us had ever seen before." There was no movement of the object, and the couple woke up their 13-year-old son and all three watched the object for about 15 minutes. When it started to move slowly on a southerly course, the McBriens decided to go

to bed. "I wish we had watched it longer, but we were all tired," she said. Pressed to label what she'd seen, Mrs. McBrien couldn't. "It wasn't a saucer or spaceship. It was just different." As far as space men are concerned, the McBriens treat that possibility lightly. "our boy joked that he'd better bring in "Brandy" (the family dog), so the Martians won't get him, but he wasn't serious." "In fact," said Mrs. McBrien, "We all had no trouble getting back to sleep."

The McBriens, although visitors to the area for some 20 years, moved to R.R. 1, Little Britain, in June. Mr. McBrien works in Brampton. The sighting and subsequent descriptions in with similar sightings earlier this year involving brilliant objects with coloured lights that suddenly disappeared from view. Several of these sightings in the southwesterly sky have been reported not only in the Little Britain area but also in Oshawa and some western locations. This last sighting reported to be near Washburn Island was not too far off the Valentin area, where sightings last year were followed up with "circular scorched swamp grass" spots complete with indications from what some observers believed to be landing apparatus. There have been no exclusive claims to any of the sightings in the area.

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Recently Russian have been excited by tales of the so-called "Bernuda Triangle" where over 100 boats and planes have disappeared in the past decade. Professor Alexei Zolotov has said that a mammoth 1908 explosion in Siberia was caused by the crash of a nuclear-powered vehicle from outer space. The debate on whether there are beings in outer space has spilled over from science into philosophy. A member of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told the Soviet party newspaper Pravda that he was convinced there were other beings in the universe, because "this belief motivates man to explore the cosmos." But the celebrated astrophysicist Josef Chlosky wrote recently in the philosophical review Voprosy Filosofii and Jan. 16, Tass noted. During the program, a guest speaker said the losses in the Triangle were "unexplainable" from a logical point of view here on earth, although the official commentators gave scientific explanations. Leonid Brezhnevski, president of the Oceanographic Commission of the Academy of Sciences, criticized certain Soviet publications Sunday for giving coverage to "scientific lies."

Soviets debate life in space

MOSCOW - An unusual debate has been going on for the past few months here on television and in the press on whether there are intelligent beings in outer space. Russians have always been highly interested in flying saucers, and recently a clandestine pamphlet reported on a lecture by a professor at the Aviation Institute on this theme. He commented on recent sightings of unidentified flying objects in various parts of the Soviet Union and even gave a description of UFO spacemen. The pamphlet has been severely criticized by the Communist youth organization Komsomolskaya Pravda, which preferred explanations that "flying saucers and other objects were the result of optical or atmospheric illusions."

NICARA FALLS GAZETTE
NICARA FALLS, N.Y. 12/12/76

PLAINVILLE - "Large, glowing tentacles." Oval. Very bright. And with That's how Mrs. Janice Colby of 32 Lincoln St., described the strange object she said she saw in the sky last night. "It looked like a big street light in the sky looming very low between two trees," said Mrs. Colby. She added that she was "sure it wasn't the moon or an aircraft because there was no motor noise." Mrs. Colby, who was out walking at the time, said that a motorist stopped at about 10:30 p.m. while she was looking at the "ferie" sight and peered into the sky, asking, "What is it?" The light then soared across the sky and appeared to take on a flat shape as it turned over, according to Mrs. Colby. She then told of seeing five tentacles, each with blue, green and red lights, protruding from the object's blurred edges. "I became so frightened later that I went inside my house and didn't come out anymore," said Mrs. Colby. She said, "This is no figment of my imagination. I think it was some kind of an unidentified Flying Object (UFO)."

Woman spots strange object in the sky

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More Spaceship Sightings Reported

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By ED MAHONY

THOMPSON — Persons skeptical of visitors from outer space may find their conviction crumbling if additional reports and confirmation of UFO sightings continue to surface.

It appears Miss Susan Nasiatka was in firm control of her senses last week when she told Putnam Police a pair of space ships were hovering around her car, according to a Worcester, Mass. woman.

Mrs. Carol Robbins of Worcester said she saw the same kind of spacecraft while driving southbound on Rte. 52 in Thompson.

And to make matters worse for those who scoff at extra-terrestrial beings, the Putnam Police report several calls over the past few days from "persons who say they saw something."

However, officials at UFO Central, a nation wide Hot Line for reporting UFO sightings, are remaining silent over the recent report.

Spokesman Jeffrey Ryan said he was reprimanded by his seniors for releasing recent sightings last week. He offered no confirmation of UFO in the area Monday.

Mrs. Robbins said she saw the spacecraft at about 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, the same night Miss Nasiatka made her report.

Mrs. Robbins said her husband, Gerald, also saw the near stationary craft as their car passed beneath it. However, as they turned around to double check, another UFO appeared and both seemed to follow the car, before disappearing.

She said one had a rotating white light and the other had rotating red and green lights.

The space ships reported by Miss Nasiatka had a ring of white lights, but both also had blue and red lights.

Miss Nasiatka made the sighting near the Union — West Woodstock town line. When she left her car to investigate, one of the crafts swooped down for a closer look, she said, sending her fleeing to the Putnam Police.

She described it as a round, top-shaped object which was about 40 yards in diameter and noiseless.

***NORWICH BULLETIN**
NORWICH, CT. 11/16/76

EVENING GAZETTE
WORCESTER, MA. 11/17/76

/Another UFO Is Reported By Motorist in Charlton

CHARLTON — Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) keep popping up in this area. Another was reportedly sighted at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Miss Gail R. Davis of Leland Drive said she was driving home when a strange bright light glared on the front of her car nearly causing her to go off the road.

Miss Davis said it lasted "a second or so." That night she showed police chipped paint on her car. She said she believes the light caused the chipping. According to her mother, police also noticed similar chipped paint on the rear of the car.

Miss Davis' mother said, "Gail came in shocked and pale" after the incident that occurred on Partridge Hill Road. State Police reported they were told of a similar incident by a woman in Sturbridge Sunday night.

Arthur L. Baker of Muggett Hill Road said he saw something strange about 5:30 p.m. Friday while riding with his mother on Route 20. He said he noticed two streaks shoot out from the middle of a "star."

A 17-year-old Union, Conn. girl told Putnam police a week ago that her car had been followed along Route 171 in West Woodstock by two unidentified objects.

Two days later, a Worcester woman, Mrs. Carol Robbins, and her husband, Gerald reported that they, too, had seen a pair of UFO's the same night in the same area.

No laughing matter

Portland

To The Editor:

In reference to the article by Ted Sylvester in the Nov. 20th issue of The Bangor Daily News titled "UFO Sightings Not Unusual In Coastal Town", it was stated by Mrs. Virginia Perkins of West Penobscot that "It is about time that some official agency should be told about these incidences?"

I would like to notify the readers that there are many State of Maine UFO investigators from the various and qualified organizations throughout the country, that are more than willing to listen to people who are willing to talk if they have had any type of UFO experience, whether it be anything from a nocturnal light in the sky to a close encounter with a foreign object. We do not ridicule and will keep all reports confidential if the reporter wishes it that way.

In spite of all the work being done in ufology, we still do not know what UFOs really are, but we are learning a great deal about how persons are effected by close encounters and of cases of abduction. We have learned about the physiological effects one suffers after a close encounter, and the psychic phenomena that often follows such a case (By phenomena, I do not mean any form of witch-craft or the so-called occult) We are trained to make these observances, ask questions and most often realize when we are being fooled.

You would be surprised at the really close encounters, even abductions reported right here in Maine. Many times we can talk to these people, listen to their story and put their mind at ease by sharing some of our knowledge with them.

It is a frightening experience to have engaged in a close encounter with a UFO and feel you will endanger your reputation as a sane person if you make your story public....

Those of you, who have not witnessed, do not laugh. Whatever the UFO situation is, it is there, very real and a part of our environment today....

Most of my important information is relayed to a dear friend Berthold Eric Schwarz M.D. of N.J. who is a pioneer writer, UFO researcher and investigator of psychic phenomena. He is a neurologist and psychiatrist of high standing. A very brilliant man who has spent generous time at his own expense delving into this situation.

There are many other men of stature who are involved in UFO research. It is not a field reserved for "Crack-pots"....

I am also with A.P.R.O. (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) out of Arizona.

Anyone wishing to contact me concerning a UFO experience or sighting may do so at this address: East Coast Headquarters, International UFO Bureau, 482 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103.

Shirley C. Fickett



Susan Nasiatka's Sketch of UFO

Union Woman Spots UFO's Flying Over West Woodstock

By ED MAHONY

WEST WOODSTOCK — A Union woman wasn't prepared for the night time visit she received Wednesday while driving along a lonely stretch of road in West Woodstock.

Miss Susan Nasiatka claims she doesn't "get scared easily," but what she believes was a visit by spaceships from outer space sent her fleeing for the nearest police station.

Two sets of nearly stationary red and blue lights were what first caught her attention. However the lights seemed more interested in her.

When she parked her car along the side of Rte. 171 and got out for a closer look, the nearer set of silent, slow moving lights turned and lowered and revealed a large, saucer-shaped space craft.

"They looked like lights on a huge freight plane, but they didn't move fast enough or make any noise," Miss Nasiatka said.

Both of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) were hovering at about 1,000 feet below scattered clouds under a moonlit night sky, she said.

The distant craft remained immobile when she left her car, but the nearer of the two appeared to turn on its side and drop down. She described it as a giant top-shaped object approximately 50 yards in diameter.

As it descended at an angle, Miss

Nasiatka said she could see a ring of window shaped lights circling the top of the craft.

Apparently Miss Nasiatka didn't frighten the UFOs as much as they did her, because rather than wait for the descending craft to get closer, she hopped in her car and sped to the Putnam Police Station.

Putnam Police said Miss Nasiatka appeared "pale and frightened" when filing a statement about her unusual encounter, yet articulate and logical in her description of the incident.

A call was made from the station UFO Central in Chicago, Ill., a nation wide answering service for UFO sightings. Jeffrey Ryan of UFO Central said Thursday in addition to the Woodstock sighting, UFOs were observed at two points in New Jersey Wednesday night.

"I never believed in these things before," Miss Nasiatka said, "that's why I stopped."

However, she says she is a firm believer now, and the image is strong enough in her mind that she is able to sketch the UFOs from memory.

Although her father, Stanley Nasiatka, remains somewhat skeptical about UFOs, he admits he has never seen his daughter so enthusiastic in describing something. Her mother, on the other hand, says she is now convinced about them.

Tuesday sighting

Woman saw UFO for 30 minutes

By PHYLLIS HOUGH
AMHERST — Ambulances and fire trucks may no longer have a local monopoly on blinking red lights.

A gray vehicle that preferred tree-top level to the more down-to-earth traffic routes was reportedly sighted Tuesday night by a voter returning from the polls in North Amherst. And although it apparently was not an emergency vehicle, the truck-sized interloper was carrying a flashing red light.

Terry Cuningim, 29, says she believes in UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) now, after spending 30 minutes in the vicinity of this one. She may have been taken aboard, she believes, with her memory nearly completely blanked out afterwards.

She was standing at a bus stop on busy North Pleasant Street, and said she was apparently the only one to see the object, which hovered shyly behind a tree beyond the reach of street lights.

Her story is questioned by William A. Dent, a University of Massachusetts Professor of Physics and Astronomy, who says two observers are necessary if one is to make any intelligent deductions about the supposed flying saucer. Dent questions Ms. Cuningim's account as well because she, he says, is an untrained observer and made what he says is at least one unwarranted deduction — she said the thing was photographing her because she saw a number of flashes of light that she thought must be flashbulbs going off.

Ms. Cuningim, a Colonial Village resident who moved here from St. Louis in August because of a sister in Northampton, is attending "SKILLS," a secretarial training school. She was seeing a friend off on the bus in North Amherst after voting there — she lived in North Amherst when she registered to vote in August.

She turned to walk toward Amherst, she said, and happened to look up. The object appeared rather suddenly, she said, perhaps 50 feet away from

ner, and hovered there behind a treetop.

Shaped like bullet

It was shaped rather like a bullet, pointed at both ends, and was hard to see in the dark, she said. A red light on the top flashed like an ambulance's. She thought she saw mirrors or windows in the sides, because of reflections. The flashing white lights came out of these windows, she said.

Although she did not have a watch, she estimates the encounter to have lasted 30 minutes because of the buses that went by. The object, she said moved — when she moved. If she stepped a few feet to one side, it moved a few feet. It appeared to be watching her.

Despite the fact that North Pleasant Street is heavily-trafficked, there were no pedestrians who appeared to see it, and no cars stopped. The object hung over the yard of a house at 1184 North Pleasant St., she said.

The reason she thinks she may have been taken aboard the UFO is that a number sticks in her mind for no apparent reason: 00:30. There have been reports from others, in particular Barney and Betty Hill of Portsmouth, N.H., who spoke at UMass recently, who said they encountered a UFO and were taken aboard. Although the Hills said they did not remember being taken aboard, they said hypnosis revealed they were examined by humanoid creatures in the supposed spacecraft.

When questioned by the Gazette, Ms. Cuningim said she was unaware of the Hills and their reported experience, but she said she may seek hypnosis herself to see what could have gone on.

The craft, she said, vanished as swiftly as it had come. Someone came up to Ms. Cuningim to ask about the next bus, and she turned her head to answer. When she looked back, it had left.

Dent said the only other sightings he knows of in this area involved a flurry of reports about one and a half months ago of lights proceeding across the

sky over the Holyoke Range. He saw them himself, he said, and can explain them as spotlights in Chicopee illuminating the undersides of the clouds. Most sightings have a rational explanation, he said.

No local person or place keeps a record of UFO sightings, he said, although there are two farther away: one in Illinois and one in New Mexico. People do seem to call in on the UMass Astronomy Department if they want to report one, however.

Ms. Cuningim, said Dent, saw the object at the time that satellites are most visible, shortly after dusk or right before dawn, because of sunlight in the outer atmosphere that is not yet blocked out by the revolving earth. The red light, he said, could have belonged to an airplane.

Dent discounts Ms. Cuningim's description of its nearness because there was no second witness looking at it from a different angle. If another sighting had been reported, he said, mathematical calculations could have established the real altitude of the thing.

But without a second sighting, it is difficult to take accounts at face value. When a person sees a familiar object, such as a car, at a distance, he knows how far away it is, he said, because he knows a car is eight or 10 feet long. But with this sort of unknown object, it is much harder to say either how far away it is or how big it is.

"If people assume it's very large, they conclude it's close. But if they think it's small, they conclude it's far away."

Ms. Cuningim, he pointed out, concluded that the object was both very large and very close.

"I don't know what she saw," he said.



TERRY CUNINGIM

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DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE
NORTHAMPTON, MA. 11/17/76

Woman sights UFO which sights her

AMHERST — An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reported seen in North Amherst yesterday evening by a woman who said it appeared to be taking pictures of her.

The woman, an East Amherst resident whom police refused to identify, called police last night to report the sighting. She said she was waiting for a bus in North Amherst at about 6:10 p.m. when she saw lights in the sky. The object came nearer, she said. She described it as the size of two cars, gray, with red lights on the top and mirrors on the bottom. It appeared to be photographing her, she said, and she looked away. When she looked back, it went away over neighboring apartments.

New Mexico Saucer Sighter Says 'Something' Here, Too

By JEFF SOUTH
Avalanche-Journal Staff

SOMEWHERE in the wilderness of New Mexico a man who goes by the name Russell claims to have seen and photographed a variety of flying saucers and other spaceships — and he's got the pictures to back up his bizarre tale.

"Quite frankly, if you had told me a story like this two years ago, I would have said you're crazy. But I've seen these things with my own eyes," Russell said.

"Whether these ships are aliens from another planet or secret projects of our own government, I don't know. All I know for sure is they're out there and they are for real."

Russell, who claims to have made his first sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects while hunting Indian relics in New Mexico a year ago, has spent the past two weeks in Lubbock seeking advice to help him "crack the secret" of the strange phenomena.

One of those consulted was Gary R. Johnson, finance director for Texas Tech University health science centers and a self-described "UFO buff."

"If this guy's a hoax, he's really done his homework and gone to an awful lot of trouble," Johnson said after two sessions with Russell.

"His story is intriguing, and his pictures are certainly startling. The pieces seem to fit together fairly well. As far as I can tell, none of the photographs have any obvious flaws. They could have been faked, but it would have required a lot of model-building and trick photography," Johnson said.

"I don't know what to believe. I can't buy the guy's whole story, but I'm not ready to write him off as a phony, either," Johnson said. "I do think it's worth pursuing, and I've told him that."

Russell came to the city with 15 color

photographs, two of which he has supplied to The Avalanche-Journal. Russell said the pictures, which were developed and printed by a commercial firm in Albuquerque, show a sampling of the UFOs he has seen in the past year. Some of the more graphic photographs depict:

—A large "mother ship," as Russell describes it, 100 to 200 feet in diameter, in various positions in the sky.

—A small flying saucer which Russell said is about six feet in diameter. He said this craft appears to come out of the mother ship, settle on the ground and then "poke or probe around" with an antenna. Russell said this small craft is surrounded by "metallic looking balls" of varying sizes. "The balls aren't connected to the saucer — some of them are several feet away. But they're held in place in the air by a magnetic field or some other sort of force," he said.

—An "observatory" craft, about the size of the mother ship, which Russell said hovers in the air. He said the top and bottom halves of the observatory seem to separate, displaying a ring of "what might be windows" around the midsection of the craft.

—A long, cigar-shaped object Russell claims to have seen in his most recent sighting three months ago. Russell said lights on the end of this ship flash out a distinct green-red-silver pattern.

He said all of the pictures were taken in the daytime, and each craft is clearly distinguishable. "I've got plenty of other photographs, too, but I can't show them to anyone. I'm afraid they'd give away too much information — and then I'd lose everything," Russell said.

He said this same explanation is why he won't give his full name or background, or the location of the UFOs he says he has seen.

"If I did that, every fortune-hunter in the country would be dogging my tracks to find out what I know. I'm not ready to go public until I can uncover the secret of this thing," Russell said. "That may be next week. It may be never."

Russell said his photographs and his
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***BRIDGEPORT TELEGRAM**
BRIDGEPORT, CT. 11/20/76

Identified Flying Object Sighted Over Fairfield

By HELEN JANKOSKI

An Identified Flying Object flew through area skies last night.

Prompted by calls from persons who saw the brightly lighted object shuttling back and forth, a newsperson acting on a hunch contacted Morgan Kaolian, superintendent of operations at Sikorsky Memorial airport in Stratford.

Mr. Kaolian had, in fact, been piloting the "H-O" from 6 to 7 p.m. from Stratford to Norwalk.

The plane was Mr. Kaolian's Cessna 150, but what startled observers into thinking it was a UFO was a 44 by 9 foot spread

of 315 high powered lights spanning the underside of the aircraft's wings.

Linked to a computer, the light system spells out messages of 70 to 90 characters. "It works on the same principle as the Goodyear blimp or the Times Square building in New York," said Mr. Kaolian.

The advertising venture, "Starcast", is the project of Mr. Kaolian and partner Mark S. Caliguri, a Pilgrim Airlines pilot from Stratford.

What earthlings actually were seeing last night was a message: "Starcast — A New Dimension in Advertising" capped by a phone listing.

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in South Meadow area

Meadow Road said. "It was kind of funny. Between half past six and quarter to seven the lights in our house flashed on and off twice and then there was quite a hum. By the time I got to the kitchen it had stopped.

"My husband was shaving, but he said he saw the lights flash twice, and he heard the hum."

Another neighbor, Jim Weeks said his wife told him the same story.

"She said the lights flashed twice and she heard a noise"

Weeks said. "I was sleeping."

UFO's sighted

Mrs. Cafarelli said she called the power company shortly after the incident

"They told me it couldn't be them...the only power lines are in front of our house."

Mrs. Cafarelli said she also called WTAG radio later in the morning after someone told her the radio had reported UFO sightings in the area.

A WTAG spokesman confirmed the broadcast. They said there had been reports of the UFO sighting in the Charlton area. The spokesman told Mrs. Cafarelli he was almost positive someone from the Clinton area also reported something similar, but he couldn't be sure.

The object Bob Cafarelli saw was "large, red and smoky." Mrs. Cafarelli said, "...and it was sitting right in the field...It was spooky."

****EVENING GAZETTE****
WORCESTER, MA. 11/13/76

Worcester Woman Reports Sighting UFOs on Route 52

THOMPSON — Susan Nasiatka, 17, of 528 Buckley Highway, Union, "wasn't seeing things" Wednesday evening when she sighted two unidentified flying objects along Route 171 in West Woodstock, according to woman from Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Carol Robbins of 110 Sterling St., Worcester, said last night she and three other persons saw a pair of UFO's about 7:30 on the same evening. "We were going down Route 52 and into Connecticut when we saw some kind of flying objects," she said.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Worcester Airport said last night. "It has not received any calls or information about UFO's in the northeastern Connecticut area.

Mrs. Robbins was a passenger in a car driven by her brother, Jack Horton, also of Worcester. Her husband, Gerald, and another brother, Robert Horton, were also in the car.

"We were in the back seat

of the car and my husband saw one of them. It was directly in front of us, but high up in the sky. It was standing still and we passed it. My husband and I looked back at it through the rear window and, suddenly, it took off. When we looked around there were two of them, one on each side of the car and it looked like they were following us," she said.

"We were going about 55 miles per hour and they just zoomed ahead of us. They were out of sight in seconds," she said.

Mrs. Robbins said they what they were. She said one of them appeared to have a white light that was rotating and the other seemed to have green and red lights which also appeared to rotate. "I never saw anything like it, it was really weird."

"My brother, Jack, figured it was lights from a tower or something. We thought also that they might be helicopters but I've never heard of helicopters going that fast," she

said.

Mrs. Robbins said. "I didn't think anything more of it until I picked up tonight's Gazette (Nov. 12) and saw the story about that girl in Putnam."

Miss Nasiatka told Putnam police that she saw two sets of lights hovering overhead between 8 and 9 p.m. and stopped her car to get a good look, because, they appeared to be something more than airplane lights.

Miss Nasiatka said the crafts hovered so low she could make out their saucer-shaped outlines. One turned on its side and slid down toward her, about 1,000 feet away, she estimated, allowing her to make out a ring of window-shaped lights girding the craft. She said there was no noise.

Mrs. Robbins said she believes Miss Nasiatka. "We didn't get that good a look but there's a lot of things out there we don't know about. I don't know what it was but it was different, that's for sure."

THE UNEXPLAINED



By Allen Spraggett

UFO's—Still Around

IN SPITE OF the fact that most reports do not receive great publicity, UFO's continue to be sighted virtually every week, possibly every day, in some part of the world.

Here are two reports from the United States this past year. To maximize credibility, only sightings involving police officers are included.

On Jan. 20, 1976, a policeman and a journalist were driving in a patrol car toward Atlantic City from Ventnor, N.J.

They noticed a "silent, crystal-white object surrounded by a greenish haze" which appeared to be spherical in shape and traveling parallel to their course.

When they reached the boardwalk at Atlantic City, the pair

drove onto the beach ramp, parked the cruiser and continued to observe the UFO. They shone the patrol car's spotlight on the object and it blinked, as though in response.

Then the object moved closer to the beach. The two men were frightened and radioed for assistance. In short order, seven cruisers and about 16 officers responded to the summons. All the newcomers saw was a greenish light, globular in outline, receding in the distance over the dark waters.

The new officers then left the scene in response to an emergency call and the original pair began driving back to Ventnor. Once more they saw the UFO. It appeared to be following their

car, moving just over the ocean shoreline and at one point drawing nearer to them than it had previously. Then it vanished. These events transpired within a half-hour period ending about 6 p.m.

A MORE BIZARRE case occurred at Elmwood, Wis., on April 22, 1976.

A police officer was on duty when he noticed a glow at the top of a nearby hill and radioed headquarters that he was going to investigate. He next radioed, on reaching the top of the hill, that it was a UFO. He began to describe the object when his radio went dead . . .

Another officer immediately left to investigate. He found the first officer slumped in the front seat of his patrol car. The car's lights were off and the motor running. The policeman was removed from the cruiser, in a state of shock, and admitted to hospital.

Released four days later, April 27, 1976, he related what had happened to him.

"When I got to the top of Tuttle Hill, there was this huge object

that appeared to be as high as a two-story house and about 250 feet across. It was about 500 feet away from me, hovering some 100 feet above the ground.

"There was an orange-white light at the top of it and six bluish-white lights on the side, and I could see shadows, as if something or somebody was moving inside it.

"What appeared to be legs or landing gear were partially extended from the body of the object. It suddenly rose straight up, extremely fast, and at this point there was a brilliant flash and my car lights went out and the motor stopped, and I don't remember anything else until I heard someone asking me what was wrong."

THESE EERIE accounts are all taken from the files of the authoritative Center for UFO Studies headed by Northwestern University astronomy professor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, regarded as the world's foremost scientific authority on unidentified flying objects.

The Center's address is P.O. Box 11, Northfield, Ill. 60093. ●●●

'THEY ARE SHOWING US MANY THINGS'

Knowledge of UFOs Called Bridge to Future

By MIDGE YEARLEY

We are in a stage of transition and UFO intelligences are pulling us into a new age, the Age of Aquarius.

In this new age we will reach the sixth stage of evolution where we are linked together into a giant superbrain and have species wide insight and identity thus eliminating all tension within the species.

These events are not part of a science fiction novel, but statements in Brad Steiger's hypotheses on UFOs which he has been researching since the 1950s.

"We are in a transitional time and are experiencing the death of an old age. Around 1985 things will accelerate or decelerate, depending on how you look at it, until the end of the century," Steiger said during a recent visit here from his home in Iowa.

"As an optimist I think we can blend with technology to survive and become part of the sixth stage of evolution. We can use our intelligence and understanding of UFOs to make the quantum leap that is necessary.

"The UFOs are showing us and guiding us by their example.

"In 1897 they appeared in a airship resembling a cross between a paddlewheel steamboat and a Buck Rogers spaceship after scientists declared that men would never fly.

**Brad Steiger:
'We can use our intelligence and understanding of UFOs to make the quantum leap that is necessary.'**



Staff Photo—George A. Clark

"They landed and spoke to people to show thinkers and inventors that men could fly through the air.

"Now they are showing us many things as how to materialize and dematerialize and to avoid space instead of travel through it. They are liberating us and leading us from homo sapiens to homo spiritus.

"If we remain as fifth-stage technological species, we will destroy ourselves and our biosphere. We are at a crisis point."

Steiger does not talk in the agitated voice of an alarmist or the listless voice of gloom and doom spokesman. He speaks slowly and calmly in a hypnotic way.

He was quick to say that what he was explaining are not beliefs because belief implies that there is no evidence, but these are his hypotheses or synthesis of his thought on UFOs.

He has seen UFOs spontaneously eight or ten times and said that they could not be explained because of their movements which involved stopping and starting and turning at right angles.

He had a contact experience when he was five.

"I was contacted by an elf-form humanoid which I thought was a wee person. It was a very fortuitous experience.

ence. "We all ask the questions why are we here, are we alone and do we survive death. In my reality the elf showed me that we are not alone. We are part of a larger community of intelligences.

"The reason for our being here has the same answer as orthodox religion. We are in a spiritual incubator.

"When I was 11, I was killed in a farm accident. I left my physical body, became one with all life on the planet, and then returned to my body.

"Contacting a UFO is the same physical and non-physical experience.

"We exist on one channel and they exist on another."

His contact with external intelligences or the Other as he calls them does not make him feel special. He retorted that they showed him that we are all one.

"One of the interesting misconceptions is that UFOs appear to only certain kinds of

people. We keep updating our data and have found no evidence of this.

"They have been seen by military officers of some rank, scientists, physicists. No walk of life is not represented.

"These people are usually well educated, make a better than average wage, and have responsible positions in the community and their jobs.

In his book "Gods of Aquarius" (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$8.95) he relates many stories, often in their own words, of a variety of people who have seen or been contacted by UFOs.

He explained that the different forms that people see depend on what they believe.

"Two thousand years ago some one would see an angel or a messenger of God. Today

people say they saw a space person from Venus.

"How they appear depends on the level of the percipient. It fits into the individual concept of alien life that the person has. They are very adaptable.

"We should not seek these experiences. All that matters is that somebody had them."

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WILL BE HELD AT THE FISH
HATCHERY PARK IN CARLYLE,
ILLINOIS ON JUNE 26. FOR
ADDITIONAL DETAILS, CON-
TACT: ROSETTA HOLMES, 1690
HILL DR., CARLYLE, ILLINOIS,
62231. ENCLOSE A STAMPED,
SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

Soviets thought UFO caused blast

Scientists applying modern investigative methods to study of the 1908 Siberian explosion have suggested antimatter or a black hole as possible causes of the blast — but neither seems satisfactory. John Baxter and Thomas Atkins, in their book, "The Fire Came By," examine the evidence. This is the fifth in a six-part series excerpted from the book.

By JOHN BAXTER
and THOMAS ATKINS

The overwhelming evidence of an atomic explosion in Siberia in 1908 prompted some scientists to look to rarified areas of theoretical physics and astronomy for a natural explanation.



If such an explosion could not be accounted for by any ordinary cosmic object, they asked, then could a previously unknown, extremely dan-

gerous form of extraterrestrial matter have penetrated our atmosphere, producing a detonation equal to 10 to the 23rd power ergs of nuclear energy and yet leaving no physical trace of itself?

"It is clear that the Tungus cosmic body... could not have been a comet," wrote the geophysicist A. V. Zolotov, speaking for many of his fellow Soviet scientists.

"Neither could it have been a normal ice, stone, or iron meteorite. The Tungus body obviously represents a new, yet unknown, much more complicated phenomenon of nature than has been encountered up to this time."

Could the great blast have been caused, for instance, by a small body of antimatter? Or perhaps a so-called "black hole" was responsible for the massive destruction of the taiga? Modern theoreticians examined both these newly conjectured cosmic phenomena as possible solutions to the Siberian riddle.

The premise of antimatter is simple and logical. Why, physicists ask, should there not be floating in free space atoms in which the electrical charges of the particles are reversed — atoms in which positively charged particles (positrons) revolve around a negatively charged nucleus, rather than negative particles revolving around a positive nucleus, as in normal terrene (earth) atoms? If a fragment of antimatter came into contact with a terrene object, both would be instantly and totally annihilated.

Most Soviet scientists rejected the antimatter concept, arguing

that contraterrene meteorites, even if they existed, could not explain the actual physical effects of the Tunguska blast.

The 1969 U.S.-sponsored committee report on unidentified flying objects, prepared under the direction of the physicist Edward U. Condon, examined the theory and reached similar conclusions.

The antimatter theory, however, was soon rivaled by another even more bizarre suggestion — that the explosion was the result of a collision between the earth and a "black hole."

As early as 1939, J. Robert Oppenheimer, a leading figure in the Manhattan Project that constructed the first atomic bomb, had speculated about other states of matter created by the pressures and temperatures of a collapsing star.

Oppenheimer believed that larger stars collapse in a unique and terrifying way. As the outer layers fell inwards, the whole sun would become so dense as to form a new kind of matter, popularly known as a "black hole." Even a speck of this matter might weigh millions of tons.

A black hole is so dense that none of the laws of physics as we know them can apply and nobody can yet begin thinking of what laws do apply. Inside a black hole you have the origin of the universe run backwards.

New York Times science editor Walter Sullivan recently examined the notion that a tiny "black hole" hit Siberia, passing through the entire earth and emerging in the North Atlantic.

This idea was proposed in 1973 by A. A. Jackson and Michael P. Ryan, scientists at the University of Texas, to explain the blast in the Tunguska region.

Soviet experts on the Tunguska event examined these new theories, but ultimately rejected them on the basis that they did not match the actual evidence. The enormous body of eyewitness testimony, supplemented by the findings of various expeditions, eliminate the possibility either of a black hole or a contraterrene particle.

From the numerous witnesses who actually saw the object before it exploded in the sky, we know that it was of considerable size and had a markedly "cylindrical" shape, like a pipe or a tube. Some described it as resembling a "chimney." This "elongated flaming object" glowed with a "bluish-white" radiance brighter than the sun and left a broad trail of multi-colored smoke in the atmosphere.

Is it possible that the flaming "cylindrical" object that exploded in midair over central Siberia in 1908 was, in fact, a spacecraft?

As the debate over the multime-

gaton blast continued through the Sixties and into the Seventies, an increasing number of authorities came to the opinion that the answer inevitably must be "yes."

The strangely irregular boundaries of the blast region had already been noted by E. L. Krinov during the third Tunguska expedition in 1929. "The area of uprooted forest," he observed, "has an oval form with the major axis situated in a direction from southeast toward northwest." The oval shape surprised early researchers, who had expected the area of destruction to be circular.

The 1938 aerial photographs further verified this oval pattern; and K.P. Florensky's expeditions in 1958, 1961, and 1962 determined from extensive ground and air surveys that the 1,200 square miles of forest leveled by the explosion and the scattering of "cosmic dust" from the blast had a definite elliptical contour.

When A. Y. Manotskov, an airplane designer, mapped the passage of the Tunguska object through the air, his calculations agreed with Zolotov's findings that the object must have arrived at a velocity much slower than that of a natural cosmic body.

Boris Liapunov, a Soviet rocket specialist, examined these estimates and concurred with Manotskov that the object has behaved in its entry and velocity like a supersonic craft.

The deafening roar heard in June, 1908, by witnesses throughout central Siberia during the flight of the Tunguska object was probably caused by its powerful ballistic wave; the series of thunderclaps

heard afterwards resulted from the massive blast waves.

The same opinion was reached by Felix Zigel, who as an aerodynamics professor at the Moscow Institute of Aviation has been involved in the training of many Soviet cosmonauts. His latest study of all the eyewitness and physical data convinced him that "before the blast the Tunguska body described in the atmosphere a tremendous arc of about 375 miles in extent (in azimuth)" — that is, it

"carried out a maneuver."

No natural object is capable of such a feat. Thus Zigel, together with Soviet rocket and aviation experts such as Nanotskov and Liapunov, joined Kazantsev in believing that the remarkable cylindrical object causing an elliptically shaped atomic blast in 1908 could only have been "an artificial flying craft from some other planet."

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