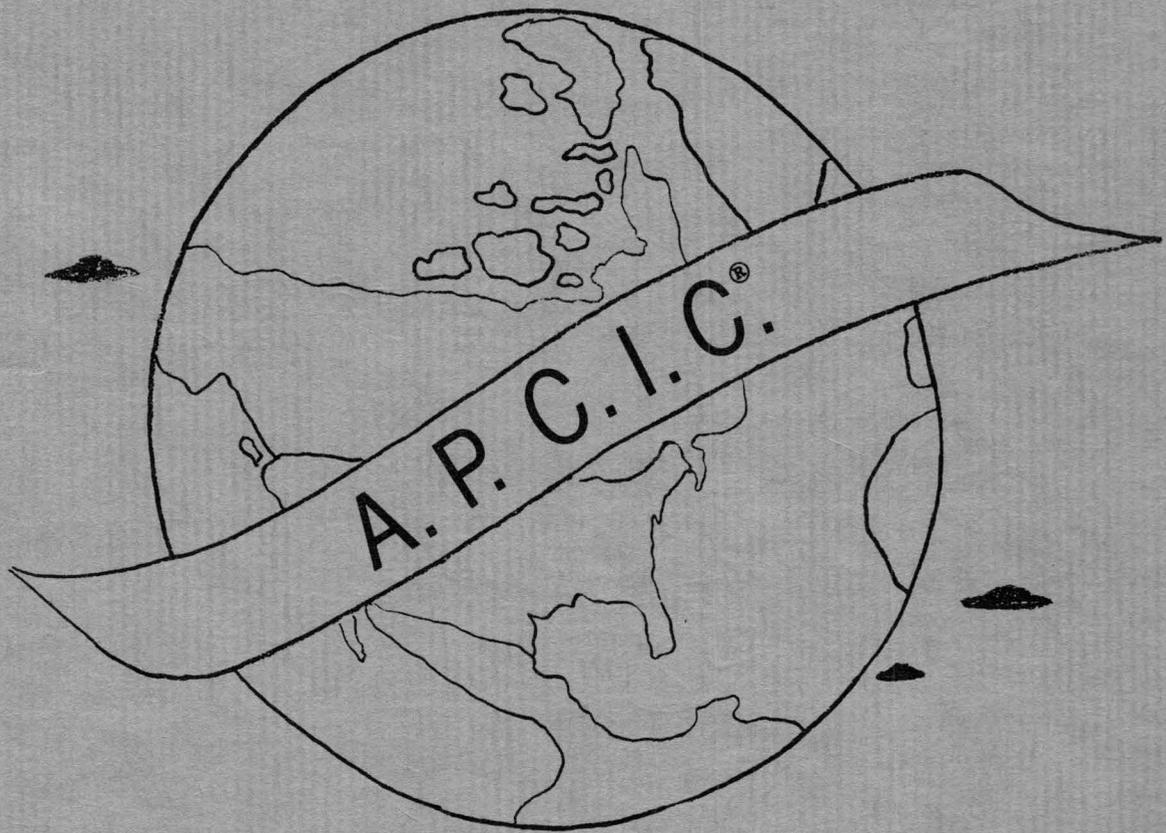


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Strange 'Flying Objects'

THE OREGON JOURNAL - PORTLAND
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OBJECT SEEN — This is a reproduction of an instant camera picture of an unidentified object seen near Astoria by Steve Lickar. The picture was taken shortly after noon. Lickar said the dome-shaped object with a halo disappeared suddenly when he wasn't looking.

By FRED LEESON
Journal Staff Writer

ASTORIA — People don't want to say much about what they've been seeing here lately lest others think they are slightly daft.

Steve Lickar, for instance, kept his story largely to himself for almost two weeks, even with photographic evidence in hand.

The appearance of strange flying objects in Clatsop County this month is what people are talking about hesitantly.

Lickar, a 20-year old freshman electronics student at Clatsop Community College, is the only person in the area so far to photograph the object he saw. It appears as a bright speck with a halo, seen high in the air over a co-op store at Svensen, 11 miles east of Astoria on Highway 30.

He was taking a picture of the store with an instant camera for a community newsletter when he saw the bright object about 12:45 p.m. Jan. 13.

"At first I thought it was an airplane reflection," he said. "But those reflections will disappear after an instant. This one didn't. Then I noticed the halo around it, lighting up the clouds.

"I couldn't tell how far away it was, but

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it seemed as if it was over the (Columbia) river, probably big. I saw it for maybe 20 seconds and then I thought, 'If I'm going to tell anybody, I'd better take a picture.'"

Lickar snapped the picture and waited about 50 seconds for it to be developed. When he looked up again, the object was gone.

He said the object was saucer-shaped, remained stationary in the sky and was tilted slightly to the east. Lickar's photograph has been forwarded to the Phenomenon Research group in Seattle, where it will be analyzed by computer to determine the size and density of the object, if possible.

"It's wicked," Lickar said of the incident. "It really makes you stop and think.

"I don't discount the possibility that UFOs could exist, but I think the Air Force is involved with it somehow. If there is intelligent life somewhere else in the universe, why would they come here? They'd be much more intelligent than us."

And Lickar isn't alone in seeing the unusual. More bizarre sightings occurred at Narts Bay and Astoria late Tuesday and early Wednesday this week.

The U.S. Coast Guard received several reports of an object with revolving red,

green and white lights, thought by many to be a helicopter in distress.

But an intensive search in the air and on the sea found no evidence of a helicopter, and no reports of a missing vehicle were received.

Early Wednesday, two women in different locations in Astoria saw a similar object with the same revolving colors between 4:40 and 6:15 a.m., seemingly hovering over the interstate bridge.

Vicki Githaiga and Elaine Lovell, who both work at TJ's Tap Room, finished work, ate breakfast and had gone home by 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Ms. Lovell telephoned when she saw the somewhat dome-shaped object, just to make sure she wasn't seeing things.

But Mrs. Githaiga saw it, too, from another vantage 3 miles away. "The lights weren't blinking like an airplane," she said, "but revolving like a search light.

"It would stay in one place, move up, come down and move across. Elaine and I stayed on the phone and she would say, 'Did you see it go this way or that?' and I always saw it move the same way she did."

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At 5:25 a.m., Mrs. Githaiga said she went back to bed. Ms. Lovell said she watched the object until 6:15 a.m. when she fell asleep.

Neither woman reported the sighting to authorities.

"I don't have to tell anybody what I saw because I know what I saw," Mrs. Githaiga said. "I was afraid if I called the Coast Guard they'd say, 'Sure, lady, tell us some more.'"

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Mysterious hovering

By Steve Schwab

The mysterious hovering light reported over Dyke Canal in Yscloskey the night of Jan. 21 is still a mystery.

Edwin Menesses and Robert Melerine of St. Bernard reported the incident just over two weeks ago and since then their experience with the phenomenon has spurred series of interest.

Dr. Ted Peters, associate professor of

religious studies at Loyola University has been examining the possibility that what the two off-duty Yscloskey firemen saw from their boat was a UFO. As a state representative of MUFON (Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network), both Dr. Peters and MUFON member James LaChute, a student at the University of New Orleans, began their investigation.

According to the original report in the Jan. 26 issue of The St. Bernard News, the two men claimed they saw a bright light, "a round globe, about 50 feet in diameter hovering 75 feet above the ground." The object "made no wind and no noise," and just hovered over them.

Dr. Peters and LaChute's interview with the two revealed more details:

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They were traveling at trolling speed down Dyke Canal for less than two miles when suddenly it appeared. It moved over the boat and just hovered, bathing the men in a warm brilliant light. Then everything stopped.

"The motor was kicking, but we weren't moving ahead," said Melerine. It was then that both he and Menesses also realized that although the two could

speak, neither of them could move.

"Let's get the hell out of here," one was reported to have shouted, but according to Menesses, they couldn't. "The gravity forces were too strong," said Menesses.

Melerine then got the idea to shoot at it with the rifle in his hand. "No, don't shoot it," said Menesses, thinking it might be government property.

Then the UFO left them, and as it did so, the boat started off with a jolt, throwing the men back. "This is the unusual part about this case," said Dr. Peters. "In several incidents involving hovering UFOs, engines will shut off. This time the motor continued but the boat didn't move."

Menesses then noted that Melerine's

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hair literally "stood out like wire" after the event.

The two began to move full-throttle southeast. When they passed Shell Oil Gas Processing Plant, they saw the same UFO hovering over a Shell refraction tower. According to Dr. Peters, they also spotted a lone guard on the bridge of the tower.

"They turned right on Bayou Lafourche, where the UFO moved to the water tower," said Dr. Peters, "it hovered there about 30 minutes."

A couple of nights after the experience, said Dr. Peters, both men developed chills and high fever.

"One other new development that we thought could be occurring was that Melerine reported a loss of time — 20 minutes, as a matter of fact," said Dr. Peters. "In the past, lost time has revealed abduction cases, where a person was taken aboard an alien craft, physically examined, then told to forget all he had encountered and was returned. In these instances a person recovers lost time under hypno-therapeutic time regression, a form of hypnosis administered by a psychiatrist."

However, according to Dr. Peters, he does not think the lost time is significant, believing the 20 minutes

were lost while traveling at trolling speed down the canal.

"In my judgment, these men are sincere in what they say," said Dr. Peters. "They don't know anything about UFOs. Mrs. Melerine is the only one related to those involved who knows something of them. I think we should respect their integrity and not be so quick to call them crazy."

"I've spoken now to several people in the area," he continued, "and there are no discrepancies."

"A few days after the incident, when the first story appeared in The St. Bernard News, Yscloskey Fire Station received an anonymous phone call from the refraction tower guard who said only: "Those firemen aren't crazy. I seen it too."

In a related incident, Mrs. Myrtle DiGangi, her husband, and eight-year-old daughter, reported sighting a similar object on the evening of Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m.

According to Mrs. DiGangi, while traveling west on Judge Perez Drive they saw what appeared to be three bright lights hovering near the water tower at Aycock and Mehle streets.

Karen DiGangi, Mrs. DiGangi's 17-year old daughter, is reported to have seen the same bright light three

nights later on Jan. 18. She and her girlfriend spotted it from the DiGangi home on Jackson Blvd., and Karen went inside to tell her mother: "Mom, we saw your light." When Mrs. DiGangi went to look, the light had vanished.

"And Karen's description coincides directly with her mother's," said Dr. Peters.

In an effort to discover what the object was, LaChute contacted the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Weather Service. "They reported no surveillance craft and no weather balloons in those areas on any of those occasions," he said.

What's the next step? "There isn't any," said Dr. Peters.

"I've taken several photographs, which I'll include in a full report I'll file with MUFON. I have talked to the main office in Texas, and there's been talk of sending someone from the network but that's not confirmed. I personally don't think it's important enough to take any further steps, such as a polygraph (lie detector) test.

"I will say this though," Dr. Peters concluded, "this is one of the most interesting UFO cases I've seen, especially since the UFO seemed to follow them so deliberately."

GLOWING RED LIGHTS

CAPE BRETON POST-CANADA
*****JAN. 7, 1977*****

Another UFO Mystery

The bright red lights moved through the sky about 100 feet above the ground.

The couple in the car driving along the highway directly below knew it could not be a plane flying that low and attempted to get a better look at the lights to determine what the object was.

The car's headlights beaming ahead in the darkness made it possible for the couple to see the lights were individual and cone-shaped. There was six of them and they moved quickly.

As the driver speeded up his car in order to keep the objects in sight, the lights seemed to move faster and within a couple of minutes

veered off into heavy woods linking the highway.

This incident is the latest in the increasing number of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) in the area.

This sighting took place New Year's day on the measured mile near Allen's Ice House.

The objects are reported to have gone into the woods as the couple's car made the turn by the ice house.
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Reports of the incident to officials at the Radar Base produced no answers. Military officials said there was nothing shown on the radar screen around the time of the sightings, about 12:30

a.m.

The couple who sighted the objects asked to remain nameless because they feared publicity would mean endless months of tired out jokes of "holiday cheer and little green men."

They said they were quite sober that night and did not imagine what they saw. They said they were fascinated by the brightness of the lights, their shape and how quickly and close to the ground they moved.

They said they were also intrigued when they drove faster so did the lights and although they tried to keep them in sight the objects seemed intent on avoiding them.

UFO Sets Off Calls

FLORA, Miss. (AP) — The Madison County Sheriff Department was flooded with calls from the curious Thursday after a deputy reported that an unidentified object had hovered over his patrol car.

"We've been getting calls from all over the country," a department spokeswoman said. "Most of them want to talk to (deputy) Ken Creel about what he saw."

Creel, a county constable and several residents reported they saw an airborne craft hover 20 to 50 feet off the ground for several minutes Wednesday night before flying away.

The deputy said he was patrolling in an area five miles west of Flora with constable James Luke when the craft appeared over his car.

Witnesses said the craft was round, had portholes and gave off a soft light.

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UFO reappears in Hillcrest

By PAUL CARLSEN
Staff Writer

A bright, flame-like unidentified flying object appeared over Hillcrest for the second night in a row Friday, witnesses said.

Steve Laub, 34, and David Friedman, 15, both of the Greenridge Way area of the hamlet, said the object was seen at about 8 p.m. and appeared to be the same object they and 30 other witnesses observed for an hour on Thursday night.

Laub said he followed the object in his car as it moved through the sky at a height of about 1,500 to 2,000 feet. He arrived at the Ramapo police station in Tallman at about 8:30 p.m., and five Ramapo police officers joined him outside the station and also saw the object, Laub said.

One officer told The Journal-News Friday night that it was a very brilliant light, "like burning magnesium." He said he saw what looked like another, smaller light coming out of the brighter light.

Ramapo police said they had no record of Laub or any officers seeing the object Friday night, but Mahwah, N.J., police said this

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morning that the Ramapo police had called them about 8:30 p.m. Friday and told them to look for the object.

They looked, but did not

see the object, Mahwah police said.

Laub said the object remained visible, moving west from Hillcrest towards Harriman State Park, for about 45 minutes.

"It was amber, and glowing," said Laub, who on Thursday night had described the object as "a very bright light similar to

a flame on a hot burner," alternating red and green.

Six Ramapo officers were at the scene Thursday and also saw the object.

"It didn't look anything like a star," said Friedman, who observed the object through a telescope on both nights.

Woman who saw UFO to speak

By CHARLES TRACY
Aviation Writer

Betty Hill who claims she spent two hours aboard a space ship from another planet will speak here tonight at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea.

Mrs. Hill and her late husband, Barney, received world-wide attention and were subjects of nationwide television recently, which described their experiences.

C. W. Fitch, veteran Cleveland "ufology" investigator, interviewed Hill shortly after their mid-night brush with outer space men on Sept. 19, 1961.

"They were driving through the White Mountains of New Hampshire returning to their home in Portsmouth, N. H., from a vacation in Canada," Fitch recalled.

"They saw a UFO hovering over a nearby field. It moved so close to them they could see human-like figures in the windows of the craft who were wearing uniforms like those of German officers in World War II.

"When the UFO frightened them and they tried

to escape in their car, they were rendered unconscious," Fitch said.

Later that night after reaching their home they were unable to account for two hours enroute. It turned out, according to the Hills' story, they were taken aboard the UFO during that time.

Details of how the mysterious space men aboard the UFO examined them were recalled after they visited a psychologist who gave them a medicine that enabled them to recall details of the missing two hours from their sub-conscious memories.

Fitch says he doesn't doubt the Hills' story. He said several circular bright discs in the rear of their car remained for months after the incident.

"I believe these marks on the car were made by some sort of ray or laser beam that was used to knock out the Hills," he said.

During their time aboard the space ship, which had landed in the New Hampshire countryside, they were separated and given physical examinations, Fitch said. Hill was a postal worker, his wife a welfare worker. Hill died of a cerebral hemorrhage on Feb. 25, 1969.

The couple's pet dog, Delsey, died Dec. 24, 1968. The dog had been in the car with them but was not taken aboard the space ship.

UFO experts could find no relationship between Hill's death and his experiences with the space men.

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More Lights In Sky

Reports of sightings of objects in the sky or of flashes of light illuminating the ground have been reported to the press for the last week, ever since two ambulance drivers reported seeing a UFO a week ago.

On Thursday night pilot Lloyd Ryder said he saw an extremely bright light like the light from an arc welder or an electrical charge light up the whole area around the airport where he was standing.

A Wien Air Alaska pilot flying over the Takhini Hot Springs area, bringing in a group of hockey players, also reported seeing a flash of light above his plane. This was a little after midnight.

Several people in the Cowley Lake area on the Carcross Road are also said to have seen a bright flash of light that lit up the area on Thursday night.

Don Smith of Cowley Lake was in bed about 11 p.m. Wednesday when he saw a bright flash of light through the window.

Star reporter Andy Hume saw two bright flashes around 11 p.m. last Monday. He was in his home which overlooks the cliff at Takhini Trailer Court when he saw a bright light which lit up the sky for a second.

"It was almost like a strobe light—very brief and intense. It seemed to come from northwest of Grey Mountain, but I couldn't really pinpoint any one source of the light."

Hume went outside to see if someone was out there with a light, but saw no one. The night was clear. He turned to go into the house, and just then there was another flash of light which lit up the trailer court for an instant.

He waited outside for another 10 minutes to see if any he could see anything else, but nothing happened.

Sightings of flashes or objects seem to fall into a triangular area bounded by Carcross, Kusawa Lake and Fox Lake.

WHITEHORSE STAR, YUKON
*****JAN. 7, 1977*****

More UFO sightings have been reported, this time on the 60 Mile Highway north of Dawson City by two Cassiar truck drivers.

The drivers were unavailable for comment on the sighting as was George Ford of Dawson, who apparently picked up the radio call from the truck drivers on his CB radio Wednesday night.

Meanwhile in, an interview with KCRW radio, Dr. A.G. McNamara from the National Research Council (NRC) aerial phenomenon division said the rash of sightings in Yukon recently is probably due to meteorite activity in the area and the prominent location of two bright planets.

McNamara said meteor showers are common at this time of year and also suggested that two planets are very prominent in the sky during December and January.

He said the planets can look very bright and might seem very close because distance in space is hard to determine. Meteors too, he said, can appear very close when actually they can be hundreds of miles away.

He said the sightings by ambulance attendants Tom Banks and Ken Schofield two weeks ago appear to fit the characteristics of the planet Venus. McNamara suggested that because the planet is so bright and distance is hard to determine, the planet can actually appear to be moving in the sky if viewed from a moving vehicle.

The sighting of a bright flash of light in the sky by an airplane pilot last week sounds like meteorite activity, McNamara said.

He said sightings such as have been seen in Yukon recently are common, but that the NRC keeps tabs on all reported UFO sightings across the country.

In successive months, OUI has published articles on weird cattle mutilations, strange big birds in Texas and UFO infighting. At first, I was amazed to find these articles in OUI, as the magazine seems an unorthodox forum for this unorthodox area of study. I must admit, however, that I'm pleased with the way OUI has granted fine writer-researchers free rein to develop their subjects and their conclusions.

I am one of the directors of Vestigia, an organization of scientists and lay people dedicated to the serious study of Fortean phenomena. The term Fortean, by the way, derives from the name of Charles Fort, a pioneer investigator into tangible unknowns of the Twenties and Thirties. The term now refers to events and phenomena that are unexplained by conventional science; it does not, however, refer to spiritual or occult phenomena. At present, we are engaged in active field investigations of evidence that indicates that Bigfoot creatures may inhabit the forested regions of New Jersey. We are also involved in investigating reports of UFO incidents, some of which might possibly be related to Bigfoot activities. We even have reports of giant birds; the Brownsville Bird of Texas may have relatives on the East Coast!

CHARLES WIEDEMANN
Hackettstown, New Jersey

Earth shook ... but why?

COBOURG (CP) — A tremor wakened residents in the Cobourg area early yesterday, but its cause is a mystery.

The tremor was felt in an area bounded by Lake Ontario, the community of Omemee about 30 miles north of here, Millbrook about 15 miles west of here and Grafton, about 10 miles to the east.

"My bed was vibrating and that's what woke me up," one woman said. The tremor rattled windows and stove fires in Gore's Landing.

Area military and civilian airports say it was not a sonic boom because no supersonic jets were in the area and seismologists in

Ottawa recorded no earthquakes. Weather officials say it wasn't a storm because skies were clear and winds low. Fire and police departments were notified of any explosions.

No damage was caused by the disturbance, which appeared to be centered around nearby Rice Lake.

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'SCARY EXPERIENCE'

Mysterious hovering light observed by Yscloskey men

"It was the brightest light I've ever seen. It was a round globe, about 15 feet in diameter, and it was hovering about 75 feet off the ground."

That's how Erwin Menesses of Yscloskey described what he and Robert Melerine, two off-duty firemen, witnessed last Friday night while in their boat on the Dyke Canal near the Yscloskey Fire Station and the Shell Oil Gas Processing Plant.

"It was about 8:45 p.m. when we first spotted it," said Menesses. "It just seemed to appear out of nowhere. It moved over us and just hovered — it

must have followed us for about two miles or so."

"It made no wind and no noise — and it was bigger, brighter, and warmer than any spotlight I've ever seen.

"After that it went over the Fire Station about 9:15 p.m. and just stayed there for about 30 minutes. Finally it moved over to the Shell Oil Plant for awhile and then it went off as quickly as it came."

Afterwards, he and Melerine went directly home. "My wife didn't believe it at first," said Menesses, "and I'm still pretty shook up over it. I'm not a

scary man, but that sure was a scary experience."

Upon talking to others about the occurrence, Menesses learned that many people in Yscloskey have seen the same thing.

"Many don't want to admit it," he said, "because when you talk about it people think you're crazy, but I know we're not crazy. A few of the firemen at the station said they saw it after we left."

To prove it did exist, Menesses returned the next night to the canal and sat in his car waiting. Nothing

appeared.

"I used to laugh at others when they said they saw strange things like that," Menesses said, "but when you see something with your own eyes, you've got to believe it."

Asked if it might be swamp gas, Menesses said it definitely was not because he had seen those before.

When asked what he thought the bright flying object might be, Menesses said: "I have no idea. I'd give anything to find out. All I know is this, it was something that shouldn't have been there."

EVERETT HERALD-WA.
JAN. 14, 1977

Did they really see a UFO

It was 9 p.m. on Oct. 18. Ann Gates had just settled down to watch television when she heard the knocking on her front door.

The night was dark, and her husband, Bob, was outside working on his car. Ann debated whether or not she should answer.

But the knocking persisted, so she opened the door and found her next-door neighbor, Diane Gregory, standing on the front porch, clutching her five-year-old daughter in her arms and asking to come in.

"Is something the matter with the child?" Ann asked.

"No, there's something outside," Mrs. Gregory said. "It's out the back door now, by your back porch."

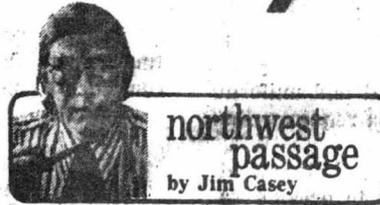
Ann ran to the rear of her house at 1928 McDougall in Everett, stood on the tiny platform at the head of the back stairs and looked into the sky. This is what she says she saw:

Above the Prairie Market parking lot, 100 to 150 feet in the air, hovered a huge disk which looked like the crown of the Space Needle.

Soundless, it hung there, slowly turning on its axis. From "several tiers" of windows flashed yellow, red and blue lights.

The object had a silvery appearance, like brushed chrome. It was seamless, without noticeable joints or rivets. From its bottom, a short chute or ladder pointed at a 45-degree angle toward the ground.

"I didn't expect to see anything so



big," Ann recalls, estimating that the object was 200 feet in diameter. "It almost had a hypnotizing effect. It gave me the impression it might land."

Mrs. Gregory said she, too, had been watching television, sitting by her front window, when she saw the lights flashing outside. She said she stared at it for perhaps five minutes before becoming frightened and going next door to the Gates.

Ann called her husband, who scrambled out from under his car. By the time he could see it, the object had moved south to a spot he says was over Broadway and Hewitt.

In the meantime, Ann ducked back into the house and fetched binoculars and an Instamatic-style camera, loaded with color film. In what she says was the next 15 minutes before the object disappeared, she photographed it four times.

"We thought we should call someone, but we didn't know who to call," Ann says. She telephoned the Herfy's restaurant at 2030 Broadway in hopes that someone there had seen the object, but the line was busy.

Mrs. Gregory says she called radio station KQWZ and was ridiculed by whoever answered the phone. Ann

called station KRKO. "They tried to tell me it was swamp gas," she says.

A half-hour after the sighting, she called Paine Field, where a woman took her description of the object and promised to call back. Ann says she never did.

Ann, who lived in England until coming to this country four years ago, lived adjacent to the British Rolls Royce jet plant and says she is familiar with all kinds of aircraft, including helicopters and vertical take-off and landing planes. She says none of them fits the object's description.

She also says she had never seen an unidentified flying object before and had never studied the subject of UFOs. "I didn't want to see one," she says. "I thought I would be scared."

Mrs. Gregory, her nerves still shaken, stayed with the Gateses until midnight. Ann went to work the next day at Everett General Hospital, where she is a surgical nurse.

She told her co-workers about the object. Some laughed at her, others were afraid, a few expressed deep interest. For the time being, Ann decided to forget about the sighting.

But on Oct. 25 and 27, "Northwest Passage" printed interviews with nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, a lecturer who claims UFOs from other planets have visited Earth. One of the physicians at Everett General, Dr. Raymond Wetstone, insist-

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Petersham Couple Sees Something Up There In Night Sky

PETERSHAM — Another sighting of a strange object in the sky was reported today. This one came from Paul LaPointe who lives on Phillipston road, approximately a half-mile from the town line.

He said that he and his wife saw the object Wednesday night. He described it as having an orange glow with two bright white lights. He observed the object for approximately one-two minutes before it passed from view, traveling from east to west in the direction of New Salem.

A mounting number of area residents have reported similar sightings in the past several weeks.

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Roane Residents Report UFO

By RICHARD L. DAVIS
Times Correspondent

ROCKWOOD, Tenn. — A brilliantly lighted unidentified flying object (UFO) reportedly hovered over this Roane County community about midnight Monday before "going straight up" and disappearing in the direction of Loudon.

Police dispatcher Earl Long reported to the Roane County sheriff's department that he spotted the round object, which was illuminated by flashing red, white and blue lights around a constant "very bright light in the center" at an altitude he estimated to be about 1,600 feet. He said the strange object hovered briefly over Rockwood before rising vertically at a high rate of speed and then moving off in a northeasterly direction toward Loudon.

The UFO was reportedly seen by persons in Jefferson, Hamblen, Loudon and Sevier counties.

Jefferson City police said the "thing" hovered over the community at an estimated to 1,500 feet and then shot straight up to what they estimated to be 10,000 feet.

In Loudon, some nervous individuals were reported to have suspected the UFO of being responsible for a temporary interruption of telephone service in the area.

It was later discovered, however, the telephone breakdown had been caused by vandals.

The Weather Bureau office at McGhee-Tyson Airport in Knoxville said to their knowledge there were no weather balloons or aircraft in the area at the time of the incident.

that dark October night?



Ann Gates

Saw a disk



Diane Gregory

Flashing lights

ed that Ann call Friedman in California at his expense. She did, and Friedman subsequently called me.

I interviewed Ann, her husband and Mrs. Gregory on Dec. 29. Ann gave me the unopened cartridge of film from her camera and a model of the object she had made from clay. "I didn't want to forget it," she said. "This isn't exactly like it. It's too fat."

I called Philip J. Klass, an editor for "Aviation Week and Space Technology" magazine in Washington, D.C., the author of "UFOs Identified" and "UFOs Explained" and the nation's leading debunker of UFO reports.

Klass told me it was nearly impossible to estimate the size of an object in the sky, that the Gateses might have been an astronomical phenomenon, a weather balloon or even an

airplane or helicopter if the wind blew its sound away from them.

In the meantime, Staff Writer Doug Cooley called aviation agencies around Puget Sound to ask if they had an aircraft over Everett at about 9 p.m. Oct. 18 and if they had received reports of any unusual phenomena.

Paine Field, the 92nd Aviation Co. of the Army Reserve, the Army helicopter squadron at Ft. Lewis, the Navy air station on Whidbey Island and the Sea-Tac tower all answered no.

It was a 1,000-to-1 shot that Ann's simple camera, loaded with slow-speed film, could photograph a distant object in the night sky. When developed, the negatives showed nothing.

Did Ann and Bob Gates see a UFO, a spacecraft from another planet? That, reader, is for you to decide.

But the Gateses are sure of it.

"Everything about it was so abnormal from our technology," Ann says. "Whatever made this was very intelligent. Perhaps it was on some kind of reconnaissance trip. It definitely wasn't something we made. It put you very much in mind of these silly, dumb TV programs."

And, as Bob puts it, "If people scoff, they scoff. I know what I saw."

(Northwest Passage appears Monday, Wednesday and Friday.)

UFO investigator awaits your call

UFO sleuth Tom Grey is not happy.

"I wish people would call us when they see something strange in the sky," he complained last night.

Saturday night, John Walton and six of his Hurontario Street neighbors saw a "thing" in the sky over the Credit River.

Last Wednesday, a description of the same type of "white light, flashing on and off in the sky" was called in from Agincourt, said Grey, who calls himself a "UFO field investigator."

"The sooner we get a tip-off as to what is happening, the sooner we can get there."

Grey, a 35-year-old

Mississauga garbage man, feels Toronto is in for a "rash" of sightings in the next three months.

"Usually in January, February and March, all hell breaks loose."

He can't explain why UFOs are seasonal, but remains a firm believer.

"If they are kooks reporting, why aren't they reporting in the warmer months?"

Grey, who is one of three UFO detectives in the city, takes binoculars and a polaroid camera to the scene of all sightings.

He then mails his findings to an outfit in the U.S. called The Mutual UFO Network.

Grey's waiting for your call. He's at 970-7714.

Who's calling, please?

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI)

— A University of California scientist figures it's not necessary to leave earth to discover life in outer space.

Alvin Despain, associate professor of computer science, is waiting for a call from whoever is out there in

the universe.

Despain, 38, is taking part in a project by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to discover extra-terrestrial life. Despain's assignment is to build a computer that will sort and analyse radio beams bouncing around the atmosphere.

The theory is that the easiest and cheapest form of communication would be a radio beam.

He and other NASA scientists believe a beacon will eventually arrive from another world, bringing a message from other intelligent life.

His team assumes the message will be in code, with the key deriving from mathematical or physics principles they believe are constant throughout the universe.

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UFO's on nuclear waste site

****THE EVENING BULLETIN****
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Ottawa notebook

OTTAWA — A constituent wrote Tory MP Jack Ellis to say she'd seen a UFO over his eastern Ontario riding of Hastings and that it must have something to do with a "government plot" to dump nuclear wastes in the country.

There are indeed discussions going on about a

dumping site for nuclear wastes north of Highway 7 near its junction with Highway 37 — about 130 miles east of Metro.

Not all reactions are as extreme as the saucer-spot-

ter's, but local residents, Ellis says, have "strong fears" about the plan. On Wednesday, more than 300 of them met in Madoc to form an association to fight it.

The MP himself says he's not yet persuaded it's a good idea. He's announced a public meeting for March 16 in Madoc where Atomic Energy of Canada officials will explain what it's all about.

But the issue poses a dilemma for Ellis, concerned about lack of job opportunities in the area and believes that the project could benefit the community by more than \$50 million.

The waste material — from nuclear generating plants like Pickering would be packed into zirconium tubes, surrounded by lead, and cemented into holes drilled into what is now a ski hill.

Scientists would then keep a watch over the mound of material which, Ellis says, would remain radioactive for "at least 100,000 years."

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Flying low...

WELLINGTON:

The world's first underground flight will be attempted soon by a leading New Zealand balloonist, Sqn-Leader Roly Parsons.

Sqn-Leader Parsons plans to make the attempt in New Zealand's biggest cave, near Te Kuiti in the central North Island.

He hopes to fly for about an hour at an altitude of three metres in the 370-metre-long, 30-metre-high cave.

The flight will be mainly for research.

After an unsuccessful attempt to fly his balloon in high humidity in Fiji last year, Sqn-Leader Parsons wants to calibrate his craft's instruments in the cave's humid atmosphere.—AAP.

URI man thinks we'll hear from somebody out there

By TONY LIOCE
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

Howard Smukler spends most of his time reading letters from people who think they have seen — or who think they are — spacemen.

"Hundreds of letters," says the young coordinator of occult studies at the University of Rhode Island Extension School, "from nuts."

"There's a man in Houston who thinks he's from Uranus. He writes me regularly. It's classic schizophrenia, I guess. These people can't relate to anything on earth, so they start believing that they're from someplace else.

"But just think. If even one of these letters is real... You can't get a feeling for how important these letters are unless you realize that one of them just might be real."

Howard believes the chances are excellent that we are not the only people in the universe. He thinks it's just a matter of time until somebody from someplace else attempts to communicate with us down here.

So, at the URI Extension, he reads every letter he gets.

He also studies the "flying saucer fragments" that people send him. The Extension is one of the very few places in the country where "fragments" are subjected to serious, scientific analysis, largely because of Howard's efforts.

"Take this one," he says, pulling a Bayer aspirin bottle from his workshirt pocket and dump-

ing out a small piece of something shiny. "We got this from a man and his son in California. They said they saw something flash through the sky and land in the woods.

"They got to the spot where they thought it had landed, and they found this fragment. For the longest time, we couldn't figure out what it was. We had metallurgists study it, and geologists who tested it with acids. I even gave it to some local psychics to see what kind of impressions they got from it.

"Finally, we tested it with X-ray defractions. Only then did we realize what it really is — iron pyrite. Fool's gold. Apparently, all the guy and his son saw was a meteor.

"But still, it could have been the real thing, right?"

Howard says the URI Extension is providing a real service by examining the fragments. "There are very few places where such studies are going on," he says. "We're about the only one on the whole East Coast.

"You can send fragments to the Air Force, of course, but they would never get back to you with any of their study results. So it's up to the academic community to examine the fragments and report the findings.

"Again, it's possible that one might just be an extra-terrestrial object. And as long as that possibility exists, we can't afford to ignore these things."

Howard thinks it's quite plau-

sible that extra-terrestrial beings would attempt to communicate with the people he gets letters and fragments from — the "Jim Smiths" of this world who live in bungalows and drive station wagons to jobs in factories.

"I don't think they'd try to communicate to scientists or government officials," he says. "If they're evolved enough for space travel, they'd probably be scared to death by the things they see the government doing.

"Especially if they're from a passive place, can you imagine their reaction to something like Vietnam? I think they'd try to make contact with somebody 'unofficial.'

"And I think it's just a matter of time until they do decide to make that contact. I think that, right now, they're just waiting until the time is right.

"A few years ago, only about 30 percent of the people believed in UFOs (unidentified flying objects). Now, it's up to 51 percent, with 11 percent actually claiming to have seen them.

"In a few years, a lot more people will believe, and the pressure will build. It'll be like the Kennedy assassination — people will want answers. They'll be receptive to anyone who can provide those answers.

"And that, I think, is when whoever's out there will come down.

"Until then, we've got to wait, and watch and check out every possible clue."



SAY SAUCER LANDED ON ROOF OF HOME ...

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Express photo by Gilles Lafrance

A witness points towards the area where the UFO left traces in the melted snow

An unidentified flying object was seen by numerous people flying over the City of Montreal late Wednesday evening and early Thursday morning of the past week.

Mrs. Florida Malboeuf, of 6420 Casgrain, says she saw the object, shaped like an oyster and measuring about 15 feet across, appear in the sky in front of her, hover over the roof of a neighboring three-storey building, then disappear.

Thinking that someone was trying to trick her with a fake flying saucer, Mrs. Malboeuf didn't at first report the incident to the police. However, a short time later her son,

the neighboring house was surprised to discover that a 15-foot circle of snow had been melted away.

When she heard this Mrs. Malboeuf called Dorval Airport where she learned three other people from her neighborhood had also reported seeing a flying saucer.

The sighting was forwarded to the Canadian Army base at North Bay and to a UFO information-gathering center in Colorado Springs.

The photograph included with this article shows the roof of the house where the melted snow is still evident in spite of the weather conditions that have existed since



Express photo by Normand Pichette

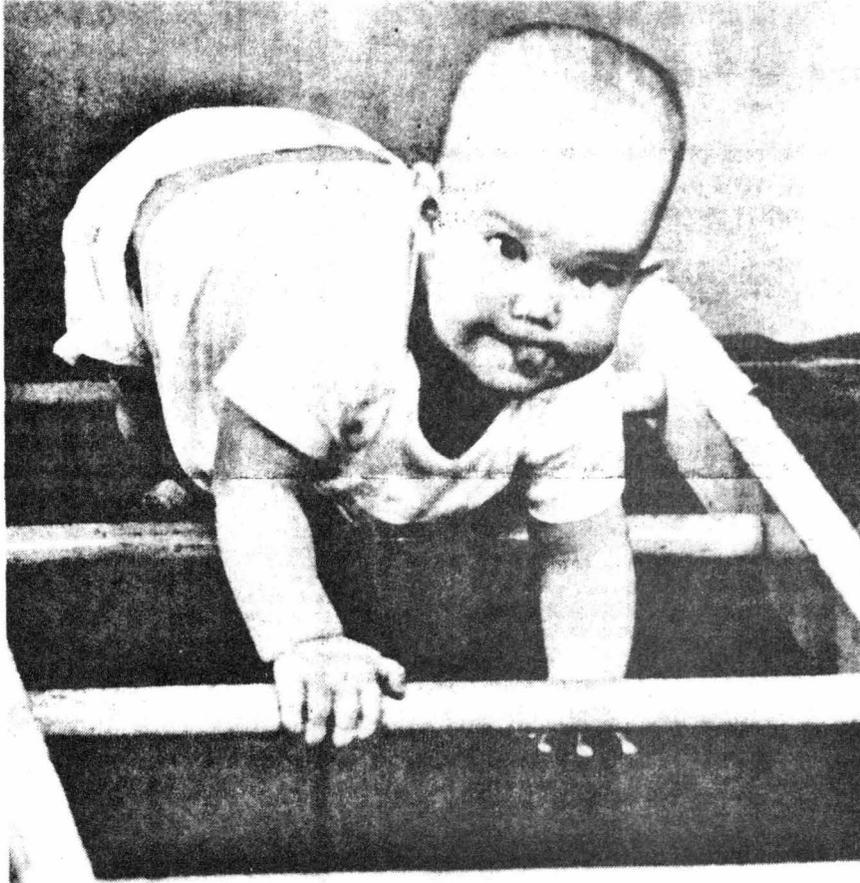
From this window Mrs Florida Malboeuf saw an UFO land on the roof of the building across the street.

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UFOs Get Priority

MEXICO CITY — President Carter has seen flying saucers himself, and his administration will give a high priority to studying the phenomenon, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration technician said here Sunday.

The NASA technician, Allen Hynek, is in Mexico to take part in planning for the first International Congress on Unidentified Flying Objects, to be held in Acapulco next April.

AUSTRIAN WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO A 14-LB. BABY—



CLAIMS ITS FATHER WAS A MARTIAN—SCIENTISTS SCOFF!

Frau Hannah Morgenfeld in Kiernantz, Austria, a small town in the high Tyrol Alps, gave birth recently to a healthy, 14 lb. daughter. According to local reports, Frau Morgenfeld claims that the baby's father is "A Martian!"

According to doctors who examined the child, there is definitely something "different" about the baby.

"Although it is only slightly larger than a normal sized child, its weight per cubic inch is fantastically heavy. The flesh seems to weigh about three times what a human's flesh would be expected to weigh. In addition, X-rays show that its lungs are different. The infant has three lungs, instead of two,

each one slightly smaller in size than an ordinary child's, but containing almost twice the interior surface area. It is as if it were specifically designed to breathe extremely rarified air."

Air on Mars contains only a tiny fraction of the oxygen that Earth has in its atmosphere.

The mother states that eight months ago she was attacked by a "funny shaped creature."

"It seized me when I was out in a lonely area on the mountain," she announced. "It was so strong, I couldn't hope to struggle. Afterwards, it told me that it was a Martian, stranded on earth when its Flying Saucer was wrecked and destroyed. It claimed to

be the only survivor of the accident."

She described the creature as being about four feet high, with tremendous arms and legs "short but very powerful" and a head like "a bowling ball."

"It had no hair at all on its body. Its eyes were black and seemed to flash fire. In other ways, the ways that count, it was just like a human being. It had no funny antennas on its head like you see in magazine drawings of Martians."

She said that it told her its name. "It was funny. I can remember it roughly, but I can't pronounce it. It sounded something like Cruchy Grazhingluffel. But that's nowhere what he said. It's just beyond my ability to repeat properly."

Scientists in Vienna scoff at the entire story. "She's pulling a fast one on somebody," Professor Liutpold Kramer told reporters. "There are no Martians. All scientific evidence proves there is no life on Mars. And even if there were, it would be so simple—one called creatures at best—that couldn't possibly build a flying saucer or any other such device. It's a fraud, from beginning to end."

Other authorities speculated that Frau Morgenfeld was looking for some free publicity with "an outlandish story."

Neighbors of Frau Morgenfeld were equally doubtful. "It's a great story to tell her husband," one woman sneered. "How else could she explain the baby to him!"

"If there was a Martian on the mountain, someone else would have seen him. There's no trace of anyone—no tracks in the snow, no sign of food stolen or shelter broken into. It gets cold on the mountain."

"It's colder on Mars," Frau Morgenfeld replied. "The weather wouldn't bother him. As for food, he doesn't eat ordinary human type food. I don't know what his diet is, but it's something that researchers didn't even recognize."

Regardless of the argument that is raging in the Tyrol, one thing is certain. The baby exists. And it is different enough from normal human infants to demonstrate that it is just faintly possible that the story could be true.

So attention, Martian, wherever you may be. If you ever read this, you can be sure that our leaders are waiting. All you have to do is ask!



STAFF PHOTO BY DEAN MUSSER JR.

Kathy Squadrito

She won't laugh at UFO reports

By KATHY HOCH

Kathy Squadrito, an assistant professor in philosophy at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, doesn't think people who report seeing Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are foolish — even if the sightings are later found to be cloud formations or pranksters parading about in aluminum foil.

"Ten years ago people were fired from their jobs if they told anybody they saw something strange in the sky," said Ms. Squadrito, who is on the board of consultants of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) based in California.

"What they were doing was being honest about what they saw and got their throats cut for it. I think it's horrible."

She first became interested in UFOs eight years ago and for awhile "came to the conclusion it was a bunch of rubbish" — until she saw something strange in the sky for herself.

Now she investigates sightings in the Fort Wayne area and is offering a course through the university's Continuing Education Series about UFOs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays from April 11 to June 13.

"It's a sideline for me," she said, "but I'm very serious about it."

"Nationwide six organizations investigate sightings. They get about 4,000 reports a year of which 10 per cent turn out to be hoaxes. Seventy per cent are ultimately identified as natural phenomena — cloud formations and reflections, things like that.

"But there are 20 per cent left over that cannot be explained by scientists."

When she is investigating a sighting, she said, people often are defensive. After being confronted with a four-page questionnaire that asks detailed measurements of distances, she said, they are a bit frustrated.

"But APRO needs the data to investigate the sighting," she said.

The first thing she does is check with the weather bureau to see if any weather balloons were in the area and examine the physical fea-

"Some people are relieved when you go back and tell them it was a cloud formation or a reflection," she said. "It's a relief that they weren't seeing things."

She admitted to being a trifle disappointed that she hasn't investigated a "good" sighting in the four years she's lived in Fort Wayne.

"By 'good' I mean the object was seen by one or more people and perhaps there were pictures or something like that. There has to be evidence we can use for an investigation," she said. "When I say the sightings in Fort Wayne were 'bad,' I don't mean the people who saw them weren't reliable — I just mean there wasn't enough evidence to go on."

Because of her philosophy background, she said, she tends to be open-minded about sightings.

Although she is convinced "there is something out there," she said, "I am one of the minority of APRO board members that believes perhaps they (UFOs) are not extra-terrestrial visitors."

Although scientists say there are at least 10 million planets in the galaxy that could support life, she said, the problems inherent in space travel are so complex she thinks it's unlikely so many sightings are extra-terrestrial spacecraft.

When she offered the UFO course for credit recently, she said, some of the students were dismayed that she didn't completely subscribe to the theory that UFOs were visitors from outer space.

"They wanted the hypothesis (that UFOs were from outer space) to be true so much that the discussions got very emotional.

"I certainly don't rule out the possibility that they are extra-terrestrial, but they could be something even wilder."

She said she intends to discuss the possibility that the UFOs have something to do with aeroforms, a term scientists have coined for biological forms that exist in space.

There is no proof that these aeroforms — or "critters" as they are affectionately called by the scientists — really exist, but the theory hasn't been disproved, either, she said.

She also has admitted the theory that the UFOs could be laser projections from a planet that has an advanced technology and is beaming lights or pictures to this planet in an effort to establish communication.

"This would explain how they can appear and disappear quickly as some of the sightings report," she said.

The course will also explore the theories of Carl Jung, who has written about the psychological aspects of the sightings.

She said she knows of APRO investigations in which scientists and doctors examined persons who suffered damaged scar tissue, burns and temporary paralysis when confronted from some of these apparitions.

"It's a fascinating study," she said. "UFO investigation crosses all disciplines — science, biology, astronomy, psychology and philosophy."

It has its handicaps, however.

"I've had to have my telephone number changed four times," she complained. "People find out I'm connected with APRO and make crank calls."

"One man called me at 4 a.m. to tell me he was from Mars and was visiting here in his spaceship. Finally I told him to get back into his spaceship and go home — I wanted to go back to sleep."

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Was light a UFO?

"Oops it's gone . . . no, there it is, moving up. Now it's moving down. Now it's moving sideways, still going, going, going . . ."

That's John Walton's eyewitness account, as he talked with the Sun on the telephone last night, of the antics of a strange "thing" he and six Hurontario Street neighbors saw in the sky over the Credit River.

Walton said one of his

neighbors called him to come look at the "UFO" and when he went out into his front yard, there it was — "a white light, flashing on and off in the sky."

Walton said he couldn't tell what shape it was "because it's too high up and I don't have strong enough binoculars, but we all saw it — we're still seeing it."

"There it goes . . . up . . . up . . . still going . . ."

What to do until little green men arrive

I don't believe in flying saucers, otherwise known as Unidentified Flying Object (or UFOs, for short.)

I don't believe in them because I have never seen one, and I have talked to too many people who have.

These conversations took place in the early 1950s when almost everyone, it seems, saw a flying saucer and thought they had to call the newspaper about it.

Sightings made daily headlines. When no one in the local area came through, we could turn to the news wire to sample the scenery from elsewhere.

Our editor finally tired and wrote an editorial saying that no more such stories would appear in his newspaper until a little green man popped into the news room to say hello to him personally.

The editorial appeared on a Thursday.

On Friday, the news services drew attention to it in stories that made the national wires, meaning that some version of it was relayed to every newspaper in the country.

I had the duty that weekend and I spent most of my time at the office or at home answering telephone calls from news outlets that wanted to elaborate on the editorial, defending it or just explaining it, which was difficult.

The editor had left instructions not to use any more stories of flying saucers before he left on a weekend fishing trip, but I wasn't aware of the editorial until it appeared in the newspaper.

A neat stack of telegrams commenting on the state of his mind, some pro, some con, were on my desk Monday morning, and I took them to him when he arrived,

congratulated him on the amount of attention he had brought to the newspaper, and told him of a few of funnier responses that had come in via the telephone.

"Close the door," he said, looking around rather wildly. I complied and when I turned back to him, he whispered, "You're not going to believe this, but in driving back home last night I think I saw one of the damned things.

"I thought they might be after me."

It took awhile to get him settled down, part of the process being derisive laughter by the entire staff and an end of the day visit to a strategically located bar.

In view of the attention given our newspaper's stand on UFO's (it is quoted — derisively — in one of the early books on the subject) we took the position that we said it, and that we were glad, vowing that

we would not change our minds until the aforementioned little green men put in an appearance.

I'm happy to report that they never have. I would be even happier if Sherman J. Larsen of Evanston wasn't sabbing for them.

Larsen is president of the Center for UFO Study which headquarters at Evanston, Ill., and this is an international organization supported by some very distinguished persons.

Larsen was in Elgin Tuesday to speak to the Kiwanis Club, and two things can be said about that session: Larsen is deadly serious about UFO research, and, even without humor, thoughts of UFOs do hold an audience's attention.

The study center, he reported, has trained volunteers all around the world

ready, willing and able to look into reports of UFO sightings even though they know 99 per cent of these will be explainable and not extraordinary.

"The ones we really go after," he said, "are those in which there are multiple witnesses, marks of a landing (or lift-off) and in which beings of some kind have been seen." (He says "there are many of these...")

The study center, he says, has evidence of the UFO existence "that would stand in a court of law."

"But," he adds, "you're branded as a flake in a court or elsewhere for reporting something that no one wants to believe."

The study center, Larsen says, has cataloged 70,000 UFO sightings from all parts of the world over years extending back to 1900, and it has 20,000 other cases

now being worked on for possible inclusion in the listing.

A brochure that Larsen distributes notes that 15 million Americans claim they have seen UFOs; 100 million believe they do exist; hundreds of reports on such sightings come in each day from all over the world; that scientists, policemen, commercial and military pilots, "even aborigines, living continents and light years from us culturally," have described identical UFO sightings and experiences.

So there you are folks the UFOs are with us yet. A rash of new appearances is forecast this year, mostly over Russia.

You can believe as you wish. Me? I'm headed back to that strategically located bar.

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Is Orange Glow a UFO?

PHILLIPSTON, Mass. (UPI) — An eerie, orange glow reportedly returned to the skies near this central Massachusetts community over the weekend — three weeks after an orange fireball was sighted in a swampy, wooded area near here.

Authorities said the latest sightings included reports of "hovering objects." Lights and objects were sighted by people in Phillipston, Athol and Winchendon, police said.

"I don't believe in UFO's. But for the last three or four days the calls have been coming in," an Athol policeman said Monday. "Somebody's been seeing things. But I won't know what they're seeing."

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U.F.O. Fo Sho'

At 10:15 p.m., Jan. 6, looking out the window towards the South, I saw what appeared to be a great fire-works display dying out and a couple seconds later this eerie blue greenish object appeared going toward the west at tremendous speed. Someone else must have seen this, especially in the shore area.

—Norm Rheiner

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Who's Digging Up The Moon?

By HARRY SCOTT

Alien beings have been discovered on the moon, say American scientists. MIDNIGHT has learned that their machines and workings can be seen in official photographs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration which are shown on this page.

And, says an American astronomer who has broken through official secrecy, it was to avoid a confrontation with the "beings" that the U.S. government suspended its moon exploration program.

Astronomer George H. Leonard, of Rockville, Md., says he was told by a space scientist who preferred to remain nameless, that "top people around the world" have been briefed about the aliens.

"What makes me pretty sure the moon is some form of UFO base is the markings on objects observed there," Leonard told MIDNIGHT. "They are similar to the markings on a landed UFO seen by a New Mexico police officer."

Leonard, 54, an amateur astronomer who retired as a public health official in 1973, spent years fighting official secrecy, studying thousands of official photographs and talking with scientists and space agency officials.

He has now put the evidence into a book, "Somebody Else is on the Moon," published by David McKay.

With official photos and his own drawings, he shows and describes the alien activity, which includes the leveling of crater walls clean out to the ground by giant machines, huge vehicles crossing the surface, and digging operations inside a crater where the soil, or sand, has been sprayed outside in gigantic arcs.

"No, I do NOT know who they are, where they come from or precisely what their purpose is," Leonard said. "But I DO know the government is suppressing the discovery from the

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American people."

He quotes a former NASA scientist who told him that, two years ago, top scientists from several countries met in England to discuss the discovery of alien activity on the moon.

"A lot of people at the top are scared," the scientist told him. "One set of pictures, in one area alone, was enough to bring about secret briefings of top people around the world."

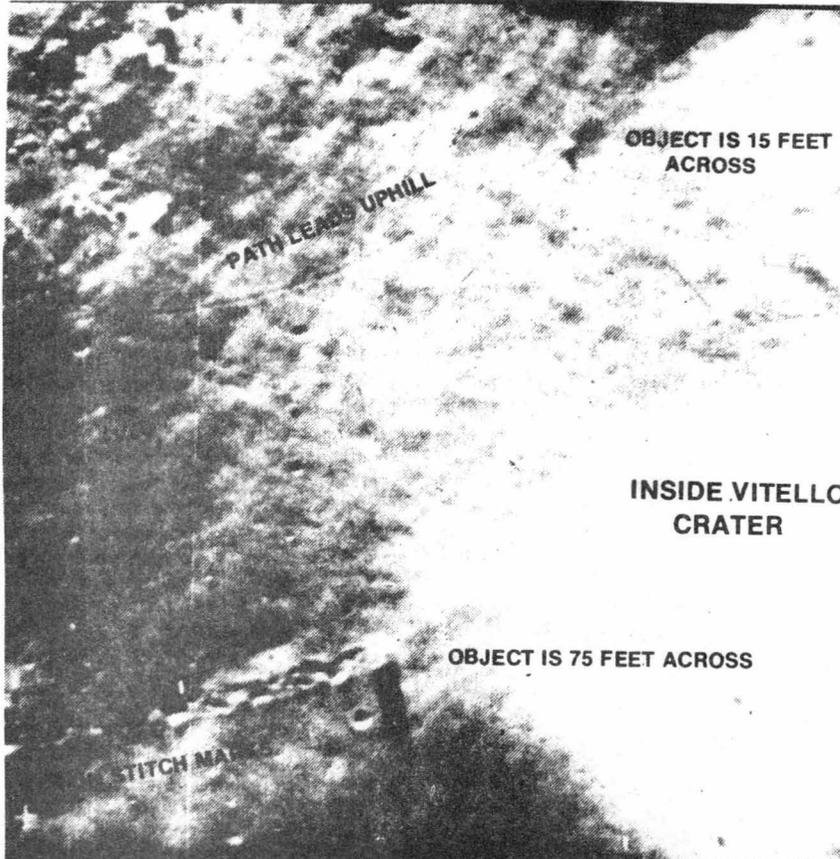
No American astronaut landed near the alien workings, and no beings have been seen in the photographs, Leonard observed.

Leonard believes they live underground while mining the surface, possibly to extract elements necessary for whatever plan they have. Seismic instruments, left on the moon to record moonquakes, show rumblings in certain areas over long periods. He believes these are the reverberations of underground work.

An alien device, Leonard says, scattered all over the moon is what he calls an "X-drone," a machine at least a mile long that works on the crater rim.

One blown-up NASA photo shows a crater whose edges appear to have been carved away in a clockwise fashion. On the uncut section of the rim are Leonard's X-drones.

"At a meeting with one NASA scientist, it was ad-



THE LUNAR ORBITER V spacecraft took this photo in August, 1967. It shows tracks of moving objects inside the crater Vitello in the Mare Humorum. NASA claims the tracks were made by boulders rolling downhill. Leonard says the larger tracks are those of a mechanical vehicle, and that the smaller track at the top is going UPHILL, not downhill.

mitted that the space agency knew of the digging and 'spraying' operations inside moon craters," he said.

Leonard says he has seen official photos, showing moon activity, which are not available to the American public. Not only does the government know about the moon creatures, he says, he believes NASA turned its attention from the moon to Mars and Venus to see if anything could be discovered about the aliens' origins.

"NASA is simply lying to the American public about UFOs," he said.

Leonard can only speculate what the aliens on the moon are up to. He feels that overpopulation of the earth will bring famine, disease and wars that will eventually kill us off.

"Are they biding their time on the moon," he wonders. "waiting to take over after our ultimate catastrophe?"

No More Secrecy About UFOs?

SIoux FALLS ARGUS-LEADER
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Under the administration of President Jimmy Carter will the government tell us more about unidentified flying objects than we've been told thus far?

In the light of what Carter himself has said on the subject, there's a chance that whatever official secrecy has surrounded the UFO mystery will come to an end.

In an interview with the National Enquirer in the spring of 1976 Carter said, "I am convinced that UFOs exist because I have seen one.... If I become president I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists."

His personal experience with a sighting was reported in an article published in the

Atlanta Constitution late in 1975.

Hopes that the nation's 39th president will keep his promise are supported by something more than his reputation for personal integrity. Himself a respected scientist, a recognized nuclear physicist, he has been termed the "most scientifically aware of all the U.S. presidents in history." He possesses the objectivity essential to forthright dealings with all scientific matters. People with his credentials aren't earthbound in their thinking and they aren't in the habit of making hasty judgments.

May the candor promised in regard to UFOs be forthcoming from all areas of the government!

ATHOL DAILY NEWS-MASS.
*****JAN 10, 1977*****

Reports Of Strange Lights In Night Sky Continue

The list of persons spotting strange lights in the evening sky continues to grow with another report Sunday from an Athol resident who witnessed an orange glow in the heavens for more than an hour.

Robert Brackett and his 14-

year-old son, Charles, of Highland street, reported to Athol Police Sunday at 6:15 p.m. an orange light hovering over the Bearsden road area. Brackett said the light moved up and down sometimes disappearing below the horizon and then turned a reddish color. His son said today the light was bigger than a star and seemed to come from the Phillipston area. They described the light as disc-like and about the size of a quarter moon.

Athol Police Lt. Paul Grits said today no cruiser was dispatched to check on Brackett's report. Grits said he received two phone calls around 8:30 p.m. Saturday reporting a strange orange light in the sky. Identity of the callers was not logged Grits said and no police action was taken.

State Police reported they received a call from Jeanette Waslaske of Brooks road Saturday at 6:15 p.m. who said

she saw two bright lights in the sky east of her home. Trooper Thomas Guilmette was dispatched and identified the lights as air planes flying towards Gardner.

Jack Jordan-Rutledge of Royalston said today he witnessed unusual lights in the sky Friday and Saturday night but speculated it was caused by planes flying with their landing lights on. He also reported spotting an orange glow in the sky in an area over Phillipston. He said it might have been caused by someone plowing snow while using high intensity lights.

An orange glow similar to that seen by Brackett and his son was logged by State Troopers Bernard LaJoie and Robert Hippler Dec. 20. At that time the troopers reported a glow on the horizon south of Phillipston which they speculated to be a house fire. Checks by more than 30 firefighters, state police and conservation officials using a helicopter failed to turn up any evidence and the occurrence still goes unexplained.

Last week reports of unusual lights in the sky were made by Mrs. William Miettinen of Royalston road, Phillipston, and Sally Severance and Helen Grits of Athol.

A UFO field investigator, Jules Vaillancourt of Ashburnham, checked out Mrs. Miettinen's sighting and believed it to be a planet.

Mrs. Severance and Mrs. Grits said they spotted a reddish glow in the sky moving in an erratic fashion while traveling through Phillipston, Jan. 3 and 4.

ATHOL DAILY NEWS CONT.

THE TORONTO SUN - CANADA
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'Flying missile' hits Sinc's car

Police investigating a dent in the windshield of radio commentator Gordon Sinclair's car are convinced it was caused by a flying missile—but not a bullet.

Sinclair, 74, said he was driving on Dundas Street West, near the Kingsway, when he heard a loud noise and saw the mark on the windshield. The glass wasn't broken on the inside.

He phoned police, "because it is the kind of thing you do when something like that happens."

Police looked the car over and said the missile was probably a rock picked up by another vehicle.

"They told me if I heard the noise inside the car, it wasn't the report of a gun," Sinclair said, "and I agreed with them."

Researcher Ponders UFO's 'Grand Scheme'

by JOHANNA EDWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO — UFOs make up a control system of human beliefs whose final goal may be to change society's collective behavior, speculates a UFO researcher.

Addressing a December IEEE meeting, here, Dr. Jacques Vallee added that part of UFOs' goal may also be to change mankind's concepts of the universe.

UFO sightings are unpredictable, but occur in waves, noted Dr. Vallee, an information scientist who holds degrees in both astrophysics and computer science.

"Roughly three-fourths of the UFO sightings can be explained," he remarked. But those that have not been explained are in the thousands.

Dr. Vallee has written 3 books, and more than 30 articles on UFOs, since he became interested in them after a series of sightings during 1954 in France.

He told the IEEE group about his current studies involving psychic changes undergone by people who claim to have had UFO contact.

Some, as a result of their supposed contact, now claim to be psychic. Others declare that they came away from their UFO experience with a new realization of the meaning of life.

Although each UFO sighting appears differently to the humans contacted, common traits have been found. These include the time of day and location of the contact.

Most reported sightings have been at night, and most have taken place in sparsely-populated areas away from cities.

Commenting on the sightings themselves, Dr. Vallee remarked, "There appears to be a parallel between UFO sighting and religious interpretations."

Similarities in the physical and psychological experiences have been reported.

Most commonly noted by contactees are loss of strength, unconsciousness, bright lights, mist, and unawareness of time.

Currently the U.S. government funds no projects on UFO phenomena. But Dr. Vallee worked from 1965-69 with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's scientific consultant on UFO reports.

Investigations under government money were ended after the negative report of the Condon Committee, a group financed by the Air Force to look into UFO sightings.

Others See 'Something' In Sky Over Phillipston

PHILLIPSTON — Adding to an earlier report of something strange in the evening sky over town, Sally Severance of Main street, Athol, said Thursday while driving through town both Monday and Tuesday evenings with Mrs. Helen Grits of Athol, they spotted a light in the sky moving in an erratic fashion.

Mrs. William L. Miettinen of Royalston road, reported Wednesday, what she termed a UFO (unidentified flying object) visible from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in clear weather over her home. She said both she, her husband and daughter have seen it and that Tuesday evening the strange orange fireball was joined by three smaller objects which appeared to be of the same composition.

Mrs. Severance said that while en route to Gardner Monday and Tuesday evenings she and Mrs. Grits spotted a reddish glowing light in the sky which they first believed to be an airplane. She said the light began to move in an erratic manner unlike the way a plane would fly. She said the light

moved back and forth and then headed off in the direction of Gardner.

Jules Vaillancourt of Ashburnham, a UFO field investigator for 15 years, associated with MUFON (Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network) witnessed the orange fireball over the Miettinen residence Wednesday evening and said it was "nothing out of the ordinary." He believes the orange light was a planet which he has not yet been able to check on his charts.

Vaillancourt said he was worried for a while when viewing the orange light describing how, after it went down below the horizon, three red lights were seen rising in the sky. He said the lights were later indentified as "probably" C-123 or C-130 tranport planes flying out of Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee. He said the information he gathered would be sent into the national clearing house for UFO citings and fed into a computer to correlate the facts with other reports.

Sparkling, Flashing Light In SE Sky Termed a Star

Auburn police were involved for a time Sunday night in ascertaining that a sparkling light in the sky seen by a West Auburn woman was not a UFO.

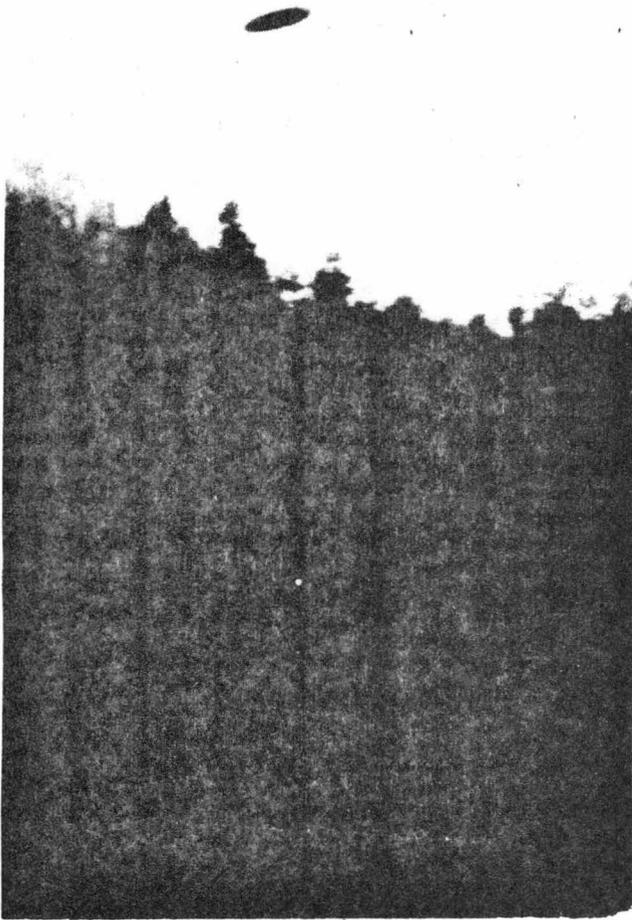
Sgt. Richard Keene said it was determined the light seen by his wife in a southeasterly direction was in fact a star and he recalled that about this same time a year ago there was a similar incident involving a star.

Last Thursday night there was a report from Lisbon by two boys who reported observing the same star.

The incident Sunday came around 10 a.m. when Mrs. Keene reported to her husband seeing

the light in the sky. Sgt. Keene dispatched Officer Larry Laprise to the Keene home to check and he reported back to the sergeant that indeed there was a spectacular light in the southeast sky. It was twinkling and showing different colors including red and green. It was really bright.

Sgt. Keene then recalled that just about a year ago in about the same spot in the sky there was the same bright colorful flashing light which was identified as a star and not a UFO. Sgt. Keene said he also observed the star and said it was exceptionally bright and flashing beautiful colors.



A UFO HOVERING over woods in back of Turners Falls High School. —Photo by Ween Molongoski.

TFHS students 'see something'

TURNERS FALLS — An "unidentified flying object" was sighted on the grounds of Turners Falls High School this week by two seniors.

John Kopinski and "Ween" Molongoski reported they had seen a saucer shaped object flying in the vicinity of the school. The object was reported at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday when Kopinski and Molongoski were taking scenery pictures.

The seniors claim they first saw a bright flash closely followed by a loud humming

noise. At this they looked up in the sky and spotted a UFO hovering overhead.

Molongoski quickly took a picture of the craft which was described as resembling a large trash can cover in flight.

It was revealed the two students had been assigned to do a project for a science fiction course and were particularly pleased when this unusual opportunity presented itself. The two also have a reputation for original and imaginative work in photography.

—By John Kopinski

That Glow in the Sky Spotted Once Again in Athol Area

ATHOL — The mysterious orange glow in the sky returned this weekend, as people in Athol and Phillipston reported sightings Saturday night and last night.

Many people, including two state troopers, reported a similar glow several weeks ago in a woody area between this town and Phillipston.

Last night Robert Brackett and his family, of Highland Street, saw the phenomenon for more than an hour.

Brackett and his son Charles said they saw a disc about the size of a quarter-moon, which was orange at first and then changed color to a shade of pink.

The disc was first over a wooded area of Phillipston, then appeared to move to the Beardsden section, they said.

Brackett, a "CB-er," said other people were talking about the disc on the radio.

The phenomenon appeared in the eastern part of the sky about 5 p.m. last night moved about for awhile, and then disappeared about 6:10 p.m.

State Police reported a similar sighting about 7 or 8 Saturday night.

And last night, one Athol policeman said: "There is something there, but what, who knows?"

After fireball, UFO sightings

PHILLIPSTON, Mass. (UPI) — An eerie, orange glow reportedly returned to the skies near this central Massachusetts community over the weekend — three weeks after an orange fireball was sighted in a swampy, wooded area near here.

Authorities said the latest sightings included reports of "hovering objects."

Lights and objects were sighted by people in Phillipston, Athol and Winchendon, police said.

"I don't believe in UFO's. But for the last three or four days the calls have been coming in," an Athol policeman said Monday. "Somebody's been seeing things. But I don't know what they're seeing."

Athol police said an orange glow in the sky was reported to them over the weekend. The person who spotted the

light said it was moving up and down in the sky, disappearing behind a hill and then reappearing for about an hour. Police said the person who reported the sighting said two airplanes were flying over the light.

In Winchendon, three people reported seeing three hovering crafts over Lost Lake during the weekend, police said.

And in Athol, a glowing orange light was reported sighted in the sky.

Two state troopers and several Phillipston firemen were among persons who spotted the glowing orange fireball before dawn last Dec. 20. Authorities tried to reach the glow, which they believed was a fire shooting sparks and embers into the air for 90 minutes, but a helicopter search after dawn failed to show any trace of a fire.

By ERIC MISHARA

Ten U.S. airline pilots say they have personally seen UFOs.

The revelations came during an exclusive ENQUIRER poll of 88 pilots who fly for major airlines.

The survey showed:

• 62 believe intelligent life exists in outer space.

• 46 believe UFOs may be spacecraft from another planet.

• 26 believe the Defense Department is doing an inadequate job of monitoring UFO sightings.

But the most fascinating finding of the poll was the admission by 10 pilots that they had personally encountered or seen a UFO.

Four of the pilots detailed their sightings.

Piedmont Airlines First Officer Kenneth Duncan said he was flying a Boeing 737 at 24,000 feet 70 miles south of New York City on a night in November 1970, when he and the crew spotted a bizarre, pale blue light.

"It wasn't blinding but it was changing intensity at a beat per second," Duncan recalled.

"It looked like a semi-round sphere. We thought that it was another plane and what really upset us most was that it look-

10 of 88 Major Airline Pilots in Enquirer Poll Say They've Seen a UFO

ed like it would strike our aircraft.

"The captain asked the flight center if they were showing another aircraft off our right wing and the radar controller replied 'negative.'

"The UFO was between one-half and three miles from us. It stabilized at our speed and altitude.

"Then it accelerated and made a 90 degree turn across our front and disappeared over the ocean in just a few seconds.

"We were flying at 480 knots and the UFO's speed was up to eight times greater. I've never seen anything like it before or since."

Charter airline pilot and flight instructor Kermeth Kievan said he saw two similar mysterious objects about 2 a.m. one December morning in 1975 while flying over Long Island.

"In the northeast sky I noticed a pair of objects. They were unusually bright and they might have been hovering.

"They gave off a bluish color and their intensity was beyond anything an aircraft could generate.

"Since I'm familiar with

astronomy I knew they were not natural bodies.

"I watched them get considerably brighter for about two minutes and I talked to some other pilots in the air who were wondering what the same objects were.

"The two lights separated a bit and then moved closer together. I radioed the Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center and they told me that they didn't have any aircraft in the area that they couldn't account for."

About four years ago United Airlines Captain H.F. De Jonghe was flying over the Pacific when he and his crew noticed a strange image on

the radarscope. "We saw a very peculiar-shaped cloud that looked as if it had a light bulb in the center of it," said De Jonghe.

"What was so startling to us was that it was so much brighter than the other clouds and it was shaped just like an egg. It was about 30 miles away from us.

"The crew asked me if I was going to say anything and I said, 'Well, we'll just let well enough alone.'"

Two years ago United Airlines Captain P.K. Herrick was deer hunting before dawn

in the Virginia countryside. Then he spotted "a bright light rising at a very rapid rate" faster than any aircraft that he knew.

"It flew almost due overhead, slowed down and then started an almost erratic wandering.

"It had the intensity of a star but it acted like nothing I've ever seen before." Capt. Herrick said he watched the UFO for about four minutes before it slowly disappeared in the north.

The pilots said they had deliberately kept quiet about the sightings because of fear of ridicule and the possibility of losing their jobs.

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Grenada Accepts UFOs

Prime Minister ERIC GAIRY of the miniscule Caribbean island republic of Grenada believes in flying saucers and extraterrestrial visitors.

"We are quite ready, willing and able to accept the phenomenon that there are flying saucers," Gairy said at a weekend ground-breaking ceremony for a meeting hall to be used at the Organization of American States' general assembly in May.

"There are people in other planets and they have been visiting our globe," Gairy said, announcing that he will travel to Acapulco, Mexico, for an international conference on flying saucers.

The prime minister has talked about flying saucers in international circles before. He gave a speech at the United Nations last year, asking the governments of the world to open their archives and make whatever information they have on UFOs available to the public.

EVENING SENTINEL-ANSONIA, CT.
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Ansonian spots UFO

ANSONIA — A large, flaming-red, barrel-shaped object, flying low in the sky, was sighted from Pulaski Highway at about 11:15 p.m. yesterday by an Ansonia sheriff.

Percy M. Cohen of 106 Ford St. said he was driving home from work when he saw the object overhead to the north. It was moving to the south, he said.

The Police Department received no other reports of sightings of the object, Sgt. Michael Kennedy said.

Cohen said, "I don't know what it was, but it was beautiful. That's the only word to describe it — beautiful."

Is Anybody Out There?

Scientists to Listen For Space Messages

Man is preparing to use his ears as well as his eyes in seeking evidence of life in outer space. In about two years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will set scientists to work listening for possible radio messages from other worlds. It will be a technique to complement the visual methods of spotting unidentified flying objects.

Conceivably, messages might be received that were sent from far out in the universe thousands of light years ago, a NASA spokesman said.

"When we reached the point where our technology would permit us to send radio transmissions into deep space," said Bob Edelson, of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., "we had to acknowledge that other beings might also have that capability. We decided it might just be wise to give a listen."

While many radio frequencies exist, only a few would be capable of carrying messages over the reaches of deep space. These "narrow-band" carrier beams are the frequencies that scientists will be concerned with during the five-year project.

Could Exist Anywhere

"We will be monitoring the entire sky," said Edelson. "We can't be making assumptions at this point. Life, if it exists out there, could be found anywhere because it might be life far different from what we know."

No estimate of the cost of the project is available now because the project is only in the early stages of development. However, Edelson, JPL's project manager for the search for extraterrestrial life, said that the cost should be relatively low.

"We already have the equip-

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ment we need for such a venture," said Edelson. "All that would be necessary would be to coordinate that equipment with existing antennas."

Edelson was asked by GRIT if a star or planet couldn't produce a natural radio transmission that might trick scientists into believing they were hearing messages from alien beings?

"There is no known natural phenomenon that would produce the kind of signals we are talking about," said Edelson. "Of course, when you start at zero, anything is possible."

Speculation Made

The engineer pointed out that any message from space would be meant to be deciphered.

"It would probably have a pattern that varied somewhat as new information is relayed," said Edelson. "The information, of necessity, would have to be very simple and easily decoded. It would probably come in the form of numbers systems and the like."

What happens if a message is received and it is determined that it had been sent by alien beings? Would NASA reply?

An immediate reply is doubtful, according to Edelson. It would take an estimated 24,000 years for the reply to be heard.

"Beyond that, a reply would not be a technological matter anyway," said Edelson. "It would be a political matter. Most likely, world leaders would be informed that life possibly exists somewhere in some other solar system. It would then be up to the world as to whether a reply should be made. The implications of life somewhere else in the galaxy are not to be taken lightly."

While the Jet Propulsion Laboratory searches the entire sky for possible messages, the Ames Research Center at Mountainview, Calif., also will be seeking radio contacts.

The two projects will cooperate, according to Edelson. However, the Ames search will concentrate on "sites (in space) likely to have life as we know it," he said.

THE TORONTO SUN - CANADA
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Earthling welcomes visitors

ST. GEORGES, Grenada (UPI) - Grenada's tourist industry could be boosted by visitors from other planets - at least if this island's prime minister has his way.

Prime Minister Eric Gairy of this Caribbean nation believes there's life out there and they occasionally drop in on earth.

"We are quite ready, willing and able to accept the phenomenon that there are flying saucers," he said at a ground-breaking ceremony for a meeting hall for the Organization of American States general assembly here in May.

"There are people in other planets and they have been visiting our globe," said Gairy.

He will attend an international conference on flying saucers in Acapulco, Mexico, and wants governments throughout the world to let the public know how much information is available on UFOs.

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Students learn about UFOs

Astronomer J. Allen Hynek was off investigating sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in Indonesia.

But the president of Hynek's world-famous Center for UFO Studies told St. Joseph School students recently about the search for extraterrestrial life.

Sherman J. Larsen, who works closely with Hynek, said a main mission of the center is to scientifically distinguish be-

tween authentic UFO sightings and hoaxes.

The sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students had made an in-depth study of space, the solar system and the universe during September and October, said science instructor Dick Meyers.

After watching Larsen's slide show and hearing his viewpoint, the students may have been asking the same

questions that have perplexed scientists for years: "Do flying saucers or UFO's really exist?"

At least one person in the room was convinced - the teacher.

"Obviously they do," said Meyers. "Now, whether they are controlled by little men from other galaxies or whether their origins are more earth-based is another matter."

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An Earthling and His Heavenly Hobby

Massapequa—When people look up into the sky and see something that is neither a bird nor a plane nor a planet, they sometimes call Dick Ruhl.

In many ways, Ruhl, 46, is an ordinary advertiser, he has two young children, a wife and a home in Massapequa. He worries about property taxes. He is bothered by vandalism in his neighborhood.

But in his spare time, the mild-mannered photo retoucher turns into an investigator of such things as speeding bullet-shaped objects and lights that

leap over tall buildings. Ruhl is an investigator of unidentified flying objects, commonly known as UFOs.

he is one of almost a dozen such "field investigators" for Long Island, part of a nationwide network of UFO detectives belonging to four organizations.

Ruhl is a member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization



Ruhl

(APRO), of Tuscon, Ariz. According to one of the group's directors Ruhl is the group's most active investigator on the Island, and probably in the state.

Ernest Jahn of Staten Island, an investigator for another group, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, of Washington, D.C., said Ruhl handles most of the investigations on Long Island.

"I was always a star-gazer, even as a kid," Ruhl said. "Everybody wonders what's out there."

He said his star-gazing, coupled with his religious upbringing, brought him into the world of "ufology" in the early 1960s. His father had taught him biblical prophecies, and one of them states as the apocalypse approaches, there will be "great signs from heaven." Ruhl read about UFO sightings and, at first casually, wanted to know more.

"I just wanted to subscribe to a UFO magazine," he said. "Then I found out it was cheaper by a dollar to join APRO than to subscribe, so I joined."

When APRO started its field investigation program in 1969, he applied and was accepted. But Ruhl maintains, he has kept an open mind about the nature of UFOs.

He said they could be God-ordained, or the aircraft of extra-terrestrial intelligences, or secret earthly weapons. They could also be planes, planets,

stars, satellites or illusions—and these are what 80 per cent of the sightings Ruhl investigates usually are.

Ruhl approaches a case with skepticism. He goes through an elaborate ritual—taping interviews with witnesses, filling out a "comprehensive UFO report," checking with nearby airports, the Coast Guard or other institutions that might provide an explanation, studying the weather and star formations for possible clues, and verifying the reliability of witnesses.

"After it's gone, all we can do is take the witnesses' declaration. Their reliability is all we have," he said. "We have no hardware."

One problem, he said is that many people will not report UFOs. "They're afraid people will call them a wacko. It's a sensitive area," he said.

A Long Island policeman whose sighting Ruhl once investigated asked that his name not be used because he had been "harrassed" by fellow officers. Ruhl and other UFO investigators keep their investigations confidential. The Mutual UFO network based in Seguin, Texas, and the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago also check UFO sightings.

Ruhl currently is probing two recent sightings. One involves a bright oval light that allegedly chased two women driving in a car in Fort Salonga on Thanksgiving eve. The other was a

"low encounter" that allegedly happened just before Thanksgiving in Dix Hills.

A writer-artist claims she watched a spinning disc with white and red lights hovering outside her upstairs window for about 15 minutes. Ruhl said the woman previously reported other sightings, so he remains skeptical.

Ruhl gets his referrals on UFOs from policemen, friends, or through his organization. He also calls people if their sightings are reported in newspapers and always carries the plastic card that identifies him as a UFO investigator. Recently he was assigned to cover some multiple sightings in upstate New York. He also lectures occasionally at libraries and schools. Ruhl's records eventually go into a computer in Tucson.

Ruhl said he himself has sighted UFOs four times, but they were always distant lights in the sky that could not be explained.

"If these sightings are related to the scriptures, eventually we'll find out. All the circumstantial evidence (of valthing—our culture, our relicated sightings) points to extra-terrestrial intelligences, and if that is true, then it will radically change everything—our culture, our religion, our philosophy," he said. "I'm completely open. I'm just trying to find out what the deuce they are."

'Strange flying object' sighted

by ELI SOPOW
Citizen Staff Reporter

A Fort St. James man says a "strange flying object" appeared before his car about 20 miles west of here on Highway 16 the same night mysterious earth tremors were felt in Prince George.

A tremor that sounded like a dull thud was felt by residents here Jan. 4 at about 11:45 p.m.

No explanation has yet been found and officials dismiss possibility of an earthquake, explosion or sonic boom.

Sandy Kovacs said in an interview from Fort St. James Thursday that an acquaintance of hers claims he was involved "in an incredible experience" at about 4 a.m. Jan. 5.

She said the man does not want his name used and does not want to come forward himself because people might make fun of him.

"I can vouch he is a very reliable, steady and a believable member of the community," she said.

The man was returning to Fort St. James from Salmon Arm when he saw the headlights of an oncoming car.

"Above and behind the car he saw a very bright red light moving toward his truck. The light became so bright that it flooded the interior of the passenger compartment.

"When he was about 20 to 30 feet from the approaching car an object swooped down in front of his car forcing him into the lane of the other car. At that point he blacked out.

"After about 20 minutes the man said he regained consciousness and found himself sitting in the passenger side of his car with the other driver looking in. There was no dam-

age or skid marks evident.

"Both men had seen the object and the other driver, a man from Prince Rupert, said he too had lost consciousness," she said.

Kovacs said the Fort St. James man's truck radio went dead the instant before he blacked out and the motor of the vehicle went dead.

"He described the object as being saucer-shaped with a base like a pedestal. The main portion was somewhat oblong and the top looked very similar to an egg-yoke.

"The man drew me a picture of the object and said it was large enough to fit across the highway," she said.

Kovacs said sightings of

strange flying objects have occurred often in the Fort St. James district, particularly in the remote Tache Indian village north of the community.

The frequency of unidentified flying object sightings in the region was confirmed by the publisher of the weekly Caledonia Courier in Fort St. James.

S.E. Hallock said Thursday she has talked to a woman who witnessed a "strange craft" land in a field in the Necoslie Valley near Fort St. James.

Hallock said she herself spotted a strange craft in the air last year that had "peculiar red lights."

"It scared the hell out of me," she said.

PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN-CANADA
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Why I Believe in UFOs By Leonard (Star Trek) Nimoy

I believe in UFOs because so many qualified observers and solid people have reported sightings that just can't be dismissed.

I've talked with Travis Walton, a young Arizona man who claimed he was actually taken aboard a UFO. It was a bizarre story, but I felt he was being truthful.

And on my new syndicated TV series "In Search Of . . ."

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we talked to members of the Phil Baker family of Mellen,



LEONARD NIMOY

Wis. I was very impressed with their account of sighting a UFO on the ground near their home. They seemed to be quite down to earth, very real, not at all insincere.

I believe there has got to be some validity to a number of these UFO sightings. I'm interested. I'm curious.

But I do not think the government wants to publicize UFO sightings. It wouldn't be in their best interests.

I try to put myself in the position of the Air Force, or political figures, and it seems to me it would be in their best interests to report only those sightings they could explain.

To simply report to the world that we believe we have been visited by a spaceship from another planet would

create panic or a potential for panic.

And it would lead people to ask the obvious question: What are you going to do about it?

That would put government officials in the hot seat if they didn't have an answer.

Twice a year I go on lecture tours, and people always ask me: Do you believe in UFOs?

I tell them I have never seen any myself, but I believe there is life on other planets. And I believe it is possible that we have been visited and are being visited now.

UFO Sightings in Winchendon Add to List

By PRISCILLA WINEHILL

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Winchendon Bureau

WINCHENDON — UFOs
over Winchendon?

A rash of reported recent sightings is triggering discussion.

Last night, Francis J. Gauthier of Lost Lake and two friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Pelto, reported seeing three "flying saucers" hovering beyond the lake, toward the south. A week and a half ago, Gauthier and Ovila J. Landry said they saw three similar objects in the same vicinity.

However, Mrs. Louise Joy of 84 Hill St. "may" have seen four UFO's Wednesday night. Even standing in her yard with binoculars, she was not sure whether they were planes or "something else," Mrs. Joy said. Contributing to the latter theory was their stationary position.

Gauthier said he and his friend Landry noticed the three UFOs about 5:30 p.m.

hovering beyond the lake about 100 feet above the trees. The moon was out, and visibility was clear. At first, Gauthier said he thought they were helicopters. Describing what he saw as orange in color, Gauthier said they had flashing blue and green lights.

"The smaller one in the middle darted off to the west and then came back. I figured that was a scout," Gauthier said.

After hovering silently for a lengthy period, they zoomed off, according to the two men.

Gauthier admitted to a "scared feeling."

But if they ever come back, he said, "I'm not going to run."

John W. Sibley of 118 Brown St., owner of Lost Lake camp grounds, said "Oh, they saw UFOs all right. I've seen them down there myself on several occasions."

The last time was one night in August 1974, Sibley said when he saw two. Three other times involved single sight-

ings. He cited one at Lost Lake in 1971, toward midnight, and another in 1973, earlier in the evening. His first experience with UFOs was at Bush Hill, Rindge, N.H., in 1967.

Sibley said his wife and one of his daughters were driving over to the lake about the same time he saw the last UFO, in 1974.

"They saw the same thing from the car, and they were all shook up," he said, admitting that it is "eerie."

Sibley said the objects he has seen have hovered briefly "Only about one full minute" — about 200 feet away from where he was standing.

"They don't make any sound until they suddenly leave," he said, "Then there's the same kind of sound as when the air blower of your furnace comes on."

Sibley said the objects he saw were shaped like a top, 20 feet and more across and more than six feet high. All were a "very dull battleship

gray," he said. What looked like a series of windows at the bottom emitted blue and green colors.

Sibley conjectured that "the people in the U.S. Air Force, with all their advanced technology, know what these are all about."

"That's what I tell people. There's no need for them to get all upset," he said.

Polled informally, a number of people expressed similar opinions.

"Don't worry, the government knows what these things are," one woman said. "They don't tell us everything they're doing."

While most people declined to be identified by name, because "everybody will think I am crazy," several admitted to believing that UFOs really are from outer space.

Mrs. Nancy L. Langille of 61 Mill St., said, "I'm a firm believer."

Daughter of Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Langille said, "It stands to reason we are not the only in-

telligent civilization in the universe. There's got to be something else out there. When we start really exploring outer space, we're probably going to find that out."

According to Mrs. Langille, there have been "too many documented reports" to dismiss the idea of UFOs.

Gordon A. Bowler Jr., Winchendon native now living in Vermont but visiting here, said he and some friends saw a UFO about 10 years ago, in Troy, N.H.

"We didn't want to say anything about it, because we were having a few beers," he said.

Bowler said UFOs are often seen hovering near power lines and water.

"It's just my theory, but I think they are drawing power somehow," Bowler said. "I think they're stealing electricity."

"Remember the blackout a few years ago? I think UFOs did it," He said.

But mainly, Bowler said

"whoever" may be manning the UFOs seem to be bent on no harm.

One man said UFOs are piloted by "much more highly civilized beings, probably, than we are."

"They are probably just curious to look us over, but they don't mean us any harm. They're probably so advanced, they are way beyond warfare," he said. "But I think they do operate on some kind of electrical system, and they get low on power. I think they stop and recharge when they see the opportunity, along our power lines."

The man said, "if I see a UFO, you can bet I'll run like hell and try to get inside it. I want to see one of the things."

Several people recalled a number of reported sightings several years ago, including near Winchendon Hospital and over Route 140, between this town and Gardner.

About that same time, a photograph with a note claiming it showed a UFO seen over Winchendon was mailed anonymously to the Winchendon office of the Telegram and Gazette. Looking at the photo, one was unable to be sure. Trick photography, probably. And then again...

SUNDAY NEWSDAY-N.Y.
JAN 23, 1977

Moscow Abuzz Over UFO Report

By Edmund Stevens

Newsday Special Correspondent

Moscow—A previously top-secret report on unidentified flying objects has been circulated here, making flying saucers a favorite topic of discussion in the pubs and lunchrooms of this city.

The survey, allegedly prepared by a member of the staff of the highly respected Moscow Aviation Institute, was reproduced in underground fashion and distributed to a public largely unaware that the debate over UFOs is a world wide phenomenon.

Felix Yurevich Ziegel of the aviation

institute was identified as the author of the report. The survey, titled "The Present Status of UFO Problems," is said to be a transcript of a classified lecture given by Ziegel, who reportedly supplemented his findings with more than 50 slides of objects described as flying saucers and humanoid creatures from outer space.

According to the transcript, Ziegel claims humanoids have landed on earth several times from other planets. Some, the transcript says, are short with large heads and tiny bodies. Others are strong enough to pick up tractors. Another group resembles Europeans.

The contraband transcript—circulated by "samizat," underground publications usually typed, mimeographed or handwritten—said Ziegel characterized visitors from outer space as fundamentally withdrawn creatures who avoided contact with earthlings whenever possible and who had the power to read minds. If encountered, the creatures make strange sounds.

Ziegel is quoted as saying that 15 million Americans claim to have seen UFOs since 1961 and that there have been 300 sightings in the Soviet Union. One celebrated case occurred 15 years

ago, the transcript says, when a flying saucer appeared in the area of a suburban railroad crossing, causing a monumental traffic jam. None of the drivers could start their engines, according to the transcript, until the saucer pulled away. Scientists are quoted as saying the cars were stalled due to interference from microwaves given off by the saucers.

An attempt to contact Ziegel about the report at his listed phone number was unsuccessful. "You want Ziegel?" said the party answering. "He no longer lives here. He took off in a flying saucer."

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE-MONT.
*****FEB. 6, 1977*****

UFO spotted near Big Sandy

'It wasn't meteor,' motorist swears

It appeared "about five miles north of Big Sandy" at 7:45 Friday evening over Highway 87, according to Felix McCollom, 64, Malta. It was about the size of a washtub with a long cone-shaped tail and was brilliant enough to "light up the whole countryside."

McCollom said he and his wife were traveling toward Great Falls Friday when the brilliant light appeared. They leaned down to see out the windshield and the object appeared to be about 1/2 mile ahead, he said. They were not certain if the object had moved at any time or had just appeared there. They could see the object clearly for about 20 seconds, he said.

The ball-shaped portion of the object was like looking at the moon and could be seen into, McCollom said. Inside there

appeared to be a fuzzy, swirling cloud formation near the top edge. The moon was also visible, he explained, in another section of the sky. The cone-shaped portion of the object may have been 100 feet or 100 yards long — it was hard to tell — but it was clearly visible, he said.

As they watched, the ball portion of the object appeared to expand to about half again as big, "until I thought it was going to explode," McCollom said. "Then the light went out, just like shutting off a switch, and it disappeared," he said.

The McColloms continued into Big Sandy where they stopped at a service station but could find no one else who had seen the object. When McCollom was informed there were reports of a meteor shower over the state Friday, he said, "I've seen meteors all my life. This wasn't a meteor."

A check with the Chouteau County Sheriff's department revealed a reported UFO sighting near Shonkin, over Baldy Mountain, and another north of Fort Benton Friday night. Details were not available but both objects were reported as being a bluish-green, ball-shaped object with a tail.

National Weather Service personnel said an unidentified object reportedly fell from the sky somewhere in Idaho Friday night but no details were available. They had no information about sightings near Fort Benton or Big Sandy.

McCollom said he was not certain what the object was that he and his wife had seen. "But it wasn't a meteor," he repeated.

"It makes you feel kind of strange," he added.

ADVOCATE-BATON ROUGE, LA.
*****JAN 26, 1977*****

Greenish UFO Just Balloon, Say Deputies

The sheriff's office speculates that a greenish colored flying object seen over the Comite Drive-Plank Road area shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday was a weather balloon.

Deputies said they had several calls about the object and were given different descriptions of what it was doing.

One caller said the object fell at great speed and then appeared to break up. Others said the object they saw was just hovering.

Deputies were sent to the area to investigate.

UFO flashes at ambulance light

W249

WHITEHORSE — Sightings of strange lights and unidentified flying objects in the sky around Whitehorse have two people convinced that something out there is watching us.

UFO sightings began about two weeks ago and ever since people have reported seeing strange things in the clear night skies.

It all began when two ambulance attendants from the Whitehorse General Hospital were on a routine trip up the Alaska Highway to pick up a patient for transportation to Whitehorse.

About 25 miles northwest of Whitehorse, Tom Banks and Ken Schofield first sighted what they call a UFO. The object appeared to follow their vehicle for about 20 minutes, hovering and darting back and forth at a very low altitude.

Mr. Banks and Mr. Schofield radioed back to Whitehorse that some strange object was following them. They reported to police later that at one point the object came head on towards their vehicle and then darted off to one side. They also reported that their electrical system in the ambul-

WHITEHORSE Andrew Hume



ance was interrupted and was not functioning properly during the time the UFO was close at hand.

Eventually, they say, they got the dome light on the ambulance to work and they reported that as soon as the red flashing light was turned on the object in the sky was immediately attracted to it and flashed a bright light

back at them.

It appeared to hover quite close to the ambulance for a few seconds and then again skipped off over the trees and out of sight.

Mr. Banks and Mr. Schofield maintain that the object could fly at a great speed and manoeuvred "like nothing they had witnessed before."

"We saw what we thought at first was a bright star. It seemed stationary, then all of a sudden it was right down in our area in no time," Schofield said.

The men say the object appeared to be oval shaped but they added that it gave off such an intense white light that no definite shape could be determined.

100 miles away in the community of Carcross, an elderly gentleman reported seeing a similar object earlier the same night that Mr. Banks and Mr. Schofield were followed.

And both those sightings are very similar to sightings that three White-pass truck drivers had at this same time last year on the Alaska Highway. During that sighting the three drivers, headed for Whitehorse in separate

trucks during the early hours of the morning, said they were followed by a bright white object for a number of miles. They radioed ahead to Bill Bowers, the weighscale attendant, and told him to keep his eyes open for the UFO.

Mr. Bowers later reported seeing the object and said he watched it hover and dart over Whitehorse for about 10 minutes.

Most recently, at least half a dozen people have reported seeing bright flashes of light in the sky. They say the flashes have been very bright and instantaneous, often lighting up a large area.

The nights have been clear around Whitehorse for the past few weeks and no electrical disturbances or meteorite activity have been reported by the weather office.

Sightings of bright objects in the sky do not appear to be too unusual at this time of year in and around the Whitehorse area. Over the past 10 years quite a number of sightings have been reported, nearly all during the winter months.

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES-OKLA. *****JAN 24, 1977*****

UFO mystery may be in bag

"It was a large cylindrical object with a very bright light at the end. It seemed to move from the sea over the city and loop back again, and then split into two pieces, dropping something towards the ground. Shortly later it split again, and the glow of the light gradually faded."

Whatever it was, the object described by a Shoal Bay res-

ident had a lot of people wondering on Saturday night.

Oak Bay police said they received several calls from people wondering about the object, and sent an officer out to investigate. One fire department was alerted.

A police official guessed that the object was a plastic dry-cleaning bag with a candle in the bottom.



I'm concerned about if there really are UFO's. People claim that they have seen them. Do you have any reports about them or any pictures of them? People are trying to see if there is life on Mars. Did people find life on Mars yet? B. H., age 8, Antlews.

Well, there are a lot of arguments on both sides about these unidenti-

fied flying objects, but many people are sure they are really-true there. Hayden C. Hewes of Editor has long made a serious study of it matter, and we are sending you his address in case you would like write. As for Mars, no life has been found yet, but people are still trying We are sending you a picture of King II, the little machine that was sent there to scoop up dirt and rock and do experiments in its built-laboratory.

FOREIGN CLIPPINGS

CRONICA NEWSPAPER-CAPITAL FEDERAL
 ARGENTINA JULY 11, 1976

OVNI EN BRASIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 (ANSA). — Por segunda vez esta semana los "platos voladores" aparecieron sobre el cielo de Teresópolis (ciudad a 90 kilómetros de Río de Janeiro), según afirmación de numerosos vecinos. Los testigos dicen que el extraño objeto volador visto ayer emitía luces anaranjadas y azuladas, e hizo evoluciones imposibles de ser cumplidas por un avión normal. Una de las declarantes, de 34 años de edad, afirma que observó el objeto con un prisma, y que aquél tenía la forma de un "plato", soltando una luz semejante a la de las estrellitas de fuego de artefacto infantiles. Muchos habitantes se muestran alarmados ante la frecuencia con que ocurren fenómenos semejantes.

Vuelven los OVNI

LA UNION NEWSPAPER-ARGENTINA
 JUNE 2, 1976

POSADAS, 2 (Saporiti). — La aparición de un presunto OVNI sobre esta capital fue denunciada en las últimas horas por el Centro Investigador de Fenómenos Terrestres. Esta entidad hizo saber a través de un comunicado que fueron tomadas fotografías del objeto de color rojo anaranjado que se desplazaba a gran velocidad y altura. Mientras tanto, la torre de control del aeropuerto local informó sobre el caso, a las 18:34 de la antevíspera de un Canberra de la Fuerza Aérea que se dirigía de Puerto Iguazú a Formosa, volando a 9950 metros de altura. La aparición del OVNI fue detectada 10 minutos más tarde por el Centro Investigador, en cuyo informe se sustraya que el objeto llevaba una dirección opuesta a la del avión de la Fuerza Aérea.

TRANSLATION:

RIO DE JANEIRO, FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS WEEK THE FLYING SAUCERS HAVE APPEARED IN THE SKY OF TERESOPOLIS, (A CITY DISTANT 80KMS. FROM RIO DE JANEIRO). THE WITNESSES STATE THAT THE STRANGE FLYING OBJECT SEEN YESTERDAY EMITTED BLUE AND ORANGE LIGHTS AND MANOEUVRED IN A WAY NO NORMAL AIRPLANE COULD. ONE OF THE REPORTERS, 34 YEARS OLD, STATES HAVING OBSERVED THE OBJECTS THROUGH BINOCULARS AND DESCRIBES IT AS SAUCER-SHAPED, EMITTING A LIGHT SIMILAR TO THAT OF FIREWORKS. MANY INHABITANTS ARE SCARED AT THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH, SO THEY SAY, THE STRANGE PHENOMENON OCCURS.

TRANSLATION:

POSADAS, (SAPORITI NEWS AGENCY). THE SIGHTING OF A PROBABLE UFO OVER THIS CITY WAS REPORTED IN THE LAST HOURS OF THE DAY BY THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION CENTER. THIS GROUP ISSUED A COMUNIQUE STATING THAT PHOTOS OF THE REDISH-ORANGE OBJECT WERE TAKEN. IT MANOEUVRED AT GREAT SPEED AND HEIGHT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE LOCAL AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER REPORTED THE PATH, AT 18:34 HRS., OF AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE CANBERRA AIRCRAFT, EN ROUTE FROM PUERTO IGUAZU TO FORMOSA, FLYING AT A HEIGHT OF 9950 MTS. THE UFO WAS SIGHTED 11 MINUTES LATER BY THE INVESTIGATION CENTER, WHOSE REPORT STATES THAT THE OBJECT FLEW IN A DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO THAT OF THE AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT.

BS. AS. HERALD-VENEZUELA
 AUG. 16, 1976

Viedma
 TWO unidentified flying objects hovered over this city for two hours on Wednesday night and disappeared just before dawn. They remained for a long time in the sky a few kilometres distant from the local airport. Hundreds of people spent half the night looking at the objects which emitted coloured lights and zig zagged across the sky without any fixed direction. (NA)

BUENOS AIRES HERALD-ARGENTINA
 FEBRUARY 20, 1977

Bahia Blanca
 STRANGE objects were seen hovering over several parts of this city and Claromec6 on Thursday night. They sped at great speed across the sky leaving streaks of multi-coloured lights in their wake. Many people watched the antics of the unidentified flying objects through prisms. Similar reports of UFO sighting came from nearby Tres Arroyos.

BS. AS. HERALD-VENEZUELA
 DEC. 8, 1976

In search of a UFO

San Juan de Manapiare, Venezuela
 PRIMITIVE Indians armed with bows and arrows have joined a hunt for an unidentified flying object (UFO) buzzing the population of this jungle town. Many inhabitants in this isolated region, 800 Kms south of Caracas, claim to have seen the object. Eyewitnesses say it flew over the town for several nights in succession, casting a strong light.

Space blonde is 1000 years old!

★ THERE'S SOMETHING of an age-gap between Eduard Maier and his blonde girl-friend.

He is 38 . . . she has just had her 1000th birthday.

Which is hardly surprising, he says, considering that she comes from a planet 500 light years from Earth.

Eduard even has this photograph of the girl — whom he claims is called Semjase — to prove to any doubters that his head isn't entirely in the clouds.

What's more, his neighbors in the Swiss village of Hinwil, near Zurich, seem to agree with him. Since Eduard began meeting the people from space, they refuse to have anything to do with him . . .

"On one occasion, someone even took a shot at me," said a puzzled Eduard. "Now I'm frightened to leave the house unless I am armed."

The strange affair began when Eduard, an ex-truck-driver, was motor-cycling along a local coun-

try road. He heard a shrill, whistling noise and then saw a disc-like object coming through the clouds.

He said: "When it landed, I ran towards it, but a strange force kept me at distance.

"Then what I thought was a human being appeared. She had blonde hair, fine features and a blue shimmer on her skin."

Semjase, reports Eduard, comes from a planet called Erra in the Pleiades star group. "They are 13,000 years more advanced than us, and they have the ability to make time stand still during a space flight," he says.

Since that first meeting, Eduard claims to have met the visitors from space on more than a dozen occasions — and also to have filmed their spacecraft in motion.

Using a special instrument, they have even cured a broken rib he had. And they have handed over some stones from their planet which, he maintains, scientists have been unable to identify.

According to Eduard, Semjase

told him: "Listen to what I have to tell you, write it down and pass it on to your fellow men."

So far, he has produced 1000 pages of advice from the stars and is now looking for someone to publish the work.

And the meetings, he says, go on — with the approval of his Greek wife, Kallipe, and their three children. He explains: "They know that what I am doing is really important."

There's even a chance that the rest of us may get to meet Semjase. Said Eduard: "She visits Earth quite often, and frequently mixes with ordinary people."

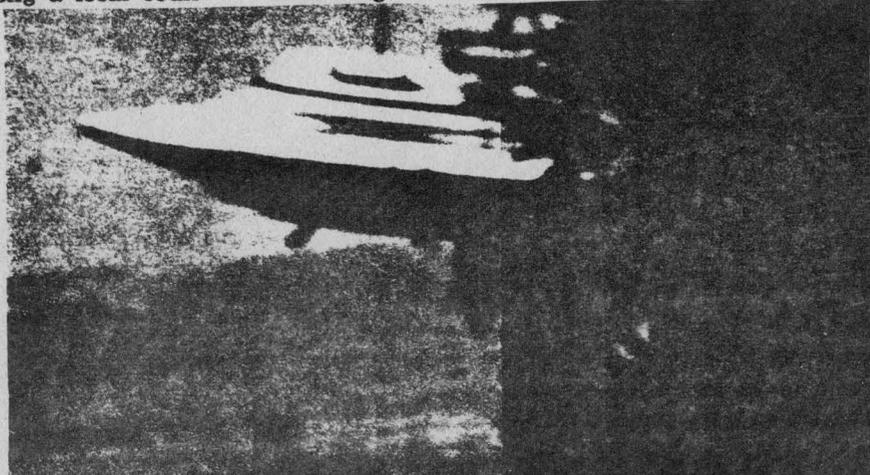
So how can we recognise her?

"No one in his right mind could fail to spot her," said Eduard gallantly. "Besides, she has rather big ear-lobes."

FOOTNOTE: *If Eduard is thinking of taking his space-lady home at night after one of their dates, he has a lengthy journey ahead of him. The distance from Earth to the Pleiades is roughly 2,902,848,000,000 miles . . .*



Eduard Maier in the meadow where he says he first met the girl from outer space.



Another shot which Maier claims he took of the spaceship in action.

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★ SPACESHIP landing near the Swiss village of Hinwil, near Zurich — according to Eduard Maier, who claims he took this picture.

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★ ABOVE: This, says Eduard Maier, is Semjase from the planet Erra. He claims the picture is out of focus because of X-ray interference from her spaceship.

THE HELLICAR REPORT on



DAILY MIRROR-ENGLAND
*****JAN 31, 1977*****

IS SOMEONE UP THERE WATCHING US?

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects—UFOs for short—are zooming back into the news. In Britain, UFO sightings are on the increase—with many reports from pilots, policemen, coastguards and other experienced observers.

Are UFOs just a flight of fantasy? Or is somebody really out there? Here is the latest evidence in a 30-year controversy.

by **MICHAEL HELLICAR**

ON the night of Wednesday, January 5, Mr. and Mrs. S. took their spaniel, Flop, for his usual after-supper romp across the flat farmland surrounding their lonely, Suffolk cottage.

The sky was clear and the full moon cast a warm inviting light over the countryside. But a freezing wind forced Mr. and Mrs. S. to turn back after only a few minutes.

When Flop began to growl at them, Mr. and Mrs. S. put it down to disappointment.

But the growls turned to angry snarling, then to frantic coat-tugging, then to urgent barking.

When they reached the cottage Flop gave a final howl and bolted. Clearly, something was very wrong . . . and when Mr. and Mrs. S. turned to call Flop, they saw what had worried him so much.

Hovering low over the next field was a huge, grey saucer-shaped object.

For the next twenty minutes they watched something that defies logical EARTHLY explanation.

MR. S. says: "The saucer was about 100 yards away at a height of 80ft.

"We could see it clearly and there is no way it could have been a balloon, a

low cloud, stray washing or even a hoax.

"Its size was overwhelming—the height of a double-decker bus. And I estimated its diameter as 50ft.

"There was no noise, in fact it seemed all the more eerie and menacing by just hovering in total silence.

Shadow

"There were no lights, windows or doors and no markings. The underneath was partly in shadow, but I am certain there were no wheels or legs.

"We just stood there, holding each other in sheer terror. Neither of us spoke or moved and we quite forgot we were so cold.

"After about twenty minutes the saucer suddenly took off. There was no noise, no jet stream. It seemed to lift itself into the sky—incredibly fast, faster than anything I have ever seen—and in a fraction of a second it had gone."

Stunned, Mr. and Mrs. S. went indoors, where their 21-year-old son had been watching TV, unaware of the UFO hovering outside.

He told them that for almost half an hour the screen had been upset by waves of elec-

trical interference, returning to normal only a few seconds before his parents walked in.

"Surely there is a connection," reasons Mr. S. "Surely the TV aerial was a silent witness . . ."

The Suffolk sky has long been fertile territory for UFO spotters, but on this occasion no one else had reported seeing saucers.

The Royal Air Force and the US Air Force each have an important base nearby, but neither had any aircraft movement over the area that night.

Radar

Nor did their all-seeing ground radar scanners detect anything unusual.

So did Mr. and Mrs. S. imagine it? UNLIKELY that two people should share a joint dream.

Were they mistaken about

what they saw? UNLIKELY—the Moon gave a good light and the UFO was very close to the ground.

Did they make it all up? UNLIKELY—he is a senior civil servant, anxious to remain anonymous in case his career prospects are damaged by "the wrong publicity."

She is a dedicated fundraiser, committee-sitter and do-gooder, fearful of being labelled a crank.

ANYWAY, if the flying saucer didn't exist, what upset Flop the dog? He was found two days later in a village four miles away, shivering, exhausted and hungry.

Why does he now refuse to go out at night? Why is he so afraid of going near the field next door, even in daylight?

And if it was all a dream, why did it upset the television—TWICE?

Yes, twice. Says Mr. S: "The following night we were watching TV when the picture broke into zig-zag lines. I ran to the window, pulled aside the blind—and there was the saucer again."

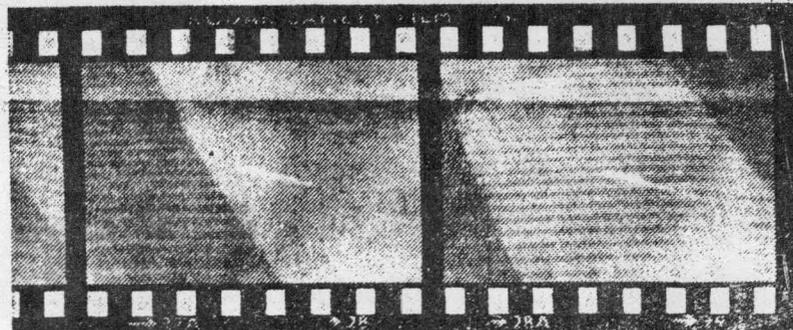
"I just had time to see that it was in the same place and at the same height as the night before. A split second later it flew upwards and vanished."

● We stood there, holding each other in sheer terror ●

DOES the picture strip (right) show a comet? Or a meteor? Maybe even a shooting star? No, it's a real UFO caught in flight over Oxfordshire.

An ATV crew were filming at Enstone village when the orange and yellow disc spun into view, heading towards nearby Banbury.

TV man Noel Smart said: "Its speed was amazing, much too fast to be a plane. We watched it fly around for two minutes, then it stopped and hovered in the sky for 20 seconds."



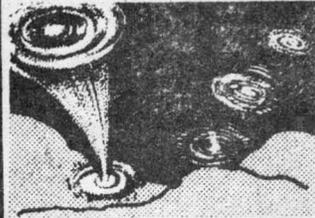
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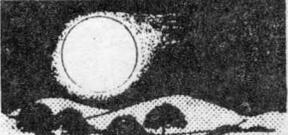
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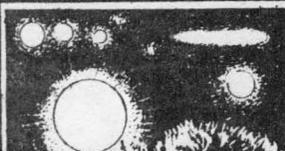
WALES: From Snowdonia in the north, across Cambrian Mountains and along west coast to Fishguard. Sightings increased since 1974. Main UFOs: cigars and high-speed flashing balls.



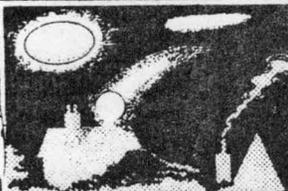
PENNINE RUN: Area bordered by Manchester, Blackburn and Halifax. Since 1975 dozens of witnesses have reported a UFO known as the mystery helicopter. So-called because it hovers and lands like one, but has an incredibly fast take-off and acceleration.



BANBURY: Focal point of Britain's busiest UFO route, with more than 300 clear sightings since 1971. Main UFOs: saucers, cigars, hoverlights and high-speed flashing objects.



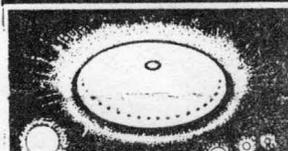
ALDRIDGE: Centre of most Staffordshire sightings. Seventy reports last year and more than 50 in 1975. UFOs: cigars, skylights, a hedge-hopper and spotted last month—a spectacular flying grapefruit.



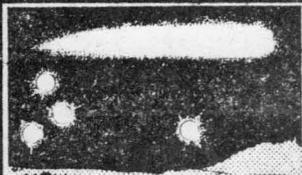
WARMINSTER: UFO hunters' Mecca, home of the Warminster Thing. Hundreds of sightings reported in the late 1960's but not so frequent now. Main UFOs: saucers, cigars, and things that bump along the rooftops.



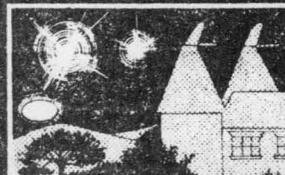
EAST COAST: Area bordered by Southend, King's Lynn, Cromer and Ipswich a vintage UFO flightpath and still going strong particularly near the U.S. Air Force bases at Mildenhall and Lakenheath. Main UFOs: saucers and skylights.



DEVON and CORNWALL: Dozens of new sightings from Dartmoor to Redruth—although the Flying cross which liked to zig-zag over the West Country on clear nights hasn't been seen for five years. Main UFOs: Huge saucer described as a flying dinner plate, hoverlights and skylights.



SOLENT LOOP: Most current UFO sightings follow a line across Isle of Wight to Southampton, then Winchester, looping back via New Forest and Bournemouth. UFOs: cigars and high-speed flashing balls.



KENT TRIANGLE: Dover, Sheerness and inland to Canterbury. Noted for the number of sightings by trained observers—airline pilots and crew, RAF officers, etc. Main UFOs: saucers and a highly manoeuvrable pulsating light.

ONE of the clearest sightings in the Kentish Triangle — a favourite UFO route between Dover, Canterbury and Sheerness — was made by a British Air Ferries pilot on February 25, 1976.

Passing over Dover at 4,000ft. Captain Philip saw below him a white flashing light mixed with a steady red glow.

Bulb

It swiftly gained height and speed and then seemed to switch off, like a light bulb.

Over Sheerness ten minutes later. Philip, his co-pilot and engineer saw the object again.

Although the UFO's position was radioed to ground control each time, neither Manston or Southend radar could see it.

Philip's radio reports were overheard by Barry Powling, a Southend Aero Club pilot flying nearby.

He watched the UFO flashing ahead of him for thirty seconds before the light went out.

LOTING THE UFOs: Where the main sightings have been.

An encounter with a man in a silver suit

DID Joyce Bowles and Ted Pratt meet a man from another planet on the A272 in Hampshire last November 14?

Their strange story—culminating in what UFOlogists term "a humanoid occupant encounter"—began at 8.50 that Sunday night.

As Mrs. Bowles was driving Mr. Pratt from Winchester to Chilcomb her

Mini began to shake violently, finally careering on to a grass verge.

At that moment, say she and Mr. Pratt, they saw a 15ft. glowing orange cigar hovering in the road.

Mrs. Bowles, 42, says: "We realised that three figures were watching us from a window in the cigar. Then one of the figures materialised by the Mini.

"He peered through my

window at the dashboard controls, walked to the back of the car, then he and the cigar simply vanished."

She describes the man as 6ft. tall, slim with long blond hair and a dark beard. He wore a silver boiler suit fastened with a full-length zip.

Mr. Pratt, 58 and a farm manager, says: "I was seated, but when he stared at me with very bright eyes

I began to feel peace and tranquillity flooding through me."

In Britain, almost all UFOs are sighted high in the sky. Reports of UFOs coming down to earth (termed as landings or low-level encounters) are rare.

Rarer still are reports of a humanoid occupant encounter.

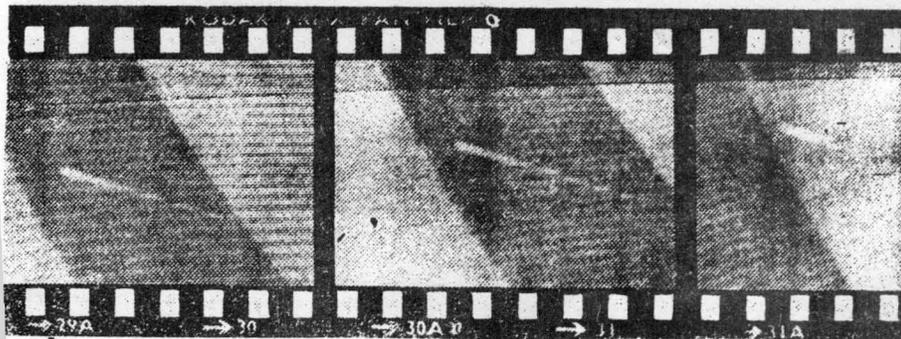
Mrs. Bowles and Mr.

Pratt stand by every word of their story, regretting only that at the time there were no other drivers on the A272 to substantiate what they saw.

However, there is a curious sidelight to the story which, in fairness to the couple, they could not have known at the time.

On that Sunday, and the previous day, there were eight separate UFO sightings in the Winchester-Southampton area.

Seven people saw a glowing orange cigar-shaped UFO. And one person reported "a strange-looking man in a silver suit."



FLYING DINNER PLATES!

TWO teachers and nearly 100 school children watched an amazing, slow-moving UFO high above their school at Redruth, Cornwall.

The UFO, described as "like two white dinner plates flying face to face" spun high in the mid-day sky. Teacher Deborah Foster said the UFO had an aura or halo. Another teacher, Sam Hawkins, said he clearly saw yellow and silver flashes at a 90-degree angle to the UFO.

The UFO turned from white to green as it moved very slowly across the sky. After manoeuvring for more than five minutes the UFO flew away.