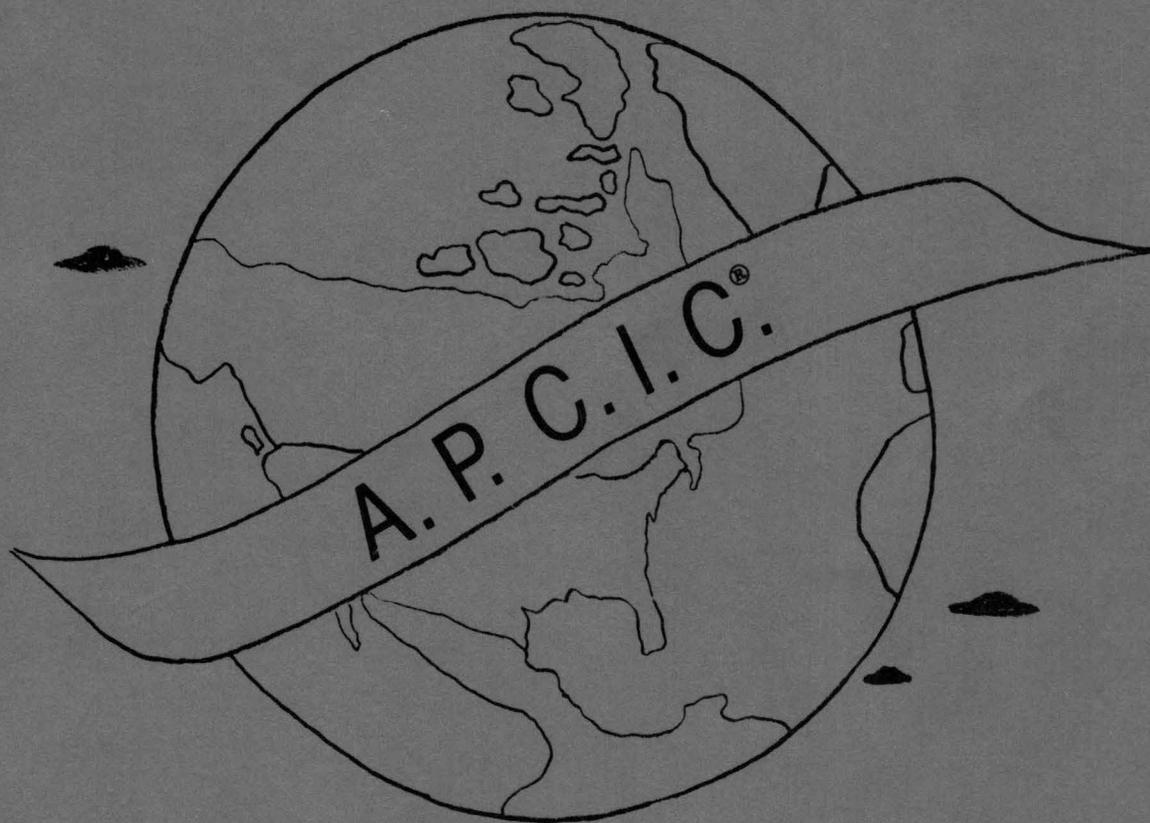


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# There was this orange thing. PAGE ONE

By MIKE CZECHOT  
Of The News Staff

DOVER — Scotland has its "Nessie" and the Midwest has its "Bigfoot," but the South Middlesex area may have at its doorstep something which may put some credence behind Charlie Brown's dreams of "the Great Pumpkin," though its origin may be other than good ol' Mother Earth.

The "it" has been described as between three and a half and four feet tall; with orange, shark-like skin; glowing eyes in a watermelon-shaped head, which lacks a mouth, ears and nose, and whose suction-like feet "mold" themselves to the surface.

Unfortunately, "it" does not yet have a name, since the four residents of this affluent community who've seen "it" haven't gotten close enough to ask, and no photographs are yet available, but one witness was able to recapture "its" likeness on paper (right).

That rendering was corroborated by a second, less professional, sketch by another witness, and the remaining two say "that's it."

But, is "it" real, and, if so, what is "it," and where is "it" from?

"Good question," say local police. "At first, I was going to ask one of the witnesses to give me whatever it was he was smoking," the officer said, "but I know all four, and I know that, to all of us, they're very reputable people."

Police said they were unable to release the names of the witnesses until Monday, and Chief Carl Sheriden could not be reached by phone Saturday, but the "localites" at the Dover Country Store said they too knew of the witnesses' reputations.

"I don't believe in UFO's or little green men," one shopper said, "but this guy's not green, is he?"

According to police, "it" was first seen at 10:30 p.m. on April 21, just off Farm Street near a bridge, by a high school student who was driving in the area.

The second sighting was later that night, at about 12:30 a.m. on Miller Hill Road, this time by a 25-year-old man and a friend, who were walking in the area at the time.

The third—and final, at least as far as police know—was the following night, at about midnight, just off Springdale Road, as reported by an adult motorist.

"We've also received some prank calls," the police dispatcher said Saturday. "One resident called and said that the phosphorescent glow from the creature's wheelbarrow was keeping him awake."

If "it" is for real, then how did "it" get here?

"There is an unconfirmed report of a UFO sighting in Medfield the day before (April

20)," according to Loren Coleman of Needham, the author of two books on the subject.

"I heard about this whole thing while at the Country Store one day," he said. "I've interviewed all four witnesses separately, and I think there's a lot to what they say. I don't think they're making this whole thing up."

"All of the witnesses told me they saw the thing 'walking' on a stone wall; I say 'walking' only because I can't think of another term to describe its movement. 'It' appeared to mold its feet to the rocks."

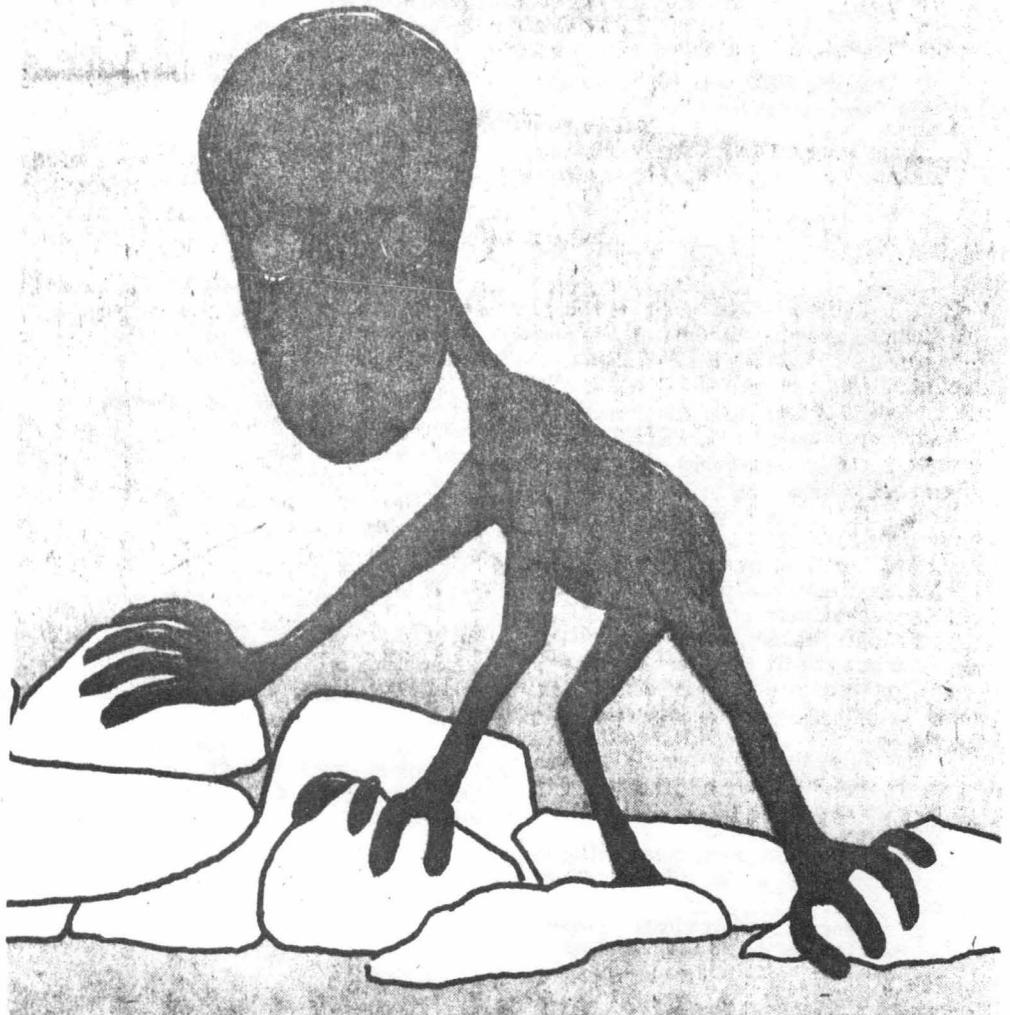
"As one of the witnesses' headlights hit the thing, its head turned very slowly in the direction of the light, and its eyes were glowing. They were either orange or green.

"The head was watermelon-shaped, but there were no ears, mouth or nose. Its skin was orange, and it was like that of a shark, or like wet sandpaper," Coleman said, although he added that no one got close enough to touch it.

"I can't really connect this to any similar incident in this area, or in the state," he said, "but there was a similar sighting in September 1955 in Hopkinsville, Ky."

He would not speculate where "it" may be from, or why "it" may have chosen Dover, Massachusetts, as a landing site.

But if "it" is, in fact, real, Dover may soon become another Plains, Ga., and the folks at the Country Store don't cotten to the idea.



**WHAT IS "IT"?** — This is a sketch done by one of four Dover residents who recently told police there that they sighted "it" in

three different sections of town more than three weeks ago. Is "it" a hoax, or is there something to "it" after all?

# Over Kettering, Moraine

# UFO seen, 4 policemen say

By Liz Schaaf  
Journal Herald Staff Writer

It wasn't a bird, it wasn't a plane, and it certainly wasn't Superman.

In fact, say four area policemen, it wasn't like anything they'd ever seen before.

It was a UFO.

The object was seen flying south toward Miamisburg about 3:30 a.m. yesterday, first dipping over Hills and Dales Park and later seeming to settle near the South Dayton Airport, according to two Kettering and two Moraine police officers.

Lt. George Cochran and Dave Senkowski of Kettering said it was a large, round, blue and white object.

Senkowski only got a glimpse and wasn't sure what he saw. "I was behind Don Kremer Lincoln Mercury on Dixie (Drive)," he said. "I saw the sky light up and sparks ... At first I thought someone hit a telephone pole real close because it lit up the sky."

COCHRAN, WHO was in the Hills and Dales Park, saw it from his car for about

for five seconds as it swooped toward the ground.

"It was a large ball of flame with a tail like a shower of sparks ... bluish white, like an intense heat," Cochran said. "It was going at an angle, as if it was going to crash. I waited for the crash but there was none. Then it disappeared over the hill ... It was strange."

The two Moraine policemen saw the object as it flew over their city.

"It was green, then it turned red," reported Dennis Adkins. "It was at least as big as a plane." The object had flames streaming from its rear, the officers reported.

"It didn't scare me at all," Adkins said. "I knew it wasn't a plane or a falling star; just really weird."

The other Moraine officer, Jack Dabbelt, said, "I saw it for about five seconds. I was talking to my partner, and he kept trying to get me to turn around."

When he did, Dabbelt said he saw a flaming red object that made no sound. The UFO looked like it was coming in for a

landing, so he and Adkins searched the South Dayton Airport and nearby Great Miami River area for the object. They found nothing.

SOUTH DAYTON Airport and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base reported they had no aircraft fitting the descriptions, Dabbelt said.

The UFO report was turned in to the Center for UFO Studies in Norfield, Ill., Moraine police said.

The center said they receive about 100 calls a day on UFOs, mainly from Eastern states in the winter and from the Western states during the summer.

The spokesman said the report would be turned over to an expert who would send it to a UFO investigator for this area.

"People in the police department gave us strange looks and harassed us," Adkins said. "I didn't say what it was; all I knew was it wasn't ... anything I saw before."

"I really don't believe in them (UFOs). I'm glad someone saw it besides me, because I probably wouldn't have called it in otherwise."

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# More Reports of UFOs

With the season's first UFO (unidentified flying object) reported Tuesday, Memphis eyes are turning skyward and the reports are pouring in.

About 20 calls were received last night by law enforcement and aviation agencies as UFO watchers reported sightings similar to that reported Tuesday morning by five police officers.

The UFO has been reported by observers to be about the size of a football field but triangular in shape with flashing red and green lights at the vertices of the triangle.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office said it received 10 calls about 11 last night from persons in the Raleigh and Jackson-Wales area.

"We alerted our cars, but no officers saw anything," a Sheriff's spokesman said.

At Memphis International Airport, another 10 calls or so were received by airport security. Sightings were reported from about 10 last night until about 5 a.m. today.

The triangular-shaped object was re-

ported by callers to have been hovering and glowing again. When last seen, it was en route from the Raleigh area to the southeast part of the county.

There was some speculation the UFO might have been interested in baseball.

Police Capt. J. C. Sinclair said police received several calls from citizens attending a baseball game near New Allen and James Road about 10 last night. Again, the UFO was said to be hovering.

The control tower at Memphis International Airport, which keeps electronic tabs on flying objects — identified and otherwise — in the Memphis area, said its radar screens showed nothing out of the ordinary during the evening and early morning hours.

# UFO spotted at Kirksville

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (UPI) — Law enforcement officers and a radio station reporter watched an unidentified flying object — a silvery, oblong disc with a fluttering tail — move slowly through the air over this northeast Missouri town about dawn Sunday.

"I can't tell you what it was," said police officer Robert Russell, the first to spot the object. He said it seemed to be twirling and was pointed slightly downward.

"It was like a big comet, bright, silverish, with a long tail," said Doug Mooney, a reporter for station KIRX.

Larry Biehl, a dispatcher for the Adair County sheriff's office, watched the object from outside the office. He said it was moving toward the east silently and finally disappeared from his view.

THE TIMES - HAMMOND, IND.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 18, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# 'Mystery Glow' Lights Region

By SHARON ROSS  
Times Staff Writer

You're not crazy — and certainly not alone — if you've seen a mysterious glowing orb in the evening sky.

Police departments for the past week or so have been swamped with reports of unidentified flying objects.

It seems safe enough to state aliens haven't invaded earth. Officials say, from the information they have been able to gather, the glistening, hovering object is one or more planes hired for car dealership advertising.

But the mystery of tracking the

information down is enough to make a believer out of the most skeptical.

Highland has the latest report of the flying object.

"We got about 1,200 calls Monday night," a Highland police officer said, "with about 5 billion different descriptions of what the thing looked like."

The policeman said his department was told the UFO was a display plane with an attached lighting panel used by Christenson Chevrolet for advertising.

That sounded like a reasonable enough explanation until a young lady

at the car dealership answered the phone.

"It's ours," she first said without hesitation. But when pressed for further description, she lost her certainty.

"We don't really know much about it," she said. "We were told it was ours for advertising."

She said the owners might be able to offer more information — but they weren't in.

A spokesman at the Griffith airport confirmed the object was an advertising plane. As one who has seen the UFO I know if there's a message on that plane it certainly can't be read at 9:30 p.m. The only message on the craft is one of fear.

"Oh, people like to see UFOs," the woman at the Griffith airport countered.

She said the Monday night's sighting originated at the Hammond-Lansing airport. She said a man who rents his plane to advertisers has been flying out of that airport.

Spokesmen at Hammond-Lansing said an advertising plane with a panel of lights was hangared at the airport.

"You can't get to it unless it's a nice, clear evening near dusk when the pilot is checking the lights," the spokesman said.

A third air center verified the advertising aspect of the night flights.

It looked like the mystery might have been solved until the Merrillville police offered a different description of the craft.

A Merrillville police radio operator said the department was swamped with calls a few days ago about a UFO.

That sighting, too, was attributed to an advertising campaign by Art Hill Ford in Merrillville.

But Merrillville police said they were told by several sources, including the Portage police, the craft was a tri-plane with a sequential panel of lights.

The radio operator said the tri-plane was a relatively rare craft, highly maneuverable and capable of cruising at low air speeds, which could produce the effect of hovering.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago said tri-planes are so rare there aren't any registered in northwest Indiana. 3

THE DAILY DISPATCH - MOLINE, ILL.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 9, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Airport explains UFO as planet

What a number of persons, including a Rock Island policeman, termed an unidentified flying object high above Rock Island Sunday, apparently was a planet, a spokesman for the Quad-City Airport Control Tower said today.

The control tower spokesman said air controllers also spotted the object in the eastern sky Sunday night.

He said they had a half a dozen calls about the planet, but no UFOs were seen on the airport's radar. To escape the radar detection, he said, the UFO would have to be "flying extremely high or be stationary."

The spokesman said controllers don't get reports of UFO sightings often, but when they do they "get batches of them at once." He said people begin examining the sky for strange objects and start "seeing things that are out there every night. They even think the moon is a UFO."

After a possible UFO sighting was reported to Rock Island police at 7:40 p.m. Sunday, Patrolman Darwin L. Terkelson was sent to the area around 8th St. and 31st Ave.

In his report, the officer said he saw a "round bright white object stationary in the sky" at a height of 3,000 to 5,000 feet. He stated the object appeared to be over an area between 30th and 38th Streets at about 31st Ave.

After Terkelson observed that object for about 10 minutes, John Suess, 61, of 2929 31st St., Rock Island, who said he'd heard the UFO report on the police scanner, arrived at the scene with field glasses.

Terkelson said that when he focused in with the field glasses, he noted that the object "appeared to maintain its round shape and was orange in color." He said he kept the object under observation until about 8:05 p.m., when "it seemed to intensify in color and brilliance and move in a northeast direction. By 8:10 p.m., we lost visual contact," he reported.

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# People Are Saying . . .

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UP IN PENNSYLVANIA, a series of UFO sightings was reported. One of the sightings was made by a Piper Aircraft employee, Burton Woods, who lives in a mobile home.

It was night time, "when I heard it coming. It had a high-pitched whine, like when you twirl a rope over your head."

When he clambered out of bed and ran to his front porch, Woods said he first thought the Goodyear blimp was going to crash across from him.

"But when I got a real good look at it, I realized it was like nothing I had ever seen before." His encounter which lasted about five minutes and the fact he snapped two photographs generated considerable interest among investigators who are looking into a series of sightings in early April.

Woods, who said he did not believe in UFOs before the incident, described the object as having the shape of a teardrop, about 150 to 200 feet long.

"It was a brownish gray color and has a bright green panel on the bottom," he said. "I got so close to it, I could have clobbered it with a baseball."

"We feel he really did see an unidentified craft," said Joan Jeffers, Executive Director of the National Center for UFO Study.

Among the after effects Wood described, are headaches, blurred vision and general fatigue.

"I really do feel the man is telling the truth because man is like most people and most people are not very well versed on the effects of close encounter," she said.

Last month scores of people in the Puxsutawney-Dubois area reported strange lights and objects. A number of State police officers, including one who followed an object and watched it for about thirty minutes, were among those reporting the objects. 3

DAILY RECORD - MORRISTOWN, N.J.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 13 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# More Than One Witnessed UFO

By SHIRLEY LAZARUS  
HARDING TWP. — A Morristown employe may have seen the same unidentified object Monday night as reported by Miss Leslie Hendricks.

Mrs. Nancy Allocco, who works in the violations bureau, reported that she was en route home to her Blue Mill Road residence in Harding Township from Drexel University campus that evening with her two children Lee, 12 and Neil, 14, when they first sighted it.

"We were in front of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Margetts' house, Blue Mill Road, when I noticed a big glowing thing in the sky in the direction of Bernardsville," she said.

"It was too big and too close to be a star and it appeared to be motionless," she noted.

Mrs. Allocco said that as the car she was driving entered Van Beuren Road and James Street "we lost sight of it because of the trees."

But the threesome spotted the phenomenon again as they entered their driveway from James Street.

"We were so fascinated at the sight, that we sat in our driveway watching it — when suddenly it began moving off toward Green Village and it was gone."

Mrs. Allocco said she thought nothing of the incident until reading Wednesday's Daily Record report of the

sighting of a similar UFO by Miss Hendricks.

Miss Hendricks, 24, had described what she saw as "an oversized moon, glowing orange red," which caught her attention as she was leaving a department store in the Livingston Mall about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

She said, "It seemed to be energizing, and in about seven or eight seconds it flashed across the sky and disappeared."

Miss Hendricks had asked anyone who had seen the glowing ball in the sky or had an explanation to call the Daily Record.

Not quite sure that what she saw was really a UFO, Mrs. Allocco suggested that it was a "cloudy night, perhaps it was something distorted by atmospheric conditions."

Calling her sighting a "big monstrous glowing star," Mrs. Allocco also wondered whether there were any unusual airplanes in the area.

The UFO sighting has aroused the interest of Vestiga, a local organization that investigates any such reports.

Kathy Krogstad, Dover, who is associated with Vestiga, was delighted in hearing of the account. "Usually this reports filter down to us three or four years later," she said, as she prepared to get her accounting first hand.

THE SUNDAY SUN - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 15, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Strange light in the sky . . .

That strange sight in the sky early yesterday morning wasn't a flying saucer.

Actually, at 6 a.m., both Venus and Mars passed within 2-degrees of the moon — Venus to the south and Mars to the north — causing the weird glow that sent early risers dialling our switchboard to tell us about the latest invasion from outer space.

RIDGWAY, PA. - RECORD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 5 1977\*\*\*\*\*

WILCOX—A woman who lives in an isolated area near this Elk County community said Wednesday she watched a round craft ringed with blue lights hover at tree-top level near her trailer home Tuesday night. The 29-year-old Rasselas resident, who asked not to be identified, was interviewed first in Wilcox and later at the scene by an investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. The woman said a white glow seemed to emanate from a section of the silver craft—"like a light from the inside"—and that after she had been observing the object for 10 minutes it rose vertically at a high rate

# Five Law Officers Report

A monster "UFO" (Unidentified Flying Object), described as big as a football field, visited Memphis and Shelby County last night, four policemen and a Tennessee highway patrolman said today.

Officers T. L. Todd and J. W. Jeter of the Police Tactical Squad said they saw the huge object, pyramidal in shape with red and green blinking lights on its corners while they were on I-240 near Norris about 3:45 a.m.

The officers said they spotted the huge vehicle, estimated at 300 feet long, three separate times.

"We called the police dispatcher to report what we had seen and we were still on the air talking to him when a Tennessee State Highway patrolman called in from Collierville to report he had seen it," Jeter said.

The two officers said a team of officers from the North Precinct then broke into the radio conversation to ask if it was triangular in shape.

Todd said the men were M. L. Davidson and F. E. Bartlett also of the Tactical Squad. They came on the air in a car-to-car message saying they had spotted the object about 11 p.m. as they were starting their tour of duty and leaving the North Precinct headquarters at Old Allen Road and Frayser.



Officer Jeter



Officer Todd

"Up to that time we had said nothing about it being triangular in shape," Jeter said. "So we knew they had seen the same thing we did."

Todd said he saw the airborne object first, just east of the expressway.

"It was almost standing still and only about 200 feet off the ground, just over the power line towers. It was in the shape of a perfect triangle, standing on its edge. It was so close it almost looked as if I could reach out and touch it," he said. "There was a sort of a white glow around it."

Jeter said he did not see it on that first sighting, so they turned around at the

Alcy Road interchange and headed back. This time, they said, they both saw it, just east of the expressway and now the object was flying flat, instead of standing on edge, but still the same pyramidal shape.

Tactical unit cars carry rifles with high powered magnifying scopes on them so Jeter said he got out the rifle to get a better look at it through the scope, which would act as a telescope.

"I just got a glimpse of it in the scope when it took off and was gone, just like that," he said.

The police officers said if the object they saw was the same one spotted by the highway patrolman at Collierville it must have traveled the 30 miles to Collierville in a matter of seconds.

Jeter said when the object sped away on his last sighting of it through the scope two bright red lights came on at the rear of the object but the officers could not say whether these were jet-like blasts.

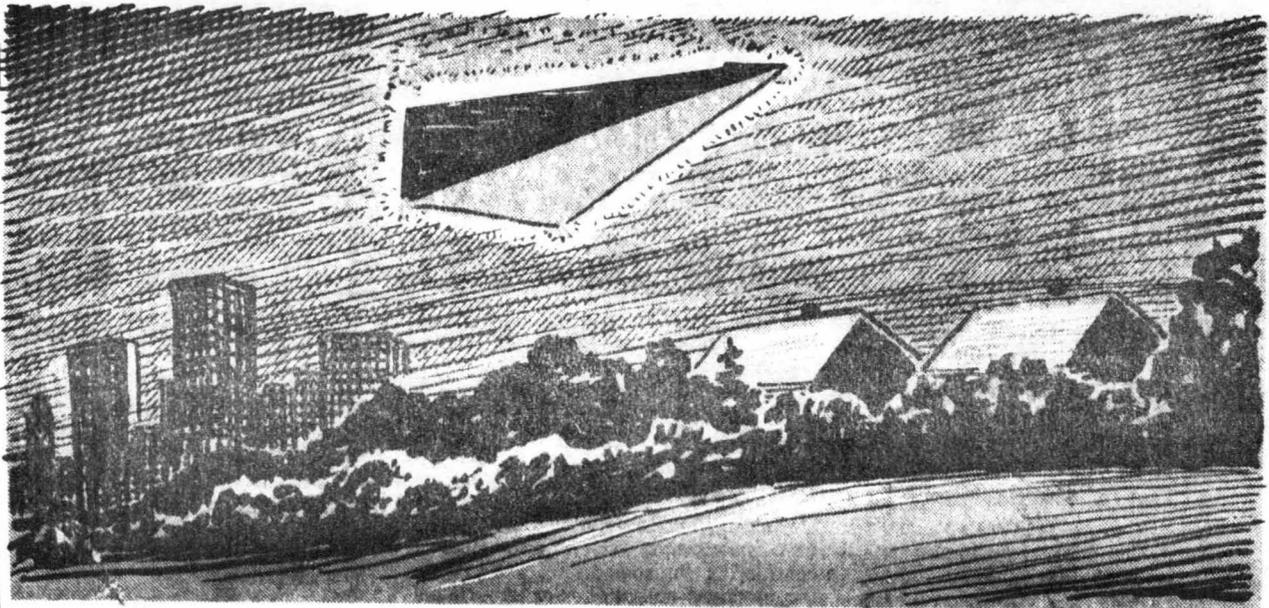
Both men insisted they had heard no sound, that the object was moving silently.

"If it had been a jet plane, we certainly would have heard the noise," Jeter said.

"When I saw it the first time, I thought it must be my imagination, but when we turned around and both of us saw it in a

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## UFO Over Shelby



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different location, I knew it was real," Todd said.

Both men indicated they were a bit shaken by the experience.

Air controllers on duty last night at the Federal Aviation Administration Control

Tower at Memphis International Airport reported they sighted nothing unusual in the skies around Memphis.

Tennessee Highway Patrol said the unit that spotted the UFO near Collierville was a one-man car and identified the officer

as Patrolman Jerry Strain.

A duty officer at the Highway Patrol station confirmed Strain had reported the sighting to the Patrol's radio dispatcher but Strain had gone off duty and could not be reached.

A UFO almost collided with an Alitalia DC-10 over Central India recently.

With lights blazing, the giant spacecraft hurtled towards the airliner. It then rose and vanished into the night after missing the plane by a few feet.

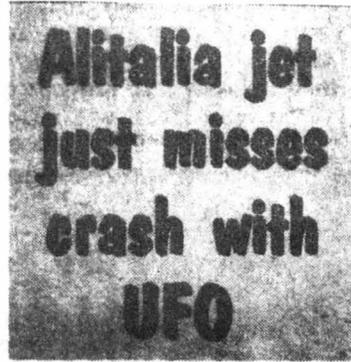
Says pilot Captain Franco de Rosa: "I did not believe in UFOs before, but I do now. I have seen one with my own eyes. I am convinced."

The pilot filed an official report of the UFO sighting with Alitalia. It was also witnessed by two other crewmen who were in the cockpit at the time.

The plane was Alitalia flight 777 and it had left Bangkok, Thailand for Bombay, India. The Italian airliner was the only aircraft in the vicinity and it was cruising at 35,000 feet.

The sighting took place at about 11 p.m. De Rosa described it as follows: "I was sitting in the captain's seat on the left when I turned round for a second to speak to the backup pilot.

"Suddenly, out of the right



hand side of the window, I could see lights which were very intense, like the headlights of a car. They were about 2,000 feet away.

"The others turned to look. The lights were no longer by the side of us, glaring into our eyes. The UFO was descending and crossing our path from left to right.

"The three of us saw it clearly for about 10 to 12 seconds. It resembled a dirigible gondola with four very large windows, each about 25 feet apart.

"It gleamed with lights like neon lighting, very clear, white and strong. The UFO seemed to be traveling at twice our speed and appeared much larger than our DC-10.

"I tried to look inside the windows to see if I could

distinguish something but the lights were too bright. We were flying in a westerly direction and the UFO was heading northwest. It crossed our path no more than 200 feet above us, too close for comfort, and then disappeared."

De Rosa also said he turned on the cockpit lights to make sure the UFO wasn't just a reflection of their own fuselage lights.

The co-pilot, Bruno Bilucaglia said that the object was definitely not a rocket or a satellite. None of the three men who saw the UFO could say just what it was. It resembled nothing they had ever seen before.

Said backup pilot Paolo Emiliozzi: "It was definitely a UFO. No man-made machine could travel so fast."

According to Alitalia who have a written report of the incident, all three men have top-notch flight records and there is no doubt that they saw what they reported.

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CALGARY HERALD, CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 17, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs sighted over Alaska

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ANCHORAGE (AP) — Unidentified flying objects have been reported over the Chugach Mountains slightly east of here by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport.

Cliff Cernick, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman, said one of the controllers reported that on April 23 he saw "four blips which gyrated on his radarscope in an unusual manner."

"The controller, Terry Siegreest, saw the blips settle downwards, and then move across the scope at a rapid rate of speed," Cernick said.

He said the airline also reported sighting an unidentified flying object on that date.

"It might have some natural explanation and I wouldn't overplay it," Cernick said. "I don't want people to think the FAA sees little green men."

Harry Fluharty relieved Siegreest after the radar sightings. He said a Northwest Orient pilot reported that he saw a single bright object at 60,000 feet moving at a high rate of speed.

Fluharty quoted the pilot as saying, "I'll probably be sorry for reporting this, but I know what I saw and my whole crew saw it, too."

## She Wonders If Other Folks Spotted UFO

By SHIRLEY LAZARUS

LIVINGSTON TWP. — A 24-year-old woman is wondering whether she really saw a UFO at the Livingston Mall Monday night.

Miss L. Hendricks, 53 Western Ave., Morristown, said it was just 9:30 p.m. and the mall was shutting down as she left Hahne & Co.

Up in the sky she saw what appeared to be an oversized moon, glowing orange red.

"It seemed to be energizing," she said, "and in about seven or eight seconds it flashed across the sky and disappeared. I was so excited that I never called to other people who were also walking towards their cars."

Miss Hendricks, who recently returned from a trip to Europe where she visited her family, works for a local architect. She said she is not interested in sensationalizing the incident but is truly interested in knowing if anyone else saw this glowing ball in the sky and wonders if there is an explanation for it.

If you also saw the UFO, please contact the Daily Record today.

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# Like a ship suspended in air

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with Kathy and they were asleep.

As she was dozing off, the mother heard a humming sound. At first, she thought it was her clock radio. After a few moments, she and Robert determined the sound was coming from another source.

He got up to check. That's when he saw "blinding lights" reflecting on the glass shower doors through the bathroom window. He stepped inside the shower stall to get a better view from the window.

"The lights reminded me of strobe lights or flashes of lightning. They were intense," said the elder Coffey. "I thought perhaps the city had put some new lights on the communications tower or on one of the water towers. Then I realized these lights were way higher than any of the towers. And I noticed one light appeared to be at the top of a triangle, one at bottom left and one at bottom right. That's when I began yelling for Charlene to get up and come see the strange phenomenon."

The two of them watched from the vantage point of the bathroom window which faces north, Robert said.

"All at once we were startled to see small bluish-green and red flashing lights along the perimeter near the bottom portion of the triangle," he continued. "As the lights began moving eastward I was able to make out a bell-shaped outline. Quite frankly, it looked a lot like

science fiction or newspaper accounts of what they call flying saucers."

He said the humming sound lessened and disappeared as the object moved away.

As Robert grabbed a bathrobe, Charlene awakened Bobby and all three ran outside to their front yard to watch.

All three said they noticed the huge size and silent, gliding effect more than anything else about the UFO.

"It was like seeing a 10,000 ton ship suspended in the air although I really have no idea what that thing weighed," said Robert. "It was immense. I would estimate its length to have been somewhere between 100 to 125 feet across the base. It appeared to be 300 to 400 feet above the ground at least part of the time. The thing was so silent, clean, non-polluting and just floated along not bothering anybody. You got a sense of majesty about the whole thing. It was an exhilarating experience."

Robert said he definitely had the feeling something or someone was in intelligent control of the vehicle.

"We were overjoyed at having the opportunity to witness this," said Charlene.

Bobby said he momentarily heard the "buzzing" sound as soon as he started down the hallway after being awakened by his mother.

He said after climbing onto a bench outside for a

better viewpoint, he saw the lights and gigantic shape.

"It wasn't a bell-shaped object in my opinion," Bob-

by said. "It was sleeker than that. It was effortlessly gliding along just taking its time like it was sighting or something. Then it came to a dead stop."

"All of a sudden it turned vertical," Bobby continued. "That blew my mind."

— by Sue Vogelsanger

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VALPARAISO, IND. - VIDETTE-MESSENGER  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 10, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Many see UFO

More than 40 residents in Portage, South Haven and Valparaiso saw what they believe was an unidentified flying object between 9:45 and 10 p.m. Monday, according to police.

Initial sightings in Portage and Valparaiso were made only two minutes apart.

A Portage couple in their 40s made the first reported sighting about 9:45 p.m. They said it was moving in a southeasterly direction at an altitude of 500 feet and was crossing U.S. 20 west of Willowcreek Road when they first saw it.

It was described as a circular object larger than an airplane, with square windows rotating at a constant rate but slowly enough to make the square shape evident.

A couple in a car observed the UFO traveling south with a sound like the wind whistling that ceased when it disappeared. The object was reported heading for the Portage Mall but police in the area at the time did not see it. Wit-

nesses said it traveled east after hovering over the Mall.

A similar object was reportedly seen here near Glenrose Park at 9:47 p.m. One woman told police it changed shape.

Valparaiso Patrolman Ralph Carlson said it was apparently flying too low for him to see it through trees when he was asked to investigate, but county police Patrolman Ralph Levi said he looked at it through binoculars and it appeared to be an airplane.

Other observers said it may have been an airplane towing a banner.

Porter policeman Charles Dunlap said he saw the UFO from his home in South Haven about 10 p.m. He said it cruised too slowly and too low to be an airplane. He said it emitted a light glow and had a round top with square windows.

Police have called the Institute for Research of UFO Phenomena at Northwestern University which is starting an investigation.

## The UFO

### 'Majesty about the whole thing'

PLEASANTON — Seeing is not always believing, according to the Robert Coffey family of Pleasanton who said they spotted a UFO hovering near Kottlinger Reservoir at 1:50 a.m. on March 13.

Robert reported the event to

the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle. The resulting publicity triggered responses from three other Pleasanton residents who claimed they saw the same UFO near that time on that date.

Robert was a weather observer in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955. Part of his job was to track lighted weather balloons by sight at night.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Correctional Administration from the University of Arizona. His masters from that university is in Public Administration with a major in Probation and Parole.

His wife, Charlene, is a Registered Nurse. Their sixteen-year-old son, Bobby, is

enrolled in a local high school. A 10-year-old daughter, Kathy, was not awakened for the sighting.

"After the sighting was over, each one of us kept trying to rationalize what we saw," said Robert. "But it always came back to the same thing — it was truly an Unidentified Flying Object. We don't know what it was but it was most interesting."

The sighting lasted 10 to 11 minutes, according to the three Coffey's.

It began shortly after Robert and Charlene had returned home from visiting friends for the evening. Bobby had stayed home

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# Wellsville police chief spots UFO

By MATT WALSH

The Capital-Journal State Staff

It was round, about the size of an automobile. It was bright white, like a huge light that lit up the sky. And it made short movements, back and forth and up and down, like an unidentified flying object.

And as far as Ron Orton, chief of the Wellsville Police Department, is concerned, that's what it was — a UFO.

Or was it?

A staff member at the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., says the object was the planet Venus.

Orton spotted this weird configuration about 4:30 a.m. this morning about 50 miles east of Wellsville, a town about 45 miles southeast of Lawrence, as he and another patrolman were making the rounds around town.

Orton said he watched the object

about an hour and a half with a pair of nine-powered binoculars. As he observed, the object moved erratically in short distances. However, at one point, he said it moved about a mile north and then returned to its original position.

Orton also said there was a small, dim red light that looked to be about 10 miles south of the big, bright object.

Both were visible until dawn, and then they disappeared high in the sky.

The Wellsville police chief said this was the first time he had seen such an object, adding, "I hope it's my last, too."

But it may not be. The UFO Reporting Center spokesman said Venus is often mistaken for a UFO in early morning hours, noting the center receives a lot of telephone calls from alarmed observers.

From the information the Wellsville Police Department reported to the center, the spokesman said it indicated "the exact position of where Venus would have been over the horizon."

And Venus, he said, usually appears to be about four times larger than an average star.

The UFO center staff member explained Orton's claim the object moved about mile north because of cloud activity.

"It was our understanding there was a broken cloud layer moving above," he said. "If that cloud layer had been on the move, it would appear the object itself was moving."

As far as the back-and-forth and up-and-down movements, the spokesman said: "It was probably eye distortion. We do get that quite often from people who watch Venus. If they stare at the thing long enough it would appear as if it would move back and forth, especially if you use binoculars that are not stationary."

The spokesman could give no explanation for the small red light.

## UFOs dot Putnam night sky

By GORDON TRAYES

LAKE SECOR — A number of rounded objects, flashing red, green, blue and amber lights, were reported seen over Mahopac and the Lake Secor area late Sunday night.

The objects, which appeared to hover in the sky for periods of up to a half hour and then move rapidly in horizontal and vertical paths, were first reported by Mrs. Anna Amiano and her family in the Lake Secor area shortly after 11 p.m.

She said four of the objects were seen hovering over the area for more than a half hour. They had flashing red and green lights she said, the colors seen on conventional aircraft. She said she did not think these could have been helicopters, however, because of the length of time they seemed to be stationary and the rapidity with which they moved when they did.

One of the objects shot across the sky horizontally to a point above Lake Secor and then seemed to move straight up.

While watching the objects, Mrs. Amiano got on the citizens band radio she has in her home and asked anyone listening if they saw the same thing. Several answered saying they could and reporting that they were particularly visible from the Lakeview Elementary School, high above Lake Mahopac. Mrs. Amiano got in her car and drove to the school for a better look.

The objects she saw from there were showing bright amber lights, a color not normally seen on night flying aircraft.

By this time Carmel police had received several calls reporting the sightings. Ptl. Randy Tompkins went to the school to see for himself and, according to Mrs. Amiano, felt that lights might be emanating from the Danbury airport some 20 miles away.

Mrs. Amiano disagrees with this theory but says neither she nor any of her CB friends have any idea what they were looking at. From the school, through binoculars, the objects appeared to be round, at least that portion that they could see,

SHAWNEE, OKLA. — NEWS-STAR  
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## Pilot Sees UFO

Agence France-Presse

BOGOTA — A Colombian pilot who claimed he was blinded in the sky by an unidentified flying object circled Bogota for two hours Friday in his single-engined plane before being helped to a Landing and taken to hospital suffering from shock.

A local radio station, reporting on the incident, played tapes made by ham radio operators of the terrified pilot's calls for help. "I've lost my sight and don't know what to do," the pilot, Manuel Lopez, kept repeating.

Four planes were sent to help guide Lopez to a safe landing at Bogota airport.

Lopez was taken to a military hospital here where specialists were studying his case.

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# Look, up in the sky! It's a plane. It's a . . . !

"I know you're going to think I'm crazy. But I'm sure I saw a UFO."

Heleen K. Smith, 3615 S. Harmon St., Marion, wasn't the only one who said she doubted her sanity. She and other Marion residents called area police departments and the Chronicle-Tribune last night to report an unusual flying object hovering over Marion.

The Marion police had the answer. Two versions. A: "A UFO and 40 green Martians are invading Marion."

B: "It's an advertising gimmick. We don't really know that. We just heard it."

The Huntington Police Department added version C: An airplane with light bulbs flashing "Villa North." Huntington police thought Villa North might be a new shopping center.

An advertising gimmick at 10 p.m.?

"No one could possibly see an ad-

vertisement at 10 at night," Mrs. Smith said.

"Its lights were very low like a plane that was going to land. But then I realized no plane has that many lights. There were windows all around it. It was a cylinder shaped like a plane, but it was going all around in a circle. The windows were revolving and it had a brilliant red light."

"Hey, I know this is really weird and I'd had a hard day," Carol D. Morgan, 2214 S. Race St., Marion, said.

"And I thought, 'You know, you can see distorted things through your windshield.'"

"So I got out of my car and it looked like I could just reach up and touch it. It had revolving red lights on top. On the bottom of it was perhaps hundreds of light bulbs and they were all blinking off and on in a circular pattern."

"That ain't no hoax. I've never

seen anything like it," George W. Davis, 511 E. Lincoln St., Marion, said.

"I was going to go over to the police, but I thought he'd lock me up."

Muncie and Indianapolis airport spokesmen said no unusual flying objects were reported over Marion.

Marion police, however, not to be outdone by Muncie, Indianapolis or Huntington, abandoned the Martian theory and came up with version D at 10:30 p.m.

Sgt. Larry F. Hairrell said he heard the plane was advertising Southworth-Heiser Ford.

Jeff Southworth, 1704 Saxon Dr., Marion, said a plane with flashing lights advertising the company was flying over Marion about 9:15 p.m.

But even that version didn't settle the question in Peru.

A police dispatcher there said a UFO was reported over Peru Sunday. The police said it was the beacon light over the Peru airport.

## UFOs?

# What was that up in the air?

PORTAGE, Ind.—Residents of this community may not have believed what they saw at first, but at least 21 persons reported to police they definitely saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) flying above the town last night.

Police Chief Charles Heimberg said this morning that phone calls began flooding the police department about 9 p.m. last night with reported sightings of the UFO. It was reported travelling in a southeasterly direction along U.S. 20.

Heimberg said descriptions of the UFO varied slightly but that the majority of reports from residents described the ship as circular with flashing lights detailing its outline.

One resident reported seeing the UFO hovering about 500 feet above a police car with flashing lights that had apparently stopped another automobile. The two policemen riding in that car later reported they didn't notice the UFO hovering above them.

A short time after the reported sightings in Portage, police in Valparaiso began receiving calls that a UFO fitting the same description was flying over the city. The southeasterly direction of travel reported by Portage

residents lies in an approximate straight line toward Valparaiso.

Local airports in Lake and Porter counties reported no airplanes taking off or landing at the time the UFO was in the Portage area. Although Lake County Sheriff's office said they believed it was a low-flying aircraft pulling advertising, witnesses in Portage said they were positive it wasn't an airplane.

According to the witnesses in Portage the craft would hover over a certain spot for a while and then fly off at a right angle. The only flycraft capable of doing that is a helicopter and witnesses said the UFO didn't look like a helicopter or sound like one.

Most of the witnesses requested that the police withhold their names, although Chief Heimberg said most of them were reliable and respected members of the community.

The Federal Aviation Administration was contacted by Portage police and they indicated there are enough reports to warrant an investigation. A UFO reporting bureau in Olympia, Wash., also received an initial report this morning and said they are launching an investigation.

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**UFOs Back in News**

# Youth Sights Strange Aircraft

by DICK CLIFFORD  
UFO's are back in the news. One is, at least; the one Bradley Burge claims he saw back on March 11. It took him two weeks to muster the nerve to talk to the press about it.

Finding believers for his story is proving more difficult than finding UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects).

Indulgent smiles, yes. Believers, no.

"I told Uncle Norman (McMillion, county deputy sheriff) about it," young Burge said, "but he didn't sound like he believed me."

The Risco sixth-grader says his friends at school "Didn't believe me, either."

Burge and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burge, live near the Powe Community, west of Bernie. On the night in question, he and his mother, Doris, were driving home.

And therein lies a tale . . . He and his mother were about one-half mile from home between 7 and 8 o'clock when through a gap in the clouds, he saw the UFO. The object — which he sketched for the reporter — resembled the front half of a conventional, four-motor propellor aircraft.

It did not have a tail section.

Instead, moving soundlessly through the sky, it appeared to be powered by several jet engines located on the trailing edges of the wings. It looked like "one big fire . . . blue-green like a jet engine would make," Burge related. The flames were continuous from wing-tip to wing-tip.

Mrs. Burge said her son "Just had a fit" when he saw the object. By the time she slowed down enough to take a look for herself, the UFO had



**FRIENDS SKEPTICAL** — Bradley Burge, 11, claims he sighted a plane-like UFO on the night of March 11 near his Powe Community home. However, he's found friends reluctant to believe his story.

disappeared. Burge said he kept the UFO in sight for "five or six seconds," and that it was traveling "very fast" in level flight at an altitude of about one-half mile, heading west.

If the UFO had a tail section, the youngster continued, it was hidden by the flames from the jet engines. Although the craft had housings for propellor engines, no propellers were visible.

The red-haired youth claims that his UFO had flashing white lights, ("like landing

lights"); one atop the fuselage near the nose and one at each wing-tip. The craft's body appeared to be light-colored, with black and white stripes.

"When it went past, it lighted up the skies," Burge related, "it was real bright." So bright, in fact, that "when it went behind the clouds, you could almost still see it."

Bradley Burge is a young man with a story to tell, but he's encountering the same problem all UFO spotters face — finding believers.

## U.S. ends search for life on Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The search for living organisms on Mars by two robot biology laboratories ended yesterday with scientists still saying they probably have not found life there.

Having used up their supplies of nutrients and fuel, the automated

labs on Lander 1 and Lander 2 were switched off by an electronic command from Earth.

"The majority opinion is that they have not detected life in any of the samples they tested," said a spokesman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

# Flying saucer spotted

At least three Port Clinton persons claim they saw a flying saucer 9:05 p.m. Saturday when the diamond shaped object came across the sky in a northwesterly direction and disappeared over the lake.

Owen Espejo, 17, of 1809 Glenrose Lane, The Fountains, first saw the strange vehicle as he returned home from work. His mother, Mrs. Marjorie Espejo, and his friend, Mike Brown, 16, Erie Township, also watched the flying saucer.

When first noticed, the strange vehicle was approaching The Fountains from Buckeye Boulevard.

Brown reported the flying saucer had two headlights as well as two lights on the side. He claims there was only a slight hum noticeable.

Brown said the flying saucer was diamond shaped, that it had a red dome on top and that the blue and white lower dome was revolving and glowing.

When the trio reported the flying saucer to the police station, they were told that a plane was flying in the area. Brown said that they had also seen the plane, but it was going east while the flying saucer was northwest bound.

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# 'I thought it was a message

By DAVID VENDITTA  
Era Staff Writer

Mrs. Roxie Wilt wouldn't have seen it if she and her husband Robert hadn't been awakened by a phone call at midnight Saturday.

The call was from their eldest daughter in Randolph, N.Y., who said their grandson had fallen several stories from a building and doctors had given up hope of saving him. Mrs. Wilt, 58, and Robert, 59, stayed up to discuss the tragedy in their home in the Village of Wolf Run near Rew.

"We were sitting in the kitchen talking," Mrs. Wilt said. "All of a sudden the sky was all lit up. I jumped up from the table and said to my husband, 'What in the world is that? There's

something in the sky.'"

Robert came to the window in time to see a terrific torch-like flash. He ran out the door onto the porch and there was nothing. The time was exactly 1:50 a.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Wilt said Sunday afternoon that what she had seen was not normal, but the strangest phenomenon she had ever witnessed. "At first I thought it was a message from heaven about our grandson . . . that he died, but I checked and he's still in a coma."

She said she saw a large cylindrical object. "I was looking out the window . . . it was this big thing, one end large like a big ball of fire and the larger end like a big round bowl . . . it had a tail but it didn't come to a point but tapered down

and it was round at the end."

Mrs. Wilt said she watched from the window as the object cruised slowly downward at about a 10 degree angle. "It was coming down like a plane for a landing or like when a car goes to slow down for a stop." The object seemed to be approaching a neighbor's garage 150 feet away.

"The strange thing about it is just as it got almost to the top of the garage it went like it almost exploded . . . it did explode, like firecrackers . . . and it disintegrated." A day-long search for remnants of the object was futile, and Robert Wilt had even checked the nearby woods in vain.

Mrs. Wilt could not estimate the size of the object, which she described as being divided by

## from heaven...'

rings, with every other ring glowing an intense red. The object made no sound that she could hear, she said, not even when it exploded.

Robert Wilt pointed out that from what his wife told him about the object — he never actually saw it — it apparently approached from the east heading north northwest. He said when he was on the porch after the explosion there was a very strong and unusual sweet odor in the air that would disappear and return as he walked.

The Wilts had gone to bed at 10:45 p.m., they said. At that time, a neighbor's German shepherd dog began to bark loudly and didn't stop until after the explosion. "It wasn't a normal bark," Mrs. Wilt said. "It was a weird, wail-

ing sound."

Whatever happened, apparently no one else in the area had seen or heard anything at that hour of the morning. Foster Township Police Chief Donald Boyer and Rew Volunteer Fire Department Chief Cliff Hastings said they had received no calls and didn't notice anything unusual.

The only report of anything unusual came from a Rew girl, who said she stepped out of her home at 11 a.m. Sunday and heard "an awful noise . . . like a loud beep."

"This was not my imagination," said Mrs. Wilt. "I don't know what it could have been . . . I never believed in them (unidentified flying objects). I seen it, is all I can say. It really startled me and I know it was real."

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## UFO Hovered Over Car

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NAPANEE — A Lindsay woman and her 12-year-old daughter had a close UFO encounter late on March 19 when an unknown airborne object hovered over their car on Highway 401 just west of here.

Sylvia Laidler said in a letter received recently by The Intelligencer she and her daughter Darlene were travelling eastbound at about 8 p.m. when they saw a "red streak" appear out of the north.

Mrs. Laidler related the UFO stopped abruptly over the highway ahead of the car

and maintained "a red pulsating glow."

"Then, we saw it was coming directly towards us flying on the south side of the highway at tree top level," she said.

"The brilliant turquoise lights and red flashing lights were prominent and Darlene noticed that it was a triangular shape with a goldish light flashing at the bottom of the craft as it flew over our car but hovered directly over us," she outlined.

Mrs. Laidler said they listened, but could hear no sound from the UFO which

took off southbound and disappeared from sight when "headlights from a car far behind us" appeared.

"We would love to know just what could have happened had that car not approached," she commented. Their car had been the only one on that particular stretch of highway when the UFO approached and hovered over them.

Mrs. Laidler said she decided to write to The Intelligencer after learning of newspaper accounts of other Napanee area sightings.

# 'We Saw A UFO

A group of young schoolboys huddled together in fear recently as a UFO landed near them and one of its occupants looked them over.

"We were playing ball in the field next to our school when we heard this funny whirling noise," 10-year-old Michael Webb told

MIDNIGHT. "We stopped playing and looked up at the sky. Suddenly, this strange flying thing came over the field.

"It was a silvery yellow color. As it slowed down and hovered over the field, I saw there was a dome on the top with a shining light. It slowly lowered itself to the ground.

"It sat on the ground for what seemed a long time, then a little door in the side of the thing opened, and a funny-looking man stepped out. He was very small, and wore something like a spacesuit that our astronauts wear. He got out and walked around the field."

Michael's friend, Phillip Rees, 10, gave exactly the same description.

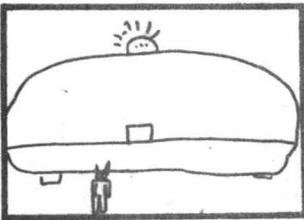
"There were no engines... only a funny noise and a light flashing in the dome. When it landed, we were all too frightened to go and see what it

# Spaceman'



SCHOOLBOYS DEMONSTRATE how they watched UFO land.

**Kids Tell Of Terror Visit By Spaceship**



SKETCH by Phillip Rees, 10, of the UFO and creature.

was. All we could do was watch.

"After the little man got back into the machine, it suddenly rose straight into the air and flew away at an amazing speed."

The boys reported what they had seen to Richard Llewellyn, the principal of

their school in Pembroke, Wales.

"I spoke to each of the 14 boys separately, and made them draw what they saw land," he told MIDNIGHT. "The drawings were all alike."

Others saw the UFO, too. A teacher, Terry Land, 40, was driving by the field when he saw it.

"It seemed to glow even in the daylight," he said. "It stood out against the sky like an enormous saucer."

The British Ministry of Defence confirmed the reports of the UFO.

"We don't know what it was," said a spokesman. "It had nothing to do with the government. We have listed it as an unidentified flying object."

Phillip Rees is in no doubt what the object was.

"It was just like one of those space films on TV," he said. "I'll never forget what I saw... even if people do laugh at us."

"I believe in spacecraft, and that was one of them!"

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## 'Well, Maybe It Was A High-Altitude Balloon

An investigator of unidentified flying objects said today he does not think the UFO sighted above the Quad-Cities Sunday night was a visitor from outer space.

Allen Hendry of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., said he ruled out the possibility that the round, orange object spotted by several persons, including a Rock Island policeman, was a star or a light plane.

That leaves a high-altitude balloon as the best explanation.

When there is a "logical natural explanation" for a sighting, investigators do not attribute the UFO to extra-terrestrial beings, Hendry said, even if the natural explanation cannot be confirmed.

Hendry said Monday the UFO

might have been the Arcturus star, but he said today the 7:40 p.m. sighting meant it was too early in the evening for the large, bright star to be visible.

Hendry said air controllers at the Quad-City Airport, Moline, told him they did have a blip on their radar screen at the time of the sighting, but it proved to be a light aircraft moving from another direction.

Air traffic control centers in Kansas City, Kan., and Aurora, Ill., had no reports of high-altitude planes or balloons in the area at the time.

But Hendry said so many research balloons are released by government agencies and private industry "that it is almost impossible to track them all down."

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## They don't drop in

About those UFOs they were seeing in Putnam a week or so ago — the round things with the red and green flashing lights that looked amber when you got closer, that hovered for as much as half an hour in one spot and then took off like a shot, straight up or straight out — we're ready to agree that they were flying saucers, all right, and not just spotlights at Danbury Airport playing tricks. What's beginning to bother us, though, is that the things never land.

It must be close to 10 years ago that the New Yorker ran a cartoon of some visitors from outer space, alighting from their saucer in a field and greeting an elderly horse there with the request, "Please take us to your President." After that there was Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet," and a host of jokes about spacemen accosting juke boxes in bars, and hosts upon hosts of sightings. But in all that time, the saucers have not been known to touch down any-

where. They've been in the neighborhood, but they have not dropped in.

One theory, of course, is that the saucer riders are snooping, filing reports and preparing for the Invasion. We don't buy it. We think they're waiting for something to change here.

What sort of thing? Better air quality maybe, or a more comfortable temperature. Less clutter. (Could be they're allergic to trees.) Fewer people, more horses. Pink grass. Who knows?

The gist of it is, the passengers in the flying saucers just don't think Planet Earth makes it as a vacation resort. Someday, maybe, but not yet. After all, the Beautiful People didn't flock to Acapulco until it acquired the amenities.

A thing like this could give us an inferiority complex.

## UFO report by Merrill

Unidentified object reports continue to be received by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, with the latest being a report of bright flashing lights and a humming noise coming from a woods off Highway 64 about 12 miles west of Merrill at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Deputy Edward Gault said he was told the lights diminished in brightness and the whining noise stopped before he arrived to investigate.

Gault did report he saw bright light flashes in about three locations for about five seconds as he was leaving the wooded area. Ground fog was in the area at the time, he said.

Deputies making other recent unidentified object investigations have also reported either ground fog or low cloud conditions at the time. 3

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# UFO Rattles TV Antenna Atop Lake Helen Villas Mobile Home

By THE RAMBLER

LAKE HELEN — It was approximately 1:30 a.m. several weeks ago that Mrs. Leonard Twidt, who was not asleep, heard the TV antenna on her home at Lake Helen Mobile Villa shake violently. She also observed very bright lights shining through the drawn window shades of her bedroom.

Rushing outside, Mrs. Twidt observed a huge round object in the sky above the villa, fringed with flashing colored lights, slowly traveling at tree-top height toward the south.

She immediately awoke her husband. He's a sound sleeper, and by the time he went outside the "thing" in the air was disappearing in the distance. He only got a partial view of the object.

Both Leonard and Helen Twidt claim the object made no noise in the air and now regret they did not call neighbors to verify the sighting. Neighbors agree that the Twidts are not excitable people, given to fabrications. Nor are they the types who would be influenced by imagination.

In an effort to take advantage of a new clubhouse recently completed at Lake Helen Mobile Villa, residents have organized a social club named "The Villagers."

George White, a retired Army officer, was elected president of the organization, and since his installation

the place has been a whirlwind of activity.

Aided by other officers, Vice President Jack Dunlap, Secretary Mrs. Jacobs and her assistant Miss Artz, and Secretary Robert Horner, a full slate of events and programs is now being offered members.

Executive board members, named by Vice-Pres. Dunlap, are Mrs. Annette Thavette, Mrs. Nellie Cain, Mrs. Julia Shultz, Mr. Harold Burr, Mr. Clarence Collins and Mr. Raymond Babbitt.

Badly needing a piano for the new clubhouse at Lake Helen Mobile Villa, Ray Babbitt, executive board member of the villa's social club, has agreed to donate one, and has worked out a unique method of shipping the instrument to Florida from his home in Pennsylvania.

A friend of the Babbitts will haul the piano to Florida in a large truck when he comes to this state to pick up a load of watermelons for the north. Club members will meet him somewhere and will move the piano to Lake Helen in a pickup truck. This all will take place sometime in June.

Residents of Lake Helen underwent their first mass blood pressure tests recently after Skip Harris, a co-owner of the court, donated a kit for use of residents.

The tests, which will be conducted periodically, are under the supervision of Mrs. Theona Allen, a registered nurse and club member. 4

**BIG MAC ATTACK?**

# UFO circles East Rome restaurant

BY BETSY NEAL, News-Tribune Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reportedly sighted circling over the Rome area early this morning.

Phyllis Barlow, 19, a student pilot, said she was working at the McDonald's on Turner McCall Boulevard at 5:10 a.m. today when she spotted the UFO in the pre-dawn sky.

"It seemed to be circling slowly over the area," Miss Barlow said. "It was flying at a tilt, and on the bottom of the object was a circle of foggy light surrounding a triangle of intense bright light."

When the UFO started its second circle over the city, Miss Barlow called a friend, Ricky Long, out of the restaurant and they watched it for about 10 minutes. "It was pretty high up at first, but then it started getting lower and lower. As it came closer, the light seemed to fade. I guess it stopped about 1,000 feet above the ground, and we could see about 40 per cent of the bottom of the object. The body was a flat grayish-silver color and three creamy yellow lights were distinguishable along the bottom at that distance. They were oval shaped and honeycombed," Miss Barlow said.

"The UFO stopped and hovered for a minute and darted off toward Atlanta at a tremendous rate of speed," she said. "We went back inside and looked out again around 5:30 a.m. There was a dull light high up in the sky over the mall, and Ricky tried to tease me into believing it was the UFO," Miss Barlow said.

"I said, no, that maybe it was a planet like Venus, and about that time it moved slowly back towards Atlanta. It hovered for a minute and then traveled straight up, getting smaller and smaller until it finally disappeared altogether," she said. 3

As a student pilot, Miss

## UFO

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Barlow said she would have been able to tell if the object was an airplane. "When I first saw it, I thought it was some kind of aircraft, but planes can't hover, and this object did not have the blinking, rotating lights airplanes and helicopters are required to have. The lights on this vehicle were constant, and some were dulled," she said.

Also, the UFO made no noise whatsoever, according to Miss Barlow. "As close as it got at times, I'm sure we would have been able to hear engine noise if there was any," she said.

"And besides, the range of speed on this thing was too varied. Sometimes it would hover, then fly slowly, and sometimes it would dart around at an amazing speed," she said. "We couldn't find any jets, props or landing equipment on it either. There was some kind of bubble in the middle. It was unclear though. Ricky said it looked like an antenna," Miss Barlow said.

Gerald Haley, watch supervisor of the Atlanta Air Traffic Control Tower said there were no reported UFO sightings on the Atlanta radar this morning.

"However, if the object was traveling below 1,000 feet we might not have picked it up, and if it was moving slowly

and just appeared on the edge of our screens, our controllers might have thought that it was a plane being monitored at one of the smaller airports in the metro area and didn't report it as an unusual sighting," Haley said.

Juanita Lester of the National Weather Service at Russell Field said she did not know of any weather balloons or devices that had been launched in the area. "Besides, from Phyllis' description, this couldn't have been a weather balloon," she said.

Officials at Dobbins Air Force Base refused to talk with reporters about UFO sightings.

So Rome's early morning visitor remains a mystery. Perhaps it was just some inter-galactic traveller suffering a Big Mac attack. 3

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## UFO Line

Hotlines for people with special interests have been proliferating, and the latest is a number for people who have seen Unidentified Flying Objects. A group called the International U.F.O. Registry has initiated the 24-hour toll-free hotline over which anyone who has had a strange encounter with an unearthly being or has observed a

U.F.O. may call in a report. The number, for serious sightings only, is (800) 348-4057.

CLARION, PA. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 10, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Object Seen In Sky Here

A local citizen reports seeing a rapidly moving illuminated object in the sky last Saturday evening over Route 66 about a mile south of Clarion.

The description did not coincide with those of most UFO sightings in this area. The citizen reported this gave off a silver-white

light. There was tail reported giving it a tadpole appearance but not as long as most comets. Unlike meteors, this one appeared to dip down once and then shoot back up.

Its speed was reported far greater than that of an airplane which was also seen in the area at the same time. 3

MERRILL, WIS. - SHOPPER-FOTO NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 4, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

UFO- A UFO was reported on Center Road Sunday night. A star gazer who reported the orange and yellow object said he saw it hovering over a barn on the left side of Center Road near Highway W. The UFO was heading east at the time. The star gazer also reported he had observed a similar object three weeks ago on Deer Run Road. 3

## Officer Calls UFO 'Work Of The Lord'

TAYLORSVILLE — Officer Steve Sasser of the police department here says he is still shaking after seeing the strangest sight of his life this morning.

Sasser, who has been on the force about eight months, was one of several men who saw an unidentified flying object before dawn today near the intersection of Miss. 531 and 28 at the Leaf River Bridge.

"I think people out ought to straighten up," said a shaken Sasser. The object is "the Lord's work."

Sasser gave this story:

Charles McKinley of the Taylorsville Police Department received a message about 4:30 a.m. today from a wrecker-truck driver who was pulling a vehicle to Laurel.

The wrecker's driver, obviously upset, said he saw something out by the Leaf River Bridge that he wanted the police to investigate.

Sasser went to the area, about 1½ miles outside town. When he arrived the truck driver, whose name was not immediately available, met him and pointed to an object in the sky.

"It was about 100 feet above the ground," said Sasser, and off to the left of the highway. "The driver of the truck had said when he first spotted it, the object was about 50 feet high, right over the highway pavement."

Sasser said he and the truck driver stared at the object for a few seconds, maybe a couple of minutes. And then it started toward them.

Sasser said it was oblong and gave off a whitish glow. There was no sound and the object moved quickly up and down. He said he could see no windows, only a glow of light and a little of the outline.

"I got back in the car and told headquarters it was getting pretty close," Sasser said. "I remember that incident at Pascagoula (where two men said they were taken aboard a UFO) and I didn't want that. It scared me.

"We called the chief (Tony Blakney) and he came out and we tried to take some pictures but they did not turn out.

"Then it moved away and went up higher in the sky and just stayed there — about one hour and 20 minutes.

"We went back to headquarters and we could still see it for a while and several people in town saw it," said Sasser.

"Then we looked and it was gone."

Sasser said he did not believe in UFOs before today.

"But now I do believe," he said.

"And I hope it's the last time I see one."

## Looking for Ernie's spaceship

By STEVE WARD  
Of The Tribune Staff

MULDROW — Ernie Vaughn admits he awakened sleepy police across eastern Oklahoma before dawn Wednesday with a warning about a swooping, unidentified flying object.

He also woke up a few neighbors. And now Muldrow residents head for their back yards each evening, hoping to see "Ernie's flying saucer."

Vaughn, a Muldrow marshal, says he spotted the UFO while on patrol before dawn Wednesday morning and radioed Van Buren, Ark., police that the "huge, bright object" was headed their way.

Sleepy police dispatchers across eastern Oklahoma and a handful of other listeners heard Vaughn and his dispatcher-wife chat about the UFO.

HE SAID he had been flagged down about 3 a.m. by a group of high school students who told him they had been chased by a bright light.

"I thought they were just making it up. Then about an hour later, all of the sudden I seen this bright light," Vaughn said.

Vaughn says he stopped his police car at the Muldrow city limits on U.S. 64, jumped out and radioed the Van Buren police. "It looked like it was heading their way and I thought I had better warn them."

The object was "skipping across the sky," he said. "It moved for a little ways, then stopped." Vaughn said he

stood in the middle of the highway gazing at the object for more than 20 minutes, intermittently calling nearby police departments on his radio.

"They took it as a joke until some of their units saw it," he said.

One dispatcher over the radio suggested that Vaughn shoot the object. "I carry a .38, but it was too high and moving too fast," he said, denying there was any shooting.

A Wagoner listener reported Wednesday he had heard Vaughn say he shot into the air at the object.

VAUGHN'S WIFE, Pat, who was sitting at the Muldrow police radio console, said other dispatchers began radioing Vaughn, kidding him and asking him questions such as, "Did you get its license number?"

Worried that he would not be believed, Vaughn said he woke up several Muldrow residents and showed them the object in the air.

"I sure do believe in UFOs," he said, but won't say what he thinks the bright light was. "Everybody in Muldrow seen it, though," he adds.

Pat Vaughn said she got the first call about the UFO about midnight from a woman who was "really scared." She sent Ernie to investigate the report, but he passed it off as a crank call.

"Myself? I don't believe in UFOs. I think they just saw the morning star," she said.

By 5 a.m., the object disappeared, Vaughn said.

Van Buren patrolman Mike Swain went out to check on Vaughn's alert and reported he saw the object. "It was a bright, shining object, moving from the north to southwest. It stayed lit all the time.

Swain said the object hovered over Van Buren, making a U-shaped turn. "When it came back it was flashing red. At first I thought it was a falling star, but it never went out," Swain said.

Fort Smith police sent two units out after hearing Vaughn's report. They followed the lights for about 10 blocks, a spokesman said.

But a few Muldrow residents tease Vaughn. "Seen any flying saucers today?" Vaughn says they ask.

"But it's sure got them out at night looking. Last night you could see them all out in their back yards looking up at the sky," Vaughn laughs.

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\*\*\*\*\*MAY 25, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

### Did 'Pyramid Power' Influence The Shape of Recent UFO?

The reported description in *The Press-Scimitar* May 17 of the UFO with a pyramidal shape gave me a good laugh.

In this age of pyramid power, so-called, when so many books and articles are telling us about the supposed power of a pyramid and when scores of new gimmicks are being marketed in the name of pyramid power, I guess it's only appropriate that we should now have a report of an unidentified flying object in the shape of a pyramid.

Hadn't we better check and see if the Great Pyramid of Egypt was still in place at the time of this report? Maybe pyramids have the power to fly.

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Fiery object wore 3 colors

# UFO baffles policemen

By STEVE KONICKI  
 Daily News Staff Writer

"It didn't look like a rocket ship," said Moraine Ptl. Jack Dabbelt, who was one of four south suburban police officers who sighted a "big burning ball in the sky with a tail like a jet makes in the night" about 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

According to the four officers from Moraine and Kettering who reported seeing the unidentified flying object, the "ball of fire" flew from northeast to southwest and it "lit up the whole sky."

The object, described as green when first sighted by Dabbelt's partner, Dennis Adkins, was red by the time Dabbelt saw it and Kettering officers said it was blue when they saw it seconds earlier.

A local UFO expert says the officers may have in fact seen two craft.

**SAID DABELT, "IT WAS** amazing. It looked like it was close, but far, and it seemed to be going down, but not straight down. We thought it was an airplane on fire. But when it went over and we didn't hear a crash or an explosion, it got our curiosity up a little bit."

Dabbelt said he and Adkins were on patrol in the area of Cozy Camp Rd. near Sellars Rd. when Adkins began to point toward the sky and stammer.

"He tried to tell me about it," Dabbelt said, "but it startled him for a couple of seconds and he couldn't say much. He said it was a red thing in the sky and I turned around.

"When I saw it, it had turned green and there was a tail of green flame like a jet makes at night."

**DABELT SAID AT FIRST** he thought the object was a blazing airplane on a collision course with the South Moraine Air Park runway.

But only seconds after he and his partner lost sight of the object, Dabbelt said, he heard reports that two Kettering officers had spotted a similar flying object — only this one was blue.

Kettering Ptl. David Senkowski said he was on patrol in the 2900 block of S. Dixie Dr. when "I saw the sky light up real bright like the day. And then I saw a blue spark like somebody hit a power pole."

About that same time, Kettering Lt. George Cochran radioed from the area of Hills and Dales golf course that an object "something like a blue ball, blazing" was flying low, nearly touching the tops of trees in the area of the golf course. He told Cochran he thought a plane was crashing.

**ALL FOUR OFFICERS** began a check of the areas where they had spotted the glowing object but found nothing. Dabbelt said he called the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base control tower and personnel there said their radar showed



Bill Koehler/Daily News

## Richard Hoffman displays UFO model

nothing in the air over the south suburbs.

Moraine police reported the sighting to the Center for UFO Studies in Norfield, Ill., which works closely with the Ohio UFO Investigators League on sightings in southwest Ohio.

Richard Hoffman, local head of O-UFOIL, said this morning that the sighting in Moraine and Kettering is the latest in a string of "strange" occurrences in southwest Ohio — starting with a series of UFO sightings in Cincinnati and culminating last week in several Dayton area UFO sightings and the sighting of a Bigfoot in the Eaton area.

"They're pretty steady right now," Hoffman said. "UFO activity and Bigfoot activity seem to work together — in patterns."

Hoffman said several factors lead him to believe that two UFOs, rather than just one, were spotted in the air over Moraine and Kettering. First, they were seen at about the same time, Hoffman said, and the descriptions of their sizes differ.

Secondly, the blue color described by the Kettering officers indicates that the Kettering UFO was stationary and "assimilating" Xenon gas.

Said Dabbelt, "You kinda believe in UFOs and then you don't. I had trouble believing my own eyes. I can say one thing: Since I saw that I've been looking up in the sky more.

"Dennis said if he had been alone when he saw it he never would have reported it," Dabbelt said. "Nobody would have believed him."

# UFO's nothing to sniff(le) at

By GERRY WALSH

I stared out of my kitchen window and saw two bright red jet streams streaking up-up-up. Not at all like the regular jets that go down or across. There was something very strange. My six year old son saw them too. What could I say to him? This really happened to me back in a Chicago suburb, ten years ago. That day UFO sightings were reported in my suburb and several others in the Chicago area.

Now several people have reported sightings in Door. I believe them. I believe because I have talked to many intelligent people, including pilots who told me "I have seen them many times. They are there, even if our government and airlines deny it."

So I was a believer this spring-like morning in late March when I saw a flash in my back yard. There was a silver cigar shaped object big and glowing orange right on top of my dead garden.

I threw open my back door and smiled. I'm a person who has always believed in UFO's, who feels we can learn from them. You know, they are smarter than we are and we need all the help we can get.

A side door of the beautiful silver ship swung open and out stepped a large person, dressed in a silver suit. His eyes were the strange thing. They were big, 4 or 5 inches across, and so deep and penetrating. He looked right through me.

"Hello stranger," I called and smiled. "Hello, poor person. You are coming through to me with loving vibes." He walked toward me.

"Hello Mr. UFO, welcome to Door County."

He came right up to me and then he took out a can — a huge can — would you believe four feet high? And he sprayed me all over.

That made me mad. "We know better than to use aerosol cans. What are you doing?" I sneezed and sneezed and sneezed.

"I'm disinfecting you, killing your cold. You do seem to have a cold. Now it is cured."

"You have cured my cold?" I knew the answer as soon as I had asked the question. My head and chest were clear, and my red nose wasn't sore anymore. I breathed deeply for the first time in a week.

I looked with awe on the big can, "Please give me your cold cure can, Mr. UFO. We earth people hurt so much from colds. We have gone to the moon but we can't find a cure for the common cold. How can we be so dumb? It's really rough on little kids, babies who can't even blow their noses. It's a mess for all of us. We lost thousands of work hours. We have tried thousands of remedies. They do no good;

you know, a week if you doctor your cold and seven days if you don't. It just goes on and on." I know I sounded desperate. I was.

I had just been telling my son to forget about being an engineer and concentrate on the cure for the common cold. He didn't seem very interested. Well, it seemed that no one was interested except me. I cared.

"Please sir, Mr. UFO, could I have the giant cold cure can? I could have our scientists duplicate it. Could you do that for us?"

"This cold cure can as you call it cures everything. We don't tolerate illness where I come from. And, it is safe too. It does not destroy the ozone as your stupid cans do. We feel sorry for you earthpersons with your pollution, wars, greed, ignorance, and hate, as well as barbaric illnesses — like a cold — too much! So you may have it. We believe in compassion and love." His big eyes glowed — so friendly.

He was just about to hand me the big can when I heard sirens. There on my front lawn was our sheriff and several deputies. They had guns and big dogs. They threw themselves down behind my bushes and began to shoot at the space ship.

So I ran back to the house and Mr. UFO didn't have a chance to give me the big can. He slipped into his saucer and in a second he was gone.

"You stupid," I screamed at the sheriff.

"You all right lady?" They asked.

Mad. I was so mad, I could have hit him. But, you can't fight city hall or the police so I just said meekly, "Yes, I'm all right."

Perhaps another day in Door. I'm a believer, and I'm waiting.

# UFO Viewed In Pinedale

Pinedale residents observed a luminescent, oblong-shaped UFO in the skies above Fremont Lake for over 40 minutes Saturday night.

The unidentified flying object, first sighted at about 8 p.m., hovered over the lake at an altitude of 10,000 feet, according to Dick Forsgren, a Rock Springs resident staying in Pinedale.

Forsgren, who said he examined the UFO through 50-power binoculars, said there was no doubt in his mind the object wasn't the planet Jupiter or a weather balloon.

Forsgren, who is a pilot, described the object as looking like "two dinner plates stuck (together)." At each end of the saucer shape he said, were two lights.

The entire object was extremely bright and luminescent, he said.

Forsgren and a friend who had just flown in, scrutinized the object for almost 40 minutes.

After that time, Forsgren said, the object "headed due east" at a fantastic rate of speed, without making any noise or leaving a smoke trail.

Forsgren couldn't say for sure how big the object was but described it as "huge."

Pinedale police officer Richard Kabe, however, describes the object as a weather balloon.

"I'm sure it was a weather balloon," Kabe said.

He said he watched the object through a spotting scope and it showed no motion at all. "It was just floating around," he said.

According to Kabe, the object dimmed to invisibility after sunset, something he attributed to the balloon no longer reflecting the sun's rays.

"There wasn't much to it," he said.

Although there is an Air Force weather installation near Pinedale, Kabe said that to the best of his knowledge, no balloons were sent aloft Saturday night.

A number of other Pinedale residents glimpsed the UFO.

Mrs. Albert Toth, a Rock Springs resident in Pinedale Saturday night, said the UFO had "a round top with two bright lights on either side."

Mrs. David Gallatin, a Pinedale resident, described the same lights that Mrs. Toth saw, but said the UFO was "top-shaped" and that there was "some kind of emission" at the pointed part of the top shape.

Frank Korfanta described the object identically to Mrs. Toth and Mrs. Gallatin's accounts and said he lost sight of it in field glasses after it entered a cloud bank.

An object matching the description of the Pinedale UFO was reported in Kirksville, Missouri on Sunday morning about dawn.

Forsgren last saw the UFO heading east.

# Woman spots unusual craft

By DAVID VENDER  
Era Staff Writer

WILCOX — A woman who lives in an isolated area near this Elk County community said Wednesday she watched a round craft ringed with blue lights hover at tree-top level near her trailer home Tuesday night.

The 29-year-old Rasselas resident, who asked not to be identified, was interviewed first in Wilcox and later at the scene by an investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research and The Era.

The woman said a white glow seemed to emanate from a sec-

tion of the silver craft — "like a light from the inside" — and that after she had been observing the object for 10 minutes it rose vertically at a high rate of speed and disappeared roughly several hundred feet above the earth.

A high school graduate who said she has never been actively interested in UFO's, the woman phoned Ridgway-based state police soon after the 9:20 p.m. sighting and was told to contact the investigator for the Irwin-based research organization, Mrs. Joan Jeffers of Bradford.

Mrs. Jeffers said after Wednesday's interview that the

woman's account of the sighting was consistent with the information she gave in the conversation with the investigator about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"She seemed credible," Mrs. Jeffers said. "If she was lying or imagined it, she would not have continued (to contact a UFO researcher) past the ridicule she got from her friends."

The investigator pointed out that if the description of the object was accurate and if the object did in fact appear, it may not have been a known phenomenon. A missile that streaked across the McKean County sky early Sunday

has been tentatively identified as an exploding meteoroid.

The Rasselas woman, who feared harassment if her name was published, gave the following account of the sighting:

She was home alone Tuesday night talking to her mother-in-law on the phone and watching television. At 9:20 p.m., her two, full-grown German shepherd dogs, tied up at opposite ends of the trailer, began howling. "I never heard them howl like that before."

She pulled back the drapes over a window and saw the craft through a section of trees. "I said, 'Oh my God,' over the phone." It was silver with blue lights and in a stationary position. "It seemed like it was right in front of me, below the tree-tops."

She said she had a definite impression that the craft was manned. "I thought it was looking at me, but I don't know. Maybe it wasn't." She noted a beam of light "like a spotlight" was emitted from the midline of the structure.

The craft vanished abruptly after accelerating from a stop to a fast speed, moving straight up, and was not rotating or changing color. There was no shadow; the full moon was rising in the opposite direction.

The woman said she could not hear any sound coming from the object because a train was moving on tracks six-tenths of a mile from her home and the dogs were howling.

(Mrs. Jeffers said she had checked with the Ridgway depot, which claimed that the last B&O or Conrail train to pass through the area was at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. If that was the case, she said,

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## Unidentified flying object

Harry A. Yates, 3440 Lone Oak Road, heard what his wife reported as a "slamming door" at 5:35 p.m. Sunday. Yates found this piece of "meteorite" behind his house on the sidewalk. The rock was described as red with metallic gray streaks. The rock broke into 16 pieces with a combined weight of eight ounces. The biggest piece was approximately an inch wide.

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## Woman . . .

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either the sound came from a more distant train or from the craft itself.)

According to calculations, the object appeared about 700 feet from the woman's home in a clearing that follows north-south electric and gas lines. That area is about 100 feet wide with 35-foot telephone poles running down the center.

A wooded area separates the home from the pipeline clearing, which is about 15 feet lower in elevation. The trees there are up to 75 feet high, but it was possible for the woman to see the entire object between trees without having to raise her head high.

Mrs. Jeffers said the object could have been at or below the tree-top level, based on the observer's perspective from the home. It could not have settled closer in the clearing without damaging the telephone wires.

The woman said the craft appeared, from her window, to be "half again the size of the moon." Mrs. Jeffers figured that the object could have been between 75 and 100 feet in diameter, using that information and the estimated distance to the clearing.

HOLLYWOOD, FLA. - SUN-TATTLER  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 23, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO

### 'Had Long Tail'

Law enforcement officers and a radio station reporter watched an unidentified flying object — described as a silvery, oblong disc with a fluttering tail — move slowly through the air over Kirksville, a northeast Missouri town about dawn Sunday.

"I can't tell you what it was," said police officer Robert Russell, the first to spot the object. He said it seemed to be twirling and was pointed slightly downward.

"It was like a big comet, bright, silverish, with a long tail," said Doug Mooney, a reporter for station KIRX.

Larry Biehl, a dispatcher for the Adair County sheriff's office, watched the object from outside the office. He said it was moving toward the east silently and finally disappeared from his view

THE SOUTHWEST BEND TRIBUNE - IND.  
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VALPARAISO — An aerial advertising gimmick triggered about 40 calls to police of an unidentified flying object over Valparaiso which authorities say might make a winged, weird reappearance tonight.

"We really don't know what kind of an airplane it is," says Cpl. Joe Talcot, of the Valparaiso Police Department. "But one of the officers saw it through a pair of binoculars and it definitely is a plane towing some kind of advertising banner."

The phone nearly rang off the police station desk Monday night. The night before the contraption, which some startled viewers believe was a flying saucer, was seen near Hobart.

If the plane was supposed to be part of an advertising gimmick, it didn't come off that way. No one seems to know what the advertising was for, or who rented the plane, or where it comes from.

HARVEY, D.D. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 25, 1977\*\*\*\*\*



## From The News Desk

By Gene Prigge

Let me explain. I consider myself a normal, stable sort, not given to flights of fancy or the type to cry wolf when there is none. I do not have a history of mental disorders and my vision is 20-20, at least with my glasses on, which they were when I saw it.

It was a UFO.

My four-year-old daughter and I were sitting on our back steps sometime between 9:30 and 10:30 on Friday evening of last week, looking at the stars and chatting. One of the stars was moving, and moving far too fast to be a satellite, but too slow to be an airplane. I was, of course, transfixed by the sight, remarking to my daughter, "That's strange, look at that." Following suit, she remarked "that's strange," and we both sat there watching it for about four seconds, before I had the presence of mind to call my wife out to get verification.

"Melodee!" I yelled, four-year-old Dawn again following suit and yelling "Melodee!"

Melodee came out to look, but of course

the thing had faded into oblivion by the time she got out there. "I saw a UFO," said, and explained it to her. "What do you suppose it was?" she asked.

"It was strange," chirped Dawn, warming to the situation she didn't quite understand, UFO's, strange beasts, or fairy tales being commonplace in a child world.

"I have no idea," I said. And I still don't

Later over the news I heard a UFO had been spotted in the southern part of the state, with the same characteristics as the one I saw, but it was on a different day at a different time. It could have been the same one, or perhaps it was a group excursion—three days and three nights orbiting scenic Earth.

I know UFO's, Big Foots, and other strange phenomena are getting to be something of a fad, but when you see one, you see one, whether it's popular or not

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Sunday is Mother's Day and I'd like to wish a happy one to my most loyal reader Happy Mother's Day, Mom.

## It's not a bird, It's a plane! But, what kind?

"It doesn't come from here," says Robert Laughery, Valparaiso Airport manager. "We don't have anything like that around here, although

I've heard the stories."

Authorities speculate that the phantom airship may be from someone's basement and a home-made contraption.

"We're just satisfied that it's an airplane and nothing else," says Talcot. "We've stopped looking or inquiring. Whatever it was, it was too low and behind some trees for the officer with the binoculars to identify completely.

Initially unable to explain the situation, authorities said the airplane, rigged with rotating lights that formed part of the name of an auto dealer, flew slowly and quietly.



**SIGHTED UFO:** Jefferson City, Tenn., patrolman Kenneth Williams (left) and his partner, Sgt. William Beason, spotted the UFO January 11.

**SAUK-PRAIRIE STAR - WISC.**  
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## 'Star losing sports editor

Todd Zechel, Prairie du Sac, sports editor of the Star since early February, is taking a leave of absence from his position to serve as the technical consultant on a feature-length film being made by a New York studio.

Taking his place will be a team of three part-time reporters. Former sports editor Steve Subka, who is now in charge of the kitchen at the Ka-Bar Inn in Sauk City, will be handling baseball - both the Sauk-

Prairie Twins and high school teams. Kurt Kirner, a junior at Sauk-Prairie High School, will take over writing golf and tennis stories. Ted Savides, a senior, will join the Star staff and be in charge of both track teams and softball.

Zechel would like to return to his post at the Star, but will be occupied in New York for several months on the film, which he says is about unidentified flying objects (UFO's), a field he has become quite expert in over the past 18 months. As technical advisor, he plans to be involved in the content of the film as well as the writing.

His contract is with Scotia American Productions and he says their hope is to make a movie which will look at all facets of unidentified aerial phenomena. Zechel is research director for Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), a research group which has proven that while 95 percent of UFO photos are hoaxes or mistakes, the remaining five percent are solid objects which they cannot identify.

GSW is also very skeptical of persons claiming to have had encounters with alien beings. These people have been uncooperative when a genuine, scientific examination of their testimony was begun, he said.

The Prairie du Sac writer has had several articles published in nationally-circulated magazines and hopes someday to write a book about alleged suppression of UFO evidence by the CIA and the military.

**MADISONVILLE, TENN. - OBSERVER**  
**\*\*\*\*\*MAY 4, 1977\*\*\*\*\***

## Silent, glowing UFO astounds state lawmen

BY BOB PRATT

A UFO streaking across the night skies over eastern Tennessee dazzled lawmen in at least four counties.

"You read about them in the paper - flying saucers and stuff like that - but I never thought I'd see one," said Jefferson City patrolman Kenneth Williams, 38.

His partner, Sgt. William Beason, said: "It was something I've never seen before."

He said the object, which crossed the sky from west to east, had an oval shape. "I saw flashing red, white and blue lights with a steady amber light. It definitely was not an airplane, none that I'm familiar with."

**BEASON WAS DRIVING** west on Hwy. 11 East in Jefferson City when he first spotted the UFO at 12:50 a.m. January 11. "It was moving very, very fast," he said, and it made no noise, "none whatsoever." He estimated the height of the object at 1,500 feet. At one point, the object hovered.

"It stayed stationary for maybe 10 minutes," said the 34-year-old policeman. "Then it started ascending straight up, until it blended in with the stars."

Two others who saw the UFO were John French and Harold Jordan, security guards at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.

"I HAVE BEEN WORKING" midnights for going on three years, and I've never seen anything that looked like that. You couldn't hear no sound or nothing. It just shot right over us, and you could see it going straight on toward the east," said French, 33.

"We followed it almost all the way to Hamblen County. It wasn't quite out of sight and then, all of a sudden, it just glowed -- gold, blue, red - and started rising up and fading."

Two possible explanations for the sightings were advanced: (1) that the UFO was either a weather balloon or (2) Air National Guard planes refueling in midair. The Enquirer checked both theories.

A U.S. WEATHER Service spokesman in Nashville said its balloons do not carry lights. And a spokesman for the Air National Guard base in Knoxville said there were no flights during the period of the sightings.

# Do UFOs Fly In Colorado?

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE  
GT Staff Writer

A baby UFO and its "Big Mama", a soundless, illusive flying object, have become the focal points in Logan County for a devoted audience of nighttime viewers.

Those monitoring the strange objects since their appearance in northeastern Colorado in late November include the Logan County Sheriff's Department, which views them as a new dimension of its investigation into cattle mutilations.

The unexplainable deaths and confirmed mutilation of 72 cattle in the county since August 1975 prompted Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves to pursue every possible lead they may result in uncovering those responsible for the senseless slaughter.

Reports of strange lights over Logan County began coming into Graves' office toward the end of November, about the time he found peculiar "pot marks" he attributed to "possibly an unknown type of aircraft" near the scenes of mutilations.

"These were the same type of tracks found by lawmen last September near the site of an animal mutilation in New Mexico," he said.

Big Mama, which can change shape and color, has been observed by numerous residents of the county, according to reports in the sheriff's office. Those who have frequently observed her include Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, chief deputy Tom Bohannon, deputies Bob Stone and Gary Cure; Bill Jackson, news reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate; and Jake Gronseth, news director for Radio Station KGEK in Sterling. All agree they've seen the following:

Graves, who exchanges information with law enforcement officials in 20 other states where cattle mutilations have occurred during past years, recently received information concerning Big Mama and her baby from Capt. Keith Wolverton of the Cascade County Sheriff's Department in Great Falls, Mont. Wolverton also has conducted an intensive investigation into all leads concerning cattle mutilation.

"He watched Big Mama on radar, just hanging there at 21,000 feet, and in 3½ seconds she had moved to 44,000 feet," Graves said. "We know of no chopper in the United States that has this much speed. The fastest one is the Cheyenne, which has a top speed of 290 miles an hour."

The lights of Big Mama are brilliant and hover in the sky from half an hour to an hour.

"If you look lower in the sky you can sometimes see from two to five of them," he said. "Suddenly, they'll all join in a group and disappear."

According to Jackson: "The undersheriff and I watched Big Mama one night when she was really bright. The light went to a pinpoint, then got larger and brighter. After awhile she wasn't there. She either turned off her lights or moved out."

Jackson and Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, who is accumulating hours toward his private pilot's license, have taken a number of night flights after spotting Big Mama in the sky in an effort to get closer to her.

"We flew up to 10,000 feet and she was further away from us than when we started," Wolever said. "We can never get close to her because she plays games. She always paces us, just so far away, or disappears altogether."

Big Mama can be likened to a pencil eraser and her little one to the size of a pin head in comparison. You can be looking at the stars and five minutes later Big Mama will be there. If she's close or low in the sky you can see one large white light underneath with red and green lights on either side of it. At a distance the lights flash white, turn green, then red, like one revolving colored light. For the most part, she just hovers.

Suddenly a stream of light bounces from beneath the large craft and the baby UFO with a single brilliant light comes from Big Mama and starts to move off slowly. As though it has kicked in an after burner, it then moves out of sight rapidly. Mama just sits there for a time, then either disappears or turns out her lights.

None of the viewers have heard either craft make a sound and no one has reported seeing the little craft go back in the big one or even rejoin it.

In an effort to bring her into closer range, they used infrared binoculars and star scopes.

"One night when she was considerably closer than usual we were on the ground and looked at her through a 60-power zoom telescope," Wolever said. "We could see her change shape and color. At first she was a round shape, then we lost her for 15 minutes. When she appeared again she was a rectangular shape like a pear or a tear drop. The color of the entire thing turned from white to a red, then to green and back to white again."

The first instance of unexplainable "pot marks" noted by Graves near two mutilated cattle were five feet apart, forming a triangular pattern. They were seven inches across and 2½ inches deep and looked as though made by a round bottom plate. There was no prop wash and no burn marks that might come from a conventional aircraft.

In the second occurrence of the marks they were too numerous to determine a pattern since they were found north, east and west of the animal's body, spreading out to an area as far as 50 feet from it.

The sheriff returned two days later and discovered a new set of similar tracks that hadn't been there when he first investigated the mutilation. These were three circular shaped indentations in the ground which formed a triangle with the sides of the triangle about 13 inches apart.

In all instances of the peculiar tracks, he said, reports of strange lights in the sky had been reported the night before the mutilated animals were discovered.

Another unexplainable circumstance in conjunction with an earlier mutilation, the sheriff said, involved strange skid marks that looked as though somebody had dragged a bag of feed over the grass approximately 50 feet from the animal.

One of the more mysterious incidents reported to the sheriff involved three cattle mutilations during the first week of August 1976 in the same feed lot seven miles southwest of Sterling.

On successive nights three animals died and were disfigured with no clues left behind. Two of the ranch's cowhands decided they'd stake out the feedlot for the next two nights, sitting on the grain elevator.

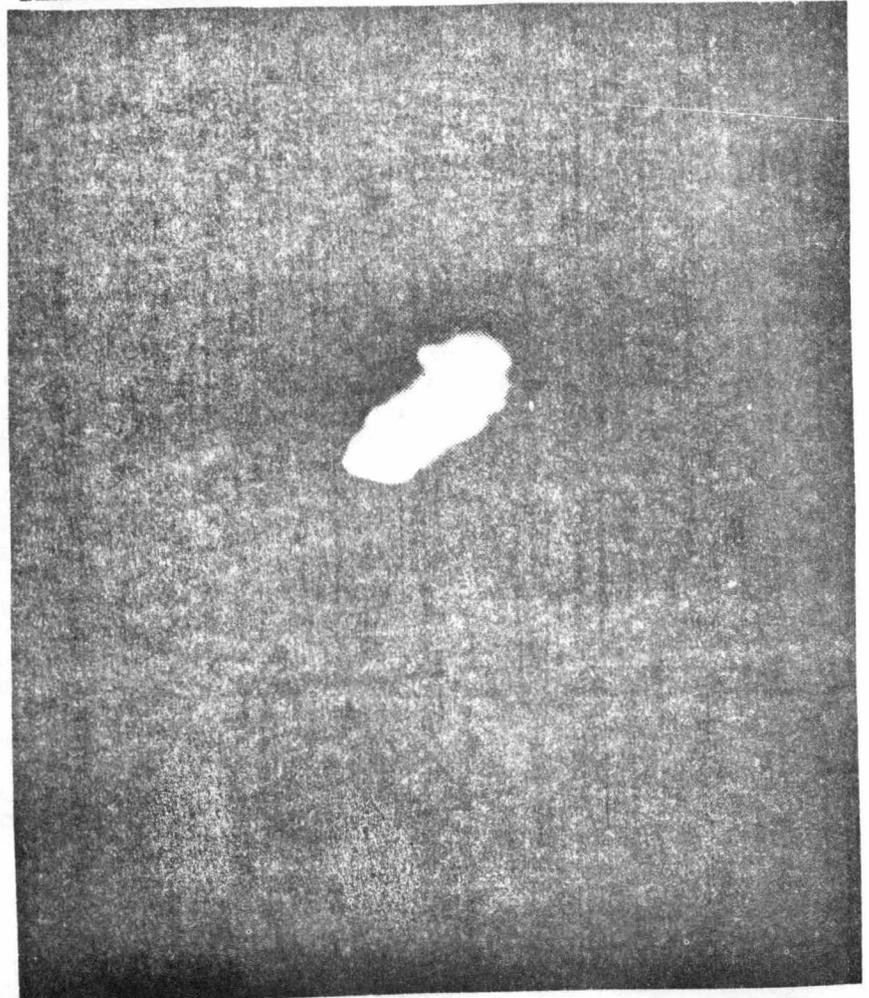
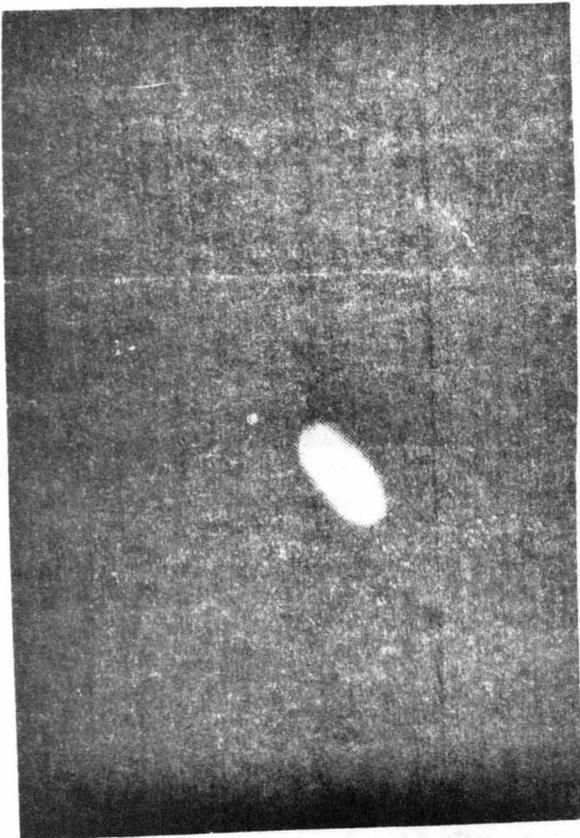
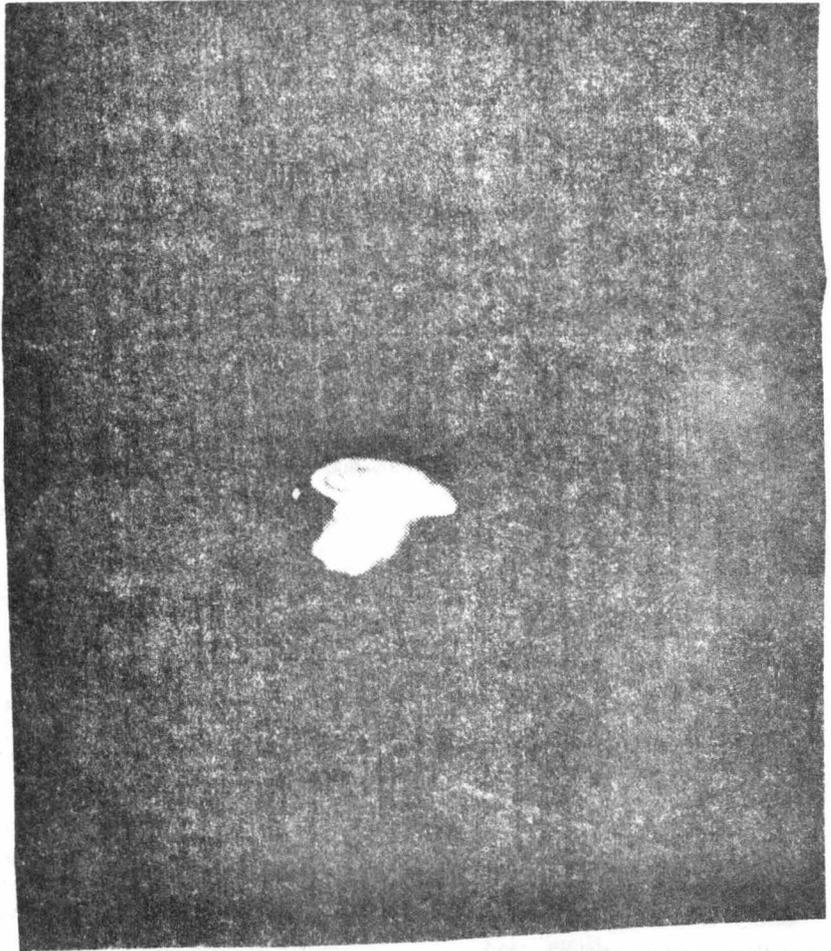
The second night about 4 a.m. the feedlot was well lit and there was plenty of lightning when they saw three "human-like figures" go over the feedlot fence, they told the sheriff later adding that the figures didn't move like

humans; they seemed to glide. They called the sheriff's office and within six minutes two cars of officers were there, but the "figures" were nowhere to be found, although there were no cars in the area they could have escaped in.

The ground was muddy from rain, but there were no footprints across the feedlot. In addition, there were none leading up to the fence and no mud on the fence where they had climbed over.

So far, no cattle mutilations have been reported in Logan County this year, according to the sheriff who finds that the incidences slacken off during colder weather.

"On the other hand, there could be mutilated animals lying out there," he said. "Maybe their owners just haven't found them yet." /



# UFO's

## City Couple Sights

## Two Thursday Night

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It could have been a re-run of Star Trek. But it wasn't.

It wasn't the television screen that kept Rip Owen and his wife from sleeping late Thursday night...it was a UFO.

UFO's, the initials for Unidentified Flying Objects, have been reported seen in the city and near the fairgrounds on at least three occasions during the past three years, but this is the first time observers saw two objects zipping across the sky.

Owen said his wife first noticed the two objects, flying from south to north, around 11:45 p.m. Thursday.

Owen said they were flying at around 10-12,000 feet and put out a pulsating, white glow.

There was no sound, he said.

"If they had been planes, there would have been some sort of noise," said Owen. "But there wasn't any."

The whole incident took merely 45 seconds.

"One was bigger than the other," Owen explained. "Before I put my glasses on one appeared as big as a full moon."

"It was the brightest thing I've ever seen."

He said he was watching the display from a window which faces west from his Oak Hill Estates home.

He said the two objects stopped momentarily, then zipped into the blackness of the night sky in a northeast direction.

Whomever "they" were, they did not attempt to land here.

# RI Policemen Report Another 'Sky Object'

Rock Island police officers still are seeing something in the skies, and Saturday night they were wondering whether anyone else was having the same experience.

Sgt. Roy Shrake and patrolman Ron Tacey, who operates an ambulance on off-duty hours, saw an object about 3 a.m. Saturday that has left them rubbing their eyes and wondering.

A week ago, patrolman Darwin Terkelsen reported seeing a glittering object above Rock Island just before dusk. An expert on unidentified flying objects said what Terkelsen observed may have been a bright star.

Shrake gave this description of what he and Tacey saw early Saturday near Franciscan Hospital, Rock Island:

"The moon was like a slice of a cantaloupe. On the lower right hand corner was a bright, real bright object. It looked like a star and we talked about it, but neither of us have every seen something like that," Shrake said.

Shrake said he and Tacey watched the object for a few minutes. The moon was sinking towards the west, the officers said.

"There was no one else around. I doubt if too many people were out at

that time in the morning . . . at least we haven't heard from anybody else," Shrake said.

"We had to get going on another call and lost track of the shining object. By that time, dawn was breaking and we couldn't spot it again," Shrake said.

Shrake said he plans to ask Dr. Harry Nelson of Augustana College whether he has any explanation for the "light in the sky."

## Base for UFOs: moon, not airport

To the Editor:

In regard to UFOs:

If Patrolman Tompkins had read "Somebody else is on the Moon" (by George H. Leonard, David McKay Co. Inc., New York), ordered copies of NASA photographs shown and listed therein, and examined them closely under a magnifying glass, he might not have made a comment (recalling Air Force-promoted nonsense) attributing the UFO lights to Danbury Airport.

NASA squandered billions and lost human lives in repeatedly putting men on the moon instead of sending unmanned craft to take and re-take telescopic photographs of certain lunar areas, revealing change. objects, construction, movement.

Yes, UFOs are for real. And they don't come from light years away.

John Zueblin,  
Carmel

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. - PATENT TRADER  
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# UFOs Terrify Mississippi Police

Strange reports of UFO sightings are pouring in to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

In Floria, Miss., Deputy Sheriff Ken Creek and Constable James Luke report an odd-looking UFO hovered over their squad car as they were patrolling in Madison Co. The UFO made only a short appearance, however, and could not be investigated.

The Sheriff's Dept. admits it received a flood of calls from witnesses who described the craft as being round, having portholes and giving off a soft, warm glow.

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In a desolate part of Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Bert White, both 65, and two young men were driving along a back road when they saw what they believed to be the taillights of a kangaroo hunter's car. The red lights began to flash wildly, and the UFO rose above the ground.

The object appeared to be about 400 yards away in a meadow previously planted in wheat. The UFO gave off an eerie humming vibration, according to one witness.

The UFO then rose, hovered a few feet above the ground, and then rose again as if observing the witnesses. Its shape could not be determined. Then, mysteriously, the lights blinked out. Mr. and Mrs. White sped home, too scared to look behind them.

Three days later, bolstered by the presence of more companions, the witnesses returned to the scene.

Where once there was lush wheat growth, there now is only a pitiful circle of stubble, pressed to the ground and discolored. The ground is baked solid.

Weird animal behavior is noticed near the landing site.

Ants, when disturbed, scatter in all directions but that of the circle, which is 71 feet in diameter. They will not crawl over the patch of stubble. Grass is growing freely outside the patch but remains stunted inside the circle.

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In Brockville, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hazzard were rudely interrupted by a brilliant white light in front of their St. Lawrence River cottage. It was so bright Hazzard could clearly read the time on his watch. The UFO was the size of a full moon, only much brighter.

The odd light was observed by all shoreline cottage residents.

The UFO appeared as two light sources in a sort of cage, the top of which was held up by four bars. The platform was a dull gray color and slightly reflective.

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## 249 Air crew sights UFOs

ANCHORAGE (AP) — Unidentified flying objects have been reported over the Chugach Mountains slightly east of here by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport.

Cliff Cernick, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, says one of the controllers reported that on April 23 he saw "four blips which gyrated on his radarscope in an unusual manner."

He said the airline also reported sighting an unidentified flying object on that date.

"It might have some natural explanation and I wouldn't overplay it," Mr. Cernick said. "I don't want people to think the FAA sees little green men."

The radar controller said the objects first appeared about 30 miles from Anchorage, moved slowly and eventually stopped completely. When they resumed movement, he said, they picked up speed and "zipped off to the east."

A Northwest Orient pilot reported that he saw a single bright object at 60,000 feet moving at a high rate of speed.

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## UFO Only Dealer Ad

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BLUE ISLAND — A Blue Island car dealer has brought the Calumet Region's UFO sightings down to earth.

Shirley Wright, who works in the sales department of Swets Lincoln Mercury, Blue Island, confessed Thursday that her company is the one which has sent the airplane aloft with marquee-type lights strung around its wing and fuselage.

It flies nightly between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Perceptive viewers in the Calumet Region have recognized the gimmick, but have been unable to decipher the message. That's because it's not meant for them, Mrs. Wright said.

"When it flies over the area here," she said, "it's down around 1,200 feet, so we can see it easily."

The plane flies low over several Southeast Cook County communities, as far south as Lansing, she said.

When the plane flies over the state line, however, she said, "it flies high enough so you can't read the message."

The message, by the way, is "Come to the Island and see the diamond mine."

## Witnesses pass lie detector test

# WHY DOESN'T ANYONE

# BELIEVE TRAVIS?

Was Travis Walton actually abducted by a UFO in front of six witnesses in Arizona on November 5th, 1975, or is the whole story a hoax?

Even now, nobody knows for sure.

On the day of the alleged abduction, seven men were working as woodcutters on the Mogotton Rim of Sitgreaves Apache National Forest in the mountains of Eastern Central Arizona.

When they finished work, the seven men loaded their gear into a double cab pickup truck and started for home in Snowflake, Ariz. Michael Rogers, 28, was driving the truck along a forest service access road when they spotted a UFO.

Says Rogers: "I saw this saucer shaped object, glowing bright yellow, hovering about 15 feet off the ground and about 25 yards from the truck.

"It was about 15 to 20 feet in diameter and was about eight feet high."

While the other six men watched the hovering craft with fear, 22-year-old Travis Walton got out of the truck and ran over to the craft. Then, say the six witnesses, a greenish-blue flash appeared from the craft.

According to John Goulette, the light beam shot out and "it hit him like a jolt."

Says Travis: "As I ran towards the object, something hit me like an electric shock. I fell backwards and everything went black."

The other six men were now "shocked out of their wits." They drove off but returned when they saw the UFO speed away in a northeasterly direction.

Travis was nowhere to be seen. They searched and found nothing. They then called in the local sheriff who organized a search party but there was no trace of Travis.

During the days that followed, there were 25 official reports of UFO sightings registered with the local authorities.

UFO investigator William Spaulding went to the reported UFO landing site of November 9th and later reported that he had found residual magnetism on the site but that all traces of any radiation had vanished in the four days since the UFO was reported.

At the time, Spaulding said there were only three possibilities. The witnesses had killed Travis and hidden his body, they were telling the truth or

### *The unsolved UFO kidnaping*

the whole story was a hoax. He added that in his opinion, there was only a 10 percent chance that it was a hoax.

The six witnesses were then given a lie detector test. All told exactly the same story and five of them passed with flying colors. According to the operator of the polygraph, this could not happen if they had planned the story as a hoax.

The sixth witness tested proved to have inconclusive results. It was impossible to say if he was lying or telling the truth.

On November 11th, Grant Neff, Travis' brother-in-law, got a call from Travis who said he was hurt and needed help. Travis said he was in a phone booth and gave the location. Neff then called Duane Travis and told him to go and pick up

his brother. When Neff and Travis' brother arrived they found Travis laying on the floor of the booth. He complained of pains in his head and chest. He looked exhausted and he had a heavy growth of beard.

According to Travis, he had been abducted and taken aboard the space craft where he saw both humanoid creatures and human beings who did not speak to him.

He said he had been examined by the aliens and kept aboard the spaceship for how long he didn't really know. He was then anesthetized and remembered nothing more until he woke up lying on the pavement of the highway about a quarter of a mile away from Heber, Ariz.

Travis tried to eat but said he felt nausea. Later, his brother took him to a local hospital where he was given a thorough physical examination.

Blood and urine tests proved he had not been under the influence of drugs or alcohol and he had no traces of injury. But he had lost ten pounds.

Travis has refused to take a lie detector test saying that the trauma of his kidnaping has left him in a confused mental state.

A psychotherapist agreed with him saying that the polygraph registers stress, not veracity in the story. Obviously Travis had been under great stress and this would show.

Where was Travis?

# Area UFO Just A Meteor?

BRADFORD — One of the nation's foremost authorities on UFOs said Tuesday that the brilliant missile that streaked across the McKean County sky early Sunday was probably a bolide, an exploding meteoroid.

J. Allen Hynek, PhD, director of the Center for UFO Studies, and an astronomy professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., said in a telephone interview that descriptions given by observers lead him to believe the object was not unusual.

"You're describing a typical bolide," Dr. Hynek said.

Dr. Hynek's explanation came as the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research announced that the police department of an Allegheny County town reported sighting a similar object that appeared to touch down near the Allegheny River early Sunday morning.

"We may have been having a shower here," said Mrs. Jeffers, a director of the research center, which is also investigating the sightings in McKean County.

Dr. Hynek said a characteristic of the bolide-type meteoroid is that it explodes above the earth; at least three county residents said they witnessed the disintegration of the object in mid-air but close to the ground near the village of Rew.

The astronomer said it was not strange that remnants of the objects could not be found. "Some bolides are large chunks of volatile material — hydrocarbons — that evaporate," he said.

He pointed out that the object was not a meteorite because it failed to collide with the earth. A meteor, he added, is a

meteoroid seen traveling through space.

Reports from Clearfield County that a similar — if not the same — missile that was viewed here shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday seemed to change directions from westbound to northbound can be explained, Dr. Hynek said. "A large chunk can spin and veer in directions somewhat . . . it can turn by several degrees."

Two area astronomers have suggested that the peculiar mid-air explosion and change in direction may mean the phenomenon was not a solid, material object and that it could have been formed in the earth's atmosphere.

Kenneth Rex of St. Bonaventure, N.Y., university and August Freda of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, both PhD's, said they suspect the object was a traveling electrical discharge, based on what they were told about the atmospheric and not astronomical event.

"That is possible but far-fetched," commented Dr. Hynek. The calm, clear weather reported by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Bradford Regional Airport for early Sunday renders that explanation unlikely, the scientist said.

Mrs. Jeffers of the Pennsylvania UFO center said Tuesday that police at Springdale, just northeast of Pittsburgh, saw a large orange object — "as large as the moon" — descend without a tail and turn red, approaching from the southwest and heading north, then apparently land near the Allegheny River.

The nearby Plum Borough Fire Department was called at about the same time, around 2 a.m. Sunday, and

in the same area. When firemen arrived at the scene, Mrs. Jeffers said, there was no trace of any fire or that there had been one, and there was no missile.

Mrs. Roxie Wilt of Wolf Run was the first to report the sighting of the missile in McKean County. She watched it explode in a shower of bright light from her kitchen window at 1:50 a.m. Sunday, and thought at first it was a "message from heaven" that her great-grandson had died after falling from a second-story window in Randolph, N.Y.

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## Evening Chat

Compiled By The  
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### UFO'S DOWN around Brookville Lake?

It's possible, judging from a letter that appeared in last Saturday's Martinsville Daily Reporter, in which a rural Martinsville man describes some strange objects he and a fishing companion witnessed one night recently.

We assume the man is talking about Brookville Lake, although he may have his directions mixed up. In the letter he said he and his friend were fishing "northeast of Rushville" but later he says he was on Ind. 101 and describes a boat ramp, which would tend to indicate he was somewhere around Brookville Lake.

At any rate, the letter writer, one Ike Capshaw, R. R. 4, Martinsville, describes his experience in these words:

"On road 101 about 2 o'clock in the morning my truck lights went out for about a minute and a half. When I stopped the truck the lights came on again, something that had never happened before nor after that. My companion got scared and asked what had happened to the lights. I said, it's another Watergate deal.

"When approaching the lake at the boat ramp there was another fisherman there. We all saw hovering two cigar-shaped objects about the size of helicopters, about 200 feet apart, turning like a ferris wheel. The man at the dock asked, what are they doing on water like that? I thought it to be the National Guard and disregarded the whole thing."

So far, we have heard no other reports of similar sightings and we have no idea what it was the Martinsville men witnessed.

## UFO Sighted In Catskill Area

by JAMES CARBONE

CATSKILL - Three teenagers reported seeing an unidentified flying object last night about 10:30 p.m. while driving on Route 23A. They requested that their names not be released.

Two of the youths were driving east on Route 23A when they saw a white glow in the sky. They reported that the glow descended to the earth. The two teenagers then drove down Fyke Road to get a better look at the glow. They then heard a loud boom and saw sparks and smoke coming from the valley below.

They also reported smelling a pungent odor, like burning rubber, in the area.

The two teenagers left the area to a friend's house, told her what they saw, and then three returned to the site. The three of them reported seeing a white halo in the sky and the pungent odor was still present.

Dr. Gary Levine, an instructor at the Columbia Greene County Community College and a UFO enthusiast, accompanied police to the site after the teenagers reported the incident to police. Dr. Levine took pictures with infra-red film but his pictures did not turn up anything. He said it was too dark to determine what the teenagers saw even though it was a full moon last night.

Dr. Levine and one of the witnesses are going to the area today to further investigate what the youths saw.

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# UFO Follows Family

**Mom And Daughters Spend A Terrifying Night Trying To Escape 'Great Big Blue Light'**



**EDNA OWENS** points to a spot above her house where she believes the UFO hovered.

"It was over the house. There were blue lights on it, and it was round. It followed us. It was after us."

That's how 11-year-old Donna Owens described the UFO that recently terrified her and her family at their rural home in eastern Tennessee. Donna was so terrified, in fact, that she became hysterical and had to be hospitalized for a week.

"I never really believed in UFOs or took them seriously — not until this happened to us," Donna's mother, Edna, told MIDNIGHT.

Returning home with her four children

By **SUSAN BEDRICK**

after a trip to the grocery in the tiny town of Telford, Mrs. Owens said she noticed a light above a field. "It looked like a falling star, but then it came down again."

Just as she saw the light for the second time, her older daughter, Regina, 16, saw the same thing. They pulled off the road and watched as "a great big light, about 500 feet from the house, went around like a spotlight."

"We got kind of scared, and I said, 'Let's go to the house.' It started moving over to the house, too," Mrs. Owens said.

As they got out of the car, the UFO hovered over a pond halfway between the house and the barn. The family went into the house and turned off all the lights.

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**REGINA, 16,** was too scared to look.



**DONNA, 11,** was hospitalized for a week.

"It was cloudy and dark outside, but in two or three minutes the whole house lit up, and I knew it was over the top of the house."

"I was standing in the hall when the light started revolving around the house. I could sense, rather than see, that something was over the house," Mrs. Owens recalled. Then the family heard a sound. "It's hard to describe," she said. "It was kind of cracking and popping like electricity."

"I guess I kind of panicked then. I told the kids we were getting out. I told them not to look up or back."

Regina, who said she was "too scared to look," reached the car first. "I jerked open the door, and as I touched the handle, I got a

**'I jerked open the door and as I touched the handle I got a shock'**

shock. That really scared me."

"It's right behind us and on top of the car!" Donna screamed.

The UFO continued following the car until the family reached a country store a few miles away, Mrs. Owens said.

"It stopped about 200 feet away and stayed there about 10 minutes. Then it just disappeared. It didn't go up, it didn't go down, it just vanished."

"I know I sound crazy trying to explain this, but I saw what I saw," she added.

# Are UFO's tinkering with our satellites?

Scientists are beginning to ask if extraterrestrials are tinkering with our satellites.

Numerous satellites with malfunctions have strangely recovered "on their own."

These unexplained events were observed by scientists as early as 1963, and continue to puzzle observers to the present.

In October, 1962, a geodetic sphere, "Firefly," was put into orbit. Four months later it ceased functioning. Seven months after that, in August 1963, the lights of the satellite began flashing again.

Richard Kerschmer of Johns Hopkins University, builders of "Firefly," told newsmen: "We have no explanation for the lights coming back on."

An instrument test package left on the moon in 1971 by the crew of Apollo 14 was to measure the frequency of moonquakes and the moon's magnetic field. The package transmitted data to the Johnson Space Center until January, 1976.

Then on February 19, 1976, signals began coming from the package again. In fact, the system's performance was improved.

The device's "charged particle" counter, which had never worked on any hot lunar day, now collects data both day and night. John Space Center scientists are scratching their heads in surprise over that.

The list goes on and on. In July, 1963, Telstar II stopped working, only to come back to life a month later. In 1964 four U.S. satellites ceased functioning, then revived.

# Police Sight Dazzling UFO Over Texas

"A big ball of fire . . . It lit up the countryside . . . It was shaped similar to an egg . . ."

Those are just a few of the descriptions given to a spectacular UFO over central Texas that dazzled dozens of people — including policemen.

"It kind of spooked me," admitted San Saba police chief H.L. "Hub" Hubbard.

"It lit up the area around us," said patrolman Richard Alligood. One of the first to see the UFO on the night of December 27 was Donald Harrell, a 19-year-old welder.

"I was out just driving around. This man came over (the CB radio) and said: 'Look up in the west and see if you see that flashing light.'"

Harrell said he spotted the object and headed in its direction.

The closer he got the brighter the surrounding countryside became.

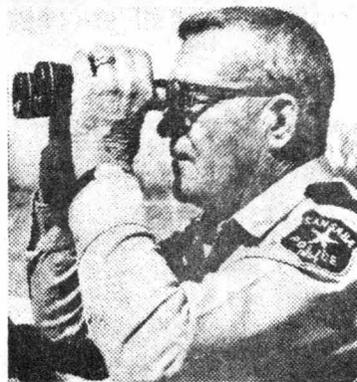
"I could go down the road with my headlights cut off, and this object up there in the sky had enough light from it to see.

"I didn't have to have my headlights on. It was just like having a full moon."

Harrell described the UFO as being shaped like a "pie wedge."

Another eyewitness said it was shaped like an egg.

"It was sitting there, swing-



**POLICE CHIEF** H.L. Hubbard watched the UFO through binoculars. "It kind of spooked me."

ing like a pendulum," said Harrell.

"At the bottom, it had this light that would change colors — red, blue, orange, yellow, green."

Patrolman Alligood, who was cruising with his CB radio on, heard numerous motorists start chattering about the UFO.

"I took a look. I could see a bright light and started in that direction.

"I stopped a businessman, Larry Hibler, and asked him if he'd go along with me as a witness.

"We started south to take a look at the object, and it was almost right above us. The bottom of it was completely lit up."

Said Hibler: "When we first saw it, it was like a big ball of fire."

The object would hover, then speed off and hover again, according to some of the eyewitnesses.

Police chief Hubbard saw the object through binoculars on December 29 and then he got on his CB radio. "I called a bunch of more people out there," he said.

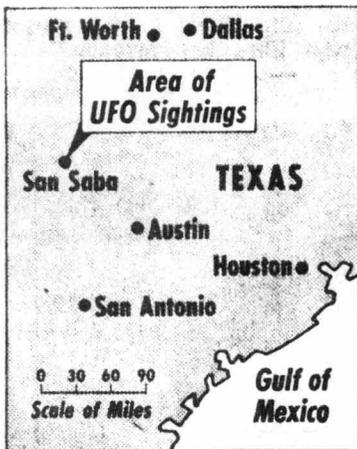
"I didn't want them to think I was crazy, and they did see it.

"This definitely was not a plane or a star.

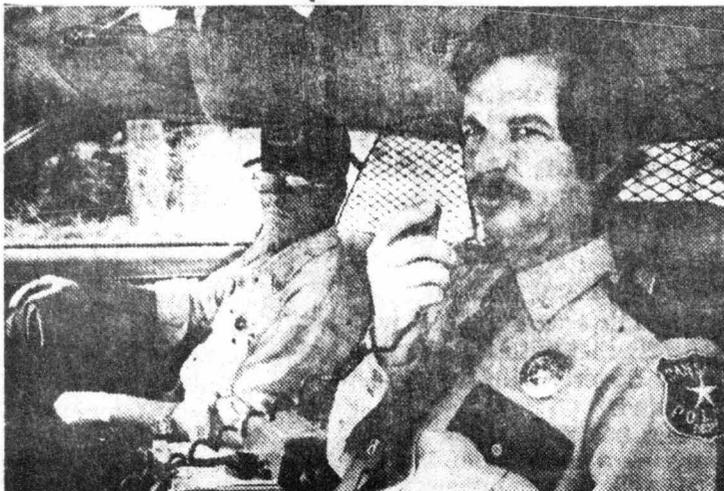
"I watched it maybe five minutes or so.

"I ran back to town, got my wife and started back out. It was heading south and going up, and it finally went out of sight."

— BOB PRATT



**MAP** shows where UFO was sighted near San Saba, Tex.



**WITNESSES:** Patrolman Richard Alligood took Larry Hibler along as witness. Said Hibler: "When we first saw it (UFO), it was like a big ball of fire."

PRUE JOHNSON  
in LONDON

# The UFO sighting that scared a pilot..

THE AIR is thick with unidentified flying objects — or so it would seem from the high level of interest shown in UFOs in Britain over the last few months, particularly in the "Warminster Triangle" and Pembroke.

The most convincing sighting of flying saucers, however, came recently from three pilots of three airliners.

But for fear of ridicule they and more than 100 passengers kept the sighting a secret for 10 months.

It all began at 8pm on July 30, 1975, as British Airways Captain Denis Wood was flying his Trident into Faro Airport, Portugal. He was asked by Lisbon control to watch for three mysterious objects that had shown up on the radar. Captain Wood, who has been flying for 20 years, scanned the skies.

As he looked to the west, flying at an altitude of 9 120 metres, he "saw this very bright headlamp in the sky".

He said: "The cabin staff saw it too. This bright light was joined by two cigar-shaped objects as big as battleships."

First officer Colin Thomas, who said the cigarlike objects materialised from nothing, sketched them.

A British Airways Trident flying at an altitude of 6 000 metres saw the UFOs as did a Portuguese aircraft, whose pilot reported that he had seen a bright light accelerating vertically in the sky.

"I want to find an explanation", said the 42-year-old captain from his Surrey home. "Suggestions that these were balloons, satellites, strange clouds or reflections are quite unacceptable to us."

Lionel Beer, chairman of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, said they knew about the sighting and had been looking into it.

"It is an extremely interesting case. We have ground radar, air radar and, I think, three sightings all tying up, which is unusual. It's not just one random sighting.

"It's all very strange. I don't know what to make of it..."

# Airliner pilots claim UFO sighting

Pretoria News Bureau

LONDON. — For fear of being ridiculed, pilots of three airliners kept secret the sighting of three unidentified flying objects over Portugal, later described by one of them as "as big and solid as battleships."

British Airways Trident jet pilot, Captain Denis Wood, who has been flying with the airline for 20 years, said that he and his crew first spotted the UFOs while flying from London to Faro, in the Algarve, at 8 pm last July 30.

## EXPERTS

The sighting, described by experts as the most important in the last decade, was also made by crew of a British Tri-Star below the Trident and the pilot of a Portuguese airliner. All the stories tallied.

Captain Wood (42), said he and the Tri-Star crew made sighting reports when they arrived at London's Heathrow Airport but kept it all a secret for fear of being ridiculed.

"As I looked to the west we saw this very bright headlamp in the sky. All the cabin staff saw it too and I told the passengers. Then it was joined by two cigar-shaped objects as big and solid as battleships."

On the return trip Captain Woods tilted his radar scanner. There, in exactly the same spot were these two cigar-shaped things. We got to within 12 km of them when they disappeared from our screen.

AUSTRALIA - PAPER UNKNOWN  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 29, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# ADELAIDE BOYS TELL OF UFO INCIDENT

A 15-year-old boy claims he was thrown three metres backwards by a shock from a column of light in secluded bush, 28 km north of Adelaide yesterday.

His two companions dived to the ground in fright when they saw their friend, Brenton Clark, thrown violently backwards after touching the beam with his right hand.

Thirty seconds later the three boys watched in amazement as a bluish green, conical-shaped object rose rapidly from a tall gum in a group of trees 20 metres to their right.

Fourteen-year-old Alex Medaras, still lying on the ground, said the object made a noise similar to the muffled sound of a jet taking off.

"It was a low-pitched 'vroom' sort of noise," Alex said today.

The object which rose from the trees sped off in a different direction from the original beam of light.

The beam, about three metres across, surrounded three bicycles the boys had put down in a clearing while they lay down on the grass about ten metres away.

"The bikes gave off a metallic glow while the beam was on them," Alex said.

Foreign

Clippings

PRETORIA NEWS - SOUTH AFRICA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 14, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# Un O.V.N.I. dans le Rhône...

(LYON)

Le samedi 19 mars à Belleville-sur-Saône, dans le Rhône, un habitant se présentait à la gendarmerie pour faire une déposition sur un étrange phénomène dont il avait été le témoin. La veille à 20 h 30 alors qu'il rentrait chez lui, il avait vu dans le ciel une curieuse lueur de couleur jaune s'immobiliser durant 20 minutes et puis disparaître progressivement.

## Quinze témoins

Le samedi soir, à 21 h, un gendarme aperçut lui aussi une sorte de boule de feu partir du bord de la

route puis stationner dans le ciel durant 20 minutes en clignotant puis s'estomper progressivement. Le dimanche soir vers la même heure, ce gendarme retrouva dans le ciel ce curieux engin :

« J'étais chez moi lorsque je vis de nouveau une lumière, cette fois-ci de teinte orangée couvrant une immense superficie. Elle s'éleva dans le ciel, s'arrêta 20 minutes en clignotant deux ou trois fois puis mit 10 minutes à disparaître en décrivant cette fois-ci un arc de cercle. Je ne l'ai pas revue les jours suivants. »

L'O.V.N.I. a été aperçu par une quinzaine de personnes de la région.

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COLOMBES, FRANCE - NOSTRA - MAR. 30, 1977

## AN UFO IN RHONE DEPARTMENT

On Saturday Mar. 19, 1977, to BELLEVILLE-on-SAONE, in RHONE DEPT., an inhabitant called on the Gendarmeir (Police) to make a statement concerning a strange phenomenon which he had sighted. Preceding day at 8:30pm when he came back at home, he had seen in the sky a quaint yellow gleam which remained stationary for 20 minutes, then disappeared gradually.

FIFTEEN WITNESSES. - Saturday in the evening a police man sighted a fire-ball which went off from side of the road, then remained stationary in the sky for 20 min. and vanished gradually. Sunday evening this same police man say it again in the sky. He said, " I was at home when I saw again a light, this time it was orange colored, illuminating a huge surface. It rose up in sky stopped for 20 min. and then disappeared."

...AND ANOTHER (UFO) TO ANGERS - The mysterious spacial visitors are feeling an interest now to the "Angevine sweetness". Indeed, several inhabitants in the country have seen a blue gleam, appeared in the sky in full night. Some workers from Slate Industries to TRELAZE had recourse to a technical comparison: It was like "the blue color of an electric welder".

Other witnesses who are working in a firm at SAINT-BARTHELEMY, have heard some dull rumbling, and observed a sudden stopping of vacuum air-pomp-engines and a lessening of light of all standard-lamps.

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## OVNI au-dessus de Thann?

Un groupe d'astronomes amateurs de Mulhouse a observé hier soir au-dessus de la vallée de Thann 6 objets volants non identifiés. Le phénomène étant visible selon-eux de 8 h 30 à 9 h 30 et pouvait même se voir à l'œil nu. L'un des objets de couleur orange aurait eu la forme d'un cigare; les autres étaient cubiques.

"L'ALSACE"-STRASBOURG-FRANCE  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 17, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs OVER THANN?

A group of amateur astronomers from NULHOUSE, has sighted yesterday in the evening, above THANN valley, 6 UFOs.

The phenomemom being visble, according to them, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and could be visible to the naked eye.

One of the objects was orange coloured and would have been cigar-shaped. The other was cube-shaped.

## ... et un autre à Angers

(ANGERS)

C'EST à la « douceur angevine » que s'intéressent à présent les « mystérieux visiteurs de l'espace ». Plusieurs habitants de la région ont, en effet, parlé d'une lueur bleue apparue, dans le ciel au beau milieu de la nuit. Des ouvriers des ardoisères de Trélazé ont eu recours à cette comparaison fort technique : c'était du « bleu de soudure électrique »; (pas du bleu-ardoise, donc).

D'autres, qui appartiennent à une entreprise de Saint-Barthélémy, ont parlé de grondements sourds, arrêt soudain des machines de pompage et diminution de la lumière sur tous les lampadaires.

BILL

# LANG'S LOOK



Perth, WA, Thursday, June 2, 1977

**P**RESIDENT Carter is good news for the flying saucer industry.

His recent claims to have seen one adds weight and lustre to the cause.

"He's made us respectable," says George Hume, vice-president and publicist of the UFO Research Group.

With the new aura and clear weather, UFORG's hotlines have been busy.

Yesterday's call came from Lake Grace, where a farmer has spotted a UFO on two mornings. The object, emitting bright red rays, was visible for many minutes while he was ploughing before dawn.

However, even without Mr Carter's imprimatur, things are warming up in the UFO game.

A few days ago in South Australia, a lad aged 15 was hurled backwards when he touched a column of light beaming from a conical UFO.

And two objects the size of battleships are being hailed as the most important UFO sightings in a decade, following reports by two airliner crews who encountered them in southern Portugal.

There are now thousands of sightings around the globe annually.

"We have had 100 reports in WA since Christmas," says Mr Hume. All are investigated by the men from UFORG.

Some are hoaxes. Some can be explained.

"At least 50 to 60 per cent can't be identified however," said Mr Hume.

The things don't come at any particular time, nor to any definable areas.

It takes concentration to see them. Authenticated cases have been spotted over busy highways by only the occasional driver.

Many are sighted by night workers, such as nurses or policemen, who are alone and alert.

Mr Hume says UFOs have been around for thousands of years. There are references in the Bible.

However, humanity became alerted to them when flying discs, soon called "flying saucers" were spotted over the Rockies in the north-west of the United States in 1947.

WA's UFORG was formed 21 years ago and has 50 members. Because of widening credence, Mr Hume has been asked to lecture at secondary schools and stage an

exhibition at this year's Royal Show.

He still can't define his subject exactly. Some are manned, some not. They are here on differing missions. Their propulsion sources appear to vary.

Mr Hume feels that some spaceships use a form of magnetic power and are prone to travel along the earth's lines of strongest magnetic force.

Others are thought to be electrically powered, drawing replenishment from high-tension cables.

For some mysterious reason, sightings proliferate when Mars periodically reaches its nearest point to earth. Perhaps, says Mr Hume, there may be underground life on Mars—and even all the planets.

Whatever they are, UFOs have shown no interest in our well-being.

If you spot one, leave it well alone, advises Mr Hume. Some are protected by force fields, hence the experience of the boy in South Australia.

"There's no proof that they have harmed humans," said Mr Hume. "However, they have certainly left cattle mutilated after landing."

"The animals have been cut by surgical instruments, either for experimental purposes or to supply something needed aboard the UFOs."

## MYSTÈRE AUTOUR D'URANUS

LOS ANGELES

**Q**UE d'agitation, de trafic autour d'Uranus! On enseigne depuis longtemps que cette planète (la septième du système solaire par ordre d'éloignement) n'a pas moins de cinq lunes. Y en aurait-il davantage? Des observations récentes ont révélé, en tout cas, la présence de divers « objets opaques » en évolution ou gravitation près de la surface. Et l'on ne cesse de s'interroger sur la nature de ces inconnus. S'ils ne sont pas d'autres « lunes », plus petites que les précédentes, il pourrait s'agir d'un système d'anneaux comparable à celui de Saturne. Ou bien alors d'astronefs, de quelques-unes de ces fameuses « soucoupes volantes » si souvent annoncées et guère rencontrées. De quoi alimenter de nouvelles controverses pour des mois et des années.

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"NOSTRA" - PARIS, FRANCE  
\*\*\*\*\*May 11, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

### MYSTERY ROUND PLANET URANUS

How about discussing the planet URANUS! We've known for a long time that this planet is the seventh planet in our solar system and that it has five satellites.

Could it have more? Some recent sightings have showed presence of several "opaque objects", traveling or revolving close to the surface. And experts are interrogating themselves about constitution of these unknown objects.

If they are not other moons, smaller than the first five, that might be rings system like the Saturn's ring. But that also might be some spaceships, for instance: these famous flying-saucers often announced, and not very often seen. Enough to keep new controversies for several months.

## بشقاب پرنده هواپیما را تعقیب کرد!

دیشب باردیگر در آسمان ایران، یک بشقاب پرنده روبت شد. خدان جت پوشنگ هواپیمایی ملی ایران - پرواز ۲۲۱ - کسه ساعت ۸ شب تهران رابه مقصد اصفهان نرکه کرده بود به سرح مراقبت فرودگاه گزارش کرد که در ۲۵ مایلی تهران در منطقه بودشور، یک ششی تورانسسی عظیم هواپیمای اورا تعقیب میکند و گاه بطولز ماس با آن در حرکت است. از برج مراقبت به خلبان دستورهای لازم داده شد.

اندکی پس از مخابره ایسن گزارش خلبان گزارش دیگری به برج فرستاد که طی آن ششی نورانی از طریق هتربدور دلتاه تا ۷۰ مایلی اصفهان ماس سنا هواپیمای جت حرکت کرده است. خلبان در تماس رادویی دیگری اظهار داشته است که ششی نورانی که رنگهای مختلف از دودساطع می‌کرده. در ۷۰ مایلی اصفهان از مسد هواپیمای دور شده و درفضا نازدید شده است.

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IRAN - FEB. 1977

On February 19, 1977 a UFO followed a jet airliner from Tehran, Iran to Isfahan, Iran. Discussions about the UFO were held between the flight crew and tower controllers. The crew was advised to observe the object and they did just that for 70 miles. Then the UFO sped away from them as they neared their destination.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

\*\*\*MAY 14 1977\*\*\*

# What's that I saw fly in the sky?

LONDON, Fri: A British pilot last night called for a full investigation of the "most important world-wide Unidentified Flying Object sighting of the past decade."

Capt. Denis Wood, a British Airways officer for 20 years, said the extraordinary sighting was made by the crews of two B.A. jets, radar operators, a Portuguese pilot and airline passengers.

Details of the incident had been disclosed at a meeting of the Surrey investigation group of aerial phenomena on Wednesday night.

Not only had two cigar shaped UFOs, estimated to be the size of battleships, materialise before his air crew's eyes, they were tracked down on radar in the air and on the ground and watched by hundreds of passengers.

Capt. Wood (42) said at his home in Surrey: "I want an explanation."

His first and second officers, Colin Thomas and Stephen Sowerby, were also positive that they had seen something incredible.

Capt. Wood and his Trident crew were

flying to Faro in Portugal on July 30 last year when Lisbon air traffic control asked them to watch out for a UFO that had shown up on radar.

Capt. Wood said: "We looked out and due west was this incredible brilliant white round object between us and the sun. It was not a satellite, balloon or star."

"The crew of a British airways Tristar flying above us confirmed this.

"The object was generating its own light. I told the passengers that a UFO was outside."

Mr Thomas said that, as the crew watched the bright light, two cigar-shaped objects "materialised from nothing."

They were watched for eight minutes and were also seen by the pilot of a Portuguese jet five minutes flying time behind the Trident.

After landing at Faro, the crew questioned the passengers.

Though nobody had a camera, one man had seen the whole incident through field glasses.

He said that in the middle of the bright light was an object like crumpled tinfoil.

Capt. Wood's plane took off 90 minutes after landing.

It was dark and he turned on the radar, tilting it upwards, Mr Thomas said.

"There in exactly the same spot were two cigar-shaped radar blips," he said. "There was nothing else on the screen."

"We got within 10km of them and they disappeared off the side of the screen."

Mr Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey investigation group said: "This is the most important sighting in the 10 years we have existed."—AAP.

SUNDAY INDEPENDENT - AUSTRALIA  
\*\*\*JUNE 5, 1977\*\*\*

## FLYING SAUCER NEEDED

AN Adelaide man wants to buy a flying saucer to fly to another planet.

Mr C.A. King (34) of Suburban Paradise has put an advertisement in an Adelaide newspaper, The Advertiser, asking for an "inter-galactic flying saucer - 10 person accommodation minimum".

Mr King says there's a billion to one chance of finding a flying saucer, but says it's possible somebody in Australia is hiding one, afraid to tell the government or police.

He says that since his advertisement first appeared yesterday, he's received about 15 replies.

Mr King says a few were cranks, but there were some genuine callers wanting to know how much it would cost to leave the planet with him and how much they could take.

**The red light flickered, almost beckoned to the two youths walking through the bush.**

*They thought it was a camp fire and walked through the bush towards it.*

But as they got closer the red brilliance disappeared. And in the dark, the youths' dog whined.

It was a chilling noise, and the dampness of the night seemed to close in on them.

But as they went to turn away, the light reappeared.

It was a sharp bright white light, throwing no reflection out to the surrounding bush.

Then it skimmed through the bush, a metre from the ground.

The youths were mesmerised, as they watched the disc-shaped light disappear, only to reappear again.

It sounds like the setting for a science fiction story.

In fact, you'd almost expect little green men to climb out of the compelling disc-shaped light.

But don't laugh, the story related so far is true.

It happened at Bothwell, and it was the third time the same mysterious light had been seen in the area.

Admittedly, the little green men bit is a bit far fetched, but there are people who believe we are being watched by an alien intelligence.

And with the incredible number of unexplained sightings all around the world, the possibility doesn't seem so fantastic at all.

Tasmania hasn't been without its fair share of mystery lights, or Unidentified Flying Objects.

All the reported sightings are checked out by the Tasmanian U.F.O. Investigation Centre, based in South Hobart.

During 1976, the centre investigated 175 reports and something like 30 still under scrutiny from other years.

But, according to the centre's publication "U.F.O. 1977", many of the "sightings" have been astronomical misidentifications.

And some people even get so carried away, they report things like car lights on top of mountains, distant thunderstorms, and at one time, a flock of birds.

Still, those people with vivid imaginations certainly don't detract from the number of genuine unidentified flying objects seen in the skies over Tasmania.

Last year, there were 29 U.F.O. sightings.

And the centre is investigating a further 19 because of insufficient information.

Of the 175 reports for the year, the centre quickly put down 61 of them to astronomical phenomena.

In the publication, this didn't go without comment.

"It is disappointing to find so many people with little grasp of the night sky, being tricked by scintillating stars and objects near the horizon".

Some of these "tricky objects", included aircraft (24), satellites (18) and car or beacon lights (5).

The T.U.F.O.I.C. has been investigating reports for a number of years now, and these are the statistics it has compiled:

Year	Reports	Unidentified	U.F.O.
1971	91	19	21
1972	64	13	20
1973	132	23	17
1974	155	50	32
1975	163	38	23
1976	175	29	17

While the number of U.F.O.'s sighted hasn't increased, people certainly seem to have become more aware of the phenomena.

The centre's publication points out that the bulk of last year's sightings occurred in February and March.

And 14 of the U.F.O.'s were seen in the Maydena, Derwent Valley areas.

But the North-West Coast hasn't been without its U.F.O.s either.

About three years ago, probably one of the centre's most spectacular, and puzzling, sightings occurred at Latrobe.

A young couple, in a car, was followed by a mysterious big light along the Moriarty Rd.

Not only was it spectacular, but quite frightening.

The massive light was accompanied by the humming noise.

The couple's report was vivid and detailed.

And after the T.U.F.O.I.C. heard about it, the Royal Australian Air Force was called in to help with investigations.

No one could come up with a satisfactory explanation.

That particular sighting still remains a mystery.

# U.F.O.s not really so far fetched

Maybe it was an alien intelligence, a "flying saucer"?

And it is that, that poses other questions like what is another intelligence doing here, is it passive, where does it come from?

Perhaps too, it answers some questions. It could even explain the great number of people who go missing every year, and are never traced, or heard of again.

The U.F.O. publication was sufficiently impressed with an incredible story related by three American women about how they were taken captive by a flying saucer and subjected to violent physical tests.

The story was carried by a Melbourne Sunday newspaper late last year.

Police, psychiatrists and U.F.O. experts all believed the story, which was related only under deep hypnosis.

The women were on their way home from a late supper when an enormous disc-shaped object "as big as a football field" hurtled into view.

It stopped in front of the women's car, then circled it.

Their last memory of the incident was an "awesome force" dragging the car backwards.

Their next conscious memory was seeing the street lights as they arrived home — some 13 kms (eight miles) from where they saw the U.F.O.

Under hypnosis, each of the women related how they were forced to undergo painful examinations before being released from the U.F.O.

Pacing cars seems to be a favourite ploy of U.F.O.s.

Early last year, two Tasmanian trucks drivers had this experience as they drove from Nive Hill to Berriedale — a distance of 90 km.

As Ron Wilson approached Black Bob on the Lyell Highway, he saw a bright object through the trees early one morning.

It appeared to maintain its position, and Wilson woke his companion, Phil Fazackerley.

Fazackerley had a glance at the object, then went back to sleep.

When he awoke again at Ouse, the U.F.O. was still with them.

Later on, it appeared to pass in front of distant hills, but kept its position no matter which way the road turned.

It was last seen near the Berriedale Caravan Park about 6 a.m.

It had kept company with the two truck drivers for about 2 1/2 hours.

In another early morning sighting about the same time last year two Magra residents reported hearing repeated whistling noises from over Denmark Hill.

Two days later at dawn, two H.E.C. linessmen saw a U.F.O. over the same hill — this time there was no noise.

It was a powerful rectangular white light flanked by two red lights moving in from the north-west.

The linessmen's story, in the U.F.O. magazine continued: "The lights were moving only

slowly and then became stationary near power lines over Denmark Hill.

"After two minutes, Brian Wooley was surprised to see two red lights appear above the main white light, the configuration of the lights covered a triangular area.

"Then red, blue and green lights flashed on and off down the sloping sides of the triangle.

"The lights pulsed on and off in sequence from top to bottom with the two larger flanking red lights at the base completing the sequence".

Wooley watched the process for about six minutes.

The reflection from the lights was so bright that he could see a silver-coloured metal surface making up the

Quickly, the object disappeared off towards Strathgordon.

Ten minutes later it returned.

This time Wooley drew it to the attention of his mate, and they watched it go through the same sequence, only this time it didn't come so close.

They watched for another eight minutes, then some their flashlights in its direction.

Immediately it took off again, this time in the direction of Wavatlnah.

The observations fit classic descriptions of flying saucers and certainly, they provide meaty stuff for the U.F.O. people to investigate.

According to the president of the T.U.F.O.I.C., Mrs J. Bigwood, their interest is being supported by scientifically-minded groups.

As the investigations go on, the sightings are given more credence, and less people associate the word "crank" with U.F.O. followers.

So, if you're confronted with a puzzling experience like the ones related here, give the information to the T.U.F.O.I.C. — either through Mrs Bigwood, the State secretary, Keith Roberts, or area representatives in the North, North-West and West Coasts.

Et pourtant  
c'est vrai

#### O.V.N.I. RELIGIEUX

ONZE MEMBRES D'UNE SOCIÉTÉ RELIGIEUSE BRITANNIQUE, la « société Aetherius », ont vu plusieurs dizaines de soucoupes volantes, convergent à grande vitesse de tous les points de l'horizon, dans la nuit du 14 au 15 mai, à Holdstone Down (sud-ouest de l'Angleterre), indique vendredi un communiqué de la société. Selon les témoignages, les engins changeaient brusquement de direction et évoluaient de telle façon qu'ils ne pouvaient s'agir de satellites. Quelques heures plus tôt, une messe avait rassemblé plus de cent personnes sur les lieux de l'observation. Cet endroit est en effet considéré comme un lieu de pèlerinage par les membres de la société « Aetherius ». Le leader de la société, affirme y avoir rencontré le 23 juillet 1958 le « Maître Jésus », qui serait selon lui un extra-terrestre.

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NEVERTHELESS IT IS TRUE : REGLIGIOUS U.F.O.s.

11 members of British religious association, the "AETHERIUS SOCIETY", have seen several tens of UFOs, converging with high speed, from all spots of sky-line, in the night of May 14-15, to Holdstone Down (in the south-west of England.), has indicated Friday, in a statement.

According to witnesses, these engines changed abruptly their direction and traveled with such a manner that they could not be satellites.

A few hours sooner, a mass had gathered together more than one hundred people on sighting spot. Indeed, this spot is considered as a pilgrimage place by memebtrs of ATHERIUS SOCIETY. The leader of this society, claiming to have encountered there, on July 23, 1958, "THE MASTER JESUS" who would be, according to him an extra-terrestrial-man!

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# Air crews track 'incredible' UFOs

LONDON, Today (AAP): A British Airways pilot last night called for a full investigation of the "most important unidentified flying object sighting of the past decade."

Capt. Denis Wood, a British Airways officer for 20 years, said the "extraordinary" sighting was made by the crews of two company jets, radar operators and Portuguese pilots.

He said details of the incident were disclosed at a meeting of the Surrey investigation group of aerial phenomena on Wednesday night.

Not only did two cigar-shaped "UFOs," estimated to be the size of battleships, materialise before his aircrew's eyes—they were tracked on radar in the air and on the ground and watched by hundreds of airline passengers.

Capt. Wood (42), said at his home in Surrey: "I want an explanation."

His first and second officers, Colin Thomas and Stephen Sowerby, were also positive they had seen something "incredible."

Capt. Wood and his Trident crew were flying to Faro, Portugal on July 30 last year when Lisbon air traffic control asked them to watch out for a UFO which had shown up on radar.

Said Capt. Wood: "We looked out and due west was this incredible, brilliant, white round object between us and the sun.

It was not a satellite, balloon or star.

"The crew of a British Airways Tri-Star flying above us also saw and confirmed this.

The object was generating its own light and I told the passengers that outside was what we believed to be a UFO."

First Officer Thomas said that as the crew watched the bright light, two cigar-shaped objects "materialised from nothing."

They were watched for eight minutes and also seen by the pilot of a Portuguese jet five minutes flying time behind the Trident.