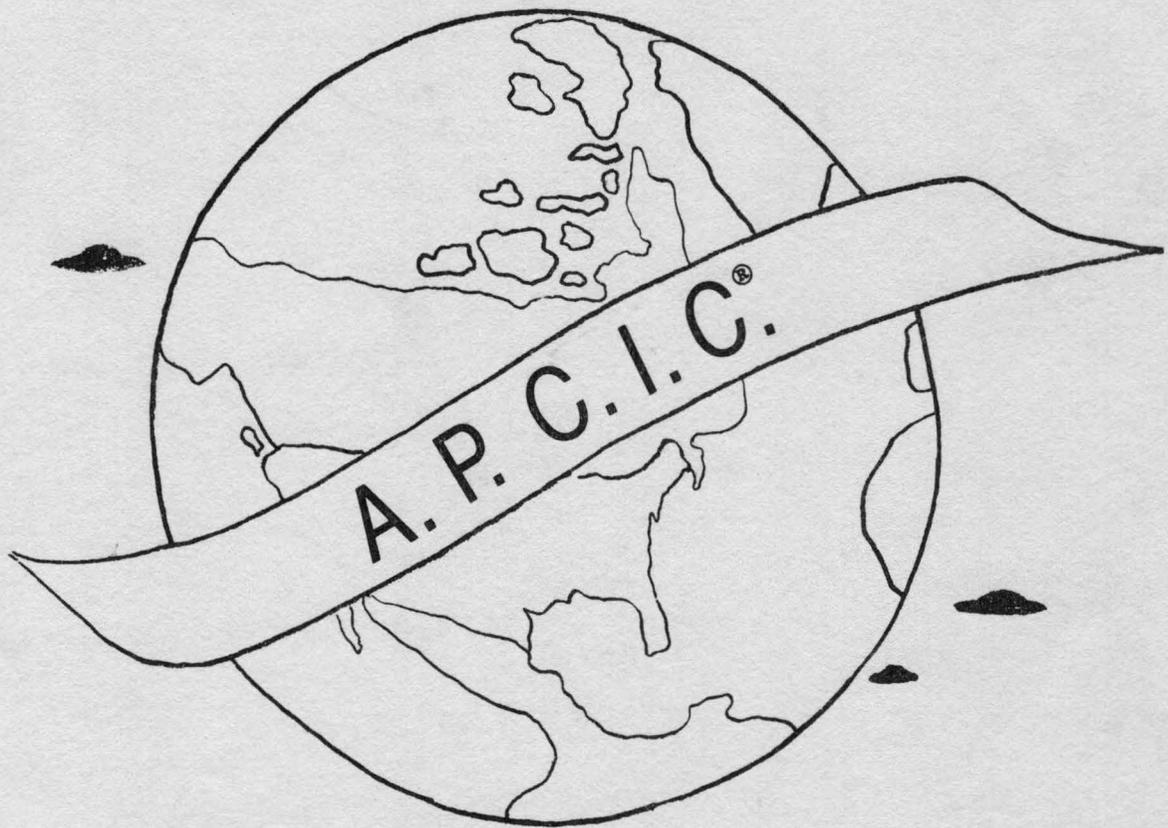


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Cliff Robertson tells of moment he saw UFO



Cliff Robertson: Watched object for 10 minutes.

ACTOR Cliff Robertson this week described the startling moment he spotted a UFO "moving gently across a clear sky."

The Oscar-winning star said he saw the UFO 12 years ago, but never admitted it publicly before because he did not want to be thought of as a "kook."

He said: "I simply saw something in the sky. I'm a pilot and have flown for many years."

He described the object as metallic in color. "At first I thought it was a weather balloon. I was in my garden in California watching it through my field glasses for about 10 minutes.

"Suddenly it just darted and went up. It definitely went up

from that already high altitude and it was gone."

The 50-year-old star said: "I know I'm sober and I certainly was sober when I saw whatever it was."

"I'm just sorry I saw it. I know from now on there will always be a certain fringe group who say: 'Well, you had one too many'."

Robertson, who lives in New York City is currently working on the adaptation of a Broadway play.

NATIONAL STAR
JULY 12, 1977

UFO's Seen.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA. MAY 23, 1977
*****GAZETTE VIRGINIAN*****

A source at the station who asked not to be identified said he felt some of the previous UFO sightings in Chile were satellites or airplanes. But he said the most recent sightings, made at relatively close distances, did not appear to be satellites.

Oscar Bravo, a radio announcer at Punta Arenas, the major town on the Straits of Magellan, said he awoke about 3 a.m. one night and went to the kitchen for a glass of water.

"First, I noticed the sky was bright," he said. "This caused

me to open the curtains, and I could see these two things suspended in the air emitting a strong light, bright and orange.

"The light went out but returned, with a violent color. Then these two things, of oval shape, moved at a rapid speed, opening themselves like a 'v'

and closing at a higher point in the sky." They finally disappeared over the straits, he said.

A few nights later, passengers on a bus going from Puerto Montt to Puerto Varas in southern Chile said they saw something similar about 100 yards above them in the sky.

Several people who have seen UFOs recently estimated their size at about 12 feet in diameter. Most say they are round or oval - "like a huge wagon wheel," said one woman.

LANCASTER, OHIO - EAGLE-GAZETTE
*****MAY 23, 1977*****

LFO 'Bug' Swarms Over Central Ohio

FRONT PAGE

The LFO bug swarmed the Central Ohio area over the weekend as numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported.

Fairfield County Sheriff's deputies stated that some heavenly phenomena were seen around 3 a.m. Sunday. At first the deputies thought the lights may have been pranksters setting off fireworks in the Ohio University - Lancaster campus area.

One deputy, however, felt the lighted objects were too distant to be mere fireworks or flares.

Rumors abounded that some UFOs were sighted across the county line into Pickaway County. The sheriff's deputies in that western county denied that any foreign matter was gracing their local sky.

A Lake Road man told the Eagle-Gazette that he viewed a bright object about 8:30 p.m. Sunday over Bremen. The object was "bright yellow" he said and "moved slowly with a white trail behind it."

At first the man thought it might have been an airplane or flare, but the object did not behave as an aircraft would be expected.

One Fairfield County sheriff's deputy said the sightings may have been meteorites or other natural phenomena.

NIAGARA GAZETTE - NEW YORK
*****JUN 25, 1977*****

Woman tells of local UFO

WILSON - The barking of dogs and a "strange red glowing light" Friday morning sparked a report of an unidentified flying object to Niagara County Sheriff's deputies.

Jane Sherman, 3751 Beebe Road, told deputies she was awakened by the barking of area dogs and investigated the disturbance. She reported a strange red glowing light over the woods near her home.

She said she called her daughter and son-in-law, who live next door. They joined her in watching what appeared to be a craft hover over the wooded area. They reportedly watched for 15 minutes and told the deputy arriving on the scene the craft disappeared, traveling in an easterly direction, as he approached.

on the street

I wondered the other night when I again saw the bright light in the east, just what it really was.

The next day I saw an Associated Press story about some people in Kirksville spotting a UFO. Whether there is any connection I'm not sure, but that bright light which just hangs in the eastern sky during the night has my wife and me puzzled.

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There's the story which was relayed through channels of the family who turned in their neighbors to the police as possible prowlers.

A family which always drives all vehicles into the garage and makes sure that the garage door is down before retiring each evening had through a

CHILLICOTHE, MO. - MAY 25, 1977
*****CONSTITUTION-TRIBUNE*****

PICTOU ADVOCATE NEWS - CANADA
*****JUNE 1, 1977*****

Fireball reported

LOCH BROOM: A report was received from this area on Saturday night that a fireball was seen to fall from the sky, striking the water with a loud splash and a hissing sound.

Mrs Eileen Fraser, Loch Broom, said that she, her granddaughter and Aunt were gazing from the window of the house at about 6 p.m. when a red ball of fire with a flaming tail suddenly appeared and plunged into the water.

Mrs Fraser said that it looked like it might be a meteorite and wondered if there was anyone else in the area besides the three in her house who had seen the phenomena.

story we will not explain, unintentionally left the door up and the garage light on.

Along about 2:30 a.m. Neighbor X came home and noticed the garage door of Neighbor Y up and the light on. He thought that maybe Neighbor Y couldn't sleep and was doing some work on his boat.

Neighbor X pulled his car into the drive of Y and up to the garage. The car lights and vehicle pulling into the drive apparently aroused Y, who, in turn, got a quick description of the car and called the police just as Neighbor X backed out of the drive, having found that Y was not in the garage.

Through some means the story was all straightened out by the two neighbors the next day. There's more, but I won't get into it.

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The activities of all schools in the Constitution-Tribune coverage area officially came to a close today with the final day for Chillicothe R-2 students.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the many coaches, superintendents, principals and other school officials in our coverage area for their excellent cooperation during another school year.

Through your efforts the C-T has for many years been able to keep its readers informed of sports and school activities...it could not be possible without your excellent cooperation and for your part we say THANKS.

See you in August.

2 Reston men see UFO: 'it was weird'

Bill Reckert and Gary Johnston were driving to their Reston homes at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, May 22 after their bartending jobs in Georgetown. They weren't tired and hadn't been drinking. They saw an unidentified flying object.

"It was green, the color of a green traffic light, and it was hovering like a flat disc," said Reckert, 22, of 11099 Saffold Way.

"It looked like it was above the south side of Herndon," he said, "and when Gary and I saw it, we were on Route 606 between Lake Fairfax Park and Wiehle Avenue."

Reckert said the object was high in the sky and suddenly dropped at a diagonal angle at a rapid speed.

"When it dropped below the trees, there was a brilliant flash of white light. We drove down into Herndon to see if we could spot anything, but there wasn't a trace. And it didn't make a

sound," Reckert said.

Johnson, 21, agreed that "it was weird."

He added, "I guess you'd have to say it was a UFO unless they were doing something out at Dulles, but I don't know what it would have been," he said.

Officials at Dulles said there were no operations that would cause anything like Reckert and Johnson say they saw. Herndon police also reported no observations.

Reckert said there were three or four cars on the road with them when they saw the UFO.

UFO Sighted in Boone Stirs Rash of Comment

By James A. Hill
Staff Writer

MADISON - An unidentified flying object emitting intense blue and orange lights dipped down over Madison last weekend, stirring a rash of comment from residents around this Boone County community.

Dan Isaac, a science teacher at Scott High School, says he has taken statements from eight persons who reported seeing the object between 3 and 4 a.m. Sunday. They were all similar in nature and described, by Isaac as "typical of classic UFO sightings."

Isaac said the sightings were made by parents and students who remained out of bed until the early morning hours because of "prom night" Saturday at Scott High School in Madison.

"We'd all like to believe it was a genuine UFO sighting, but I am reluctant at this time to draw a definite conclusion," Isaac said.

HE SAID a report from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller and their son, Scotty, 17, of Madison was typical of the reports he is gathering.

Between 3 and 3:30 a.m., the three were in a bedroom where thin, sheer curtains covered the window when the room was flooded with what all three described as an "eerie, blue light."

"Scotty rushed to the window and saw what he described as a very, very intense light, almost too bright to look at, sort of pulsating," Isaac quoted the youth that it hovered just above the

house top and lit up parked cars surrounding houses and the hillsides. All three told Isaac they were frightened by the object and had never seen anything like it.

Isaac said Mrs. Barbara Rowley and her two daughters, Cynthia, 17, and Terri, 19, reported seeing a similar object at the same time.

"Cynthia had just returned from the prom and saw an intense blue glow from a downstairs room," Isaac said. "Her mother and sister were in an upstairs room and saw it hovering just above a large tree. It only lasted a few seconds and then disappeared."

ISAAC SAID he is impressed with the reports since the persons involved are considered responsible by the community.

Isaac said Scotty Miller briefly mentioned the sighting on Monday but was reluctant to talk about it. "When he found out others had sighted the object, he agreed to describe the experience," Isaac said. "Now, other reports are beginning to come in."

Ronnie Miller, 17, of Mud River Road, said he saw an unidentified object about the same time as he drove along Corridor G near Turtle Creek Post Office with a girl friend, Marilyn Barker, 17.

"He described the object as elongated, giving off a very intense orange-red light, making no sound and skimming along the treetops," Isaac said. "He thought it might be a helicopter going to crash."

Karen Reynolds, 17, of Madison, said she was in a car traveling toward Madison on U.S. 119 on the Madison side of Drawdy Mountain when she saw an intense orange glow that lit up the mountainside for only a few seconds.

Isaac, who has been checking UFO sightings for the past 14 years, said he is in the process of taking statements from other students who sighted the UFO. He said he is passing official U.S. Air Force reporting forms throughout the school.

VANKLEEK HILL REVIEW - ONTARIO *****JUNE 1, 1977*****

Another U.F.O. sighting

HAWKESBURY — Look up, look way up, and what do you know, another red light.

The Hawkesbury detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police reports having received several calls regarding an unidentified flying object at about 9:20 p.m. Sunday evening.

Some O.P.P. officers also claimed having seen it, but an exact explanation of the phenomenon has not yet been received.

An individual in Hawkesbury, who observed the object through binoculars, felt it was some new piece of U.S. Air Force equipment.

On Saint Patrick's day, March 17, area residents spotted a similar pulsating light in the Green Lane area.

In this instance, the red pulsating light appeared in the southwest sky.

The mystery continues.

UFO Sighting Is Reported in Pr. George's

By Vernon C. Thompson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Some Takoma Park residents in Prince George's County and a Maryland State policeman said they saw an unidentified flying object resembling a blimp with blinking lights moving through the sky like a "giant jelly fish" Wednesday night, state police report.

"I was parked on U.S. 50, on a median strip, when I saw what looked like a blimp with blinking lights hovering over head," said Maryland State Trooper Gary Cofflin.

Cofflin, who said he "sat contemplating what the heck it could be," admitted he was at first reluctant to report what he saw.

"I felt kind of dumb (when he reported the incident), but if it had been a plane crashing in my area, it would be my tail if I did not report it," Cofflin said.

Cofflin—who said he is now asked by his colleagues about "green, cheese-eating martians"—said the object disappeared in the southern portion of the sky after hovering for approximately five minutes.

For those who speculated that the strange object they may have spotted was just one of the famous Goodyear rubber company blimps passing overhead, they may have to start speculating about some other cause.

The airship spokesman for that rubber company, Tom Riley, said the Goodyear blimps have not passed over the Washington area since last summer. Riley added that his company was the only one in the United States flying blimps.

The calls, which came in at approximately 9:45 p.m., were checked out with the air control tower at Andrews Air Force Base, police said. An Air Force spokesman yesterday said that nothing was sighted on radar.

CHICAGO, ILL. - CALUMET
*****MAY 28, 1977*****

Calumet Channels

by Ralph J. Frederickson

Little Green Men in flying saucers have reportedly been around for many years. Recent speculation has revealed they may be monitoring CB conversations. None of us may ever know, but there is a group of CBers who use their radios to follow unidentified flying objects (UFO).

A group of UFO enthusiasts have formed The Citizens Radio UFO Network (CRUFON). They use CB radios to report the path of UFO's.

The wide open spaces of rural areas have presented CB radio with it's best potential. UFO's sighted here may be observed over a greater distance to track their flight. Information is relayed to other CRUFON units on alert and passed onto others in the path of the UFO.

Frequently, such communication between units had only enough time to include a sequence of "Here it comes," "There it is," and "There it goes."

In a recent sighting, two truckers sighted a UFO in the night sky about an hour before dawn. The object allowed them to follow it for over an hour, which extended into a daylight sighting. It appeared as a light in the night sky, and as a disc in the daylight.

This was considered an unusual sighting since it was the first time a UFO has been followed from darkness to daylight.

Once sightings are made and verified by accepted means, CRUFON members call a special toll-free telephone number to report their information. The information is fed

into a computer, referred to as International UFO Reports (IUFOR), containing current reports from all over the world.

CRUFON processes sighting information and photographs, and has analysis equipment to determine the sighting's value. CRUFON is growing at a faster rate where CBers are aware of the organization. Membership is free and no one is under any obligation. Members receive an identification card and information about CRUFON.

A directory is also being formed to help unite CBers in sharing a common interest in CBing and UFO hunting. For more information, write to CRUFON, Box 1004, Hammond, Ind. 46325.

Q. I understand that power microphones are legal if you keep them turned down so they do not overmodulate. Why do you refer to power microphones as illegal in your articles?

A. I made reference to the power microphones that are not turned down. Those are illegal. However, if a power microphone has the ability to overmodulate, it is still illegal, even if it is "turned down." A legal power microphone is one that cannot overdrive the built-in limiting provided in the speech input of a particular CB unit. A power microphone must be selected very carefully to work properly with a particular unit. Technical assistance at time of purchase for proper matching is necessary.

THE PLAIN DEALER - CLEVE, OHIO
*****JUNE 27, 1977*****

Flying saucers pass up party in their honor

From wire reports

The folks who believe in flying saucers held their annual convention over the weekend just outside the gates of Mt. Rainier National Park near Longmire, Wash.

It was 30 years ago Friday that Kenneth Arnold, a Seattle area pilot, said he saw nine pulsing objects weaving around Mt. Rainier at about 1,700 miles per hour. His description led to the term "flying saucers."

About 40 persons showed up for the New Age Convention. But the flying saucers didn't.

I'm Being Watched By Creatures From Outer Space

Charles Hickson says he's being watched by creatures in a UFO. The creatures are the same ones, he believes, that abducted him while he was fishing from a pier in Mississippi in 1973.

MIDNIGHT/GLOBE
JULY 19 1977

"I have the feeling they know where I am and what I'm doing at all times," the 47-year-old ship-builder told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE.

The creatures, whom he described as having elephant skin, don't worry him, though. "They didn't harm me when they kidnaped me," Hickson said. "They examined me, then let me go." Hickson, who lives in Gautier, MS., and has lectured around the country on the incident, is writing a book about it, "The Pascagoula UFO."

Since the incident, he's spent four years researching UFOs. He says he's convinced the government knows a great deal about them that it's withholding from the public.

"They know about these things," he said. "These beings are robots controlled from somewhere else. They had to come from another world."

Air Force officials in nearby Biloxi, MS., have refused to discuss his experience with him, Hickson said.

He disclosed his experience to the sheriff. Following that, several scientists talked to him.

Hickson relates the story:

"Another fellow, Calvin Parker, and I were fishing from the pier (on the Pascagoula River) at dusk. I heard a hissing sound, like air or steam escaping from a pipe.

"We both looked and saw a metallic spaceship hovering two feet off the ground. There were two blue, pulsating lights and a porthole.

By JOYCE WILSON

"Three robot-like creatures came out, and a very bright light shone at us from inside the craft. They took hold of me under my arms. I felt pain and couldn't move. I seemed to rise from the ground. I saw them take hold of Calvin, too, but then he was suddenly gone.

"The creatures were about five feet tall, had no neck, their heads came directly out of their bodies."

Hickson said they didn't make any sounds or communicate with him in any way. They hung him, he said, in mid-air, and a giant eye came out of a wall and examined him. Then, the creatures carried him back to the pier, where he found his friend, Parker, standing in a trance.

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"I tried to crawl toward him. Then I heard this hissing sound again. I saw the blue lights. Then the craft was gone."

When Hickson and Parker recovered, they both feared ridicule so they didn't tell anyone.

"But the more we thought about it, the more we realized that we should tell someone because it could be something that was a threat."

That's when the two men went to the Air Force, which ignored them.

But Hickson isn't letting the experience die. He knows it happened.

"I've been put through polygraph (lie detector) tests and under hypnosis, and everything I say supports the facts," he told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE.

"Before this happened I can't say that I believed or disbelieved in life on another planet. I was reared as a hardshell Baptist, and we simply believed that God was our creator. I believe now that these creatures were robots who were controlled from somewhere else."

UFO Sightings Up

Reported UFO sightings up and down the 2,700 mile length of Chile last month are further confirmation of the existence of unidentified flying objects, Jerome Clark, UFO researcher and associate editor of Fate Magazine, said.

There have been more than 15,000,000 UFO sightings in the United States alone, according to a Gallup poll report issued in 1973, Clark said. And even if you disregard 90 percent of these reports, that still leaves more than a million and a half UFO sightings in American through 1973.

"The question today is not whether there are UFO's, but whether they are physical manifestations or merely mind phenomena. The real question intriguing UFO scientists and researchers is whether the human mind can create matter," he pointed

Clark, who will be one of the featured speakers at the First International UFO Congress scheduled for the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago on the weekend of June 24-26, predicts that the U.S. government will reverse its long standing official position that UFO's do not exist before the year is out.

"The April 18 issue of U.S. News & World Report stated that before the end of 1977 the government--perhaps the President--is expected to make what are described as 'unsettling disclosures' about UFO's based on information from the CIA," he said.

More than 20 famous scientists, academicians and ufologists will give 100 lectures and seminars at the Congress, first of its kind to be held anywhere.

The conference is being held exactly 30 years to the day after private pilot Ken Arnold sighted nine disc-shaped objects flying in formation over Mt. Rainier, Wash.

Clark has investigated many historical sightings, contactee and abduction cases, unexplained animal mutilations, creature reports and the parapsychological component of UFO encounters.

CHICAGO, ILL. - METRO NEWS
*****JUN 11, 1977*****

The Unexplained

UFOs still reported

By ALLEN SPRAGGETT

UFO reports from police and other official agencies continue to pour into the Center for UFO Studies via its toll-free hotline.

A recent sighting, reported by two Idaho policemen, was considered impressive enough for an in-depth review in the Center's monthly journal, "International UFO Reporter."

Edited by the director of the Center for UFO Studies, astronomy professor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the "Reporter" (address: 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.) draws on the expertise of scientists from a wide array of disciplines to evaluate the continuing UFO enigma.

The date of the Idaho sighting was Dec. 18, 1976. The time: 12:55 a.m. local time. The place: Between four and five miles northeast of downtown Soda Springs, Idaho.

The UFO, observed independently by two police officers who were 15 miles apart at the time, was described as oval-shaped and at a viewing distance of some 60 feet had the bulk of "three or four police cars."

The object emitted a pale green light which appeared to emanate from the interior of the oval, with occasional "spikes" of white, orange and pink light. While stationary, the UFO was

silent. When in motion it made a "whistling" sound.

No odor or heat waves were detected.

The UFO, as viewed by one witness, rose up from a group of trees and hovered at treetop level for some three minutes. Then it moved away toward the northeast and disappeared in about 15 seconds.

Dennis Abrams, the 30-year-old officer who was closer to the UFO, called on his police radio about the sighting. Another officer, Erfel Christianson, located 10 miles west of downtown Soda Springs, reported that he could see a light he described as "fluorescent" though orange-pink in color. He observed a light emanating toward the ground from the object.

Officer Christianson watched the UFO hover in a stationary position for 10 minutes, then zoom upward and disappear "in seconds."

The weather at the time of the sighting was clear, calm, and cold — about 10 degrees. Visibility was unlimited.

This case is impressive, says Dr. Hynek, the world's leading scientific ufologist, because two reputable witnesses, from different vantage points, reported essentially the same thing.

What about conventional explanations?

A weather balloon was suggested. But checking revealed that no such

balloon could plausibly have been in the area at that time. Besides, such a balloon is a mere six feet in diameter at low altitude.

A searchlight? That was ruled out due to the lack of a cloud base to reflect the light.

No plane flights were scheduled over the area at the time. Nor did radar tracking stations in the area report picking up anything.

One consultant suggested the UFO may have been a manned, hot-air balloon. But no ballooning clubs exist in the locality. Moreover, the time was 1 a.m. and the temperature below freezing — hardly likely conditions for an amateur balloonist to go aloft.

When all the probabilities were weighed, concludes Dr. Hynek's panel of experts, the most likely conclusion is that the object seen over Idaho was a genuine UFO.

And what, exactly, is a "genuine" UFO? A spacecraft? A secret weapon of some earth power? A freakish natural phenomenon?

That remains the enigma of enigmas.

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.
*****JUN 24, 1977*****

News Panel Upholds 1 Complaint

New York, N.Y. —AP— The National News Council finds validity in only one of the latest group of complaints of unfairness and inaccuracy against the news media it has studied.

The complaint it upheld was filed by Elmer Kral of Grand Island, Neb., against the National Enquirer and involved stories on unidentified flying objects in which the publication was accused of misquoting TV newscaster Walter Cronkite and Sen. Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.).

GREEN BAY NEWS-CHRONICLE
*****JUNE 7, 1977*****

What may have been a UFO — unidentified flying object — was sighted in West De Pere at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, the News-Chronicle learned Monday.

It was described as a "big round object" by a 62-year-old woman who said she's "no believer in UFO's" and asked not to be identified.

She was in the company of a neighbor who's "more dubious than I am," she said, when the "huge dark object" moved over her house against the perfectly clear night sky.

It was moving too fast — visible for only a split second, she said — to enable her to offer a more precise description.

It emitted no sound or light. The woman said she called Austin Straubel Field and confirmed that no unusual object had appeared on radar within a 50-mile radius.

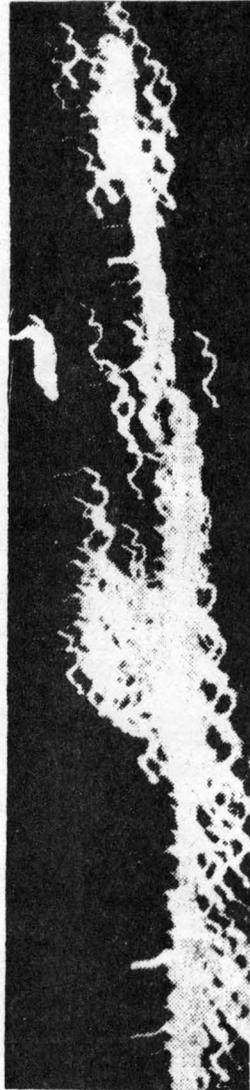
Claiming herself to be "no judge of distance," the woman could only say it was "low compared to when you look at an airplane, but well above the wires and housetops."

She said she notified Brown County police who notified the Appleton UFO Education Center.

A spokeswoman for the Appleton organization said the West De Pere sighting corresponded with several possible UFO's reported that evening from Shawano, Outagamie and Waupaca counties as well as Brown.

UFO sighting told by De Pere woman

Top Scientist Reveals . . . I've Made 25 Sightings of 'Intelligently Controlled' UFOs



STRANGE PATTERN: Dr. Rutledge looked up and saw a spooky ball of light in the night sky over Farmington, Mo., on May 24, 1973. He quickly took a picture of the ball . . . and when the picture was developed a weird light pattern (above) emerged on the print. Dr. Rutledge says he doesn't know what the bizarre streaks of light mean.

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A university professor investigating UFOs reveals he has sighted mysterious objects in the skies over Missouri — including about 25 which he says were “truly incredible and unquestionably UFOs.”

“They are intelligently controlled . . . I won't back down from anyone on that statement,” Dr. Harley D. Rutledge declared flatly. “They are not flying at random.”

Since 1973, when he first launched his investigation, Dr. Rutledge, head of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University and former president of the Missouri Academy of Science, has made more than 140 UFO sightings.

“Some were going at full speed instantly, and I also saw right-angle turns,” said Dr. Rutledge, who used photography and scientific instruments to document a report he is preparing for scientific journals.

The professor's chilling conversion from skeptic to true believer came the night of May 11, 1973.

With a pilot and two physics students, he was scanning the night sky with binoculars from the cockpit of a single-engine plane when he saw a strangely pulsing white light.

“Another light came on, then a row of seven lights, and the three on the right had a kind of haze around them. Little beams of light seemed to shoot out from the center lights . . . I have to admit that I had chills.”

A few minutes later, he said one of the students screamed when he spotted an eerie flashing light closing fast on the plane — then abruptly disappear.

At 9:30 p.m. on May 24, 1973, Dr. Rutledge and other scientists watched in awe from the ground as a spooky amber glow appeared below clouds at 7,000 feet, went off when a plane approached, then came on again for about three minutes (the team took photographs of the light).

Later that night the observers beheld another astonishing sight. Moving silently across the sky was an object “about 300 feet across” with “four long, narrow lights reflecting

By **BERNIE WARD**

off what appeared to be aluminum shaped around the back of something.”

The next night, Dr. Rutledge said, another team miles away were dazzled by a round light that moved in their direction, then turned away. Dr. James Sage, then a Southeast Missouri professor of electronics, was surprised to find his spectrum analyzer — used to measure electromagnetic frequencies — was inexplicably jammed shortly after the light disappeared.



HARLEY RUTLEDGE
He has made over 140 UFO sightings.

Triangular measurements placed the object's speed at between 309 and 325 m.p.h., according to Dr. Rutledge.

In the second week of June, 1973, Dr. Rutledge sighted a bullet-shaped object flying in broad daylight. “It was round in front,” he remembered, “and square in back, and it changed colors.”

On Sept. 5, 1976, Dr. Rutledge made a daylight sighting right from the window of his office that he'll never forget.

“In the fraction of a second that I saw it,” he remembered, “I had a glimpse of a disc shape with a flat bottom.”

John Schuessler, a project manager for the space shuttle, is impressed by the results of Dr. Rutledge's research.

“It's been very scientific,” he told *The ENQUIRER*. “And therefore I consider it very good data.”

Soldier Snatched by UFO Loses Five Days of His Life—In 15 Minutes!

By MICHAEL J. HOY

In one of the strangest UFO sightings on record, a Chilean soldier who disappeared in an eerie violet glow, apparently lost five days from his life — in 15 minutes!

The soldier, a corporal, went to investigate a powerful, violet, oval-shaped light that suddenly appeared one night hovering near his unit's outpost. All the members of the unit saw it and stood, startled, in combat readiness.

When the corporal returned, 15 minutes later, his mind was a blank, his calendar watch had advanced by five days — and he had a sudden, five-day growth of beard on his face!

"All I remember is walking away from my soldiers toward the light — then I lost my mind," said Cpl. Armando Valdes. "They say I disappeared like magic. All I can say is something called me. It was an internal communication between the light and myself.

"When I returned, the date on my watch had gone forward five days in 15 minutes.

"They tell me I looked like I hadn't shaved for five days."

The military government of Chile told The ENQUIRER that it takes a serious view of the incident and on orders from the very top, President and Commander in Chief General Augusto Pinochet, further interviews with the soldiers have been prohibited.

But The ENQUIRER obtained a special permit to travel to the area where the UFO was sighted and to speak to the many witnesses connected with the incredible incident.

The extraordinary event started at about 3:50 a.m. April 25 near a secret army post at Pampa Lluscoma, close to the Bolivian border, where a patrol was on duty.

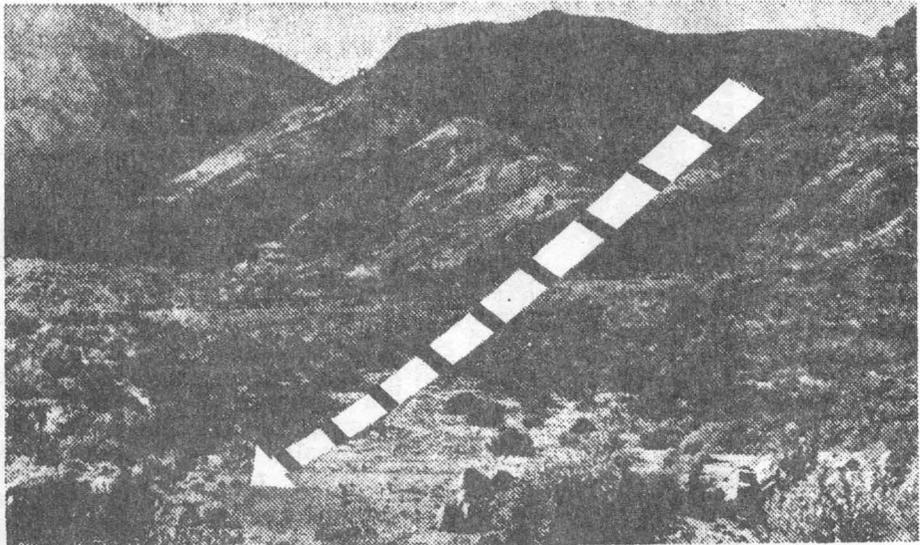
The men were stunned to see, just 1,600 feet away, the oval object, some 230 feet in circumference and bathing a wide area in bright violet light. At each end of the object were two small revolving red discs.

It was a moonless night. The men were terrified.

"Our corporal told us that we must believe in God and that nothing was going to happen to us," said soldier Raul Vasquez in a statement recorded on tape before the military ban was slapped on.

"The object certainly didn't belong to anything on this planet," he declared. "The corporal went toward it and when he reappeared he was trembling and laughing with a different voice."

He said a strange thing, according to Vasquez: "You don't know who we are or where we come from but we will be back soon!"



ARROW shows the path travelled by the oval-shaped UFO and the spot where it hovered near a secret Chilean army post.

Soldier Ivan Robles said: "The light illuminated the whole area. Our corporal disappeared for 15 minutes. He was well shaven when he went away but he came back looking as though he had not shaved for at least five days.

"He seemed out of his mind and did not recognize anybody."

Cpl. Valdes then fell unconscious. While the men were attending him, the UFO disappeared, sometime between 6:30 and 6:45 a.m. When Valdes recovered, he mounted a horse and galloped to the tiny village of Putre, 1½ miles away, in order to tell his story to schoolteacher Pedro Araneda, formerly a lecturer at the University of Chile. Araneda told The ENQUIRER:

"The corporal felt I was the only one who would be able to explain the mystery. I was surprised at his appearance, because he had a beard of around six or seven days' growth. I knew the soldiers had to shave ev-

day. I took my camera and tape recorder to the scene. All the men there told the same story.

"I believe that the soldiers' stories are genuine because I was in the area two or three hours after it happened and they all said the same thing. They were all shocked — almost in a state of panic."

Colonel Rene Escuriza, assistant to President Pinochet, told The ENQUIRER: "These men are now confined to barracks and undergoing a series of medical and psychiatric tests while we check their stories.

"The doctors have advised that we wait until the tests are complete before putting the corporal under hypnosis to see if we can find out what happened while he was missing for 15 minutes. It is a very strange story."

Reporter Luis Maturana of the daily newspaper La Estrella in the nearby city of Arica told us: "I interviewed the soldiers 20 days after the sighting, and spent at least two hours with the corporal. My impression is that he is a very normal man. However, his

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CORPORAL Armando Valdes walked toward light from UFO and suddenly vanished. He reappeared in 15 minutes with 5-day growth of beard and his calendar watch advanced 5 days.

nerves are under great pressure and he says he still sees the light (from the UFO)!

"He headed out into the darkness that night to approach the UFO. The men went after him but he seemed to have disappeared. Then he was suddenly behind them, in the open area near the campfire. They had not heard him moving, yet they insist that because of rocks on the ground they always make noise when they walk."

Juan Faundez of Group Invest Espacial, a Chilean UFO investigative organization, said: "There have been many other UFO sightings in Chile but this was the most spectacular because of the change in the corporal's appearance.

"This sighting encourages me for the first time to believe that UFOs are visitors from outer space. The fact that the corporal's watch went five days forward suggests that he may have been taken aboard the craft — and that the craft has a faster time zone. It's a very important incident."

Key statements of Cpl. Valdes and his soldiers, recorded in Chile on tape by school-teacher Pedro Araneda shortly after the incident, were analyzed on the truth-detecting Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) by Charles R. McQuiston, co-developer of the device. The PSE is so reliable that its results have been used in legal proceedings or accepted as court evidence in 14 states.

McQuiston's evaluation: "Valdes and his soldiers are telling the truth. They believe what they are saying," stated McQuiston. "They are sincere. I do not believe that this many people could be so stress-free in their statements and still be involved in a hoax. They really do believe the incident happened and it appears that there was something there."

Past UFO's

People Hesitant To Talk

By Mark Francis
Register Reporter

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Sighting an unidentified flying object (UFO) may be an exciting moment in a person's life, one the person can't wait to talk about to the police, the newspapers and his friends.

But it may not be something he wants to tell his grandchildren.

The Raleigh Register discovered some people are hesitant to talk about their reported UFO sightings several years ago.

Four local persons reported seeing UFOs between Dec, 1972, and Nov. 1973.

Two did not wish to be identified, one said he does not believe in UFOs and the fourth could not be reached for comment.

A local woman who reported in Dec. 1972 a ball of fire crash into a hillside one night at Skelton still does not know what the object was, but added relatives found a trace of something in the area where she saw the fireball fall to earth.

Her nephew and daughter - in - law went with a newspaper reporter to the sight of the object's landing. "They found a trace of something," she commented.

"Something had dropped," she said. "They found a small area that had been burned by something."

Nobody ever came up with a satisfactory explanation of the fireball's origin, the woman said. "I just always assumed it was a meteorite."

Another local resident said he was afraid of losing his job if his name was ever mentioned again in connection with his Oct. 1973, UFO sighting near Portsmouth, Ohio.

The man reported seeing a bright flashing light while driving along an Ohio highway.

An astronomical observatory in New York later offered an explanation for the object he man saw, but he said he still believes in UFOs.

The observatory explained the phenomenon as "prismatic action caused by a cold inversion in the October sky."

This inversion iodized the upper layers of the atmosphere, and caused strange reflections from the stars and planets.

Asked if that explanation satisfied him, the man said, "Let's just say it was not investigated further."

Howard Moneypenny, a meteorological observer with the National Weather Service (NWS) at Raleigh County Memorial Airport, was among several persons reporting a UFO sighting at the airport in Oct. 1973.

"I just saw a light in the sky," he said. "It was probably a helicopter."

Moneypenny said he never thought the UFO was a spacecraft from another planet.

"I don't believe in those things," he said. . . 2



RECTANGLE in Inset shows area of detail map.

Did you see what

By LEROY DIFEEENBACK

Evening Herald staff writer

FORT MILL — Picture a glittering, crystal cigar rising slowly in the early morning sky.

Then visualize the cigar rotating about every 30 seconds so that both ends are visible.

One end looks like a lighted fuse.

The other end has two headlights and the whole object keeps going lights, almost as if it were a prism, as it continues to rise straight up and then disappears.

That's what Shirley Sumner says she watched from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. Thursday morning.

She wants to know if anyone else saw it.

"I'm curious," Mrs. Sumner, of 2118 Bon Villa Way at Tega Cay in Fort Mill, says. "People don't want to talk to you about things like this. They shut it off as some imaginary thing. But I know I saw it. I'd just like to know if anyone else did."

Mrs. Sumner says she first no-

ticed the object when she woke up, lit a cigarette and looked out her bedroom window.

"I usually begin waking up around five," Mrs. Sumner says. "I was kinda sleepy and bleary eyed, and I looked out the window and couldn't figure out when we had put street lamps in. Then I realized we have no street lamps here."

Through the naked eye as it appeared in the treetops, Mrs. Sumner said the object looked like a seven pronged star, a sunburst

she saw? A UFO

that was so bright it hurt your eyes.

Later she got the binoculars.

That's when she says she could make out the cigar shape.

"It was like the body of a plane without wings," she says. "It made no noise."

Mrs. Sumner says she timed how long it took the object to rise out of sight (one hour). She says she also went outside and checked if other stars or planets were out.

The only other object in the sky, she says, was the moon.

"It was very cloudy," she says. "Clouds were passing in front of the moon."

"For the last 15 minutes I watched it through binoculars," Mrs. Sumner says. "You could see an elongated thing that kept turning towards Charlotte and back toward Rock Hill. North to South. It would disappear behind a cloud then reappear."

"Someone said it might have been a transport plane, but a plane wouldn't stay in the air for one solid hour and go straight

up," she says.

Mrs. Sumner says she didn't wake her husband up because he was tired from a business trip.

"I wish to God I had," She says. "He got up at seven and I told him what I saw, he said, 'What did you do. Stay up drinking all night?'"

Mrs. Sumner says he hadn't had a drop.

"I haven't found anyone else who saw it," she says. "I'm just so curious. Somebody must have seen it. I'd love to know that." 3

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Another UFO Reported By Sheriff's Deputies

Two sheriff's deputies on routine patrol early today in the Capleville area reported they looked up into the sky at a dispatcher's urging and saw an unidentified flying object "jerking about" with some 20 red and white lights blinking "just about as quick as you can imagine."

In about a minute, the flying object was gone, said Patrolman Richard Swain.

Swain and Patrolman Tom Wellford said they saw the UFO flying northeast about 4:14 a.m. near Shelby Drive and Hickory Hill.

Swain said he and Wellford were parked at the location waiting for a sheriff's dispatcher's instructions.

"He asked if we saw anything strange in the sky," Swain said. "We saw an object with white and red lights traveling real fast. It wasn't like a plane. It was traveling at a higher rate of speed."

The object was so far away, Swain said, he could not see anything but a mass of lights blinking and "jerking about" in different directions.

"It's a funny feeling," he said. "You wonder if you are seeing things."

Swain said the sheriff's dispatcher had received other reports of UFOs last night and early this morning.

Several such sightings have been reported in recent weeks.

In most cases, observers describe a UFO as traveling at a high rate of speed and having many flashing lights, usually multicolored.

It was Swain's second sighting of a UFO in about a month. He said he didn't report the first sighting because he did not think anyone would believe him.

While on patrol one night about 10 o'clock, Swain said, he saw something large and "shaped like a bullet." The lighted form was a solid white color, he said, but turned "glowing red" as it flew over him. Another patrolman, Richard Jewell, also saw that UFO, Swain said.

Meanwhile, some 20 employees of Buckeye Cellulose Corp., 2899 Jackson, reported seeing yet another UFO.

Mark Wright, a plant employe, said, "It was pretty bright, bigger than anything else (in the sky). It looked like a large star."

He said it first appeared over the horizon in the east at about 3:30 a.m., and remained in the sky for about two and a half hours. When the sun came up, he added, the object rose and disappeared from sight.

"It was sort of pyramid shaped, there were no separate lights on it, it was just one big light," said Wright. 2

Govt. Is Still Secretly Probing UFOs

Despite public denials, the CIA and Air Force are still monitoring UFO activity.

Although the CIA claims it quit probing UFOs in 1953, and the Air Force says it stopped in 1969, the documents — obtained exclusively by The ENQUIRER — reveal that:

- The Air Force investigated UFO activity over two SAC bases in 1975 — and the CIA promptly requested follow-up information.

- The CIA interviewed a prominent UFO researcher in 1965, and borrowed his files.

- In a letter dated only last year, a CIA official refers to agents warning UFO witnesses not to talk in 1958 — but the letter states the CIA has not studied UFOs since 1953!

Responding on April 19, 1977, to a letter from a UFO researcher, Air Force intelligence chief Col. Jack Morris quoted a portion of an official duty log: "Barrett . . . informed the CIA's OPS Center of unidentified flight activity over two SAC bases near Canadian border. CIA . . . requested they be informed of any follow-up activity."

Commented Brad Sparks, a member of the 3,000-strong Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO): "The incident was in 1975, and there is only one interpretation you can make — that the CIA and Air Force are still actively investigating UFO reports."

In March of last year, Gene Wilson, the CIA's information and privacy coordinator, wrote a puzzling letter to William H. Spaulding, director of Ground Saucer Watch.

The letter denied the CIA had studied any UFO activity since 1953, but then included a

By JOHN COOKE

1958 memo which showed that agents had ordered UFO witnesses not to reveal they had been contacted by the CIA.

"It's an amazing piece of double-talk," scoffed UFO researcher Todd Zechel.

A letter dated Sept. 19, 1973, from CIA legislative counsel John Maury confirms that in 1965 the CIA interviewed Richard Hall, former acting director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

"It was obvious (the agent)

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was mounting an investigation into UFO sightings," Hall told The ENQUIRER. "He took away files of six to eight cases."

Maj. Donald Keyhoe, a war-time pilot and author of several books on UFOs, says there can be no doubt that secret government UFO investigation continues to this day.

"I know for a fact that intelligence officers still quiz pilots as soon as possible after they've sighted UFOs," he said. "And several times since 1969 the Air Force has scrambled jets to intercept UFOs."

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Pie in sky? Never

There are many myths about UFOs.

One of the most persistent says: "Scientifically trained people like astronomers do not see UFOs."

Now, this myth has been exploded once and for all.

The International UFO Reporter, a scientific monthly published by the Centre for UFO Studies describes a just-released survey of the 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society.

The survey, which was done by Dr. Peter Sturrock, a plasma physicist at Stanford University, asked these science professionals: "Have you yourself ever witnessed or obtained an instrumental record of any event which you could not identify and which may be related to the UFO phenomenon?"

Sixty-two scientists, all trained to scan the sky and interpret what they see, replied yes — they had personally seen UFOs.

And they reported seeing just the sorts of UFOs which ordinary people have been reporting for years — disc-shaped objects moving at fantastic speeds, radar readings of things far beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft, and even apparent electro-magnetic interference with cars.

One astronomer reported that on Nov. 11, 1974 he was driving his pick-up truck near Cloudcroft, N.M. at about 4:10 p.m.

The scientist suddenly saw a disc which he estimated to be a quarter-mile away, silver-grey in color, moving rapidly on a level course from the southeast to the northwest.

The day was clear and visibility perfect. The UFO turned upward and then picked up speed and vanished from view in two to three seconds.

As the scientist gunned his pick-up truck, it stalled, something it had never done in the past.

However, the failure of automobile ignitions is a common feature of UFO encounters.

Another scientist submitted an account of an impressive radar sighting of a UFO.

In February 1951, the respondent was serving as operations officer on a U.S. ship off Cape May, N.J. The ship's radar picked up a solid object ("Not a false radar echo," the scientist insisted) travelling at speeds up to 5,000 miles per hour.

The object halted suddenly, seemed to stand still in mid-air for a few seconds, "then climbed vertically above Nantucket out of range, some 150 miles high."

What kind of craft could move at 5,000 miles per hour, halt instantly, and then shoot more than 150 miles straight up in a matter of seconds?

That, of course, is precisely what the scientist is still asking himself.

Reviewing the findings of Dr. Sturrock's survey, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and the world's leading scientific ufologist, said: "We have seen that a small fraction at least of trained scientists are as likely to report varied and puzzling UFO sightings as the general public!"

UFO Harmless

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By SHARON ROSS
Times Staff Writer

LANSING — Those hoping the latest UFO sightings will trigger a Marfan hunt will be disappointed.

Those fearing an invasion from aliens will be relieved.

The great unidentified flying object mystery has been solved.

The glowing, hovering orb in the night skies belongs to Ad Air Lines, a Homewood based advertising agency which has taken to the air for clients.

What has been reported as a UFO is one of the several planes owned by the agency.

"We certainly haven't meant to

frighten anyone," Mrs. Barbara Walter, Ad Air Lines owner said. "We want to let people know who and what we are."

That concern has extended to letting police departments know when a plane will be flying overhead.

"We tell them that we'll be in the area and ask them if they'd mind putting up with a little bit of trouble for a while," Mrs. Walter said.

Police have generally relayed that message to concerned callers.

The craft has been given "about five billion different descriptions" a Highland policeman said.

What viewers see is a panel of 315 lights connected to the bottom of the plane and fastened under the nine-foot wing span. The lights carry various messages as requested by Ad Air Lines clients.

"The letters come across nine feet tall," Mrs. Walter said. "We try to limit messages to 60 characters."

Planes generally take off from Lansing Municipal Airport around 8:15 p.m. The four pilots are given two hours air time.

Part of the confusion about the planes has been the inability to read the messages.

Pilots are assigned specific areas for their flights. What some spectators might see is a plane heading out to a new location.

"While on a run the planes fly at about 1,500 feet," Mrs. Walter said. Messages would be clearly distinguishable from that height.

"The planes fly at 60 miles an hour and the message can be read three or four times before the craft moves on," she said.

The planes are versatile.

"They can carry several messages at once," Mrs. Walter said.

The advertiser's message is fed onto a computer-type print out sheet stored in the cockpit. "The pilot simply changes the feed out and the message is transferred," Mrs. Walter said.

All pilots are commercial rated with a minimum of 500 hours. Planes are thoroughly checked every 100 hours.

Several car dealerships are claiming the craft as theirs.

Mrs. Walter said the company has flown for Christenson Chevrolet. Several other car dealerships are booked.

"We seek to protect the clients," Mrs. Walter said. "We think it would be a conflict of interest to advertise the same product in the same general area."

Ad Air Lines flew over Chicago to celebrate the opening of Buckingham Fountain Friday.

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UFO Sighting Is Reported in Pr. George's

By Vernon C. Thompson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Some Takoma Park residents in Prince George's County and a Maryland State policeman said they saw an unidentified flying object resembling a blimp with blinking lights moving through the sky like a "giant jelly fish" Wednesday night, state police report.

"I was parked on U.S. 50, on a median strip, when I saw what looked like a blimp with blinking lights hovering over head," said Maryland State Trooper Gary Cofflin.

Cofflin, who said he "sat contemplating what the heck it could be," admitted he was at first reluctant to report what he saw.

"I felt kind of dumb (when he reported the incident), but if it had been a plane crashing in my area, it would be my tail if I did not report it," Cofflin said.

Cofflin—who said he is now asked by his colleagues about "green, cheese-eating martians"—said the object disappeared in the southern portion of the sky after hovering for approximately five minutes.

For those who speculated that the strange object they may have spotted was just one of the famous Goodyear rubber company blimps passing overhead, they may have to start speculating about some of the cause.

The airship spokesman for that rubber company, Tom Riley, said the Goodyear blimps have not passed over the Washington area since last summer. Riley added that his company was the only one in the United States flying blimps.

The calls, which came in at approximately 9:45 p.m., were checked out with the air control tower at Andrews Air Force Base, police said. An Air Force spokesman yesterday said that nothing was sighted on radar.

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UFO 'Occupant' Proves Real Doll

NEW YORK (AP) — The two policemen, checking out a 6:30 a.m. report of a disorderly crowd in upper Manhattan, found a metal object shaped like a cone, a circle of yellow powder around it, and what looked like a tiny, humanoid body lying dead nearby.

About a dozen persons were standing around, seemingly transfixed by the capsule's blinking lights and gurgling noises.

Cautiously, the policemen moved forward. As they crossed the yellow circle, the lights began to blink faster and the noises got louder.

They retreated quickly.

After a moment or so, they moved on the capsule again and seized it.

They took it and the body back to the 34th Precinct police station, where an autopsy on the creature revealed it to be

... A G.I. Joe doll wrapped in clay.

The capsule, dismantled, became two tape recorders and a lot of wire.

Police didn't say who they thought might have perpetrated such a hoax.

But they noted that this UFO landed across the street from Baker Field, an athletic area for students at Columbia University.

They Saw Strange Lights In The Sky...

Airplane pilot Ronald Ray pursed his lips and said, "Well...I never told this for publication before. I always felt there were a lot of people that would end up making fun of it..."

Airplane pilot Richard Pugh remembered the day long ago he first broached the subject, but in retrospect said, "I told it like it was back then, and I'd tell it like that again. Go ahead and tell it," he said.

Both Ronald Ray, who is a town commissioner at Franklinville, and Richard Pugh, who is a county commissioner, have seen strange lights in years past as part of both ground and aerial observation.

Tomorrow will be the 30th anniversary of the first sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in the United States. Some have been seen in Randolph.

I didn't say "flying saucers." I said UFO's.

"I don't believe in flying saucers," Ray said. "But I did see something I've never been able to figure out. I know what I saw but I don't know what it was..."

Richard Pugh saw something he's never been able to figure out either. It was a strange light on Trogdon Hill east of Asheboro, and Pugh was not the only one to see it and wonder deeply about the happening.

A number of others saw the Trogdon Hill UFO, among them two Asheboro residents who were at different viewing spots than Pugh and saw it independently.

It was on June 24, 1947 that the first such sighting was made in the nation and talk this week brings recollection of the two most significant sightings in Randolph County.

Richard Pugh saw an unexplainable light and 'craft' in the third week of December in 1967, and duly reported it to the press.

Ronald Ray saw a strange light while piloting his plane near Erect in July, 1973. Other than his family and a close circle of fellow pilots he has never made his story public until today.

But, first things first...and without a single change in the news story that appeared on December 21, 1967:

"Richard Pugh, president of Pugh Oil Compay, was driving up Trogdon Hill toward Asheboro Tuesday night when he saw a peculiar, lighted object.

"Pugh had his three small sons with him, and they were aghast too.

"The glowing object slowly moving above the treetops was not like anything they had ever seen—outside science-fiction illustrations.

"Pugh slowed down immediately for a better look, and noticed out of the corner of his eye that several cars coming down the hill were slowing down too.

"I remember thinking that a wreck might happen if those motorists weren't keeping their eyes on the road," Pugh said.

"A white Ford was in the lead coming down the hill and as it came to a stop opposite me, the driver rolled down his window and said, 'What in the world is that?'"

"What appeared to be an honest-to-goodness flying saucer came slowly moving eastward.

"Bulldozer operators Mack Priest and George Foster, both of Asheboro, were driving behind Pugh. They saw the strange, lighted thing too and stopped to look at it.

"Pugh, who is a licensed pilot and familiar with much phenomena of the sky said at first he thought it might be one of the helicopters that were flitting about these parts in the Cherokee Trail exercises, but it only took a second glance to note otherwise.

"The large, circular object had a slow air speed, Pugh said. It came close enough that everyone got a pretty good look at it too.

"There were 'lighted areas' on the circular looking hull and large lighted area underneath.

"Priest and Foster described the airborne object in a similar fashion.

"Pugh said as the thing came lower and touched the treetops alongside the highway it went up in a 'swoosh' with a bright glow, and disintegrated.

"Some of the fiery material fell to the ground and then went out.

"None of the viewers had flashlights to make a search for parts of the object and all left and went on their way.

"Late Wednesday morning Pugh and Priest returned to the spot and made a thorough search for some remains, just to make sure that what they had seen was of some tangible material.

"At the base of the trees on the edge of the field they saw some scorched leaves. Amid the leaves was a 'hunk' of burned material that looked like asbestos. It was black and scorched. Near it was some ashy material embedded with very tiny wires.

"Pugh recovered the stuff and took it to his office on Highway 64, east, where curious folks have been looking it over.

"Pugh disclaims any knowledge of what the 'thing' was that he and other motorists saw Tuesday night. He does say he and those with whom he has talked are baffled by the experience.

"I'm sure there is a logical explanation for what we saw, but dog-gone if I know what it is," Pugh stated.

That's the way it was 10 years ago, and Pugh says there is no reason to change the story in any way. Take it or leave it.

It has only been three summers ago that Ronald Ray was confronted with a light that buzzed his Cessna 150 while flying near Bennett, and he is still reluctant to talk about it publicly.

Most people would scoff at a report of the experience he says. "I know I probably would have if it had been told to me..."

But for what it is worth, Ray agreed this week to tell what he has heretofore told only to his family and perhaps a dozen other pilots:

"I was at Bennett, at Purvis airfield, after having flown from Sanford, and was spending a few minutes talking with J.B. Purvis's son, Boyd, who was always making buddies of pilots, and he had a hobby of talking with them by radio as they entered and left the field.

"After the visit I took off from Purvis's and made a 330 degree heading which would have taken me right into Pugh field near Asheboro. I wasn't airborne but a few minutes when I saw a strong, 4-beacon red light ahead, about two or three miles. I thought maybe I had not set the course right and that I must be seeing Erect telephone tower.

"I glanced around some more and saw the tower to my left, so I immediately knew the light I saw was something unusual.

"It came straight toward me at a fast speed and I swerved, thinking it might hit me head on. As I swerved, it went to my right and then went below me toward a field near the river.

"While all this was happening I had reached for my radio mike to contact Boyd at the field and the whole electrical system went out. There were no landing lights, no instrument lights, no radio...no nothing.

"I couldn't stay around there long enough to circle and look because it was getting dark fast. I had to get back to the field near Asheboro."

Ray said he called the FAA in Charlotte, but didn't get through, however he did tell "someone in the Civil Air Patrol."

It took three weeks to repair the electrical system on Ray's aircraft.

"I shied away from talking about this for a long time, but...well...that's what happened."

UFO sightings reported here

By JEANNE ABBOTT
Daily News Staff Writer

Bright objects hovering together in Anchorage skies were reported last month by a Northwest Orient Airline crew and a radar approach controller at Anchorage International Airport.

Reports of the eerie sight have been confirmed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

THIS TALE OF A UFO sighting has all the elements of an arctic science fiction thriller, and was uncovered by KANC radio announcer Pat Fullerton who has been reporting on the event for the past two days.

According to Fullerton who interviewed

major witnesses, air traffic controller Terry Siegrist first spotted four objects spaced equidistantly apart on April 23. He says the objects first appeared on his radar scope about 30 miles east of Anchorage, moving slowly. They came to a complete stop, picked up speed and "zipped off to the east," Siegrist said.

Fullerton then talked to controller Harry Fluharty who was in contact with a Northwest Orient Airline pilot shortly afterwards. The pilot reported seeing only one bright object flying at 60,000 feet and moving at a high rate of speed.

"I'LL PROBABLY BE sorry for reporting this," the pilot said, but told Fluharty that the object was moving faster than anything he had ever seen.

In contacting the FAA, Fullerton confirmed the reports. An FAA spokesman said, "One of our radar approach controllers did report on April 23 that he observed four blips which gyrated on the radar scope in an unusual manner. The controller saw the blips settle downward, then move across the scope at a rapid rate of speed."

The FAA spokesman also confirmed that the airline crew reported the UFO. But said the spokesman, "It might have had some natural explanation and I wouldn't overplay it. I don't want people to think that the FAA sees little green men."

TAZEWELL, VA. - CLINCH VALLEY NEWS
*****JUNE 8, 1977*****

UFO Is Sighted

An "unidentified flying object" was reported Wednesday night by Leon Burkett and his mother over the Mud Fork-Stoney Ridge area.

They saw a strange, lighted moving object over the mountainous area about 10 pm. To date, no other sightings have been reported and no explanation has been given.

UFO puts Taylorsville in spotlight

National attention has been brought to the town of Taylorsville when a Laurel wrecker driver and two Taylorsville policemen witnessed what they described as an unidentified flying object.

"I'll tell you this," said Taylorsville Policeman Steve Sasser, "People that believe in God...well, they better believe in the UFO."

The incident occurred about 4:40 a.m. Wednesday morning, May 25. The driver of the wrecker stopped between the Leaf River

Bridge and Highway 531 on Highway 28 East of Taylorsville when he saw the bright light hovering overhead, according to reports. He radioed on his CB that it was there.

Patrolman Steve Sasser went out to see about it. He described the object as a "big white, grey looking light." He said he first saw the light about 50 feet in the air. "It started coming toward us." Then it moved away and higher into the sky. Sasser radioed to Tony Blakeney, Taylorsville police chief, who

got a camera and came to the site. The two men tried to take a picture but were unable to do so.

Blakeney said "All I saw was a light up in the sky a little bigger than a golf ball. I couldn't make out any

features except for the light part of it. It was elongated."

No further sighting has been reported. The policemen said they have been contacted by newsmedia from around the country. "I've gotten tired of talking about it," Sasser said.

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*****JUNE 1, 1977*****

COPS SPOT UFO HOVERING OVER CONN.

NATIONAL SPOTLITE
 ****AUG 1977****

At least six policemen and hundreds of citizens saw a UFO doing a dazzling display of acrobatics over Connecticut. This lasted for two hours before the alien craft vanished.

Patrolman Elston Dodge, one of the officers sent to investigate the phenomenon, says: "I realized that the mysterious object could be a UFO." He then called for another officer to verify the sighting.

Eventually, six officers saw and made reports on the unidentified craft. One of these men, patrolman Robert Paust, 7 years on the force, said: "I've never seen anything like that in the sky before."

One officer, Patrolman Peter Winter, took photos of the UFO going through its amazing aerial display.

These pictures show a very bright object shaped something like a horseshoe (or saucer) and much larger than the stars that framed the background.

In his report, Patrolman Winter writes: "It was not

pressed me most was the brightness and clarity of the lights. The colors were very clear. There was a white, a green and a red, and they just kept flashing.

"When I first saw it, it appeared larger than a star,

"I've never seen anything like it"

determined what the object was, although it was agreed among the officers involved that the observed lights were not aircraft navigation lights and their source was a considerable distance away."

Another policeman who saw the UFO was Officer Paust. He said: "The thing that im-

then kept getting smaller as it zigzagged, stopped, then moved in a new direction and zigzagged again. It definitely was no type of aircraft I've ever seen.

"Numerous people were watching it all over Danbury."

Officer Harold Chapman, another policeman with 10 years' service, also saw the UFO. He says: "At one time there were at least six police officers in a parking lot looking at the object. I couldn't believe what we were seeing. I tried to explain the thing in my mind but it was no helicopter or plane or weather balloon.

"The lights were so bright that they couldn't have come from any electric battery a balloon could carry."

The Danbury UFO sighting tied in with other reports of extraterrestrial activity in the general area which lasted for about two months as well as in Westchester and Rockland counties in New York state nearby.

UFOs were also seen in Kingston, N.Y., about sixty miles away from the Danbury sighting and in Winstead, Conn., about 40 miles away.

Many people now are convinced that UFOs exist.

UFO Reported

A Buckhorn Mountain area resident reported seeing an unidentified flying object about 10 a.m. today.

The large, oblong silver object hung silently and motionless in the air for about one minute near Woodhams-Carne Rd., off Tuolumne Rd., he said.

The witness, who did not wish to be identified, said the object looked like "two saucers stuck together." He described the object to Marv Taylor, local representative of the Mutual UFO Network, a national group dedicated to solving the mysteries of UFO's.

Taylor said today's is the 12th UFO sighting by Buckhorn mountain area residents in the last six months. 2.

SONORA, CAL. - UNION DEMOCRAT
 ***** JUNE 21, 1977 *****

UFO sighted by Southaven woman

"There is definitely something up there," said Mrs. Vivian Ungren of Southaven as she talked about watching a UFO (unidentified flying object) speedily dart around in the sky early Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ungren, a grandmother, said she was keeping one of her children's dog and had let it out of the house about 4 a.m. Wednesday morning.

To her surprise when she walked out of the house she was startled by a fast moving object darting up in the sky. "I had been reading in the papers where people were seeing unidentified flying objects. At first I only saw one bright flickering light, a second later I saw a second and then third."

"It was real bright and it was moving at a great rate of speed. It was flickering on and off and at first I thought it was a plane or a helicopter, but then I realized that it couldn't be because it was moving too fast and the lights were blinking at too rapid of a speed for it to have been either, or any other type of aircraft such as we know. I watched it until it moved out of sight and I continued to stand there while the dog was in the yard. The lights came back and they would get real bright and then resend into amber color and then get real bright again. All the time it was a kind of like a pulsation, it was a real rapid movement.

I watched them until they went completely out of sight again, but I continued to stand in the yard because by that time it really had my attention. I knew it was peculiar. They came back within a distance where they could really be observed. All this time they were moving around at a fast speed. Then I stood there until they took off at a real fast rate of speed and I didn't see them anymore.

She said they were off at a distance toward Olive Branch. They never got real close, but they were close enough so that you could very definitely tell that they were not an aircraft. They moved much faster and they bounced around in the sky. They were moving north and south, coming back and forth and then straight up in the sky. They turned so rapidly. No aircraft could turn like that.

An aircraft would have to circle further than that to change their flight pattern."

"My attention has been drawn to UFOs and I do believe that something is going on. I also believe that all those people who report seeing these things are not "wackos". I know they are actually seeing something. I know I was not hallucinating and I was not imagining it. I have got grown children, and I am a grandmother."

"I happened to be there this morning at 4 o'clock. I saw it, and I think the people who see them, see them mostly in the morning hours. It was the motion that caught my eye. The first light I thought was simply an aircraft. There was a morning star that was real bright and for some reason first light didn't bother me. I noticed the UFO after the second and third lights. I am convinced it was something and it wasn't an aircraft, but what I don't know. It was an object that is not common to our everyday observation."

"I am thoroughly convinced that I did see something. I am convinced that we are seeing something that is uncommon. I am a very religious person and this means something to me in an unknown. I believe that we are living in a day that we are seeing things," said Mrs. Ungren.

HEYDON Hewes, director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the International UFO Bureau, says he has a written acknowledgment that President Carter saw a flying saucer.

Well, he says it was Governor Carter, and the flying saucer was really "an object bright as the moon, luminous but not solid."

We know now that Jimmy already had his eye on the presidency, so his description may have been how the White House appeared to him then.

Heydon says he wrote Governor Carter about the incident and got a confirmation in reply.

But he wrote President Carter about the incident and got a form letter that the President is too busy to discuss it.

That's how things go when politicians are involved.

A silver lining can quickly become a clouded issue.

Obviously, when it comes to flying saucers, Jimmy is a frail reed upon which to lean.

He was asked at a press conference not long ago if he thought what he had seen was a flying saucer. He said it was a "bright light beckoning me to enter the California primary."

This is one of Jimmy's many statements that are luminous but not solid.

So far the only things about Jimmy that are luminous and solid both are his teeth.

And even that issue is becoming clouded.

A press aide scolded reporters the other day for making jokes about the presidential bicuspid.

Said, in effect, that newspapermen are making a mountain out of a molar hill.

You cannot blame Jimmy if his enthusiasm for flying saucers has waned. He has been Born Again, so he has only one interest in outer space.

Which is commendable. Very few politicians aim for Heaven.

Not that many would know what to do if they got there.

Most can't figure out what to do even in Oklahoma City.

This piece started out on a high plane, but is losing altitude fast.

Its luminosity has proven unsolid. Flying saucers often produce that effect.

One was reported over Paris last week. Witnesses said it just floated motionless beside a strange light in the sky.

Of course, if the flying saucer was really real, the strange light becomes perfectly clear.

It was a parking meteor . . .

UFO puzzles viewers

By Richard O'Brien

A bright light seen low in the sky over Camp Verde in the early morning hours last week may have been the planet Venus, according to officials at the Unidentified Flying Object Reporting Center in Phoenix.

The bright, white light was first seen at 3:20 a.m. last Wednesday by two Camp Verde women. The women saw the light at the same time from different locations.

The light was described as smaller in diameter than the moon appears to the naked eye and with a red spot hovering near it in a one o'clock position.

Says one of the women, Peggy Paulsgrove: "I've lived in Camp Verde since 1959 and I've never seen anything like this before here. I hope somebody else saw it, too."

That first night, the women say the bright light, which was near the horizon opposite the moon, may have slightly wavered back and forth. They also reported a white "rim" partially around the left side of the object.

Louise Jones says she saw the light while driving back to Camp Verde from Phoenix. She saw it, she says, as she was coming over the top of Copper Canyon.

Mrs. Paulsgrove says she saw it best after parking her auto at her house.

"I was parked facing east and the light was straight ahead," she said. She described the light as being "just over the white cliffs."

The same light was seen the next night at approximately the same time. But there were some differences.

Mrs. Paulsgrove stayed up late last Thursday night to await the object's return to the sky. She wasn't disappointed. She said it appeared at 3:25 a.m. in the eastern sky.

"I watched it for 40 minutes and then I had to go to bed," she says.

The second night the object didn't move and there was no red light near the top right hand side of it, according to the report.

One official at the UFO reporting center, who remarked he has been in "this business for more than 20 years," said, "This sounds astronomical to me."

He added: "Very seldom when an object is sighted in the same place at the same time two days in a row is it a bonafide UFO sighting."

There reportedly was one military mission up "that we know about," which also could be an explanation, he said.

Alice Heisterman of Camp Verde says the light over the white cliffs was similar to some of the objects seen in the morning sky near Childs a couple of years ago. Numerous UFO sightings were reported there then.

According to the spokesman at the UFO center, a "very small percentage, maybe a couple" of the objects seen at Childs were confirmed UFO sightings.

There are several astronomical explana-

tions to the sighting that have been advanced.

According to the spokesman at the UFO center, the star Sirius is now visible in the north east and will fluctuate, appear and disappear, because of atmospheric conditions. The first night of last week's sightings, the women said the white object did appear and disappear at regular intervals.

"It seems very likely that this is Venus," the UFO expert says. "Venus is coming up in the east and is tremendously brilliant now. Mercury is behind it and sometimes can give a satellite effect. If it is low in the sky and in the east, chances are good that it could be Venus. A lot of people mistook Venus for a UFO at Childs."

The Old Farmers Almanac says Venus, after Apr. 6, moves into the morning sky, where it remains for the rest of the year.

But, the spokesman at the UFO center said, "the bonafide UFO sightings at Childs were also very low to the ground."

Mrs. Paulsgrove says while she was driving back from McGuireville and viewed the light "off to the left," she had a "strange" feeling, as if she was being watched.

She and the other viewers remain curious.

Was it a UFO?

The officials at the UFO center, who deal with UFO reports daily, say "about 80 per cent of all sightings are misinterpretations."

Best time to see UFOs

The best time to spot a flying saucer is between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. says a new computer study of UFO sightings.

The best place to see them is in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan or Ohio, according to Perry Langham of Progressive Logic Data Service in Oklahoma City, Okla., who compiled the study.

He fed details of 144 UFO sightings into a specially-programmed computer.

"Most sightings were between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. with the bulk centering around the 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. hour," Langham said. "However, there were also quite a few

sightings reported between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.

"Nineteen percent of the reports were from the Northeast Central states of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. There were 11 reports from Canada. The 13 North Plains states produced only 12 reports or about 8 percent.

"Almost half those who said they saw UFO's reported they were saucer-shaped. Thirteen percent said they were cigar-shaped and the remainder said they saw only lights.

"Twelve observers reportedly made contact with beings from the UFOs and nine stated that there was some type of physical evidence left at the scene of the sightings.

"Seven of those who made contact with the alien beings said they did so by mental telepathy. Nine of the alien beings appeared in human-life form. Five were energy forms.

The 144 sightings were reported on forms similar to the one filled in by Jimmy Carter when as governor of Georgia, he reported a UFO sighting.

First-Time Sighting for Reporter

By GREG SCHERSCHEL
Staff Writer

COLUMBUS, IND. - REPUBLIC
*****JUNE 17, 1977*****

I saw a UFO Thursday night. Well, let me rephrase that. I thought I saw a UFO last night, and it really had my brother, Mathew, and I going for a while, since it was the first time either of us had seen such a thing.

We were coming back from getting a gallon of milk at 9:52 p.m. and turned off 25th south onto Franklin. We both saw it at about the same time, to the southeast of us about over Donner park. At first I thought it was an airplane with a spotlight shining on it from the ground, but then I realized that there were lights around what looked like its outside rim.

Mathew and I both agreed afterward that it had a flashing red light on top and it had what looked like large square panels of white lights which were flashing in sequence around the rim.

It looked just like we always heard an unidentified flying object would look.

We hurried south on Franklin, trying to keep sight of it between the trees, but lost sight of it around 18th. We went on down to 16th, over to California and down to 11th, since it had been traveling toward the southeast when we lost sight of it, but we could not find it again.

When we got home I called the police department to report it, and to see if anyone else had seen it, and Officer Charles Imel told me my report sounded "really weird."

This morning I found out what it most likely was when I talked with Officer Rick Fields to see if anyone else had ever called it in.

He laughed and said he also saw it Thursday night at about the same time we did, when he was at Indiana and Brooks on the southeast side of town. And, he said, "when I first saw it from a distance that is exactly what I thought it was, too. I thought to myself that all those people who say they see them aren't crazy after all."

He explained, however, that as it came closer he saw it was an airplane or helicopter with a series of lights around its base which were flashing an advertisement around as the lights have flashed for years around the building on Times Square in New York.

A check with Rhoades Aviation and airport officials at Bakalar municipal airport this morning turned up a Cessna 150 which is flown by a local pilot, Libby Wheeler, and is probably the one which we saw. It has a gridwork around its base which Harvey Poshard, airport manager, said is covered with "little Christmas tree lights."

The lights apparently are controlled by a computer system which flashes them on and off to shine the advertisement.

So, after finding this out, I called my wife, Peggy, and told her what I had found out.

"Oh," she said. "I saw that last winter. We saw it and we all thought it was a UFO until it came closer, then we saw that it was just an advertising thing."

Fields, the police officer who saw it, said the ad which was flashing on the plane's grid was for a sale somewhere, which was going to feature King Kong. "live."

Oh, well.

YESTERDAY UFO was spotted over Beverly

UFO
By Lester Levy
August 1952

At 2:47 a.m. on the morning of August 31, 1952, a "round, orange-colored object" flashed across the sky over Beverly.

For the next 11 minutes, Melvin Deveau, who was on the roof of the Briscoe Junior High School building as a volunteer observer for the Ground Observer Corps of the U.S. Air Force, watched four "objects" pass over the darkened city, head toward Danvers then turn and fly out over the ocean where they disappeared.

"If jets travel 600 miles an hour, then these objects were doing at least 2,000 miles an hour," he said when interviewed by a Times reporter. "It was a 'flying saucer,'" he added, "when you see one, you know it isn't anything else."

The night had started routinely, like many other nights that Mel had spent at the observation post high above the sleeping city, at 2 a.m. and for the next 45 minutes, the only sounds he heard were from an occasional car as it passed along Cabot Street far below. The night was warm and the clear sky made it easy to see the constellations as they moved across

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the heavens on their timeless journey.

Then, a noise, like an airplane, caused Mel to look up just in time to see an "orange-colored" object streak across the sky from one star to another where it disappeared. "It wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a shooting star either; the stars are much brighter," he said when questioned further about the strange events. A few minutes later, two more objects appeared where the first one was seen, and they too headed south in a straight line just like the first "saucer."

Putting through a call to the Air Filter Center at Manchester, N.H., Mel was told by the officer on duty that their radar had picked up something in this area, but, "... no, no other observer had reported seeing anything unusual." Two days later, the Air Force refused to comment on the report, because of "security regulations."

It was now 2:58 a.m., and as Mel scanned the sky once more, he was startled by another "saucer" that flew over his head and went out to sea. "This was the lowest of the four," he said, "and it looked a lot like the picture taken at the Salem Coast Guard base a few weeks ago."

In 1952, more than 175 reports of UFO sightings were made to Project Blue Book, the secret Air Force inquiry into aerial phenomenon. Of these, at least seven were sightings reported from within the borders of Massachusetts and included the one at the Salem Coast Guard base where several very clear photographs were made.

Since 1952, there have been increasing numbers of sightings reported by people under a wide variety of situations, some in bright sunlight, some at night; all by people whose integrity is unquestioned and who "know what they saw." During the period 1963-1972, 36 sightings of "flying objects" were made entirely within the North Shore area - five of them in Beverly alone.

UFOs? Flying Saucers? Whether they are interplanetary vehicles or super-secret military experiments, the question remains: What was it, exactly, that Melvin Deveau saw streaking across the sky over Beverly ONLY YESTERDAY?

Walter Mensching Has

By JESSE LEWIS
Star-Banner Staff Writer

The existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) is laughed at by some, but Walter Mensching, 63, has spent two decades investigating sightings of the extraterrestrial visitors.

Mensching is president of the Florida Unidentified Flying Object Study Group and an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network.

In a program held Friday at the Ocala Public Library entitled "Are UFOs Real?" he presented slides and pictures of the unidentified aircraft, and a tape recorded speech of a man who claimed to have gone into one of the craft.

"Anytime there is a UFO sighting in central Florida, I make out a report and

send it to the Mutual UFO Network," he told a gathering of children and adults. "I try to find out how much truth there is in what people say they saw."

Although it is hard to verify objects people claim to see, a picture does carry more weight in convincing people a sighting was made.

During his presentation, Mensching, an Orlando native, showed slides and distributed pictures of UFOs photographed throughout the world. Some of the slides dated back to the 1950s while others were taken several years ago.

He noted that much of the interest in the strange aircraft has disappeared over the past few years, but he still believes the objects exist.

"Many people who have seen UFOs do not want to report them because they are afraid of being ridiculed," he said. "Also newspapers do not have an interest in them anymore."

Mensching said that an example of lack of press interest was a photograph taken in 1976 of a UFO in central Florida. Only one small paper in the state ran the picture and a story on the sighting.

The most interesting part of the UFO program occurred when Mensching played a tape from a 1974 convention on UFOs, held in Tampa. The speaker was a Nebraska police officer who claimed to have been stopped by a UFO and taken into the spacecraft by its two operators.

The speech by Herb Schirmer recalled

UFO Welcome Mat Out

the occurrence on Dec. 3, 1967 at 2:30 a.m. when the young police officer went to investigate strange lights on a highway.

Schirmer said the two beings appeared to be human and used strange objects when they first contacted him. They called him the "watchman of the town." The officer recalled going into the spaceship and finding out the aliens were on earth to gather electricity.

Within a half hour, he was released and the UFO returned to the sky. Schirmer did not remember the event until police officials asked him where he had been from 2:30 to 3 a.m. His police report only said "I saw a UFO, believe it or not."

Under hypnosis, conducted by the U.S.

Air Force, he recalled the entire story. Schirmer received a great deal of ridicule because of his report, but later became chief-of-police.

Mensching explained that it is believed Schirmer understood the beings because they were communicating through mental telepathy.

He added other reports of UFO sightings including ones near Orlando and in Apopka where the object actually followed cars driving along the road. He claimed to have seen two UFOs, himself.

Mensching said he thinks the earth was once inhabited by alien beings, because of the quickness in which man advanced.

"It appears that within a relatively short time, man became intelligent

which is impossible if you believe in evolution," he said.

He added that there are Biblical passages which apparently indicate that UFOs exist. Pointing out one example, Mensching said, the Star of Bethlehem may have been a UFO directing the three wise men to Christ.

The interest in UFOs might be dying as far as the general population is involved, but Mensching knows there are others who are thoroughly convinced UFOs exist.

He quoted several scientists who believe the flying saucers are "superior to any aircraft or space devices on earth." In addition, he has had taped interviews with 14 people who have been followed by the spaceships. **Z**

Unusual sighting reported

UFO'S
Mrs. Richard Franks, 2181 N. Rolling Meadows, saw an unusual object in the sky at 4 this morning.

"It looked like a great big shining light," Mrs. Franks said. Mrs. Franks said the object was

sighted over the properties of the Miller and Radke farms, located behind her home.

Mrs. Franks said the object was about the size of a volleyball. She believes the object was too bright for a star.

The Unexplained

UFO Reported North ^{PAGE ONE} Of Town Monday Night

Jim Henard, who works in Brinkley at Ted Jackson Auto parts and lives in Cotton Plant, couldn't believe what he saw through the picture window of his home Monday night.

He later described what he saw as a glowing oyster shell as it approached and the glow departed from a lighted room as it sped at "a fantastic rate of speed."

Jim said he and his son, Kevin, were watching television when he became aware of an unearthly light out of the corner of his eye. "I saw the object traveling from the northwest to the southeast but it came and went so fast I didn't even have time to say 'look at that' before it was out of sight," Mr. Henard said.

Mr. Henard said he looked back at his son but before he could say anything Kevin answered his unsake question with "Yes, I saw it too but I didn't say anything because I didn't think anyone would believe it."

Mr. Henard said he had many times seen shooting stars and falling meteors and had always looked for UFOs but this was the first time he had ever seen one.

He described his immediate feeling at seeing the UFO as momentary terror. "I know there's something out there I just would like to know what."

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - TRIBUNE
*****JULY 2, 1977*****

ABOUT 40 PERSONS who have seen, or believe in, unidentified flying objects, attended the New Age Convention a few days ago just outside the gates of Mt. Rainier National Park near Longmire, Wash. It was 30 years ago this month that Kenneth Arnold, a Seattle-area pilot, said he sighted nine pulsing objects weaving around Mt. Rainier at about 1,700 miles an hour. His description led to the term "flying saucers." To the dismay of the convention-goers, no "uninvited" guests showed up.

By PAT MORRISON
Center for UFO Research

Anne and John Paulovich (pseudonym) of Trafford decided to beat the early spring doldrums with a visit to a local ice cream parlor. It was 8 pm on March 25, 1976.

They had taken their son and his cousin along. This was supposed to be their big treat, but it was minor to what lay ahead that night.

The area through which they were returning home was dense with trees most of the way. Steep hills had bounded both sides of the roadway. There were no lights to guide their way on this desolate road. As they passed through a steep valley, John glanced up at the hill ahead of them.

"What's that, Anne?" he asked excitedly. "Look, it appears to be settling down on top of the hill. Why, it's as huge as the front end of our car."

He brought the car to a halt, and Anne and the youngsters sat up in their seats. They knew it was an Unidentified Flying Object from previous experiences with these phenomena. They didn't notice a sound until it began sinking lower to the ground. Then the craft began making a shrill sound similar to an overpopulated field of crickets. The chirping or shrill sound was emitted in two ranges of tones.

In two minutes it darted back up into the sky and continued the seemingly bouncing ball motions up and down four more times.

The craft had a large blinking

OIL CITY, PA. - DERRICK
*****JUNE 3, 1977*****

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE
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Bright Light In Marin Sky Reported

A very bright light suggestive of a UFO, hovering in the sky over western Marin County, was reported early yesterday to the Marin sheriff's office.

Deputy Gary Erickson said at least four persons called between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. to say they saw what might have been an unidentified flying object.

Neither the Mill Valley Air Force Base atop Mt. Tamalpais nor the control tower at San Francisco International Airport, however, made any sightings or received any reports of a UFO.

red light on the top and blinking green light on the bottom. The entire object seemed to be rotating giving clear view of a dim golden band of light around the center.

In this portion the lights appeared to be on the inside coming through square holes resembling vents. The inner lights weren't lit at the same time, but were alternating.

Each time it began descending, the object would make a chirping or clicking sound. As it was descending for the last time, three appendages began to protrude from the bottom and gained in length to what seemed to be about 30 feet. The protrusions each resembled a leg with a wheel shaped form at the end of it which glowed brighter than the other lights on the craft. Bright, golden-yellow lights ran the entire length of the appendages.

All lights maintained a stable dimness while the craft settled toward the earth, but turned extremely bright when it would stop moving in mid-air.

The bottom surface was a solid yellow showing the appearance of a solid object.

"It reminded me of Aladdin's lamp, but without the handle and the spout," Anne said.

They were able to watch this strange fiasco for 20 minutes until it disappeared behind the trees. The closest they had been able to get to it was approximately the height of a 10 story building. Then suddenly, aircraft seemed to appear from out of nowhere and made repeated trips back and forth over the area.

After it was all over, Anne realized that her entire disposition had changed during the ordeal.

"My normally happy mood had changed while I was watching it," Anne told the investigator from the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

"It seemed that I was getting aggravated over every little thing that evening. When it made this shrill noise I became terribly dizzy and felt as though I was going to black out. I was sick when we came home.

"My eight year old son complained the next morning of red and burning eyes. I can't understand why I'm having trouble remembering details of the incident."

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UFO sighted PAGE ONE near Wellsville

An unidentified flying object was spotted by the Wellsville Police Department early Monday morning at 4:25 a.m. from Kansas Highway 33 and county line road, according to the department.

The UFO was spotted by several police departments in the area including the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Miami County Sheriff's Department, the Olathe Police Department, the Baldwin Police Department and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Ron Orton, Wellsville chief of police said.

The UFO was in the eastern sky and was an unusually bright, bluish-white light of spherical shape which moved up and down, and back and forth, Orton said. The object appeared to be far away, but viewers couldn't tell how large it was, he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration out of Kansas City reported that the object was too low to show up on their radar. The UFO tracking unit out of Washington, D.C. said they had no reports on their sensors.

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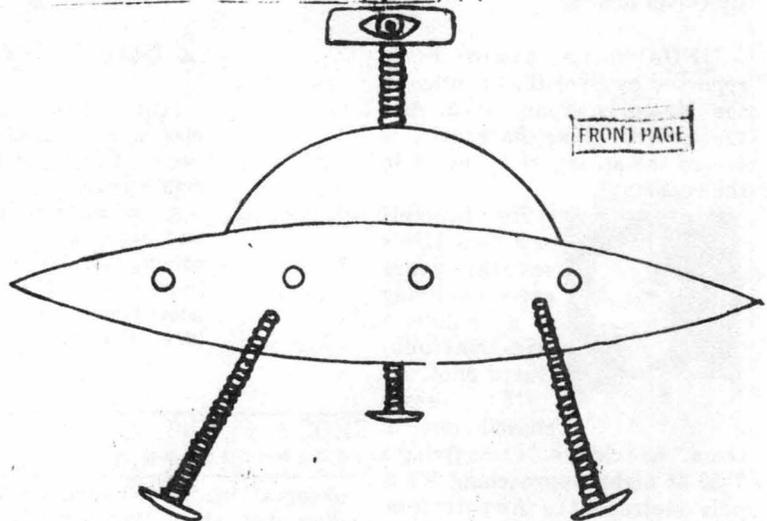
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Windsor Woman Sees UFO

NEW WINDSOR - The sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the sky was reported Monday by Marjorie Satterly of 2310 Southgate Village.

Describing the sighting, she said, "I saw it at 4 a.m. Sunday when my cat woke me up. The sky was black. There were no stars other than this round object. The object seemed to remain in one place and as the sky grew lighter there was a dust like cloud around the object and little brown lights that twinkled. It kept growing smaller and there was a check mark as it disappeared."

The viewer called Stewart Airport and said she was told there were no satellites in the sky at that time.



Mattress or saucer seen over the city

What was either a flying mattress or a spaceship from another planet made an appearance over Mount Vernon Sunday afternoon.

The UFO was spotted at about 4:30 p.m. over the north end of the city by patrons at Bland's Family Restaurant, 670 N. Sandusky St.

Julia Nutter, a hostess at the restaurant, said she observed it for nearly half an hour. She described it as an oblong metallic object which reflected sunlight and twirled in the air.

At one time it was about three feet above the top of the large smokestack at Continental Diversified Industries, she said, before it went up behind the clouds.

Two city policemen, Ptl. Lee Black and Ptl. Willard Schoonover, stopped at the restaurant to eat at 4:50 p.m. and looked up when a spectator asked them if they knew what the object was. The officers noted in a UFO report they filed later that the object appeared to be stationary high overhead.

They radioed the police station to ask if there might be an aircraft in the area which could take a look at the object. As if it heard the conversation, the object then began to ascend out of sight.

Mrs. Nutter, however, thinks the whole thing was a hoax. "It looked like a small inflated mattress, like the size used on a baby bed. Someone may have filled it up with helium and turned it loose."

She added that persons arriving at the restaurant stopped to take a look, but no one was too concerned.

Police contacted the Columbus Flight Service and were told that no weather balloons were in use over Knox County and none of the weather balloons which are used match the description of the UFO.

Sunday's sighting was the second UFO seen in the county this year. Earlier in the spring a Kenyon College professor watched one flying through the sky as he sat on the porch of his rural home.

By Olivia Browne

UFOs have again been reported by Sheriff's deputies in the Memphis, Tenn., area. And the Sheriff, Gene Barksdale, is one of the strongest believers in the reports.



He himself saw two UFOs several years ago while flying as a Tennessee Air National Guard pilot.

"I even chased one of them," he told me. "I was flying a T-33 at night, approaching Memphis Metropolitan Airport from the south. At 10,000 feet, above Arkabutla Reservoir, a bright orange colored round craft with a mushroom top streaked across my path, level with me. I went to 100 percent power and chased it but couldn't get close. After about five minutes it shot straight up and disappeared."

This was his second UFO experience. The first was in 1951 at Barksdale Air Force Base where he had landed a Tennessee ANG F-51 for refueling.

"It was midnight and several of us were sitting outside Base Ops. Suddenly we saw a strange craft hovering over the field. After a few minutes it took off straight up."

Gene will not venture a guess as to where the UFOs are coming from but he says "whoever is building them has a technology far more advanced than ours."

He has no doubt that many are real craft and not optical illusions. "They've been seen by too many reliable and knowledgeable people - military and airline pilots, air traffic controllers and other responsible citizens."

He certainly is one of these. Not only is he Sheriff of Shelby County. He is a former Memphis police officer and from 1966 to 1968 was director of Memphis International (then Metropolitan Airport).

As reported in the May 26 issue of Cross Country News, the recent sightings of UFOs in the Memphis area began at 11 p.m. on May 16 and continued until 3:45 the next morning. During that time, four Memphis policemen and a Tennessee Highway Patrolman saw a UFO, big as a football field, pyramidal in shape with a white glow around it and red and green blinking lights on its corners. During some of the

2 say they saw UFOs in Benton

CORVALLIS — Police agencies here received reports of two unidentified flying objects sightings overnight.

A motorist on Highway 20 told state police that while driving near Wren, about nine miles west of Corvallis, at about 10 p.m. he saw a momentary blue-green flash move

across the sky from high in the north to low in the south.

And this morning a farmer on Garden Avenue northeast of Corvallis told city police he had seen a strange light which seemed to hover over the north end of the city for three to four minutes beginning at 4:38 a.m.

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observations, it was almost standing still about 200 feet above the ground, according to the officers, then took off rapidly and disappeared.

The next night, about 11 p.m., 10 calls were received by the Sheriff's office from citizens in a Memphis suburb reporting sightings similar to those reported the previous night.

The UFO even seemed interested in sports.

Memphis Police Capt. J. C. Sinclair said police received several calls from citizens who had seen the UFO hovering above a baseball game they were attending in the same Memphis suburb.

Memphis International Airport received another 10 calls reporting sightings from about 10 that night until 5 the next morning.

Memphis control tower reported seeing nothing out of the ordinary on its radar scopes during the two nights but tower chief James Wright said of the first sightings, "Those policemen apparently saw something, but we don't know what it was."

The most recent sightings of a UFO at Memphis occurred at 4:14 a.m., June 7, when Sheriff's Deputies Tom Wellford and Richard Swain, on routine patrol in the southeast area of the city, saw an unidentified flying object with brilliant red and white lights "flashing too rapidly for it to be an airplane."

"It was traveling west to east," Wellford told me. "Then it switched directions and went from east to west, then it took off at about a 40-degree angle in a northeast direction and disappeared. It was just above the tree line and seemed to be about 5 to 7 miles away. We saw it for only about 20 seconds."

He said he believes there is life on other planets and tries to keep an open mind about the UFOs coming from outer space.

"If they are coming from other planets, however," he said, "I wonder why more of them haven't landed."

He said he told Swain he wished the one they saw would land.

"My partner said if it landed west, he'd go east. He said if I wanted to stay and see it, I could stay by myself. And I would. I sure would like to see one up close."

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Area Woman Spots UFO

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Describing the sighting, she said, "I saw it at 4 a.m. Sunday when my cat woke me up. The sky was black. There were no stars other than this round object. The object seemed to remain in one place and as the sky grew lighter there was a dust like cloud around the object and little brown lights that twinkled. It kept growing smaller and there was a check mark as it disappeared."

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Local Couple Watches UFO

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By PAT PATRICK

Avalanche-Journal Staff

A long, narrow cigar-shaped object. Brilliant lights emanating from its ends. A vibrating noise that could be both heard and felt. Lights and noise pulsating rhythmically.

That is what Mr. and Mrs. Talmage DeWitt of 2805 23rd St. say they saw hovering above a neighbor's home about 5 a.m. today.

"I watched it for about three minutes and it did not move at all. Then I called my husband, he came and saw it about 30 seconds to a minute at its brightest and then it moved off to the east very rapidly," Mrs. DeWitt said.

The object returned a short while later, she said.

Ironically, today is the 30th anniversary of the first "flying saucer" report in the United States. It was on June 24, 1947, that an Idaho businessman said he saw nine shiny, pulsating objects flying very fast above the Cascade Mountains.

Lubbock has been in the national UFO spotlight for more than 25 years because of the well-known "Lubbock Lights" sightings in 1951.

Mrs. DeWitt, who vows she is not a "scary kind of person," said her Irish setter jumped awake about 5 a.m. today, waking her owner "because of the sudden movement and the dog tags."

"She went to the bedroom door where she goes when she wants out and stood at attention without moving. When I first woke, I could hear the sound of about a million crickets in all the trees here. But almost immediately, it was just deathly quiet — not a sound.

"Then, I could feel something as well as hear it — a pulsating, vibrating noise," Mrs. DeWitt said.

She said she noticed a "golden glow" in the sky, and a few moments later, got out of bed, let out the dog and went into a bathroom without turning on a light.

"There is an east window. And above the neighbor's house was this object, about 5 degrees north of due east.

"It was a cigar shape...Coming from underneath, above it and the ends was this glow, almost like rays. At the two ends, shooting up and down were long streaks of brilliant light and it was pulsating at the same rhythm I had been hearing."

Mrs. DeWitt said that after watching about three minutes, she called her husband.

She said they called police to see if anyone else reported a strange sighting, and that her husband contacted the citizen's band radio emergency base unit at Metro Tower. Nothing came of the calls, she said.

Mrs. DeWitt said it was while her husband was on his car CB that the "craft" returned. "I sighted it again, farther

south and east, but it was the same object nonetheless."

The light around the object resembled "the brilliant rim you see around dark thunderheads when the sun is behind them," she noted.

DeWitt, a Lubbock architect and engineer, is a trained sky-watcher from past Navy days and knows that what they saw could not have been a stellar phenomenon, Mrs. DeWitt said.

"He said this morning, 'If anybody tries to say that's a star, there would have had to be about six of them holding hands,' and they wouldn't move up the way it did."

Checks with the National Weather Service office here, Lubbock Regional Airport, Reese Air Force Base and Moody Planetarium turned up no other reported sightings.

The NWS said it had no weather balloons in the air this morning.

Planetarium director Ronald Johnston suggested the DeWitts saw noctilucent, or low-lying clouds which pick up ground light.

"They appear quite eerie sometimes...It's quite easy to mistake them for something else," he said.

Johnston also theorized that perhaps the Goodyear blimp was in the area.

Goodyear officials, contacted in Houston, said the blimp currently is in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt swear that what they saw could not have been clouds.

"We could see clouds of course, but this wasn't one," DeWitt said.

"It was too distinct...you could actually see these pulses of light, bright rays...And we saw the craft go up slightly and move behind some clouds when it left," Mrs. DeWitt added.

The woman said she has always tried to keep an open mind on the possibility of UFOs. "I have always felt we either have something so sophisticated they're not telling us about, or someone else is visiting and watching us."

Another UFO sighting here

By Hollis Hale

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UFO? In Corning?

"Yep," exclaims Homer McManus, 1914 Marin St. in Corning.

Early Sunday morning, 2:55 to be exact, McManus reports observing what he initially thought to be a shooting star. However, his thoughts were later changed as he watched the object slowly expand into a spherically shaped object resembling a "big red ball" of huge proportions.

The red ball then floated to the ground. At this time, McManus became convinced that it was a flare of some type.

Approximately ten minutes later he looked up in the same direction and saw a flat, oval shaped object as long as a railroad car, travelling about 15 mph in a southeasterly direction towards Chico. Trailing behind it was a reddish-blue vapor, almost as long as the vehicle itself. The cabin, according to McManus, had numerous windows, all lit up "as bright as day".

Claiming to be a skeptic at all times about everything, McManus says that his early morning experience has convinced him that UFOs do exist. But he doesn't believe that they are from the outer reaches of space. McManus has his own pet theory as to their origin.

He feels that the government has a barrage of secret weapons that the general public has no idea about, and according to him, what he saw is probably just one of them. "The government is responsible for these so-called UFOs, no one else."

About two years ago, Rex McCulloch, according to McManus, reported that similar UFO sightings were reported in that same general area.

"I was up because it was hot and I couldn't sleep," commented McManus, "and all I had to drink was a cup of coffee."

According to an article yesterday in the San Francisco Chronicle, a sighting very similar to McManus' was reported hovering in the sky over western Marin County. Deputy Gary Erickson of Marin County sheriff's office commented that about four different people called in around 2:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning to report what they termed a very bright light, suspected to be a UFO. 3

Lady Reports UFO Sighting

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"Seeing is believing." And seeing a UFO made a believer out of Mrs. May Lindsey, a 77-year-old, great-grandmother from Lindseyville.

"It was the brightest light I ever saw," she said.

Described as about the size of an auto headlight the unidentified flying object "was circling" round and round, just over the tree" in her front yard she said, "then it went like a bullet clear out of sight."

"And not a sound did I hear," Mrs. Lindsey said.

Although no one else in the area apparently was awake at 4 o'clock last Wednesday morning to witness the UFO, circumstantial evidence does support Mrs. Lindsey's story. The respectable Edmonson Councillian said she woke up around five minutes before 4 a.m. that "very very dark" morning, she remembers suddenly her house trailer became very dark when the street light in her front yard mysteriously turned off.

Mrs. Lindsey said she got up and looked out the window, and suddenly it became light again.

The light source was not the street light however, it was a small object orbiting less than 100 feet above the street lamp emitting an "awful bright light," she said. After six or seven orbits, it took off southwest-

erly and quickly disappeared.

Mrs. Lindsey said she sat up until sunrise watching the street light which never came back on. That morning she asked her son, Warren Lindsey, and her neighbors, Claude and Hazel Skaggs, about the UFO. None of them saw it she said.

Later, she called the Leitchfield Electric Company and requested a repair crew. They replaced the lamp, which looked like it had been badly shaken,

said the repair crew.

Local state police department officials said they had no report of the object.

Perhaps the object used the street light to re-energize itself, Mrs. Lindsey speculated.

"I believe there is something to it. I believe there is someone inside them," the great-grandmother said. "I'll admit I had a funny feeling, but I wasn't scared. I don't think they will hurt you. I know the Lord was on my side." 3

GLASGOW, KY. - REPUBLICAN
*****JUNE 23, 1977*****

UFO's Sighted?

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Reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects have come from the Wisdom community near Edmonson. According to Virginia Taylor, who claims to have seen the UFO's, four landings by some type of red, fiery objects were made last Sunday.

Around 8:30 Sunday evening, Leslie and Virginia Taylor were hosting their relatives, the Raymond Taylors. The men were sitting on the front porch and talking when Raymond noticed something flickering from the corner of his eye. He looked up in the eastern sky and saw something "the size of a waterbucket." It was "red as it could be" and, although it seemed to be slowly gliding downward, there was no sound coming from it.

The men yelled to the women and children who were in the house. A

group of nine at the Taylor home then gathered in the front yard and watched as another red object "seemed to appear from nowhere." It hovered over the area for a few moments and seemed to land wherever the first one went.

The Taylors estimated that the objects were about one mile above them when they first made the sighting.

Just a few minutes after the second UFO had made its mysterious appearance, one of the children discovered another which the group watched. "It gradually came down in a stream of smoke," Virginia said, "and there was sparkles from it."

Virginia then went to call her neighbors, James and Elmer Pullium, to alert them to the UFO's. The Pulliums did not make it to the Taylor's location in time for the fourth and final sighting.

The fourth UFO was reportedly in the shape of a V with round balls on it. "It was an awful looking thing," Virginia Taylor says.

Apparently the Taylors are the only residents in that area who saw the UFO's. They have not notified the police, but say they will if they see any such things again.

Leslie Taylor inspected the field where it seemed the UFO's were making their landing, but found no trace of them. The Taylors have no explanations for what they saw.

"It wasn't a good feeling," Virginia says, "We were all upset about it."

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*****MAY 14, 1977*****

'FLYING SAUCER' SEEN BY NORTH END FAMILY

A North End family summoned police last night at 10:30 o'clock after they said they observed a saucer shaped object with white lights hovering over their home.

Mrs. Grace Stedman, 41, of 25 Lourmel street, was sitting in her kitchen with her family when they saw the object in the sky and heard a whirling noise, police said.

Police said the object allegedly operated in an erratic manner and then landed in a nearby wooded area. A search of the area by police proved negative.

UFO
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spotted:
soldiers

SHILO (Special) — Two soldiers of a German support company and a Feldjaeger (German MP) on patrol, eye-witnessed an incident which they describe as follows:

On April 20, around 9:30 p.m. a soldier noticed a disc-shaped object rapidly approaching from the south-southwest. He alerted his two companions. They also saw the appearance. The soldier then pointed his searchlight towards the object after which it slowed down and eventually stopped. He pointed his searchlight once more at the object but no further reaction was observed.

The object remained about five minutes in the same position. After that they noticed the object approaching steadily.

This was accompanied by temporary changes in color from the normal greyish white to a bright white.

After that they did not point the searchlight at the object again.

According to the guard, the object finally stopped for two or three minutes in a distance of 700 to 1,000 meters away. They could not determine its exact size, but its diameter was approximately 30 to 60 meters. The color continued to be greyish white. After the halt, the object started again to move slowly southward. Then it stopped again.

Suddenly, a glaring beam flashed out of its left lower section. This beam was connected to the object and shot away from the object, to the left, without touching ground. The length of the beam was about twice the width of the object. At the same moment the object shot vertically upward in an uncanny speed and disappeared. During all this time there were no sounds or noises which could be attributed to the object.

In addition to the story as told by the three men, it should perhaps be mentioned that, on this evening, there were only a few clouds, the stars were visible, there was no moon, and it did not rain.

According to the Canadian Military Police such unidentified flying objects have been seen often in the Shilo and the Brandon area as well as in the Winnipeg area, particularly during the summer. Due to this, a UFO station was set up in Brandon to register and evaluate incidents like the one mentioned above.

CENTRALIA, WASH. - CHRONICLE
*****JULY 1, 1977*****

Tenino couple report UFO

TENINO—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Asa have reporting viewing an unidentified flying object from 3:30 to 4 a. m. Thursday above their home on Crowder Road, near Tenino.

"It was a huge, glowing globe," said Asa. "It was big." The craft, said the Asas, hovered in one spot for about 30 minutes to an hour, but then took off.

"In no time at all, it was gone," said Asa.

The UFO, according to the Asas, gave off a greenish-gold flame and a "real brilliant" red flash.

The Asas said they also saw a UFO several years ago in the woods, but, even though they sometimes stay up all night looking for such phenomena, this was the first one they had seen near Tenino.

The Asas stayed up again late Thursday and early Friday to see if the UFO would return, but they said it didn't. They will, however, watch again.

"It might be some astronomical deal," Asa commented.

Why UFO mysteries won't fade

By ROBERT C. COWEN

FOUR flying saucers are one of the most resilient mysteries in this century. More than three decades of enthusiastic promotion by UFO buffs have failed to confirm them, while the scoffing of skeptics can't seem to put them down.

Sporadic attempts at scientific investigation haven't fared so well either. Edward Condon, who led a supposedly definitive UFO study, called it a "goofy subject" because, as a physicist, he couldn't get an effective handle on it.

Now a recent survey of members of the American Astronomical Society by Stanford University astrophysicist Peter A. Sturrock shows that he is not alone in this difficulty. Eighty percent of the 1,356 respondents felt the subject "certainly . . . probably . . . or possibly . . . deserves scientific study." Yet only 13 per cent of them thought they could see how to do it.

It is time to face the fact that emotionalism has so clouded the subject, it hamstrings effective investigation. Condon, for example, was acutely aware of pressure within the scientific community to steer clear of "crackpot" subjects. Although more tough-minded than most, his approach was ambivalent. He never did solve the paramount scientific problem of UFOs, namely, finding a way to tackle such an elusive subject effectively.

On the other hand, the blind enthusiasm that discounts hard-headed probing also discourages effective study. A great many mysteries that delight the saucer buffs do have down-to-earth explanations, as the late Donald Menzel has repeatedly shown. In his recently published book, "The UFO Enigma: the definitive explanation of the UFO phenomenon" (Doubleday, \$8.95), coauthored with psychologist Ernest H. Taves, he takes apart many a puzzling case.

Radar echoes suggesting impossibly fast maneuvers turned out to be signatures of aircraft far beyond the normal detection range. A brilliant light that fooled even astronomer Menzel when it zoomed in close to his aircraft was actually a mirage of Venus. Such explanations, run to earth, make a solid background for investigating cases that seem to defy solution and for getting at the larger question of why saucer "sightings" persist.

Unfortunately, Menzel's skepticism was too strong for him to follow up this latter question effectively. And, except for low-budget efforts such as that organized by J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, little such research is being done.

It is understandable that scientists don't want to waste time on a subject they consider unrewarding. But without the social pressure of scoffing colleagues or the offputting gullibility of believers, some scientists might begin to think of new ways to tackle it.

Twinkle, twinkle, whatsit

SOUTHWEST-TIMES RECORD
FORT SMITH, ARK.
*****JUNE 3, 1977*****

By JACK KILGORE

It was over Pocola. About 4:30 a.m. Blue, green, red, yellow. Flashing different colors, the point of light slowly moved to the west.

A weather balloon? An aircraft? At this point no one knows.

But whatever it was sparked a multitude of "sightings" early Wed-

nesday morning, about 90 per cent of them apparently the morning star.

Fort Smith police received a report of a UFO in the western sky about 4:30 a.m., picked up from Oklahoma law enforcement radio frequencies.

Several officers went outside and viewed a dot of light moving slowly to the west, blinking different colors.

"Preliminary sightings were apparently genuine," said Bill Pitts, UFO

investigator for the Air Force, "but later on people were looking towards the east and probably seeing Venus."

He said Venus can appear unusually bright or dim, depending on atmospheric conditions.

Pitts said he viewed the same phenomenon as the officers at Phoenix Village Mall about 4:45 a.m. but by then it was very faint in the western skies.

Law enforcement personnel in Sallisaw also reported two white points of light very close together in the east about the time of the Fort Smith sighting.

Pocola authorities reported no unusual activity early Wednesday morning.

The Fort Smith Office of the National Weather Service said the man on duty Tuesday night from midnight to 8 a.m.

"had all kinds of calls." A spokesman said the man took a look with his binoculars, but the only thing he noticed was the morning star shining extra bright. The spokesman said the morning star is either Venus or Mars, depending on the time of year. This time of year it is Venus.

Ed Stacy, head man of the Fort Smith Airport control tower, said they have a control approach radar which picks up

anything from 30,000 feet down to 2,000 feet. He said there was nothing unusual reported last night, noting there is a procedure for reporting unusual sightings.

A spokesman for the information office of the Little Rock Air Force Base said they had had no reports and did not know anything about it.

Writer believes UFO spotted

(The Transcript welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. To make this space available to as many writers as possible, short and to-the-point letters are given preference. Letters should be typewritten, double-spaced and limited to 400 words. Unsigned letters and letters advocating or opposing a candidate for public office cannot be published. We reserve the right to condense or reject any letter.)

Editor, The Transcript:

I know what all types of planes look like while flying at night — jets, helicopters and propeller planes. I have seen numerous satellites at night as they move on a course across the sky, and which are hard to distinguish from a star except for their movement. I have seen hundreds of falling stars and meteors in their pyrotechnical splendor. I have seen all these things from the ground and while flying my own plane. But I have never seen anything that even resembled what I saw on May 10, 1977, about 9:45 p.m.

My wife, Dorothy, and I were taking our evening walk. We had just crossed Boyd Street going south on Oklahoma at which point you can see a good portion of the sky because there are not many large trees, and to the east you can see to the horizon.

I glanced up and saw a white light flash on and off at about the one o'clock position. My first

reaction was that it was a plane. But about one second later it flashed again at about the eleven o'clock position. This was too great a distance for any plane to travel in such a short time. I was puzzled. The third flash, again in about a second, was far to the east and on a line with the first two which indicated something on a true course and traveling much too fast for anything I had ever seen. The last flash I saw was at the horizon and still on the same course. I was amazed and dumfounded. It happened so quickly that I wasn't able to tell Dorothy about it until it was all over.

I then began trying to analyze what I had seen. In the space of three or four seconds it had flashed four times that I had seen. It appeared to be at about 7,000 to 8,000 feet altitude. In those four flashes it moved from a little to the right of the center of the sky to the opposite horizon and out of sight, a distance I judged to be about eight to 10 miles. This indicates a speed of from 7,200 to 9,000 mph! There was no sound of any kind. I saw no object, just the flashing white light.

As I continued to gaze in baffled

wonder at the horizon where I had seen the last flash I saw what looked like a meteor or falling star, but the angle was unusual. It started at about the point on the horizon to which the

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light had moved, but left a trail UP and to the north instead of the usual downward angle of a star or meteor.

I can only conclude that I saw a UFO because:

1. It was not identifiable by anything I had ever seen.
2. It was flying or at least

moving across the sky at astounding speed, on a true course, not in the heavens but at a fairly low altitude in the stratosphere.

3. It must have been an object because a flashing light would have to be attached to something.

I have never been skeptical of the many UFO sighting reports. But on the other hand I have never been particularly anxious to experience one, and if this is what I saw, it's close enough. However, if they had landed and asked to be taken to my leader I could easily have obliged. She was with me. ♪

EUGENE KENDALL
Norman

NORMAN, OKLA. - TRANSCRIPT
*****JUN 23, 1977*****

Eyewitness Stories Told

By JEAN M. STEVENS

Staff Writer

(Increased sightings of UFOs have been reported throughout the world. This is the second in a two-part series of articles on investigations conducted by members of Vestigia, an area scientific group.)

Residents of Warren, Morris, Sussex and Hunterdon counties who have observed unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are asked to communicate with Vestigia, a scientific organization involved in the serious study of natural, but unexplained phenomena.

"The UFO team of Vestigia is especially interested in 'close encounter' incidents, in which unidentified flying objects were seen at a low altitude or even on the ground, regardless of how much time has elapsed since the sighting," according to Dennis P. Levin of Mt. Hope, a member of Vestigia's UFO Committee.

"Our investigators take their work very seriously and their studies are done scientifically and professionally," Levin said. "No incident is 'too strange' for them. All names of people who have seen UFOs will be held in strict confidence."

A large number of UFO sightings have been reported in The Fourm's circulation area.

Warren County Sighting

A small lake in Warren County was the scene of a remarkable incident involving an unidentified flying object which is now being investigated by Vestigia members. The UFO was witnessed by a group of six adults and teenagers, who watched from the shoreline as a strange "craft" or "probe" descended from the sky and hovered above the water no more than 30 yards from them.

"At first we thought it was a small plane which had caught fire and we moved to the edge of the water to watch," one witness told a Vestigia investigator.

"The object was moving incredibly fast—many times faster than an airplane. As it dropped to a lower altitude over the lake, we realized it could not be a plane. It circled over the lake until it finally moved directly toward our small group of people. It seemed as if it was looking at us, because as it was moving over the lake it seemed to be pulled, like it was magnetically attracted to us."

The witness, whose name was not revealed because of Vestigia's policy of confidentiality, explained the UFO finally arrived at a point 30 yards from shore at an altitude of approximately 20 feet above the water. It was plainly visible to the group. By this time, it reportedly could be seen as a rather small, vertically positioned "craft" or "probe" with a rocket-like shape, "quite similar in shape to the re-entry vehicles U.S. astronauts use to descend to earth."

"Flames appeared to be issuing from a skirt at the bottom, and the top of the object seemed to be a perfect cube resting atop a metallic strutwork," the witness said.

The entire object was described as "metallic black and its body was an apparent cylinder no taller than eight feet in height. There was no noise or odor and the surface of the lake appeared to be undisturbed, despite the flames which seemed to be issuing from the bottom of the object."

The UFO reportedly hovered near the amazed witnesses for about 30 seconds before retreating. It retraced its path, finally disappearing upward to the left, in the same direction from which it came, according to the witnesses. During the entire time, the UFO reportedly maintained its vertical position.

A Vestigia spokesman conjectured that a series of strange mental changes began to affect at least one of the witnesses following the sighting, "as if the UFO had somehow made contact with the witness' mind." This effect, which included a marked increase in ESP or psychic abilities is said to have lasted approximately a year.

White Meadow Lake in Morris County has been the scene of many sightings of unidentified flying objects in 1976 and 1977.

Vestigia investigator, Jack Mazzuchelli of Stanhope interviewed a man who was one of many who reportedly saw remarkable lights in the night sky. The man, whose name has been held in confidence, explained he had gotten out of bed at 2 a.m. and saw, through a window, "a very bright flashing light in the sky."

"It was moving faster than a jet plane and then it descended toward the woods," the man told Mazzuchelli.

The witness, who has served in the Air Force and is familiar with various aircraft, said the light was much brighter than those of any aircraft. The light was described as continuously changing from one color to another—from white to yellow to orange—"as if the lights were flowing from one to the other." A second, identical object reportedly appeared within a minute at about 3,000 to 5,000 feet in altitude. Within 20 seconds it had descended in a wide, semicircular path to below the tree line.

"The rate of descent was so great that if the objects had been aircraft, they would have crashed," the witness to Mazzuchelli.

On another night, witnesses in the White Meadow Lake area reported observing through a telescope "a glowing object skimming over the tops of trees."

"It looked like a transparent ball of light within a cage," said one witness, who described how the object descended beyond some distant trees. Although it appeared to have landed, a subsequent search of the area did not disclose any unusual signs or traces.

Strange Noises At Night

Other unusual activities are under investigation by Vestigia members in the White Meadow Lake area. These include strange noises which have been heard at night, apparently coming from the deep woods.

"I'm not talking about animal sounds," said Mazzuchelli, "but about some very odd mechanical or electronics noises for which we have been unable to locate a source. There is speculation that the noises are related to UFO sightings, but this is yet to be confirmed."

Earlier this year a resident of the White Meadow Lake area reported watching "as a bell-shaped UFO performed various maneuvers in the sky."

Residents who have observed unidentified flying objects or other unexplained phenomena are asked to write to Vestigia, R.D. 2, Brookwood Road, Stanhope, N.J. 07874 or to telephone Mrs. Kathy Krogstad in Rockaway Township.

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HINTON, W. VA. - LEADER
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UFO Sighted?

A resident of the Jumping Branch area reported to the Daily News this morning that she and members of her family have made two UFO sightings in the last week.

Mrs. Billy Plumley said that one Sunday morning she, her husband and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Pollard were driving to church when they saw a round flaming object about the size of a basketball followed by a trail of smoke.

On Thursday night, Mrs. Plumley reported that she saw a long narrow lighted object about 8' long and 5' wide in the sky near her home.

A spokesman for Flight Service Station at the Kanawha County Airport told the Daily News that no such reports have been filed there.

MODERN PEOPLE - FRANKLIN PARK, ILL.
*****JULY 3, 1977*****

UFOs Bug Pilots

A dangerous new wave of UFOs has been reported in the skies all over the world. The UFOs have found new targets for harassment: airplane pilots.

A fleet of cigar-shaped objects was sighted by passengers and pilots on two different planes belonging to British Airways. The event was claimed to be "the most significant sighting of a UFO in the past decade."

The witnesses saw the objects at 35,000 feet over Portugal. British Airways pilot Denis Wood announced, "It was very extraordinary."

Capt. Wood's jet was asked by the Lisbon control tower to be on the lookout for an object which had shown up on radar.

Wood relates, "Due west was this incredible, brilliant white, round object. It was not a satellite, balloon or star. The crew of the jet flying above us also saw it 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."

He estimated that the "cigars" were 200 to 300 yards long. His first and second officers are also positive they had seen "something incredible."

Then, near Bogota, Columbia, a pilot's cries of anguish were heard over the airwaves. He screamed, "I've lost my sight and don't know what to do," over and over again.

He claimed he was blinded by the light from a UFO. The pilot circled Bogota for two hours in his single-engine plane before being helped to a safe landing by four planes which were sent to guide him in. He was taken to a local hospital suffering from shock.

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Metcalf Countians Sight UFO's

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Reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects have come from the Wisdom community near Edmonton. According to Virginia Taylor, who claims to have seen the UFO's, four landings by some type of red, firey objects were made last Sunday.

Around 8:30 Sunday evening, Leslie and Virginia Taylor were hosting their relatives, the Raymond Taylors. The men were sitting on the front porch and talking when Raymond noticed something flickering from the corner of his eye. He looked up in the eastern sky and saw something "the size of a waterbucket." It was "red as it could be" and, although it seemed to be slowly gliding downward, there was no sound coming from it.

The men yelled to the women and children who were in the house. A group of nine at the Taylor home then gathered in the front yard and watched as another red object "seemed to appear from nowhere." It hovered over the area for a few moments and seemed to land wherever the first one went.

The Taylors estimated that the objects were about one mile above them when they first made the

sighting.

Just a few minutes after the second UFO had made its mysterious appearance, one of the children discovered another which the group watched. "It gradually came down in a stream of smoke," Virginia said, "and there was sparkles from it."

Virginia then went to call her neighbors, James and Elmer Pullium, to alert them to the UFO's. The Pulliums did not make it to the Taylor's location in time for the fourth and final sighting.

The fourth UFO was reportedly in the shape of a V with round balls on it. "It was an awful looking thing," Virginia Taylor says.

Apparently the Taylors are the only residents in that area who saw the UFO's. They have not notified the police, but say they will if they see any such things again.

Leslie Taylor inspected the field where it seemed the UFO's were making their landing, but found no trace of them. The Taylors have no explanations for what they saw.

"It wasn't a good feeling," Virginia says, "We were all upset about it."

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Lesslie woman spots UFO

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By LAURA YANDELL
Evening Herald staff writer

LESSLIE - It was nearly 5:30 a.m. Monday when Sarah Thompson of Route 3 got up to give her seven-month-old daughter Traci a bottle.

She paused to look out the kitchen window, and that's when she saw it - a bright, slow moving object up in the sky.

Today she set her alarm for 5:30 a.m. And, sure enough, the object was in the exact same spot.

"I'd never believed in UFOs before," Mrs. Thompson said Monday. "But I'd been reading in the paper about people seeing the same thing around here."

Earlier this month the Evening Herald reported sightings by Rock Hill resi-

dents and a Tega Cay resident of strange bright objects in the sky.

One person said what he saw looked like two stars pushed together. Another woman said her UFO was shaped like a cigar.

Mrs. Thompson said what she saw looked like two moving stars. One light would be peeking out from behind the other, then they'd be side by side, she said.

"I woke my mother up who was staying over night and we watched it for about 20 minutes out the bedroom window," Mrs. Thompson said.

"We checked the rest of the sky but it was clear. My mother said she was going back to bed, and when I looked out the window again it had disappeared."

Mrs. Thompson said her husband Randy was working the third shift at Bowaters and she and her mother weren't brave enough to go outside the house for a look.

"But I saw it," she said. "We live in the country and there aren't any big lights around."

Mrs. Thompson said she'll be watching again Wednesday for the odd-lighted object - using a telescope next time.

A spokesman at the Douglas Airport tower in Charlotte, N.C., said the tower can't pinpoint a flying object on radar unless the tower is notified at the time the object is appearing. He said the tower had no reports of UFOs Monday



Ron
Hudspeth

Space Beings in Yard?

Ever seen a UFO?

Darrell Simmons, a Journal sports writer, has.

"I don't admit it though," laughs Simmons.

It happened one night 16 years ago when Simmons and a college buddy were riding on U.S. 41 near Barnesville.

"There was a green flash in the sky," recalls Simmons. "I turned to my friend and said, 'You didn't see that, did you?' He said 'no.' I said, 'Good, neither did I.'"

Admitting one has seen a flying saucer is equivalent to making room reservations at the cuckoo's nest.

But Norman Chastain doesn't care.

He's met a space creature. Even grew five accidentally in his backyard. He also expects to meet one again.

Chastain, a 67-year-old retired railroad man, lives out in Decatur.

Relax, DeKalb County residents, no little green men have been spotted in your neighborhoods lately. The experience that changed Chastain's life happened five years ago when he was living in Jacksonville, Fla.

One January morning before dawn, Chastain was fishing in the St. John's River near the shore. Suddenly, he says, an object with brilliant orange and blue lights appeared over his boat.

At first, he thought it was a helicopter. "I'd never seen a flying saucer and I didn't believe in 'em," he says, "but then I made out the outline of it, and it was about 75 to 100 feet across and hovered about 100 feet over my boat."

Just as suddenly it disappeared, says Chastain.

In the excitement his boat ran aground. He went down the beach to find a piece of timber to pry his boat out of the mud.

When he returned, Chastain's space creature was standing near the boat.

"It was the most unbelievable thing you could imagine," he says. "It was gray, sorta of a color that reminded

me of an old man's long winter underwear. It had black bands on its wrists, huge eyes, an open mouth, and the top of its head glowed like a big lightning bug."

Chastain says he stared at the creature for a moment and it peered back. "Then he reached down to a black box he had on his belt and there was a terrific white flash. The next thing I knew I was paralyzed. I couldn't move anything but my eyes."

Chastain says he lay on the beach until sunrise when the numbness finally left him and he was able to get up, climb into his boat and go home. "I was okay," he recalls, "except for this awful smell."

When he got home he drained the sea water from his boat in his backyard.

Yep, you guessed it. Three days later, a creature's head grew out of the ground. Not one, but five.

"They were pink and shaped like human heads, but they resembled the creature even more," he recalls. "My wife said they were pink devils. I thought I was losing my mind."

Chastain took his story to the Jacksonville Journal and today proudly displays a newspaper clipping showing him holding one of the heads he had dug up with a shovel. It looks a lot like what Chastain described.

"After about three days they all shriveled up to nothing and died," says Chastain.

Deformed mushrooms? Not so, claims Chastain. "What would you do if you woke up and one of these were in your backyard?" he said, handing me a glossy photo of one of the heads.

I assured him I wouldn't water it.

Since that experience, Chastain has become a UFO fanatic.

In a shed in the backyard of his Decatur home, he'll proudly show you what he labels "The Most Outstanding UFO News Display on Earth."

It contains maps, charts, newspaper clippings, tape

recorders and even correspondence with "Chariot of the Gods" author Erich Von Daniken.

The 16-foot boat he used on the fateful trip sits near the shed. It has been renamed "The UFO."

He's made 30 trips in the last year to explore caves near LaFayette, Ga., where he's convinced space beings once visited.

He's writing a book. Don't plan on reading it soon. It can't be completed until 1982. "What's going to happen will startle the world," he claims.

He says space creatures from a distant galaxy will visit the earth around 1982 to save it from what he forecasts will be a giant earthquake that could kill a third of the earth's population.

"These aliens have controlled the earth's movements for millions of years," he says. "Their intentions are peaceful and they know all about us."

Next time you're at Stone Mountain keep your eyes peeled. Chastain says the mountain has been used as a navigational point by the space creatures for thousands of years and will be utilized again.

"When they return, the Confederate Memorial will be the second tourist attraction at Stone Mountain," he says.

I had to agree with that, but couldn't help but wonder what they'd charge you to get into the park to see little green men.

"I'm down to earth," says Chastain. "I like fishing and a lot of other things. I'm not crazy and I'm no crackpot."

He thinks the CIA has covered up UFO sightings and proudly points to the fact that Jimmy Carter has admitted he once saw a UFO. "I hope he's going to reveal what has been kept secret," says Chastain.

Meanwhile, Norman Chastain has his eyes to the sky.

"I'm waiting," he says.

I'm not going to make fun.

They laughed at Columbus.

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The unexplained

Many scientists report seeing UFOs

By ALLEN SPRAGGETT

There are many myths about UFOs. One of the most persistent says: "Scientifically trained people like astronomers do not see UFOs."

Now, this myth has been exploded once and for all.

The International UFO Reporter, a scientific monthly published by the Centre for UFO Studies (924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill., 60202), describes a just-released survey of the 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society.

The survey, which was done by Dr. Peter Sturrock, a plasma physicist at Stanford University, asked these science professionals: "Have you yourself ever witnessed or obtained an instrumental record of any event

which you could not identify and which may be related to the UFO phenomenon?"

Sixty-two scientists, all trained to scan the sky and interpret what they see, replied Yes—they had personally seen UFOs!

And they reported seeing just the sorts of UFOs which ordinary people have been reporting for years—disc-shaped objects moving at fantastic speeds, radar readings of things far beyond the capabilities of conventional aircraft, and even apparent electromagnetic interference with cars.

One astronomer reported that on Nov. 11, 1974 he was driving his pickup truck near Clouderoft, N.M. at about 4:10 p.m.

The scientist suddenly saw a "domed disc," which he estimated to be a quarter-mile away, silver-gray in color, moving rapidly on a level

course from the southeast to the northwest.

The day was clear and visibility perfect. The UFO turned upward and then picked up speed and vanished from view in two to three seconds.

As the scientist gunned his pickup truck, it stalled, something it had never done in the past.

However, the failure of automobile ignitions is a common feature of UFO encounters.

Another scientist submitted an account of an impressive radar sighting of a UFO.

In February 1951, the respondent was serving as operations officer on a U.S. ship off Cape May, N.J. The ship's radar picked up a solid object ("Not a false radar echo," the scientist insisted) travelling at speeds up to 5,000 miles per hour.

The object halted suddenly, seemed to stand still in mid-air for a few seconds, "then climbed vertically above Nantucket out of range, some 150 miles high."

What kind of craft could move at 5,000 miles per hour, halt instantly, and then shoot more than 150 miles straight up in a matter of seconds?

That, of course, is precisely what the scientist is still asking himself.

Reviewing the findings of Dr. Sturrock's survey, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and the world's leading scientific ufologist, said: "We have seen that a small fraction at least of trained scientists are as likely to report varied and puzzling UFO sightings as the general public!"

PLEASANTON, CAL. - TIMES
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Water

More storage on Foothill

PLEASANTON — The city won approval to construct a 3 million gallon reservoir near Foothill Road and the future Stoneridge Shopping Center yesterday.

The unanimous vote of the

Alameda County Planning Commission set the groundwork for the reservoir, which will be one more big link in a series of tanks, large and small, dotting the Pleasanton Ridge and providing water for hill dwellers and the tract residents along Foothill Road.

The new reservoir is crucial to the construction of the regional shopping center, Director of Engineering Services Don Sooby told The Times yesterday. Without it, there won't be enough water reserves to fight fires at the regional center. It means the tank will be installed prior to the shopping center.

The estimated \$800,000 to \$900,000 price tag on the big tub will tax the city finances sorely.

So far, the city hasn't figured out how to pay for it, but is hopeful a federal grant will aid greatly, said Sooby. Otherwise it looks like deficit financing until the rich revenues from the shopping center can expand the coffers to pay it back. One thing is certain, said Sooby. It's not an item directly assessable to the shopping center.

The new reservoir will be the biggest in the city. The runnerup is the McKinley reservoir near Kottinger Avenue, site of the alleged UFO sightings a couple of months ago. In third place in the size is the one at the end of Abbie Street with 1.5 million gallons of capacity. It's tied for third place with a reservoir on the Pleasan-

ton Ridge at the 1,600 foot level elevation.

There are five reservoirs on the ridge — the one at 1,600 feet, plus quarter million to three-quarter million gallon sizes further down the ridge at the 900 and 500 foot levels. They comprise a system which assures Longview and the more "urban" tracts along Foothill Road of enough water and water pressure throughout the big demand periods of the day.

The water is pumped up the hill from the city's and Zone 7's wells on Hopyard Road. The ridge system also serves the unincorporated area of Sunol along Kilkare Canyon.

Phenomena Or Space Visitors.. Can UFOs Be Explained Away?

By ALLEN SPRAGGETT

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4 UFO reports from police and other official agencies continue to pour into the Center for UFO Studies via its toll-free hotline.

A recent sighting, reported by two Idaho policemen, was considered impressive enough for an in-depth review in the center's monthly journal, *International UFO Reporter*.

Edited by the director of the Center for UFO Studies, astronomy professor Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Reporter (address: 924 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Illinois) draws on the expertise of scientists from a wide array of disciplines to evaluate the continuing UFO enigma.

The date of the Idaho sighting was Dec. 18, 1976. The time: 12.55 a.m. local time. The place: Between four and five miles northeast of downtown Soda Springs, Idaho.

The UFO, observed independently by two policemen who were 15 miles apart at the time, was described as oval-shaped and at a viewing distance of some 60 feet had the bulk of "three or four police cars."

The object emitted a pale green light which appeared to emanate from the interior of the oval, with occasional "spikes" of white, orange and pink light. While stationary, the UFO was silent. When in motion it made a "whistling" sound.

No odor or heat waves were detected.

The UFO, as viewed by one witness, rose up from a group of trees and hovered at treetop level for some three minutes. Then it moved away toward the northeast and disappeared in about 15 seconds.

Dennis Abrams, the 30-year-old policeman who was closer to the UFO, called on his police radio about the sighting. Another policeman, Erfel Christianson, located 10 miles west of downtown Soda Springs, re-

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ported that he could see a light he described as "fluorescent" though orange-pink in color. He observed a light emanating toward the ground from the object.

Christianson watched the UFO hover in a stationary position for 10 minutes, then zoom upward and disappear "in seconds."

The weather at the time of the sighting was clear, calm, and cold — about 10 degrees. Visibility was unlimited.

This case is impressive, says Hynek, the world's leading scientific ufologist, because two reputable witnesses, from different vantage points, reported essentially the same thing.

What about conventional explanations?

A weather balloon was suggested. But checking revealed that no such balloon could plausibly have been in the area at that time. Besides, such a balloon is a mere six feet in diameter at low altitude.

A searchlight? That was ruled out due to the lack of a cloud base to reflect the light.

No plane flights were scheduled over the area at the time. Nor did radar tracking stations in the area report picking up anything.

One consultant suggested the UFO may have been a manned, hot-air balloon. But no ballooning clubs exist in the locality. Moreover, the time was 1 a.m. and the temperature below freezing — hardly likely conditions for an amateur balloonist to go aloft.

When all the probabilities were weighed, concludes Hynek's panel of experts, the most likely conclusion is that the object seen over Idaho was a genuine UFO.

And what, exactly, is a "genuine" UFO? A spacecraft? A secret weapon of some earth power? A freakish natural phenomenon?

That remains the enigma of enigmas.

They, too, spotted UFO

ROCK HILL, S.C. - HERALD
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By LEROY DIEFFENBACH
and BARBARA NORTHEY

Evening Herald staff writers

ROCK HILL — Yes, Shirley Sumner, someone else spotted your UFO.

Mike Anthony, 17, of 630 Lige St., was riding in his cousin's Dodge on Dave Lyle Boulevard at 11:30 Thursday night when he glanced up through the windshield and saw what he first thought were two stars pushed together.

Anthony said the unidentified flying object had two beams of light, one on either end and each about the size of two basketballs. Underneath the object was a small red light.

"It looked like it was drifting — a real slow drift."

Anthony thought the lights might be distorted by the windshield, so he rolled down the car window and stuck his head

out for a better view.

"I'm positive I saw it," Anthony said Friday evening. "I even tilted my glasses to make extra sure my eyes weren't fooling me."

Anthony said he and his cousin, Davie Gordon, 16, of Route 5, saw the object for only a few seconds after turning west onto Dave Lyle Boulevard from the U.S. 21 bypass. The two were heading home after seeing an x-rated movie at the Mini Cinema on Cherry Road.

Anthony, who begins Army basic training June 24 at Fort Jackson, had graduated earlier that night from Rock Hill High School.

"I swear I wasn't drunk or anything," he said.

Anthony and Gordon briefly discussed the strange object they saw

which Anthony said looked nothing like an airplane, and then forgot about it.

Anthony said he didn't give it another thought until Friday afternoon when he read in the Evening Herald about a similar object seen early Thursday morning near Tega Cay.

Shirley Sumner, 41, of 2118 Bon Villa Way, said she saw a lighted object, shaped like a cigar, over Lake Wylie, hovering.

She watched the thing from her bedroom window from 5 to 6 a.m. Thursday as it rose slowly into the sky.

Friday, she looked again.

"I meant to get up at five o'clock, but I overslept and didn't make it up until 5:35," she said.

"I looked out my window and there it was. It looked like the same darn thing in the same exact place."

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FLAT STAR FOUND IN SPACE

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (UPI) — A new phenomenon of space, a disc-star, has been discovered in the constellation Cygnus, it was announced today.

The visible image of the flat, disc-shaped, highly luminous stellar object is that of the star when it was only 1,000 years old — extremely young in astronomical terms — and it appears to be in the process of forming planets, a research team said. But the new star actually is much older than it appears.

Because it is 10,000 light years away, the image astronomers now view has taken 10,000 years to reach the earth.

"The new star is about 10 times the size and 30 times the mass of our sun, and is expected to live only 100 million years,"

the researchers said, adding that the calculated life of the earth's sun is 10 billion years.

The discovery was made by a team of astrophysicists headed by Dr. Rodger Thompson of the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory. Other members of the team were scientists from NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

Observations of the star were made possible by using a 36-inch infrared telescope of Ames' Kuiper Airborne Observatory and a 90-inch infrared telescope at the Steward Observatory.

"Both were needed for the discovery," the scientists said. "Infrared observations were essential to see through the veil of dust shrouding the disc star."

She woke her husband, John, 42, who thought it was a star.

"To the naked eye, it looks just like a star," Mrs. Sumner said Friday. "But I got out my binoculars again and I could see it was a different shape."

"Besides, there was only one in the sky, and it was going straight up, just as it was yesterday. At about 6 a.m., it goes out of sight."

Mrs. Sumner said she didn't believe in UFOs until she saw one.

"Even seeing people on television describe what they had seen, I really didn't believe it, but I swear I saw this myself this time."

If she sees it again, Mrs. Sumner says she'll wake her husband and two children.

"In the morning, if I see it, I'm gonna get all of 'em up."

Sure enough, when Mrs. Sumner checked this morning she saw something.

"It was in the same spot," she says. "But it was very far away. I didn't get to see it like the other mornings."

Mrs. Sumner says she checked periodically throughout the night and didn't notice anything until 5:45 a.m.

She said she doesn't know if it was the same object she saw twice before.

"It was too far away," she said. "But it was in the same location. The only other thing in the sky was the moon. I checked on that."

Barry Brooks of Rt. 3 in Fort Mill said he saw a similar object in 1971 while standing on Bank Street at around 8 p.m.

"I thought I was watching a falling star until it stopped and changed directions," Brooks said. "It came out of the northeast, came down and stopped and then went straight level."

Brooks said the object wasn't visible for more than about three seconds.

"It was just a matter of a blink of an eye," he said.

What makes him think it's the same object Mrs. Sumner saw was the shape and the fact there was no sound coming from it.

Fotografía un OVNI un Estudiante Chileno

SANTIAGO, Chile (Latin) - La presunta aparición de Objetos Voladores no Identificados (OVNI) observados en los últimos días en Chile, incluso por testigos militares, cobró hoy nueva vigencia con un nuevo ejemplar observado en el barrio Alto de Santiago, y cuya fotografía publicó el vespertino "La Segunda". La fotografía de la extraña aparición, segunda de la semana en la capital, fue tomada por el estudiante universitario Miguel Angel Oliver. La captó en la primera hora de la mañana, hacia el oriente, sobre la cordillera. El joven universitario, que estaba en vigilia impresionado por lo que había visto hace unos días, pudo fotografiar el OVNI y a la vez avisar a los diarios. Simultáneamente lo observaron decenas de testigos del barrio Alto, zona residencial de Santiago. En la foto que publica "La Segunda" se aprecia una forma redonda, con un gran resplandor central y puntos más oscuros en los bordes y su interior. A la vez tiene una especie de vástago más brillante, que aparentemente estaría unida. El rollo de película que tomó el observador fue revelado en los laboratorios fotográficos del diario, y según el testigo, la placa reveló detalles del OVNI, que él con binoculares no había visto "por la enegrecedora luz que proyectaba".

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - LA RAZON
*****MAY 26, 1977*****

A UFO WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY A CHILEAN
STUDENT!

Santiago-Chile - The alleged UFO sightings which have been occurring during the last days in Chile, including that of the military patrol, are again occurring the headlines due to a photograph taken in the Alto district of Santiago and which the evening newspaper "La Segunda" published. The photograph of the strange object, which is this weeks second, was taken by University student Miguel Angel Oliver early in the morning, towards the west and over the Andes. The young student, who spent the night awake impressed by what he had seen a few days ago, was able to photograph the object and at a time give word to the newspapers. It was observed simultaneously by dozens of witnesses in the Alto residential district of Santiago. The photo published by "La Segunda" shows a round object with a very bright center and darker around the edges. Likewise, it showed some sort of offspring, brighter than the rest of the object. The photo was developed in the newspapers lab and, according to the witness, it showed details which he was bot able to observe through his binoculars due to the "blinding light".

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BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - LA RAZON
*****MAY 25, 1977*****

A UFO

Las Palmas, Spain - Francisco Santana, an inhabitant of the city of Hoya (Gran Canaria) photographed a UFO, according to the newspaper "La Provincia" which published it today. Santana said that the flying saucer crossed the Atlantic at a great speed and changed its colour constantly.

UN OVNI

LAS PALMAS, España (1977)
L - Un vecino de la ciudad de Hoya (Gran Canaria), Francisco Santana, fotografio un platillo volador, según indicó el diario "La Provincia" que publicó hoy la foto del OVNI (objeto volador no identificado). Santana declaró que el platillo volador atravesaba el Atlántico a gran velocidad, cambiando constantemente de forma y de color.

Dicen que los OVNI Entran a la Tierra por un Túnel que Va del Polo Sur Hasta Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (ANSA) — Las recientes denuncias sobre observaciones en diversas localidades de Chile de OVNI daría pábulo a la confirmación que éstos tienen un "túnel" en este país. Una teoría del francés Jaime Michael afirma que, probablemente con el fin de evitar las radiaciones del cinturón de Van Allen, los OVNI entran y salen de la atmósfera terrestre por un "túnel" ubicado en el polo sur. Chile sería el pasadizo de entrada y salida. En algunas fuentes científicas interesadas en el tema, en este país tiene cada vez mayor asidero esta teoría. Así explican el avistamiento de "luminosidades violeta-anaranjadas con puntos rojizos" en la zona del altiplano chileno, en el extre-

mo norte; en una región agrícola a unos seiscientos kilómetros al sur de Santiago y en la ciudad de Punta Arenas, en el extremo austral. Los testimonios pertenecen, en el caso del norte, a una patrulla militar integrada por ocho hombres, quienes en forma unánime relatan el mismo hecho y el "secuestro" de su jefe, el cabo Armando Valdés, durante quince minutos. Luego de este lapso de tiempo, el militar regresó con una barba de cinco días y con el mismo tiempo avanzado en su reloj digital. Técnicos chilenos afirman que el militar habría sido transportado en ese lapso a la cuarta dimensión, en tiempo. En Vilcun, zona agrícola, la profesora Eliana Rosas, junto a su esposo y

otros alumnos, afirman haber sido testigos de un fenómeno similar, mientras que en Punta Arenas, más de veinte personas, ubicadas en ese momento en distintos lugares de la ciudad, también coincidieron en el avistamiento de "platillos voladores" y que éstos integraban una formación en forma de una "W", oscilando su número entre once y cinco, según los testimonios. Por estar involucrado personal militar en uno de estos hechos, la autoridad de la ciudad de Arica, en el norte de Chile, fronteriza con Bolivia y Perú, había impuesto la censura previa a los medios de comunicación locales que tratarán el tema. Hoy, en embargo, ha sido levantado este tipo de medida.

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BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - LA RAZON - MAY 20, 1977

UFOS ARE SAID TO ENTER THE EARTH THROUGH A TUNNEL WHICH EXTENDS FROM THE SOUTH POLE TO CHILE!

Santiago, Chile - Recent UFO sightings which have taken place over different Chilean cities would confirm the fact of UFOs possessing a "tunnel" in this country. According to frenchman Aime Michel's theory, UFOs enter and leave the earth's atmosphere through a south pole based "tunnel", thus avoiding the Van Allen radiation belts. Chile would therefore be the entrance-exit door. In this country, scientific sources interested in the subject are beginning to accept this theory. The sightings of "orange-violet lights with redish points" in northern Chile's high plateau, in the agricultural regions 700kms. south of Santiago and in Punta Arenas, the southern most city of the country, would this be explained. In the case of the northern regions, the attestations belong to an army patrol made up of 8 men who reported the same story of the kidnapping of their leader, Cpl. Armanda Valdes, for 15 minutes, after which he reappeared with a 5 days growth of beard and with the date on his watch advanced an equal time. Chilean technicians think that the military man was transported into the "fourth dimension" during that period.

In Vilcun, an agricultural region, Eliana Rosas, a teacher, together with her husband and some of her pupils, reported the sighting of luminous phenomena while in Punta Arenas, more than twenty differently situated persons in the city said to have sighted a "W" formation of between 5 and 11 flying saucers, according to the different reports.

Due to the fact that military personnel was involved in one the cases, authorities in the frontier city of Arica have imposed censorship upon the local news media. This measure, however, has been lifted today.

Mystère au Mexique

De étranges dessins, qui datent probablement de plusieurs milliers d'années, ont été découverts sur les murs de plusieurs grottes à la pointe Baja, en basse Californie.

En rouge, en bleu et en jaune, ces graphiques présentent des hommes hauts de 16 m, des animaux familiers comme le daim mais aussi des appareils inconnus - une sorte de navire spatial ou d'hélicoptère, selon M. Rossell secrétaire mexicain au Tourisme.

De nombreux dessins ne ressemblent à rien de ce que l'on connaît des civilisations azèque et maya. a-t-il précisé au cours d'une conférence de presse.

Au total, 193 grottes naturelles ont été découvertes dans la région au cours de l'année passée par les archéologues mexicains et américains. Les instituts mexicain d'histoire et d'archéologie entreprennent l'exploration dès cette semaine.

TRANSLATION: "LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN", FRANCE
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MYSTERY IN MEXICO

Strange sketches probably dating from several thousands of years, have been discovered on walls of numerous grottoes to BAJA Headland in south California.

In red, blue and yellow, these graphs are representing some men 16' in height, some pets as bucks but also some unknown engines, a kind of spacial-ship, according to Mr. Rossell, Mexican secretary of state in touring department.

Numerous sketches are not like to that we knew about Aztec and Maja civilization, he specified during a press conference.

On the whole, 193 natural grottoes have been discovered in the aread during the last year by Mexican and American archeologists.

¿OVNIS A MI?
NO LOS VÍPERO
CIERTO EXISTEN

SANTIAGO, Chile. Un grupo de investigadores de la zona fronteriza con Bolivia, al interior del país, cuando fue secuestrado por un "OVNI" por espacio de 15 minutos.

El suceso se registró frente a los impactados miembros de la patrulla que vieron al hombre desaparecer frente a ellos. El hombre reapareció con un crecimiento de cinco días y con un cambio de fecha en el calendario. El hombre reapareció con un crecimiento de cinco días y con un cambio de fecha en el calendario.

El Centro de Investigaciones Espaciales de Chile, advierte que el caso que se presenta es único y que ya que no se puede determinar por el momento si se trata de un OVNI, se ha terminado en la hora de este

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BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - CRONICA
*****MAY 22, 1977*****

UFOs TO ME? I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM BUT YES, THEY EXIST.

Santiago, Chile, 21-A group of UFO researchers warned Corporal Armando Valdes, who was kidnapped by one of those objects 15 days ago, about the unconvience of letting himself be hipnotized in order to find out the secrets of his contact with the aliens. Cpl. Valdes commanded a Chilean military patrol engaged in routine tasks in the frontier with Bolivia when he was hidnapped by a UFO for about 15 minutes.

This happened before the astounded members of the patrol who saw the man vanish before then. 15 minutes later Cpl. Valdes appeared and fainted after speaking some enigmatic words. The man, which reappeared with a five days growth of beard and with his calendar watch with the date changed it should have marked April 25th but read April 30th instead-remembered no details.

The Temuco Center for Space Investigations warned Cpl. Valdes not to undertake any type of tests, since in the similar Argentine case of the Truck driver Mauricio Lllanka, investigations ended in the man's insanity.

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"OUEST-FRANCE" (RENNES) JUNE 16, 1977

CIEL BIGARRÉ

VARIEGATED SKY

UN STÉPHANOIS a déclaré mardi avoir observé un curieux phénomène au cours de la nuit de dimanche à lundi. « Vers 1 h du matin, j'ai aperçu une boule rouge vif de la grosseur environ d'un ballon de football, a-t-il dit. L'objet ne semblait pas se situer très haut mais il était difficile d'évaluer la distance à laquelle il se trouvait. Une traînée se dessina ensuite, rougeâtre d'abord puis vert clair et éblouissante ». Il a précisé qu'au bout de quatre à cinq secondes la boule avait disparu. Elle se déplaçait horizontalement et à grande vitesse approximativement du nord au sud.

One inhabitant from Saint-Etienne has stated Tuesday in the evening, to have spotted a curious phenomenon during night from Sunday to Monday about 1:00 a.m.

"I have seen a red vivid ball which size was like a ball of football", he says. The object did not seem to be very high in altitude, but it was very difficult to value the distance to which it was.

Then, a trail was sighted, reddish in first, green clear after, and also dazzling. He specified that after 4 or 5 seconds the "ball" disappeared. It traveled in horizontal line with high speed, nearly from the north to the south.

Other people, besides, have reported that, sometimes, they could see to the west of Saint-Etienne area, a object shaped like a triangle, having metallic reflections and brighter than a star, also with size four time more important.

One of them, has seen once, three disc to make for this queer object and to vanish with it.

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FROM "OUEST-FRANCE" (RENNES) JUNE 17, 1977

U.F.O. WITHOUT BRAKE!

West-German and Swiss policemen have searched for several hours, Monday, on the Constance Lake to try to find again some tracks of a flaming object that witnesses have seen falling with high speed in water, early in the morning.

Several West-German ships and two helicopters have been rejoined by two Swiss police ships, but the researches did not give any result.

None minor-offense could be made about excess of speed!

DES POLICIERS OUEST-ALLEMANDS ET SUISSES ont fouillé pendant plusieurs heures, lundi, le lac de Constance pour tenter de retrouver des traces d'un objet en flammes que des témoins ont vu s'abîmer à grande vitesse dans l'eau aux premières heures de la matinée. Plusieurs bateaux et deux hélicoptères ouest-allemands ont été rejoints par deux bateaux de la police suisse, mais les recherches n'ont donné aucun résultat. Aucun P.V. pour excès de vitesse n'a donc pu être réglé.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
*****1977*****

ROY SAYS NOBODY WILL TELL HIM ABOUT HIS UFO

A Sydney man claims he has struck a wall of silence and apathy trying to verify his sighting of a bright green UFO over the city.

check it out, but I never hear any more," Mr Roberts, 40, said today.

Lifetime

"It seems they just don't give a damn or don't want to tell me something.

"What makes me so mad about the whole business is that you see something as I did prob-

ably once in a lifetime, so you'd like to know what it was ... or wasn't."

Mr Roberts said he encountered the UFO while returning to his flat in Hollis Lane, Newtown, on Friday night.

Speed

"It was 8.40 pm and I was walking in Fitzroy St when this brilliant green,

egg-shaped object shot across the sky," he said.

"It had a small white light up front and below and crossed from west to east about 20 degrees above the horizon.

"The thing was the size of a conventional aircraft but travelled at an incredible speed without a sound.

"I'd estimate it was moving at 8000km/h (5000 mph) as it crossed the sky in only five seconds."

Mr Roberts, who made a sketch of what he claims he saw, said he would not let the matter rest until he had a satisfactory explanation of the incident from a scientific organisation.

"They say, 'Yes, we'll

Uçan daireler yine iş başında

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GÜNAYDIN NEWSPAPER - ISTANBUL, TURKEY JAN 14, 1977

FLYING SAUCERS ARE AGAIN AT WORK

Dear reader, flying saucer enigma is still one of the subjects that interests the earthlings. Recently, a French couple had claimed to have seen an unidentified flying object which followed their car while they were driving within the neighborhood of a small town. The object, after chasing their car for some time, landed in the field nearby. Then it took off immediately and went out of sight.

Mrs. and Mr. Francois Perez had first thought that a helicopter might be following them but on turning back they realised that the object had landed in the field 400 meters away from them. According to the claims of Mr. Perez the object, 30-40 meters in diameter, was surrounded by what looked like a white bright light. After staying motionless in the field for 10 minutes, Mr. Perez claimed that the object took off in an angle 45° and disappeared in the sky.

Dünyada hâlâ uçan daire görüldüğü yolunda ihbarlar yapıyor mu?
Nilgün İTİR - Ankara

UÇAN daire kavramı hâla dünya kamuoyunu yakından ilgilendiren bir konu olmağa devam ediyor, sayın okuyucumuz. Geçenlerde bir Fransız çifti bu yolda ilginç bir iddiada bulundu. Çiftin anlattıklarına göre güneyde küçük bir kentin yakınlarında arabalarını "İrileşen bir yıldız" andıran bir cisim kovalamış, cisim bir süre sonra bir tarlaya konmuş, sonra aniden havalanarak gözden kaybolmuştu.

Bay ve Bayan Francois Perez önce bir helikopter tarafından izlendiklerini sandıklarını, ancak geri dönüp araştırdıklarında arabalarından 400 metre kadar uzakta yere inen bir araç gördüklerini belirttiler. Bay Perez'in anlattıklarına göre araç 30-40 metre çapında görünüyordu ve çevresi beyaz parlak bir ışıkla parlıyordu. Perez 10 dakika kadar sonra aracın 45 dakikalık bir açıyla havalandığını ve gözden kaybolduğunu da ifade etti.

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MARINE AND FLYING SAUCER EXPERTS IN ADELAIDE ARE BAFLED BY THREE MYSTERIOUS SAUCER SHAPED OBJECTS FOUND IN A COLA MINE AT LEIGHT CREEK, IN THE STATES FAR NORTH.

THE OBJECTS ARE ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF METRES WIDE, ABOUT 45 CENTIMETRES HIGH AT THE CENTRE, AND ARE PERFECTLY ROUND.

ADELAIDE MARINE EXPERT MAC LAWRIE SAYS HE'S SEEN THE OBJECTS, AND ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THEY ARE EXTREMELY OLD, DISCOUNTS THE THEORY THEY ARE MASSIVE FOSSILISED SEA SHELLS.

AND A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH SOCIETY, SHIRLEY KEMP, SAYS THE OBJECTS COULD BE SMALL PROBES FROM OUTER SPACE, AND COULD RELATE TO LOCAL ABORIGINAL FOLKLORE WHICH SAYS A CELESTIAL CRAFT HAD LANDED IN THE AREA.

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(NOTE: AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THESE SAUCER SHAPED OBJECTS PROVED ONLY TO BE 'ROCKS').

UFOs

...are they fact or fiction?

By SHANE MAGUIRE

At 2.25 am on November 1, last year a Northmead couple were awakened for the third time by the frenzied barking of their two dogs.

The couple thought it unusual for them to be barking again, having been unable to find any trouble earlier.

The couple wandered sleepily to the study and when they opened the door, saw the room illuminated by a brilliant red glow.

As the couple shielded their eyes the man made out the source of the light — a circular object, stationary outside the window about 36m away and 12m above the ground.

The object was red on the outside and orange towards the centre with beams of light coming from it.

The couple ran from the study to their front yard for a better look, but the object had moved.

It moved away from the couple leaving a zig zag smoke trail and it was no longer glowing or shooting beams of light.

The case was thoroughly investigated by the RAAF and the UFO Investigation Centre.

It was classified as a UFO — unidentified flying object — which are on the increase again.

'On increase'

A co-ordinator for the UFO Investigation Centre, Mr Michael Smyth, said that in 1975 his group received 355 reports, of which 86 were unexplained and 17 were possibly unidentified — a combined percentage of 29.

"This year it looks as though we will have more reports than in the past.

"UFO sightings, explained or unexplained, are definitely on the increase."

Each year the RAAF receives about 120 reports of UFOs and a very small percentage are classified as unexplained.

Here are some more that remained unexplained.

On July 12 a motorist was driving along the Camden Rd between Campbelltown and Narellan when he saw a bright white light in a paddock.

The light was big, of an undefinable shape, and was moving.

The motorist started to chase the light when it banked and ran parallel to the road.

He chased the light for more than 2km at a speed of 145 km/h until it appeared to slow down.

When the driver went to investigate the object accelerated and disappeared over some trees.

The incident was investigated and the object classified UFO.

One night in February, 1973, a man and a woman

were sitting in their car near the Norah Head Kiosk.

As a nearby street light dulled the couple noticed a large golden-colored ball rise rapidly above the horizon and hover.

As the couple watched, several small red glowing balls shot from the object and travelled earthwards behind a ridge of trees.

Then the object rose slowly and moved from the area.

The incident was investigated and the object classified UFO.

NEW SOUTH WALES - AUSTRALIA

*****1977*****

UFOs chase superjet, crewmen claim

Hostile Unidentified Flying Objects are chasing and harassing an air force jet involved in America's manned space program, according to Air Force men who have flown it.

Crewmen of the jet are convinced the UFOs are trying to pick a fight.

Former Air Force Sgt Duane B. Piciani said this week: "We frequently had to dodge flying saucers that popped up suddenly on our tail and stalked us.

"One of the craft performed manoeuvres that would only be possible for a spaceship, and its behavior was unmistakably hostile."

Verified

Piciani's account was verified by other crewmen of the jet, which is crammed with super-sensitive electronics equipment and flies out of Patrick Air Force Base near Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Capt James B. Phillips, information officer for the Air Force Systems

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jet encountered "unknown aerial phenomena" on several flights.

Piciani, 27, who recently retired from the Air Force, said the UFO contacts began some years ago.

On the first day the crew of the jet — called an Apollo Range Instrumentation Aircraft — had a perfect view of one of the belligerent flying saucers.

"The saucer-shaped craft snuggled right up next to our wing," Piciani said.

"It was round and flat, about 40 feet in diameter, with a raised surface in its centre that might have been a crew's quarters.

On another flight, Piciani said, "We had three UFOs hanging around our wingtips and

playing aerial chicken with us.

"Another time, a single UFO paralleled our flight path for almost an hour and kept diving in front of us.

Feeling

"This sort of thing happened repeatedly. We had the feeling they were trying to lure us into a fight and we were, of course, unarmed."

An Air Force captain who flies the Apollo Range Instrumentation Aircraft confirmed that crews now flying the aircraft have seen UFOs,

too. "So far nobody's been hurt but it's very disturbing," said the captain, who asked not to be identified because of the Air Force's policy, since 1969, of not admitting any UFO sightings or contact.