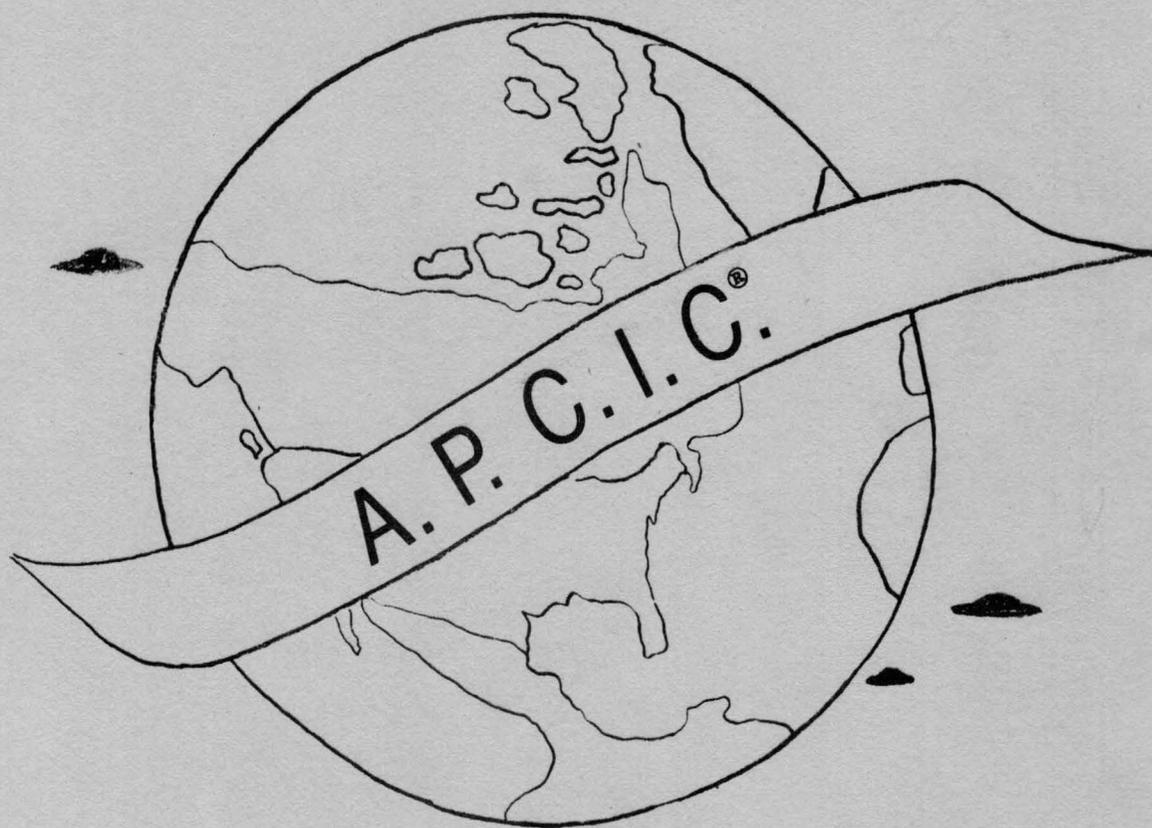


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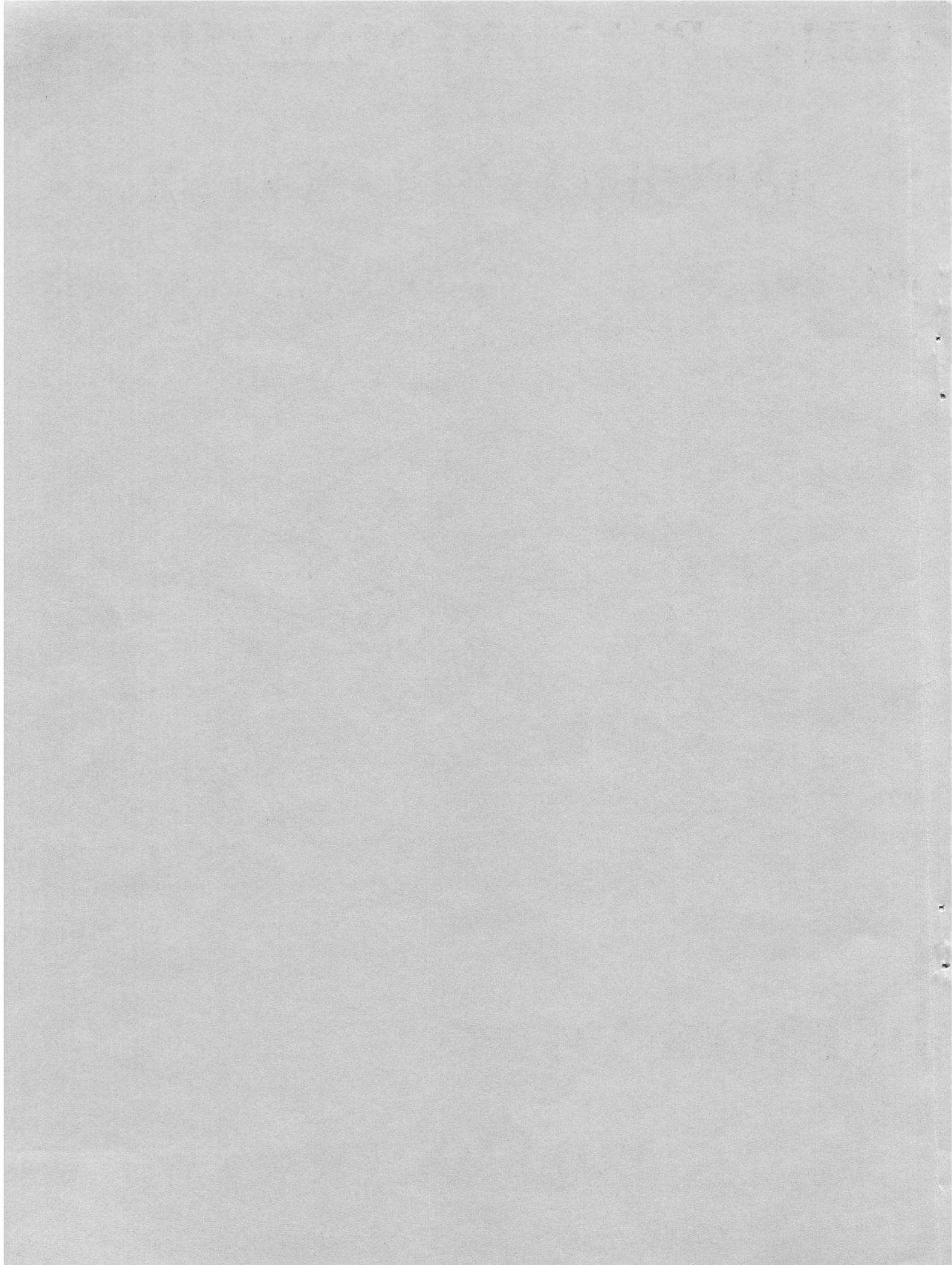
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# LIFE IN SPACE: ODDS AND UFOS FAVOR IT

By WALTER SZYKITKA and ROBERT J. DURANT

**Back in 1947 — the year of the first reported sighting of a flying saucer — the idea of intelligent life in space was scoffed at.**

People in general, as well as most scientists, found the idea impossible to believe.

But now, just 30 years later, a group of prominent scientists has recommended that we spend \$20 billion to build a huge radio antenna in the hope of tuning in on a program or a message broadcast by another civilization somewhere deep in outer space.

And a few years ago we sent out our own message — government sponsored, no less — in the hope that someone out there will receive it.

Why the change? Quite simply, the more we learned about the evolution of life on earth, the less outrageous it seemed that the same thing might have happened somewhere else.

## Life possible

By 1961, a group of respected scientists speculated that intelligent life on other planets was not only possible, but likely.

Using what has become known as the "Green Bank Formula," they calculated that civilizations as technologically developed as our own probably exist in at least 40 and possibly in as many as 50 million places out there in the vast reaches of intergalactic space.

## Pursuing the unexplained

### Eighth of a series

Aristotle — who lived a few hundred years before Christ and whose writings on science were accepted without question until the Renaissance — denounced the idea that there might be another planet like the Earth.

But with the invention of the telescope in 1608, astronomers got a much closer look at our neighboring planets.

And what they saw was that what had appeared to be just pinpoints of light were in reality solid bodies. Perhaps they were not too different from Earth — and perhaps they too harbored life.

In 1877, Giovanni Schiaparelli, an Italian astronomer, announced that he had seen a series of canals criss-crossing the surface of Mars.

A number of scientists thought they were artificial irrigation canals, designed and built by a race of Martians to draw water from the planet's ice cap.

Scientific speculation notwithstanding, the public generally remained skeptical. And insofar as Mars was concerned, they were right.

Now, of course, with the Viking landing on Mars and the transmission of pictures and other data back to Earth, we know there are no irrigation canals and no possibilities of advanced life.

Before the existence of Schiaparelli's canals was thoroughly disapproved, however, interest in extraterrestrial life received a boost from another source.

In June, 1947, Kenneth Arnold was flying his private plane near Mt. Ranier in Washington when he saw a number of huge, disc-shaped objects cavorting among the mountain peaks. The objects had no visible means of propulsion, yet they were traveling at well over 1,200 miles per hour.

Soon headlines throughout the country reported similar sightings. Even the U.S. Air Force got involved, frantically trying to track down the strange objects to find out what they were and where they came from. The idea died.

The Air Force, too, scoffed at the idea — publicly. But behind the scenes, government officials were deeply concerned.

In 1953 — while the Air Force issued statements to the effect that all the unidentified flying objects (or UFOs) had down-to-earth explanations — the CIA secretly convened a panel of the country's top scientists to study the data to see if they could come up with another explanation.

In the years since then, however, the government has never backed down from its assertions that the saucer reports can be explained away: swamp gas, weather balloons, the planet Venus, hoaxes.

Yet today, there is a growing conviction among many students of the UFO phenomenon — including a number of scientists with excellent credentials — that the reports are valid, that spacecraft piloted by extraterrestrial beings do exist.

At the heart of such a conviction lies a series of recent discoveries about the way life evolved on Earth, coupled with new data about conditions in outer space. An unexplainable phenomenon that the traditional view has been that all living things are inhabited by an animus or soul, something apart from the mere collection of chemicals that make up a being's physical self, something breathed into each living thing by a Creator, perhaps.

## Evolution

Proponents of the theory of evolution, however, offer quite a different idea. In their view, life has evolved out of itself, one living form growing out of another, through level after level of increasing complexity, culminating in human life — all without the life-breathing assistance of a Creator.

For the past hundred years, evolutionists have been filling in the details of their theory, speculating on which forms of life produced which others, and in what order.

The part of the evolutionary chain that presented the greatest puzzle, however, was the very beginning. How had the whole long and complicated process gotten started in the first place?

Is that, perhaps, where the concept of a Creator is unavoidable? Or is it possible that life simply sprang into being as a consequence of the random combination of existing elements during the agitation of some great primordial storm.

## Elements

Researchers believe — and there is some evidence to support the belief — that, as the Earth began to cool billions of years ago, the four most abundant elements in the Earth's atmosphere were hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon, which also happen to be the four most abundant elements in all living things today, making up about 95 per cent of their total substance. The chemical properties of those four elements suggest that, as the earth continued to cool, they began to combine with one another to form water, methane, and ammonia.

In the 1950s scientists

attempted to demonstrate that those simple inorganic compounds, under the conditions believed to have existed at the time, could have combined with another to form more complex substances combined with another to form more complex substances.

They placed water, methane gas and ammonia gas in a flask and then, to duplicate the likely presence of lightning, they discharged electricity through the mixture repeatedly for several days. The result was that the flask then contained a number of amino acids, fatty acids, and other simple organic compounds.

**Perfect place**

In these respects, the Earth has proven to be ideal. More than 70 per cent of its surface is covered with water and — located 93 million miles from the Sun — its temperature is just right.

Had it been close to the Sun, the temperature would have been too great to support life, as with Venus and Mercury where the temperatures are always well above the boiling point of water.

Or had the Earth been farther from the Sun, it would have been too cool to support life, as with Mars where it seldom gets warmer than 20 degrees below zero.

But although the Earth has proven to be ideally hospitable to the evolution of living forms, it has not, according to many scientists, been unique.

Our sun is but one star on the outer edge of a galaxy of stars that we call the Milky Way. Astronomers estimate that the Milky Way gal-



**PILOT MAJ. LAWRENCE COYNE DRAWS OBJECT HE SAW . . . sightings and photos (inset) of UFOs persist**

axy contains more than a hundred billion stars, and that the Milky Way

is but one of more than a hundred billion galaxies.

It is further estimated that each of these billions upon billions of stars has between one and ten planets revolving around it. From among this incomprehensible myriad of planets, Dr. Stephen Dole, of the Rand Corporation, believes there are no less than 600 million that could sustain human life.

**Paul Weiss**, Professor of Biology at Brown University, writes that "once the earth had originated in its ancient form, with particular chemical and physical properties, it was then virtually inevitable that life would later originate on it also."

Given the preponderance throughout the universe of the four basic building blocks of life, as well as the millions upon millions of planets that are not-too-hot and not-too-cold, many scientists

have concluded that it is virtually inevitable that life has also originated on some of those other planets.

The emergence and evolution of life on other planets would not necessarily produce the same life-forms or follow the same time schedule as life on Earth.

If the process has taken place elsewhere at a speed slightly faster than here, the life-forms there could be way ahead of us, possessing greater intelligence and higher forms of technology, perhaps even developing space-ships with which to visit such underdeveloped planets as Earth.

**Great change**

Consider the changes we have undergone on Earth in just the past 100 years, and then imagine where we might be a thousand years from now, if we don't destroy ourselves before then through war, pollution or the exhaustion of our natural resources.

If they have gone beyond us in their development, then those other-worldings have necessarily survived a transitional period in evolutionary development that, at the rate we're going, it is not at all certain we will be able to survive ourselves.

Which brings us to perhaps the most compelling reason to try to communicate with such extraterrestrial beings.

If there are such beings, and if we can communicate with them, there are a number of worthwhile questions to ask: How did you do it? And how do we do it? How do we attain peace, feed the hungry, cure the sick, unchain the human imagination?

If they could give us even the slightest clue as to the answers to such questions, \$20 billion would be a small price to pay indeed.

# Baffled Sheriff, 4 Deputies & 2 Veterinarians in Colorado Claim ...

# UFOs LINKED TO WEIRD ANIMAL MUTILATIONS

NATIONAL ENQUIRER  
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Eerie bright objects — dubbed Big Mama and the Baby UFOs — have been seen repeatedly in northeast Colorado by bewildered ranchers and law officers who link the UFOs to the bizarre mutilation deaths of 77 animals.

"There is a very definite connection between the lights and the mutilations because each time we've had a mutilation the lights have been seen," said Logan County Sheriff Harry Graves, of Sterling, Colo.

Since August 1975, when the first UFO and mutilated animal were reported, 74 cows, one steer, one bull and a horse have been mutilated, added Undersheriff Jerry Wolever.

In every case, parts of the body — eyes, ears, tongues, sex organs — have been surgically removed in ways that have veterinarians baffled.

"It's very puzzling," said Graves, 47, a law officer for 23 years.

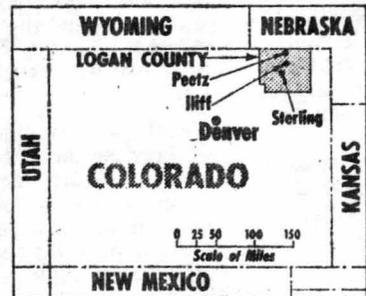
He added that there is absolutely no sign that the deaths were caused by predators — and in all cases there were no

## UFOs Linked to Weird Animal Mutilations

visible footprints or tire tracks.

The sheriff said he and four other officers have seen Big Mama numerous times.

"Big Mama looks like a huge, brilliant star that hov-



**MAP SHOWS** area (shaded) in northeast Colorado where UFOs have been seen repeatedly.

ers high in the sky for up to 90 minutes and then suddenly disappears at great speed," Graves said.

Sometimes, he added, as many as three baby UFOs have "come out of the belly of Big Mama and their lights are very bright.

"When the little ones get done with whatever they're doing they join up with the big one and disappear," Graves continued.

"We've chased Big Mama by plane and cars and have stationed men in remote areas — but we still can't get close enough to see what it is."

Undersheriff Wolever said that he watched as news photographer Bill Jackson photographed the mysterious objects and watched them through a telescope.

"At first Big Mama was round but then she disappeared on the night we photographed her," said Wolever.

"When she reappeared she was more pear-shaped and her color changed from white to red to green to white."

Wolever, 40, an officer for 11 years, said Logan County residents began reporting the weird objects at the same time as the first animal mutilation.

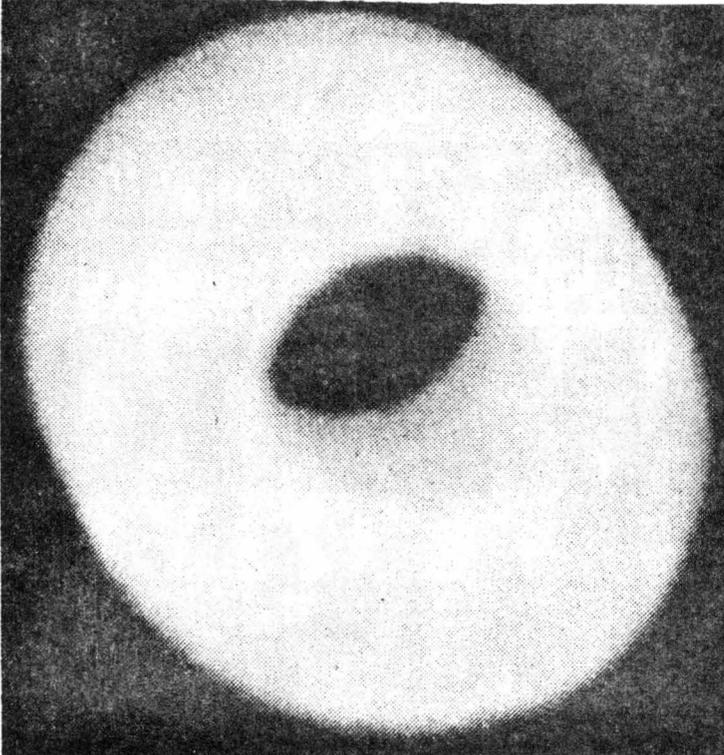
"We had reports coming into us almost every night during a period when there were many mutilations," Wolever said.

"The mutilations occurred in the same concentrated area where the reports of the strange lights came from."

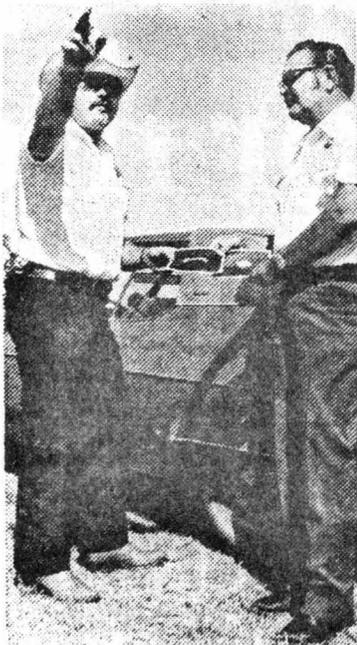
Sheriff Graves said the mutilations defy explanation because:

- Predatory animals will not go near any mutilated carcass.
- There are no signs of bleeding.
- Whole sections of skin are removed without leaving any trace of a blade mark on the flesh underneath.
- The animals are some-

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**AMAZING PHOTO OF UFO** taken by Colorado photographer shows "Big Mama" in round shape.



**UP THERE!** Undersheriff Jerry Wolever, pointing, shows Sheriff Harry Graves where he spotted UFO near Sterling, Colo.

times found flat on their backs with all four legs sticking straight up — an unnatural position.

• In the only two cases where there were markings on the ground, strange pod-like indentations were found.

Rancher Richard Gillham, 27, of Peetz, Colo., said he discovered "a series of circles about four inches in diameter and about five feet apart in a tripod-type formation" on the

ground where one of his cows was mutilated.

"The ground was real hard so whatever made those indentations had to be quite heavy."

Sheriff Graves said he found similar pod-like marks, only smaller, at a mutilation site southwest of Sterling.

Frank Zink, a 40-year-old rancher in Iliff, Colo., claims that he has lost 11 animals to mutilations in the last two years.

"I'm positive that predators had nothing to do with them because the cuts were just too perfect," he declared.

The mutilations throughout the county have left veterinarians perplexed.

Dr. L.L. Rieke, a veterinarian who has practiced in the Sterling area for many years, did an autopsy on a cow that had been mutilated in Atwood, Colo.

"I discovered the uterus was gone, taken out from behind. I don't know how to explain it. It still has me baffled," Dr. Rieke said.

Another veterinarian who examined mutilated cattle was Dr. William Fanning. "I went out with the sheriff on several cases and there were certainly things we couldn't explain," he said.

Added Sheriff Graves: "It's very strange, very weird. It may cost us our lives, but one of these days we'll solve this mystery."

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## Expert says yes to UFOs

SPECIAL TO NEWS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Evidence proves that Unidentified Flying Objects really do come from outer space, says the nation's top investigator of UFO landing sites.

So says Ted Phillips, an associate of the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The consistency of evidence points to only one conclusion, said Phillips, a state highway department engineer.

### Visits

"The Earth has been visited by extraterrestrial beings."

Phillips said his investigations leads him to believe UFOs may weigh as much as 10 tons and have a diameter of 35 feet.

Besides studying 1,100 reported UFO landings in the United States, Phillips has also studied reports of sightings in 57 other countries.

All the authentic ones have the same pattern in common, he said. He believes the world is now on the verge of taking UFOs more seriously.

Until now, fear of ridicule has kept many people from reporting UFOs and it has kept scientists from admitting their belief UFOs are from outer space.

"About 100 sightings around the world are reported every day, but this number is far smaller than the actual number that are sighted," he said. "In any group of 10 people, at least two will usually admit they have seen a UFO."

Phillips is convinced the U.S. government — because of public pressure — will soon abandon its attitude of skepticism about UFOs.

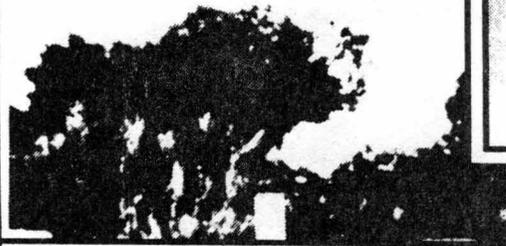
Before the end of the year, he predicts the government will reveal some startling information proving that UFOs do exist and are outer space vehicles.

"President Carter's courage in admitting he has seen a UFO will break down much of the government's reluctance," he said.

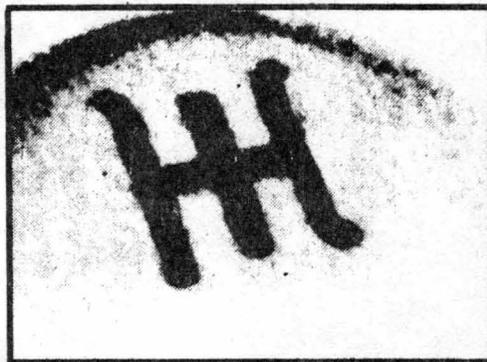
# UFO 'Angels'

## Helped Israel

## Win The War



**THIS STRANGELY MARKED UFO** was photographed over Madrid the week the Six Day War began. Speeding southeast to help the Israelis? The marking bears some resemblance to a Hebraic letter.



**U**FOs were heaven-sent to help Israel beat the Arabs, Robert D. Barry is convinced.

Angel pilots blew up a whirlwind in the Sinai Desert during the '67 war, exposing Egyptian land mines to Israeli soldiers. They also induced visions of an unbeatable Israeli army, causing thousands of Arabs to surrender.

Barry is national director of the 20th Century UFO Bureau, investigators of flying saucer reports for the past twenty years. "The CIA is interested in our findings," Barry told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE. "Many unusual incidents occurred during the Six Day War. UFOs were seen over the battlefield and

both the Israelis and our government have reports that Israeli troops were saved by miracles."

Barry compared the UFOs to the wheeling objects seen by the prophet Ezekiel in the Bible. "I have

little doubt that they were angel-related. Ezekiel describes the spirit of a living creature in each wheel he saw. They were probably cherubim then, and today too," he said.

"The Bible cites wheels that go and return like a flash of lightning," he reports. "Many UFOs seen on radar fly as fast as 33,000 miles an hour. That's close enough to the speed of lightning to suit me."

Barry is convinced that God's nation is Israel and He is going to take care of the fledgling country one way or another.

He finds a reference in the Old Testament's Book of Psalms to support his theory. "It specifies that the chariots of God are 20,000. That con-

**'Both the Israelis and our gov't have reports that Israeli troops were saved by miracles'**

stitutes a formidable air force to supplement Israel's, does it not?" he pointed out to MIDNIGHT/GLOBE.

Among the Six Day War miracles reported, Barry cited the following:

Five thousand Egyptian soldiers in the Negev, with artillery and tanks, surrendered to 100 lightly-armed Israelis. According to their officers, "We saw not 100 but thousands upon thousands of Israelis and heard the noise of innumerable tanks. We threw up our hands and quit."

Israeli soldiers were walking into a mine field hidden in the desert. A wind storm suddenly came up. It prevented them from advancing until it blew away the sand and revealed the mines.

A stranger identifying himself as Moses approached



**Above: SHAPED LIKE EZEKIEL'S WHEEL,** UFOs of this design were seen frequently during the '67 conflict.

**Left: HERE'S A UFO** from the Korean War, filmed from his cockpit by a U.S. Marine jet pilot.



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Egyptian lines with a plan to capture Israeli troops. Instead, he led the Egyptians into a trap.

According to Barry, God and His UFOs have helped the Israelis in all their conflicts with the Arabs dating back to 1947. He offers as evidence the many "UFO flaps" raised during Israel's

period of crisis.

Does he have any suspicion that he might be wrong about the UFOs' origin?

"Aside from the possibility that they simply came from another planet, it could be they were sent by Satan to deceive us. But I think not. I contend they were piloted by God's angels."



Times photo by Nick Borgert

## Plaque presented to Andre commemorates Lindbergh's flight

# At 70, aviation pioneer's head still up in the clouds

By NICK BORGERT  
Times Bureau Chief

LAKE WORTH — "I've done some crazy things that people think are outstanding," he says. "Other people have done things far better than myself."

Henri Keyzer-Andre, 70, has been an aviation pioneer, college professor, real estate dealer and lecturer.

He's taught atomic energy to electronic students and philosophy at Tokyo University. He's talked about UFOs and the sun's influence on the weather.

He is a modest man, as his comments indicate.

He came here from Washington, D.C. two months ago to retire. But for him, retirement means writing books and opening an aviation consulting business.

Son of a Dutch diplomat, Andre spent parts of his childhood in Portugal, Spain, Belgium and France.

With his family, he came to the United States when he was 14. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the University of Miami before working his way through Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His love for aviation was kindled in 1929 by a relationship with a young Boston woman whom he planned to marry.

He risked disinheritance by joining her in her WACO AGC7. Within two hours, he was competently landing the plane with his fiancé as passenger.

The woman died unexpectedly, and her family gave the plane to him, Andre said.

During his aviation career, he knew and worked with Charles Lindbergh, Howard Hughes, Juan Trippe, Laura Engalls and Amelia Earhart.

Andre worked as a maintenance expert and pilot for

Pan Am, rising to supervisor of the airline's operation and maintenance for South America and the Caribbean Islands in 1942.

Three years later, his three adopted children were killed in a fiery plane crash in the Bay of Trinidad.

His years as a pilot, Andre says, brought him many experiences with UFOs.

"In all, I've had 30 sightings of UFOs," he said.

"So many of the unusual things I've seen over the years have been quashed by governments because they would frighten the public."

While flying for a major airline on the west coast of South America in 1947, Andre said, he was followed by a flying saucer for two hours.

Numerous times it came within several hundred feet of the plane. It was orange in color," he said. "Then it left at a very high speed."

The number of flying saucer sightings have increased since 1947, although he believes UFOs existed in Biblical times, Andre said.

As for the sun's effect on the earth, he said documentation indicates the sun changed its magnetic field from the north to the south pole in 1958.

"Since then, we've experienced stronger hurricanes and earthquakes, more severe floods and droughts," he said.

It's been documented that roaches and animals get very upset five days prior to an earthquake, he said.

"Five days before the Alaskan earthquake in 1964, animals as far away as Seattle were upset," he said. "Even horses and cows in barns acted strangely."

Andre attributes the behavior to a "sixth sense given them by God." 2

# 'Flying saucer' sighting still haunts ranch women

FRONT PAGE

By WAYNE JACOBSEN

ARTHUR — Janet Magnuson of Arthur says she hasn't slept well since last Wednesday night when she and her cousin got a close-up look at a "flying saucer" which they said hovered over an Arthur County road in front of their pickup.

"I would never have told anybody if I'd been by myself, because I wouldn't believe it either," Mrs. Magnuson said in detailing the experience.

Mrs. Magnuson said she and her cousin, Barb Mendenhall, 16, of Castle Rock, Wash., were driving north on a gravel road about five miles east of town the night of Aug. 17. It was shortly after 11 p.m.

Barb saw it first, a "brilliant dark red" rounded object over a hill to their left.

"My first thought was 'My God, a plane is crashing'," said Mrs. Magnuson. She slammed on the brakes and the engine died.

As they watched, they said they saw the object slowly rise over the hill. "It was real huge...maybe as long as a football field," said Mrs. Magnuson. It had vertical oval-shaped windows or ports, perhaps six feet high, which emitted "the most spectacular red I've ever seen...the most dark, deep red but the most brilliant red," she reported. She said that looking into the openings was like looking into a brightly-lit red room, but with no distinguishable features inside.

A dome atop the object was of the same color, she said. While the rounded bottom of the object was discernible in the dark because of the brightly-lighted lower ports, the upper surface could not be seen, she said. But they had the impression it was "football shaped."

The object slowly "inched" its way upward at an angle, then leveled and hovered, slowly rocking back and forth, over the road in front of their vehicle. Mrs. Magnuson said the object filled most of their windshield. Although there was no wind and the Sandhills night was quiet, "there was absolutely no sound."

"My gosh, a flying saucer and I don't even believe in them," she quoted Bar-

bara as saying.

After hovering an estimated four or five seconds, it began moving away from them, then "shot off toward the northeast" and disappeared behind a grove of trees or line of hills. Its speed was unbelievable, she said.

"Barb was just petrified," said Mrs. Magnuson. "She kept saying 'They're going to get us, I know...they're going to get us because they know that we've seen them, because they can see us.'"

The women speeded for home, going north in the same direction as the UFO. As they topped a hill, a red glow in the distance startled them.

"Oh my God, it's landed in front of us," exclaimed Mrs. Magnuson. Then they realized it was a red reflective stop sign in the distance.

Arriving at home about 11:20 p.m., Barbara urged her cousin to lock the doors and pull the drapes, believing that they may have been tracked home. Then they sat down and, without watching each other, drew sketches of the object. The drawings were nearly identical. Mrs. Magnuson scribbled a brief description of the object as well.

The next day the entire family went to the scene but could find no trace of the object ever being there. Mrs. Magnuson and others visited the spot the next night but saw nothing.

Both women later reported they felt they may have seen something which they can't remember. "I'd almost like to go under hypnosis because I have a feeling that there's something there I don't remember," said Mrs. Magnuson.

She said she hasn't slept well since the experience and has twice dreamed about what they saw.

Mrs. Magnuson said several other persons in the Arthur area had reported seeing similar sights during the past several years, but they will not say so for the record. One rancher said he saw a UFO hovering over power lines in his alfalfa field. A round area, which appeared to have been burned, did not grow alfalfa for the rest of that year, Mrs. Magnuson said.

"But he won't talk about it and I understand how he feels," she said. "It's all very hard to believe...you get to questioning yourself almost."/

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THE STAR - SEPT. 27, 1977

## President went back on his UFO pledge - scientists

By BOB ABBORINO

PRESIDENT Carter is withholding government information about Unidentified Flying Objects, three top scientists claimed this week.

They said he had broken a campaign promise to reveal secret government files on UFOs. They blame political and military pressure.

The charges were leveled by astronomer Dr. J. Allen Hynek, psychologist Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman.

"I believe he wants to but cannot," said Dr. Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

"I believe the President is overwhelmed by the amount of information he found the government



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Dr. Sprinkle, professor of psychology at the University of Wyoming, said that Carter "didn't realize the implications of the release of such information," when he made his campaign promise in 1976.

"If there is conclusive proof that UFOs are real, there could be widespread panic around the world. Governments would collapse," Dr. Sprinkle said. "So would entire economic systems.

"Along with the panic, an epidemic of suicides and insanity would follow."



**UFO SIGHTING DESCRIBED** — Janet Magnuson, Arthur, holds a drawing of UFO which she says she and a cousin saw last Wednesday night. The object hovered over the road, then sped away into distance, she said. In bot-

tom photo, she demonstrates apparent angle of climb of the "huge" object, which she says nearly filled the field of vision from their pickup windshield. The UFO was first sighted as it came up from a depression at left, she said.

## Ball of light puzzles

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MOSCOW—(UPI)—A star-like ball of light showered shafts of light across the City of Petrozavodsk in Soviet Karelia, "spreading over it like a jellyfish," the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Tass said the strange light was seen over the northwestern Soviet city about the same time a similar phenomenon was seen over neighboring Finland.

Tass could offer no explanation for the sighting.

"A huge star suddenly flashed out of a dark sky, sending shafts of light

impulses to earth," Tass said. "This star was moving slowly towards Petrozavodsk and spreading over it like a jellyfish. It stopped and hovered over the city, sending out numerous thin light rays like a downpour of rain.

"Some time later the illumination ended," the agency reported. "The jellyfish turned into a bright semicircle and resumed its movement toward Onega Lake, the horizon of which was covered with gray clouds.

Reports from Helsinki said a bright ball of fire was visible for about four minutes over the Finnish capital.

# from outer space?

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles on cattle mutilations in western states. Today's article deals with alleged UFOs and their possible connection with the mutilations.

By VERNA SLANE  
Observer Staff Writer

FRONT PAGE

"It was Thursday night (Aug. 18). We were watching the special on TV," said a Grande Ronde Valley resident who asked to remain anonymous.

"About 10:35 there was some interference on the TV, and I got up to adjust the set. I turned and looked out the window and there was this round light; this bright, white light in the sky. It stayed exactly in the same place over the area at the upper end of 12th St.

"We watched it from the porch for a while, and it faded away. About 10 minutes later it reappeared, this time looking somewhat oval as though it had turned a little on its side."

Could this alleged UFO sighting have anything to do with the mutilation killing of the Rayburn heifer five days earlier?

Nancy Rayburn, in her report of the heifer killing, had said, "The cows were 'spooked'. They wouldn't let us get even close to them. They had torn out a large section of the fence and were scattered into the neighboring field."

The land is flat pasture, yet one calf belonging to the Rayburn herd has still not been found.

The Observer called the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

"I have one report which might be connected with cattle mutilations," said Robert Gribble. "It happened in March, 1977. There was a report of strange, white lights on a hill east of Everett, Wash. It was established that there was a landing there of some kind."

That same night, but several miles away, the report said, a steer was mutilated. It was discovered the next day.

A veterinarian who checked the carcass said it was definitely not predators and, he said, he could not duplicate the mutilation with any instruments he knows of.

In Logan County, Colo., Sheriff Tex Grabes reports that approximately 50 per cent of the 73 documented mutilations in that area were accompanied by UFO sightings.

"We have seen lights," he said, "with small ones coming out. They do their dirty work and return. We've watched them off and on for two years and have photographs."

In Union County, N.M., Deputy Leroy Howard investigated the death of a steer belonging to Forest Atchley. He said Atchley's brother had seen a bright light in the sky about 5 a.m. They found the steer about noon the same day. It had been mutilated, Howard said.

Fritz Thompson, reporter for the Albuquerque Journal, who is investigating mutilations in Colorado and New Mexico, suggested The Ob-

server might like to talk to Gabe Valdez, New Mexico State Police resident officer at Dulce.

The killing Valdez investigated occurred June 14, 1976. He said a rancher drove in to see him that afternoon.

"Something strange has happened to my cow," the rancher told Valdez.

Valdez drove out the next morning, arriving about 6 a.m., he said. The cow had been mutilated in much the same manner as the Rayburn cow, with removal of the left ear, the tongue and lower lip, the teats, rectum and vagina.

But, unlike other cases that have been reported, Valdez found tracks.

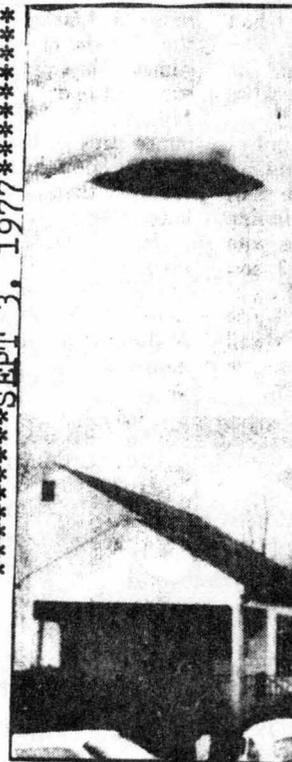
"The object landed on tripods," he said. "The imprints made by the landing were six feet by five feet by five and one-half feet apart. The pod prints were 14 inches across."

From the left side of the object, Valdez said, a smaller tripod object had emerged with suction cup-type pods 28 by 28 by 28 inches. Grass in these tracks was dead.

Valdez said they showed the smaller object chased the cow about 400 feet, did its work, and went back.

But, Valdez said, the object had landed twice. There were tracks, he said, on top of the tracks made by the rancher's truck when he discovered the cow.

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Were our visitors anything like this one, which hovered above an Ohio barber's house (he claimed) in 1967?

## UFO reports are baffling

Unexplained sightings of up to a half-dozen unidentified flying objects (UFOs) over northwest Florida have authorities baffled. Three Bay County sheriff's deputies reported watching five objects which seemed to be hovering in formation over Callaway, a Panama City suburb, at about 4:30 a.m. Friday. They said the objects resembled inverted cones. Several hours earlier, the Leon County Sheriff's Department reported six of the flying objects were seen in the night sky over Tallahassee. Officials at Tyndall Air Force Base in Bay County and at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach said they had no planes in the air at that time.

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# Family sees UFO over Healdsburg

By Staff Correspondent

**HEALDSBURG** — Members of a Healdsburg family who went to investigate "huge, bright-colored lights" over Healdsburg Tuesday night, said they were met by a 50-foot-long craft with windows which hovered over their car, then "zoomed" away.

The woman and her three children, who asked not to be identified by The Press Democrat because of fear of harassment, reported seeing the lights while driving in the 1000 block of North Fitch Mountain Road about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"It scared me so bad I almost had a heart attack," said the woman. While on Fitch Mountain, the family said, they saw "huge bright-colored lights" about a mile apart in the western hills.

The family decided to drive closer to the lights and traveled on Highway 101 to the 12000 block of Old Redwood Highway.

"We saw three round things in the sky," said the woman. "They landed, flashed and zoomed. One hovered above our car about the height of the telephone wires. It had windows."

The object was described by the family as round, about 50 feet long, and grey with a silver bottom.

"It lit up the inside of the car. We couldn't look at it after that because

it hurt our eyes. I can't explain it," said the woman.

After the craft left, the family drove to a friend's house nearby.

"He saw it leaving too," she said of the friend.

According to the Healdsburg Police Department, an unidentified Alexander Valley woman reported seeing bright lights in the sky from her Pine Flat Road home at 9 p.m.

Richard Drager, assistant air base manager at Travis Air Force Base, told The Press Democrat he has "no knowledge" of any unusual airborne activity in the northern Sonoma County area.

Radio station KSRO received several calls reporting strange lights in the sky in the Santa Rosa area. The station received a report from the

Air National Guard reporting night maneuvers in the Bodega Bay area which might have caused the lights.

The Healdsburg woman said the lights she and her family saw were definitely not helicopter, airplane or flare lights.

The California <sup>UFO</sup> Research Center in San Francisco told The Press Democrat a general description similar to that given by the Healdsburg family was received about one year ago today from the North Bay Area.

# Cattle Mutilations, UFOs Are Talk of Logan County

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE  
GT Staff Writer

The carcasses of three mutilated cattle, one appearing to have been alive when cut on, have been investigated by the Logan County Sheriff's Department in northeastern Colorado.

The incidents, confirmed as mutilations by investigating officers, brings to 76 the number of animals that have mysteriously died and suffered dis-

figurement at the hands of unknown butchers since the scourge began in Logan County in August 1975.

Almost nightly sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported to Sheriff Harry L. "Tex" Graves, whose policy is to investigate anything that might have a possible connection with cattle mutilations.

Deputies flying over a pasture west of Sterling en route to investigate two other possible mutilations Aug. 20, saw a Hereford cow lying on its side.

Their investigation Aug. 22 revealed that the animals sex-organs had been precisely removed along with four teats from the udder. A large section of hide had been peeled away from the right front shoulder and neck, leaving the cross hairs untouched. Removed and missing were glands from the

lower side of its neck, its left eye and ear. The rectal area had been bored out as much as 18 inches into the animal.

Officers believe the cow was probably alive during the incident because it appeared to have tossed its head and splattered blood around the area.

Officers said the mutilation appeared to have been done in the pattern that has become characteristic of cattle mutilations in some 23 states: No tracks or clues were in the immediate area of the animal.

Investigated Aug. 20 north of Sterling, were the carcasses of an Angus bull and heifer.

The bull was found in a pasture, the skin on its lower left jaw peeled away and its left ear cut off, officers said. Approximately a mile away, the dead heifer was found flat on

her back in a ditch, with an 18-inch square piece of hide removed from the brisket.

Residents of Logan County in November 1976 began noting the frequent activity of unidentified objects, which is still continuing, according to Undersheriff Jerry Wolever. At the start of their frequent appearances, the UFOs were generally seen between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., but recently sightings have been reported up to 4 a.m.

From a high vantage point 30 miles west of Sterling early Thursday, Wolever watched UFOs flying "very low" in the sky, he said.

"There were several of them that kept flashing bright for a few seconds then faded out," he said. "You could spot them, because they seemed out of place in the sky."

## UFO convention attracts 500

### fans of the far-out

FORT COLLINS, COLO. - COLORADIAN  
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In the 1950s, when he worked on nuclear powered aircraft engines, Friedman said he thought the whole idea of gleaming saucers running cars off country roads and aliens in the neighborhood was crazy.

Then, in 1955, he read Project Bluebook's Report 14.

Project Bluebook was a 20-year-long investigation by the Air Force of reported UFO sightings by military personnel, especially fighter pilots.

In its heyday, Friedman said, Project Bluebook consisted of a major, a desk sergeant and a couple of filing cabinets. He said much evidence documenting the existence of saucers was intentionally covered up and will never surface.

"I've talked to about 75 former military people, some of whom reported their sightings to Bluebook. What happened to all those reports?" he asked.

more little green men seem to be touching down on Planet Earth.

The conference was keyed by Stanton Friedman, a self-described "Ralph Nader of the UFO world" and nuclear physicist who has made a career of contradicting government reports debunking UFOs.

"The government's investigation of UFOs has been completely inadequate," he said. "Sightings by military people, like pilots, are reported to the Air Force's Air Defense Command, where they slap an immediate security clamp on the information."

After years of working for government space contractors and seeing what secrets the government keeps, Friedman came to believe flying saucers are real and the government knows it - but is keeping its mouth shut.

"They're out there all right, and the government is aware of it. But even if you've seen the saucers, wait'll you see the drivers," he said.

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## UFO Is Described By Winsted Trio

By JACK BOURQUE  
WINSTED — A soundless, hovering object with a red light on top and two yellowish-white beams shining toward the ground was reported seen by four persons near the town's sewer treatment plant Wednesday night, authorities said.

A member of the Winsted Memorial Hospital nursing staff, her 28-year-old daughter, a Winsted patrolman and one other unidentified motorist saw the object, which they say appeared in the sky around 9 p.m.

The local sighting was similar to one reported Wednesday night in Arlington, Mass., the national UFO answering service in Chicago said.

Hospital nursing staff employe Connie Barber of North Main Street said Thursday she was approaching the bend on Rt. 8 by the treatment plant when her daughter, Mrs. Lynette Bell, spotted the lights in the sky.

About the same time, a motorist just ahead of Mrs. Barber's car also spotted the lights and stopped to get a closer look, Mrs. Barber said. The identity of the second motorist is not known.

Mrs. Barber said at first

the object appeared to be "very slow-moving" and then stopped in the sky.

There was no sound from the object, she said. After her daughter expressed fear of rays from the object and the potential hazards that might be emitted, Mrs. Barber said she drove away from the spot.

When she returned less than five minutes later after taking her daughter home, the object was not in sight, she said.

Patrolman Gerald Peters said that as he arrived in his cruiser he saw an object of the same description given by Mrs. Barber leaving the area.

He said the object "lifted up into the sky and disappeared without a sound."

"It was like it was going up to outer space," he said.

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# Witnesses Report Sighting 3 UFOs

By LEIGH FENLY

Staff Writer, The San Diego Union

Parakeets screeched and dogs barked. And a UFO with green, red and blue lights flashing hovered over Grossmont. At least, some people say it was a UFO.

It was too big to be a bird and hovering too low to be a plane. An apparition?

"It must have been a UFO," says witness Kathleen Canterino, who ran down Buckley Street at 4 a.m. Wednesday trying to get closer to it.

"It couldn't have been anything else. It hovered above Grossmont Hospital, not doing much, just staying still. It was pulsating with its lights flicking off and on. Lights seemed to be dimming all around the hospital — streetlights and parking lot lights. It was almost as if it was draining energy from those lights," she said.

Canterino, a waitress at a local restaurant, said she first saw the object Wednesday morning. She had just returned home from work, opened the curtains in her bedroom to let some air in, when she saw a spotlight over Grossmont Center. It was 3:57 a.m.

"I jumped up immediately and started watching. I saw two things that looked like stars at first. But they were

pulsating. I looked around for more.

"There was another one over the hospital. It was completely white and had an outline like a saucer. It was very visible. The other ones seemed to be protecting it.

"My parakeets were going crazy. They were screeching at the top of their lungs. Dogs were barking everywhere."

## Neighbors Saw Them Too

Canterino called two neighbors, who also saw the objects. They describe the closest of the flying machines as being about a quarter-mile away, about 70 feet above the ground, 25 feet in diameter, and equipped with red, green and blue flashing lights. "It had this cloud around it, and was making a humming noise," Canterino says.

She watched it for 50 minutes before it began emitting a series of loud beeps, shot straight up and disappeared into space. The other two objects disappeared in the same manner and at the same time.

Marna Azar, a friend and neighbor of Canterino, has now seen the object twice. She says she first sighted it on August 31, about 2:30 a.m.

"I was just coming home and I saw these bright

# Over Grossmont Hospital

flashing lights, just above the apartment building next to mine. It was about four stories up.

"At first I thought it was a plane, but it didn't move. When I realized it wasn't moving, I ran into my apartment and locked the door."

Azar says that later that morning she was awakened by a loud vacuum cleaner-type humming that continued for about a minute "I was too afraid to look outside, and see if it was still there."

"When Kathleen called me Wednesday morning, and I looked outside, I knew immediately that it was the same thing I had seen before. It was higher this time, but there's no doubt it was the same thing."

## A Most Interesting Sighting

A security guard at Grossmont Center also reported that he saw a red light in the sky and heard a humming noise about the same time that Canterino spotted the first object. However, he thought it was a sheriff's helicopter, and did not investigate.

All of this adds up to a most interesting UFO sighting, says Robert Garis, field investigator for the Center For UFO Studies. "Most UFO sightings we receive at the

center are nocturnal lights that streak across the sky. It is very unusual since it was this low."

Garis receives about 1,000 calls on UFOs each year in San Diego; only two or three of those are determined to be solid UFO cases after investigation.

Significant, says Garis, is the number of witnesses in this case, the fact that animals were disturbed by it, and that the object appeared to be sucking energy from the earth.

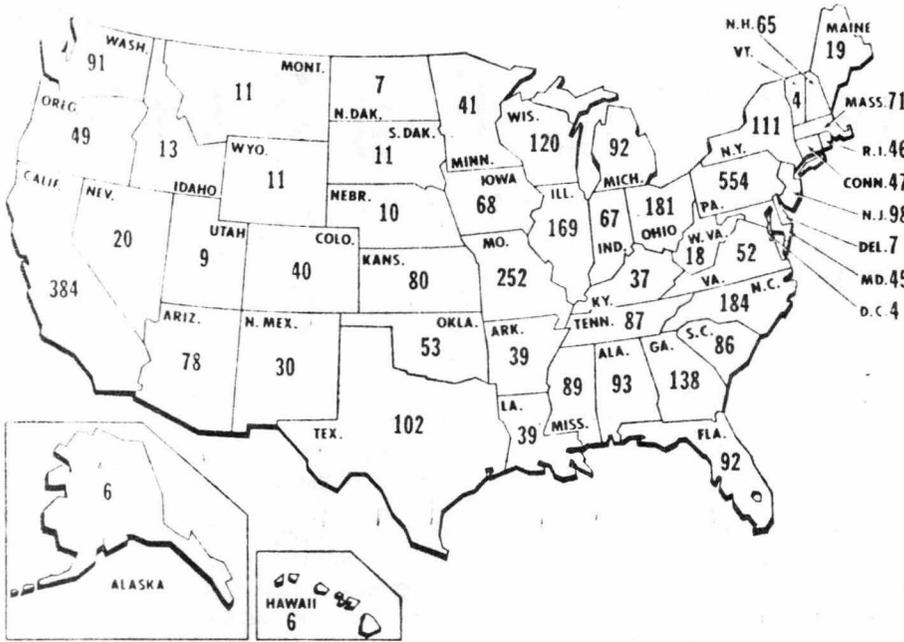
So far, the Center's efforts to explain the phenomenon have proved fruitless. All sheriff's helicopters were grounded at the time, says Sgt. John Mander. "If it had been a helicopter the whoop, whoop, whoop of the blade could have been heard at that elevation."

Radar at Miramar Air Station did not pick up anything unusual; Gillespie Field tower was closed so no private aircraft were taking off or landing.

Although La Mesa police received at least two telephone calls about the sighting, no officers were sent out to investigate.

"We're hoping that someone will come forth and offer an explanation," says Garis.

# UFO Sightings, State by State



In the five-year period ending April 1977, 4,026 UFO sightings in the U.S. were reported to the Center for UFO Studies, a nonprofit organization based in Evanston, Ill.

The organization analyzed these UFO reports by state and type of incident, and supplied data for The ENQUIRER. The map above shows the total number of UFO reports state by state. The table below lists only those incidents which involve "occupant reports" and "other close encounters." Occupant reports are those in which beings were sighted inside or near UFOs. Close encounters are incidents in which witnesses had a very close view of the UFO, usually from 500 feet away or less.

The Center for UFO Studies maintains a computerized catalog of UFO incidents around the world called UFOCAT. It contains a total of 83,000 entries covering about 55,000 individual UFO encounters. Figures cited in the map and table are drawn from UFOCAT.

Says Fred Merritt, a vice-president of the center: "No catalog of UFO reports can ever be complete, (but) UFOCAT is the largest such catalog that we know of. We believe that the totals for each category (shown here) are substantially less than the number of reports potentially available for this period."

| Occupant Reports |    | Other Close Encounters |    | Occupant Reports |    | Other Close Encounters |  |
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| Alabama          | 4  | 25                     | 8  | N. Dakota        | 3  | 1                      |  |
| Alaska           | —  | —                      | 17 | Ohio             | 14 | 37                     |  |
| Arizona          | 3  | 25                     | 5  | Oklahoma         | 2  | 20                     |  |
| Arkansas         | 4  | 4                      | 8  | Oregon           | —  | 15                     |  |
| California       | 15 | 89                     | 20 | Pennsylvania     | 33 | 88                     |  |
| Colorado         | 1  | 2                      | 12 | Rhode Island     | —  | 6                      |  |
| Connecticut      | 3  | 9                      | 8  | S. Carolina      | 3  | 26                     |  |
| Delaware         | —  | 2                      | 18 | S. Dakota        | —  | 2                      |  |
| Dist. Columbia   | —  | 2                      | 42 | Tennessee        | 6  | 24                     |  |
| Florida          | 2  | 24                     | 5  | Texas            | 3  | 32                     |  |
| Georgia          | 8  | 30                     | 1  | Utah             | 1  | 3                      |  |
| Hawaii           | —  | 3                      | —  | Vermont          | —  | —                      |  |
| Idaho            | —  | 3                      | 12 | Virginia         | 3  | 10                     |  |
| Illinois         | 4  | 42                     | 20 | Washington       | 3  | 24                     |  |
| Indiana          | 11 | 17                     | 7  | W. Virginia      | 1  | 6                      |  |
| Iowa             | 2  | 7                      | 21 | Wisconsin        | 7  | 23                     |  |
| Kansas           | 2  | 9                      | 43 | Wyoming          | 1  | 2                      |  |
| Kentucky         | 5  | 8                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Louisiana        | 3  | 17                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Maine            | 2  | 5                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Maryland         | 1  | 8                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Massachusetts    | 2  | 20                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Michigan         | 1  | 12                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Minnesota        | 1  | 8                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
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| Mississippi      | 8  | 42                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Montana          | —  | 5                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Nebraska         | 1  | 1                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| Nevada           | 4  | —                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| New Hampshire    | —  | 12                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| New Jersey       | 8  | 20                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| New Mexico       | 2  | 7                      | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| New York         | 1  | 21                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |
| N. Carolina      | 10 | 43                     | —  |                  |    |                        |  |

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## It wasn't a UFO after all

CHESTERTON, Ind. — It wasn't a flying saucer.

Although several people said they sighted strange objects and heard strange sounds Aug. 11., the chemist who analyzed samples of ground where strange nine-foot circles were left in a yard in Burdick, near here, determined no unidentified flying object landed there.

Russell Wiemann, a University

of Chicago analyzer, said the marks were simply "slime mold," which constantly opens up, reproducing more mold.

The strange marks were discovered Aug. 12 by Peter Coursel, 75, and his daughter, Mrs. Carma Zurek, 46, in Coursel's yard. He lives about one-quarter mile south of Burdick on County Road 475E.

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# Bugs out of Voyager

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Space scientists yesterday figured out the mystery of their disobedient computer aboard Jupiter-bound Voyager II.

The spacecraft never sent back a signal telling controllers that its data-gathering boom was in place after its Aug. 20 launch. Then on Friday, the computer refused to execute an order that would have blown away a dust cover at the end of the troublesome arm.

Scientists said yesterday that when the central computer gave its instructions, a secondary computer switched from its main memory bank to an auxiliary. The main computer was programmed to stop any manoeuvre when such switches occur.

Voyager II, along with Voyager I to be launched soon, is heading for Saturn and possibly Uranus after Jupiter in quest of photographic and scientific information.

Both Voyagers are carrying human artifacts, including music and literature, to inform any creatures from outer space that intelligent life exists on Earth.

# Psychic seeks New Mexico's help — or else?

By Lena Schreiber

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Anyone out there want to help end the great drought afflicting vast regions of America?

All it will take is about \$100,000 to establish a communications base so that Albuquerque newcomer Ted Owens can receive messages from UFOs.

A singular honor for New Mexico? Possibly, but Owens implies it could also be a dangerous one.

The broad, bearded mentalist who has an international reputation and impressive credentials within occult circles, came here from California about two weeks ago. On the West Coast, he contacted the government and various scientists seeking the funds to establish the base he says is required by UFOs. Californians turned him down. They have reason to regret it, he implied, ticking off one disaster after another which has recently befallen people of that state.

Owens claims that many years ago, the UFOs (which he refers to as SI — short for Space Intelligence) altered the right lobe of his brain so he could communicate with them. He explained that they had been looking for years for a human who could withstand the power of UFO mentality. "Many died in the attempt. For some reason I could take it. But my role is merely that of a middle man."

"There are people who say I am the only hope of the world. I am the only one who stands between the United States and Russia's newly developed psychic powers," he said. "They have psychics who can kill a person a hundred miles away. I can protect the president."

What does Owens ask of New Mexico? "I wish New Mexicans to help in setting up a base in Oregon. The site has already been selected, but will have to remain a secret — for security, you know. Then I go to work and the rains will

return . . . the rivers, lakes and creeks will be filled," he paused, waved his hand, and added, "and other good things will happen."

Californians failed to respond, he said. Owens said he wrote a letter, dated July 17, 1977, to the scientists, telling them that because they refused to aid him and the UFOs the state would suffer a freak hurricane, flooding in some areas and innumerable forest fires. "Most of those fires were caused by lightning and lightning is my signature. The SIs are doing it. It was interesting that the news reports said 'miraculously no one was hurt.' Of course no one was hurt, the SIs try not to hurt anyone.

"Actually they had to do this. They control the United States but no one will accept it. The human race hates to admit there is a force greater than man's."

Owens came to New Mexico because the UFOs sent him here. "If I were choosing, of all the places in the world, New Mexico would be the last. They sent me here all right. I hate hot weather," the mountain of a man said as he wiped streams of perspiration from his brow and pushed his long white hair back from his face.

"But I must admit suddenly I have developed a love for turquoise and leather. I am wearing this," he put his hand on the rope that was holding his pants in place, "because I can't seem to purchase a size 50 belt. They tell me they are difficult to get."

The inside of the trailer in which he is living in Bernalillo (rents in Albuquerque were too expensive) is piled high with boxes of possessions and magazines and books containing articles about Owens and his talent.

"The miracle about me," he said "is I can do the whole spectrum of psychic phenomena. There are a 150 powers I can do. But I'm not really doing them. I go to them. They (UFOs) probe the minds of the people affected then they agree or not."

In one magazine, *Saga, The News* verified that he is referred to as "The P.K. (psychokineses) Man. He is listed in *Predictions for 1977 in Occult America* by John Godwin, in *Probe the Unknown*, Spring, 1977.

The paperback book *What the Seers Predict for 1971* quotes Owens as saying "President Nixon will not end in office. Something most unusual will occur, he will either resign or be forced out of office." Owens pointed out this was before Watergate.

Owens is a member of Mensa which requires scoring 148 or more on a standard IQ test. His card number is 677388888 804-331-1208.

Owens' photo is in *Psychic* January, February, 1977, with an article about an international conference of parapsychologists. Owens was the only layman invited to attend the London meeting.

Owens is living in Bernalillo, he explained, because the mobile home was the best housing he could find for which he and his two sons, Bo, about 13, and Teddy 5, could qualify.

"Those things are piled outside the door because we had a 15-room house in Cape Charles, Va., before we started our 6,000 mile journey," he added.

Six thousand miles is the long way around, he admitted. "First let me say U. S. citizens deserve to be told of the real seriousness of the (drought) situation. They should be told how many dry lakes and rivers there are. During our journey we saw few rivers with water in them. That's serious."

"The UFOs want to put all that water back. The UFOs plan to teach humans a lesson so they will not pollute and waste the earth's water. As a demonstration of their power they caused the earth's drought. To prove that they are doing it, they will allow me to call the shots. But I've been blocked."

He continued, "The SIs wanted me to go  
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## Russians baffled by 'jellyfish' of hovering lights

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists are baffled by a huge mass of light that flared up Sept. 20 in the skies of Petrozavodsk in Soviet Karelia and "hovered over the city in the form of a jellyfish sending down a multitude of fine beams," Tass reported yesterday.

The phenomenon occurred at about 4 a.m. over the city, which is 130 miles from the Soviet-Finnish border, Tass said. "The impression was of a torrential rain of light."

"Some time later the glow ended," Tass added. "The 'jellyfish' became a bright semicircle and resumed its movement in the direction of Lake Onega."

The agency said gray clouds then appeared with a "semicircular aperture bright red in the center" and lasted 10 to 12 minutes.

Tass quoted an official of the Petrozavodsk observatory, Yuri Gromov, as saying the phenomenon was still a mystery but was confirmed by a large number of eyewitnesses.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, quoted experts at the Pulkovo observatory in Leningrad as speculating that a meteor caused the phenomenon.

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from Virginia to Oregon where communication would be the best.

"I wrote to the government and scientists about the funds I needed but when I got to San Francisco, I was stopped from talking to the newspapers. Police actually escorted the boys and I from the building. I think the government controlled that. I don't think the government wants people to know UFOs control the government and so they stomped on me."

After leaving northern California, Owens and his sons traveled to Fort Worth and then to New Mexico.

"You understand that each human body emits an electromagnetic field. The earth has a magnetic field also and all places are not the same.

"You might not jibe with the electromagnetic force in a specific area and only be working at half power but would work better someplace else. That is why I am here. Next to Oregon, the forces here in Albuquerque are best for communication." he explained.

The UFOs were afraid he was downhearted, Owens said, so they stopped his journey through California to demonstrate their powers.

"At about 1:30 p.m. on an isolated road on a mountainside in California, the UFOs told me to stop. I park on the top of a 40-foot cliff and they told me to stay there all night.

"I didn't see any logic in it but I know them, so we got food and camping equipment and climbed down the cliff to a small river, one of the few we had seen that had water in it.

"Near the river was a small cave and we made camp just inside.

"I told the boys we wouldn't make a campfire or draw attention to ourselves in any way. It was a very isolated area and although there was a road a short distance away there was little traffic — maybe a car an hour.

"About midnight, Bo woke up and we talked for awhile and watched the stars. Suddenly we heard a loud crash in the woods nearby. It startled us both. We peered in that direction. Pretty apprehensive to say the least.

"I took the flashlight, pointed it towards the woods and the source of the noise. Standing there in the brush were three *big-foot* creatures.

"The smallest one was about six foot tall. It had light colored short fur — smooth fur, not rough. He was watching the other two who were giants.

"The heads of those two must have been three feet across with enormous noses flattened in the middle of the faces. They had straight grim mouths and eyes that were slanted at an angle with an orange glow flashing from them. I could see no ears but the creatures had dark, possibly black, hair that grew in the center of their heads and came down the forehead to a point.

"To me they looked like a cross between pirates and cavemen.

"I remained where I was, the kids asleep, everything still. Suddenly UFOs appeared overhead. I woke Bo up immediately and we tried to signal them with the flashlight. There was one small red light that would follow the movement of our light.

"There were 28 UFOs in all and of all sizes. One was as big as a house. It had huge round windows with a light moving around behind the windows. Off to the side was a cigar-shaped one bigger than the others.

"With the naked eye I could see nothing but the many lights, it was only when we used the flashlight that we could make out the shapes. The UFOs come from another dimension and there must have been a time window there in the woods through which Bo and I were permitted to look.

"What they were doing was showing me their muscle," he concluded. "They were saying 'Don't worry. See what we can do.'"

Owens luminous blue eyes became even more so. "They (UFOs) worked with Moses you know. I myself have duplicated most of Moses' feats.

"I bet like so many others, you missed the most important aspect of the story of Moses. As he was leading them toward the Red Sea, the people protested. 'We can't go that way, we'll be trapped and killed,' they said. But he (Moses) took the UFO's on blind faith and the Red Sea parted. Also no one has ever explained the beam of light that tracked the Egyptians, have they?

"The UFO's are called angels in the Bible. They work for God and hand in hand with nature. They can control the jet streams and the weather, but the ego of man will not admit there might be a force greater than theirs.

"Through the ages races have vanished because they would not believe. The UFOs hoped to make the human race better. We're right on the verge of neutralizing ourselves. That's why the UFOs stepped in and let us know we had darn well better behave."

Owens distributes small red plastic discs about the size of a half-dollar which are said to have healing power. On one side of them is engraved a white symbol for lightning.

He has a file of letters which come from people possessing the disc telling him how they have been aided and he has letters requesting that he mail discs to various parts of North America.

When asked to demonstrate some of his powers, he frowned and said with great dignity. "I don't do tricks. I don't have to prove anything. I have documented proof of my abilities and anyone — everyone is welcome to examine the proof and contact the people who have written about me and those with whom I have worked.

"I have 340 documented miracles," he added.

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## Enid Residents Report Seeing UFO Thursday

Three persons identified "a bright white light" over Enid about 11:30 p.m. Thursday as an unidentified flying object, based on their descriptions of how the object looked and moved.

Gayne Smith said she was on Ritchie behind Van Buren Square when the object was first noted.

"It was a white light, going up and down, then it just turned off to the east and went out of sight," she said. "There weren't any red lights like there are on planes, just this white light."

Bill Davis said he spotted the object from the north part of town, describing it as "a white light that was going across the sky, then stopped, then took off in another direction." There was no noise, he said.

Jerry Smith, who said he lives in the east part of town, described the object as cigar-shaped with light all around it.

"My little brother and I were cooking hot dogs on the patio and he saw it first," Smith said. "It was going real fast, then sorta shot off to the east."



# Stranger Than Fiction:

LARGE ONE

By CHUCK STANLEY

Twenty-six years ago, Harrison E. Bailey saw something southwest of Orland Park that changed his life.

He has never known exactly what it was. At first he thought it was a Russian spy craft. Later, he determined it was a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

Whatever it was, he connects his experience to the "flying saucer disease" he later developed.

IN 1951 Bailey was a 24-year-old steelworker from Gary, Indiana.

He says he saw the craft while walking along a highway southwest of Orland Park rolling his advertising wheel.

The wheel, Bailey's hobby and extra source of income, was a four-foot high, 150-pound tractor tire. Bailey would affix signs to the wheel and roll it wherever his fancy or a commission directed him.

The wheel was painted green. And Bailey, when he walked with it, wore green coveralls, shoes, socks, gloves and cap. He also wore goggles to protect his eyes from stones thrown up by car and truck wheels.

IN SEPTEMBER of 1951, he was en-

gaged in trying to walk his wheel from Gary through Chicago to St. Louis to publicize the St. Louis Browns baseball team. The signs on the wheel read "Let's Come Through In '52 — St. Louis Browns."

By the end of his first day out, Bailey had rolled his wheel from Gary through Chicago and stopped for the night in Cicero.

The next morning he started out toward Joliet, probably walking his wheel south on Cicero avenue to Southwest highway — State Route 7.

Route 7 runs into what was then the heart of Orland Park. Southwest highway and Route 7 go west along 143rd street to Wolf road and turn south.

IT WAS somewhere along this section of Route 7, past Orland Park, that Bailey had his experience.

It was late morning.

Looking behind him and to his left as he walked, Bailey saw what appeared to be a "gray whirlwind." At that time he felt a sharp prickling spasm in his neck, but the sensation went away.

A little further down the highway, he began walking through a wooded area.

THEN, COMING to a meadow on his left, he saw what first appeared to him to be a gray water tower about 60 to 100 feet from the road.

Bailey looked closer.

It was larger than an automobile, and had a ramp that led up to it.

While he looked, a panel opened and the heads of two occupants were visible, their faces covered by green-tinted transparent shields.

ONE OF them asked, in distinct English, "Where are you from?"

"Gary, Indiana," Bailey replied.

"Where are you going?"

"St. Louis."

The two occupants turned to face each other, as if talking, and Bailey hurried on his way.

IT WAS a Russian spy ship, he thought, somehow connected with the Korean war. There was no need to make a report, he felt, since the government probably was already aware of it.

Bailey also noticed that suddenly it was later than he thought. About 4:30 p.m., he judged by the position of the sun behind a clouded sky.

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Also, he physically felt terrible. He was nauseous. His shoulders and limbs felt heavy and cramped.

Soon after resuming his trip, it began to rain. He reached a small town where he was allowed to spend the night in a red railroad station. The next morning, feeling better, he continued on to Joliet.

IT WASN'T until later that Bailey began to think what he had seen was a flying saucer.

But he considered his position as a Negro and a steelworker.

He felt if he publicized his story he would only be scorned and ridiculed.

He felt he could jeopardize his job by speaking out, so he kept silent.

BUT WHAT he had seen nagged at him, just as the abdominal trouble, which had started after rolling his wheel away from the Orland meadow, did.

In 1963 Bailey had his gall bladder taken out at the Hines Veterans Administration hospital. The doctors who operated on him told Bailey they were mystified by the condition of his internal organs: they were in the condition of a man two or three times his age.

In 1968 Bailey left the steel mills. He became a Baptist minister and now lives in Pasadena. He began telling people his story. Some believed. Some didn't.

In 1975 he appeared on a Los Angeles talk show where he called for the government to investigate what he saw and the causes of his "flying saucer disease."

THE GOVERNMENT apparently wasn't interested. But another guest on the show, Ann Druffel of Pasadena, was.

Mrs. Druffel is an investigator for MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network, Inc.

Mrs. Druffel feels the government is not telling everything it knows about UFOs.

The close-encounter situation Bailey told her about is rare in the annals of UFO sightings.

BAILEY WAS interviewed and his story studied.

His claims were checked and developed through hypnotic regression by a doctor.

The final opinion was that Bailey was telling the facts truthfully as he remembered them.

For the past two years, Mrs. Druffel has been seeking an explanation to Bailey's experience, but the progress has been

slow.

PERSONS FAMILIAR with the Orland area know that the location where Bailey had his experience is in the vicinity of the Andrew corporation — a key local industry which develops and manufactures radar and microwave products.

Andrew's location raises the speculation that what Bailey came across was some type of experimental project or testing facility.

But an Andrew spokesman thinks not. Andrew's first building in Orland Park didn't go up until 1953, he said. Before that, the site was in little use, perhaps serving only as a testing area for some small antennas, he said.

A Nike missile base also was located near the area, but not until after 1951.

WHAT RAILROAD station Bailey might have spent the night in depends on which way he traveled after leaving the Orland meadow.

If Bailey rolled his wheel south along Wolf, the road would have turned from Illinois Route 7 into U.S. Highway 6 at 159th street.

A few miles further south, if he stayed  
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on Route 6, Bailey would have ended up in Marley. But, according to Francis Nelson of Marley, the former stationmaster's son, the station was destroyed previous to 1951 by a train that derailed. And, the station was gray.

Had Bailey stayed on Wolf road past where it ceased being Highway 6, he would have ended up in Mokena. According to Mrs. Druffel, although Bailey can not remember the name of the town he stopped in, he does seem to recollect that it had an "o" in it. In 1951, however, the station was brown, according to Harold Cooper, a long-time Mokena resident and the Frankfort township clerk.

## AND THE flying saucer disease?

Bailey's physical ailments bear a similarity to the effects radiation has on the human body.

A great deal remains to be known about the effects of radiation on humans.

Different doses and different types of radiation have different effects.

**HOWEVER, NAUSEA** is a common initial reaction to exposure to radiation. Animals that survive initial radiation symptoms usually soon appear to have recovered. But their true condition is later shown by the development of delayed radiation injuries and the shortening of their life span.

How radiation shortens the life span on an animal is not known, but evidence suggests that it results from stepping up the onset of degenerative and neoplastic changes commonly associated with aging.

Doctors who attended to Bailey also speculated that his aged internal organs could have been from the heavy use of alcohol or narcotics. Bailey, however, says he did not and does not have such habits.

## SO THE mystery remains.

Mrs. Druffel is hopeful that local residents who lived in the area in 1951, persons who may have seen what Bailey saw, or who even recall seeing Bailey rolling his advertising wheel along the road, will write to her at 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, CA 91105.

Meanwhile, the puzzle of what it was that Harrison E. Bailey saw in an Orland meadow 26 years ago remains unsolved.

# What were those lights in the sky?

By **ROB MEACHUM**  
 Democrat staff writer

Rivers Buford III swears he saw four star-like objects with flashing lights hovering in the sky over the Tallahassee area early one morning about a week ago.

After calling the Leon County Sheriff's Department, Buford says he watched the red, blue and amber lights flash for another 45 minutes over Louth Court in Killlearn before they silently disappeared into the night sky. The four deputies and one investigator also saw the lights and reported the sighting in their records as just that: "lights."

Buford has no idea what the objects were, but is keeping an open mind and wants to know more. Saturday morning, Buford was questioned about what he saw by an investigator representing the Center for Unidentified Flying Object Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Buford said the man, E. A. Wilbanks from Panama City, had him complete a form detailing what he saw. The investigator also showed him an astrological layout of the stars in an effort to identify what he witnessed, but the attempt proved fruitless, Buford said.

"I was glad to talk with him, I thought he might have been able to tell me something but he wasn't," Buford said.

Buford told the investigator that after the early morning sighting, a call was put through to the Tallahassee Airport, but the radar indicated nothing in the area. "It (the cluster) didn't bother me as long as they were up there," Buford said, "but I don't know what I would have done had it landed." "It was a very weird experience."

Buford said the cluster "was way out, past the moon."

Later that same morning in Panama City, Lt. Norman Davis, Sgt. Ken Burdeshaw and two other deputies of the Bay County Sheriff's Department, as well as numerous other residents and city police officers saw similar flashing lights.

Burdeshaw and two other deputies were on a routine call in the Calloway section of the city when they noticed five lights in a V-shaped formation moving in a slow hovering pattern in the farsoutheast sky. Lt. Davis was called, and all witnessed the lights from about 3 a.m. until 5:15 a.m.

"We called Tyndall (Air Force Base) but they told us we weren't seeing what we thought we saw," Burdeshaw said. "They weren't stars though. They were way out, past the moon."

Eglin Air Force Base was also notified, but they reported no jets maneuvering in the area.

These lights were also flashing, the deputy said, but they were red, blue, yellow, green and purple. He reported that each time one of the lights would flash it would change colors.

And just before the lights disappeared, they moved north. One "shot away like a bullet."

Several other reports were made that morning, and according to investigators at the UFO center, a sighting span of three hours and the number of reports "leads us to wonder."

Wilbanks would not discuss the specifics of his findings, but Allan Hendry of Evanston, chief investigator for the center, said the inquiry should be completed early this week.

Until then, he said, no conclusions could be reached. He said, however, that at present it's a toss-up between distorted stars and an actual UFO.

He said flashing or twinkling stars in the sky is "a very common effect" when certain atmospheric conditions cause white star light to bend and distort into other colors. Hendry also said some of the witnesses reported the lights to be cone-shaped when seen through binoculars, but said periscopes and binoculars tend to exaggerate images.

"But we need more information," he stressed. This will include extensive interviews with as many people as possible who saw the lights.

This could be difficult, he said, since "society tends to ridicule those that see what they think are UFOs."

Hendry explained that the center receives about three or four calls every day from around the country and that many of the calls are similar to last week's local sightings.



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# New UFO Sightings Reported In Area

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WINSTED — More reports from local residents confirm a UFO sighting Wednesday about 9 p.m. over Winsted.

Mrs. Thomas Travaglin and her daughter, Diane, 17, of the Colebrook Road, Norfolk, said Friday they "spotted the lights" over the gas tanks on Rt. 8. They were traveling north and pulled over by the tanks to watch the UFO described as having two large yellowish lights about the size of automobile tires that appeared to be touching each other.

The lights hovered about 150 feet above ground over the tanks about two or three minutes, Mrs. Travaglin said. She said the lights went out and they saw a glow for a few seconds.

She described the sighting as "weird" indicating there was too much fog for a plane to be airborne. Mrs. Travaglin added that airplanes have blinking lights and she did not see one on the UFO.

The sighting was first reported by Mrs. Connie Barber who saw the lights hovering at treetop level over the water sewage treatment plant off North Main Street.

Patrolman Gerald J. Peters saw the object leaving as he appeared on the scene. He said it rose into the sky and disappeared without a sound.

All reports indicated the UFO made no sound.

Valerie Ransom, 19, of Riverton saw the object about 9 p.m. the same night near the intersection of Rt. 20 and 8. Her brother, Richard, 13, and a friend, Kathy Moringo, 16, also saw the UFO.

Miss Ransom reports seeing a red flashing light that appeared to have white beams "like a rocket trail" shining down to the ground from it. She said the lights appeared to be about as high as an airplane but they heard no sound from the

object. Jay Nanni, 12, of Riverton Road, Colebrook said he and two friends, Robert, 13, and Daniel Deming, 14, sighted the object about 9 p.m. Wednesday behind his house. Jay said the object could have been an airplane. He saw a red light and two yellowish-white lights but heard no sound. It appeared to be gliding slowly, he said.

The Bradley International Airport control tower operator said it would be "impractical and highly impossible that we would have anybody that low" over the Winsted area.

An official of Johnnycake Airport, Burlington, reported that small aircraft would fly low when weather conditions are foggy or overcast. He said airplanes often appear to be hovering when flying "straight at you".

He added that many small aircraft have a lower speed limit of 60 mph and the Cessna 150 can fly at an airspeed of 40 mph.

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## UFO Flies Near County Line

By NANCY NICKEL

An unidentified flying object, with a 200 foot wing span and red lights, was spotted today by officers of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Metro Police.

Patrolman John Coe reported to THP headquarters that he had seen the object about 2 a.m. east of Nashville near I-40.

METRO POLICE officer James Burns was unavailable for comment, but according to the T.H.P. dispatcher today, he was listed as having seen the object.

All reports described the object similarly, with two red lights on each end of the craft.

THE METRO AIRPORT and the F.A.A. were contacted at that time, returning a report that no airplane or craft of any type was in the area at that time. There was nothing reported on radar either.

Local authorities were unaware of the U.F.O., although it was spotted about two miles west of the County line at the Old Hickory Blvd. exit on I-40.

THE WILSON COUNTY Sheriff's Office had no report, nor did County T.H.P. officer Ronald Bilbrey.

A Nashville radio station earlier broadcast that the incident had been filed with the U.F.O. authority in Chicago for further investigation.

DAYS INN MOTEL on Old Hickory Blvd., had no reports of the incident when contacted today.

The Waffle House, located across from the Days Inn, is open 24 hours a day, but its manager said he had not heard any reports of the U.F.O.

# UFO's still haunt village of Aurora in Wise County

**I**N the village of Aurora (pop. 197) in Wise County I was told that a lady who lives on Currie Road and is considered a reliable witness said she was twice visited by what she thought to be a "space ship".

She said the strange airship landed in her yard two days in a row recently, at exactly the same time each day. And the thing took off without anyone getting out.

I couldn't check with the woman. For she had gone on vacation when I stopped off in Aurora. Perhaps she wanted to avoid any more scheduled landings by the UFOs.

This is mentioned because Aurora in recent years has attracted many scientists and psuedo scientists, from as far-away as England, who investigate UFOs. They've come to check out a story which appeared in the Dallas

## AURORA CEMETERY

News and many other newspapers around the world on April 19, 1897.

First sentence in this story read: "Early risers in Aurora were surprised by the sudden appearance of an airship." (Certainly the folks in this Wise County hamlet had reason to be surprised since the Wright Brothers didn't get air-borne at Kitty Hawk until six years later.)

THE 1897 STORY went on to solemnly chronicle that the airship col-

lided with "Judge Proctor's windmill" and after a terrific explosion, scattered "strange metal" over three acres and destroyed Judge Proctor's garden. Also, it was declared "the town is full of peo-



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ple today who are viewing the wreck and gathering pieces of the strange metal."

It was recited that the only creature aboard was "the pilot". And it was stated that his body was disfigured but he was obviously "not an inhabitant of this world. The pilot's funeral services will be held tomorrow."

WELL, ABOUT 15 years ago I reprinted this April, 1897 news story. Anyway it was published as a real news story. And I'm sorry I reprinted it for I believe it was strictly a spoof.

Still, many folks in and around Aurora put some credence in the yarn. And until some vandal hauled it off there was a delta-shaped rock over a plot in the beautifully maintained Aurora cemetery identified as "the spaceman's grave".

Some Italians who made a film in Aurora for a Rome television station were showed some rusty old metal and told it was from the 1897 airship's

wreckage. So there are still jokers in Aurora.

When the lady on Currie Road in Aurora returns from vacation I'll try to get more details on the UFO she said landed in her yard twice.

THE ANNUAL Hopkins County Stew cookoff at Sulphur Springs was one of the more satisfactory old fashion type festivals I've attended this season — and boy! has poor Tolbert been to the fiestas.

Thirty-eight teams were cooking the traditional stew in iron cauldrons over wood fires in the shade of old oak and hickory trees.

The judges must have made an honest decision in awarding the title to the team of Stanley Beckham and Wayne Melton. For before the judging people had eaten almost all of the 12 gallons of delicious stew in the Melton-Beckham iron kettle.

A quart of the winning stew is auctioned off. And after they learned they'd finished first Mr. Beckham and Mr. Melton barely had a quart left for the auction.

In the old days, the Hopkins County stew was prepared during squirrel season. Now chicken or beef is usually the base for the stew, in the case of this year's championship pot, 12 fat frying chickens. Potatoes, tomatoes and onions are the only approved vegetables.

MR. BECKHAM and Mr. Melton are retired teachers in the Sulphur Springs system and natives of Hopkins County.

The Hopkins County Stew Cookoff is a rather exclusive contest, open only to residents of the county or to natives who no longer live there.

"Wayne and I have been cooking together for years, mostly at country school closings and on camping trips," said Stanley Beckham, who taught agricultural science for 38 years."

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GAYLORD, MICH. - HERALD TIMES  
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## UFO sighting

GAYLORD — Was it a bird? A plane? Superman? No, it was an Unidentified Flying Object seen by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dowker II of Gaylord as they stood in their yard last Saturday night watching for meteor showers.

The Dowkers explained that the yellowish to greenish disc flew in from the west and departed flying in a northerly direction. The object glowed at times and then faded almost completely from view.

# Officer Explains Cove UFO Claim

COPPERAS COVE — Police here received a number of calls from excited citizens Saturday reporting a slow moving unidentified flying object over the western part of the city.

Officer Herman Callahan responded to the calls and found a number of curious citizens standing around a telescope waiting their turn to look at a shiny object around 5 p.m.

A woman making the report to police said it seemed to have three legs and Officer Callahan agreed that as it glistened in the afternoon sun it appeared as though it could have had legs.

"When you looked at it through the telescope it seemed to glisten," said Callahan who observed the object through a reflecting telescope as it drifted slowly southward.

He said another officer, Sgt. Joe Baker, also observed the circular object in the late afternoon sunlight. Baker was unavailable for comment since he was out on patrol.

Despite the temporary excitement it caused among Copperas Cove residents who kept vigil over the object until it became dark, the "thing" could be easily explained says Callahan.

"Later, I looked out to where the object had been in the sky after the sun had gone down and couldn't see it anymore. It had looked sort of like a landing light on a plane but without the sun reflecting off of it it couldn't be seen."

Callahan speculated that the unidentified flying object, due to its slow speed and shape, could be identified—as a weather balloon.

# Cove 'UFO' Is Weather Balloon

COPPERAS COVE — The Martians haven't landed in Copperas Cove after all, according to a Cove policeman who, with several other Coveites, saw what appeared to be an unidentified flying object Saturday night.

Sgt. Joe Baker, who investigated the incident with officer Herman Callahan, said he thinks the object may have been a weather balloon.

A weather balloon, Baker explained, looks like a top, which fit the description of the object given by Coveite Mrs. Hildegard Kreuger.

Additionally, the three legs dangling from the object, as described by Mrs. Kreuger, may have been the balloon's weather equipment. The equipment might have looked like dangling legs because the Cove observers were looking at it through a reflector telescope, which turns things upside down, Baker explained.

After telling his partner that he thought the object was a weather balloon, which can be seen because of reflecting sunlight, Baker predicted it would disappear after sundown. Sure enough, it did, Baker said. ✓

# Silver UFO wings way to Gratiot County

A round, silver, unidentified flying object (UFO) with red flashing lights was seen flying at "mid-sky on northbound US-27" by Clinton County residents and the Clinton Sheriff's Department relayed the message to the Gratiot Sheriff's Department at 12:48 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

Deputies Neil Raymond and Robert Brandal were dispatched to search for the UFO but came up empty handed. However, the report filed by the deputies was worth the time.

The report stated, "The deputies were going to contact it (UFO) and advise the occupants of the illegality of running red flashing lights unless they're an emergency vehicle."

"The sergeant figured that the UFO must have been monitoring our radio frequency and took off when they found out our car was en route, not wanting to mess with the men in brown."

The case is closed.

ALSO DURING the week, the Sheriff's Department investigated several auto accidents that sent a number of people to Gratiot Community Hospital.

On Thursday, Aug. 11, the Sheriff's Department investigated an accident on Monroe Road, just east of Ennis Road at 1:30 a.m.

James Hillard, 26, of Brunswick was charged with crossing the center line, after his auto struck another auto driven by Jack White, 21, of Riverdale. White and three-year-old Christine White were taken to Gratiot Community

Hospital. Hillard was also ticketed for having no operator's license on his person.

Patricia Robinson, 17, of Middleton was charged with failure to yield the right of way after her auto collided with a bus driven by Ruthann Tefft, 33, of Alma carrying residents of Camp Monroe on Wednesday.

FIVE PASSENGERS in the bus which flipped on its side after being struck on Jerome Road at the unmarked intersection of Roosevelt Road. were sent to Gratiot Community Hospital as well as the four teenage passengers in the Robinson vehicle.

Damage to the Robinson vehicle was estimated at \$600 and damage to the bus was estimated to be \$2,000.

The Sheriff's Department received a call from Leland Miller of 4115 W. Tyler Rd., Alma, who reported the larceny of a 125 Suzuki motorcycle valued at \$850.

MILLER TOLD the Sheriff's Department that the bike had been chained to a tree in his back yard but was taken during the night of Aug. 10.

The Sheriff's Department also took a complaint from Ithaca Superintendent Glenn Secor who reported an incident of malicious destruction at the Sumner Elementary School.

Suspect(s) cut a gas hose at both the nozzle and the point where the hose comes out of the pump housing. The suspect(s) had been trying to get gas out of the pump but were unsuccessful. Damage was estimated at \$20. ✓

# UFO sited near Moran

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) has been reportedly seen by four witnesses on SR 75 near Moran. What appeared to be a huge round circle of light which changed colors from bright white - to green and then to red, was seen shortly after dark on July 27th by Emily Kearns of Flora, Jim Waters of Cutler, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Becker of Rt. 1, Frankfort.

The object, which hovered at

approximately 500 feet, followed the Kearns car as she was heading toward the Becker home west of Moran. The auto stopped and the object veared off to the north. Miss Kearns continued to her destination. Mr. and Mrs. Becker also saw the object return to the area with dimmed lights, come toward the four witnesses and then again veared off to the east changing to a bright light.

Waters said he heard a humming sound from the object.

# Air Force, NASA in radio dispute

## Issue centers on contacting alien intelligences

BY THOMAS O'TOOLE  
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Washington Post News Service

Pasadena, Calif. — The Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are at war again. Recently, they clashed over how to share the Mojave Desert. Now they're battling over a portion of the microwave spectrum that NASA says is the key to contacting alien intelligences and which the Air Force wants to jam with navigation signals.

A majority of space scientists now says it believes that there are so many stars with planets likely to be able to support life that the odds are good that there is at least one other civilization near enough to ours to detect, to listen to and possibly engage in a dialogue.

Many of these scientists say they believe nearby beings may be so many millions of years older and more scientifically advanced than we are that they might hold the secret to our technological survival.

"Stars similar to the sun came into existence 5 billion years before the sun, so, if our experience is typical, we may have had intelligent societies on distant planets for thousands or even millions of years," said Dr. Robert E. Edelson, director of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

"People look at our society and say that in 100 years it will all be gone, so if it's possible for technological societies to exist for thousands of years, we ought to find out how they did it," he said.

The Air Force has not formed a public opinion on that subject, but it has evolved firm plans to orbit 24 satellites in the next eight years that will allow submarines, surface warships, combat aircraft and even foot soldiers to pinpoint their positions on Earth. The Pentagon, calling them the Global Positioning Satellite, says 24 are needed to have four over any spot on earth at all times.

The problem is that the Air Force satellites will broadcast in the same

microwave frequencies in which space scientists believe aliens would broadcast if they wanted to be heard. These frequencies range across a band of the microwave spectrum scientists call the "Waterhole." Only in that band do hydrogen and oxygen radiate natural radio signals into space. Combine hydrogen and oxygen and you have water, which is why it is called the Waterhole.

Scientists assume that no life exists without water, that no planet populated by intelligent beings or animals thrives without an atmosphere rich in oxygen and heavy with rain.

They also assume that aliens advanced enough to broadcast messages would be at least as familiar with the Waterhole as we are and would choose it for their frequency for the same reasons we would if we were broadcasting. The Waterhole has been described as the "sign language" in which alien civilizations might best conduct a dialogue.

The Air Force picked these frequencies because they're free of radio interference. Space scientists find the same frequencies appealing for the same reason. Signals from aliens reaching Earth free of radio noise will be much easier to detect and identify.

But not for too much longer. The Air Force plans to orbit its first global positioning satellite as early as next year and have its network of 24 in place by 1984. Once the network is in position, it will drown out with its own noise any signals beamed to us from an alien civilization anywhere near its frequencies.

"We're talking about detecting signals that may be infinitesimal in strength by the time they reach Earth," JPL's Edelson said. "If one of these Pentagon satellites broadcasts its signal down, it wipes out the rest of the spectrum where it's broadcasting."

The space agency's strategy in fighting the Air Force is to get a program under way this year that will survey the sky starting next year for alien broadcast signals.

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### People Are Saying . . .

John Schuessler, a technical manager for McDonnell-Douglas Corp., said "Aerospace engineers should join in the quest for an explanation to the UFO phenomena that have occurred around the world in recent years.

"Who better would have the capability to find the solution to this problem than aerospace engineers who deal in sophisticated flying vehicles?" asked Schuessler who is working on the crew support system for the space shuttle program.

Schuessler, of Clear Lake City (near Houston) TX, says UFO's have been sighted by too many people, including experts in too many parts of the world for aerospace engineers to ignore them.

"The world of UFO's is just as real as the world of engineering" Schuessler says. "Airline pilots see them every day."

For example, back in April of this year, a UFO was spotted circling San Antonio and tracked on the radar screen at the San Antonio airport control tower.

Extensive contacts with senior FAA personnel in Houston and San Antonio, however failed to substantiate his claims of extensive sightings by airline pilots and the radar-tracking incident in particular.

On the other hand, when Schuessler attributes numerous UFO sightings to Dr. Harley D. Rutledge head of the Dept. of Physics at Southeastern Missouri State University he receives support for his contentions.

Rutledge attributes the most recent sightings to meteors, but said he has sighted 140 unidentified objects during 130 plus nights of observing with special equipment, since becoming interested in the subject in 1973.

While some of the sightings were not bonafied UFO's he said about 25 were "truly incredible and unquestionable UFO's."

Schuessler said the study of UFO's is "a field ripe for good work."

UFO's are "very tantalizing to a person in the aerospace field" he said.

# City full of webs

## *Baby spiders tangle Frisco*

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SAN FRANCISCO — Newly hatched spiders trying to escape ghetto conditions in their breeding areas created a "cobweb phenomenon" yesterday in and around San Francisco.

The National Weather Service at San Francisco International Airport was flooded with telephone calls about mysterious and unidentified flying threads clinging to trees and bushes, getting in people's hair and floating through the air.

Some callers said the threads were clustered in thick gobs or twisted into ropes and others described them as having a synthetic-like stickiness.

A radio traffic reporter said he was flying through cobwebs at 4,000 feet.

Ron Knarr, playing tennis in Pleasant Hill, said a web four feet across came down over his tennis ball. "I threw the ball up to serve and it went 'Whoop,'" he said.

Meteorologist Chuck Pucevich said he had been getting "cobweb reports" from as far away as Livermore, Sacramento and San Jose.

Wayne Moore, an entomologist at the University of California at Berkeley, gave further explanations.

"It's a phenomenon commonly observed in the autumn, especially on hazy, warm days," he said. "It appears to be particularly heavy this year."

Moore said the situation was caused by young spiders hatching in very crowded surroundings.

"In order to get more food and moisture, the spider extends his abdomen and throws out a gossamer



Associated Press

**Paul Gunison of San Francisco with a piece of one of the white webs that descended on the city.**

thread, which he hopes will carry him to these favorable conditions," he said. "It's called ballooning, or parachuting."

What the people were seeing yesterday were thousands of those threads.

"Also," Moore said, "the cannibalistic nature of spiders makes them want to leave their crowded breeding areas so they don't eat each other up, which is the fate of so many."

He said the gossamer threads make the spiders completely vulnerable to the winds. Often they are blown out to sea.

# Montgomery County high in UFO sightings

By LEE ELMORE  
"If you live on Diamond Mill rd., you have a good chance of seeing a UFO," said Richard Hoffman, when he spoke to the Trotwood Rotary Club recently.

He explained that a number of sightings have been reported by residents of Diamond Mill rd and that Montgomery County ranks high in sightings—since 1947 more than any other county in the United States.

Before the end of the year there will be an eye-opening statement from the president, according to U.S. News and World Report, he

said. It is also believed there will be a Congressional hearing on withholding of UFO information by the C.I.A.

Hoffman has been actively involved with UFO's for 13 years and is now State Section Director for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and covers Montgomery, Preble and Greene counties.

Four out of five sightings can be explained said Hoffman. "But what about the ones that can't be explained?" he asks. "There are too many responsible people, pilots, for instance, who have seen them. I am very convinced there are UFO's."

When sightings are reported in the three-county area, police departments will call on Hoffman to investigate.

"Most people are very unfamiliar with the night sky," he continued. "An airplane with landing lights on may be the cause for some reports."

He recalled a situation last year when many people in the Drexel area reported a strange object in the sky. At that time of year Venus was hanging low and bright in the sky and was mistaken for a UFO.

Another incident involved two Moraine policemen and two Kettering policemen seeing an unusual object. This was determined to be a fireball, which changes colors when it enters the atmosphere.

The term "flying saucer" was coined by the press as being descriptive of the objects sighted. Interest was first aroused in 1947 when nine objects were spotted by pilots near Mt. Rainier, traveling at 1700 m.p.h.

"Project Sign" was formed to evaluate the sightings. "Were they Russian?" was the first question. It was concluded they were not Russian but were interplanetary space objects.

According to Hoffman, Chief of Staff Hoyt Vandenberg put the reports under wraps and denied them from that time on. Only in

recent years, with the freedom of information policy, were the documents available.

Dayton was the home of the "Project Blue Book" which conducted investigations until it was disbanded in 1969, after documenting more than 900 cases.

Hoffman is an insurance investigator and UFO investigation is a sideline with him. He studied astrophysics in college but his interest was first aroused when he was in the eighth grade. When he was assigned a report on UFO's, he concluded there was nothing to them. His teacher proceeded to tear apart his report, challenging each statement he made.

That evening Hoffman heard Walter Cronkite report on a UFO incident that made a believer out of him. An egg-shaped object had set down near Socorro, New Mexico. There had been an explosion, radiation burns were left, the sand was siliconized and nearby mesquite was burned to the ground.

He invites anyone interested in further study to a convention which will be at Dayton Convention Center in July, 1978. He also recommends the book, "UFO Sightings" by Leonard Springfield.

Richard Hoffman devotes much of his time to studying UFO's but admits he has never seen one. "Although one of our biggest problems is getting people to report sightings, I would never report one if I saw it. No one would ever believe it."

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## UFO sighting

MAN, Roger Jones, Colfax, reported about 10:16 p.m. Saturday that he saw a red and orange oblong object moving in a southwesterly direction from Colfax. Jones reportedly followed the object but lost sight of it when it went behind the Knapp Hill.

# Saucer-shaped, silvery object spotted by, spotlights officers

by Tom Haroldson

Out of a warm, mostly clear sky with some fog patches, early last Thursday morning came an Unidentified Flying Object, bedazzling and fascinating four local law enforcement officers.

**THE LARGE**, round, silver vehicle with two white lights beaming from the bottom, was spotted at two different times, once hovering over Allegan shortly after 4 a.m. and again three minutes later over Casco Township, both times near petroleum dealers.

The sighting was made by an Allegan city patrolman, a sheriff's deputy, and two reserve deputies.

The first sighting was made shortly after 4 a.m. last Thursday by a reserve deputy who reported he saw a UFO hovering 150 to 200 feet in the air near the Zephyr gas station on Marshall Street in Allegan.

**THE SIGHTINGS** caused him to slam on his brakes, nearly ending up with a semi-tractor trailer plowing into his rear.

What he saw was a saucer-shaped silver-white object, with two strong white lights beaming from the bottom, no identifiable lettering, and making no sound.

A city patrolman also said he saw the object from a

distance though not as clearly as the first officer.

**AFTER HOVERING** and moving slightly over the downtown area, the UFO then headed out of sight. Three minutes later, the reserve heard the police radio monitor report a second sighting, this time in Casco Township.

A sheriff's deputy and reserve were on foot patrol checking out a building owned by Fleming Brothers Oil Co. on 109th Avenue near the I-96 intersection when the "suspect vehicle" was sighted.

The most dominant characteristics of the object, the deputy reported, were two large spotlights mounted underneath the vehicle "perpendicular to the axis" with one red light also located on the bottom.

**"A LIGHT**, found to be two spotlights, was observed in the sky east and slightly south of the witnesses and then passed over the witnesses going in a west-south-west direction," the deputy reported.

"The vehicle appeared to be large and round, but as it passed over and slightly south of the witnesses one of its spotlights shined down on them making night vision impossible for a few seconds."

The vehicle was 200 to 300 feet over the ground traveling an estimated 20 to 30 miles an hour, the two spotlights were 10 to 15 feet apart and cast a directional beam which was conically shaped and pointed down, and was soundless.

"Witnesses don't know if the light was shined in their eyes purposely or if they were in the path of the light beam," the deputy concluded.

**IT THEN LEFT** in a southwest direction out of sight of the officers.

There were no other reports of UFO sightings that night or since then.

All of the officers involved insist that the vehicle was not a helicopter or any other known or familiar vehicle, and the sightings were not hoaxes.

**BUT, IF** they saw it again, they wouldn't tell anyone.

"If I see it again I won't say a thing," an originally shocked, but later embarrassed, reserve said.

Part of the reason for future silence is that, what began as apparent sightings turned out to be an embarrassment to the officers and sheriff's department and a source of considerable speculation by county residents.

**ONE EMBARRASSING** part is that the story was picked up by an area radio station from the police monitor as the deputy and reserve explained to a sheriff's department dispatcher what was going on.

By the time the story hit the wire service, a deluge of calls followed from interested parties, some as far as Detroit and Chicago, asking what was going on.

Having little to go by except the officer's comments, the sheriff's department could offer little explanation until more pieces of the puzzle came in.

**THE OTHER** embarrassing thing was the general reaction of some: That there are no such things as UFO's, and they couldn't have seen one unless it was a figment of the imagination.

Another factor is that last Thursday and Friday was the height of the annual Perseid meteorite showers, which during those two nights gave viewers a free light show featuring falling stars.

What the officers saw, though, was definitely not a falling meteor, they insist.

**IN ANY CASE**, the sheriff's department has closed the case primarily because nothing more can be done.

# 'UFO' appears to follow couple near Elgin; father sees it too

ELGIN, ILL. - COURT REPORTERS  
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By PATRICK L. DODDY

A wide, dark "wingspan" with large red and white lights at each end, followed a Kane County woman and her boyfriend for two miles along Illinois 72 Thursday night, the woman reported Friday.

A few minutes later her mother and father, who joined the couple in a search for what they had seen, themselves saw it flying eastward toward Elgin, her father said.

The father asked that the family name not be used.

The 21-year-old woman spent more than half an hour describing the events that began on a lonely stretch of Illinois 72 northwest of Elgin about 10:30 p.m. She spoke in even, steady tones, as did her father later. Neither offered any hunches

about what the object was.

The wingspan which seemed to join the two sets of lights was about 200 feet across, the woman estimated although she readily admits judging distance and speed is difficult at night.

She and her boyfriend were riding westbound in his sports-car with the windows up when they saw it.

"I noticed it first," she said. "I'm going, 'What is that that's following us?' It was going slow. I mean, it seemed that it wasn't even moving at some times. I go... It stopped. I wonder what it's going to do."

She said, at its closest approach which was about 50 feet away and "at the height a small-engine private plane would fly."

She said none of the four people who saw it after she arrived at her home, alerted her parents, and drove with them toward Elgin where it flew out of sight, thought it was an airplane.

She said there was a red light "the size of a soccer ball" and two m smaller white lights at each end. She said no one could

see anything between the lights.

Police in Kane County and airport towers asked about Thursday evening replied they had received no reports of sightings and had no record of planes flying near the Illinois Tollway. Several flying officials said they believed what the four people saw was a light plane.

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## Single sighting of UFO reported in Parsippany

By MIKE STODDARD  
 Herald-News Staff Writer

**PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS** — Investigators are hoping they will find others who can corroborate a UFO sighting Saturday night by Mrs. Virginia Tedesco and her 8-year-old son John.

According to Police Lt. John Walsh, who was on duty when Mrs. Tedesco called and came in to fill out a questionnaire from the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, there were no other reports of sightings.

The report was also sent to NICAP investigator Ernest Jahns, author of a recently published book on Unidentified Flying Objects, who spoke to Mrs. Tedesco and her son.

**MRS. TEDESCO** was in her car heading south at the intersection of Route 46 and Cherry Hill Road, about 9:45 p.m. when the boy called her attention to the flying machine zooming west toward Mountain Lakes from over the Jersey City Reservoir.

As she described it, being "aweed, but not frightened," it made a roaring noise as it passed

overhead about 300 feet off the ground.

The machine "oval shaped, sort of like a rocky going sideways," glimmered with heat-waves and shot flames out of three tubes in the rear.

The machine, "colored "hazy silver" also glowed with self-luminescence.

**SHE SAID IT WAS** "pancake-shaped" and traveled at a high rate of speed, going faster as it disappeared over the horizon, and too fast for seeing details.

Walsh recalled he had been on duty when the last UFO was sighted in the area in July 1975. At that time, a UFO of similar description was seen in the same section of the county.

The 1975 sighting was reported by many persons, after the first report by Thomas Cahill was published.

Walsh said Jahn and the police are hoing others, who may have seen the latest UFO will report their sighting.

He also said a check of local helicopter operations showed there were none in the area that night.

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### Is it possible?

To the Editor:

On Aug. 2, we watched a disc-shaped vehicle hovering over the RDX munitions plant at Newport, Ind. It stayed at what appeared to be about 10,000 feet for some 45 minutes then took off. We wonder if The Journal-Gazette has any information as to when President Carter will disclose the information that the government possesses on these UFOs as he promised he would do during his campaign.

Dr. James McDonald of the University of Arizona told a congressional committee chaired by former Rep. Ed Roush that aliens from another planet were already in control of the U.S. government. Would this be possible and President Carter be unaware of it? We would appreciate hearing from anyone concerning this matter of significance to the security of this country.

JACK SHINDLER  
 Rockville

SANTA ROSA, CALIF. - PRESS DEMOCRAT  
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# Flashy flight's an earthly sight

FRONT PAGE

It's time to come back to earth. The mysterious lights in the Tuesday night sky can be explained.

A brisk, military explanation was offered by Maj. Charles Ross of the Air National Guard in Hayward who said his unit was on a training mission over Bodega Bay when the UFO sightings were reported.

"There is no doubt in my mind that it can all be explained," he said when confronted with the reports of various eyewitnesses.

Asked about the "Huge, bright-colored lights" reported over Healdsburg, he had a ready response.

He said they were two 2-million candlepower flares used for night training missions, dropped between 8 and 10:30 p.m., the time of the reported sightings.

The "very bright white lights, dropped from 3,000 feet above the water could explain reports that it hurt to look at the lights.

"It would be like looking at a small portion of the sun," said Cross.

But what about those who said they saw a smaller red light?

"We did have helicopters out there and they did in fact have red lights. Green ones and white ones, too, if you're interested," he said.

But what about reports that a craft with windows hovered over a car?

"First of all, our helicopters have windows. As for hovering, it all depends on where you are. The craft could appear to hover, with the flares in the background, if you were looking at it from a side view, if you had a paralax view in the distance," he said.

Cross likened the view to someone sitting in a car in the East Bay with the Oakland bridge in the middle of the bay. He said if flares were dropped in the West Bay it would appear that the flares were hovering over the bridge if one were lined up correctly.

HAWESVILLE, KY. - HANCOCK CLARION  
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# Patesville resident and companions sight UFO

Another sighting of an unidentified flying object in Hancock County was brought to light this week, this time in the vicinity of Patesville.

On Friday evening, around 7:30-8:00 p.m. Ernest Masterson and his family were preparing to depart a neighbor's home after visiting for a while. Masterson said his wife, Edna, was already in the auto and they were waiting for the children, when she pointed to the sky and exclaimed, "What's that?" He said he looked in the direction she had indicated, and saw what he believed to be a falling star; although it was quite a bit larger than any he had ever seen before. He remembered it as being roughly the size of a 5-gallon bucket. "It's just a shooting star," he told her, but as he looked back in the same general direction, something emerged from the tree-tops...this time going upward. The object appeared to be about 10 feet in diameter and cast a bright glow, in which the outline of a telephone pole was clearly visible. He

said the object was ringed with numerous small lights. When it reached an altitude just a little higher than the trees, it winked out abruptly. The neighbor's son was also a witness to the sighting.

Masterson stated on Monday afternoon that he was "scared to death", and added, "If I see anything like it again, Ole Ernie's going to be moving into town!"

At the time the Clarion reporter was talking to Masterson, Bill Hicks, the son of Glenn and Wanda Montague of Hawesville, told of his encounter with a UFO while he was a Military Policeman in Ryder, North Dakota. Hicks has been living in the county since May, and said his sighting occurred in 1968. He was in company with another MP one night, heading for the military installation, when an object in the sky attracted their attention. He said this object was radiant red and blue and was star-shaped. It followed their car for something like five minutes. They were trying to explain it away by logically reasoning what it could be...a helicopter, for instance. But when the thing made several alterations of its course by taking a 90-degree turn, they were convinced it was like nothing they had ever seen before.

The Patesville area in Hancock County seems to be particularly blessed with visits from UFO's. Several sightings have been reported. Still others have taken place which have not been reported to the newspaper for publication. Mr. Masterson indicates he wants people to hear about what he saw, so it may be compared to the objects sighted by others to determine if people are seeing the same things. /

WINSTED, CONN. - CITIZEN  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT 2, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO Sighted In North

WINSTED — At least four persons, including a local policeman, reportedly saw a hovering UFO Wednesday night near the town's sewage treatment plant off North Main Street.

Mrs. Connie Barber, a member of the nursing staff at Winsted Memorial Hospital, said she was driving along North Main Street at about 9 p.m. with her daughter, Mrs. Lynette Bell, when Mrs. Bell saw lights in the sky. The object

appeared to be moving slowly at first, she said, and then it stopped.

The UFO reportedly had a red light on top, with two yellowish-white beams shining toward the ground. It was said to be hovering at treetop level.

Mrs. Barber said another motorist driving just ahead of her also saw the lights and stopped to get a closer look. The identity of the motorist is not known.

Patrolman Gerald J. Peters, who was called to the scene, said he saw an object of the same description given by Mrs. Barber. The object was leaving as he arrived, he said.

He said it rose into the sky and disappeared without a sound.

A national UFO study facility in Chicago said the local sighting was similar to one reported the same night in Arlington, Mass. 2

dischi volanti

### Al Lago Maggiore

Laveno, 3 agosto.

Sempre all'ordine del giorno i dischi volanti. Un oggetto misterioso sarebbe stato avvistato, ieri sera alle 20.45 circa, nei cieli del Lago Maggiore. Volava in direzione est-ovest e non faceva alcun rumore. Stando alle testimonianze, l'oggetto che aveva forma di due piatti appaiati, si sarebbe addirittura diviso nettamente in due per riunirsi quasi subito e sparire in un banco di nubi altissime, lasciando una persistente scia luminosa.

Segnalazioni analoghe sono giunte da Ghiffa e Luino. Un'altra parla di un corpo luminoso che procedeva a scatti, emettendo sorta di lampi arancione. Quest'ultimo sarebbe stato scorto in volo sopra Cannobio, verso le 23 di ieri l'altro, con direzione Locarno-Bellinzona. « Non era un aereo — dicono — gli aerei non volano né a scatti né a zig zag ».

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### FLYING SAUCERS ON THE LAKE MAGGIORE

Laveno, August 3rd - Item on the agenda, as always, are flying saucers. A mystery object was sighted yesterday in the evening sky over Lake Maggiore. It was flying westwards, noiselessly. According to witnesses, the object (the shape of which was like two plates put together) even split in two parts, which joined again at once. It was sighted at 8:45 p.m. and disappeared into very high clouds, leaving a persistent trail of light.

Similar reports came from Ghiffa and Luino. Another one from Cannobio tells of a bright body seen at 11 p.m. the day before yesterday. This object was jerking and emitted kind of orange flashes of light, moving in the direction Locarno-Ballinzona. "It wasn't a plane" witnesses say, "planes do not move jerkily or zigzag".

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## ABBATTUTO DISCO VOLANTE

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### FLYING SAUCER SHOT DOWN

Mexico City-

The newspaper Mexico Sun reported yesterday that a "flying saucer" exploded in the Mexican sky after being pursued by two other unidentified aircrafts. The explosion took place before the eyes of several tens of witnesses at Zihuatanej, near the well-known beach of Acapulco. According to eyewitnesses, the flying saucer was proceeding in a straight line, and two other objects were on its side, apparently trying to intercept it. Soon after, the flying saucer exploded and, as a witness said, "the great, bright mass (round in shape) split in four smaller objects which disappeared."

CITTA' DEL MESSICO — Il giornale *Il sole del Messico* nella sua edizione di ieri sera, ha riferito che un « disco volante » è esploso nel cielo del Messico dopo essere stato inseguito da due altri apparecchi non identificati. L'esplosione è avvenuta alla presenza di parecchie decine di testimoni a Zihuatanejo, vicino al noto centro balneare di

Acapulco. Secondo i testimoni oculari, il disco volante si spostava in linea retta, affiancato da due altri oggetti più piccoli che cercavano di intercettarlo. Poco dopo il disco volante è scoppiato e secondo quanto affermano i testimoni, la « grande massa brillante e arrotondata » si è trasformata in quattro oggetti più piccoli che sono scomparsi.

# Un extraterrestre alto due metri visto nelle campagne di Avellino

"LA STAMPA" Sept 3, 1977

## A TWO METERS TALL SPACE-MAN SEEN IN THE FIELDS AT AVELLINO

Avellino, 1 settembre. Una figura alta più di due metri, una tuta argentea aderente, un casco con due luci di colore arancione intermittenti. Questo l'extraterrestre che sette persone hanno detto di aver visto, due se ne fecero scendere da una astronave in una pianura alla periferia di Sturno, un piccolo comune dell'Alta Irpinia, a circa quaranta chilometri da Avellino. Due giovani, gli studenti universitari Rocco Carullo e Michele Giovannelli, hanno raccontato che, mentre passeggiavano sulla provinciale di Sturno all'improvviso hanno visto la «macchina infernale circondata da luce abbagliante». Lo sbigottimento iniziale — hanno aggiunto — è aumentato quando alcuni secondi dopo si è parato loro dinanzi il guidatore della navicella spaziale. Impauriti, i due studenti sono allora fuggiti verso il paese. Ma la tentazione di ritornare sul posto era più forte della paura. Hanno chiamato cinque loro

amici — l'insegnante elementare Amalio Capobianco, lo studente Antonio Pascucci, il tornitore Arturo D'Ambrosio, il fotografo Michele Peipoli e il cantante lirico Mario Sisto — e sono andati di nuovo verso l'improvvisato «astroporto».

L'«extraterrestre» era ancora lì — hanno raccontato —; camminava lentamente ma era guardingo. «Ad un certo momento — ha detto uno di loro — abbiamo diretto contro il "marziano" la luce della torcia elettrica. A questo punto, dal casco è uscita una gran luce accecante ed allora siamo scappati di nuovo».

Più tardi il sindaco di Sturno, Michele Forgione, ha voluto controllare di persona ma l'«extraterrestre» era scomparso con la sua navicella. «Sul terreno — ha detto il sindaco — sono rimasti soltanto i segni del passaggio dell'astronave: tre buchi che formano un triangolo isoscele: due lati sono lunghi quattro metri e dieci centimetri

mentre il terzo è di quattro metri e 50 centimetri». Il luogo dell'atterraggio, recintato alla meglio, è ora meta di curiosi provenienti anche dai paesi limitrofi.

silvery overall, an helmet with two orange intermittent lights. This is the spaceman that seven people saw on Aug. 30, coming out from a spacecraft in a field just out of the little town of Sturno, about 40 km from Avellino.

Two young men, university students Rocco Carullo and Michels Giovannelli, told that while walking on the road they suddenly saw "the infernal device surrounded by blinding light". Their amazement grew bigger when, a few seconds later, the pilot of the space-craft appeared just before them. Frightened, the two youngsters fled towards the town. But the temptation to come back onto the spot was greater than their fright. They called 5 friends (teacher Amalio Capobianco, student Antonio Pascucci, turner Arturo D' Ambrosio, photographer Michele Peipoli and lyric singer Mario Sisto) and went back to the spot.

The spaceman was still there (they reported) walking slowly and wary. "We pointed the light of our torch towards the 'martian', and from the helmet came a great blinding light, and we fled again". Later, Sturno mayor, Michele Forgione, went to see, but the "spaceman" had left with his craft. "on the ground - told us the mayor - remained only the tracks of the spacecraft: three holes forming an isosceles triangle; two sides are 4.10 meters long, and the third is 4.50" The landing place, now fenced, is goal of curious from all surroundings.

## Medico francese avvista un «Ufo»

Parigi, 17 agosto

Ancora una volta gli extraterrestri hanno dimostrato di preferire, tra tutte le regioni di Francia, la Normandia: questa volta è un medico di Houettenville, paesino del dipartimento dell'Eure, ad affermare di avere visto a due riprese un «oggetto volante non identificato» atterrare nei campi pieni di vacche che circondano il suo paese. Secondo la testimonianza di questo medico di cui non è stato reso noto il nome, il disco volante sarebbe atterrato una prima volta nella notte tra il 6 e il 7 agosto, ed una seconda notte tra il 13 e il 14 agosto scorso.

"GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO" - Aug. 18, 1977

## FRENCH DOCTOR SIGHTS A UFO

Paris, Aug. 17th-

Once again, spacemen showed that they prefer Normandy, all French regions. This time it's a doctor from Houettenville (in the Eure dipartment) two alleges he saw twice an "unidentified flying object" to land in the cow-filled fields around the town. According his report (whose name has not been told) the fly ing saucer landed firstly in the night between August 6 and 7, and a second time the night between August 13 and 14.

# SPACE VISITORS 'WARN PERTH'

Sunday, September 11, 1977 PERTH, W.  
PHONE 611

JOSEPH Gay attempting to contact cosmic forces under a symbolic pyramid in his home. The pyramid is used for faith healing, meditating and contact with cosmic forces.

**BEINGS from outer space warned Joseph Gay that WA was to be rocked by a major earthquake on August 19.**

A day earlier Mr Gay, of Dianella, received a telepathic message about the event.

Mr Gay says that spacemen have also warned him about a series of major catastrophes that are about to occur.

Mr Gay said this week that he rang the Mundaring seismic observatory on the Thursday night to see if any unusual activity had been recorded.

(A spokesman for the observatory said what was considered a "crank call" had been received on the Thursday.)

## Heralds

Joseph Gay heads a group of about 20 people known as the Heralds of the New Age.

Mr Gay (47), a Hungarian-born truck-driver, moved from Sydney three years ago with his wife, Gertrude, and children. He claims he was told to come to Perth.

"Perth has been chosen as the seat of learning for the 'new age'," he said.

"It will become an inland city with the continental shelf being exposed by retreating tidal waves."

The Heralds of the New Age meet at North Perth or Dianella where the sick of all ages undergo faith healing.



Mr Gay also talks about his latest messages from outer space. Group members take part in the faith healing, which Mr Gay says is a gift from super intelligences on the planets Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn and Neptune.

The group claims success with its healing ef-

forts, for which there is no charge.

Mr Gay says he receives daily messages and they are increasing in urgency.

## Jupiter

This is how he described his story: "Due to planetary alignments (commonly known as the

Jupiter effect) the planet earth will right itself 23 degrees.

"The true north will shift to the vicinity of Western Alaska and the true south below New Zealand and Tasmania.

"This movement will cause a giant earthquake, which will be felt in the main fault-line areas.

"Cities on eastern seaboard of every continent will be devastated.

"The sun will be blotted out for six days by dust and vapour. Many nuclear fast breeder reactors will also cause havoc. Major dams will burst."

Western Australia, he says, will become a high plateau, with the whole of

CON'T ON THE NEXT PAGE



A DRAWING of one of the space beings Mr Gay says have spoken to him.

the Australian continent splitting along the Murray River.

"People will be warned in advance of these events, so those who believe in prophecies can move inland away from danger zones."

had regular contact with the spacemen.

"They come to me at night, in my bedroom and even in the bathroom," he said.

Sometimes he can remember what is coming through but sometimes he

**Story: JOHN BROWN**

**Pictures: PETER KENNEDY**

There would be great changes in weather patterns, storms and winds of unprecedented strength.

Mr Gay said his first major contact was in August last year.

He was told, while in a trance, to drive his car to a UFO "centre", Paynes Find. He was directed to a lake by a local Aborigine.

"I was taken out of my body by beams or rays and I was shown aspects of future events and also taken back in time," he claimed.

He said he was taken back to his home country, Hungary, in several separate time zones.

The first of these was in 1948 when he was a child. Since that time he has

is in a deep trance for what he calls "concentrated learning".

Lining the walls of the Dianella house the group uses as it headquarters are a series of coloured paintings done by the Gay's daughter, Sandra.

She was placed under a wooden pyramid frame and subjected to a cosmic force.

Drawing materials were placed in front of her as she painted the spacemen and women.

"They are a good likeness," said Joseph Gay, "but we haven't got the colours to show them exactly as they are.

"They have a translucent quality that can't be copied."

WEST AUSTRALIAN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 1977

## NO EXPLANATION FOR CIRCULAR BARE PATCH

The cause of the mysterious circular patch of bare ground on an isolated paddock about 30km west of Mt Barker was still unknown last night.

Mr Philip Drage (37), who owns the property containing the circular patch, said yesterday that nobody contacted him with any ideas on how the patch might have been made.

The RAAF air base at Pearce had asked him to send a photograph of the patch for their investigations.

He sent soil samples to a Perth UFO research group on Sunday for a series of special tests.

A vice-president of the group, Mr E. Roza, said the samples were being tested for radiation and any chemical changes that might have occurred.

Mr Drage said he would like to see the grass surrounding the clearing tested.

"The grass about a metre from the hole is growing faster and thicker than the rest of the paddock," he said.

"There must be something in it because the growth in the paddock has always been very uniform."

Mr Roza said that the research group would be testing six soil samples. Five were from the bare patch and one was from an area three metres from the clearing.

WEST AUSTRALIAN MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19 1977

## Huge blast in outer space

**NEW YORK, Sun:** An explosion of catastrophic dimensions has been detected in the constellation Ophiuchus, the serpent-bearer, the New York Times reports.

The initial observations were made by X-ray sensors aboard Britain's Ariel satellite and soon afterwards by similar sensors aboard the high-energy astronomy observatory of the United States, launched on August 12.

Approximations of the explosion's position were transmitted to the Anglo-Australian observatory in Siding Spring, Australia, which apparently has observed the event in visible light.

The stellar event appears to be a nova, or explosive flare-up of a star. This theoretically occurs when a mass of hydrogen forms a bulge on a giant star. The bulge is drawn out of shape by the gravity of a small companion star and suddenly breaks loose and falls on to the smaller star—typically thought to be a burnt-out, collapsed star of the type known as a white dwarf. It is compressed and heated enough to initiate the fu-

sion reactions of a hydrogen bomb.

According to Dr Daniel Schwartz of the centre for astrophysics in Massachusetts, the intensity of X-rays from the source has increased a thousand-fold in the past week or two, making it probably the second strongest source of such emissions in the sky.

The strongest, in the constellation Scorpius, is a continuous source of X-rays.

Dr Schwartz and Dr Herbert Friedman of the naval research laboratory explained that determining the position of the source so that it could be observed by conventional telescope was possible because two types of scanner were aboard the high-energy astronomy observatory.

The location was narrowed to two boxes, within one of which was the seemingly "new" star under observation from Australia.

# Mystery patch on

From NORMAN  
AISBETT

## S. W. farm

**MT BARKER:** A local farmer yesterday pointed to an almost circular patch of bare ground on one of his isolated paddocks and reluctantly confessed that he thought an unidentified flying object had landed there.

Mr Philip Drage (37) said: "I have never believed in UFO's, so I don't like to go that far. But what else can I think?"

"This is pretty queer."

The bare patch—about three metres in diameter—is unusual for two reasons, other than the fact that it is set in the midst of 16ha of lush green pasture.

The first is the neatly-scoured circular hole in the centre of the patch—about 60cm wide and 20cm deep.

The second is the three shallower indentations, placed almost equidistant around the perimeter of the patch.

Mr Drage, whose mixed farm is about 30km west of Mt Barker, said he was embarrassed to admit his suspicions.

### Pranksters

"When I found the patch on Friday I dismissed it as possibly the work of pranksters," he said.

"But then I started to think about it and found it hard to imagine anyone going to such a remote paddock—and one which is not visible from any of the surrounding farms.

"I also began to think

about the neat spacing of the three tripod-type marks and the smooth hole in the centre, from which the earth has been removed.

"No matter what did this it is certainly unidentified."

Mr Drage said he had top-dressed the whole paddock four weeks ago and had not seen the patch with its four indentations then.

He only discovered it on Friday when he made an unscheduled return to the paddock to run a heavy roller over the ground.

Yesterday Mr Drage took soil samples from several key spots within the clearing and these will be passed on to the Perth UFO research group for a se-

ries of special tests.

The coordinator of the group's investigating committee, Mr E. Roza, sent a special request to Mr Drage for the samples, stipulating the points from which he would like them taken.

Mr Roza said the discovery was interesting because a similar circular patch, also with three indentations around the perimeter, had been found near York in October 1968.

The group was also currently investigating a report that a family had been woken on their farm near York, about 1.30am on August 15, by a noise like a plane passing overhead.

He said: "A bright, piercing light flashed into the house. They ran outside to see a large object moving in the sky at a very low altitude."

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Philip Drage and his son Paul (7) look at the bare patch of ground.—Picture by Bill Plowman.

# HAIL THE LITTLE GREEN MEN

**HERE** in America the standard of living is probably the highest in the world.

It is the land of industrial and technical advance. And yet millions of Americans — an estimated one in five — believe in some form of the paranormal.

Ordinary people, with ranch-style houses and two-car garages, are basing their lives on scientifically unfounded cults.

They are not just on the bizarre fringes of society, but solid people like lawyers, doctors, and politicians, who will not take a case or a cause without consulting an astrologer, leave the house without checking their biorhythms, or consider it mildly odd to say they have faith in the existence of UFOs and little green men.

And now a group of 186 eminent scientists has found it necessary to warn that the rising tide of uncritical belief in the paranormal is what Dr Paul Kurz calls "a very serious crisis".

## Claims

Dr Kurz is the co-chairman of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

He is also Professor of Philosophy at the State University of New York

and a man who has studied American society for many years and is now frightened by what he sees.

And the current way people here are throwing themselves with abandon into the arms of any crazy cult, he sees as a total "abandonment of reason and logic".

He and his fellow scientists are horrified by the acceptance by otherwise rational and intelligent human beings of what they see as "pernicious doctrines" and the "virulent programmes of dangerous sects."

## Services

They have complained that the New York Telephone Company offers "Horoscopes by Phone" as part of its public service.

The scientists have lodged formal complaints with a major TV network and a national magazine for presenting paranormal subjects as though they contained credible scientific evidence.

# Weird isn't wonderful

More than 200 people are known to have killed themselves as a direct result of believing an unfavourable horoscope or chart that has been given them.

A typical university

knock the subject and assess it critically.

The evidence that has appalled these scientists is rife. Millions of people have fallen victim to quasi-religious cults like scientology, where the use of a totally unproven machine called an "E meter" is supposed to cleanse the person of past sins.

Then there are the Moonies — the kids who are 'brainwashed' into an unquestioning acceptance that all that is told them is right by a strange Korean who is now believed to have been in the employ of the CIA.

There are those who refuse to fly over a certain area of the Atlantic known as the Bermuda Triangle where certain

ships and planes have simply disappeared, because they believe it is in the grasp of the supernatural.

Five million Americans actually believe they have seen —

and as a result have officially reported sighting — an unidentified flying object.

## Data

Scientists have spent decades collating and assessing data. And the Government has spent millions of dollars probing the possibility of the existence of UFOs, both on the ground and in the air.

There is even a tome known as the US Air

Force Project Blue Book which documents the inconclusive findings of the government on so-called flying saucers.

Then there are the many who pay \$150 to have an "aura photograph" taken of themselves, which shows a glow around the individual and is said to be a picture of the soul.

Psychokinesis — the supposed ability to move objects without actually touching them — and radionics — using a radiation-sensitive rod over a person to check on the sex of an unborn child or the location of a diseased organ — are just two more of the now accepted techniques which have little or no scientific basis.



From Anthea Disney in New York

bookshop — apparently dealing with the local intelligentsia — stocks about 100 books on the occult and paranormal, but only a handful that

Perth, WA, Thursday, September 29, 1977

# THIS TOWN

**Y**ORK and its surrounding district seems to be an attractive place to little green men in their inter-stellar vessels.

Just about everyone in the area seems to have seen an Unidentified Flying Object at one stage or another. The UFOs around York have a particular preference for wheat fields because most have been seen hovering over them. ~~Maybe~~ the aliens can cook damper. But aliens they are, according to the locals who have seen bright lights in the sky. There's no way you can talk them out of it.

It was a UFO which was supposed to have caused curious marks in a Mt. Barker paddock in recent weeks, and though soil tests have proved negative there are still plenty around who will tell you the aliens landed there.

The co-ordinator of a UFO Research Group, Mr T. Roza, said that he still has some angles to check and he certainly hasn't ruled out a landing. But he hasn't ruled out the possibility of a hoax either.

Meanwhile around York, they are chuckling. UFOs may come and go elsewhere, but there they have the real thing. I rang one farmhouse there and: "Yes," a farmer's wife told me, "one night my husband was coming home from seeding and saw a bright light which was hovering over a paddock. That was the first time. Then another night my husband and my daughter saw an orange light in a paddock. It was too bright for an animal and all the gates were locked—they checked."

So I asked her if she'd seen one and she said no, and I thought she sounded a little cheated. Then I asked her if there had been other sightings . . . "Oh yes, you should speak to our next door neighbour."

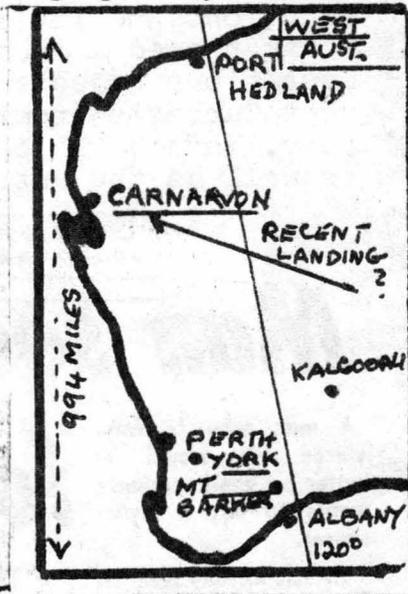
I rang the neighbour: "It was too bright for a spotlight and was probably about two or three kilometres away," he said. "It was a bit eerie. I'd been out ploughing and saw the light hovering there, big and bright. It stayed for a while, and then went away. But look if you want to talk to someone about UFOs ring this mate of

mine." He gave me the number.

His mate had been at a football club dance one night and was heading for home with his brother when: "There was a light in the sky ahead of us. Look I've seen aircraft in the night but I've never seen anything like this, and it seemed to be keeping an eye on us. I can tell you that we didn't waste any time getting home. But if you're writing about UFOs you should talk to this bloke I know in town".

And so it went on. Out at Pearce RAAF base they know all about it except: "We don't call them UFOs, we call them UAS's, Unusual Aerial Sightings, ninety-eight per cent of them can be explained, the other two per cent are supplied with insufficient data." But they do get enough reports to justify the printing of a special form which they send to people who sight something unusual. It asks them all about it.

Not that people who think they saw a flying saucer would believe an explanation anyway, because they seem to want desperately to believe they saw one. Meanwhile there could be some campers around who lit a fire in a paddock in Mt. Barker and rigged up a billy tripod around it who are laughing heartily.



"IL GIORNALE NUOVO" - AUGUST 23, 1977

## ALSO THE CARABINIERI ARE INTERESTED IN UFOs

With a phonogram spread last month to all their offices, the Carabinieri have been invited to report UFO phenomena. It is not excluded that in the message there is an explicit invitation to contact "experts" and "study groups" to have their collaboration.

(Carabinieri are an Army Corp with police-like functions)

### Anche i carabinieri si interessano agli Ufo

Con un fonogramma diramato un mese fa a tutte le sedi, i carabinieri sono stati invitati a segnalare i fenomeni Ufo.

Non si esclude che nel messaggio ci sia un esplicito invito a prendere contatti con "esperti" e gruppi di studio al fine di averne la collaborazione.

# Ho visto gli UFO! dice il pizzaiolo

CUASSO AL MONTE,  
4 agosto

È il momento degli UFO. Soprattutto degli UFO a Cuasso al Monte. Domenica scorsa nel paese del Varesotto è stata fondata la prima base UFO in Lombardia. Oggi un ragazzino asserisce di averli visti. Il ragazzino in questione è Angelo Petrone, 17 anni, di professione pizzaiolo in un ristorante di Cuasso al Monte. Dice che l'altra notte, dopo essersi coricato ha visto dalla finestra un oggetto luminoso: « Si muoveva a scatti, proprio come un disco volante ». Il fatto sconcertante è che la storia raccontata da Angelo Petrone sarebbe stata indirettamente confermata da un cliente del ristorante che, martedì sera, senza sapere dell'avvistamento del pizzaiolo ha ripetuto pari pari lo stesso racconto.



« Avevo appena terminato di lavorare — riprende Petrone — e mi sono infilato nel letto. Ho spento la luce e, all'improvviso, ho visto dalla finestra l'oggetto sconosciuto. È arrivato a fortissima velocità, si è bloccato di colpo. Si spostava sia verticalmente sia orizzontalmente: ha disegnato un rettangolo ed è scomparso. Non ho fatto in tempo ad alzarmi ma sono sicuro che l'UFO si trovava proprio sopra la base inaugurata l'altro giorno. Di più posso dire che era luminoso, ma forse era il riflesso dei raggi della luna. Comunque non ha lasciato nessuna scia, non faceva rumore. Veramente non so se si trattava di un disco volante... ».

Al Petrone qualcuno crede, qualcuno non crede. Certo Petrone quello che dice lo dice con estrema convinzione. Va ricordato però che nei giorni scorsi una signora di Varese, abitante a Giubiano, ha telefonato a un giornale locale dichiarando di aver visto anche lei un oggetto misterioso. A questo punto meglio non addentrarsi oltre. Ricordando soltanto la promessa del presidente americano Carter: quest'anno dovrebbe aprire finalmente il fascicolo riguardante gli UFO. Allora dovremmo saperne qualcosa di più. Sia degli UFO veri, sia degli UFO falsi.

"IL GIORNO" - AUGUST 5, 1977 ITALY

I SAW THE UFO! SO SAYS THE PIZZA-BOY

It's the moment for UFOs. And especially for UFOs at Cuasso al Monte, Last Sunday the first UFO base in Lombardia was opened in this town by a few cultists. Today a 17 yr. old youngster tells he saw them. He is Angelo Petrone, who cooks pizzas in a local restaurant. He tells that last evening he went to bed and saw a bright object through his window. "It was moving jerkily, just like saucers do". What's most amazing is that such report is confirmed by a customer of the restaurant, who saw the same object on Tuesday evening as he had finished his dinner.

Petrone says: "I had just finished my work and had gone to bed when I saw the unknown object at the window. It arrived at a very fast speed and stopped there suddenly. It was moving up and down, and laterally too, designing so a rectangular shape in the sky. I had not the time to rise but I'm sure it was over the base opened a few days ago. It was very bright, but perhaps this was caused by the moonlight. It had no trail, no noise. Actually, I don't know whether this was a flying saucer." Someone believes him but someone doesn't. But he knows what tells, and speak with conviction. And let's remember that a few days ago a Varese woman phoned a local newspaper telling she was seeing the mysterious object. Let's stop here, now and remember President Carter's promised the UFO-files will be opened this year. Then we'll be able to learn more about the true UFOs, as well as the untrue ones.

QLD. W. AUSTRALIA - SUNDAY TELEGRAPH  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 18, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Man seeks flying saucer

**A man who is convinced life would be better on another planet wants to buy a flying saucer.**

He has already received 30 calls after advertising for "an inter-galactic flying saucer — 10 person accommodation minimum."

The man, Mr C. A. King of Paradise, near Adelaide, said yesterday one caller, whom he believed genuine, claimed he knew where a flying saucer was available and supplied him with details.

### Hidden

"I will have to obtain it by devious means because I don't want other people trying to get

## for a new life

By a STAFF REPORTER

it before me," the caller said.

Mr King said if there was a "billion-to-one" chance he would find a flying saucer.

But it was possible somebody in Australia was hiding one, afraid to tell the authorities.

"A few of the callers were cranks, asking what size or color I would like, but there were some genuine calls," he said.

About five of the

callers said they wanted to leave this planet with him.

"They asked things such as how many people I was taking and how much it would cost," he said.

"But these things can't be worked out until I get a machine."

### Loans

Mr King would not say how much he was prepared to pay for a flying saucer, but said he could raise substantial loans.

"Scientists believe there

are more advanced beings in the universe than us," he said.

Mr King has had a variety of jobs. He said he once worked in electronics for Nato in England and also built components for space research.

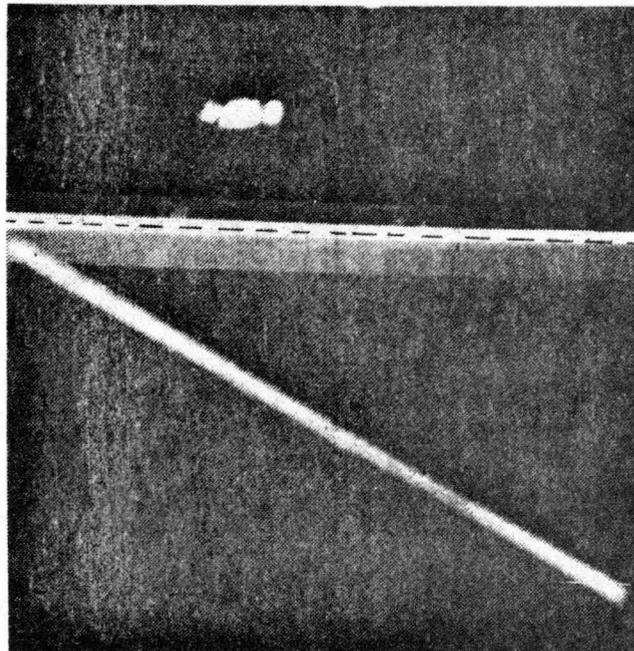
Anyone with a flying saucer hidden in their backyard can contact Mr King in Adelaide on 336 3637.

"I would like to live with such a civilisation and learn."

# Un altro oggetto luminoso ripreso nel cielo di Monza

"IL GIORNALE NUOVO" ITALY  
AUGUST 12, 1977

YET NO EXPLANATION FOR THE  
PHENOMENON  
ANOTHER LUMINOUS OBJECT  
IN THE SKY AT MONZA



è nato a Brugherio sei anni fa per iniziativa di un gruppo di studenti; in Italia di centri simili ve ne sono circa 500; ogni volta che avviene un fenomeno come questo gli ufologi spediscono foto e documentazione alla « base » dei Centri studi Ufo, negli Stati Uniti, in California.

Che si tratti di dischi volanti o di altro, in ogni caso il loro avvistamento non ha spaventato i monzesi. Nell'ottobre 1938 Orson Welles con una trasmissione radiofonica, « La guerra dei Mondi », nella quale si annunciava un'invasione dei marziani, seminò il panico in America. A Monza le fotografie di Erminio Ferranti hanno solo destato curiosità. « E' vero, li hanno visti in tanti — spiega il gestore di un bar vicino al luogo degli avvistamenti — ma cosa possono venire a fare gli extraterrestri a Monza? ».

Nelle due foto, separate dalla linea tratteggiata, sono visibili, in alto, il misterioso oggetto luminoso, in basso, la scia tracciata nel cielo dallo stesso Ufo nell'arco di 7 minuti.

Per la quinta volta in otto giorni l'altra sera, poco dopo le 23, un altro oggetto volante è stato avvistato nel cielo di Monza. I « dischi volanti » sono stati visti e fotografati dall'elettricista Cesare Bise-

volanti visti in questi giorni nel cielo di Monza nessuno sa indicare origine e provenienza; i radar degli aeroporti lombardi non li hanno neppure avvistati. Molte persone però li hanno visti.

For the fifth time in 8 days, least evening, just past 2:30, another flying object was sighted in the Monza sky. The "flying saucers" were seen and photographed by electrician Cesare Bisesti and Photographer Erminio Ferranti, who (in the last few days) photographed a lot of other bright bodies floating in the air. Last evening's object, similar to the other ones, remained motionless in the sky for about an hour, then went away very fast.

Since last week's mysterious luminous objects have crossed the sky of the area between Monza & Sesto San Giovanni; on Sunday night a formation of 13 UFOs was seen.

According to statistics from the Aif Force, 94% of these sightings do usually have a scientific explanation, but as for the flying objects seen in these days in the Monza skies, none can show the source; radars in the lombard airports didn't even sight them. However, several people saw them. Besides Erminio Ferrante and Cesare Bisesti two Carabinieri in Monza, workers of the Falck and a few walkers saw them, too. "I'm not telling they're flying saucers or extraterrestrial objects says Erminio Ferranti - I'm just telling they're strange objects, surely not planes or meteors. It's specialist who have to find the origin".

A member of the Gruppo Ufologico Brugherio, Giuliano Teruzzi, 19, who is studying the photos, says these objects are surely extraterrestrial. According to him, their shape and the way they fly prove this. The G.U.B. was born in Brugherio six years ago, formed by a group of students; similar groups in Italy are 500; every time there happens such a phenomenon, ufologists send photos and documents to the "base" of UFO-Centers, in California.

Flying saucers or other things, this didn't make monzesis afraid. In October 1938 Orson Welles spread panic in America with a radio-programme titled "The War of the Worlds", in which a martian invasion was announced. In Monza, Erminio Ferranti's photos spread only curiosity.

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"IL RESTO DEL CARLINO - AUG. 9, 1977  
New Sighting at La Spezia

"A FLYING SAUCER GREETED US"

La Spezia, Aug 8th.  
Earth calls UFO. And the UFO answers. It's again those people from GORU (Gruppo Osservazioni e Ricerche Ufologiche), the Spezia UFO group, who bring grist to the mill of the greater and greater mass of true "believers", reporting their new experience in the early hours of the night between Saturday and Sunday on the hills surrounding the town.

"Let's clear possible doubts, mistakes and bad interpretations away, and let's say at once that this time we have several witnesses - says GORU leader Stelio Asso - among the people of a Genova UFO group, and four other people which we know of, but who don't want their name to be made, and who are not engaged in activities of our group". The event took place Saturday evening, between 10:56 and 11:10 p.m. Let's observe that on the same evening the GORU members watched at least 25 UFO flyovers between 9:30 and 11:55.

"At 10:56 we saw in the north-northeastern sky a luminous source. We thought it could be a mistake, as we had been watching the sky for quite a few times. But exactly one minute later we saw another luminous emission in the same spot. So we chose to answer it if signals came as answer from the sky. Two more signals, and two more answers. In all we signalled five times more, which were regularly answered by the vehicle, while it was moving south-southeastwards, passing through the west with an arc. Our last three flashes received only one in answer. We tried again but it was gone".

"IL GIORNALE NUOVO"

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Ferrenti and Bisesti remained on the spot till dawn, at about 5:15 a.m. The "lights" had begun to turn off themselves, one by one, but two of them were still on when the sighters got to bed, tired and excited.

Here ends the account by the "witnesses", which of course we do not comment on. By nowadays, flying saucers gave life to a kind of "scientist", "ufology", which has cultors mostly in America but that begins to make buffs in Italy, too (as the recent congress in Lombardia shows). Material for "in charge people", on which it would be senseless for us to comment.

NUOVO AVVISTAMENTO A LA SPEZIA

*«Un disco volante  
ci ha salutato»*

LA SPEZIA, 8 — Terra chiama Ufo. E l'Ufo risponde. Sono ancora quelli del Goru, il gruppo spezzino di osservazioni e ricerche ufologiche a portare acqua alla sempre più vasta schiera dei «credenti», raccontando i dettagli di una nuova esperienza capitata loro nella prima notte tra sabato e domenica sulle alture che fanno da corona al golfo

«Tanto per sgomberare il campo da possibili equivoci e da interpretazioni maliziose — ha detto il leader del Goru, Stelio Asso — diciamo subito che questa volta abbiamo diversi testimoni: i componenti di un gruppo di ricerca ufologica di Genova e quattro persone, a noi note ma che desiderano mantenere l'incognito, che sono completamente estranee al Goru ed alla sua attività».

L'episodio narrato da Asso è avvenuto sabato sera, in due tempi, alle 22,56 ed alle 23,10. Da notare che gli osservatori del Goru quella stessa sera — dalle 21,30 alle 23,55 — hanno contato il passaggio di ben venticinque oggetti volanti non identificati, di varie dimensioni.

«Alle 22,56 notavamo in cielo in direzione nord-nord ovest una emissione luminosa. Lì per lì non ci abbiamo fatto troppo caso perché pensavamo si trattasse d'uno scherzo della nostra vista, dal momento che da diverso tempo osservavamo il cielo. Esattamente un minuto dopo, però, dallo stesso punto preciso partiva un'altra emissione di luce. Abbiamo deciso pertanto di rispondere nel caso ci fosse stato un altro segnale, e ciò è avvenuto un minuto dopo. Da terra abbiamo inviato tre segnali, e dal cielo sono venuti tre segnali in risposta. Da terra partono due segnali, e da lassù, ma in zona più spostata verso sud-sud est, due segnali».

«In totale da terra sono state inviate altre cinque segnalazioni che dal veicolo ci sono state ripetute puntualmente mentre proseguiva nel suo viaggio verso sud-sud est compiendo quindi un arco per ovest. Gli ultimi tre lampi da terra hanno avuto una sola emissione luminosa in risposta. Abbiamo riprovato ma senza successo. Quindi, probabilmente, si era allontanato».