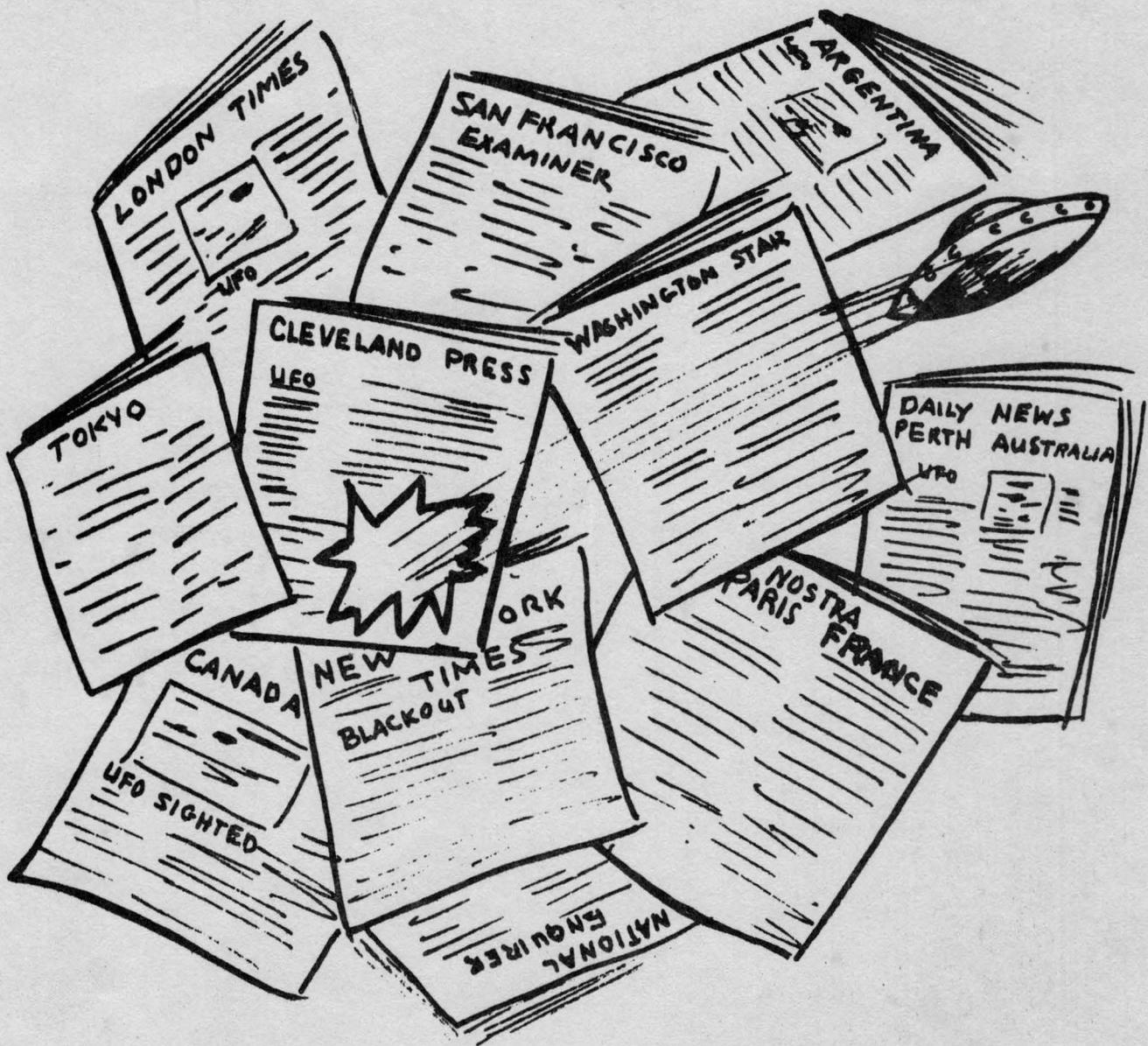


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'Close encounters' with UFOs are big news in Brazil

By Michael Roth
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

SAO PAULO, Brazil—Not only fans of close "Encounters of the Third Kind" are talking about extraterrestrial visitors these days. On Tuesday, March 14, two of Sao Paulo's leading daily newspapers featured front-page articles about UFOs that had "appeared" over the suburbs of Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and other Brazilian cities.

Thousands of people claim they saw a squadron of flying saucers hovering over the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro on Monday, March 13. The radar screens at the airfield in Campo dos Afonsos, near Rio de Janeiro, were the first to detect the mysterious objects. They were also seen from Manaus, the capital of the Amazon, Brasilia, and in towns and cities all the way to Rio, Sao Paulo and Santos.

According to Coronel Rui Guardiola, of the airfield Campo dos Afonsos, the flying objects emitted yellow and blue luminous signals with the intensity of gigantic photographic "flashes."

A caretaker of Camari Stadium in Rio de Janeiro said that more than one UFO remained in the air "for a long time" over the stadium during a practice session of the national Brazilian soccer team. Hundreds of people nearby reported seeing the mysterious visitors.

Rivaldo Candido Nunes, traffic assistant at the International Airport Congonhas in Sao Paulo, declared that the Department of Civil Aeronautics received more than 40 calls about "having seen something strange in the sky."

A group of witnesses in Rio reported seeing "brightly-colored, cigar-shaped objects in a flight pattern across the night sky."

One American man was reported to have photographed the flying visitors. A search is currently being made throughout Rio de Janeiro to find him. According to witnesses in the Praca Tiradentes, an American armed with a

large camera equipped with a telescopic lens took several pictures of the UFOs, Civilian observers and military experts as well have reported similar UFO "appearances."

The UFOs were seen not only from the ground but also from the air. The crew of a Pan Am jet, flying in the vicinity of Brasilia, reported seeing a luminous sphere followed by a long, brightly-lit tail. Passengers of a Varig flight reported the same sighting.

Collective hallucination? Or was there really something flying up there? The previous Friday, March 10, almost all the Sao Paulo daily newspapers received numerous phone calls. The callers reported a luminous sphere with a long tail appearing over the Serra da Cantareira, a mountain range west of Sao Paulo, rising over the suburbs and flying toward the city before heading north. So many reports were received that the Special Operations Command (COE) went to the area of the sightings to search for traces of this object. After two days, the search was abandoned, but on March 12 airports and newspapers received hundreds of calls reporting more UFO sightings.

Of these callers, many reported having seen a mysterious circular craft touch down on one of the runways of Congonhas Airport in Sao Paulo. The airport's radar system was disconnected at the hour of the reported sightings and airport officials sighted no unusual craft, neither in the skies nor on its runways. However, radar screens in Brasilia and in Manaus picked up unidentified signals.

Not only Brazilian skies have been infested by strange objects recently. In Moscow, Soviet cosmonaut Georgi Grechko, who recently spent 94 days in space aboard the Salyut-6, was said to have seen a UFO similar to those sighted in Brazil just days before the

Brazilian sightings. However, according to Pravda, the international famous cosmonaut denied having seen UFOs flying near his aircraft on either of his space flights.

In this part of South America, other sightings have gained prominent space in newspapers recently. Some six months ago, officials of the Chilean army admitted having seen strong blinding lights descending over the desert near Arica in northern Chile before dawn one morning. A lieutenant who rushed out to see where the lights were coming from was reported to have disappeared for over an hour. When he reappeared, speechless and trembling, he had five days growth of beard on his face. Only after several days of rest and therapeutic attention was he able to describe his experience but the details have not been disclosed by Chilean military authorities.

Nor has Sao Paulo been alien to such sightings. Several years ago the city of Limeira in the state of Sao Paulo was in a state of tension for over a month due to continuing sightings of UFOs over the city. Numerous people reported having contact with "crew members," although no contact could be proven.

During the same period of time similar UFOs were sighted in various countries of Asia and Europe. Numerous photos were taken that were considered by experts to be authentic one of which was taken from Brazilian navy plane. The Brazilian navy confirmed the authenticity of the picture.

Not all the observers were in agreement about the recent reports of UFOs played up in local papers. Brazilian air force Major Fernando Jordao described what he saw as a meteorite. "I don't have any doubt that it was a meteor of great size," he said. "It must have been 80 kilometers above the ground and probably fell into the Atlantic

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*****MAR 22, 1978****

Unidentified Flying Objects in the area have hit the news again. Several law enforcement authorities in Cattaraugus County are trying to explain several UFO sightings on Sunday night and early Monday morning. Officers in the county sheriff's and Salamanca Police Departments reported seeing the objects between 11:40 p.m. Sunday and 12:45 a.m. Monday.

The object was triangular and looked "sort of like a boomerang" with a series of changing "blue, red, green and white lights" according to Ronald Shadden, a Salamanca patrolman who observed the object through the windows of the police station.

More Reports Confirm Strange Craft In Placer Area

By Reed Fujii

Since The Journal's report Friday of an unidentified flying object over Loomis, several more persons have reported sighting the UFO's two bright lights and large delta shape last Wednesday night. Perhaps the most credible report comes from a Newcastle resident who is a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controller.

"To me, it's a phenomena," said Brian Metcalfe Monday, "It was not a mechanical plane."

Metcalfe was driving eastbound on Interstate 80 last Wednesday and, passing Roseville, noted the time on an outdoor clock; it was about 9:40. As he approached Newcastle, Metcalfe spotted two bright lights, apparently over Foresthill.

"The thing that amazed me (was) it was moving so slowly," he said. Pulling off the freeway at the Highway 193 turnoff, Metcalfe stopped and turned off his motor and got out to watch and listen.

He first thought the craft was a plane approaching Mather AFB, but his knowledge of flights in the area led Metcalfe to discount that. It was too large to be a U-2 plane and there was no noise of a helicopter or a propeller-type aircraft.

Metcalfe said the only noise he heard was a low hum like a discharged battery.

The UFO, according to Met-

calfe, was moving southwest along the freeway at 30 to 40 mph, at about 2,000 to 3,000 feet in the air. As it approached, the air controller could see it was "delta shaped" with no "defined control surfaces and no apparent markings."

Metcalfe also reported another air controller, who resides in Rocklin but declined to speak with The Journal, also saw the two puzzling lights.

"It was pretty strange," said Terry Carr-Hall of Loomis, who may have gotten the closest look at the craft. He said, "It passed directly over our house" moving very slowly or just hovering at what Carr-Hall estimated was 75 feet.

Again, what attracted his attention was "two extremely bright lights...like floodlights. Underneath it there were a few small red lights," he said. Carr-Hall reaffirmed the UFO was triangular in shape with the two bright lights mounted on the two corners "on the front end".

The only sound he heard was "a very, very low pulsating whirr."

After the UFO disappeared, easterly toward Folsom Lake, Carr-Hall made several phone calls, "I was hoping we would get an explanation from an Air Force base," he said. But the easy explanations remain undiscovered.

An Ophir resident, Mary Cuneo and her son Mike, 12, spotted the UFO passing over Auburn. They had gotten into their car after leav-

ing the theater on Lincoln Way. Seeing the two bright lights, Mrs. Cuneo stopped her car at the intersection of Lincoln Way and Highway 49 to watch.

The UFO went over Auburn around "13 or 14 minutes before 10 p.m. (at) 30 to 40 mph (and) at least 400 to 500 feet high," she said. Mrs. Cuneo described the object as triangular and silent.

"As it passed you could see the back end with lights on it," she said. "The smaller lights were blue or green."

"It never seemed to cross the freeway," she added.

Grazinano Del Col who works for Kendall Engineering in Auburn spotted the two lights, which he called "out of the ordinary", as he drove along Interstate 80 eastbound between Meadow Vista and Applegate.

Del Col never got a good look at the object, which he estimated to be about 300 feet east of the freeway, "It was just different, unusual."

Ted Smith, Chief Placer County Probation Officer, sighted the UFO over Sierra College, after he and his daughter, Laurie, left class. "It looked like a plane with the landing lights on," he said, "The only problem was, it wasn't moving."

Again, Smith saw a triangular shaped object, "with the two lights on the base (of the triangle)." He and the passengers in his car heard no noise.

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*****MAR. 21, 1978*****

Brilliant Flash Lights Night Skies

By DAN MORAIN
Staff Writer

A three- to five-second flash of light filled the sky and was apparently followed by a loud boom Monday at 9:50 p.m.

The light streaked across the sky from southeast to northwest. The light reported by some to have a blue-green tint was seen throughout the county.

"It was flaming and really bright," said Rita Ewing, who works at the Palomar Observatory on Mt. Palomar, and saw the flash.

She said she heard a loud boom after the light dimmed. Astronomers at the observatory were unsure what the light was.

Astronomers said it may have been a meteor or "space debris" from a satellite re-entering the atmosphere.

Officials at Miramar Naval Air Base were also unsure of the light's origin. A Coast Guard spokesman said the light was "an unknown natural phenomenon."

According to one report, a layer of ice 13,000-14,000 feet in the atmosphere may have reflected light and caused the flash.

Andrew Simon of the San Diego county UFO Research Organization said, "it seemed to have happened all over the county. We had reports from Chula Vista to Carlsbad."

"It really a mystery," he said. Investigators from the UFO organization are studying the phenomenon.

"The light seemed to have grown in intensity for three to five seconds, and then diminished."

Some witnesses claimed to have seen "objects in the immediate vicinity" of the flash. One person reportedly saw an object that looked like "a plate with cups on the top and bottom."

Another witness said he saw an "elongated object through the clouds that looked to be 500 feet long and 100 feet wide."

FAIRMONT, W. VA. - TIMES
*****APR. 8, 1978*****

Doc Reports Another UFO

Doc Stork reported the sighting of another UFO. Tim Domico saw one with red and white lights over Monongah last night. Doc stopped at Fairmont General Hospital to leave:

Twin boys for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Curry of Hundred.

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Martin, Fairmont Ave.

A boy for Mr. and Mrs. John Steffich of Broadway Ave.

YORK, PA. - DISPATCH
****APR. 4, 1978****

MILD UFO FLAP IN YORK AREA?

Local Researcher Reports Unusual Number of Sightings

"I believe we're in a mild UFO flap."

Robert D. Barry was using a term of his trade to describe the recent flurry of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the York County area.

Barry, researcher-investigator for the 20th Century UFO Bureau, said at certain periods there are an unusual number of sightings of unknown craft, and this is one of them.

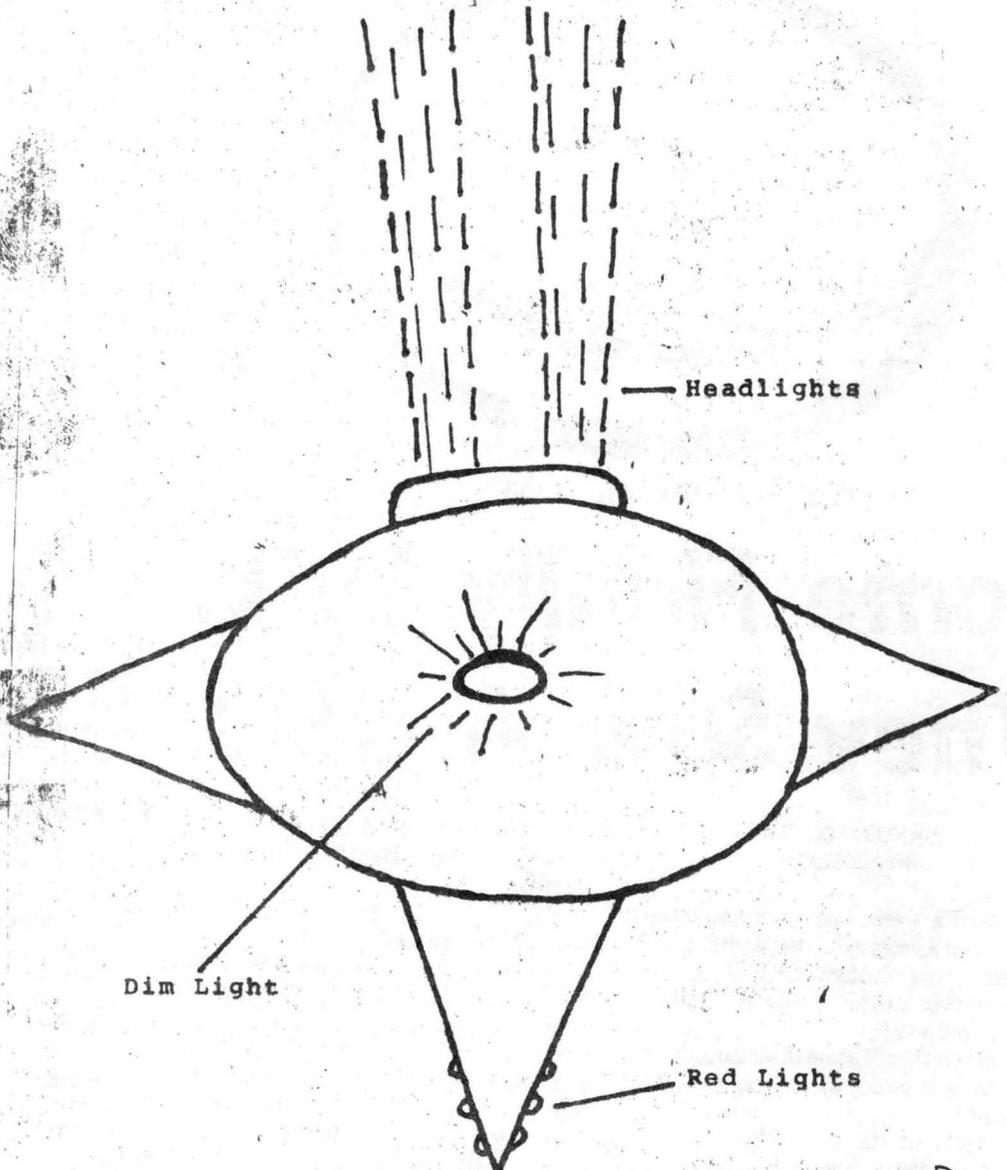
Barry was interviewing some of the 10 countians who reported seeing the airborne vehicle hovering over several spots around York County over the weekend.

The most detailed description of the craft, Barry said, was given by Robert S. Hake, Red Lion RD 1, who saw the vehicle at close range in the vicinity of the York County Shopping Center. Barry said he was especially interested in the incident because the UFO Hake described is a different design.

The round or oval shape is similar to other sightings but the winglike protrusions from the sides and the tail structure are something new in UFO reports he has received, Barry said.

He had Hake make a rough sketch of what the craft looked like from a top view. Hake was able to do this, he said, because the hovering vehicle tilted toward him several times as he watched from a parking lot just off East Market Street. This same tilting action was described by a Seven Valleys couple who spotted a craft near Strinestown.

Hake also told of two



A SAUCER "as big as a house," as sketched by Robert S. Hake after the craft tilted to afford an overhead view. (Story this page).

forward-shining lights on the leading edge of the ship, a dimmer light on top and three red lights on either side of the tail protrusion, Barry said. Additionally, there appeared to be a series of metal crossbars on the underside of the craft, he said.

The dimensions of the craft, Barry said, were estimated to be similar to those of a small or average size house. The sound it made, he said, could be described as a combination of that made by a large fan, plus a whirring and humming.

Barry is convinced that many more persons saw the craft, but failed to report it. He noted that one county policeman admitted seeing it only after hearing another officer talk about it.

Many people never mention seeing such things, Barry said, because of the possible ridicule to which they might be subjected. Oddly enough, he said, many sightings are made by people who previously were skeptics.

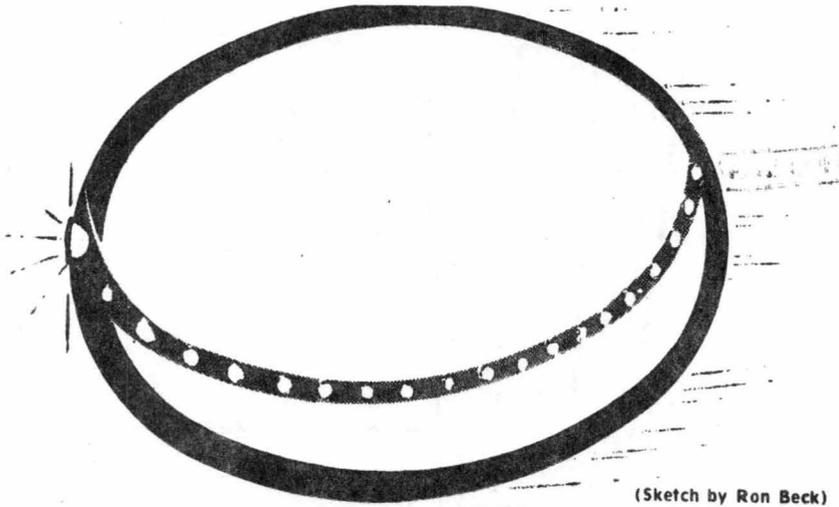
"I never believed in them before, but now I do," is a common statement by numerous UFO witnesses, Barry said.

ARCADE, N.Y. - TIMES
****MAR 22, 1978****

Unidentified Objects Sighted

After receiving a call from the Great Valley area the Cataaugus Sheriff's department notified their deputies at 11:40 p.m. Sunday evening.

Six members of the Sheriff's Department cruised around the Great Valley area and all of them stated that they saw two unidentified flying objects, one was red and blue and the other a green and white object. The objects hovered in the area for about ten minutes and then disappeared.



(Sketch by Ron Beck)

DID THIS UFO VISIT SANFORD?

Some Finally Talk, They Saw A UFO

By NORM OSHRIN
Herald Editor

It's been a week. One week ago tonight. That's when it happened. That's when several residents near Sanford Loch Arbor area saw something strange in the sky. Call it a UFO, if you want.

You haven't heard about the incident before today, because no one was talking about it for the record.

To report it to the police or other authorities, these Sanfordites were convinced, would only mark them as kooks. Crazy. Nuts.

One of the observers finally did break the ice. Vicki Bryant called The Herald. She wasn't afraid of what she might be called, what people might think. She just wanted to share her unique experience.

It was 9:15 p.m. Friday, March 31, on West 25th Street in a car headed west. Beside her

was a friend, Melody Kennedy.

"Is that a spaceship?" she asked Mrs. Kennedy.

"You know, you might be right," her companion responded.

The object was noiseless, about the size of a football field Mrs. Bryant recalls. It was oblong, "like the goodyear blimp," she says. What she saw was a group of white lights, with one big blinking light dominating the object.

She recalls it hovering right over the cemetery, the one past Geneva Gardens on West 25th Street, for three to four minutes.

"I do believe in UFOs," concedes Mrs. Bryant. "But this time I didn't want to. I was scared; I was close to it."

At first Mrs. Bryant figured it was a convoy of small planes. So why wasn't there movement? After sitting for awhile to think of

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some logical explanation, the pair decided to report the finding to Mrs. Bryant's husband, George, at their 2013 Washington Ave. home.

With no questions asked, Bryant was whisked out of the house, into the car, and off to the sighting site.

The UFO was gone. A call to the Sanford airport terminal later on indicated no plane convoy in the area at that time.

So that was that. Until this week. That is when Vicki Bryant called The Herald. When told that others also had spotted what she had, she sighed and began to cry. It was more a cry of relief—relief that she hadn't lost her senses.

She had seen what she thought she had seen.

She had seen what others, too, had seen—although most of them refused to talk about it officially. Except for Elaine Chapman of 137 Bunker Lane, Sanford.

She, too, had seen it. But she is inclined to play it down.

"I'd rather not believe it was a UFO," she says. "I believe it was a group of helicopters in formation."

A group of helicopters, it turns out, that never was.

Sheriff checking out UFO report

The Williams County sheriff's department at 12:02 a.m. Thursday received a call from an unidentified female that an UFO had been sighted east of Bryan.

She said the unidentified object seemed to hover over the Goebel Wrecking Co., route 2, Bryan, east along Ohio 2 and 34, with red and blue lights flashing and then went back up into the air.

BRYAN, OHIO - TIMES
****APR 13, 1978****

Noiseless UFO Witnessed By Officers, Man in Temple

TEMPLE - What is like an airplane in size but not in shape, makes no noise, and has two pulsating lights - one red, the other green?

Well, if you ask a Temple man and six Temple police officers, it was the unidentified flying object they saw early Friday morning.

Gary Castleberry, in his 20s, of 1001 South Thirteenth, Apt. B, told police he saw a UFO at 1.11 a.m. near the city's sewerage plant.

The object had two lights, made no noise and moved from east to west, Castleberry told police. Castleberry

reported the object was not a helicopter and did not move like an airplane, police said.

Less than an hour later, about 2 a.m., six police officers in various locations in the city reported seeing the same object, police said.

The policemen said the object was like a plane in size but not in shape.

"It was really weird," said officer Pat Caswell, who received first-hand reports of the sightings but did not see the object himself.

Police are carrying the case as a UFO

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****APR. 11, 1978****

Deaths

In Other Places

John (Long John) Nebel, 66, fixture for 28 years of late night radio in New York City, Monday in New York. Had last live radio show on station WMCA Friday night.

Encounter, Or Illusion?

By JULIE FITZPATRICK

Flashes of light, and then, a few minutes later, a saucer-shaped object reportedly hovered over the Warners area, its green, yellow, blue and red lights flickering and revolving around the airborne craft.

The question is, did the Kiteveles family of E. Sorrell Hill Road have a "close encounter of the first kind" Wednesday evening shortly before 11 o'clock?

"I know what I saw, and I'm not crazy," said Mrs. Linda Kiteveles, who, along with her husband, Dennis, and three children, claims she saw an unidentified flying object outside their kitchen window.

According to Mrs. Kiteveles, the family was visiting her sister and brother-in-law who live next door Wednesday night. As they left their relatives' home, they saw two flashes of light in the distance, she said.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Kiteveles said that her sister later told her the power went off shortly after the two flashes occurred, and that a television set which was on in the house went white, rather than dark, when the power was cut.

She thought the power was off approximately two minutes, Mrs. Kiteveles said Thursday.

Officials at the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and the New York State Electric and Gas Corp. confirmed that a power outage occurred in the villages of Jordan and Warners at 10:12 p.m. Wednesday night.

"Niagara Mohawk has a 115,000-volt line that feeds our station," explained A.J. Kalicki, resident engineer with NYSEG.

"Today (Thursday) NiMo found that a bad insulator on the terminal to that line caused the outage," he said, noting that another power failure occurred at 12:34 p.m. Thursday as a result of the damaged porcelain insulator.

Both power cuts lasted exactly 39 seconds, Kalicki said.

Officials for Niagara Mohawk said that damaged insulators such as this are common at this time of year because of the ice and snow that can form on them during the winter.

The damaged insulator was located at the Niagara Mohawk Longbranch substation on Lake Shore Blvd. near the Thruway, approximately a mile and a

quarter from the Kiteveles' home.

Once the Kiteveles' returned to their own home, the oldest son, Denny, 11, looked out and spotted an object in the sky behind the house.

"We watched it for 10 to 15 minutes, and had the sheriff's department on the phone the whole time," Mrs. Kiteveles said.

According to the sheriff's report of the incident, Kiteveles, who is a dispatcher with the Baldwinsville police, went outside to get a better look at the object.

He said the object hovered above a wooded area a few hundred yards behind the house. As it hovered, it seemed to rock back and forth at the ends and at times would move in a rectangular-shaped motion, he stated.

"The object had a beam on the front of it that sent quick flashes of light into the woods," Mrs. Kiteveles said Thursday.

"I was petrified, I wouldn't go out of the house at first," she added.

Later, however, she did go outside, and heard "a very soothing, relaxing hum," which she believed was being emitted by the object.

Mrs. Kiteveles said that as she watched the object, a passenger plane passed under the UFO making its approach to Syracuse Hancock International Airport.

According to the sheriff's report, the pilot of that plane said he believed he saw the power failure, but didn't see any UFO.

Tom Egan, on duty as airport tower supervisor at the time of the reported sighting, said he remembered seeing a couple of bright flashes shortly before 11 p.m., but that nothing out of the ordinary appeared on the radar screen.

"We are constantly picking up little blips on the screen that aren't identifiable airplanes," Egan said.

"We pick up flocks of geese, even trucks passing over hills in the area.

"We saw a blip on the screen around 11 o'clock, but it wasn't anything big enough or unusual enough to even log in," he said.

According to the sheriff's department, sightings were also reported in the Jordan-Elbridge area early Thursday morning.

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*****APR. 1, 1978*****

Local and Regional

An investigation was underway to determine the identity of an unidentified flying object sighted northeast of St. Paul. The sightings were reported in the New Scandia Township area of Washington County and south along the eastern suburbs of St. Paul. A UFO investigator said sighters ruled out a natural or man-made device. They described the object as battleship-size, with red lights. The investigator said the reports came from conservative, educated people, including conditioned skeptics. More than 40 persons reported seeing the object. It was reported that helicopters had been in the sighting areas, but witnesses vigorously denied that what they saw was a helicopter.

Sighting Of UFO Detailed

CHOUDRANT--Official and eyewitness accounts of the reporting sighting of an unidentified flying object near here Monday night differ considerably.

State police dismissed the report as a moving cloud cover.

But Mrs. Jimmy Barrett said what she and her three children saw was neither clouds, stars nor airplanes. "I don't know what it was," she said. "but it wasn't any of those."

She said she wasn't surprised at the state police report because she didn't call authorities until after the object disappeared.

"The funny thing about all this is I never really thought much about UFOs before," she said. "I thought there must be something up there because there have been too many reports, but I just figured it was probably something the government was testing. We don't know what the government has," she said.

She said she was reading about 11:15 p.m. when her son went outside to his car to get some school books. "He came running back in shouting for me," Mrs. Barrett said. "At first I thought something was wrong.

"He told me to come outside. We all went out and at first we couldn't see anything but finally we saw about 20 large bright white lights passing over in a 'V' formation." She said the formation was moving east to west.

She said there was also a straight line of lights down the center of the "V" and that some of the lights were bright and some dim.

"It didn't make any noise at all" she said. "It was moving slowly at first and then accelerated quickly and disappeared.

"My impression was that each light was a separate object and that the lights did not all belong to the same object," she added.

Mrs. Barrett said the object or objects were flying at "an extremely high altitude. But it wasn't an airplane. It wasn't clouds or stars either," she said, adding that the lights were not blinking.

She said she and her family did not see the new television show "Project U.F.O." that premiered Sunday night. "But I wish we had now," she said.

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RUSTON, LA. - DAILY LEADER
*****FEB 22, 1978*****

Rash of UFOs

OAKVILLE JOURNAL - CANADA
*****MAR 8, 1978*****

spotted, including a Bronte sighting

By DOUGLAS SWEET

Unidentified flying objects were reported across most of southern Ontario Monday night, in the wake of a sighting in Bronte last week.

Two Oakville youths, who spotted an oval shaped object hovering over Lake Ontario last Thursday night, had their story confirmed yesterday by another youth who called the Journal Record and said he saw an object similar to the one seen by the boys, at the same time.

The youth said he watched a white, oval shaped object with two round, orange shapes at either side, from a house in Bronte near the Lake.

Last Thursday's sighting was the second in two months in the Bronte area. The first was made by four youths tobogganing near Twelve Mile Creek, Jan.

21, and was later confirmed by an unrelated party.

Mississauga UFO expert Tom Grey, head of the Northeastern UFO Organization, said he received reports yesterday from all across southern Ontario describing UFO sightings at about 8 p.m. Monday.

"In all the years I've been studying UFOs, I've never seen as many widespread sightings at one time," said Grey in an interview. He has been studying the phenomenon for about 25 years.

"Is the whole province participating in a hoax? I doubt it, it's no longer a hoax."

Grey said radio stations from near Collingwood and Owen Sound reported a tremendous number of sightings, while Toronto radio stations carried reports yesterday of a

UFO occurrence Monday night in Windsor witnessed by about 20 people.

Milton was the first area to contact Grey, when 16-year-old Angelo Crisci saw a whitish oval object hovering about three or four stories off the ground at about 8 p.m. Monday.

"You could see the white streak when it left," he said.

Other areas to contact Grey included Brampton,

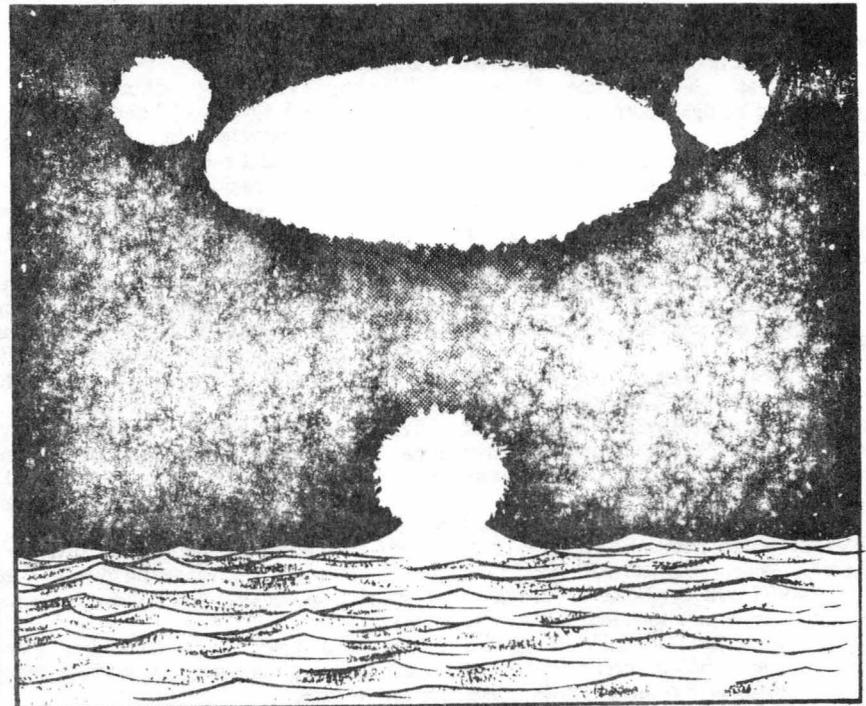
Windsor, Collingwood, Chatham, Georgian Bay, Wasaga Beach, Canadian Forces Base, Borden and Cobourg.

Grey said a Canadian Press report from Chatham described the UFO as a white oval with a bluish rim, spotted below tree level. A number of people in the Chatham area reported television interference at about the same time, Grey added.

Grey said one officer at CFB Borden confirmed UFO activity over the base, although another officer later denied that report.

Grey has predicted 1978 will be a big year for UFO activity, which, he says, follows a cyclical period of five and one-third years

The last year for a high number of sightings was 1973.



Above, an artist's illustration of a UFO spotted on Lake Ontario near Bronte last week (as reported in Monday's Journal Record), based on eyewitness accounts.

RUSTON, LA. - DAILY READER
*****MAR 20, 1978*****

UFO Claimed Wreck Cause

Louisiana State Police investigated two accidents over the weekend, one of which was said to have been caused by a UFO.

Charles E. Green, a city employee, struck was treated and released at Lincoln General Hospital late Saturday after striking a utility pole in the Beacon Light Road.

State police said Green told them he was fleeing from a "big ball of light" at the time of the accident.

He told officers the light "swooped" down and started chasing him. He said he accelerated his car, losing control and striking the pole.

He was ticketed by police for failure to maintain control of his vehicle.

Kenneth T. Thompson of Brookhaven, Miss. was admitted to Lincoln General Friday night and released over the weekend after being involved in a two-vehicle accident on I-20 two miles east of Ruston.

Police said Thompson's pickup truck collided with a tractor-trailer rig driven by Will H. Thomas of Choudrant.

Police said both vehicles were traveling west on I-20 when Thompson apparently lost control of his truck and ran under the back of the larger truck.

COBOURG DAILY STAR - CANADA
*****MAR. 7, 1978*****

This Must Be Cobourg

Two area men have been left pondering what they saw a half mile east of Hwy. 28 on Dale Road last night.

George Wilson and real estate agent Merrill Crowe were driving east when several minutes past 8 p.m. they noticed a bright light with no beam in the sky. It was a bluish white hue. As the men stared, for half a minute or so, the light elongated and disappeared.

Both men are convinced they have seen an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). They were not the only ones to sight an unusual light last night. At approximately the same time, a Lindsay OPP officer apparently filed a report on a similar light with a similar pattern of disappearance.

NORWICH, N.Y. - SUN
****APR. 6, 1978**

Identified UFO spotter sorry

By TED CILWICK
of the Evening Sun

BALDWINSVILLE—"I made the mistake of calling the police," Dennis Kiteveles said. "I'm getting a lot of flak."

But Mr. Kiteveles, a civilian employe of this village's police department—a Syracuse suburb about 55 miles from Norwich—insists "It wasn't a plane I saw up there last night."

What he and his family saw Wednesday night at about 10:30, he says, is an oval-shaped something with flashing colored lights, hovering about 2,500 feet above his Baldwinville home.

His wife says she even saw a small passenger plane pass beneath the mysterious craft, perhaps en route to Hancock Airport.

The power in the Kiteveles' home went out for about 10 minutes during the sky-watching, and although Niagara

Mohawk Power Co. officials confirm the interruption in service, they have no idea what caused it, according to the Onondaga Sheriff's Department.

But Federal Aviation Authorities at nearby Hancock Airport are unimpressed. "FAA's not doing anything with it," said tower chief Robert Adams. "We have nothing to investigate."

Contrary to a report filed with the sheriff's department, Mr. Adams said there was no unidentifiable "blip" skirting across FAA monitors last night. And even if there was a reading on the FAA screen, Mr. Adams says it was probably caused by a truck rumbling up Interstate-81.

An Onondaga Sheriff's deputy reconstructed the events for the Evening Sun:

The Kiteveles spotted the unidentifiable object from their home. The sky was clear. While the power was out for about

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10 minutes, the strange craft continued to waver over their property, they said.

Mrs. Kiteveles told police she also noticed a small commercial passenger plane pass directly under the object, and Hancock Airport officials later confirmed that such a plane had landed minutes later.

Mrs. Kiteveles urged her husband to stay indoors, but when he went outside to get a better look, the strange craft had disappeared.

After Mr. Kiteveles reported the incident the Sheriff's Department launched a helicopter, and deputies reported a flash of white light illuminate a wooded area briefly. They saw nothing else.

Deputies said that the investigation has been turned over to the FAA.

But whatever it was, it never registered on FAA screens, Mr. Adams said.

He theorized that if something did flicker across the monitor last night, it was probably a northbound truck on I-81, or some other "moving target."

"All radar, no matter what it is, produces a certain amount of mysterious return," he explained. "We pick up this sort of thing all the while, but with intensified weather conditions, like temperature inversions, they are frequent."

With nothing to go on, the FAA will not follow up on Mr. Kiteveles' sighting, Mr. Adams said.

All of which left Mr. Kiteveles a bit frustrated this morning as he returned to work at the Baldwinville Village Police Department.

"I know it wasn't a plane," he sighed.

Still, he complained of numerous calls from the media, and in the end said he was sorry he bothered to ever mention it.

FAIRMONT, W. VA. - TIMES
****MAR. 31, 1978****

Bright Lights, Weird Sound— Countian Now A UFO Believer

Robert S. Hake, Red Lion RD 1, never paid much attention to reports of UFO sightings — he didn't believe in them.

That is, until early Friday morning when he became a believer when he observed an unidentified flying object that he claims dipped as low as 100 feet above his head at Haines Road and Eastern Boulevard.

Hake said he left his job at Campbell Chain Co., East Market Street, about 12:10 a.m. and headed home, traveling west on Market. While waiting in the left turn lane at Haines Road intersection, he glanced to the left and spotted bright lights above stores in the shopping complex.

After turning, Hake said he pulled into the Weis Markets parking lot and got out of his car. The UFO was stationary over the shopping hub, went straight up and immediately dropped back down and then started moving slowly toward him.

Just as it got directly overhead, Hake said the object tilted

slightly so that he could see a rod dome atop the oval-shaped vessel that had a tail and several prongs projecting from the body. Three red lights were visible on the tail section while the front had two bright headlights set close together.

Hake said there was no sign of combustion from engines, only "the wierdest sound you ever heard." He likened the sound to a loud whirring or humming of a vacuum cleaner.

Frightened and forlorn, Hake jumped in his car and attempted to follow the slow-moving craft as it headed northeast. The UFO disappeared from Hake's sight in the vicinity of Stony Brook Drive-in Theater.

The bewildered second shift worker resumed his homeward journey, wondering how, when and where he should report the sighting. In Red Lion, Hake spied a borough policeman in a patrol car and stopped to discover that the officer, James Tressler, had sighted a similar object passing over Red Lion around the midnight hour.

EDMORE, NICH. - TIMES
****APR. 1, 1978****

U.F.O. LANDING SIGHT DISCOVERED

BY MARINE &
FRANK MICHELS

EDMORE - Officials here confirmed reports that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) landing sight had been discovered about three miles from the Village in Home Township in Montcalm County.

The UFO landing sight was first discovered by "Digger" Shovelle an area potato farmer.

At a press conference held in Edmore today, Shovelle recounted the events which led to his amazing discovery and

this close encounter of the Edmore kind.

"I'd just stepped out to have a little smoke-the Missus doesn't like me smoking in the house, you know, and I was about to flick my bic when all of a sudden I was temporarily blinded by these eerie flashing lights. It was like a K-Mart flashing blue light special gone wild."

"Anyway, as suddenly as they appeared, they disappeared, behind this stand of trees. I tried to follow them but they outran me and I was about to turn back when I

heard a whirling, whishing whoosing sound to my left."

"I couldn't believe my eyes, there, right there in my potatoes was a half dozen of 'em, round discs jut hovering there, a whishing and a flasing. Well, I decided to scaddle out of there and get my instamatic cause I knew they'd never believe me."

"When I told my wife she said I must've not only fallen off the wagon but got run over by it too. She wouldn't let me

out of the house until morning when I had to drive here to town for a hair appointment."

When asked what he would do if the UFOs returned to his potato field, Shovelle said he was ready for them.

"There was a special council meeting a while back and we were given permission to form a "Welcome to Our World Wagon," he said.

Shovelle added that any Edmorites interested in the project should contact him for further information.

BRIDGETON, N.J. - NEWS
****MAR 29, 1978****

Vineland Patrolman Loses

By TERRY SIMS

"Don't laugh at me sergeant," Bridgeton police dispatcher Leo Rock said Tuesday night finding it difficult to hold back a giggle himself.

"We just got a UFO report from Vineland."

When a dispatcher from the Vineland Police Department telephoned Bridgeton at about 8 p.m. to report the information Rock couldn't believe his ears.

"You're really serious about this now?" the officer asked.

"Yes, I'm serious," was the reply.

The whole thing started when a Norma man called the Vineland department to report the sighting at Route 55 and Almond Road.

According to the caller, the object had two bright red lights and was moving in an easterly direction.

Vineland Police officer John Mazzeo, who was dispatched to investigate the sighting, recpunted the incident in an investigation report.

"At first I thought it was the radio tower at WDWL until the lights started to move," he stated in his investigation report.

"The lights were far apart and moved at a slow pace together," he said.

Mazzeo followed the lights to Alliance Beach in Norma where he lost sight of them.

Apparently Mazzeo wasn't the only person who saw the strange sight.

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Track Of UFO In Norma

His report indicates that people in Bridgeton as well as in Millville also saw the UFO.

Mazzeo explained that he could not determine the object's shape because of trees but he was sure that "it was not an airplane."

The Bridgeton Police Department was contacted because the flying object was at first thought to be headed in that direction but later it changed course and headed back toward Norma.

Officer Thomas Bennett who was substituting for Sgt. Charles Clayton Tuesday night instructed Rock to contact Vineland again to find out if they planned to have any air units investigate.

Rock reported back with the information that no federal agencies had been contacted but that Vineland would continue to

inform Bridgeton.

"They don't expect us to report it do they?" was Bennett's next response on the police radio. "They must think we're as crazy as they are."

Vineland Police Chief Joseph P. Cassisi, commenting on the character of Mazzeo, said this morning that the five-year-veteran of the force is a "reliable officer."

He said that inquiries to McGuire Air Force Base revealed that there were no weather balloons in the area at the time of the sighting.

The police chief noted that his department would contact the UFO Center in Chicago, Ill. today to report the sighting, "as is customary with all UFO reports."

YORK, PA - DAILY RECORD
*****APR. 3, 1978****

Four Countians Report UFO Sighting Near Strinestown

Wayne and Norma Smith drove home in near terror Sunday night, with Mrs. Smith feeling "petrified" and sick to her stomach as they tried to grasp what had happened to them at 9:25 p.m. near Strinestown.

Mrs. Smith told the Daily Record, still shaking from the experience, that she and her husband and relatives, Charles and Arlene Witmer, York RD 5, whom they had been visiting, all saw an Unidentified Flying Object that hovered over the Smiths'

car about 100 feet away -- so close that the Smiths could see what appeared to be antennae and a demarcation line between what looked like two large round domes.

The Smiths, of 60 Church St., Seven Valleys, were leaving the Witmers' home after extending belated gifts for the Witmers' 25th wedding anniversary. They had driven about 25 feet on the Old Susquehanna Trail from the Witmers' driveway, Mrs. Smith said, when she and her hus-

band caught sight of the UFO that was bearing down on them from overhead.

Frightened, Smith slammed the car into reverse and began backing toward the driveway they had just left. The craft tilted toward the car, as if following, and the Smiths could see red and white lights and hear a loud pulsating sound that could have been its motor.

As Smith sped backwards into the Witmers' driveway, he sounded the car horn to alert the Witmers. The Smiths jumped from their car, letting the doors hang open and ran for the house. The Witmers, hearing the horn, met them outside and the two couples watched as the craft flew at faster speed over the house and towards Strinestown.

Talking to a reporter, Mrs. Smith said she was still shaking after the episode that had occurred an hour before. "I'm sure I won't be able to sleep," she said.

TORRANCE, CAL. - BREEZE
****APR 16, 1978*****

Farmers see UFO land

CULIACAN, MNexico — Three farmers said Saturday they saw an unidentified flying object land in their fields near the northern Mexican city.

Ismael, Candelario and Fernando Jacobo, three brothers, said they were driving a tractor at night across their fields when they saw a round disk that gave off a green-copperish light and a roaring sound.

The farmers told reporters that when the disk came toward them they turned off the tractor's lights and hid.

The brothers said the UFO landed in the field for a few minutes and took off again.

MANCHESTER, CONN. - ENQUIRER
*****APR. 12, 1978*****

Police Have Vague Explanations, But She Thinks 'It' Was A Flying Saucer

By LYN BIXBY
Staff Writer

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"It looked like a seed or the yolk of an egg. It was orange-yellow, and it had light rays coming out of the ends. It was so wierd. "It was tilted off horizontal when I saw it through the windshield. It only took a few seconds, and it flew right over the car and went north. I didn't think you could see them in the daytime."

That is a description from Nadine Theofiles, the wife of an Enfield police sergeant, of an object she and many other motorists saw as they drove south toward Hartford on Interstate 91 Monday morning.

Though a number of explanations have been offered to explain the phenomenon, Mrs. Theofiles doesn't accept them. "I think I saw a flying saucer," she says.

Meteorologists have suggested the object was an unusual reflection of sunlight produced under certain rare conditions. One man has said it was a newspaper blowing in the wind. And Windsor police cautiously submit it may have been a kite string caught in trees.

Nobody, however, is willing to go out on a limb. "I'm not saying it is and I'm not saying it isn't," Windsor police Sgt. Robert Nevins hedged this morning. "But we think it might have been the string."

Hartford and Windsor police received more than 50 calls from people who sighted the object while driving south on I-91 near the Hartford-Windsor town line Monday morning.

Mrs. Theofiles said she saw it at 9:30 a.m., just 10 minutes after Arthur Parsont, a Windsor hardware store owner, saw something in the same area.

Though Mrs. Theofiles continued on her journey to Hartford, Parsont stopped and checked it out. He said Tuesday he found what appeared to be a fishing line stretched between trees on the sides of the highway about 30 feet off the ground.

Parsont said he stopped only because he saw something unusual. While he admitted he is a believer in unidentified flying objects, he said he did not think he had seen a flying saucer.

From the description of the sighting, most of which are similar to that of Mrs. Theofiles, the hardware store owner said, he believes the string was the culprit.

On Sunday Windsor police received a call from a resident of Pine Lane, located in the same area, who reported a "long, glowing strip" was in the air over his yard. A Windsor police officer who investigated saw what appeared to be a kite string running through the trees, according to Nevins. That same string stretched across the interstate, he said.

Nevins said he went out to I-91 when the reports of unidentified flying objects started coming in Monday. He said he couldn't find anything. But on Monday, he said, he wasn't looking for a string.

On Tuesday, he said, he was looking for a string, but there was no sun to make it shimmer.

So, Nevins isn't saying it is string and isn't saying it isn't. Meanwhile Parsont says it is. And Mrs. Theofiles says it isn't.

Sighting of UFO reported in area

By BARBARA RICHMOND

Had Jeanine Therault of Vernon seen a strange object in the sky on April 1 she would have thought someone was playing an April Fool prank, but she saw it April 2 and has several other people to back up her theory that it was an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Miss Therault was returning to Vernon driving in a line of three cars, one driven by her father with her brother as a passenger, and the other driven by her boyfriend.

Miss Therault said she was driving along Lake Street, leaving Bolton and entering Vernon, when she was distracted by a bright light moving in the sky.

"It was moving along slowly, just above the trees. I really couldn't see much of a definite shape to the object but the bright lights on it formed an oval-like tear drop shape," she said.

Her description was vivid. She said there was an occasional red light blinking below the object as if it were extended downward from the complete object.

She said she blew the car horn to attract the attention of her father driving just ahead of her. As she did so the object tilted on its side and in a split second was out of her sight.

She said she and her father continued for about three-quarters of a mile, turned a corner and spotted her boyfriend standing outside of his car and looking toward the sky.

She was assured she wasn't seeing things when he described to her exactly what she had seen. However, she said when he got out of his car he said the object veered toward him and hovered directly over his head at about 1,800 feet in the air but as the other two cars came around the bend it disappeared again.

Miss Therault said their citing was verified by several other people who had also seen the object. One of those people was a Vernon police officer who didn't want to be identified.

So apparently, whatever the object was, it was for real and not an April Fool joke.

PARTHENON - HUNTINGTON, W. VA.
*****APR 11, 1978*****

Unidentified object sighted in Charleston area skies

CHARLESTON—Area police officials received several reports of a mysterious object blazing across the early morning sky and exploding, but said an investigation was fruitless.

Authorities in Kanawha and Putnam counties received reports from the Winifrede, Institute, Hurricane and Culloden areas.

Kermit Durst said he saw the object at 5 a.m. while talking with a foreman at Carbon Fuel at Winifrede, where he works.

"All of a sudden I saw four balls of light streaking across the sky," he said. "They lit the whole sky up." He said he heard an explosion.

Louis Hall said he was driving to work when he saw an object near the Institute exit of Interstate 64.

"Several other people saw it and stopped to look," he said. He described it as "shaped round in the front and tapered off toward the rear."

Hurricane police said they received a call from a night watchman who said he saw a ball of fire streak by and heard an explosion. The police officer on duty said he also heard an explosion.

The sheriff's department in Putnam County said it also received reports.

Family Spots UFO In Area

BY JOHN WISLOCKI
American Staff Writer

In the early morning hours Tuesday Harold Pyle, Somerset RD 1, was awakened by a flash of light that started him and his son, Jefferey, on a ten-mile chase to the base of the Laurel Mountains.

"I didn't know if the noise or the flash of light woke me up," said Pyle "but the light moved over the top of my trailer."

The Pyle trailer is situated on the Water Level Road, back of Brown's Exxon Station.

"It was over the tree tops, about 60-70 feet off the ground," noted Pyle "It sort of stayed hovering like that. It was a real bright orange when I went out of the trailer to look at it."

"I heard him go out to the car," said Adelene, his wife, "I looked out the window and it looked like a big oval-shaped range light. It was flashing. It isn't

something you'll forget. You remember it for a long time."

Harold Pyle came back into his trailer, got his car keys, and woke up Jeffrey. For some reason, according to Pyle, he had difficulty getting the key into the door. The craft remained near the trailer until Harold Pyle and Jeffrey attempted to get a closer look.

"The closer we got to it, the bigger it got," said Pyle, "I shot across the Chickentown Road, then onto Route 281. The object was moving into the hills. I drove past Weimer's farm towards Bakersville. It was still above the hills. When I got down the next hill, it disappeared. I lost track of it."

"I wasn't scared or anything like that," said Jeffrey "I haven't seen anything like that before. It was weird."

Both Harold and Jeffrey described the flight of the object as straight with no abrupt movements. The object disappeared from view, according to Jeffrey, between the hamlets of Kingwood and Bakersville.

Neighbors of the Pyles talked about the strange early morning light later Tuesday.

Jeffrey waited for the school bus yesterday and remembered the half-hour pursuit not yet able to shake what he called "that tingly feeling." "A little kid came up to me," said Jeffrey, "and told me about the orange thing in the sky this morning."

The Pyles are awaiting word from officials at a U.S. Air Force Base in Ohio, who wish to see the area where the object disappeared.

PALMYRA, N.Y. - COURIER-JOURNAL
*****MAR. 17, 1978*****

Macedon Woman Reports Seeing Yellow UFO

MACEDON CENTER — Cherry Aldrich, Macedon Center, reported to Wayne County Sheriff's deputies that she saw a bright yellow UFO in the night sky behind her home here about 3am March 7.

"It was large and bigger than the sun and bigger than the moon," said Mrs. Aldrich, who lives at 1080 Macedon Center rd. "It was

round and yellow and when I put on my glasses it seemed brighter."

She said she went back to sleep but got up again in 20 to 30 minutes and the object was no longer visible.

"It was very strange," reported Mrs. Aldrich, who said she has never seen a UFO before. "I didn't see any little green guys, and nothing went beep-beep. I didn't hear any noises."

UFO Spotted Near Basin

By Becky Sheller

An unidentified flying object was spotted north of town March 28 according to a local law enforcement official.

People attending a meeting at the Midway Golf

course reported the incident to police Tuesday evening about dusk.

Reportedly a dull illuminaous cylinder hovered over the grounds east of the club house. One witness, who asked that his identity not be

revealed, said the cylindrical object hovered 75 or 80 feet in the air. He watched the object for about ten minutes before calling to friends to look. All seven witnesses confirmed his sighting. They watched it turn north, move

away and disappear.

In Greybull reports came in from various locations that people saw something glowing in the southwestern sky the same evening.

Local law enforcement officers were called but by the time a squad car arrived at the golf course the UFO had left.

Frequently UFO sightings can be explained because the military has experimental aircraft up, but since there are no military bases near Basin this is probably not what happened. The man who sighted the UFO first said it looked like nothing he had ever seen before, "not even in a movie like 'Star Wars' or something."

On Wednesday morning reports came in from other parts of the country where people had spotted the unusual illuminaous cylinder the previous evening.

On other occasions unidentified flying objects have been sighted in Big Horn County. The most recent being about three years ago when Big Horn County Sheriff George Warfel and Basin Republican Rustler Publisher Harvey Balison, along with some area ranchers, saw a UFO one night.

Likely UFO sightings should be reported immediately so they can be substantiated by official authorities.

So, if you see a UFO report it. But firsts look back at the first letter, of the first word of each paragraph and you will find the true purpose of this story.

IRVINE, KY. - CITIZEN VOICE TIMES
*****MAR. 2, 1978*****

Trooper sees flying object

FRONT PAGE

By TERRY TAYLOR
Citizen Voice & Times Staff Writer

Two separate sightings of an unidentified flying object have been reported in Estill County.

Both sightings took place Sunday, February 19 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Kentucky State Trooper Jim Whitaker was on patrol, traveling from Drip Rock on Route 89, about three miles south of Irvine when he first saw the object.

Whitaker described it as very bright, shifting in colors of white, red, and green with no particular pattern.

Whitaker left his cruiser, walked up and down the road to "make sure I wasn't seeing anything," and began to cross a fence into the field where the object was hovering.

"At first I thought I was seeing a reflection due to the snow in the field," he said. When he started over the fence, the object began to move off.

Whitaker, who served four years in the Navy as an helicopter maintenance and crew man with over 1,500 flight hours, said the object made no noise, left no exhaust or trailing vapor and appeared to have a floating motion.

Whitaker sighted the object again on Red Lick Road. It was at this point he notified the Richmond State Police post that he was "observing an object, and that I didn't know what it was."

After watching it hover at about 150 feet above the ground for 35 minutes, the object moved off again in a "casual, relaxed, floating" manner.

Whitaker next followed it to Cow Creek, near Tipton Ridge, where he watched it until approximately 11:45 p.m.

A scan from Bluegrass Airfield did

not pick up the object, Whitaker said, who was asked if an aircraft flying over Estill County might not be what he was seeing.

"I advised them that this (the aircraft) was not the object," Whitaker said, adding that as the aircraft approached, the brightness of the object dimmed.

The second sighting was reported by Sally Durbin of Daniels Addition in Ravenna at approximately 9:30 the same night.

Durbin described the object as a big bright light which dimmed in two stages before resuming the initial brightness. She and her husband, Edward, both saw the object.

"We watched it for a long time," said Durbin. "We first saw it around 9:30, but it was still there when we went to bed at 2:45 (a.m.)."

The object did not come very close to the Durbins, but their son Mark looked at it through a telescope, and said the object had red and green blinking lights.

According to Durbin, the object first appeared to be heading north towards Powell County, and then seemed to shift east towards Beattyville.

Durbin, who has had earlier experiences with similar "unidentified flying objects," said she did not "feel good" while observing the object. "I'd like to forget it," she said. "I would have run off if I could."

Whitaker, who said Estill County is noted for UFO sightings, believes their existence is entirely possible.

"There are too many sightings by too many people for it to be swamp gas or something like that," he said. "I think there's something to it."

ONTARIO SIGHTINGS

Two Waterloo men report seeing UFO

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By MARG TEROL
Record Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported over Waterloo Wednesday night by two Waterloo men.

The UFO was observed by Jim Brohman of 141 MacGregor Cres. and Paul McMenamin of 300 Erb St. W. at 9:35 p.m. as they were about to get into a car at the corner of Erb Street and Westmount Road.

Brohman and McMenamin said they saw a large yellow light — larger than a star — moving slowly in a northwesterly direction in the northwest section of the sky.

They heard no noise but three times during the five minutes they watched the nocturnal light, sparks seemed to drop off it toward the ground. Each time sparks fell, the light got progressively smaller until the third time it vanished.

The sighting is being investigated by the Cambridge UFO Research Group.

Brohman and McMenamin were told to contact the Cambridge group after they called Waterloo-Welling airport to report the sighting.

The sky was clear and they had good visibility. The men, both in their early 30s, estimated the UFO was at the height at which jets fly.

UFO investigators have ruled out the planet Venus, a meteor or a helicopter to account for the unusual sighting, said Bonnie Wheeler of Cambridge, who heads the UFO group.

Venus, while visible in that portion of the sky at this time of year, disappears from view shortly after sunset and meteors move more quickly and are normally viewed for only a few seconds.

A helicopter also doesn't fit the description, said Mrs. Wheeler.

"As of now, it is an unidentified flying object," she said.

Mrs. Wheeler, who has been involved in local UFO-sighting investigations for the past two years, said she has never previously seen a case where sparks were reported falling from a UFO.

This is the third time this week that UFOs have been reported in a number of Ontario communities.

Tom Grey of the Northeastern UFO Organization, based in Mississauga, said a man driving on the Don Valley Parkway in Toronto reported seeing a saucer-shaped disc Wednesday afternoon.

In Oakville, 40 kilometres southwest of Toronto, a girl saw two orange, glowing objects speeding across Lake Ontario on Wednesday night, he said.

Also Wednesday night, residents at St. Clair Beach, just east of Windsor, Ont., said they saw a green or yellow object with flashing red and white lights.

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MEN IN SHEETS, TOO

Most of UFO 'Sightings' Unexplained in Arapahoe

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By BRAD MARTISIUS
Denver Post Staff Writer

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a UFO! No, it's a group of men sitting around a campfire drinking beer.

That's what an unidentified-flying-object report in Arapahoe County turned out to be Sunday night. Seen from a distance, the blaze appeared as a mysterious light in the county's rolling hills. Up close, the campfire was less mysterious.

It was one of a series of odd reports made to sheriff's deputies since January.

IN ADDITION to five reports of UFOs, the sheriff's department has received reports of men in sheets, bodies by the road and mysterious fires.

Detective Harry Vohl said most of the reported sightings have been in the general area of the old Lowry bombing range, southeast of Denver.

The area is primarily rolling grassland, with few roads and fewer people. The sightings have ranged from the easily explainable to the bizarre.

"The strange thing about these UFO sightings, like most others, is that it's not the drunks and weirdos who are reporting them," Vohl said. "They're being reported by respectable people who have nothing to gain by making false reports."

LAST SUNDAY'S report was easily accounted for when deputies found the men drinking beer near a bridge.

Another report is harder to explain. On Feb. 28, an 18-year-old woman was driving on Colorado 36 between Byers and Strasburg.

The woman later told deputies that a light in the sky had paced her car, stopping when she stopped and making no sound. When she parked her car, the light hovered over it until other cars approached, when it flew off at high speed.

She is convinced the light was no ordinary aircraft.

"It looked like it was about as wide as four headlights, and it was lit up all over," she said. "It followed me off to the side, at about the same height as my

car. And it never made a sound."

SHE SAID SHE talked to neighbors later that night, and said many of them had seen the same thing.

Another man reported a strange light in the sky March 25, about eight miles east of Gun Club Road. The light "disappeared into the ground," the man later told deputies.

When police routinely checked with the control tower at Stapleton International Airport, controllers told them they had seen nothing in the area. If the man had seen an airplane, radar operators should have seen it on their scopes.

Other reports were made in mid-March about men in sheets. As in most of the other cases, deputies found nothing to substantiate them. Vohl said similar reports were made in 1975, during a period of cattle mutilations, some of them unexplained, in many parts of the state.

BUT DEPUTIES then and now haven't been able to locate any of the "men in sheets." Similarly, when a body was reported by the side of the road, a few miles from Gun Club Road and Quincy Avenue, deputies found nothing.

"I think all of these people definitely saw something," Vohl said. "I can't say for certain whether they saw UFOs but I won't rule out the possibility."

Vohl, who spent several years patrolling the area when he first worked for the sheriff's department, said the area is very dark at night and it can be spooky at times.

"WHAT DO YOU really see when you're driving around out there at night?" Vohl asked. "Sometimes it can be awfully hard to figure things out."

Vohl said persons in the area may also be a little jumpy because of a series of cattle mutilations in the area in years past. Those mutilations never were satisfactorily explained for many residents.

"I don't know what's going on out there," Vohl said. "But we're not going to ignore the situation."

Youth says he saw UFO's over city

By PETE MASTRONARDI
Telegram staff writer

Were there UFO's over this area Sunday night?

Fourteen year-old Michael Jacabacchi, of 324 Thorne Street, says there were.

The Central High School student who is also studying electronic at the Bullard-Havens Technical School in Bridgeport, said he saw what appeared to be four of the flying objects at 8 o'clock Sunday night above Thorne Street, near Blackham School.

"I and my friend Michael (Ribosco,) were walking near the school athletic field when we saw this big object full of lights coming from the sky and head towards us."

"It was round shape and made no noise as it

traveled," said the youth. "The boys ran home and completely out of breath shouted to me as to what they had seen," the boys' mother told a reporter later.

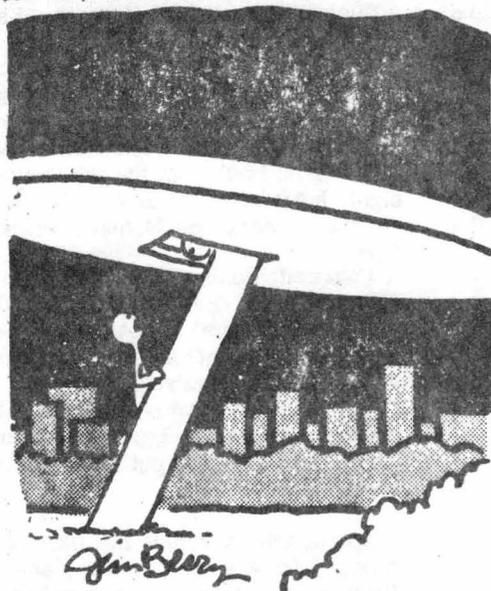
Jacabacchi said many dogs in the neighborhood also started to bark "when this thing started to get closer."

The youth said that minutes after he arrived home and told his mother the story, he and his 18-year-old brother stepped out of the house and sighted what appeared to be four UFO's and "they seemed like they were going to collide."

"They then disappeared high in the sky so we couldn't see them anymore," added the youth.

Police authorities said they had received no calls of UFO sightings.

Berry's World



"Would you believe it? They're talking about another postal rate increase."

McChord airman's report

UFOs presage Aleutian quake

By KERRY WEBSTER
TNT Staff Writer

This is a UFO story. You can take it or leave it.

It's told by a young Air Force flight crewman, and it takes place on Shemya Island, a cold, remote rock at the far end of the Aleutians.

The only living beings on Shemya are seals, seagulls and several dozen unfortunate Air Force technicians at a bleak but strategic radar base.

OUR AIRMAN was aboard a C-141 flying out of McChord Air Force Base on Feb. 16 with a load of supplies for the island.

"We had landed our cargo and had taken off on the return flight," he recalled, "when we got a call from the controller on Shemya."

The tower controller asked the C-141 crew whether they had seen "the UFOs that followed you out."

The flight crew looked at each other in the darkened cockpit, then peered into the empty night sky. No, they radioed back, no UFOs up here, Mac.

BUT STRANGE things were happening on the ground.

"A guy on the ground crew told me about it later," said the airman. "I guess it scared the hell out of them down there."

In the night sky over desolate Shemya Island, five round, glowing objects appeared to hover, then zip back and forth at incredible speed.

"He said they changed color from red to orange to violet," said the airman. "He said they moved faster than any aircraft he had ever seen."

At the same time, unidentified "blips" appeared on the base radar screens. They also appeared to hover, and would disappear and reappear suddenly.

AT THE HEIGHT of the confusion, according to the McChord airman, an earthquake shook the island. The awed ground crewman said it seemed strong-

est near the highly classified "Cobra Dane" radar installation.

When the ground stopped moving, the glowing objects were gone and the radar screens were clear.

That's the story. The airman refused to give his name or the name of anyone else in his flight crew.

It would end there, too, except for one thing.

The Air Force confirms that it actually happened.

That's right. Here's the Alaska Air Defense Command report:

"On the evening of Feb. 16, 1978, there was an earth tremor measured at 4.0 to 4.2 on the Richter scale that shook the Cobra Dane (radar) and other facilities on Shemya AFB, located near the tip of the Aleutian Island chain.

"As the tremor occurred, some Shemya personnel ran from buildings and thought they saw bright lights hovering over the island.

"A check of the Shemya radar verified that there were unidentified blips on the radar screen."

WHEN THE excitement died down, the Air Force began an investigation, and came up with what it says is a "logical explanation."

M. Sgt. Jack Conner, a spokesman for the Alaska Air Command at Elmendorf Air Force Base, read the official version:

"The investigators concluded that (a) the bright lights were actually planets that appeared to move because of clouds passing between them and the observers, and (b) the unidentified returns on the radar screen were determined to be due to high waves in the surrounding ocean."

SO THERE it is. Make of it what you will.

Oh. There is a postscript. A week before the UFO sightings, virtually everyone on Shemya had seen the new movie showing in the tiny base theater.

It was "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

SANTA MARIA, CA. - TIMES
*****MAR 17, 1978****

Mayors, police, others see UFO in South County

ARROYO GRANDE—A brightly-lit, low-flying unidentified flying object invaded the skies over South San Luis Obispo County Thursday, attracting wide-spread interest.

Among those who witnessed the object were Mayor Mark Millis of Arroyo Grande, Mayor Al Dutra of Grover City, Capt. Antony Wood of the San Luis Obispo sheriff's department, other deputies, a Santa Maria Times reporter and numerous others. Reports of the sighting have swamped telephone lines at the California UFO Research Center in San Francisco, according to a receptionist there.

Descriptions of the object vary little except for the number of lights that were seen. Most witnesses agree that the craft was slow-moving, appeared to hover and approached quietly. They concur that it was assumed at first to be a lighted helicopter, but on closer observation revised their opinions.

Capt. Wood was at the scene of an attempted hold-up

in Oceano when he noted the object, the mayors and reporter were leaving a meeting at Arroyo Grande City Hall shortly after 9 p.m. and other witnesses were at various places from Morro Bay south.

Mayor Millis said, "It appeared to me to be less than a mile up and moving very slowly. I don't think it was going more than 100 miles an hour and appeared to be of a triangular configuration, the way it was lighted. I've never seen an aircraft of that size move so slowly." He estimated the size to be nearly that of a Boeing aircraft.

Capt. Wood said he also noticed the size and speed of the craft, the way it was lighted and the absence of sound. "It was some kind of turbine engine."

Witnesses recall that the craft seemed to have two bright lights in front and at least one other farther back and several smaller lights. It was moving southwesterly and seemed to hover directly over some areas, including the village of Arroyo Grande. Others spotted it near the beach. Those familiar with aircraft remark on the unusual size, the lights and the absence of noise and agree that it was not a helicopter or other familiar craft.

WINDSOR, N.C. - LEDGER-ADVANCE
*****MAR 18, 1978****

UFO sighted Sunday night

AULANDER — A number of Aulander residents, including police and firemen spotted a UFO Sunday night, and, despite a diligent search, were unable to find it. A search Monday turned up what could have been traces of a passing airplane on a section of land between National Peanut Corp. and Jernigan's Trailer Park.

T. H. Griffith, retired Aulander town clerk, told the Ledger-Advance he was on his way home from church with his wife when they suddenly saw three bright red lights falling from the sky side by side.

Griffith thought the UFO's landed or crashed in a field behind National Peanut Corp. He drove to the scene and

looked around, finding nothing.

Griffith said he then went to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Jerry Welch, and told them what he had seen, then went home.

During the same period time Aulander Police Sgt. Jeff Cogswell was at the Exxon Service Station and said an unidentified man came by and told him there was a fire behind the peanut warehouse.

Cogswell said he drove to the scene and saw a four foot high column of fire in the field between the peanut plant and Jernigan's Trailer Court. He then went to the police station and called out several firemen without sounding the alarm.

Assistant Fire Chief Billy Conner, Frankie Lassiter, Daniel Lassiter, Jerry Welch and Ronnie Knowles drove a fire truck to the field. When they arrived there was no sign of a fire.

They searched the field and found a burned out area some 20 by eight feet. The ground was cold and wet, there was no smoke.

Cogswell and the firemen then returned to the fire station.

At around 3:30 p.m. Monday Kim Smithwick, who resides in Jernigan Trailer Park, came to the police station and reported she had seen a three foot high fire ball fall from the sky Sunday night, that it landed in the field between the trailer park and National Peanut Corp.

Cogswell, Police Chief Billy Cooke, Officer Jerry Hathaway and Mike Cherry of the Ahoskie Police Department went to the field and conducted a second search.

Hathaway found what appeared to be the remains of some type of flare, and hoped the find would put an end to the mystery of the UFO.

Speculation was that the flare was dropped from a passing air plane or fired from the ground. A number of National Guardsmen in the area reportedly have military type flares that were apparently stolen during summer training. It is a criminal offense to possess such a flare or set it off.

LEWISBRUG, W. VA. - DAILY NEWS
*****APRIL 11, 1978****

Local Sights Unidentified Object

A close encounter of the first kind was supposedly experienced by James Burgess of Lewisburg, he told the Daily News this morning.

Burgess says he saw "a huge fireball with a long tail" as he was standing in his bedroom at 332 East Terrace St., looking west.

The sighting occurred at about 5:30 a.m. Monday morning.

The object appeared to travel from north to south, making no sound at all. It was still quite dark outside, said Burgess.

Several persons in the Charleston area also reported seeing such objects.

Area lady views UFO

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Residents in an area of Ontario stretching from Windsor to Barrie reported sighting an unidentified flying object at about the same time Monday night.

Among those viewing the object was an Usborne Township resident, Mrs. Harry Hern.

She told the T-A on Tuesday that she saw the bright light flash across the sky while walking from the barn. It disappeared before she had a chance to call other members of the family to see the spectacle.

Descriptions of the object ranged from red and yellow to blue and green. Mrs. Hern said it was a yellow light when she spotted it and it was much larger than an aircraft beam. The sighting was around 8:00 p.m.

Two more UFO sightings reported in Twin Cities

The Cambridge UFO Research Group has received two more reports of UFO sightings, this time by Kitchener residents.

Last week, two Waterloo men reported sighting strange nocturnal lights over Waterloo last week.

On Friday night, Mrs. Bonnie Wheeler, who heads the UFO group, received a telephone call from Waterloo Region police who said a "very distraught" Kitchener couple

at police headquarters had just reported seeing a UFO.

The couple, who asked to remain anonymous, said they were driving across the Weber Street overpass in Waterloo at about 9:45 p.m. when they saw a huge, dull, orange light (about half the size of a full moon) rise up about 50 feet above tree-top level behind the Glenbriar Road conservation area.

The object hovered for about 1½ minutes, rocking slowly

back and forth, the couple told Mrs. Wheeler. They watched it for about 15 minutes. The object started moving in a northwesterly direction, became smaller, then twinkled, went out and came back on three times.

They said they saw a spark drop from the object. It turned bright red and then disappeared, they said.

An investigator from the UFO group accompanied one of the two witnesses Saturday morning, but could find no evidence that a craft had landed in the conservation area.

"If it was a craft and it landed in an open area behind the conservation area, the UFO could have been two to three miles away when first sighted," Mrs. Wheeler said. "And if it was half the size of a full moon, at that distance it would have been a very large object."

The Record story Friday on the two Waterloo men also prompted two other Kitchener residents to report their sighting, which occurred Feb. 20 at about 12:30 a.m.

Karl Hirsimaki and a friend, Maryanne McDowell, were in Hirsimaki's Thaler Avenue apartment when Hirsimaki, who was looking through his balcony window, saw a large white light moving slowly in the sky. As he watched, sparks fell from the object.

He called to his girl-friend and the two of them watched it for about 1½ minutes. They counted sparks falling off the light about seven times.

"The couple didn't report the incident earlier because they were waiting to see if anyone else saw it, but when he read the story about the Waterloo sighting in the paper, he said he almost fell off the chair in surprise because it was so similar to what they had seen," said Mrs. Wheeler.

Two area people claim contact with alien beings

By DOUG FIRBY

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A Kingsville area woman and her son say they were in contact with alien beings near their home last summer.

But they didn't tell a soul, except the family doctor, until a UFO reporting office was opened in Windsor Feb. 3. Under the promise of anonymity, they recounted their experience.

The incident is just one of hundreds of sightings reported to the UFO Investigation office since it opened.

Office founders Richard and Nancy Little spend six hours each evening compiling and trying to explain the stream of reports coming into their Aubin Road home. They are seeking two volunteers to help them keep up with the workload.

Little said the incident near Kingsville is one of the most unusual because the two people are experiencing physical after-effects their doctor says he can't explain.

The two people told Little they were walking near their home when they spotted a luminous object in some bushes.

Neither can recall what happened after that until they regained consciousness in their home around 4:30 p.m. Within a week they started experiencing physical side-effects that they reported to their doctor.

Another report from three Leamington brothers said they saw alien beings March 6 —

the evening a meteorite passed over Essex County. Little said he agrees with astronomers who say the object was a meteorite.

"But what these boys saw was something else." One brother said he actually experienced a form of telepathic communication with the aliens. Two of the boys are teen-agers and the other is younger.

Other reports deal with simple sightings. Little said the office has been able to explain 75 to 80 per cent of the sightings, while with the others "we either need to dig in further or they're unexplainable."

Three photographs purported to be of UFOs have been explained, he said.

One UFO was the sun's reflection on a car windshield, another the reflection on a windshield of a pair of pants hanging on a nearby clothesline and one the ghost image on a camera lens.

The most difficult to identify was the reflection of the pants.

Little said the UFO Investigation office has attracted the interest of UFO investigators in St. Catharines, as well as the weekly American tabloid National Enquirer, the CTV television network and several radio stations.

The office is run on a volunteer basis by the Littles. Richard, 25, is a machine operator at Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd.

Both say they have seen UFOs. The Littles can be reached at 944-3744.

Dozens Report Sighting UFO Near City Line

By BOB LAMAGDELEINE
and
ROBERT B. STEPNO

Something was up there Monday, according to dozens of people who called the Hartford police with reports of an unidentified flying object.

The first 16 reports came between 10:58 and 11:20 a.m. Detective James Doyle, who came on duty at 4 p.m., said he took 40 or 50 more calls before 7:30 p.m.

"Out of all the calls, not one crank call yet. . . . These people are very serious, almost apologetic about it," Doyle said.

He hadn't had time to do much but take down descriptions, names and addresses, he said. A woman from Wilimantic said she saw something over Rt. 32 in eastern Connecticut Sunday night, but most callers said they saw it over I-91 near the Windsor-Hartford line Monday morning, Doyle said.

Most callers said the object was white, round, lighted and had a rod going through it, Doyle said. An 8 p.m. caller said a similar object was seen in the sky over New Hampshire Thursday, Doyle said.

Television and radio spread word of the earliest sightings, prompting more people to call Hartford police with reports that they had seen it too.

He said one man came to the station to say he saw the white object land in Keney Park while he drove by on the highway.

Windsor police sent cars to the scene, but they saw nothing but a helicopter leaving the area at about 11:30 a.m. Most people who called the Hartford police said the thing they saw was silent, not a helicopter.

"It's really getting wild . . . I'm going completely bananas," Doyle said, as the telephones started ringing again after 7:30 p.m.

He said he believed the "fishing line theory" for a while, after Arthur Parsont, a Windsor hardware store owner, said he saw what looked like a bright light in the sky around 9:15 a.m., then investigated later in the day and saw a length of plastic fishing line or kite string reflecting sunlight.

But other callers said what they saw couldn't have been a strand of shiny string, Doyle said.

A 21-year-old Ludlow, Mass., truck driver said the thing was a mile up, 300 feet long and 30 to 40 feet wide. A woman said it looked like a large bubble with six-foot arms.

Hartford police reported the sightings to the Air Force and the Psychic Research Phenomenon Center in Seattle, Wash.

Night flight stirs county

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What did they all see?

By Warren Groshong
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U.F.O. 74241

Persons from Oceano to San Luis Obispo reported seeing a lighted, slow-moving unidentified object in the sky about 9 p.m. Thursday.

Police and sheriff's offices reported getting calls from dozens of people who couldn't explain what they saw.

Sheriff's Lt. Anthony Wood, who viewed the object in Oceano while investigating a robbery there, said it definitely was not a helicopter or a conventional airplane, nor was it any kind of a balloon, because it sounded like it had some kind of low-noise jet engine aboard.

Descriptions of the craft ranged from a lighted gray object shaped like a triangle with one point cut off to two big circular platters put together rim to rim.

Mike Ward, a Cal Poly student who says the object with his girl friend, Berni Brownley, described the craft as shaped "like a baseball diamond with no wings."

He guessed it was about the size of a 747 jet.

"But the remarkable thing was that it traveled so slowly," said Ward.

"I don't know what it was, but it very well could have been from another planet," he said.

A spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force Base said the only possible craft that might have been mistaken for an unidentified flying object was a 220-foot-long C-5 Galaxy which landed at the base Thursday about 9:19 p.m.

Robert Gribble, staff member of Phenomena Research, a privately-funded research company in Seattle, said he received one call from an Oceano woman who said she was within a few feet of the object, but he is not sure of the veracity of her statement.

Gribble said the description he got from the woman and other descriptions he has received of the sighting "fit the pattern of similar objects seen around the country for the past 30 years."

All such sightings, he said, have gone into the Phenomena Research file of "unknown objects."

"This organization has taken a stand that most of the unknowns on file in all probability are vehicles not manufactured by any country on this planet."

Mrs. Vic Pace, who lives on Nipomo Mesa, said she and her husband both had a chance to look at the object through binoculars.

Mrs. Pace described it as having a modified triangular shape.

"I recall seeing four or five lights — two on the side, one on the top and two on the back, with possibly one red light in between," she said.

Mrs. Pace said that on the back of the object "I saw some type of metal hanging down like a tripod. These extensions were hanging below the aircraft."

Valerie Harris, 26, a medical technology student at Cal Poly, said she saw the object from the university campus.

She said she didn't see it very long, but "it gave me the creeps because it moved so slowly and made almost no noise."

"It was weird," Mrs. Harris said.

The characteristics described by all the viewers interviewed by the Telegram-Tribune were that it had lights, moved at something like the speed of a blimp (30 to 50 miles an hour), and was powered by some kind of low-noise engine that made very little noise.

Wood, who observed the craft with Sheriff's Deputies William Papich and William Souza, said he observed the craft for about 10 minutes. Both he and Mrs. Pace said the engine made so little noise that they could not hear it if anyone was talking.

"It was kind of confusing," Wood said, but he said he believes that the craft was some kind of military craft.

"You aren't going to get me to say it was a flying saucer, I'll tell you that," Wood said.

JANESVILLE, WIS. - GAZETTE
*****APR. 17, 1978*****

UFO Sighting Reported

An unidentified Footville woman reported an unidentified flying object traveling on County B at 7 p.m. Sunday, according to the Rock County Sheriff's Department.

The object was described as being round and having a clear dome on the top and bottom of object.

BEAVER FALLS, PA. - NEWS
*****APR. 11, 1978*****

Experts claim 'Thing' in sky meteor, not UFO

BY CORINNE ANTLEY
TNT Education Writer

"It was a big green ball with red flame shooting out the back going really, really fast over this cornfield in Darlington."

"I sat on my porch and watched it. It seemed like it was going lower and lower toward the south end of Beaver Falls. I actually thought it was going to land."

UFO? Meteor? Or what?

Glenn Davis, 21, was driving home to his apartment in Chippewa Township about 5:15 a.m. Monday when he saw "The Thing."

As quickly as he could turn around to reach into his back seat for his camera, the huge "phosphorescent" object was "gone over some trees."

Gabby Waite, proprietor of Gabby's LaScala Restaurant & Lounge, Beaver Falls, had just returned home from work about

the same time when she saw the object.

"I was sitting on my porch talking to a young man," she said. "The ball was very low to earth. I was scared; I thought it was going to hit the ground."

What was this mysterious object?

According to a trooper from the Chippewa Township barracks of Pennsylvania State Police and an astronomer from Youngstown (Ohio) State University, the brilliant sphere was "nothing more than a meteor."

"We checked with Dr. Warren Young, an astronomer at YSU after we had reports of a UFO south of here," said a news announcer at radio station WKBN in Youngstown. "He didn't see it, but from descriptions, he said it was probably the kind of meteor called a boloid."

According to another expert, boloids are very bright meteors that can appear to move in a number of directions and be a variety of colors.

From the state police barracks came this report: "Four of us on patrol saw it," said Bill Arthrell, trooper.

"It was about five o'clock in the morning," he related. "We saw it in Chippewa — it appeared to be over Route 51. It was bright green with flames shooting out the back. We only saw it for about five seconds. Then it busted and burnt out."

Arthrell laughed when asked if he was "sure" it was a meteor. "It was no flying saucer," he said. "No strange little men came out of it or anything."

"It was no UFO — but," he emphasized, "it was the prettiest thing I ever saw."

BRAMPTON DAILY TIMES - CANADA
*****MAR 8, 1978*****

Strange Dancing Lights Reported In Winter Sky

Did you see something strange in the sky Monday about 8 p.m.? If so, then you're not alone. Dozens of people reported seeing strange dancing lights in the winter sky.

Brampton residents, along with observers from Windsor to Barrie and east to Cobourg, reported seeing an unidentified flying object at about the same time, said Tom Grey of the North-Easter UFO Organization, said Tuesday.

Four residents in the Warton area said they twice observed a ball of fire in the sky Monday night.

Barry Gilbert and his wife, Brenda, and visiting neighbours Moon and Marie Wilson said they saw the ball of fire twice within an hour.

Ontario Provincial Police detachments and the town's air

marine station at the airport said Tuesday they had no similar reports in the area about 25 kilometers northwest of Owen Sound.

Brampton was one of the areas that reported sightings along with Milton, Collingwood, Barrie, Warton, Windsor, Wasaga Beach, Thornbury, Cobourg and Chatham.

Chris Rogers, a graduate student at the University of Toronto's Dunlop Observatory, said there is a natural phenomenon known as a fire ball.

He said the fire ball is a chunk of rock that enters the earth's atmosphere and can come within 50 kilometers of the earth's surface.

The occurrences cannot be predicted, he said.

In Windsor, more than 20

persons reported sighting an unidentified flying object pass across the northeast section of the city Monday night.

Similar reports were made to Windsor and Detroit newspapers and the OPP.

Descriptions of the object ranged from red and yellow to blue and green.

Steve Walsh, 57, an editor with the Chatham Daily News, said he looked out his living room window just before 8 p.m. and saw a brilliant white light in the sky.

It was travelling fast and appeared to be below the level of the treetops, he said.

A spokesman at the control tower of Windsor airport said there were no reports of aircraft in distress and the object was not likely to be a weather balloon.

TORONTO SUN - CANADA
*****APR. 6, 1978*****

Welland UFO still a mystery

Sightings of a cylindrical UFO over Welland last weekend are being studied by a team of aerial phenomena investigators.

Seven people have reported seeing the blackish-grey object moving fairly low over a residential area of the city Sunday. They say it had square, flashing red lights.

Kenneth Kroeker, director of Project SUM (Solving UFO Mysteries) in St. Catharines, says the investigators haven't been able to come up with an explanation for the sightings yet.

"We checked with the Welland-Port Colborne airport and they say there were no balloons or low flying airplanes or helicopters in the area when the sightings were made," says Kroeker.

Descriptions given by the seven witnesses "all sort of match" and all but one said the low-flying UFO, wider on top than the bottom, made no noise, Kroeker said.

Sunday UFO sightings mount

An Antioch woman spotted what may have been the Sunday night UFO in Santa Rosa, but an hour later.

Numerous Antioch residents reported seeing the strange object at 7:30 p.m. Sunday after a story appeared in the Ledger Monday concerning a mass sighting of the object in Sacramento.

Dorothy Gray of Antioch said she was visiting her niece, Susan Wahlerd, and her husband in Santa Rosa. After dinner, the two women decided to take a walk.

Suddenly they spotted it. "It was around 8:30 p.m. Sunday," said Gray. "We saw this extraordinarily bright light with maybe a tinge of green on the front.

"At first we thought it was a low-flying, commercial airplane, but there was no noise and it was going too fast.

"I thought it had like a vapor trail at the back, but it wasn't anything that was well-defined.

"It was travelling in a horizontal plane and disappeared behind a small range of mountains. We watched it for five or 10 seconds."

She said she and her niece went running into the house to their husbands, shouting, "We've seen a flying saucer, we've seen a flying saucer!"

"It was spooky," commented Gray.

A spokesman for the Phenomena Research UFO Reporting Center in Washington State corroborated the 8:30 claim.

"There were other objects seen at other times Sunday," said Jacob Davidson, an assistant director of the center.

He said the center had received a report of an 8:30 sighting in Santa Rosa, also.

"There was not a meteor shower at this time," Davidson said, even though some "experts" said there was, he added.

"The kinematics (movement) of the objects would seem to suggest something else."

He was referring to the "flat trajectory" described by nearly every witness who reported a sighting.

"I just don't accept the fact that meteors could travel in flat trajectories," said Davidson.

He also reported that persons who called directly to his organization reported that when they first reported the sighting to police or the Federal Aviation Administration, they were told that the agencies had had numerous UFO calls.

Davidson said his center had received calls for two or three days about the Sunday objects.

And yet, the callers reported, not a single newspaper (except the Daily Ledger) had carried stories on the phenomena.

ANTIOCH, CAL. - LEDGER
*****APR 14, 1978*****

LIBERTY, KY. - NEWS
*****APR 13, 1978*****

Creatures 'tested' women

Dear editor,

Representatives from Hollywood's 20th Century Fox Studios spent Sunday and Monday filming mainly at the Brown Motel in Liberty, interviewing and filming a segment of the documentary which features the three Liberty women and their now famous UFO sighting.

The taping was of Mona C. Stafford, Elaine Thomas and Louise Smith.

The film is to be sold by 20th Century Fox for a TV series this fall.

The Casey County UFO incident will not be simulated in the pilot show. The Fox crew then went to Stanford on Tuesday for more movie-making, involving several local people who have had encounters with UFOs.

Actually the film is mainly of the three ladies and their UFO encounter two years ago.

Stanford people were also asked to give their version of sightings around that same time.

I want to make a few statements on some errors that appeared in the Lexington Leader.

They wrote that after we'd been taken aboard the craft I was examined by alien creatures about four feet tall with large slanted eyes.

WICHITA BEACON - KANSAS
*****MAR. 18, 1978*****

Coffeyville Visitor

Says He Created UFO

COFFEYVILLE — An unidentified flying object, which authorities believe prompted dozens of calls Thursday to local radio stations, turned out to be a weather balloon with a highway flare tied to it.

A man, who would identify himself only as "The Goon," called KGGF radio station Thursday night to say he was responsible for the prank.

According to disc jockey Jay Pudgett, the man told him he was from New Jersey and was visiting friends in Coffeyville. The man said there wasn't enough excitement in Coffeyville, so he decided to create some. He refused to give Pudgett his name, for fear police might charge him with malicious mischief, Pudgett said.

Pudgett said he received about 30 calls within 15 minutes. Many persons believed they had spotted a UFO.

Callers told authorities they were startled by an object they said glowed "red as a stoplight" high in the sky as it moved southward into Oklahoma.

There were no reportings of similar sightings in Oklahoma and Coffeyville Assistant Police Chief Otto Ivy said he believes the whole thing was a hoax.

We were all three taken aboard the same space craft, but separated.

I was transported to another craft. The people I remember were like of old times, but were further advanced than we, around five feet tall I remember.

I wasn't examined, but tested, I believe for the future and for things that are going to take place in this world and the one to come.

It happened on my birthday, if that means anything.

Since January 6, 1976, a terrifying night, I have lived in fear because of not understanding the much sorrow of deaths around me.

I left Liberty, not because of the people that viewed me as a kook, because I thought most people were very concerned.

I moved to Stanford, for this is where I am meant to be and belong.

As for people hurting me, it is the people that are trying to use me for making a profit, and this is a very dangerous thing to be doing if only they knew the truth.

I don't want to be used as a money kook for them, and will not be. My concern is for the people, and I believe Christ was or he would not have died for us.

Mona C. Stafford
Stanford, Ky

EDWARDSBURG, MICH. - ARGUS
*****APR. 6, 1978*****

UFO sighting's no joke for two Dowagiac youths

By ERIC KINKOPF

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George Florian and Chuckie Smith swear that they weren't playing an April Fool's Day joke. They really believe that what they and two other youngsters saw in the sky over Dowagiac Saturday night at 9:12 p.m. really was an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

In fact, they were so sure of that, that they even called the Dowagiac Police Department and reported their "close encounter". But by the time the local police officials arrived, the UFO had disappeared.

Despite getting the feeling from DPD officials of disbelief in their story, George and Chuckie are sticking to their guns. And so are their buddies.

It was Chuckie Smith, 13, who was outside with George's younger brother Richard, 12, and another neighbor, Kevin Guntle, 10, who first saw the "object". According to Smith, the UFO was about 35 degrees above the horizon in the sky across the street from the Florian residence at 715 Alma in Dowagiac.

"At first there were two hazy lights in the sky that "looked like two balls, and were larger than any of the stars", Chuckie Smith said.

According to Smith, the trio then went into the Florian residence and roused fifteen-year-old George Florian from his TV watching roost to come outside and see the "object".

The Union High student said that the "two balls of light came together one behind the other and made one, hazy ball of light".

Then, according to Florian and Smith, the ball would move in the sky from left to right, stop, fade out, fade in, and then move back from right to left. The elder of the group, Florian, said that that type evolution took approximately one minute. Both boys agreed that the object remained in view for about ten to 15 minutes.

The boys told the DPD officials that the object(s) made no sound, and that before the UFO disappeared from sight, it joined up with another object of the same size and luminous qualities.

The police suggested to the boys, according to Florian, that the lights be from some sort of antenna, or perhaps an aircraft circling in the area.

"We went outside the next day to check and see if any sort of antenna with a light on it was sticking up in the sky", said Chuckie Smith. "But we didn't see anything."

Florian said that he and his friends discounted the airplane theory because "we've seen aircraft lights before and those lights we saw were nothing like the lights on an airplane."

George Florian's mother was called outside by her son to see the "object", but refused.

"I didn't want that thing to get me", she said with a grin Monday afternoon.

"Before I saw this thing, I really didn't know if I believed in UFO's", Florian said, "But I do believe in what I see. And I think we saw a UFO. The police didn't believe us, Kevin's mother thought we were playing an April Fool's Day joke, and some people think we're crackin' up. But we aren't."

"It was up there alright. Whatever it was."

UHRICHVILLE, OHIO - CHRONICLE
*****APR. 12, 1978*****

UFO Spotted Second Time

A UFO, described as "six times larger and brighter than a star" was reported to sheriff's deputies last night at 9:18 p.m. According to the caller, who remained anonymous, the object moved up and down, appearing and disappearing approximately every 15-20 minutes. The caller said he spotted the same object last week in the same County Road 83 location.

In other incidents investigated, Ohio Power officials advised someone had shot out a transformer in the E. High Ave., New Philadelphia area.

Deputies are investigating a report that three subjects were using drugs in a truck last evening at 7:52 p.m. along State Route 212.

John R. Miller, Township Road 343 reported his home was broken into and items totaling \$255 were taken.

An RD 1, Uhrichville man reported he was being harassed last night. Deputies talked to the subject and resolved the problem.

Mailboxes in the County Road 104 area have been vandalized according to reports.

ANTIUCH, CAL. - LEDGER
*****APR. 4, 1978*****

West Pittsburg encounter called credible UFO tale

A "close encounter" with unidentified creatures from a saucer-shaped object in West Pittsburg by three boys last May is reported as only one of three credible cases reported in the U.S. last year.

According to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., directed by J. Allen Hynek, who helped produce the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," there still is the chance that the sighting could be a hoax or illusion, but the incident has gone into international records.

The three boys are identified as Lennie Young, then of West Pittsburg; George Ferrera of Pacheco and Patrick Morrison, also then of West Pittsburg. All were 14 years old at the time.

They reported the saw bright red lights and a blue light flitting around them on a flat, round object which at first flew away, and then returned and landed.

They were in a grassy field north of Willow Pass Road near Mallard Slough Road at 11 p.m. last May 20.

Emerging from the object were three humanoid creatures

that "walked like robots," black, with no faces, they said. The boys ran.

A Contra Costa County Sheriff's deputy said at the time that the boys all gave the same story and offered to take a lie detector test. All seemed genuinely frightened.

Investigators never found any physical evidence at the scene. There were no other reports of UFO sightings that night.

Allan Hendry, an editor of the International UFO Reporter, said the chance that the story is true is about "50-50."

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Strange Light Spotted Near Lebanon

What, No Little Green Men?

UFO 7424
A four-man crew of the Lebanon Unit of the Russell County Rescue Squad reported to authorities at Tri-City Airport the sighting of some type of strange flying light in Russell County early Monday morning. According to a squad spokesman the sighting took place at approximately five a.m. Monday in the Loop-Elk Garden section near Lebanon.

The crew, all of whom witnessed the phenomenon

for from fifteen to thirty seconds, were returning from a predawn call in Corn Valley. According to the spokesman they described what they saw as "a big ball of bright, shimmering light that seemed to float thru the air and finally just break up into small lights and disappear." All four agreed that at no time during the sighting was there any sign of rising or falling by the object.

According to Tri-City au-

thorities they have also received calls from other persons who reported the same type of sighting northeast of Russell County and as far south as Gray Station, Tennessee.

The squad spokesman noted that the four crewmen have taken a lot of good-natured ribbing over what they reportedly saw, but all maintain that it was like nothing either had witnessed before. The four crewmen were Kenny Keys, Robbie Adams, Ronnie Adams and Harry Sword.

Residents of Montville Report UFO Sightings

By MARK GOULD

MONTVILLE — The town may have had some uninvited guests during the past week — visitors from outer space.

In the past seven days, five persons have telephoned The Bulletin with strikingly similar reports of an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering near Rte. 52. Residents have reported seeing the object in Uncasville near the turnpike exit, and adjacent to the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge.

The most recent sighting occurred Thursday night near the home of Mrs. Gladys Johnston of Hidden Acres Road, which is near the turnpike.

At about 11 p.m., Mrs. Johnson's 10-year-old daughter, Melissa, told her mother she saw a "flying saucer" hovering in the sky outside her bedroom window.

"I went and looked and she was right," Mrs. Johnston said Friday. "There was no noise, it was round and had lights. It hovered for a few seconds and moved away."

Shortly after the object appeared, the lights in the second floor of the Johnston home went off, while the downstairs lights remained on. The fuses had been replaced a few days earlier. The family's dog also began to growl and "its hair stood up on its back," she said.

Mrs. Johnson ran outside to see

what it was, but the object "disappeared over the turnpike," she said.

She called the Montville police, and soon made a believer out of Officer Michael J. Cooney, who investigated the call. She definitely saw something and it wasn't an airplane," he said.

There have been only one or two police reports of sightings in the area in recent years, Cooney said. However, last weekend four Montville residents telephoned The Bulletin to report "flashing lights" above the Mohegan-Pequot Bridge. Two of the callers were crying loudly, obviously frightened, and could not complete the call.

"I was a little scared at first, but then I became fascinated," said Mrs. Johnston. "I was excited. Whoever it was, I wanted them to come back for tea."

"There must be other planets with people on them," she said, "and there is no reason why they can't come here."

Cooney said he would report the finding, along with a drawing he made based on Mrs. Johnston's description, to a federal agency in Chicago which investigates UFO sightings. He said he would investigate the other reports.

"I really think she saw something," he said.

UFO Spotted By Residents

The Fairmont - Morgantown area was visited by an unidentified flying object last night, according to reports by a number of local residents who contacted the Times-West Virginian about the mysterious "invasion"

The object was described as being the approximate size of a football field and circular in shape. It flew low to the ground — at about a third or fourth story level — and moved in a counter-clockwise whirling pattern.

Employees at the Fairmont Box factory on Twelfth Street glimpsed the UFO at about 8 p.m.

"It was huge — about as big as a football field," said one witness. As it moved toward town the lights in the windows went out." The windows, the witness explained, circled the strange craft. A red light was on top of the saucer.

The object was also sighted at Whitehall on Route 250, by a woman whose description matched that already given. The witness said she called Hart Field, the Morgantown municipal airport, and was told that the craft was a plane hired for advertising.

"It was too big to be a plane," she said. "And I never saw lights like that on any plane."

Couple reports UFO sighting

A Pascagoula couple reported seeing an unidentified flying object about 8 p.m. Thursday.

Kenneth and Patricia Atwell said they saw the UFO over their home on Capawpa Avenue.

"It was really bright and huge," said Mrs. Atwell, who estimated the object was 200 to 300 feet above the ground.

"It made no sound," she said. "It wasn't an airplane or helicopter."

She said the color of the object was red and white lights. It alternated between red and white," she said.

Mrs. Atwell said the UFO was moving west at a rapid rate of speed.

"We only watched it 10 to 15 seconds," she said.

Pascagoula police said they received no UFO reports Friday night.

PASCAGOULA, MISS. - PRESS
*****MAR 24, 1978*****

More UFOs sighted; they're green, orange

Last week was another week when area residents looked up into the sky and saw unusual lights.

UFOs were reported in the Mount Clemens area March 6. A Richmond resident, who attends classes at Macomb County Community College, reports that shortly after 8 p.m. he saw a greenish, cigar shaped object that proceeded horizontally across the sky and suddenly disappeared.

"It was as bright as a welder's torch," he said.

Others, including two park rangers at Metropolitan Beach, reported a cone-shaped green and yellow object flying past the park administration building at about 8 p.m.

On Friday, the New Baltimore

and Romeo State Police Posts received calls concerning a pulsating orange column in the sky over the Marysville, St. Clair and Sarnia areas. It began at about 10 p.m. and lasted for an hour.

Troopers from the New Baltimore post were told by officials at Selfridge Air National Guard Base that the light was from a burn-off in Chemical Valley, south of Sarnia. It was the light reflecting off ice crystals in the air, officials said.

Trooper Douglas Wheeler disagreed with the officials, saying that he had seen the burn-offs before and this was "something I've never seen before".

The orange column, which was visible from the New Baltimore Post, pulsated and moved to different locations.

LINDSTROM, MINN. - PRESS
*****APR. 5, 1978*****

UFO sighting checked by dispatcher at airport

Shortly after 9 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 22 13-year-old Dan Pedrys saw something unusual outside and alerted his family. The Pedrys children opened the windows and their father Ron ran out on the porch. What they saw was a group of red lights moving above the treeline about 500 feet from the house.

They told their mother, Evelyn, "it's just as big as a 747 but there's no sound." The Pedrys live northwest of Shafer on Quinlan Avenue just off County Road 82 east of Little Lake.

Ron Pedrys called the sheriff's dispatcher to report the sighting. That call was recorded at 9:24 p.m. The dispatcher told them she had just received another call and would check on it.

The earlier call was not recorded, but it came from a man who viewed the lights

from the south window of his home located south of Green Lake in Wyoming Township. That window faced the Scandia area. The dispatcher says the man reported "a 747 or large jet low and in trouble from the light position." He asked the dispatcher if she had any reports of this saying, "I'm sure it's a plane."

The dispatcher told the Press she called on a direct line to the tower at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and was told, "We don't have any plane."

She reports she then had the impression the individual referred to the radar scope and reported back, "We've got five helicopters, they'll be landing...they're coming in right in a row."

That's what she told the Pedrys when they called back to check on her findings. No written report was filed.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA. - ENTERPRISE
*****MAR 18, 1978*****

Flying saucer reports were numerous in the Coffeyville area Thursday evening when a "large red object" was seen floating south into Oklahoma.

Some people speculated it was a high-flying weather balloon, but there were no reports of sightings in northeast Oklahoma.

Those UFOs again

The Essex County skies were filled with unidentified flying objects last week.

Most of the sightings came between 7 and 8 o'clock on the night of March 6 when people spotted a glowing ball in the sky.

The descriptions varied widely but everyone agreed they had seen something unusual, something they couldn't explain.

No less than two members of Mersea Township Council admitted they had seen a UFO.

Deputy Reeve Bob Hatt was driving to a meeting in Wheatley when he saw a bright object for a few seconds.

Mr. Hatt said he had seen meteorites before but nothing like this.

And Councillor John Adams was looking out of the window of his farm home when he made his sighting.

So it appears there was something bright in the night sky of March 6.

The question remains... what was it?

UFO Sightings Tied To String's Reflection

By LOUISE AXELSON

The only explanation offered Tuesday for the dozens of reports Hartford police received Monday of unidentified flying object sightings was reflections caused by a piece of string or fishing line found hanging between two trees Monday night in the Wilson section of Windsor.

Hartford police received more than 50 calls between 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Most callers said they saw the object described as round and lighted, with a rod going through it, over I-91 near the Windsor-Hartford line.

Windsor police had sent officers to the scene, but they said they saw nothing but a helicopter leaving the area at about noon.

Sgt. Richard Jones of the Windsor Police Department said he checked the area between 10 and 11 p.m. Monday at the request of Hartford Police Detective James Doyle.

Jones said he found what looked like either fishing line or kite string hanging between the tops of two trees on Pine Lane in Windsor, not far from the Hartford line.

Elizabeth O'Connell of the public information office at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Mass., said neither

her office nor the base command post received any calls related to the object.

Jacob Davidson, an assistant at the Psychic Research Phenomenon Center in Seattle, Wash., said the only call received on the sighting came from the Hartford police department. He said they would not investigate.

Windsor hardware store owner Arthur Parsont to police he also investigated Monday and saw the string reflecting sunlight, but other callers said what they saw couldn't have been a strand of shiny string.

HARTFORD, CONN. - COURANT
*****APR 12, 1978*****

State trooper sights unidentified flying object in Estill County

State trooper sights UFO in Estill County

Irvine—Two separate sightings of an unidentified flying object have been reported in Estill County.

Both sightings took place Sunday, February 19 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Kentucky State Trooper Jim Whitaker was on patrol, traveling from Drip Rock on Route 89, about three miles south of Irvine when he first saw the object.

Whitaker described it as very bright, shifting in colors of white, red, and green with no particular pattern.

Whitaker left his cruiser, walked up and down the road to "make sure I wasn't seeing anything," and began to cross a fence into the field where the object was hovering.

"At first I thought I was seeing a reflection due to the snow in the field," he said. When he started over the fence, the object began to move off.

Whitaker, who served four years in the Navy as a helicopter maintenance and crew man with over 1,500 flight hours, said the object made no noise, left no exhaust or trailing vapor and appeared to have a floating motion.

Whitaker sighted the object again on Red Lick Road. It was at this point he notified the Richmond State Police post that he was "observing an object, and that I didn't know what it was."

After watching it hover at about 150 feet above the ground for 35 minutes, the object moved off again in a "casual, relaxed, floating" manner.

Whitaker next followed it to Cow Creek, near Tipton Ridge, where he watched it until approximately 11:45 p.m.

A scan from Bluegrass Airfield did not pick up the object, Whitaker said, who was asked if an aircraft flying over Estill County might not be what he was seeing.

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"I advised them that this (the aircraft) was not the object," Whitaker said, adding that as the aircraft approached, the brightness of the object dimmed.

The second sighting was reported by Sally Durbin of Daniels Addition in Ravenna at approximately 9:30 the same night.

Durbin described the object as a big bright light which dimmed in two stages before resuming the initial brightness. She and her husband, Edward, both saw the object.

"We watched it for a long time," said Durbin. "We first saw it around 9:30, but it was still there when we went to bed at 2:45 (a.m.)."

The object did not come very close to the Durbins, but their son Mark looked at it through a telescope, and said the object had red and green blinking lights.

According to Durbin, the object first appeared to be heading north towards Powell County, and then seemed to shift east towards Beattyville.

Durbin, who has had earlier experiences with similar "unidentified flying objects," said she did not "feel good" while observing the object. "I'd like to forget it," she said. "I would have run off if I could."

Whitaker, who said Estill County is noted for UFO sightings, believes their existence is entirely possible.

"There are too many sightings by too many people for it to be swamp gas or something like that," he said. "I think there's something to it."

From the Citizen Voice & Times.

AUBURN, N.Y. - CITIZEN
*****APR 9, 1978*****

UFO sighting reported

State Police received a report of the sighting of an UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) at 11 p.m. Friday.

The light-in-the-sky was observed at the intersection of Grant Avenue Road and Jericho Road in the Town of Sennett between 7:15 and 9 p.m.

As the sighting was reported two hours later, State Police said the report could not be verified.

WOODLAND, WASH - NEWS
*****MAR. 30, 1978*****

UFO reported in Woodland PAGE ON

A UFO in the shape of a fireball was spotted by at least four persons in Woodland last Thursday evening.

Woodland police said four persons reported they saw an object traveling southeasterly over the east side of Green Mountain. One reported the object looked like a "suspicious fireball."

Mrs. M.L. Nichols said she thought it was an airplane at first. But then she looked at it again and saw it was red, oblong and there was smoke coming from it.

Her husband flew over the area for about a half-hour Friday morning in his private plane but found no clues. He said he drove around the area Thursday evening and saw a smoke trail.

The fireball, Nichols said, could have been caused by an acetylene tank exploding in the area that was once used as a garbage dump. No reports of missing aircraft in the area were announced by the Federal Aviation Administration.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA - JOURNAL
*****APR. 5, 1978*****

UFO report checked

WELLAND, Ont. — Investigators are studying reports about an unidentified, cylindrical object sighted over a residential area near this city. Three persons said they saw the object Sunday. They say it had flashing colored lights and sometimes glowed with a bluish light. The investigators with Project SUM (Solving UFO Mysteries) in St. Catharines, Ont., are high school and university students.

ELM GROVE, WIS. - LEAVES
*****MAR 23, 1978*****

UFO sighted?

Wednesday morning
Shinners Publications received reports that an unusual Unidentified Flying Object had been sighted between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday night near the WTMJ radio towers on Bluemound Road.

A couple of dozen cars reportedly were stopped along Interstate 94 near there so that the occupants could observe the UFO.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and the Brookfield Police Department had no information concerning the sighting.

DUMFRIES, VA. - NEWS
****APR. 10, 1978**

UFO? Dumfries family reports seeing strange flying object

By EILEEN MEAD

A Dumfries woman says she saw a noiseless, round aircraft with red lights on it fly over her brother-in-law's home at a high rate of speed Saturday night.

And at about the same time, a Dundalk, Md., man reported to federal aviation officials that he sighted a "contrail vapor and some type of object" that disappeared suddenly in the southwest sky—toward the direction of Dumfries.

Geneva Redder, 28, said she, her brother-in-law, Jerry Bartley, 17, and her son, Brent, 7, were working in the Bartley's yard on U.S. 1 across from the Stagecoach Inn at about 7:15.

She said she first noticed a red light blinking above a star and called Bartley's attention to it.

"Jerry told me I was crazy because stars don't blink," Mrs. Redder said.

Then, Mrs. Redder said, she noticed three blinking red lights above the

Little Dipper constellation. She said she went into the house for about 10 minutes, and when she came out she noticed the three blinking lights were gone, but the first light she had seen was still in place.

Then, all of sudden, from the direction of Manassas, something flat and round with two lights on either side and a bright light on the front, came from over the trees and flew right over the house without making a sound, she said.

It flew toward Quantico and then ascended "extremely fast" in the direction of the Little Dipper.

"It went so fast, if I drank I'd say I was drunk," Mrs. Redder said. "And if I had false teeth, they would have dropped to the ground. It was weird to say the least.

"We thought they might be testing a new plane at Quantico," Mrs. Redder said. "Three facts disturbed all of us.

There was no sound, it was faster than any aircraft any of us ever knew of, and it was round in shape."

At the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Leesburg, Military Liaison Joseph Obusek said today a man in Dundalk, Md., called the Washington Center just after 7:30 p.m. Saturday to report a strange object in the sky to the southwest.

Obusek said there were no airplanes in the area at that time that could have made contrails at the low level reported.

"There were a lot of contrails that day ... due to the temperature," Obusek said. But contrails would normally be 18,000 to 20,000 feet in altitude.

The Quantico Marine Corps Base public affairs office said this morning it knows of no Marine flight in the area at that time that could have fit what Mrs. Redder saw.

NEW HAVEN JOURNAL - CONN.
****APR. 13, 1978**

Close Encounter? Maybe Yes And No

Was it or wasn't it?
The reported sighting of a UFO near Hartford Monday was probably a meteorite or some type of space debris, according to an area investigator for the Center of UFO Studies at Northwestern University.

Dick Nycz said the sighting, reported as a bright arc of light across the sky, now looks as if it was some type of debris.

"This is only speculation at this time," he said. "We still would like to hear from more people who saw the object."

According to State Police, three witnesses who saw the object described it as a bright line with a slight arc in it.

The witnesses said the object was bright and appeared to be traveling very fast.

Police said the witnesses were traveling south on Interstate 91 near the Hartford-Windsor line at the time of the sighting. There were some 16 calls logged by State Police between 11 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

Nycz, who is a local investigator of UFO sightings, for the center, said meteorites are usually seen at night but it is possible to see one during the day.

"From what we know now about how it looked," he said, "we think it was some type of space debris — either that or a UFO."

Nycz said he would like persons with information on the sighting to call him at 248-6052.

FRED VOLLONO

LINDSTROM, MINN. - PRESS
****APR. 5, 1978**

Close encounter of second kind is investigated

In areas near Bone Lake which reported "near touchdown" of the U.F.O. sighted March 22 in the Scandia area, environmental samples of the affected area have been collected and sent for analysis to the Center of U.F.O. studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

The Center's regional U.F.O. investigator, Bradley Ayers, told the Press, "We do not have good physical traces, but are not going to discount the possibility."

Ayers emphasized there was no reported actual touchdown. The area being investigated for a close encounter of the second kind (physical evidence) are locations where residents feel the area had somehow unnaturally changed after the U.F.O. incident.

Where, what types, and how much physical evidence was left in the areas of the U.F.O. sightings is not known.

Ayers was very evasive of any specific questions of that nature. He said he must respect personal privacy requests and could not disclose specifics.

Both control samples and possibly "contaminated" soil and vegetation samples were collected to scientifically assure any alleged unnatural changes that occurred cannot be explained by natural phenomenon.

DENVILLE, N.J. - CITIZEN
****APR. 12, 1978**

Lakes Police Report

MOUNTAIN LAKES - Road blockings and cave-ins, investigations of break and entries and a UFO sighting were among the action reported by borough police this week.

Police received a report March 31 of an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighted about 8:35 p.m. over the area of the Dixon Brothers yard in Boonton. The object was described as a luminous red ball with rays shooting out of it, which hovered for several moments before taking off at a high rate of speed.

YORK, PA. - DISPATCH
****APR. 3, 1978****

DOES UFO LIKE YORK COUNTY?

Couple Reports Sighting In Strinestown Area

An unidentified flying object apparently has taken a liking to York County.

Several sightings of the craft have been reported since last Thursday night, and the latest known appearance reportedly occurred Sunday night near Strinestown.

Mrs. Norma Smith said she and her husband, Wayne, had just left the home of an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witmer, on the old Susquehanna Trail near Strinestown when the "big, round object" loomed up in front of their car.

It was about 100 feet above the ground, Mrs. Smith said, making a pulsating sound. There were three red lights at the back, she recalled.

Smith brought the car to a halt, and as he slammed it into reverse gear, the craft tilted toward them. A bright light from the top of the UFO beamed down on the car, Mrs. Smith recounted.

"We thought it was coming right at us," Mrs. Smith said.

Smith hurriedly backed the car into the Witmer property and he and his wife ran for the house. The Witmers came out of the house, Mrs. Smith said, in time to see the craft moving away in the direction of Strinestown.

Mrs. Smith recalled that the craft had wires, like antennae, projecting from the top, and there were small wheels on the underside. The noise got louder, she said, as it rose and moved off.

The Smiths, who live in Seven Valleys, say they plan to talk with other countians who reported seeing a similar craft recently.

SANTA ROSA, CAL - DEMOCRAT
****APR. 11, 1978****

Authorities can't explain strange Sunday sighting

A white, round object which flashed across the sky about 7:30 p.m. Sunday remained unexplained today.

The Sonoma County sheriff's office received a call asking what it was, and an ex-Air Force serviceman in Atascadero later reported an identical sighting.

The UFO Center in southern California said a similar report was made at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

In each sighting, the object was said to be round with a tail white in color and moving slower than a jet.

Northern California Air Force bases no longer take UFO reports. They refer reports to local sheriff's offices, or police agencies who, in turn, may give the information to the UFO Center — a non-profit, private organization — in Valley Center, Calif.

The UFO Center will provide information to anyone who writes to them at Box 55, Valley Center, Calif. 92082.

SANTA ANA, CAL. - REGISTER
****MAR 21, 1978****

Luminous Object Streaks Over OC

TUSTIN — A luminous object in the sky, described variously by citizens who called police as a "huge lighting of the sky" and "a red fireball emitting sparks," crossed over this city from east to west about 9:45 p.m. Monday.

One observer, police said, estimated the object remained in view about two seconds.

Police relayed the information to the Marine Corps helicopter station where a spokesman said the object was not related to any military exercises.

The flaming object also was sighted by Marguerita Ottobre, Huntington Beach, who was driving west on Ellis Avenue approaching Ward Street in Fountain Valley when she saw the bright object above the trees to the south.

"It had a white glow surrounding a red center which also glowed brightly," she said. "As I watched, it seemed to disintegrate in a shower of little stars that shot out.

"My car radio went dead just before I saw the object," Mrs. Ottobre said, "and it came back on after the thing disappeared."

ROYAL OAK, MICH - TRIBUNE
****APR. 1, 1978****

Ferndale Resident Sees 'UFO'

Allie Brooks of Ferndale wants to know what he saw over his house Friday night.

Brooks, 600 Pinecrest, who has made a hobby of watching aircraft since he was an anti-aircraft spotter in World War II, said he has never seen anything like the object overhead about 9:30 p.m.

A Warren police helicopter was aloft for more than an hour Friday night, but Brooks said what he saw didn't look like the police helicopters he is used to seeing.

"It was bullet-shaped with a wide wingspan and a chopped-off tail," he said. He said it had white, blue and red lights on it.

Brooks said his television set began acting up at 9:30. He got up to adjust it and saw the object out his front window, traveling easterly at a slow speed. He said he thought it might be a helicopter and thought nothing of it.

But when his television acted up again moments later, he got out a pair of binoculars and took another look as it flew over going easterly again, then suddenly banked steeply and rapidly disappeared to the northeast.

"It sounded kind of like a turbine engine rather than like any plane or copter I ever heard," he said. "It was a beautiful looking outfit. I sure would like to know what it was."

ST. PAUL DISPATCH - MINN.
****MAR. 28, 1978****

Army Reserve helicopters were flying in the vicinity of where a large UFO was reported last Wednesday northeast of the Twin Cities, investigators reported Monday. The five helicopters may have been what observers saw, according to a spokesman for the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., which is investigating the incident.

However, the spokesman said, witnesses reported the UFO was within 100 feet of the ground and was larger than a helicopter. A Reserve spokesman said the helicopters were in the area, but not at the same time as the UFO was reported, and were flying at 1,000 feet.

L.A. - PRESS
LAKE CHARLES, ILL. - JOURNAL
*****APR. 1, 1978*****

Close encounters of the first kind?

Editor's Note: 7424
Thousands of so-called "unidentified flying object" (UFO) reports in the United States are followed — in time — by official announcements that what people had seen was something quite ordinary.

But nobody is absolutely certain.

An American Press staffer had a rare opportunity to match what his family saw — or thought they saw — with a bona fide object.

Roger Gassiot, certain he had a "flying saucer" story, hurriedly typed out his impressions Monday night — then heard, after the story was completed, that a weather balloon had fallen to earth in Ville Platte.

What he saw Monday night — and what it turned out to be — provide a fascinating insight into the whole business of "UFO sightings."

By ROGER GASSIOTT
American Press Staff Writer

While helping a frustrated eight-year-old son get a kite aloft about 6:15 p.m. Monday, I looked up and there it was, gleaming brilliantly in the northeast sky.

Immediately, my mind raced back to a night six years ago when my older brother and I had seen a similar spectacle in the sky while fishing on Wallace Lake near Shreveport.

We had been foolish — or brave — enough to tell of that encounter and quickly became, in a sense, the laughing-stock of our offices.

Vowing to never again place myself in such a position, I became content to do my star-

gazing, through science fiction paperbacks and "Star Trek" reruns.

And I was also content to pretend I had seen nothing out of the ordinary in the clear evening sky Monday, but my pretense was foiled when my son happened to see it, too.

"Look, Daddy, there's a UFO," he said.

Since I could no longer feign blindness or deafness, he and I — along with my wife and two-year old — sat on the rear of my car and watched the object hang motionless in the northeast.

With notebook handy, I began to jot down what we were witnessing.

At first glance, the bright object appeared as if composed of three independent elements. But when the smaller of the three separated from the larger at 6:28 p.m. and floated slowly down, it became apparent that the "UFO" was composed of only two major elements.

A minute later the small element began to ascent quickly and rejoined the larger.

Immediately upon merging, the objects again separated and the smaller assumed the top-most position.

Then they began moving away — in a northeasterly direction — at a fast rate, keeping their uniform distance apart.

At 6:30 p.m. the smaller of the elements appeared to become stationary while the larger continued moving northeast until it disappeared from sight a minute later.

The small object — or light?

—began to move slowly at 6:32 p.m. in the direction in which the larger had disappeared until it too vanished from sight. The tableau had lasted five minutes.

For several minutes I continued to scan the northern sky until I was convinced that the spectacle was gone and all that remained was what was committed to memory and notebook paper.

What had we witnessed as we camped on the rear of my car? An aircraft of sorts? A reflection from the setting sun? An ordinary weather balloon?

A weather balloon. The explanation would seem feasible, since a large balloon launched in East Texas landed near Ville Platte that very night.

But, again, the events as recorded didn't exactly fit the description of a balloon. Of course, the small object that dropped down could have been instruments or antenna of a sorts, but then why did they re-ascend and end up above the main element?

And why were rates of speed so erratic as the "UFO" went through its maneuvers — from hanging motionless to darting quickly from here to there?

I suppose the balloon theory is as good as any — if the UFO view is to be dismissed — but just try to tell that to a 30-year-old woman who had just seen her first unexplainable phenomenon.

Or to an eight-year old space addict who has managed to learn almost every line of dialogue in "Star Wars," foresakes "Winnie the Pooh" books at the school library in favor of complex astronomy publications and who knows — already — that Betelgeuse is a large red giant sun situated in the belt of Orion the Hunter and that Alpha Centauri is the closest star to our earth — a mere 4½ light years away.

Just try to convince a two-year-old that he had watched a weather balloon for several minutes instead of what he kept calling "Star War-Wars, Star War-Wars..."

The strange phenomenon was probably just another weather balloon, but, yes, Virginia, there really are "UFOs."

ST. CROIX FALLS, WISC. - PRESS
*****MAR. 30, 1978*****

U.F.O.'s reported sighted in Scandia area

The movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" should have special appeal for residents of the Scandia, Minn. area after they encountered their own U.F.O. last week there.

Numerous Scandia residents reported seeing bright red light in the configuration of some form of aircraft the evening of Wednesday, March 22. Witnesses said the lights were low flying and appeared to light up a very large craft. The lights were reported southbound and moving at a fast rate of speed.

Investigators said the sightings may have been tied in with flight of Army helicopters that moved through the area that day.

DES PLAINES, ILL. - JOURNAL
*****MAR. 23, 1978*****

Claims He Saw UFOs

A Des Plaines man reported seeing several UFO's in the eastern sky last Saturday night, reported police.

Andy Sansardo, 33 Dover Ln., said he saw 4 objects in the distant eastern sky, possibly over Lake Michigan. He said they had high-powered white lights, according to reports. Sansardo added that they seemed suspended over the lake for time, then separated, some going north, some south until they vanished.

The reporting office said he checked the area around Sansardo's home for effects, such as plants or animals. He added, because of the bright lights, the shapes of the objects could not be detected.

OLEAN, N.Y. - TIMES HERALD

*****MAR. 21, 1978*****

Olean Resident Latest To Spot Strange Object

By MARY ELLEN BUSHNELL
Times Herald Staff Writer
An Olean man is the latest earthing to have spotted an unidentified flying object in the area.
Wilfrid Nash, 801 Pleasant, reported to Olean Police Mon-

day night, he saw a strange flying object in the skies as he drove eastward along the Southern Tier Expressway. The sighting, he said, occurred as he neared the Five Mile Road in Allegany about 11:15 p.m.
"It looked just as it was

described in earlier reports," Mr. Nash stated noting the erratic movement of the UFO. "It moved very slowly, but a couple times it moved extremely fast. Then it would hover," noted Mr. Nash who said the object traveled in a zig-zag pattern at an elevation of about 3,000 feet. "A couple times it came in lower ... down to about 1,000 feet."

Salamanca Police Lt. Jack Frost told the Times Herald he observed the object Sunday night from the police station using field glasses. The officer added he searched the skies again Monday night, briefly, but due to cloudy conditions was not able to spot anything.

"Some residents were out looking," Lt. Frost said, "but it was very cloudy and started to rain and people soon gave up trying to spot the object."
Sheriff's deputies in Little Valley also noted no new reports of sightings today.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - GRIT

*****MAR 26, 1978*****

Bright-Colored UFO's Seen in Potter County

Shinglehouse—A resident of this Potter County community has reported sighting two unidentified flying objects (UFO's) in the Horse Run area.

The sighting occurred while he was on his way home from a church meeting in Little Genesee, N.Y.

The man, who wished to remain anonymous, said the objects passed over his car and eventually disappeared over the southwest horizon. The sighting occurred at night.

HE DESCRIBED the objects as brightly colored with red, yellow, and green tints.

One of the objects, he said, appeared at one time to have stopped or to have slowed down to a near-stop.

The sighting is under investigation by the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Similar recent sightings were reported in New York state, near Salamanca and Great Valley.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA - JOURNAL

*****MAR. 8, 1978*****

What's in that coffee, Tony?

A UFO research group says that one of its field investigators filed a detailed report from Brazil about the bizarre abduction of a Brazilian man by creatures that looked like robots.

According to the organization, Antonio La Rubia claims he was captured by three robot-like creatures and taken aboard a giant spacecraft last October. La Rubia says that once inside the giant ship, he was examined by at least 25 of the creatures.

He describes his captors as having heads shaped like footballs, two arms similar to elephant trunks, and a single leg which permitted them to move effortlessly about. La Rubia says the four-foot-tall creatures had what looked like antennas that spun rapidly on top of their heads and small windows around the middle of their heads emitted a bluish light.

La Rubia claims to have been aboard the craft for about 30 minutes and to have been shown a series of pictures on the wall — similar to slides — in which he was often depicted as the main character. He says that all the scenes in the pictures later came true, indicating to him the beings had the ability to predict the future.

UFO's in Dufferin

A Shelburne-area resident Thursday reported sighting an unexplained light moving over Highway 10 north of Shelburne. He told an early-morning CBC radio phone-in program the light appeared to zoom in toward his car and then disappeared.

ORANGEVILLE BANNER, - CANADA

*****MAR. 17, 1978*****

Mr. Nash said he observed the UFO for about five minutes on the expressway, but he was still able to view it as he drove toward Olean and spotted it again at his home with his 15-year-old son who watched with binoculars. Due to the distance the shape of the object could not be discerned by Mr. Nash or his son, however, they noted the craft appeared to be traveling at a peculiar angle.

THE FIRST report of sightings came Sunday night when John Good, 15, of MacDonald Road in Great Valley telephoned Salamanca Police to report a large flying object, covered with flashing red, white, blue and green lights hovering in the skies over Great Valley. Using binoculars, the boy said he could spot actually three moving objects of varying sizes.

Also claiming to have seen a strange, large flying object of the brilliant colors were Salamanca Police officers who spotted it over Peth Road in Great Valley and Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Deputies who saw the object over Little Valley.

All sightings Sunday night took place between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Police officials who reported contacting airports were told that radar had not picked up the craft on monitors.

Meanwhile, an investigation is being conducted by a state division of Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network for Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties, published reports have indicated. Christopher Centi of Jamestown is said to head that volunteer group and is conducting telephone interviews with those persons claiming to have seen the object.

BRIDGEPORT POST - CONN.

*****APR 12, 1978*****

Roof and UFO

What's going on in Hartford?

First a falling roof; now a flying saucer. Nearly a score of people claim they saw a UFO speeding about in the skies above I-91 near the Hartford-Windsor line on a bright morning recently.

The two events cause one to stop and wonder. Could a UFO landing have caused the mysterious roof collapse at the Civic Center Coliseum?

This could be important. The Legislature and the governor are interested in the folly of providing \$5 million of state money to rebuild the coliseum, which was jointly financed by the city of Hartford and the insurance companies.

Wouldn't it make sense, therefore, for the Legislature to appropriate a few million dollars to chase down and capture the flying saucer, so it won't land on the new coliseum roof when it is finished?

After all, if the state wants to jump into the roof-building business with millions of dollars, it may as well have protection from that mysterious Hartford UFO.

Beach walker has 'close encounter'

By MARIAN JEDRUSIAK
Times Staff Writer

The sea was pretty choppy and the wind was blowing real hard. The moon was pretty spectacular. And then I saw it come out of the clouds."

That's what Kenneth Kent, 23, a security guard at a local apartment complex, said this morning. He began describing what he believes was a UFO he saw while strolling along Lake Worth Beach during the late night-early morning hours.

'There were about 10 or 20 other movements going on in the sky at the same time that I'd never seen before. They did not zigzag or do anything spectacular. They just moved very slowly . . .'

"I saw a light in the sky that I thought was an airplane. And then I noticed it wasn't moving. Then it

started moving so slowly that it ruled out being an airplane."

He said the object began to change form. It looked like a pencil that was pointing down to earth. Then it began to turn bluish and purple.

"There were about 10 or 20 other movements going on in the sky at the same time that I'd never seen before. They did not zigzag or do anything spectacular. They just moved very slowly and sometimes quickly. Once, a bright light on the beacon blinked at me," Kent said.

He said he'd seen stars move before. "But never did they look the way they did last night. They'd pass through a cloud and then they'd be a white color and then the color would change."

There were oranges and blues, greens and purples in the sky-palette Kent saw last night.

No one had called in to the Science Museum and Planetarium, West Palm Beach this morning "But they probably will. Since we had the excitement over the meteorites in the past couple months everybody thinks they've seen them since," said Betty Kunselman, a secretary-receptionist at the planetarium.

She said she gets reports of strange activities in the sky "at least once a week."

But to Kenneth Kent, who felt "the sky was just buzzing," the strange activities had an eerie kind of beauty.

"Last night the sky was buzzing. There were so many movements out there. It was better than what they had in 'Close Encounters' (of the Third Kind). It was beautiful."

PALO ALTO, CALIF. - TIMES
*****APR. 7, 1978*****

UFO eludes helicopter after sighting in Atherton

FRONT PAGE

An Atherton policeman and a PG&E electrician spotted an unidentified flying object, but it eluded a police search that included the San Mateo County Sheriff's helicopter.

The object was spotted at 11:09 a.m. on Wednesday by Atherton police Sgt. Ron Harris and PG&E electrician Dirk Koops after Harris had stopped to chat with Koops, who was replacing street lights on Greenoaks Drive.

Koops said he saw a dark object "at least 1,000 feet" above the ground, moving from the south toward the north. At first, he said, it looked like three balloons twisting around, but then it began descending and appeared angular.

As it got closer to the ground, Koops said, the object looked like a "bat" kite, but was much bigger. Koops said there was no wind and that he does not believe the object was a kite.

Harris jumped into his patrol car and headed in the direction of the descending object, losing sight of it as he reached James Avenue. He said it disappeared in the area of Burgess Park or SRI International in Menlo Park.

Atherton police called in the patrolling San Mateo County Sheriff's helicopter, which looked the area over, but found nothing. Police and fire agencies reported no reports of UFOs.

OSHAWA TIMES, CANADA
*****MAR 1, 1978*****

TWICE SAW UFO

H1356 Youngster Has 'Encounter'

Eleven-year-old Doris Vinco's grandmother says the Grade 5 pupil at College Hill Public School isn't the type to go round making up stories.

And Doris says she's just seen a UFO — twice!

She reported to The Times on Tuesday that the unidentified flying object first came into her life about 8 p.m. last Sunday.

According to Doris, she was home at 261 Marquette St. and, by chance, peered out her bedroom window in time to see a bright, orange light hovering above the houses in the College Hill subdivision.

Though she suspected the unusual glow signalled the presence of alien types, Doris didn't get too excited about things until Monday.

That's when the UFO came back in grand style, she explained.

"I was playing records and just happened to hear a sound like something was rubbing against the wall of the house," Doris recalled.

"I turned toward the window and saw it — right there."

She described a large craft with glowing, white wheels that also emitted an overall, orange hue. She said it seemed to sit in the air immediately outside the window.

"I thought I could almost reach out and touch it," Doris stated. "Then, it suddenly zipped away."

The girl's grandmother (also named Doris) said she, per-

sonally, doesn't quite know what to make of the whole thing.

DIDN'T BELIEVE

"The second time, she came and told me, but I was on the phone and wouldn't come," she said. "I don't believe in such things, but Doris was really excited and talked about it until she went to bed."

Mrs. Vinco added she's decided to remain neutral in the debate, because the story is so unlikely — yet young Doris isn't known to create fantasies.

"She's been to see that science fiction movie, Close Encounters (of The Third Kind)," conceded the grandmother. "But that was three or four weeks ago."

TERRA ALTA, W. VA. - NEWS
*****FEB. 21, 1978*****

Boy reports UFO sighting

A 12-year-old boy in Irona, near Howesville in Preston County, has reported sighting an unidentified flying object while home from school because of the weather.

Larry Costilow photographed the object from the window of his home after noticing interference on the television.

Costilow's father, Gay, contacted the Preston County Sheriff's Office, which turned the report to the local Civil Defense office. The Air Force was then contacted and reported the sighting to the UFO reporting center of Phenomena Research in Seattle Wash., which investigates such incidents.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. - TIMES
*****MAR. 30, 1978*****

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The Future

UFO - 7424

A Brazilian man has revealed an account of his bizarre abduction by outer-space creatures last fall. After being taken aboard a giant space ship, Antonio La Rubia said, he was examined by many beings with foot-ball-shaped heads, arms like elephant trunks, and a single leg. During the half hour he was in their care, the man said, the creatures showed him pictures, scenes from which came true later — demonstrating the beings' cosmic awareness of future events.

Local man reports strange lights; UFO?

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By RON WILCOX
Times staff writer

A Rawlins man reported yesterday sighting unusual moving lights Wednesday night he believes may have been an unidentified flying object.

Paul Bodenberger said he and his daughter, April, were returning about 8:10 p.m. from downtown Rawlins along the U.S. 287 bypass to their home in the Highland Hills Addition when they spotted two small green lights about 100 feet apart approaching the highway from the east.

THE LIGHTS WERE TRAVELING about 100 feet above Highland Hills Trailer Court, he said.

"My first impression was, someone's shooting off fireworks," Bodenberger said, adding he began to think it was an airplane that did not make elevation while attempting to land and was returning for another approach after watching the lights in flight a few seconds.

The lights then made a slight right turn after reaching the highway, turned into a large indigo-blue oval and shot vertically into the sky about 500 feet before disappearing, he said.

The object made no sound during the 10-12 second incident, he added.

Bodenberger said he and his daughter, age 8, discussed what they had seen and determined that it was not their imaginations.

The 41-year-old Bureau of Land Management employee called the Federal Aviation Administration at the Rawlins Airport when he arrived home and was told no other sighting had been reported.

THE FAA OFFICE CONFIRMED yesterday that no other sightings were reported Wednesday night.

"It's funny that no one else saw anything," Bodenberger said, adding that persons may have been reluctant to make a report. "A lot of people still think you're weird."

He then called the National Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., to report the incident.

RAWLINS, WYO. - TIMES
*****MAR 24, 1978*****

The center questioned Bodenberger extensively on the object's flight pattern and behavior, he said.

A CENTER SPOKESMAN SAID yesterday no other sightings were reported in the area, and that the isolated report makes it difficult to investigate the incident.

"There wasn't too much we could do," the spokesman said.

He added that persons reporting sightings are questioned as to whether objects viewed fit flight patterns of other unidentified objects.

Bodenberger said most of the questions asked him by the center applied to the object he sighted.

He said another sighting in California in 1974 prompted him to report the incident to authorities.

"If we hadn't seen that thing in California, we probably wouldn't have given it a passing thought," he said.

BODENBERGER AND HIS WIFE, Linda, were traveling to San Francisco from Medford, Ore., when they spotted a brightly lighted object hovering before shooting off into the sky, he said.

The incident was confirmed by other witnesses and reported widely in San Francisco at the time.

Mrs. Bodenberger said she now believes in extraterrestrial life.

Bodenberger said he wanted to make Wednesday's incident public to encourage others who may have seen the object to confirm the sighting or produce a possible explanation.

The Daily Times carried another area sighting report in 1974 when a hunter reported seeing an unidentified object south of Rawlins.

Another Report Of 'Bright Object' Flashing in Sky

A West Naticoke woman reported that she saw a "bright object" in the sky Saturday morning.

Kathleen Allabaugh, 343 W. Poplar St., said she was looking out of her window when she spotted an object moving across the sky in a downward direction.

The woman stated the object was moving "very fast" and was glowing very brightly. She said it had a "yellowish tail."

It was reported Monday that three men traveling in two separate automobiles spotted a bright object in the sky. They described the object as a "huge bright white light with a burning red-orange tail."

WILKES-BARRE, PA. - NEWS *****APR 12, 1978*****

UFO's sighted here?

MINDEN--A group of citizens who wish to remain anonymous reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object Saturday evening, according to officials with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

The sighting came at approximately 7:30 p.m. from various locations just off the old Athens Road, but were not reported to police until 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

At first the citizens did not believe that they should be taken seriously, but when it developed that several persons had witnessed the strange sight, they decided to contact police.

Deputies O. H. Haynes, III and Mike Sullivan in-

vestigated the incident Sunday morning, but reported finding no evidence of any unusual phenomenon near the place where the citizens believed the "strange light" to have gone down.

One witness was looking out her living room window when she spotted a glowing light which appeared to be coming straight at her house. Suddenly, before the flashing light could seemingly strike the house, it fell in the fields off in the distance.

The woman's husband and brothers immediately set about looking for the strange phenomenon, but found no evidence of any intruder.

At the same time, a passing motorist in a van spotted the same strange illumination and

stopped to investigate.

According to these two, and other witnesses, what they saw were flashing lights in the most radiant, bright colors. "The lights were the most unusual shades of amber and green," one witness said.

After sighting the unidentified object, the witnesses contacted Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City to see if any weather balloons or other aircraft were in the area during that time. Officers there reported none.

Although the origin of the strange flashing lights will probably never be known, several citizens have begun nightly vigils of waiting and watching in the woods nearby the sight for a possible recurrence.

Un O.V.N.I. dans le ciel d'Entrevaux ?

Si l'on en croit les déclarations faites par plusieurs habitants de la Haute-Garonne, du Tarn-et-Garonne, de l'Ariège et de l'Aude, des O.V.N.I. ont survolé ces régions au cours des dernières nuits, ainsi que nous l'avons relaté.

M. Antonin Bianchi, demeurant 16, boulevard du Mont-Boron, nous a téléphoné hier pour nous affirmer que mercredi, vers 18 h 45, alors que venant du Sauze (A.-H.-P.), il se dirigeait vers Nice par la R.N. 202 il a vu une boule bleue avec une traînée blanche qui traversait la vallée « à grande vitesse à basse altitude, au ras des montagnes ».

Cela s'est passé entre Les Scaffarels et Entrevaux, à trois kilomètres à peine de ce village, a précisé M. Bianchi qui a en outre estimé que cette « apparition » avait duré de deux à trois secondes. La description de l'O.V.N.I. correspond à celle d'un objet aperçu la nuit précédente dans le ciel de Mée-sur-Seine (Seine-et-Marne).

NICE, ITALY - "NICE MATIN" - Feb. 25, 1978

A UFO IN THE SKY AT ENTREVAUX?

If we have to believe to the claims of several people in the Haute-Garonne, Tarn-et-Garonne, Ariège and Aude departments, some UFOs overflew the region during last nights, as we have reported.

Mr. Antonin Bianchi living at 16 Boulevard du Mont-Boron, called us yesterday to confirm that Wednesday (Feb. 22), at 6:45 p.m., while coming from Sauze towards Nice through the National Road 202, he saw a blue ball with a white trail crossing the valley "at great speed, at low altitude, just above the mountains".

There passed it between Les Scaffarels and Entrevaux, at about 3kms from this village, told Mr. Bianchi, who moreover thinks that the "apparition" from the two to three seconds. His description corresponds to that of an object appeared in the sky of Mée-sur-Seine.

Foreign

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SECONDO IL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA

Era un jet militare l'Ufo visto a Elmas

Non era un aereo misterioso né tantomeno un «Ufo» l'«oggetto volante» che il 27 ottobre scorso verso sera aveva attraversato il cielo di Cagliari, ma un normale aereo militare impegnato in una esercitazione. Lo si deduce da un comunicato del ministero della difesa a proposito delle recenti richieste di alcuni lettori che volevano sapere l'esito degli accertamenti disposti dallo stesso ministero in seguito alla segnalazione fatta dal personale della torre di controllo dell'aeroporto di Cagliari-Elmas e dai piloti di due elicotteri in volo. Le prime indagini sono bastate per chiarire che la «esercitazione era stata erroneamente interpretata dal personale che ha segnalato l'avvistamento» anche per le «non perfette condizioni di visibilità».

Tutto regolare pertanto, secondo il rapporto del Ministero della difesa. La «palla di fuoco» che decine di persone avevano visto nel cielo della città era soltanto un normalissimo jet. La precisazione del Ministero deluderà forse i patiti dello spazio che avevano trovato in questo avvistamento «misterioso» un motivo in più per dimostrare la fondatezza delle loro tesi a proposito degli «Ufo».

CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, ITALY - January 6, 1978
"L'Unione Sarda"

ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IT WAS
A MILITARY JET THE UFO SEEN AT ELMAS

It wasn't a mystery plane, and neither a UFO the "flying object" which on Oct. 27, last, crossed the evening sky at Cagliari, but a normal military plane exercising. It is deductible from a Ministry of Defense press-release about the recent enquiries by some readers who wanted to know about the results of verifications of the same ministry following the report by Cagliari-Elmas airport control-tower personnel and by the pilots of two helicopters in flight. Early investigations were sufficient to make clear that the exercise was misinterpreted by the witnessing personnel also for the not-perfect visibility conditions.

Therefore all is correct, according to the report by the Ministry of Defense. The "Fireball" seen by tens of witnesses in the city skies was just a very normal jet. This clarification by the Ministry will perhaps disappoint the space-buffs who had found in this "mysterious" sighting more confirmation of their ideas about UFOs.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS FEB 10, 1978

UFO scares soccer boys off pitch

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By Paul Stokes

BROTHERS Gerald and Christopher O'Connor and Nicholas and Kevin Salmons are the latest in the ever-growing list of UFO spotters in Warminster.

The four frightened lads abandoned their soccer game after seeing what they say was a giant flying saucer in daylight, on Sunday.

They rushed to the police station to report the three p.m. sitting over Copheap, a wooded hill less than 200 feet from their homes in Imber Road, Warminster.

"It was huge, a brilliant silver grey, and like two round plates stuck together with a light grey band separating them," said Gerald, aged 12.

The boys claims the object was silent as it hovered over them for three minutes before tilting and making a faint humming noise.

PULSATING

As it disappeared into a cloud they say a blue pulsating light in the centre of the craft's underside.

All the boys are described as truthful and reliable by their parents.

Christopher, aged ten, Nicholas ten and Kevin, eight, all attend New Close Primary School, in Warminster.

Gerald is a pupil at Kingsdown School, Warminster.

Warminster police have had dozens of sightings reports, since the first was logged on Christmas Day, 1964, including several by their own officers.

The boys were advised to report their sighting to the town's U.F.O. expert Mr Arthur Shuttlewood.

"I believe the boys absolutely, children tell the truth

when they are frightened like these boys obviously were," said Mr Shuttlewood yesterday.

"This is further evidence of the presence of U.F.O's. Among witnesses there have been of sightings, are leading citizens such as magistrates and senior army officers," he said.

The schoolboys' sighting will be registered with the U.F.O. Information centre, an international organisation which records sightings, believed to be authentic.

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FACT

DEREHAM, Norfolk, May 1977: Stewart Bennett reported seeing a dome-shaped object with portholes and pulsating red light underneath.

FACT

NEWCASTLE - ON - TYNE, June 1973: Boys in a school playground at Wide open watched a black object in the sky giving off a smoke trail. Four similar objects flew towards it. For a few seconds they flew in close figure-eight formation. Then all turned and disappeared.

FACT

NEWINGTON, Kent, September 1977: Alan Howard, 30, a commercial cleaner and his wife Dianne, 23, a medical secretary, were driving near their home when they saw a very bright light in the distance. It was 8.39 p.m., a blustery, moonlit night.

Mr Howard is colour blind. Mrs Howard says the rim lights were "numerous... red and green... it appeared very large and symmetrical in shape. I could hear a very significant humming noise."

FACT

BURY, Lancs, April 1976: Detective Sgt. (now Inspector) Norman Collinson watched a disc-like object perform high-speed 90-degree box manoeuvres in the sky for half a minute. Its speed was constant throughout. It then streaked away at a high uniform speed, reaching the horizon, he says, within two seconds.

FACT

WOBURN GREEN, Buckinghamshire, May 1977: Darren Hawkes and David Gillett at 9.30 p.m. saw a "Mexican hat" gliding silently across the sky. It had a dome and flashing light.

EXPRESS UFO BUREAU

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Housewife sparks big UFO search

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENGLAND
*****MAR. 1, 1978*****

Yorkshire airman's wife Karen Rooney sparked off a major ground and air search when she claimed to have sighted a U.F.O.

Mrs. Rooney, The Close, RAF Dishforth, said she saw a large object in the sky — and within minutes a police and RAF search swung into action.

A North Yorkshire police spokesman said Mrs. Rooney was not sure what she saw, but it could have been a parachutist or a balloon with a basket underneath.

Police patrols searched roads and RAF Leeming carried out an air search — but nothing was found.

CONDITIONS

Meanwhile a group of aviators were on top alert today for the first cross-Channel Balloon race.

As soon as weather conditions are right, five balloonists will rush to selected sites in rural Sussex and Kent.

"We want basically a north-west wind and hope to take off in the early morning," said organiser and competitor Mr. Tony Prescott.

The occasion marks the 70th anniversary of Bleriot's first powered crossing of the Channel and the 193rd anniversary of the first balloon crossing.

A close encounter — five times over

Boys spot 'UFO fleet'



Skywatchers Antony, Keiron and Thomas.

A bunch of Leeds boys say they have spotted not one but five U.F.O.s hurtling across the city skyline.

Antony Sitek, Bracken Edge, Chapel-Allerton, Leeds, and Keiron (12) and Thomas Walsh (14), of Sunnybank, Harehills, Leeds, were watching through binoculars when they saw something dart across the sky.

"It was like a star but going quickly," said Antony (13), a pupil at Cross Gates Middle School.

The boys soon realised there were two mystery objects hurtling across the sky.

They kept observations and 15 minutes later were amazed to see two similar objects, travelling "seven or eight times faster," moving towards the city centre.

"They were sharp, pin-like objects but there was no tail and no noise."

"It was like looking at a star but it was moving," said Thomas.

Then later they saw what they believed was their fifth U.F.O., just above a nearby football ground.

According to Antony it was orange and kept going brighter and then dimmer.

"They were definitely not planes because they were moving too fast and they were much too high," said Thomas. "We wonder if anybody else saw them."

Mr. Trevor Whitaker, secretary of Yorkshire Association of the British UFO Research Association, said he thought the earlier sighting could have been artificial satellites.

But there had been two other reports of the later sightings — one in Leeds and one from the Calder Valley.

THE SUNDAY TIMES - PERTH, AUSTRALIA
*****APRIL 23, 1978*****

A STRANGE ENCOUNTER ON FILM

From our London bureau

LONDON, Sat.—Taxi driver Terry Bishop was not at all frightened by his strange encounter. He simply recorded it on film.

On a night when scores of people in southern England reported seeing an unidentified flying object, Terry dashed outside with his camera.

And now he says of a mystery flying object he photographed. "I'm convinced it is a spacecraft from another planet.

"The object was about the size of a double decker bus and was tilted at an angle.

"It stayed motionless under a low cloud for perhaps eight or nine minutes. It looked like two inverted saucers placed together.

"The polar regions were red and the central part a yellow-orange color. I reckon it was about half a mile away.

"Suddenly it zoomed away at an incredible speed into the clouds. It was uncannily silent".

Terry, 29, a father of two, said: "Some people

thought I'd faked the picture. They said it looked like a lampshade. But I took the picture in a hurry, and it's genuine."

Professional photographer David Spokes has seen the original polaroid print and says the photograph has definitely not been tampered with.

A spokesman for the magazine Flying Saucer Review said: "There have been hundreds of photographs of UFOs during the last 20-odd years. This is a typical example."

Many other people confirmed Terry was not alone in spotting a fiery object in the night sky. The sightings were spread over a period of six hours on April 5.

PERTH, WA. - AUSTRALIA
*****APR. 7, 1978*****

UFO startles hundreds in NSW

SYDNEY, Today: A UFO which "whistled through the sky" startled hundreds of Sydney, central coast and south-western residents early today.

Many observers excitedly reported a "close encounter" to newspapers and radio stations.

Experts said the UFO could have been a large meteorite.

The meteorite passed directly over Mittagong, Moorebank and Sydney's northern suburbs before disappearing near Norah Head, 133km north of Sydney.

Those who saw it described seeing a "ball of fire as big as the moon" swooping low overhead at high speed.

The UFO streaked across the sky from the south west and headed towards Gosford at 4.45am.

"It was very big and had a bright green flame—it looked like the moon crossing the sky," one witness, Mr Leon Skeers, of Moorebank said.

'Saucer circus' over Thurrock

REPORTS of a "flying saucer air show" over Thurrock have followed a Gazette story about two women who spotted an unidentified flying object near the Thames at Purfleet.

Readers contacted our offices to confirm they had seen strange objects in the sky. Others contacted Andy Collins of a UFO spotters' organisation in South East England.

Mr Collins said later: "It seems to me you've had a right old air show going on there."

Foreman scaffolder Mr Clifford Hawes, 34, and his son Jimmy, 12, of Hardie Road, Stanford, saw something in the sky over the Thames as they jogged along the Manorway, Stanford.

Silver

Jimmy described it as a silver object. His father said: "I saw something up there and it definitely didn't look like a plane."

The next morning Jimmy saw the silver object again, this time more clearly, and on this occasion his sighting was confirmed by about 20 pupils at Hassenbrook School.

"We were on the tennis courts and this silver object came into sight," he said. "It had long lumps on it at each end sticking up. About 20 of us saw it clearly."

Another caller to the Gazette was housewife Mrs Margaret Thompson, 22, of Russell Road.

She said: "In recent weeks I've seen a number of mysterious objects in the sky. Some of them seem to be hovering over the go-kart track in Tilbury."

Spotlight

Mrs Lynne Barker of Lamb Close, Tilbury, also reported seeing a strange object in the sky on the night in question.

"At about 7.20 p.m. as I was travelling along Dock Road, I saw a big spotlight in the sky.

"It was a very bright, white light and it seemed to be stationary, which puzzled me. I suppose it was over Blackshots Way, and as I drove nearer there appeared to be

two white lights and one red light.

"I thought the lights could be that of an aeroplane, but they were stationary for so long that I decided it must be something else."

"The lights gradually moved across and I lost sight of them, but I wondered why I'd never seen them before, as I usually travel along that road.

"I didn't think anything more about the lights until I read the story about the UFO in the Gazette."

Mr Collins said: "A bullet-shaped object with a trail behind it was reported to me by

a person in Bexley, Kent, and someone on the Woolwich Ferry saw two elongated shapes moving in the sky.

"In addition there were two sightings from Chelmsford and yet another from Retten-den in Essex. All these on or about the date of the original Purfleet sighting reported in the Gazette.

"There seems to have been a right old air show going on up there.

"All these reports will be passed on to our bi-monthly journal, The Flying Saucer Review. We carefully research everything of this nature."

LUTON EVENING POST - ENG.
*****FEB. 23, 1978*****

Mystery UFO is a train!

A UFO which hovered with an eerie blue light over a housing estate near Watford came down to earth with a bump today.

Police investigating reports of mystery lights in the sky over homes at Carpenders Park believe they have solved the mystery.

It is not a spaceship full of little green men but a British Rail train full of late night commuters.

Half a dozen worried people called police in the early hours of Tuesday morning when their homes were bathed in a brilliant blue light.

Insurance executive Mr Peter Sharp, aged 27, of Watergate, Carpenders Park, told police he saw a bright blue light hanging 20ft above the ground behind his home and lights were shining into his bedroom.

He said the light hung in the air for 15 minutes and he later saw it flashing on and off after it moved round to the front of the house.

Police who checked the area tracked down the mystery lights to the nearby railway line at Carpenders Park.

A police officer said: "Men were working on the line that night and they said this caused passing trains to make blue flashes."

"On the raised embankment near the estate, this created an optical illusion because of the low cloud"

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MANSFIELD CHRONICLE - ENGLAND
*****MAR. 2, 1978*****

UFO sighted

AT least six residents of Burlington Drive, Mansfield, saw what they claim was a UFO hovering over the end of their street late on Friday night.

The UFO — said to resemble "two dishes stuck together" — was first spotted by Mr. Gary Chantry, of 2 Stacey Road, Mansfield, who was emptying rubbish in a skip on Burlington Drive when he saw four lights in the sky.

"Two were red and two white, and they seemed to be pulsating," Mr. Chantry told CHAD. "There was a noise like a vacuum cleaner filling the air, and I noticed that the lights were part of a larger shape hovering in the sky."

Mr. Chantry ran to the nearest house to telephone the police, and other residents of the street came out to look at the UFO, which flew off slowly after about five minutes.

Said one housewife who saw the object: "I heard all this noise outside, and I got the shock of my life when I saw this giant shape floating in the sky. It was frightening."

Numerous other reports of UFO sightings in the Mansfield area have been made during the past few weeks.

NORTHERN DESPATCH, - ENGLAND.
*****FEB. 9, 1978*****

And there it was, GONE!

Nightwatchman Mr Bill Phillips will have stars in his eyes every time he looks at the sky in Darlington.

For Bill and a few of his workmates at Magnet Joinery in McMullen Road, Darlington watched in amazement last night as a large purple object with a red flashing light appeared and hovered over the night sky above their heads.

"Bill has always been sceptical about UFOs, but I suppose he believes in them now," said his wife, Mrs Mary Phillips at her home in Barrett Road, Darlington.

"He drew a diagram for me he was so impressed by it. But I think they were all a bit frightened of it," she said.

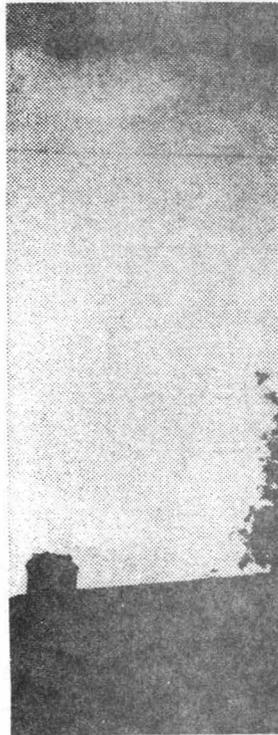
It looked almost like a jet, one of Bill's workmates said. It had a ring of orange light and seemed to turn over sideways before it disappeared towards the south of the sky.

Bill went to his car for his binoculars and the other fitter and another security man looked at the object in turn.

Chief Insp. Tom Firth of Darlington police said they had investigated the report but when you don't see it you can't do very much about it," he said.

RAF at Catterick and Fosseville airport could not shed any light on the mystery.

What sauce! Kevin snaps a UFO over his house



By Robert McGowan

THE flying saucer now peering down on the people of Birmingham has seen enough. In a second or so it will take off again for outer space.

But . . . down there in his back garden in Glendon Road, Erdington, Mr Kevin Dudley has brought out his camera to use up a film.

One of his children points to the sky. Mr Dudley's camera gets on target and, *CLICK* . . . ! Another UFO is in the bag.

This picture was produced yesterday by Contact U.K., the ever-resourceful group of enthusiasts who study Unidentified Flying Objects.

Mr Derek Mansell, a technician at Oxford

University and an executive member of Contact U.K., says of the flying saucer picture: "After considerable investigation we believe this to be genuine."

Mr Dudley had managed to take several pictures of the object. His negatives had been checked, and, said Mr Mansell, "They are not faked."

He said Mr Dudley told them: "I didn't know just what it was I was looking at. I just pointed the camera and took the pictures."

"Then it moved off at a very fast speed and was out of my sight in second."

Mr Mansell added: "We have studied many pictures which turned out to be elaborate fakes. We are confident this is genuine."

Another UFO Sighting?

Another report of the strange object seen in the Hinckley area late last month has been reported by two 14-year-old boys who live in Forest Road, Hinckley. 3128

Andrew Simmons and his friend Steve Lockett both saw a dark rectangular shape hovering in the sky which appeared to be moving towards Leicester Road. The couple fetched Andrew's binoculars and saw the object had two lights each end which changed from orange to blue to green.

They have reported their sighting to the Hinckley UFO Society.

GIRL FLEES AFTER SIGHTING 'UFO'

A 12-YEAR-OLD Wigston girl fled home to her mother crying and shocked after seeing what she believed was a U.F.O. as she left a shop on Cherry Street last night.

The girl dropped crisps and a bottle of pop that she was carrying and ran, after spotting a 'flying saucer' shaped domed object with four orange lights at 8.45 p.m.

"She is not a child that is easily frightened but she was

white faced and very upset when she came home", said her mother.

"I got her to draw the object which was apparently silver in colour, and flew on a slant but she did not wait to find out what happened to it.

Head of Leicester's U.F.O. group U.P.R.O.L., Trevor Thornton, is carrying out investigations.

UFOs spotted at Saxby

TWO Unidentified Flying Objects have been seen hovering over Saxby.

Melton Ufologist, Les Sisson, said two small clusters of light were spotted for the first time on January 30.

The couple who saw them telephoned the UFO hotline at Leicester, and since then the mysterious light clusters have appeared on two more occasions—the last sighting being on February 9.

At first, said Les, it was thought that the UFOs could have been stars, but this theory was discounted when one of the objects was seen to move toward the other and then back again.

Then the Ufologists considered the possibility of the objects being Harrier jump jets, but evidence from air bases in the area, such as Wittering, refuted the notion.

One of the sightings, added Les of Upper Grange Farm, Old Dalby, had been witnessed by six people. He said the objects consisted of red, blue and white lights and could appear over Saxby again any day or night.

Sky lights may have been UFO

A LONG Eaton couple didn't have stars in their eyes as they went for a tea time stroll by the river. But they did see three bright lights which they believe may have been a UFO.

John Fielder, and his wife, Lorna, of Acton Road, were taking their dog for a walk when they spotted the lights.

"At first a brilliant yellow light appeared from nowhere, and disappeared behind an electricity pylon" said Mr. Fielder.

The second one then appeared and disappeared behind some trees. The third did much the same as the first had done.

"I can't explain what they could have been. It was too early for aircraft landing lights, and they were too high to be car headlights. We saw each of them for about five seconds.

A UFO enthusiast in Woodthorpe, who is in contact with the British UFO Research Association in London, said the sighting was unusual, although it was in an area where there had been other reported sightings. The object or objects were not an aircraft and were unlikely to have been reflections from the sun.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST - ENGLAND
*****FEB 25, 1978*****

UFO had 'feathers'

★ ON the evening of January 11, which was a very hot night, I was sitting outside when at 8.45 p.m. I happened to look up over my head to see a fairly bright light.

It came in from the Norseman High School direction, very low at about the speed of a

light plane.

As it passed over at about 100 feet up I was able to get a good look at it.

It appeared to be at least 30 feet long, shaped like a swallow, with its wings well out. Color was a bright green with markings like very big feathers. The wings were bright blue with scarlet on the shoulders and the underside was opaque.

There was a pale lemon-shade light coming through. I watched it travelling

south-east for several seconds.

I mentioned this to my sister, Mrs. L. J. Daniels, next morning. She had also seen it and thought at first she was sighting a falling star, but had soon realised that it was going in the wrong way and was not nearly bright enough.

They say seeing is believing, and I am now satis-

fied that there are objects flying around.

Having read of sightings for a good many years, and how planes have been buzzed by flying saucers, I used to wonder what brand of spirit the sighters had been drinking — but now I am satisfied they're true.

— Hugh Smith, Norseman (W.A.)

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REVEILLE, LONDON - ENGLAND
*****MAR. 17, 1978*****

MYSTERY OF CRYSTALS FROM SPACE

³¹²⁸ WEIRD crystals which change colour when held fell from the skies during a fierce storm.

They were found at a school near Haverfordwest, Wales — where many pupils recently reported seeing "a spaceship." The crystals are about a quarter of an inch long, and reddish-brown in colour. They changed to a light fawn shade when they were collected by baker Henry Evans of Hawthorn Rise, Haverfordwest.

They are now being examined by the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association. South Wales co-ordinator, Mr. Randall Pugh said: "Some people

by MAURICE BARSBY

thought them to be rock salt crystals from snow clearance operations in the area. But they are definitely made of a quartz-like material and are not salt crystals."

Henry Evans said: "I collected about 25 of them and noticed that they started to change colour as I held them. They did not melt like the hailstones that fell with them."

Haverfordwest lies in the "Broadhaven Triangle" — an area where many UFO sightings have been reported.

The Presell District Council said they had no

gritting or snow clearance vehicles in the Haverfordwest area at the time the crystals were found.

DAILY EXPRESS, - LONDON, ENG.
*****FEB. 14, 1978*****

Kidnapped—by

³¹²⁸ By Robert McGowan

A TERRIFIED housewife told yesterday of her spectacular kidnap — by a UFO.

She revealed her experience after reading yesterday's Daily Express report of flying saucers in the mysterious Welsh triangle.

Mrs G—she will not reveal her full name for fear of ridicule—recounted the incident through Contact U.K., one of the largest groups studying U.F.O.s.

The nightmare turned reality began when she was hanging up washing in the back garden of her home in Ermington, near Plymouth.

Said Mr Bernard Delair, senior member of Contact U.K.: "Mrs G became

blue aliens from a UFO

aware of a blue shining light moving towards her from the north."

"Then she told us: 'The light hovered over the garden. I was petrified. I dropped the washing.'

"There I was completely enveloped in bubbles of light. I saw three beings who looked like men. They did not speak. They were each about five feet tall, wearing bluish metallic-like clothing,

"They grasped me by the arms and we were lifted

up a beam of light into a kind of room. There were more of the men there.

"I was given the impression. I don't know how, that I would come to no harm. A little later, I found myself back on my lawn. I felt a sharp blow on the back of my neck. I was stunned but not hurt.

"When I looked round, the thing set off at great speed and disappeared."

Mr Delair added: "We take this report seriously. Her story is very graphic and fits many others."

YORKSHIRE POST - ENGLAND
*****MAR 14, 1978*****

Youngsters spot 'light in sky'

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A group of youngsters claim to have seen a large disc-shaped white light hovering in the sky while they were playing in Scotchman Road, Heaton, Bradford, last night.

The light hovered for a short while and then vanished followed by a number of smaller lights, the boys aged 12 to 15 told police later.

SCOTLAND DAILY RECORD - SCOT.
*****MAR 1, 1978*****

Castlemilk UFO

I HAVE never believed or disbelieved in UFOs until recently. ³¹²⁸

While waiting on my husband to get ready for work, I was gazing out of my living-room window and, in the north-west I saw what I thought was a star—but it got lower and lower in the sky.

We both saw it just above some trees in the distance. It gave off a glow of light every so often, as if it was rotating, then it sank out of view. —Mrs B. Casey, Castlemilk, Glasgow.

'SPACE BEING' SIGHTED

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By JOHN WILLIAMS

ATOMIC Energy Authority police searched the area surrounding a nuclear establishment at Risley, Warrington, after a motorist reported sighting a seven-foot "being from outer space."

The being was described as silvery coloured with bright beams of lights coming from its eyes. At one stage it appeared to walk through a solid fence.

The alarm was given by Mr. Kenneth Edwards, 39, a service engineer, who contacted police after seeing the object near the complex which houses the Manchester University reactor and the British Nuclear Fuels centre, Risley, late on Friday night.

Mr. Edwards, from Fernhead, Warrington, said yesterday: "I was on my way home from a union meeting when my headlights lit a silvery object clambering stiffly down a grass motorway approach road embankment.

"It crossed the road and climbed the other embankment. It stood in front of a fence and brought its arms up to waist-height, then it seemed to walk through the fence."

Mr. Edwards had been interviewed by a police sergeant who said that he was "sober and genuine and in an obvious state of shock."

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ABSURD KIND . . .

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Cyril pictured

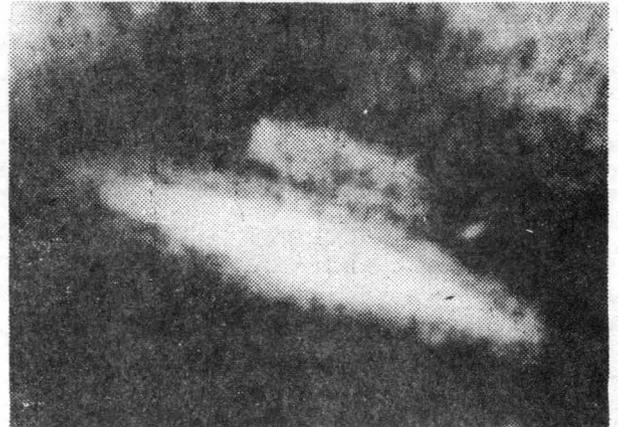
it, but he

doesn't

BELIEVE it...

HOVERING high over Bournemouth is a shape which has become a familiar part of space lore . . . the type of UFO which started flying saucer scares long before Star Wars.

It was recorded on the film of 67-year-old Mr. Cyril Fulbrook of Ellerslie Chambers, in Hinton Road, where he is caretaker. At the time he was taking pictures of the sun near his home.



Mr. Fulbrook, whose interests range from the Royal Microscopical Society to the Royal Society of Arts, said today: "I am sceptical about UFOs."

He said he was taking 20-second exposures of the sun with his home-made camera when the "strange images" were recorded.

"It follows the conventional shape of the so-called flying saucer—the domed body with the turret on top. And it even has the glowing radiation underneath!"

Although he is keeping an open mind, Mr. Fulbrook said he has doubts about a UFO being there at the time.

"I believe that this phenomenon is due to a bright terrestrial object reflecting the sun's light up into the sky."

He asked: "Is it possible that this forms an aerial image in the sky, which is picked up by the camera lens?" Then, owing to the extreme brightness of this aerial image, the lens could be compelled by its inadequacy to distort the image on the emulsion to a saucer-like, or cigar-shaped image.

Adds Mr. Fulbrook: "I can say that I have never seen a UFO . . . I am trying to tell you my photos are due to other phenomena."

But many believers will be unconvinced, including people who recently spotted mysterious white lights over Christchurch, a fast-flying golden object over Poole—and an orange UFO "with a wiggly white tail" over Wimborne.

U.F.O. SIGHT

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STEVEN SPIELBERG, the director of the Royal Film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, has been telling friends that, among recent reports of UFO sightings, was one from a group of women in Georgia.

They insisted that when a huge, lighted vehicle passed low over their heads they could see the initials along one side: U.F.O.

Says Spielberg: "For myself, I've never had a close encounter of any kind—except with a 19-million-dollar movie. . . ."

UFO sightings over Bradford

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Bradford police had several sightings of unidentified flying objects reported to them last night.

Three sightings were around the Manningham area at about 8.5 p.m. However, because of Home Office regulations the police cannot issue descriptions of reported UFOs.

"It is unusual for so many people to report sightings in such a short space of time," said a police spokesman.

Flying light starts riddle

JOAN MORTON, 35, claimed yesterday she has seen an object from outer space.

Joan and some friends were making their way home when they noticed a brilliant white object about 200ft. in the sky.

They watched it for about

five minutes before it disappeared.

Joan, of Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, described the U.F.O. as "a big brilliant white object with a small red light at one end."

"It did not seem to make any noise," she said. "It definitely was not an aeroplane."

A spokesman at Glasgow Airport said: "We got a report about a UFO in the Wishaw area, and it has been recorded."

"As far as we are concerned we had no aircraft in the area, and there were no meteorological balloons supposed to be positioned there. We just don't know what it was."

'Spinning-top' UFO seen by family

EVERY year, thousands of people throughout the world claim to have seen UFOs.

And from reports in the Reporter over the last few weeks, St. Helens has had its fair share of flying-saucer activity in recent years.

This week Billing mother Mildred Rigby wrote of a sighting in the Autumn of 1971.

Mrs. Rigby, of Garswood Crescent, was stepping outside her home with her children at 8.15 p.m. when she saw the UFO.

"I thought at first it was some kind of plane or helicopter, but there was not the slightest sound of an engine. It was absolutely silent."

"We watched from the doorstep as it moved forward very, very slowly. It was very low, and didn't appear to be much higher than the bungalows themselves."

SHAPE

Mrs. Rigby described the shape as being "like a huge spinning-top with a kind of lifebelt-shaped piece around the centre of the machine."

"Above this centrepiece were windows," she recalled. "It was continually spinning in alternating directions. As it spun one way it flashed brilliant red neon lights, and when it reversed the lights were white."

Mrs. Rigby said they watched the UFO for about 20 minutes. "There were several reports of the sighting in the Reporter the following Friday," she added.

"But I think we had the best view of all, and I was only sorry that I didn't have a camera to photograph it on the spot."

Strange Sightings

At least three independent sightings of a mystery object hovering over Burbage Common have been reported to Mrs Pat Berry of the Hinckley U.F.O. Society.

The sightings took place on Tuesday, 24th January, while the object was visible for several minutes around 8 p.m.

The object has been described as "oval" and "saucer-shaped" and was said to have a dull, red glow. Contact with the Leicester group has revealed sightings of a similar object on that day in Leicester, with reports that it seemed to be moving towards Hinckley. Mrs Berry says the Hinckley Society hopes to interview at least eight other witnesses who also saw something mysterious that Tuesday night.

Woman spots another UFO

Another unidentified flying object has been sighted near Skipton, where there has been a spate of other reports recently.

A Sutton woman was travelling by car from Skipton when she saw an oval-shaped object in the sky at Kildwick.

The object changed into an elongated shape and travelled at a very fast speed towards Silsden. "It was not glowing and I thought at first it was smoke or a cloud," she said.

Year starts with reports of UFOs

DESCRIBED recently as "the year of the UFO", 1977 may quickly lose its title to 1978 . . . at least in Inverclyde.

In the first seven weeks of this year the Telegraph has carried reports of local sightings of "things" in the evening sky. The most recent was by a Port Glasgow man, who saw three strange objects over his home-town last weekend.

Some of the reports are make-believe but others are from sincere people, wary of being ridiculed writes a Telegraph reporter.

Air Traffic staff at Glasgow Airport handle many UFO reports each year and treat each as genuine. The particulars are recorded for the Ministry of Defence.

For those who don't believe in flying saucers or spaceships — a subject that makes good reading — there is now a wide range of publications catering for enthusiasts.

Recently 'JK' of Crawberry Road, Greenock, called our correspondent to say that he was prompted by one of our earlier reports to relate his own experiences.

CONDITIONS PERFECT

He was looking from a ward window at Larkfield Hospital last Friday afternoon. Conditions were perfect and the sky was clear.

Suddenly two glowing yellow objects shot across the sky to vanish as quickly as they had appeared.

He kept watch towards Port Glasgow and was amazed "when yet another object, like miniature suns and travelling faster than a jet plane," sped across the

sky to disappear like the others.

His immediate reaction was to tell other patients in the ward, what he had seen.

Their reactions were of disbelief, interjected by comments of "Ach, ye've been in bed too long." "Did ye no see wee green men waving out the windaes."

JK is certain of what he saw. He said that he would not have told the Telegraph but he felt he could back up our Port Glasgow reader's sightings.

With ten months of 1978 still to go, no doubt there will be more sightings locally.

If you have a TRUE UFO story to tell let us know Just ask for Stargazer — and we promise anonymity if requested. But only reports from callers willing to give names and addresses to Stargazer will be considered.

MORE UFO SIGHTINGS

A Pleasley housewife's sighting of a UFO reported CHAD, has been supported two independent witnesses

The UFO was described 'no bigger than a football w spikes sticking out from by Mrs Rose Hitchen, Chesterfield Road North, w first spotted the object.

Now sales engineer, Peter Talbot is also convinced that he saw the visitor from outer space that was reported moving slowly at low altitude towards Pleasley village fore vanishing

Mr. Talbot (33) of F. holme Drive, Mansfield, said watched the UFO for seven minutes, then it vanished.

Mr. W. Blythe, of Pad Hill, Mansfield was with wife walking their dog Chesterfield Road when saw what he thinks may be been the UFO

He described it as a "bright, orange star-like object."

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EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENGLAND
*****MAR. 7, 1978*****

MANSFIELD CHRONICLE - ENGLAND
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Mystery object has UFO experts foxed

A MYSTERIOUS object sighted in the sky over Chertsey on Saturday night is baffling even the UFO experts.

The object — described as long and rounded and giving off a shimmering light — was referred to this week as "highly unusual" by the editor of the British UFO

Research Journal, Norman Oliver. "Usually we get reports of definite shaped objects, such as cigar shape. But this one does appear rather different."

The sighting was made by Mrs Lyn Price, of Farningham, Kent, who was visiting the area to stay with her parents at Virginia Water.

"I was travelling with some friends to Staines in their car. We had gone down Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe, and were going towards Chertsey Lane, when all three of us saw this object in the sky."

Mrs Price said the object was flying very low and at two or three times the speed of a normal aircraft.

"It was extremely difficult to describe. It is hard to believe that it happened. My friends and I are very down to earth people and we really didn't know what to make of it."

Mrs Price thought at first that the object could have been an aeroplane — an idea which was quickly dispelled by her friend's husband, who is a pilot.

"He was driving the car and he assured me that the object was definitely not an aeroplane."

The object appeared to be travelling towards Chertsey and Woking.

A spokesman for Heathrow air traffic control said on Monday that they had no reports of UFOs in the area on Saturday evening. "In fact it was a particularly quiet night," he said.

No sightings were reported to Addlestone police.

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UFOs! Sightings pour in

By Robert McGowan and Peter Hardy

EXPRESS UFO BUREAU

THE first week of the Express UFO Bureau proved beyond doubt that thousands of people are convinced alien life exists. In five days the bureau received more than 5,000 letters and telephone calls, all reporting sightings.

They have come from airline pilots, Servicemen, housewives, dustmen, architects, barristers and a baronet.

One woman even placed a 3,000-dollar bet at 100-1 with London bookmakers Ladbroke yesterday.

Confident

The woman, from Southern California, bet that 32 UFOs would land by May 20 this year.

Ladbroke's spokesman Ron Pollard said: "If she wins, we stand to lose more than £300,000. But we are fairly confident."

Despite the doubters and an official smokescreen, the weight of evidence pouring in to the Express office this week has been so big that many questions remain unanswered.

So again, the Express asks: Are all these people wrong?

If they are, they would like their sightings explained.

KENTISH INDEPENDENT, WOOLWICH, ENG.
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Keep an eye on the sky — those saucy saucers are still hanging about

TWO more local people have reported seeing U.F.O.s following our story last week of a sighting in Woolwich.

And Mr. Andy Collins, of the U.F.O. investigators network, says there has been an unusually spectacular range of sightings from East London, Kent and Essex.

Mrs. L. Sheehan, of John Wilson Street, says she and her husband were driving along Woolwich Church Street when they saw an object with three white lights on it, travelling very fast.

As they reached the traffic lights at Church Lane they could still see it and it appeared to be cigar-shaped.

"It then disappeared behind a cloud and we thought no more of it till we read your article," said Mrs. Sheehan.

Two nights later Mr. Roy Levy of Lambrook Road,

Kidbrooke, saw two mysterious objects in the sky while he was walking from Woolwich to Charlton along Woolwich Church Street.

"They seemed to be following the line of the river in a westerly direction," said Mr. Levy.

But whoever, or whatever, is inside these saucy saucers, is not watching only Woolwich.

Two women driving in Chelmsford spotted "a stationary dome object with a rim round it and a glass window."

Inside they saw "dark shadows, which seemed to be moving around." Other cars were slowing down and stopping to look at the object, but only the women reported it.

"There is quite a flap on at the moment" said Mr. Col-

lins. There is quite a spectacular amount of activity and the first since May last year when we had reports every night for two or three weeks."

There were five separate reports of a round, white, spotlight in the sky over East London. Among those who saw it were a man and his 12-year-old son who were jogging in Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, and a woman leaving a Tupperware party in Tilbury!

And the next morning, twenty schoolchildren lined up in their playground for a roll-call saw "a cigar shaped object, with two knobs on the ends, about twice the size of an aircraft," said Mr. Collins.

He is still very keen to hear from anyone else who sees anything unusual in the sky.

Outback Stonehenge builds up the UFO theory

The vast Australian outback is usually thought to be a sandy desert, windswept and devoid of all signs of civilisation.

A chance discovery in 1953 might change this concept.

The discovery was an Australian Stonehenge, structures raised by a highly advanced and long-forgotten race back in what the Aborigines call the Dreamtime.

The construction could be of great scientific importance, says Bruce Cathie in his book, *The Pulse Of The Universe* (A. H. and A. W. Reed, \$8.95).

The discovery was prompted by the dropping of the atom bombs on Japan and the subsequent race for knowledge about the structure of matter.

After successful British atom tests at Monte Bello Island, carried out by a team of scientists headed by Sir William Penny, it was decided to establish a more permanent test site in Central Australia.

The man chosen to find and survey the site was Len Beadell, who had spent some time on surveying expeditions in the outback.

Beadell found a plateau with a series of structures "almost like a picket fence with posts six feet apart made from slivers of shale."

Beadell thought the work had been done by an ancient Aboriginal race.

But Cathie suggests otherwise.

He says the tools needed to build such objects pointed to a much more advanced civilisation.

Such a find would be more expected in Greece or Rome.

He says the Stonehenge-type site was positioned to make use of "harmonic wave-forms of pure light and the harmonic wave-forms of physical matter."

Cathie asks: "Could this be for some obscure religious or scientific purpose, or merely as a communications base for passing information to our neighbors in space?"

Cathie was a captain with New Zealand's National Airways Corporation in 1952 when he made what he claims was a prolonged evening sighting of an unidentified flying object near Auckland.

From that day, Cathie's spare time has been devoted to explaining the mysteries of UFOs and associated phenomena.

In his first book, *Harmonic 33*, he postulated the existence of a world magnetic grid.

Puzzles

He claims to have proved this by mathematics and to have shown that the grid is directly associated with UFO activities, meteorite craters, gravity, the structure of the Great Pyramids and other scientific puzzles.

In his second book, *Harmonic 695*, he claimed to demonstrate that the grid and some of its powers were known and used under a veil of secrecy by nuclear powers.

This book, sub-titled *Harmonic 288*, goes further, even attempting to throw new light on Einstein's theories and suggesting that scientists prepared to throw off the shackles of their narrow disciplines will lead human knowledge to new heights.

"We are not alone in the universe," says Cathie. "We are being visited."

He says UFOs are engaged in a survey of

the earth and that UFO activity is based on an intricate network of energy grid lines criss-crossing the world.

He claims the Russians and the Germans have been working along similar lines — and that a harnessing of this energy grid could bring the first world system power plant into operation in nine months.

'Wake up'

Cathie believes a space probe is "out there" and programmed to teach earthlings how to reach outer space.

He believes an advanced civilisation is waiting patiently "out there" for man's technology to reach the stage where we can communicate with it.

"Wake up earth!" Cathie urges. "We are about to be taken out of isolation."

Most books on paranormal subjects fall into two broad categories — careful analyses with an emphasis on science and mathematics, or personal, often way-out accounts of mystery and magic.

Cathie's book is in the first category.

The UFO fanciers have never had it so good.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind — a film dealing with man's confrontation with the occupants of an UFO — is the most popular movie in the United States now and opens in Sydney in eight days.

American astronomy professor T. Allen Hynek, a convert to UFO belief, has written a book, the Hynek UFO Report which is selling like hot cakes in America and will be published here soon.

A recent U.S. survey showed 56 per cent of Americans believe UFOs exist and have some interplanetary connection. President Jimmy Carter is one among 11 per cent who claim to have seen a UFO.

Along with UFOs, people are turning to Yuri Geller, pyramid power and mysteries like the Bermuda Triangle, seeking a modern substitute for old-time religion.

The devotees will find Cathie's book fascinating, yet the onus of proof remains with Cathie and fellow-believers.

It's nearly 31 years since the first UFO was "sighted" — but there is not one concrete example

SOUTH WALES, ECHO - ENG.
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'Saucer' sightings again

THOSE unidentified flying objects are on the move again. Two "saucer" sightings have been reported in the Swansea area in the past few days.

The first sighting was on Saturday evening when a couple travelling along the M4 motorway at Llandarcy saw a large red ball in the sky.

"At first it was moving then it seemed to stop, the light went out and there was just one, flashing red light left. Then it disappeared very quickly," said the woman who did not want to be named.

The second sighting was on Monday evening at Mynydd Newydd common. A couple driving across the common reported seeing a white, triangular object in the sky. It appeared to be hovering or moving very slowly and had pane's or windows in it. It too suddenly disappeared.

Families sight mystery object

NINE families from Bletchley's Lakes estate gazed up in wonderment on Saturday night to see if they could unravel the mystery of a dome-shaped light which lit up the whole area.

Bewildered neighbours in Crummock Place and Coniston Way dashed out of their houses in an attempt to track down the strange phenomena hovering around and casting a mysterious glow.

"I was watching television with my 15-year-old son, Roy, and all of a sudden it was there," said Mrs Iris Pickford, of Crummock Place.

"I went out to have a look, and there was a dome-shaped flame or something, like a laser beam, and it lit up all the houses."

Mrs Pickford said she thought at first it was an electrical fault, but there was no flicker of lights. Other neighbours thought there had been an explosion because the object was massive.

She added: "The object went down and made a noise. Then it went up and disappeared."

Next-door neighbour, Mr Fred Tebb, said he saw a red-dy-blue orange flash and then there was a "zoom-like noise," at about 6.40 p.m.

"It sounded as if it was in the garden. It was very low and the light covered the whole of the back window. I thought it might have been an electrical current hitting the aerial, but it was over in a few seconds."

Mr Tebb added that there was quite a force behind the flash. People were just looking around in confusion, he said.

In the light of his experience on Saturday, Mr Tebb said he would be keeping a careful look out for any unidentified flying objects.

A flurry of reported UFO sightings in Milton Keynes began at the beginning of January. Two policemen and more than 20 other witnesses said they had seen flying phenomena in the area.

The strongest piece of corroborating evidence that the area had become the centre of inexplicable sightings came when two police cars responded to a call from a Lakes estate family.

Women in fear after 'saucer visit'

TWO Purfleet women got the shock of their lives when they looked out over the Thames near the Kent Coast last week. Two balls of fire collided and revealed an unidentified flying object.

Now the women are convinced they saw a flying saucer — and one claimed, it was watching them.

Housewife Mrs. June Rees, 28, was the first to see it. She was visiting a neighbour in Centurion Way, on the Garrison Estate, and happened to look out of the window at night.

"At first it was like a massive ball of fire," she said, "then two sets of lights moved towards one another, crossed and joined up again."

Windows

She called her friend Miss Isabel Ferguson, 30, who stared in amazement as clouds parted and revealed a large object the shape of a child's spinning top.

Mrs. Ferguson said: "We could clearly see windows in the side, a light at one end and what seemed like flames along the bottom."

"Suddenly we realised we were looking at something out-of-this-world, and fell back in fright. June got her head caught in the curtains in her excitement to get away."

"Then we rushed round to my brother's in Chieftan Drive, to get him to look."

Miss Ferguson's brother John, 27, a packer at Van den Berghs and Jurgens, scanned the sky carefully.

"I was not able to see the details of windows and so on," he said. "But I did see a big red flashing light which

was moving and stopping. It seemed to be too low for a plane.

"There was a strange white shadow too, but I can't describe it any more clearly than that."

Miss Ferguson wanted to phone the police, but her brother persuaded her not to.

"I didn't want her to make a fool of herself," he said. "And in any case I couldn't see what they could do. It wasn't as though there was anyone in danger."

Miss Ferguson said: "If I'd had a camera and got a picture no-one would have laughed. Now I'm nervous about telling people."

"I never believed in UFOs before, but now I'm convinced I've seen one."

Mrs. Rees is equally sure it was something from outer space: "I even got the impression it was looking at us," she said.

Shaken

Miss Ferguson was so shaken by the experience that she was unable to sleep in her usual room facing on the river.

Instead she went round to her mother's in Hall Avenue for the night. "I was so scared I just had to get away," she said.

"Now I keep looking each night to see if it's there again."

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Another UFO sighted

YET another UFO has been sighted, this time in Trimsaran, near Carmarthen.

Mr. Cyril Parry and his wife, of Waun Englan, Trimsaran, were seeing off some friends just after 8 p.m. yesterday when, they said they happened to glance up and saw a disc-shaped bright light above some electricity pylons.

Mr. Parry said the light changed from a bluey colour to a dimmed red and then it disappeared up the sky, moving faster than a plane.

"It was rather like a sun-lamp. There were three of us who saw it, then it disappeared upwards and outwards," said Mr. Parry.

This reported sighting comes after a number of such incidents in what is now known as "The Celtic Triangle."