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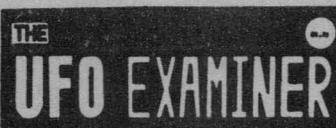
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UFO seen over Lake Michigan

Special to the Express-News

One of the most startling and detailed sightings in modern UFO research has been documented by three separate U.S. Coast Guard stations in three northern states — and confirmed by America's top defense nerve center.

Late on a clear evening recently, an easily spotted cigar-shaped object moved at speeds up to 1,200 mph over a Coast Guard base in Ludington, Mich. Then a second base at Two Rivers, Wis., pick-

ed up the object, based on information hurried on to it from Ludington.

The final sighting came at Cleveland's Coast Guard base, after bases in the entire Great Lakes area had been alerted to watch for the object. Each base made a report, where the area command post of the Coast Guard in Columbus made its own report. Finally, North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) headquarters in Colorado made the final appraisal

of the report — confirming some sort of object had indeed been over the three bases.

The UFO was first sighted by civilians, who alerted the Coast Guard at St. Joseph, Mich.

The numerous visual sightings excited researchers into unidentified flying objects after the reports of the incident came were uncovered by Robert Todd, an

investigator for the International UFO Investigative Bureau. He worked closely with the Coast Guard in evaluating the reports.

UFO investigators say that the most valuable sightings are made by groups of people, especially scientists and those with technical training, such as servicemen.

The sighting began to take on major propor-

tions at the Two Rivers base, when Chief Petty Officer Richard Whelchel took the call from Ludington. He said: "They told me an object was moving toward us. A number of people had reported a UFO hovering over their base and men on duty at the base had also seen it."

"They radioed ahead to us so we could try and fix on it. We kept an eye out and found it in the sky in minutes after their call."

Base technicians later computed the time between the two sightings and estimated the UFO would have been traveling at close to 1,200 mph.

At the same station, Seaman Gary Randall was off duty and sitting with friends near the radio room when the Ludington call came through.

"I went up and I remembered to take my camera. The shots I got were not at all the best, but they clearly showed what we saw up there," he said.

Hovered

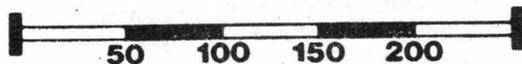
"There was no shape to it when we first saw it, but there were five of us watching from the ground at that time and we could tell it was bigger than a jumbo jet or a B-52 bomber. It must have hovered for 30 minutes.

"Then it moved away very quickly and we lost it for some minutes, but it came back from a completely different direction."

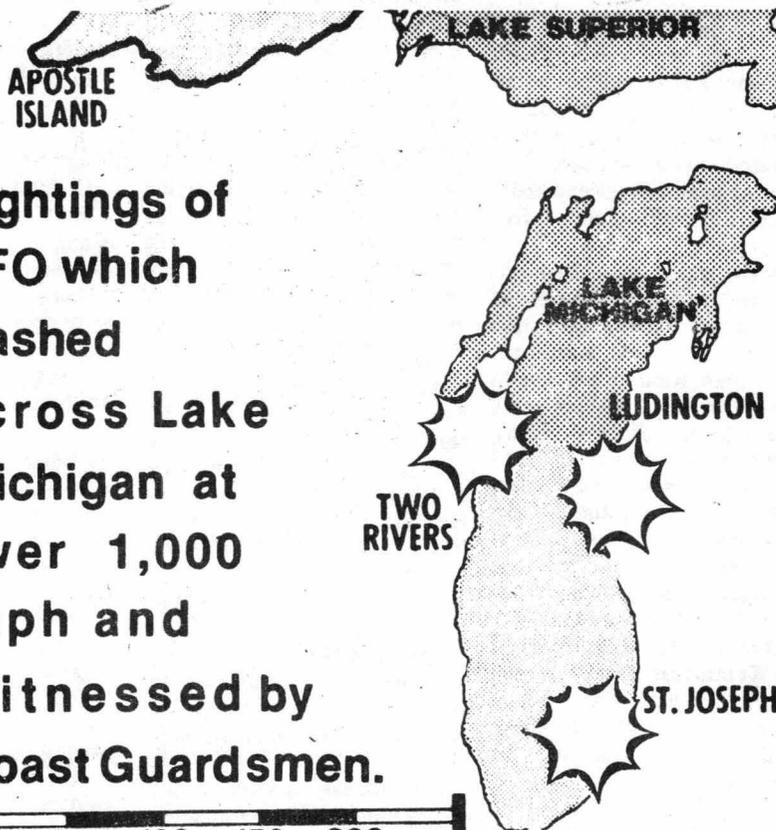
From Two Rivers the UFO shot almost instantly from sight. The watchers at the base and a number of civilian observers were unable to plot its direction.

Air Force confirms sighting

Sightings of UFO which flashed across Lake Michigan at over 1,000 mph and witnessed by Coast Guardsmen.



MAP shows location of three U.S. Coast Guard stations which reported sighting a UFO recently. The North American Air Defense Command has confirmed the sighting.



UFO Sightings Reported Sat. In The Evanston Area

EVANSTON, WYO. - HERALD
*****SEPT. 28, 1978*****

Wyoming Highway patrolman Eugene Mallory doesn't believe in "flying saucers." But his scepticism had a mighty thump Saturday.

After dealing with a transient at the Kemmerer exit in the early evening who claimed he had been kidnaped by flying saucers 20 years ago, Mallory came in to town to pick up a teletype. A call coming in from the Utah State troopers in the Mone Cristo and Bear Lake area warning of two flying objects blinking red, green and white. The objects were reported to be flying north toward the Montpelier, Idaho, and the Woodruff and Randolph areas of Utah. Then Montpelier reported seeing the objects.

Mallory didn't believe the reports. As he drove out of town he stopped at Welling Ford to speak to a friend about the "wacko" report, looking and pointing in the direction from which the objects would be expected to come.

And there, as his chuckle died, he saw the objects, blinking red and green and white.

He called the communications center and said he was going out by the port of entry to investigate. Then he and two other men took two cars and decided to go northwest on 89, in case the whole thing was just an illusion caused by the lights of the city. As they traveled the unlighted road, they noticed and watched one of the objects. It traveled the same direction as his car, staying above the mountains, just ahead of them. It stopped when they were about ten miles out of town. They stopped, too, and report stopped a vee shaped object through the binoculars.

The object disappeared, and others appeared.

They called the Cheyenne Highway Patrol, which called Utah to alert radar.

They saw four or five moving objects and one that just hovered. Trying to reason their way through their experience, they decided the objects couldn't be stars because they were moving, and couldn't be planes because they saw a plane go overhead, and the objects failed the comparison.

The hovering object blinked on and off, and appeared to rotate. He said he saw a beam of light appear to go from a large object to its close smaller companion object. He said he could not be sure it actually

came from the object, but others who were watching said the beam was actually directed from the larger to the smaller object. The smaller object then vibrated, and appeared to return a beam. This reportedly continued for some five minutes.

In the meantime, Washington had called Cheyenne to talk to the officer who had reported the UFO sightings. All 3 men went into town to make the call. Mallory said Washington officials didn't appear to be interested until he noted how many law enforcement sightings had been made: Coalville, Utah, the state troopers between Montpelier and Ogden, those in Ogden, and others.

They contacted Kemmerer, but Kemmerer never saw the objects. When the objects moved they tended to move north west, back in the direction they'd come.

Mallory said that the men returned to the site, but only the stationary objects were visible. He said that stars disappears into the west, but when these went behind the mountains they went too fast, and at a faster rate than the stars around them. One from the east moved twice as high above the horizon when the officers glanced toward the west. No star could rise that fast, concluded Mallory. The objects become bright, and then dim, as coming closer and moving away.

On Sunday Mallory was in Afton, Wyoming, and heard from his wife that four of the objects were around Evanston in a square. Thinking that if the objects were stars, he could expect to see the same stars in Afton that would be seen in Evanston. He searched the sky for two hours, but could find nothing in the sky but stars.

Another thing that puzzles Mallory is the radio. Usually the communications center has difficulty hearing patrolmen when they are out by the airport. That night, during the sighting, the transmission was extremely clear for the first time in a long time. It was poor again after the sightings were over. When Mallory moved a mile away from a companion using the radio the companion could hear by radio, and his light indicated he was transmitting, but he could not be heard until Mallory returned. This has never happened before or since.

Another sighting, Sunday, was made by a man who chuckles and says, "I didn't see nothing." Then he hurries to tell you what he didn't see. He says he thinks it was all just the Air Force doing some Mickey Mouse stuff. About 9:30 p.m. he saw four lighted green, red and white objects lined up loosely on the east side of the sky, one over the Butte (north of town) and one toward Woodruff, northwest of town.

One of the objects in the formation east of town made a slow path past another one, and then took off rapidly for a distance the length of Evanston.

He says the Air Force has a jet that can hover, now, and surmises that the Air Force may have been testing something.

R. Leo Sprinkle, phd., director of the division of counseling and testing and professor of counseling services at the University of Wyoming at Laramie is actively involved in research and documentation of UFO incidents. He said Tuesday that he doesnot know what people are seeing, but that the reports of a variety of persons indicate similar observations from a variety of states and countries throughout the world.

Many shapes and colors are reported, with the more common colors being red, green and white, and sometimes blue. A great variety of shapes are reported. The most commn sightings are long and circular daylight disks, and nocutrnal lights.

On Sunday evening one woman reported seeing a triangular formation above Evanston, with either a smaller object coming closer, or near a larger object, or a figment of her imagination in the vicinity at about 9:30 p.m. At about 10:30 another woman reports having seen a square formation above the perimeter of Evanston. Dr. Sprinkle said that often a triangular pattern or a square pattern in reported. The objects are reported to move without sound. He said Evanston's sightings are "similar to what's being reported." When asked about the reports varying according to the setting of the binoculars and therefore being an illusion, he said that there is always some absurdity in sightings that will prompt some persons to reject the experience, and others to investigate to learn about it.

As for Mallory, he still doesn't believe in flying saucers. But he believes in UFO's.

THE DETROIT NEWS - MICH.
*****OCT. 12, 1978*****

Sheriff joins 'viewers' of air whatzits

Special to The News

LUDINGTON — Unidentified flying objects have been reported over the Lake Michigan shoreline several times recently by many observers, including the sheriff of Oceana County and a U.S. Coast Guard station crew.

One of the latter, Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson, said he shot motion picture film of an Oct. 1 sighting and sent it to Coast Guard district headquarters in Cleveland for processing.

A spokesman there said, "We're still working on the film," but declined further comment.

Oceana Sheriff John Simmons was said by his office to have seen unidentified flying objects on at least two occasions, the latest Tuesday night. Simmons was on business in Lansing yesterday and unavailable for comment.

LOWELL RINKER, publisher of a weekly newspaper at Hart in Oceana County, said other people called him about sighting strange objects over Silver Lake Tuesday night, "but our photographer couldn't get there in time."

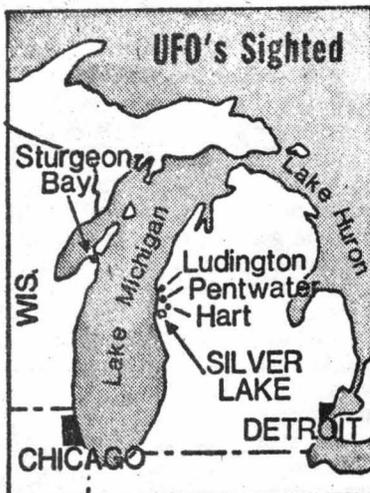
Deputy Sheriff Dave Waller described an object with red, green and white lights he saw over Silver Lake Oct. 1 and said, "It was definitely a UFO (unidentified flying object)."

Waller said the same object was seen by several other persons, including Sheri Simmons and Deputy Frank Steiger.

The large craft seemed to hover, move rapidly to the left, then descend, before moving swiftly to the right above the lake and at least a mile from shore, Waller reported. He added that either the object was rotating or its lights were blinking.

"Whether it was something from another planet or something from another country, I don't know. But it sure made a believer out of me, I think," Waller said.

RICHARDSON said he and three members of the Coast Guard crew at Ludington saw the same object Waller reported — plus others west



NEWS MAP

of Pentwater and west of Ludington about the same time on Oct. 1.

"Our people observed that one (at Silver Lake) and two more. They were quite high up. I got a picture of one of them."

Richardson said he and his men saw lights in the sky that night "moving at a high rate of speed horizontally, then stopping, then moving vertically and stopping."

Sightings of a very bright white light with a red light above and green light below lasted almost four hours, Richardson reported.

The chief said he is not qualified to give a professional opinion on what he saw Oct. 1. But, he remarked, "I think we're crazy not to think there's more intelligent life than us, though that's just a personal belief."

SEVERAL Silver Lake residents called State Police Sept. 28 to report strange lights in the sky but no troopers were able to reach the scene before the lights vanished to the northwest.

On July 28, the Coast Guard at Ludington reported seeing an unidentified flying object heading west across Lake Michigan. Officers at Ludington said seconds after the object vanished from their sight, the Coast Guard station at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., reported spotting a similar object.

A crewman at Sturgeon Bay was able to make movies of the object, which were turned over to an investigative team, "but I never heard how that turned out," Richardson added.

The Sturgeon Bay sighting report came before anyone in Ludington could alert the Wisconsin station.

LA GRANDE, ORE - OBSERVER
((((((SPET. 29, 1978))))))

Cove woman reports UFO

FRONT PAGE

COVE — A UFO equipped with what appeared to be powerful searchlights hovered behind Mount Fanny in the early hours of today, according to a Cove woman.

Diane Willey, Route 1, Box 1, Cove, told The Observer she saw an intense white light coming from the Horseshoe Basin area on Mount Fanny's east side at about 2 a.m.

The light looked "like many spotlights coming from one source" and one beam extended Elgin and disappeared, she added.

Willey and neighbors drove to Moss Springs, on the edge of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, and to the summit of Mount Fanny, but never glimpsed the source of the light, she said. It finally moved north behind the mountain toward Elgin and disappeared she added.

"We stayed up there for two or three hours. By 5 o'clock there was nothing more.

"All that is up there is the wilderness. The Northern Lights are seen in the north, and they have got some color in them," she added.

Willey reported the lights to the Union County Sheriff's office. Deputies said hers was the only report received about the incident.

'Strange lights' seen on horizon

BY GUDRUN SCHATZLER
Of The Star

Ethel Murphy isn't quite sure what she saw Thursday night.

She is positive it was not an airplane or a helicopter. Nor did it resemble an explosion of some kind.

But whatever it was, it stood on the horizon, northeast of her home at 1100 Great Northern Rd. for fifteen minutes between 10 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

She described it as "very strange bright lights" and said that it hovered on the horizon in the general direction of Hiawatha Lodge II.

"First there was a bright light, kind of hovering. It went off for a bit then came back on. Then there were three lights," she said.

"It wasn't an airplane. It was far too big — as big as the roof of my car."

She said she called her son, who saw it too.

"He went into the house to get his telescope, he has quite a good one, but when he got back the lights were gone."

Dr. Randy Mullin, who operates the planetarium at Lake Superior State College, said Mrs. Murphy might have seen the planet Venus.

"Since it is a planet, it does not twinkle. If you stare at it long enough, it will appear to move. But Venus would have been nearer to the west," he said.

"I've seen Venus," Mrs. Murphy said. "It was much larger and closer to the ground. Venus is in the sky."

Mr. Mullin also explained that three planets came together in the sky sometime last week. He couldn't pinpoint the day, but said it might have been Thursday.

"A conjunction of three planets occurred last week — Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter is super bright," he said, but added it would not have been in the northeast either.

A spokesman at Hiawatha Lodge II said there was nothing going on at the lodge that night, ruling out floodlights.

"Floodlights would have a beam to them. These lights didn't have any beams around them," said Mrs. Murphy.

The spokesman at the lodge said he did not know what the lights could have been. He said he did not see any strange lights, nor did he hear of anyone who saw them.

Chris Carss of the Sault weather office shed some light on the subject.

"I was working that night and remember seeing the lights," he said. "We had some weird cloud formations

that evening."

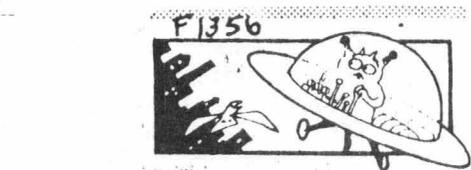
"Without going into details on the kinds of clouds, I can imagine that the cloud formations could look like UFO's with the sun illuminating on them"

Mr. Carss explained the lights occurred around dusk, so the sun would still be lighting up the clouds and the combination of light and shadow could appear strange.

He said light patterns on the

clouds were probably what Mrs. Murphy saw.

He was assuring that Sault Ste. Marie was not experiencing a close encounter of the third kind, but then, maybe . . .



UFO stuns city man he claims

A city man says he was walking home last night on Theriault Drive when he saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) shaped like a giant fork.

Robert Ruddy, 30, 416 Louise Ave., was walking home north on Theriault Drive from his sister's house at 11:45 p.m. when he saw the UFO just before the fence at Ecole Secondaire Theriault.

Ruddy says he was not drinking and that he couldn't believe his eyes at first.

"I thought it was a big thunderstorm at first" he said in a telephone interview this morning.

He estimates the object was only 80-100 feet away and was slightly larger than a house. It made a swishing sound and hung motionless for several minutes before stunning Ruddy with a blinding flash of light.

Ruddy fell down stunned and when he started to get up again the object accelerated away at an extremely rapid speed, vanishing from sight almost instantly.

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Young campers have UFO scare

AJAX - Two Ajax girls have lost their courage to sleep under the stars and it's all because of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

The girls, Alison Riddell, 9, of Swanston Crescent, and Michelle Johnson, 10, of Pitman Crescent, claim they saw

a UFO while camping in Johnson's backyard at 11:30 p.m. Friday.

"It was a huge orange egg-shaped object. It hovered just above the houses on the street," says Riddell. She describes it as being "as big as two cars put together."

Riddell says it "glowed in the dark and also made a beeping noise."

The young campers watched it for a few minutes and then it disappeared. "It didn't move; it just zapped away," says Riddell.

After the object disappeared, the girls ran

to Johnson's house and didn't venture back outdoors.

"It scared us so much that we aren't camping out anymore," says Riddell.

Durham Regional Police did not have any reports of UFO sightings over the weekend.

MORNING NEWS - PATERSON, N.J.
 *****SEPT. 27, 1978*****

Morris Is Hit With UFO; Genya Leaves the Scene

Morristown has had its share of characters and events this past 200 years, with British and American Revolutionary troops, Nazis and churchmice, among other things. So when I went to the county seat of Morris County last week to see a UFO and a nice Jewish girl, I didn't know what to expect.

Both were harmless fun. In fact, both were basic, hardly innovative but nonetheless exciting rock 'n' roll acts at the Morris Stage.

UFO is a British hard rock band, with traces of keyboard progressivism and subtlety that is much more enjoyable than such formula rock "superstar" acts as Foreigner, Boston and Kansas.

THE NICE JEWISH girl is Genya Ravan (the former Goldie Zetkowitz), a former lower New York East Side tough chick turned rock star turned producer turned chronicler of tough chick life in the city across the river.

I was probably more surprised with UFO, a band of which I had known little, save for a few listens of their albums and news accounts last year of the mysterious disappearance of lead guitarist Michael Schenker. With the state of old wave rock 'n' roll these days, I was pleased that some "old-fashioned" rock band could move me.

The headliners' hour set was highlighted by songs from their new release "Obsession" (Chrysalis), by far their best. A number of the cuts from the album are worthy of repeated airplay, most notably "Only You Can Rock Me", with its infectious hook, "Cherry", a relatively mellow love song and "Ain't No Baby", a defiant rocker.

The band is strong in that no one member dominates the proceedings. Phil Mogg struts the typical singer pose, but unlike various other macho poseurs, he has a strong, melodic voice. Schenker, the disappearing one, is a quick, loud and quite handy guitar player. Andy Parker has a massive and expensive drum kit that had the amateur drummers in the audience drooling. The songwriting is shared by Schenker, Mogg and bass player Pete Way.

THE AUDIENCE, mostly kids, mostly males, was completely devoted to UFO. The band has not made much of a dent in the U.S. yet, though pockets of supporters are cropping up.

The same kids are fans of such shlock heavy rockers as Mahogany

Rush, Starz and Ted Nugent, but UFO is a much more tasteful, clever rock band than the others.

I wish I could say the audience was more tasteful, but I can't. The obnoxious louts booed and cursed Ravan and her band, the opening act, off the stage after only a few songs.

I suppose it has something to do with the negative attitude of New Wave rock these kids have, combined with Ravan's reputation as one of the crop of new wavers. She has produced the Dead Boys' first album, and has associated with other New York City bands, including the one she has assembled.

But Ravan is no newcomer. She played in the city during the '60's, and then, in 1968, she became the lead singer for the jazz-rock band Ten Wheel Drive.

ONLY THIS YEAR, however, has Ravan gone it alone. Obviously buoyed by the success of "urban roots" songs of Bruce Springsteen, Southside Johnny, Lou Reed and various other New York area stars (including transplanted New Yorker Mick Jagger), Ravan released her "Urban Desire" (20th Century).

In concert and on record, she has put together an adequate band of rockers to back up her gritty, gutsy voice. Live, her singing is smoother and more pleasant than the sound she achieves on the album, which may not be the effect she wants but surely is more enjoyable.

"Urban Desire" is filled with songs of the street jungle she knew as a youth and still knows from afar as a woman. Tales of lost love, street toughs, adolescent romance and more mature love are the main themes of this musical look at New York City.

Ravan co-authored several songs, but writers such as Stu Daye and Joe Droukas seemed to have written competently for her. The best work by Ravan and her band are on songs such as "Jerry's Pigeons," "Aye Co'lorado" (sung with Lou Reed), "Shot in the Heart" and "Cornered."

NEWS TO NOTE: This week's best area concerts include: **TONIGHT:** Neil Young and Crazy Horse at Madison Square Garden in New York (and Thursday); Nantucket at Creation in West Orange; **THURSDAY:** Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes at Montclair State College; David Bromberg Band at TG's East in Greenwood Lake, N.Y.; John Prine at Carnegie Hall in New York.

FITCHBURG, MASS. - SENTINEL & ENTERP.
 *****OCT. 12, 1978*****

'Moon Watch' Is Prompted By UFO Calls

FITCHBURG — UFO's and lights in the sky and "coneheads" entering a local bar were a topic of concern here Wednesday night, according to police.

The UFO's were later identified as National Guard helicopters, but the coneheads remain a mystery.

Police received several reports of lights and UFO's in the sky from residents of the Mount Vernon Street area around 7.30 Wednesday night, according to Lt. George J. Pelletier.

Pt. Miguel A. Cebollero and Gregory Sango answered the calls in headquarters and immediately looked outside to see if the moon was full. However, a check by Pelletier with the National Guard revealed two helicopters in the area.

"They can easily be confused at night for UFO's," he said. "They have flashing lights and move slowly. We did verify that two were in the area at the time of the sightings."

However, a short time later, Sgt. Edward Gallant received a call that four coneheads had just entered the old Shamrock, now the Campus Edge, on Lunenburg Street.

Police figured the coneheads were just there to consume mass quantities of beer and not bother anybody. The National Guard failed to confirm the presence of coneheads in the area. Coneheads are an NBC television "Saturday Night Live" creation from outer space.

Was It a Weather Balloon Or UFO Seen Friday?

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Many Hudson area people reported seeing a shining light or object in the west Friday night which the National Weather Service has identified as a balloon released by the National Center for Atmospheric Research to collect data on cosmic radiation. As of 8 pm Friday, the unmanned balloon was 13 miles west of Willmar, Minn., at an altitude of 125,000 feet.

The balloon measured 600 feet high and 400 feet wide, weighed 3,400 pounds. It was released Thursday and was expected to land north of La Crosse on Saturday. The appearance of the balloon resulted in many UFO reports in Minnesota.

There were also UFO reports coming from Hudson — some of which had an interesting twist. There weren't, however, enough reports to make these UFO

sightings any more creditable than those of Minnesota residents.

Two bar patrons of Sock's Saloon, North Hudson, reported seeing a UFO in and adjacent field some 300 feet north of the bar. In the field there were three large circles where the ground had been charred. The circles were in the form of a triangle, each 41 feet apart. The charred circles had a white powder or residue that remained around the perimeter of the circles.

Keith Hussey, North Hudson, and a friend, Gavin Redman, Melbourne, Australia, said they saw the UFO in the field at about 7:30-8 pm. Hussey and Redman had gone outside the tavern and were sitting on the steps. Said Hussey, "The Thing was a mass of white, a bright white hovering over the ground. It was so bright a person couldn't see the outside of it."

Said Redman, "It was there for a short time and then took off. It was very bright and looked like it was glowing. It was as big as a barn. It made a shhhh sound

when it left. The grass in the field was burning a bit after it left."

Said Gina Rehder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rehder, North Hudson, "I was in Lakefront park when I thought I saw a star, it was so bright. It wasn't moving, just sitting in one spot for a long time."

Terry Sockness, owner of Sock's Saloon, said he was downtown when he thought he saw a "meteor or falling star" in the west, but he couldn't tell the exact location of the object.

Sonja Ellertson was a clerk at the North Hudson Tom Thumb store on that Friday night. "I do work quite a bit behind the cash register and if something had landed in the field by Sock's Saloon I'm sure I would have seen it."

Bruce Swavely, clerk at the North Hudson Liquor store, said he saw the object quite a long distance away from 6:30 pm to 7 pm. Said Swavely, "It was six times the size of a regular store. I told a few customers about it and they looked at it. It looked like a very bright star. I couldn't see anything but the brightness. I

looked at it on and off quite a bit. It went back and forth like a pendulum on a clock. Then all of a sudden it was gone. Why I didn't see it again I don't know. This kind of bugs me." It didn't seem to have any definite form. I do think the stuff about a UFO is a bunch of baloney."

While there were these and other reports, there were also stories circulating about the mysterious burned circles in the North Hudson field. There was one report that some people had "burned holes in the ground" to make it look as if something had landed." Another report involved a balloon or balloons having landed in the field, with carbon dioxide gas used as an emergency fire extinguisher in putting out fire, started by burners for the hot air balloons.

Thomas Heiman, UFO Education Center, Appleton, expressed interest in the possible UFO sightings in Hudson. He indicated that he might fly to Hudson to see the site and inspect the charred circles.

LEADER POST - REGINA SASK., CANADA
*****AUG. 4, 1978*****

UFOs are all in their imagination

WOODSTOCK, Ont. (CP) — Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are here, there and everywhere but only in some people's imaginations, says a Canadian astronomer.

Saucer sighters are not nuts, Dr. Ian Halliday, senior National Research Council astronomer at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, said here. But they are not seeing extra-terrestrial objects either.

"There is not a single, solid object proven to come from a spacecraft during the last 25 years of investigation," Halliday told the Rotary Club.

In fact, the United States 10 years ago shelved a \$10-million study of UFO sightings because there was nothing to be gained. It has not been reopened, Halliday said later in an interview.

People who claim close encounters of any kind can be lumped into one of four categories, Halliday said.

There are those, like movie producers, lecturers and authors, who stand to make money from continuing interest in UFOs.

There are those who photograph airborne hub caps or frisbees in an effort to trick people.

"But when they end up on national news or TV, they're caught in their joke and they can't explain it's a hoax."

There are those, like pilots and radar technicians, who think they saw something strange which is later explained through investigation.

And there are those who see mysterious things flying through the night sky because they want to.

For many, Halliday says, belief in extra-terrestrial life is a substitute for organized religion and incomprehensible problems.

UFO? Spotted Over Brazil

By Leslie Miller

What's red, white, and green all over? Have you seen something like this in the sky recently -- well you're not alone. Ruth and Virgil Keen, and this reporter along with many other people, have seen this unknown object in the sky recently.

It started appearing two and a half weeks ago, when Ruth Keen, 508 W. Columbia, was sitting on her front porch at 11 p.m. relaxing and having a cup of coffee. She noticed what she believed to be an airplane up in the sky but the object stayed in one place for a full hour and then moved off into the northwestern sky. After watching the object appear in the same spot for two weeks straight, Ruth awoke her husband, Virgil to come see the object.

Then a few nights later, on Thursday at 10:14 p.m. Virgil called the sheriff's department asking them to send someone out to investigate. Deputy Daryl Trackwell arrived and observed the object through binoculars. Trackwell told

this reporter he believed the object to be a weather balloon in the vicinity of Sky King Airport in Terre Haute.

Joanne Hayes, radio operator at the sheriff's department, was at her home and heard the report on her police scanner and went out into the yard to have a look. "It was so far away you could only see a red glow that would go up and down and hover, but, it did stay in one place," explained Hayes.

Janice Simon, secretary at Sky King Airport, said that they had three airplanes come in on Thursday evening but that they were all on the ground by 10 p.m. She added that the airport does have their runway lights on every night and also have a rotating beacon light.

Ray Mark, facility chief at Hulman Field Airport in Terre Haute said that the airport no longer sends up weather balloons but that an Allegheny commuter flight from Chicago to Terre Haute does go over

Sky King Airport area around 10 p.m.

Alma Williams, Indianapolis reservations employee for Allegheny, said that the Allegheny flight from Chicago to Terre Haute, which flies every night except Saturday, was on the ground Thursday by 9:50 p.m. She added that there is not another flight that arrives or leaves after this flight.

Officials at Grissom Air Force Base in Peru, Indiana, said that they were doing no testing in the area with weather balloons but said that there were a lot of balloon races going on in Indiana now.

S. C. Kimball, General Federal Aviation Operations Inspector, Indianapolis, said that balloonists have to file a flight plan if they are going to be flying in restricted air space such as around airports, and they file these with the flight control at the airport.

He added that if the balloonists are flying in a non-restricted air space, then they do not have to file a flight report and can go up and down anywhere. He added that in his experience, most balloonists will not fly at night and if they do they have to have special navigation equipment such as lights. He said that sometimes they have a rotating beacon light, but it is hard to see the balloon at night and balloonists generally like to stick to daylight hours because of the navigation difficulties.

Ray Mark, at Hulman Field, said that there was one balloon which went up from the airport at 6 p.m. Thursday but it was back on the ground long before 10 p.m.

On Friday evening from 10:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. the object appeared in the northwest sky and was observed by Ruth, Virgil, Bernadine Estes, and this reporter. "It's round with red, white, and green alter-

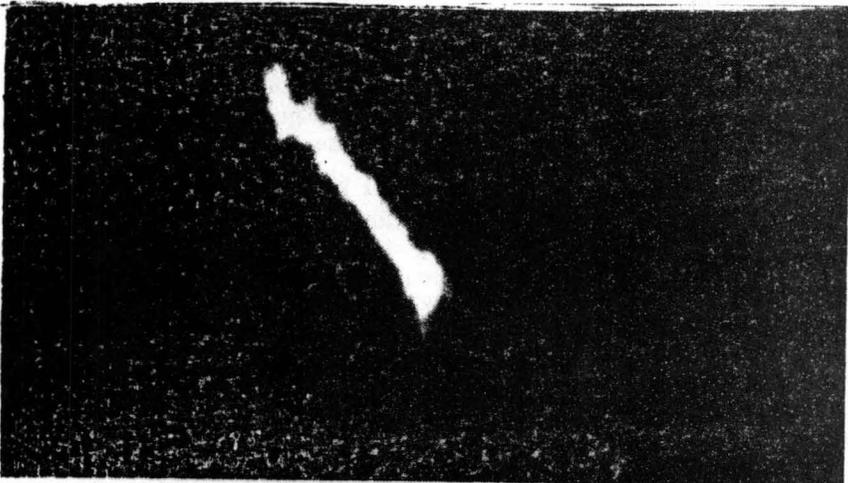
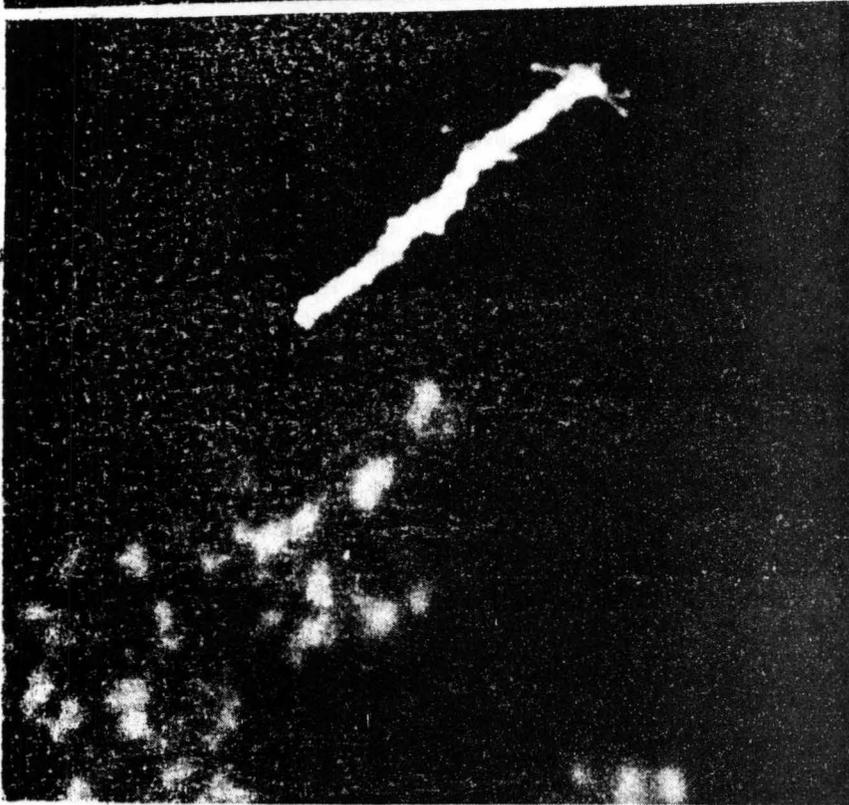
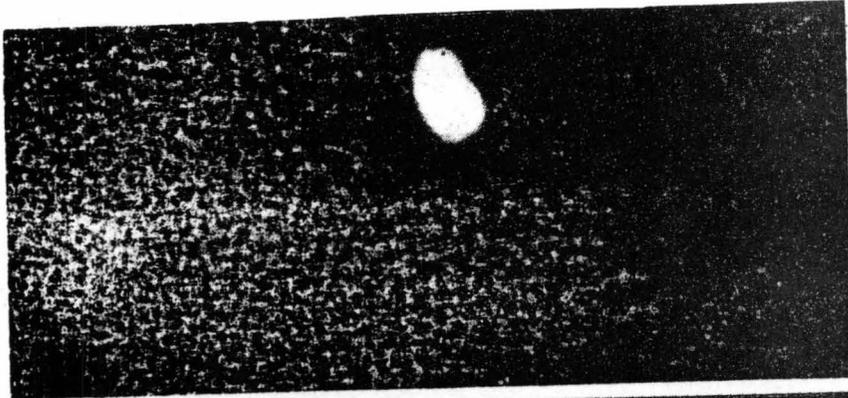
nating lights," Ruth described after the Friday night encounter. "I don't know what that is, I don't know what to think," she added.

The object would remain stationary for about one hour and then move away suddenly. "Whatever it is, it has the ability to move very fast," Virgil said. "I feel that there are a lot of strange things that officials can't explain to people. They just brush it off," he added.

Ruth said, that Paul Muncie, his wife and daughter, also saw the object earlier in the week. "I had faith in them. I didn't just tell everybody. People would think I was crazy," Ruth reported. Ruth is a salesperson at Hughes Chrysler-Plymouth and works with Muncie.

Whatever the object is, it is out there, and it could be we are not as alone as we thought we were.

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Top photo shows object as it appeared when photographer first arrived on the scene at approximately 10:15 p.m. Middle photo is a six-second time exposure showing the object veering off to the left. Bottom photo shows object jet off to the right just before it disappeared.

MADISON, W. VA. - COAL VALLEY NEWS
*****SEPT. 14, 1978*****

UFOs Spotted In Area?

BY JOE LINVILLE
Of The CVN Staff

Approximately 25 or 30 residents of Ashford claim they saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) last night after two young boys reportedly first spotted the object in the sky.

The sighting was reported to authorities at the Boone County jail and deputies and a state trooper were dispatched to the scene.

Deputies Nathan Little and David Oshinski rushed to the Ashford area last night but the officers would not comment on the reported sightings.

Trooper W.D. Totten of the Madison Detachment of the state police also was dispatched to the scene of the sightings but was not available for comment.

Most of the residents who claim they witnessed the sighting live in a section near the Ashford Post Office.

Jimmy Williams and Leroy Darby were the two youths who reportedly first spotted the apparent UFO.

"They just came up over the hill, there was two of them. One of them vanished and the other just stood still and let off a red glow. It looked like the red stuff was coming out of the object," said the 12-year-old Darby. "I have never seen anything like that before."

"They spotted it around 9:15," said Lewis Page, also of Ashford. "When I heard what was going on I came to see it for myself. I saw it twice, both times in two different spots."

Another Ashford resident Gloria Elkins also spotted the UFO.

"I saw something up there," she said. "It disappeared over the hill. There are no mines over the hill where the object disappeared. The only thing over the mountain is Fort Creek Public Hunting area and there are no bright lights over there. When I first spotted the object it sat there and blinked on and off. The only description I can give is that it was round and gave off a flashing beam of light."

When asked if she believes in UFO's she replied, "I sure do. If I didn't what was the object we spotted?"

Residents Report Observing UFOs In Tri-State Area

Several Tri-State residents recently have telephoned The Herald-Dispatch to report UFO sightings.

A few residents said they have seen large floating objects which resemble oblong garbage bags, while others said that Friday night they saw a brilliantly lit object hovering in the sky.

No one has offered a definite explanation, but there has been speculation about the objects sighted.

For those who have seen the flying garbage bags, the National Weather Service in Kenova said it sends up weather balloons at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily.

The balloons remain airborne for only a couple of hours.

A TEACHER at the Jefferson Elementary School in Huntington, however, said she saw a garbage bag-shaped object at about noon Thursday. She said it floated toward the school, hovered near a flagpole by the playground, and then "floated very gracefully" away. Several other persons at the school also saw the object.

The NWS representative said it is

unusual to see one of its balloons at that hour. But, the spokesman said, a few other agencies in the area may use large balloons for other purposes and they are released at different times during the day.

Friday evening, several residents called to say they sighted a large, brilliantly lit object flying above the city. Some also speculated it was an airplane about to crash in the Doss Hill Road area of W.Va. 10 near Huntington.

A SPOKESMAN at the Tri-State Airport said it probably was an airplane which uses a series of lights rigged underneath its wings to flash advertisements.

W.Va. State Police troopers searched the Doss Hill Road area but could not find evidence of a downed plane, a spokesman said.

The airport also reported it did not receive any distress signals which are broadcast automatically from airplanes which have crashed. The airport spokesman said the plane was flying low, at about 2,500 feet, but was within the minimum altitude required by the FAA.

Lanark Residents Report UFOs

LANARK — Residents in the Lanark, Shannon and Mt. Carroll areas sighted two UFO's last Thursday after 10:00 p.m.

One UFO was in the Northwestern sky and the other in the northeast over Lanark.

The Carroll County Sheriff's office in Mt. Carroll said they had many calls about the objects and expected that they would be busy all night answering questions about the UFO's.

One of the UFO's was reportedly identified as a planet, but both of the objects had red and green flashing lights and seemed to be stationary in the sky.

The UFO in the Northwest was described as having red and green flashing lights and often emitted a flash of white light as it were a flash bulb on a camera exploding. A much larger, brighter light was emitted from the one in the northeastern sky, which was said to be a planet. When viewed again after 1:00 p.m. the UFO in the Northwest had disappeared, while the one in the northeast had moved further south, but was still visible.

One lady in Lanark said she saw a UFO which was round, all white, and had sharp projections projecting out from all angles. Others seeing the strange sight's described them as star-like, but having the red and green flashing lights and moving only slightly like they rotated on an axis.

SHELBYVILLE, IND. - NEWS *****SEPT. 9, 1978*****

"SWAMP GAS" DEPARTMENT

An unusual police report on Wednesday provided a great deal of interesting dialogue among local sheriff's department deputies.

A UFO sighting was reported not only by a rural New Palestine woman, but also by deputies themselves.

Excerpts from a conversation overheard on the police scanner:

"Did you see that?"

"Yeah ... it looked like flames shooting out the back of it."

"How about you (to another unit) — did you see it?"

"Uhhh ... I don't see things like that."

Shortly afterward another deputy interjected (in a ghoulish voice):

"... Close encounters!"

Apparently the deputies weren't alone. A local resident en route to Shelbyville from Johnson County described the object as "rectangular in shape and white in color with a green tint to it." The resident added the object was visible for about 30 seconds and, like the deputies, it looked like "flames were shooting out of it."

Authorities called the object a meteor or "space junk falling into the atmosphere," but little Tell has heard a few persons are still convinced they saw a UFO.

3 residents report UFO

Three New Rochelle residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object Sunday night at the corner of Linden and Laurel places in the South End. Police responded but were unable to see anything.

Mike Povia, 20, of 87 Woodland Ave., called police at about 9:30 p.m. to report a bright, flashing white light in the sky. He said the light was traveling north and made no noise.

Other witnesses to the event listed by police were Anthony Canillone of 103 Laurel Place and Vincent Sotallaro of 59 John St.

According to patrolman Stephen Muccioli's report, he and another officer "checked the sky but were unable to see anything but stars. Notified headquarters and resumed patrol."

Police received no other calls relating to lights in the sky.

seriously injured. Following the accident he was charged by police with driving while intoxicated. He was released early the next morning in custody of his parents for a later court appearance.

STANDARD-STAR - NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.
*****SEPT. 25, 1978*****

Air Force Notified

Sky Object Reported

By Times Correspondent

ATHENS, Tenn. — McMinn County Civil Defense director Carl Sturgil said Monday he plans to tell Scott Air Force Base in Illinois of the reported sighting of a UFO in rural McMinn County over the weekend.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Derrick said Sandra Hooper of rural McMinn County called about 9 a.m. Friday and said she had seen a UFO at her home near Delano.

Miss Hooper told the officer that about 2:30 a.m. she woke and went to the kitchen to get a drink of water. She looked out the kitchen window, she said, and saw two man-like forms dressed in white, one appearing to hold a flashlight, in the field behind her house.

She went to wake her uncle, she told officers, and she looked back and saw a long, reddish-pink object descend from the sky and hover close to the ground.

She said the two men-like forms "just disappeared" when the object appeared to land.

Sturgil said Monday no other sightings of the object or creatures had been reported.

A search of the ground where the object was reported to have hovered, Sturgil said, revealed no physical evidence of the landing of any airborne craft.

LOGAN, UTAH - HERALD JOURNAL
*****SEPT. 25, 1978*****

UFO? Maybe, but more likely a star

People in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming were seeing strange things in the heavens Sunday night, but rather than the postulated UFO, the object was the star Capella "looking fiendishly beautiful."

That was the opinion offered The Herald Journal today by Dr. Frank Salisbury, Utah State University professor of plant science and local UFO expert.

Cache County Sheriffs Deputy Dave Phillips said the department received only one phone call Sunday night but that reports of other sightings were made to other law enforcement agencies in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming.

"Capella is a bluish yellow star," Salisbury said this morning, "and it's one of three or four of the really bright stars. It came up last night looking fiendishly beautiful."

He said he got about 10 phone calls Sunday evening and reported that the callers were describing an object that was flashing along its east-west path.

Mark Littman, director of the Hansen Planetarium in Salt Lake City, also said the object was the star

Salisbury described.

"It is one of the brightest stars seen in our area," Littman told United Press International in Salt Lake City. He explained that fall weather conditions make it look unusually bright.

Utah is experiencing warm days and cool nights, with the warm air rising just after sundown. Littman said that produces levels of air with different densities that make the star appear to "sparkle."

Capella rises in the northeast at around 10:45 p.m., appearing over the horizon about four minutes earlier each evening. He said it should put on a "show" for the next several days.

Numerous sightings of UFO's at about 10:40 p.m. Saturday night were reported, several of them by law enforcement officials.

The National Center for UFO Studies, Chicago, said a seasonal change in horizon conditions probably caused normal objects to look odd.

The Autumnal Equinox, which divides Summer from Fall, arrived early Saturday and produced changes in horizon, a center spokesman said.



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**Right
there!**

Sandra Hooper, a McMinn County resident living near Delano, points to the area where early Friday morning she said she saw two man-like forms that were picked up by an unidentified flying object. The craft was approximately 25 feet in length and approximately 8 feet in height, she said,

and glowed a bright reddish color. When the craft hovered over the ground, she said, the two figures "just disappeared." In the background can be seen the window from which she viewed the object. (DPA Photo by James Ewing)

ELKHART, IND. - TRUTH
SEPT. 19, 1978

Residents Still Spotting UFOs

A "rash of UFO sightings" is continuing, according to the director of the International UFO Bureau in Nappanee.

Charles Tucker, UFO bureau director, said he interviewed Syracuse and Nappanee residents Monday after they reported having seen UFOs Thursday evening.

Tucker said Mrs. Pat Richardson, 13349 C.R. 52, Syracuse, said she was watching television about 7:30 p.m. Thursday when she noticed a bright light outside.

She called her children, and then her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Method and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Berandrt. The group watched the object until it suddenly disappeared.

Mrs. Richardson said the object first moved slowly, changing colors from white to deep red, yellow and orange, before it made a quick turn and disappeared.

A Nappanee resident, Ann Lakins, reported that she saw a similar object at about 10 p.m. Thursday as she left the Gold Crown

Bowling Alley, U.S. 6, east of Nappanee.

She told Tucker the object was nine or 10 times larger than a star; that it became bright, as if it would explode, and then disappeared from sight.

Tucker said he will continue interviewing the persons who made the sightings

to complete reports, which will be added to the bureau's files, located in the office of Superior Inc.; on U.S. 6, west of Nappanee.

He said the latest sightings bring the month's total to 11 sightings in this area. He said that 44 residents in the Indianapolis area reported additional sightings in August.

Ridges and Hollows

by Shelby Young

Mystery Solved (At Least In Part) As 'Rocks From Sky' Are Identified

While the apparent UFO sighting near Gandeeville raises one mystery, the question of the composition of the rocks which apparently fell from the sky onto Woodrow Boothe's farm near Tariff a few weeks ago has been solved.

"Mr. Roma T. Arnott sent a small sample of the rocks off to West Virginia University for analysis," Mrs. Boothe said.

The reply, given by Milton T. Heald of the WVU Department of Geology and Geography, explains that the material is mortar, as the Bothes suspected.

"The sample you sent consists of approximately 70 percent calcium carbonate and 30 percent silica in the form of quartz," Heald told the Bothes. This is the

composition of mortar and your sample also has all the physical properties of mortar."

Where did the rocks come from?

Prof. Heald's letter can offer only some possibilities:

"Maybe the sample blew in from some chimney or possibly was used to fill a hole in a tree," he wrote.

"We are not in a position to run complete chemical analysis of miscellaneous samples. The additional analysis might give you some minor impurities, but would be of no real aid in identification," the letter concludes.

Mrs. Boothe said she was relieved to know "it was man-made and not from outer space."

Which brings us back to

the question of the origin of the rocks.

Personally, I think a cyclone-type whirlwind picked up the rocks from the site of an old house. There are plenty of places around West Virginia farmsteads where mortar can be found—chimneys, cellar houses, out-buildings, foundations and several other places.

A small piece of mortar is light... no heavier than a large hailstone, which can be held aloft by updrafts for hours in a thunderstorm cloud. Many pilots can tell hairraising stories about flying into a cloud full of hailstones, in fact some pilots don't live to tell about it.

If these winds can carry hailstones great distances, then they can carry small pieces of mortar the same way. Remember that two tornado clouds were sighted in the area on the same day the rocks fell on the Boothe's house.

I suppose we'll never know where the rocks actually originated. It might have been one mile distant... or fifty.

However, it is nice to know that there could be a rational explanation for the event.

Which brings me to a second point.

The Bothes, like the Hunts in this week's front page story, had the courage to tell about something that happened to them which is out of the area of everyday experience.

They all believed there was an explanation for what they saw, even if they didn't know it.

They share one other common characteristic... they are good, solid Roane County folks not given to hallucinations or practical jokes.

I saw the Bothes' rocks, although I didn't see them fall from the sky. I have no reason to doubt what they said they saw.

They are not the kind of people given to making up stories.

On first impression, neither are the Hunts. They believe they saw something. What they saw I do not know.

And I am not sure I wish to know.

As physicist Albert Einstein said:

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science."

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. - MESSENGER
*****SEPT. 18, 1978*****

From The Local Observation Post

By The Messenger Staff

Recent reported Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings over the city of Rochester may have turned out to have been hot-air caused by a balloon, but it doesn't seem likely that this was the cause of last Tuesday night's sightings here in Canandaigua.

According to Carroll Teitsworth of Liftoff in Groveland, a hot-air balloonist who does fly over Canandaigua occasionally, it wasn't his and he knows of no one who would fly a balloon in the conditions that existed when the UFOs were sighted.

"Number one, you don't fly a balloon after dark," he said. The UFOs were sighted in Canandaigua around 9 p.m.

He also commented that it was too windy Tuesday night. He won't go up if the wind is more than five miles an hour, he explained. "We haven't been up all week because it's been too windy."

James Benson of Cloud Nine Promotions in Rochester says he knows of no balloons which would have been over Canandaigua Tuesday night.

Benson's balloon was responsible for a rash of UFO sightings in Rochester this week. The balloon, being used in a promotion by Philanz Oldsmobile, Inc., was only flown over Rochester and was not up in the air past 7 or 8 at night, he says.

More UFO Sightings Revealed

By Leslie Miller FRONT PAGE

On August 16, while most of the city was sleeping, at 3 a.m., Ruby Russell, 43, Route 11, Brazil, saw what she believes to be a UFO.

Ruby said that she had been in to check on her son who had returned from the hospital and went to her room to go to bed when she heard a strange noise outside of her home.

"I heard it coming and then it just stopped. I looked out the window and I saw an orange pulsating glow bouncing off the house and by the time I reached the window the sound and the light went straight up in the sky.

"I asked my son about it -- if he had heard it or seen it and he said that he looked out his bedroom door

and it looked just like fire to him. Whatever it was, it just stabilized right by my house and went straight up," Ruby explained.

"I heard a real high pitched, shrill sound like something rotating at a high rate of speed. I've never heard anything like it. My dog then started acting funny but I was too scared to go out and check on him," Ruby said.

As for UFO's, Ruby said, "I always said that if they brought me back, I would go with them. I think it would be a real experience."

Around this same period, last month, Hanna Green, 58, 724 W. Church St., described a rusty-colored orange object with a silver band around it going up Church St.

Hanna said that it was about dusk when she saw the orange glow when

she was sitting on her couch. She explained that the object made no noise and didn't rotate but just sailed.

"It went west up Church St. about tree-top high and was rusty-orange and looked like a round moon and had a silver band around it and it shimmered. I watched it for about 15 minutes, it would hang and then move on," Hanna said. She added that she had seen an object similar to this one a few weeks earlier going up National Ave. She said the one on National Ave. appeared to be moving faster. "I didn't pay much attention to it. I don't know what it is. I just saw it there. I can't figure out why they follow the roads. Seeing is believing and I wouldn't have known unless I had seen it," said Hanna.

ROANOKE, VA. - TIMES
****SEPT. 15, 1978*

Dillard Sizemore and his family are beginning to get more than a trifle edgy about the strange happenings at their place in Unionville, N.C.

The events began last Thursday morning when Sizemore found long, deep ruts crisscrossing his driveway, yard and land. This was the second time in less than a week he found mysterious triangular slices cut out of the earth.

The strange nocturnal goings on are making his wife and sons nervous. Sizemore said. And he isn't sanguine about the experiences, either.

"If that thing had come in the front door, I'd have probably torn down the back door getting out," he said, pointing out a rut that runs straight at the front door.

And Sizemore said the idea of extraterrestrial visitors has crossed his mind.

"I've never seen a UFO or anything, but too many other folks have for there not to be some truth to it," he said.

ATHENS, TENN. - POST-ATHENIAN
*****SEPT. 18, 1978*****

Woman in Delano reports seeing UFO

By JAMES EWING

A Delano woman told Sheriff's officials that she saw two man-like creatures in a field behind her house board an unidentified flying object which landed in her yard in the early morning hours Friday.

According to McMinn County Sheriff's Deputy Charles Derrick, county authorities received a call at approximately 9 a.m. from Sandra Hooper, Rt. 1 Delano, reporting a UFO (unidentified flying object) sighting.

Hooper told the officer that around 2:30 a.m. she awakened and went to the kitchen of her residence to get a drink of water. As she looked out the kitchen window, she said, she saw two man-like forms dressed in white with flashlights in the field behind her house.

As she turned to awaken her uncle, she said, she looked back around and

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saw a long, reddish-pink object descend from the sky and land. She added that the two man-like forms "just disappeared" when the object landed.

Officer Derrick reported that the McMinn County Civil Defense was notified and Civil Defense Director Carl Sturgill this morning said the report was passed on to the state civil defense. He added that the United States Air Force, working with the University of Arizona, in the past would check out reported sightings, but it was his understanding that the practice has been discontinued.

Sturgill said that the state civil defense had not contacted the local branch since the sighting and that air monitors had reported no large unidentified metallic objects in the area.

Channel 2 to televise Grimes' UFO report

Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. KPRC-TV, Channel 2, will feature an interview with Dr. Edmond McGee and C.R. Sullivan regarding an unidentified flying object (UFO) observed at Retreat Sunday morning, Aug. 27.

Dr. McGee said Mr. Sullivan was driving a tractor one-half mile north of Retreat on FM 362 when he first sighted the UFO at 8:30. It was described as being one quarter to one half mile away, spherical in shape, approximately four feet across horizontally and six feet from top to bottom.

Sullivan observed the object for five minutes before calling Dr. McGee who was at the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Dr. McGee said the bottom half appeared to be a dull metallic paint color. The top half was covered with mirror like surfaces reflecting bright light, but not too bright to view with the naked eye.

It moved up and down, right and left, with no apparent effort. At one point it reportedly came within four feet of the ground, 500 yards west of FM 362.

Dr. McGee said the UFO made 10 to 15 complete revolutions per second as it moved effortlessly in all directions with a glittering effect.

Dr. McGee said he observed it for ten minutes and that Mr. Sullivan observed it for 20 minutes.

Unfortunately they left the scene for a few minutes. When they returned the UFO was out of sight.

Dr. McGee said he reported immediately to NASA where he was given a watts line number used for reporting UFO sightings.

Dr. McGee said the UFO was similar to one he sighted from his Retreat home some four years ago about 10 o'clock at night.

UFO mania on Rome radio heard here

By MICHAEL BROWNING
Times-Union Staff Writer

For the third straight night police in Rome have been deluged with reports of UFOs whose brightness is "like the sun in the night," according to broadcast reports of RAI, the Italian radio-television network, heard in Jacksonville.

Reports have been coming in from neighborhoods near the Via Cassia and the

Via Aurelia sections of Rome, in the northern suburbs of the city.

The Italian government radio network said that the mysterious lights in the sky are probably pieces of the U.S. satellite Pegasus I caused by the orbiting vehicle's re-entry and breakup in the earth's atmosphere.

But NASA officials in Washington say Pegasus I

isn't suppose to hit earth's atmosphere until 4:25 a.m. (EDT) Sunday.

"It (Pegasus) went up in 1965 but our calculations are that it isn't due to come down yet for a few hours," Miles Waggoner, chief public information officer for NASA in Washington, said at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Its suppose to be visible now as a small moving dot, but only in areas far south

of Rome, perhaps on the north coast of Africa around latitude 31.7.

"I don't know what they're looking at in Rome," Waggoner said.

CHICAGO COURIER NEWS - FOREIGN MATTER, NEWYORK
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Former astronaut Gordon Cooper says he believes in UFO's because he has chased them in jets.

"I saw several hundred UFO's in Europe while I was a test pilot," said Cooper who was stationed at Nuremberg Air Base in West Germany in the early 50s. He recalled one of his chases:

"The circumstances were that our weather observation people had spotted some objects at fairly high altitudes. "Everyone in our group began to look at them through binoculars. We finally wound up chasing them.

"I spent two days trying to get to them. We got to as high an altitude as we could, and they were still well above us. Probably 20 or 30 planes at least, went after them... F-84 and F-86 jets. Fairly high speed jets.

"The UFO's came over in groups of four, 12, 16, 20. They came over regularly, at intervals, all day long for two days. They came right over the air base.

"We could only get to about 45,000 feet, but we did not get close enough to see what they looked like. They were actually shaped like saucers. But I had no way of knowing how large they were - they were that high up.

"They moved at varying speeds, sometimes quickly, sometimes not so quickly, and sometimes they would come to a dead stop.

"We had no idea whether they were looking at us, or what they were doing. And after two days they simply disappeared."

Cooper later became one of America's pioneer astronauts in Project Mercury and now is Vice President in research and development for Walter E. Disney Enterprises.

"While on the Mercury project I would have liked to have met these things," he said, "but I never had the opportunity. I believe there is intelligent life out there that has already visited this planet."

Ludington officers, seamen encounter a rash of UFOs

By SUSAN WATSON
Free Press Staff Writer

Law enforcement and Coast Guard officials from the Ludington area have reported seeing five brightly lighted, fast-moving unidentified flying objects over Lake Michigan in the past 10 days.

"You don't want to get too excited about this because people think you're goofy, but I saw it and it made a definite believer out of me," said Oceana County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Waller.

Waller, 36, and his part-

ner, Deputy Frank Steiger, watched a strange object for about 30 minutes Oct. 1 as it flashed dazzling green, white and red lights and hovered in the darkened sky about a mile offshore.

"THE LIGHTS were tremendously bright. They made you dizzy to look at them," Waller said. "From now on, my partner and I are going to carry a telescope with us in the squad car."

Waller reported his 10 p.m. sighting to the Ludington Coast Guard Station, which confirmed seeing the object — plus three others west of Pentwater and west of Ludington at about the same time.

When Waller told Oceana County Sheriff John Simmons about the object, Simmons admitted that he too had seen UFOs, but hadn't mentioned them. Simmons broke his silence Tuesday night while off duty when he called sheriff's headquarters with the message:

"The UFO is here. Telephone the Coast Guard."

Simmons was out of town

Wednesday and Coast Guard officials at Ludington reported seeing nothing, Tuesday night.

A SPOKESMAN with the Coast Guard public information division in Cleveland knew nothing about the most recent sightings, but he said the Coast Guard did have reports of July 28 sightings near Benton Harbor, Ludington and Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Seaman David Laird said the cylindrical objects reported in western Michigan had strong red and white lights. They hovered 30 minutes, he said, and then moved noiselessly at about 1,200 miles an hour westward across Lake Michigan.

A Coast Guard officer took a picture of the object and sent the film to Cleveland for processing, but the developed print showed only a row of six colored lights, Laird said.

LAIRD SAID the Coast Guard had investigated the July 28 sighting and turned up nothing to account for it. He said it probably will remain unexplained.

The Coast Guard has records of 12,618 sightings dating from 1947, with all but 701 of them explained away by the government, he said.

Laird noted that there typically has been a rash of sighting reports after nuclear tests.

"Perhaps they're keeping an eye on us to see we do not mess up the whole thing. After all, if we blow up the earth, it could affect them too," he said.

GOSHEN, IND. - NEWS
*****OCT. 4, 1978*

Lights Seen In Nappanee Area

Three Nappanee residents say they saw a UFO in the West Van Buren Street area of Nappanee between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Sept. 28, Charles Tucker, director of the International UFO Investigative Bureau, reported.

Mrs. Nina Hill, 510 W. Van Buren St., was the first to spot the triangle of red and orange lights moving in the sky. She contacted Mrs. Linda Tener, 503 W. Van Buren St., and Mrs. Tener also viewed the lights. Mrs. Peggy Beck, 1651 E. Market St., was also a witness.

The three lights were moving in the sky and stopped for five to 10 second intervals over a period of several minutes. The lights moved from east to west at about a 2,500 foot elevation.

Mrs. Hill said she was sure it wasn't a plane because a plane passed through while they were watching.

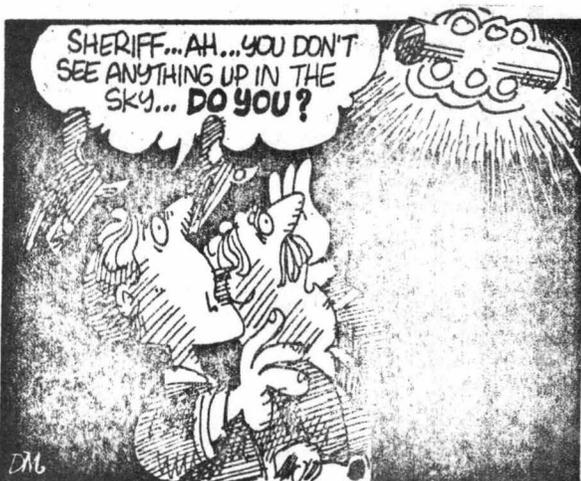
MEDINA, OHIO - GAZETTE
*****OCT. 9, 1978*****

Trucker reports UFOs in county

HOMER TWP. — Four unidentified flying objects visited the area Saturday night, according to a Jersey City, New Jersey truck driver.

Antonio Agostini told the Medina County Sheriff's Department that he was traveling east on Rt. 224 about a half-mile from Homerville when he sighted four, pink-and-red, diamond-like objects about 100 feet above the trees.

Stopping his truck, Agostini said the four objects then formed a horizontal pattern and flew southwest, a Sheriff's Department spokesman said.



UFO sighting in Guelph

A close encounter with Venus

By Wendy Jones

The close encounter of the first kind experienced by at least five persons in Guelph last week, including three police officers, may not have involved a UFO at all but the third brightest object in the solar system.

On Aug. 9, at approximately 9:30 p.m., a Guelph lawyer and his wife spotted strange lights in the sky over the Woodlawn industrial basin and phoned the police.

Three officers were dispatched to the scene near Robinson Pontiac-Buick where they saw what one described as a 'golden glow' illuminating the sky. It then turned and moved northwest, bobbing up

and down before disappearing.

According to a spokesman for the police, the investigating officers were 'quite emphatic' that the lights were not those of a plane or helicopter.

However, Bonnie Wheeler of the UFO Research Group in Cambridge, who spoke to the lawyer's wife, said it is quite possible the glow came from the planet Venus.

'We checked with the astronomer in our group,' she explained, 'and he said Venus was in that exact position at that time.'

Wheeler added however, that while that first part of the witnesses'

description of the lights and the area in which they saw it points to Venus, the second part regarding the movement and change in course does not follow that conclusion, 'unless their eyes were playing tricks on them.'

The glow would be caused by the changing in atmospheric conditions as the light travelled from Venus to Earth she added.

Howie Burke of the Guelph Star Gazers supports the theory that the lights were from Venus and said it is likely clouds drifting across the sky produced the effect of motion.

He told Guelph Life that besides the sun and the moon, Venus is the third

brightest object in the sky.

Burke also told Guelph Life that Friday night's meteor shower from the constellation Perseids was a bit of a disappointment. Still, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., Burke said that, with a few friends, they had a count of 20 sightings.

'It wasn't as good as the previous one,' he said. 'Earth must have went through a gap so there weren't as many sightings.'

The effect was to have been that of several 'falling stars', really small pieces of material called bolides that, at times, explode as they enter the Earth's atmosphere and create a spectacular, fireworks-style display

TORONTO SUN - ONT., CANADA
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Jesus on Venus? Heavens above!

OLDHAM, England (CP) — British UFO experts believe that alien beings from another planet are studying British cows.

Hard to believe? Then try this one. They also believe Jesus Christ lives on Venus.

The UFO experts say three men saw a flying saucer land in a field outside this northwest Lancashire town. Four strange beings, with long ears, emerged from the saucer carrying a device which resembled a bird cage.

"They then proceeded to take close measurements of some cows in a field," said Jennie Randles, secretary of the Northern UFO Research Association.

Randles, a 26-year-old audio-visual technologist, said "most of the reports we get come from high, moorland areas stretching from Oldham, Lancashire, to the Lake District.

She said the UFO association is distributing 1,000 copies of a 90-cent booklet throughout the north of England. Re-

ported in the booklet are:

A fireball which landed on the moors above Oldham; an alien being, about seven feet high, seen at Kirkby near Liverpool; the cow-measurers at Oldham; the blue man with the flowing cape (something like Superman) who was seen floating high above Liverpool.

Still stranger phenomena are reported by the Aetherius Society in London. Its members say they receive regular messages from the planets Mars and Venus and that Jesus Christ is living on Venus.

The spokesman said the society started in 1954 when George King, a 35-year-old white-collar worker, was doing the washing up in his room in Maida Vale, London.

"Suddenly George heard a clear voice, apparently from nowhere, saying: 'Prepare yourself. You are to become the voice of Interplanetary Parliament.'"

Psychologist says hypnosis enabled UFO-watchers to remember details

TORONTO (CP) — Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist at Wyoming University, says he has hypnotized people who have seen unidentified flying objects and now is convinced that "we are not alone—humans are only a small part of the whole system."

Sprinkle, a guest speaker at the 86th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, says he thinks he can prove UFO-watchers are not kooks.

During the last five years he says he has hypnotized 50 persons who said they

were given mystery tours aboard alien spaceships. Before hypnosis, the subjects had never been able to remember what happened to them when they went for a spin around the galaxy, Sprinkle said.

He said the subjects told him everything went blank as soon as they made eye contact with the unearthly visitors.

After many hours of hypnosis, half the UFO watchers said they could recall precise details of their black-out period, Sprinkle said.

Carl Higdon, 42, a Wyoming oil-well driller, told Sprinkle he was on a hunting trip when he tried to shoot his rifle. The shot travelled only 15 metres, then bounced off an invisible wall. When Higdon turned around, he was facing a strange creature.

Sprinkle said Higdon later described the creature as a humanoid with frizzy hair and two small antennae, dressed in an astronaut's jumpsuit. Instead of hands, it had cones which could beam objects from one place to another.

BRANDON SUN, MAN. - CANADA
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EMO has closed the case on Bradford farm mystery

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REGINA (CP) — Whatever caused Fred and Alice Bradford to abandon their farm near Central Butte, Sask., remains a mystery, but the provincial Emergency Measures Organization considers the case closed.

"I think we conducted a very thorough investigation just to reassure the Bradfords nothing was there," said provincial EMO director Jim Eaton.

"We have terminated the investigation on the Bradford farm. We found absolutely nothing that would cause the phenomenon the Bradfords were experiencing."

Citing headaches, nausea, dizziness and skin irritation, the Bradfords evacuated their farm in February and moved to a mobile home. They have not been back since.

Eaton said the Bradford incident triggered a

number of inquiries about unidentified flying objects (UFO) from Saskatchewan residents. Other calls, some offering explanations, came from as far away as Quebec and Florida.

He said the only UFO sighting ever investigated by EMO was from the Glentworth area, west of Assiniboia, Sask., about two years ago. Three rings of dead clover, each about six metres in diameter, were found in a farmer's field. But radiation and other tests failed to turn up any explanation.

Eaton said everything at the farm was examined, from gas lines and electrical connections to water, soil and vegetation, including pine needles and chemicals used on the farm.

"We have checked everything the Bradfords asked us to," Eaton said.

KAMLOOPS DAILY SENTINEL - B.C. CANADA
*****JULY 28, 1978*****

Martians or meteor?

By KATHERINE DEDYNA
Sentinel Staff Writer

Can close encounters come to Kamloops even with the movie theatres closed?

Just ask anybody who happened to be on Highway 1 East out toward Barnhartvale last night at about 9 p.m.

They'll tell you that the real thing, an unidentified flying object, may have been hovering about the Barnhartvale hills at that time.

"I saw a yellow-white light, really bright, in an oblong shape," said one witness, 22-year-old Gary Dunham.

"There were no houses near it. It was a barren, desert-like area. I couldn't tell you the size of it," he continued, "because it was such a brilliant light."

"An hour later when I came west on the road it was gone." Dunham wasn't the only person to make the sighting. There were three other men in the car with him at the time.

The airport control tower got a number of calls from concerned and curious citizens says the controller on duty at the time.

"I didn't see it, but several people reported it," he said.

"It sounds like a meteor to me." But he couldn't say for sure.

Claim metal object brighter than moon hovered over RMH

UFO's are in the news again
—this time from Lindsay.
It is reported that a num-
ber of Lindsay residents saw
a large circular object hover-
ing over Ross Memorial Hos-
pital on Sunday night. One

lady phoned "The Post" to
give a first hand account. She
said she was operating her
C.B. radio when a caller told
her to go outside and look in
the direction over the hospital.
She did and what her eyes be-

held was a large metal object,
"brighter than the moon."
She went on to say the object
hovered there for a few min-
utes then took off into the
darkening northern sky. The
incident happened shortly be-
fore 9 p.m.

TILLSONBURG NEWS, - ONTARIO, CAN.
*****SEPT. 8, 1978*****

UFO spotted in Bayham

BY JIM HEVENOR

Despite the tendency of both government and the general public to down play the possibility of visitors from space, at least seven Straffordville area residents are convinced they saw an unidentified flying object last week.

While travelling home to Port Burwell by car from a ball game in Straffordville, Aug. 28, Debbie Teall, Kelly Brooks, Diane Marr, Tracey Bradt, Pam Nevilles and Laura Wall saw an object with red, white and green lights following a car along Highway 19 at about 10:30 p.m.

"When we stopped it slowed down to almost a halt and a white light came

down out of the object," the girls said in a letter to The News. "The sound was indescribable, nothing like a plane or a helicopter.

"We got back in the car and began to go south. It seemed to follow us because it was right above the car about 50 feet. The radio was on and it was going on and off for about two or three minutes. We watched it move westward for a couple of minutes then all of a sudden it disappeared."

"It was a strange coloration of lights," said Straffordville insurance agent Ed Matschke, who saw the object while driving home from Port Burwell.

"It was really whizzing. I heard a noise and I thought it might be a jet or

something. I opened my car window and it hovered above me.

"It wasn't a jet," he said, "because a jet would not be flying that low."

"It stayed in the area for quite awhile and it followed my car. I drove slowly just to see what would happen and this thing didn't go away for quite awhile... I've never seen anything like that before."

In a telephone interview later, Kelly Brooks, one of the girls, said "we didn't report it to the police because we were too scared."

Mr. Matschke also kept the incident to himself.

"I didn't say much about it to anybody," he said. "I thought maybe I was just seeing things."

IN OSHAWA POND

**UFO issue
still in air**

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**Eerie Pulsating Light
May Be Underwater UFO**

TIMMINS PRESS - CANADA
*****JULY 27, 1978*****

WOODSTOCK, Ont. (CP) - Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are here, there and everywhere but only in some people's imaginations, says a Canadian astronomer.

Saucer sighters are not nuts, Dr. Ian Halliday, senior National Research Council astronomer at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, said here. But they are not seeing extra-terrestrial objects either.

"There is not a single, solid object proven to come from a spacecraft during the last 25 years of investigation," Halliday told the Rotary Club.

In fact, the United States 10 years ago shelved a \$10-million study of UFO sightings because there was nothing to be gained. It has not been reopened, Halliday said later in an interview.

People who claim close encounters of any kind can be lumped into one of four categories, Halliday said.

There are those, like movie producers, lecturers and authors, who stand to make money from continuing interest in UFOs.

There are those who photograph airborne hub caps or frisbees in an effort to trick people.

"But when they end up on national news or TV, they're caught in their joke and they can't explain it's a hoax."

There are those, like pilots and radar technicians, who think they saw something strange which is later explained through investigation.

And there are those who see mysterious things flying through the night sky because they want to.

For many, Halliday says, belief in extra-terrestrial life is a substitute for organized religion and incomprehensible problems.

By LESLIE WRIGHT
Times Staff Writer

Terry Boyle of Oshawa isn't discounting the possibility that a light phenomenon he observed in a pond north of Oshawa may have been caused by an unidentified flying object.

Boyle said when he and a friend visited the bottomless pond Monday evening at 11 p.m. there was a pulsating white light about 10 feet wide in the water

The sky was very dark Monday night but the light illuminated the area around the pond which is about 30 yards in diameter, Boyle said

The light stayed and did not disappear, during the hour they stayed to watch it, he added

REACTION

"I threw a stone at it and it acted like a force field," he said "It reacted to the stone and the light increased."

There was no full moon

Monday night. The last full moon was July 20. The next one will be Aug. 18

Boyle said he returned to the site with about 12 other people Tuesday evening at the same time and the light was still there, although it was not as bright

There were no marks in the ground around the pond and no signs of any sort of vehicle or craft either night, Boyle said.

Boyle said he and a friend put on goggles and investigated the light from under the surface of the water Tuesday night

"It was in the water, under the surface, and can confirm that the light was in the water," he said

NO PHOTO

He tried to photograph the light but because the sky was clear it was too bright to get a picture, he said.

Boyle said he will visit the pond again tonight with any experts or UFO investigators he can find. He said he will go earlier in the evening to see whether the light suddenly appears or just becomes visible with the darkness.

"The point is that UFO's have been known to land in water," Boyle said, "Why not a bottomless pond and why not that particular pond?"

WOODSTOCK-INGERSOLL, ONTARIO, CAN.
*****AUG. 18, 1978*****

^{K1356} **UFO SIGHTED OVER CITY**

A Woodstock man reported to city police Thursday what he believed were two unidentified flying objects manoeuvring high in the air above Woodstock. Al Chapesky told police he was looking east from his apartment on Dundas Street near Light Street when he saw the two shiny objects, about the size of the north star, darting about the sky east of the city. Chapesky reported he watched the two UFOs from his apartment window at about 10:15 p.m. as they moved around the night sky and then suddenly disappeared. Deputy Chief Joe Moses said today Chapesky was sincere in his report and police are taking the matter seriously. Chapesky was the only person reporting a sighting to police. An air traffic controller at London airport said today they have not received any reports of sightings or noticed any strange activity. The control tower has no radar. A spokesman for the London weather office said there were no peculiar weather formations that could be mistaken for a UFO. "It was a beautiful, normal summer night," the spokesman said. He said the moon was out about 10 p.m. and the sky held only a few high, wispy clouds. He said there were no storms causing lightning that could be misinterpreted as a UFO.

^{W 1356} **A CLOSE ENCOUNTER?**

Three Guelph police constables were among people who saw strange lights in the sky over the Woodlawn Road industrial basin Wednesday night.

The officers responded to a call from a person who reported the phenomenon.

According to one investigating officer "a golden glow" illuminated the sky over the area, near Robinson Pontiac-Buick. The glow moved northwest across the sky, then up and down before disappearing.

All officers said the lights were definitely not those of a plane, or a helicopter. They were not flashing, but constant.

The incident was reported to the Waterloo-Wellington airport and referred to a UFO research group in Cambridge.

Bonnie Wheeler, a spokesman for the latter said this morning no details had yet been received. She said her group would definitely be interested in investigating.

GUELPH MERCURY, ONTARIO, CANADA
*****AUG. 10, 1978*****

EDITORIAL

Nature's Tricks Create UFOs

The tricks of Mother Nature are responsible, we're convinced, for creating the conditions that have led to the rash of reports that unidentified flying objects have been sighted in Mountain West skies.

The sightings began late last week with ordinary citizens and peace officers in Northern Utah, Southeastern Idaho and Southwestern Wyoming telling of mysterious objects "dancing" along the horizon to the northeast.

A check with responsible experts leads us to believe that two natural phenomenon generated the unusual apparitions:

1. The star Cappella.
2. A major solar storm.

R. Gilbert Moore of Ogden, head of the Astro-Meteorological Division of the Thiokol Co. and an experienced amateur astronomer, explained why Cappella was involved.

This star is unusually bright currently and is located in the northeastern quadrant of the sky, as viewed from the Mountain States.

"The sightings told of a specific object in a specific location," Mr. Moore related. "That's where Capella is. And we know that observers, looking closely at one heavenly body, have a tendency to feel that it is moving — left and right, up and down — when related to another nearby star."

Mark Littman, director of the Hansen Planetarium in Salt Lake City, offered the same explanation for the "UFO" that appeared to be dancing near the northeastern horizon.

At the same time, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Services Center in Boulder, Colo., issued a report on the current solar storm.

Bill Flowers, deputy forecaster at the center, said the storm should have reached its peak on Monday night after building up for several days.

The heaviest particles from the solar storm, moving through the earth's atmosphere, were expected to cause widespread disturbances in the high frequency radio spectrum, he added.

Since solar radiation is responsible for the aurora borealis or northern lights, the weekend's solar storm probably enhanced the "dancing" effects of the brilliant light from Cappella coming through the evening atmosphere.

Despite the many reports of UFOs being sighted for the last 30 or more years, we are convinced that nature — not residents of some distant planet — is responsible for most of the strange things seen in the skies.

DETROIT, MICH. - FREE PRESS
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Hundreds in Brazil see UFO

LOURADOS, Brazil — (UPI)—A brilliantly colored — and speedy — unidentified flying object was spotted twice last week by residents of Dourados, 600 miles west of Rio de Janeiro, a local policeman said over the weekend.

Officer Antonio Jose da Silva said hundreds of the city's 80,000 residents and much of its police force saw a disc-shaped object emitting bright flashes of red and blue light and moving rapidly above the city Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The local newspaper "O Progresso" published a photo of the mysterious object Thursday, da Silva said, but newspaper officials could not be reached for comment.

"It looked like a star," da Silva said. "It was flashing bright lights, blue and red." The object was not an airplane, he said.

Da Silva said other residents, local policemen and Matto Grosso state policemen sent to Dourados were on the streets when the object appeared Thursday.

"They all saw it," da Silva said.

Another UFO encounter reported in Ulster County

MARLBOROUGH—Joseph Spinozzi doesn't care what people think — he says he saw something "mighty strange" hovering noiselessly in the air near his home late last Saturday morning.

And while Spinozzi says he's had to endure the good-natured ribbing of friends and family because of what he believes he saw, an official with an international UFO investigatory group says he believes Spinozzi may have witnessed "a genuine UFO sighting."

Spinozzi's experience comes in the wake of other UFO sighting reports earlier last week in the Town of Marlborough.

Spinozzi, 31, an accountant with the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp., was locking the front door of his Hudson Bluff Drive home at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday when he noticed some "unusual" lights outside.

"It was a series of white spotlights with what looked like conventional starboard and port red and green lights on either side. They just hovered there, not making any noise, for about three to five minutes," Spinozzi recalled.

The band of lights extended for "about 40 across, about 100 feet above the parking lot of the Town of Marlboro Volunteer Ambulance

Corps building, which is about 300 feet from my house," he said.

He said he couldn't discern the object's shape.

"I was just fascinated by the lights, that's all I could see."

Spinozzi said he "just stood there, staring and stupified" by the lights for between three and five minutes

"What struck me was that there was no noise — this was no jet — it held the one position all that time. If it was a helicopter, it sure didn't sound like one."

He recalled that "it was a clear night — I could see stars," and that although he stayed behind his door, the windows in the house were open.

After several minutes, the "object" started to move "just a bit, for just a few seconds toward the west, and then it was just gone — like someone turned off the lights."

"There was still no sound, nothing like an acceleration,"

Spinozzi woke his wife to tell her about the occurrence. She was not impressed.

"She told me to go back out and maybe the next one would pick me up,"

Spinozzi said he didn't report the occurrence because he would have felt "tunny" doing so.

A spokesman at Stewart Airport, asked if any UFO reports had been made last week, replied "Oh sure."

"We get those kind of calls all the time. We take the guy's phone number and then hang up," the spokesman said.

But Spinozzi's story was considerably more interesting to Gary Levine, an associate professor of Social Studies at Columbia-Green Counties Community College.

Levine is the state director of the Mutual UFO Network, a group of investigators connected with Dr. J. Alan Hynek's Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Levine says that Spinozzi's story fits some general categories believed to be characteristic of "genuine" UFO sightings.

Such sightings, Levine said, often come in "flaps," or repeated number — of sightings within a short period of time.

It is "significant," according to Levine, that whatever Spinozzi says he saw hovered over a parking lot.

"Parking lots, ball fields, playgrounds and the like are the places most often associated with genuine sightings," he said.

"And what kind of conventional aircraft doesn't make any noise while hovering over a single area? What kind of weather balloon has a band of spotlights across it?" he added.

Levine said that he is "anxious" to personally interview Spinozzi and investigate the situation.

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Flying cigar spotted

ROME — Hundreds of people from northern Italy to Sicily reported seeing an unidentified flying object before dawn yesterday.

Various witnesses said the UFO was shaped like a cigar, a torpedo, a triangle, an arrow, a funnel, a balloon, a half-moon, a rugby ball or the letter "V".

Witnesses in Sicily said it had a dark hole in the middle and "two rays like wings."

Sightings were also reported in Rome and nine other cities and towns on the Italian mainland and Sardinia before dawn.

ITAHACA, MICH. - HERALD
*****OCT. 4, 1978*****

A moving object with red and green flashing lights was spotted by a Riverdale woman last Monday evening, but Gratiot County Sheriff Deputies report the UFO was gone by the time they arrived. 7424

The UFO sighting was called into the Sheriff's Department at 10:20 p.m. by Barbara Grabowski of 5490 N. Osborn Road, Riverdale.

She told deputies the object was moving west to northwest, and looked at first like a star that seemed to be flashing. When viewed through binoculars, the object seemed to be moving and she saw red and green flashing lights.

Charlotte Residents Describe Strange Occurrence In The Sky

By LINDA GROTKE
Herald-Tribune Reporter

PORT CHARLOTTE — A Port Charlotte family and a neighbor aren't sure what they saw in the sky Monday night, but they didn't think it was a star or plane or the likes of anything they had seen before.

They can describe the glowing object and its activities in the northwestern sky about 9 p.m.

A check with various police authorities, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tower at Fort Myers, Bishop Planetarium in Bradenton and a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) research center in the State of Washington failed to produce evidence of what the bright object seen by the Stanley Gomeila family was in the vicinity of Midway Boulevard and U.S. 41.

As they described it, they were driving west on Edgewater Boulevard near Midway and saw the object on the left side of the road.

Wondering what it was, they stopped the car. When

they reached their home, they saw it again. It appeared to be next to another star, and the illumination lit up the clouds, the family said. The object appeared to be about as bright and large as a streetlight, Gomeila said.

While motionless for a while, the object began descending. "fast once" then moved in a pattern of loops (Gomeila demonstrated the motion by waving his arm like a conductor directing the slow movement of a symphony).

He said then the object began to get dimmer and disappeared slowly in the trees.

While still visible at treetop level about 9:30 p.m., so were several small planes or helicopters, which appeared to be following the object.

The Gomeila's spoke with a friend, Mike Clement, on Port Charlotte Boulevard, several blocks away, and he said, he could see the light. However, he observed no motion.

The family said the second star had also disappeared. "It was not an airplane," said Gomeila, "and too big for a star." Their daughter, Kathy 12, said the shape appeared to her like an X with a circle around it.

The family said they are not science fiction readers and only Kathy had seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a movie about UFOs. They seemed baffled and curious by the experience and looked for explanations.

Mrs. Kathleen Gomeila said at first she thought her eyes were playing tricks on her, but was glad to have Kathy (with youthful vision) along to verify the sighting.

A check with Punta Gorda police, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department and the Florida Highway Patrol revealed no one had called in any reports of sightings Monday evening. Police said calls of this sort are infrequent in this area, a fact confirmed by other groups. None of the local airports had any reports of UFOs, though the smaller airports said they close operations at dusk, though planes go up and down through the night.

Representatives of the United States Coast Guard in Fort Myers and at the base in Clearwater said they had received no UFO reports. Lt. Dan Scherer, in public affairs for the coast guard at the Clearwater airport said even if his agency received reports, they probably would not check them out.

Capt. James Papizan, at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa said Air Force planes would not chase something down low at night.

He said the military is no longer involved with UFO reports, and sightings are referred to a Washington (state) center for UFO study. He said the Air Force urges people who think their life and property are in danger to check with local police agencies.

Scherer said they get a few calls at night about UFOs. But calls in this part of the country are the exception, not the rule, said Robert Gribble, on the staff of the UFO research center in Washington. His agency,

which he said is part of a phenomena research study funded by a staff of scientists follows up on such reports.

Gribble said there are few reports of UFOs in the North American continent in the summer months. Florida is one state which has very few reports ever.

The "biggest sightings occur in Southern California and Pennsylvania," he said. The UFO center, in operation for 23 years, has observed no marked pattern of specific times of the year for sightings.

Two persons on the west coast of Florida, who are professional sky watchers, had no answers for the Gomeila's, but offered some theories for what the object might have been.

Ron Vargo, director of the Bishop Planetarium said as described, the object could not have been a satellite because they are dim, and generally visible in the sky for only a few seconds.

He said the planet Venus is low in the western sky now, in the early evening. He said sometimes the heat off the water and earth can create a mirage effect and make the

planets appear to move, as the light passes through the heat in the atmosphere.

George Baranski, FAA supervisor in the tower at the Lee County Airport, said while no one in the tower observed anything matching the object seen by the Gomeila's he wasn't going to say there was nothing out there.

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That flying object still unidentified

By JOE BAKER

An advertising plane whose flashing lights have been mistaken for unidentified flying objects in the past could not have been responsible for several recent UFO sightings in Jo Daviess County, says the wife of the plane's operator.

That and other possible explanations offered for the UFO sightings last week were disproved, and no other natural or man-made effects that could account for the incidents have been suggested.

The sightings occurred near Stockton in areas north and west of that city, the most recent the night of Aug. 22.

On that evening, Stockton Policeman Dennis Jagodzinski and Steve Allendorf, a Jo Daviess County sheriff's deputy, reported viewing a disc-shaped object with multi-colored lights.

Suspicions that the object might be the aircraft bearing illuminated advertising signs arose this week, since the plane has been linked to Rockford-area UFO sightings in the past.

The plane's flashing sign is legible only from directly underneath the craft. From the side at night, the plane appears to be only a collection of moving lights.

The aircraft is operated by Mark Lund of Rockford. Lund's wife said the plane was not in the Stockton area that night.

Weather forecasters at Greater Rockford Airport also said skies that night were clear and no significant cloud masses were in the sky. There were some meteorite showers but they do not fit the description of the object, forecasters said.

The sighting occurred about 11:30

p.m.

A. Reyner Eastman, dean of Rockford's amateur astronomers, said that would have been too late for the incident to have been a sighting of the planet Venus.

Eastman said the planet would have been out of view at that time.

Several past UFO sightings have turned out to be Venus, viewed near the horizon. But in those instances, Eastman said, light refraction from the heavy atmosphere produces a variety of colors around the planet.

Forecasters said reports of strange radio reception in the Rockford area last week, in which far distant stations were picked up, probably were because of magnetic storms or solar bursts.

Several people reported seeing a UFO (Unidentified flying object) last Thursday night. A flying object got me a little excited recently and it was no UFO. I was between Moline and Sedan one day when I looked up at my rear-view mirror and saw an airplane right on my tail. Needless to say I got a lump in my throat — for two reasons. First the plane was such an unexpected sight in a rear-view mirror and secondly I assumed immediately it was part of the highway patrol and in the next mile or so I'd be stopped

for speeding. I felt sure I hadn't exceeded the speed limit — still why was he so close?

The plane flew on ahead of me and followed the curve of the road and out-of-sight. I saw no more of it and neither did I see a patrolman. Then I thought, I'll get a letter in the mail from the patrol, but none came. I have no idea who it was or why he was flying so low but I'd rather he didn't buzz me again.

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Sightings of six UFOs in area reported

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Reports of seeing 'unidentifiable flying objects,' (UFO) by a host of area people are flooding the telephone lines as various officials from New York to Los Angeles try to confirm the phenomena.

It all started last night, when Dixie Blazier, Carmi patrolman and Clarence Marks, reported of seeing a number of red, green and white blinking objects soaring and sometimes hovering in the sky.

Many persons, including Dee Heil, Roy Hardesty, Mark Hall, Mike Gott, Trooper Eddie Paris, Delbert Brines, Jack Sanders, Kenny Usery and Ron Doty, reported seeing as many as six in the various sectors of the sky at the same time.

Gott attempted to take pictures of the objects that seemed to hover and then disappear. He said that the sightings began at 10:30 p.m. and the last one to be seen was at 5:12 a.m.

Telephone lines at the Carmi Police Department and White County Sheriff Department have been tied up all morning with law enforcement officials and other interested personnel trying to find out what was seen.

Gott said that he observed the unusual event from Midland Agriculture Center on Epworth Road. Other witnesses were at the Carmi Municipal Airport and reported seeing something out of the ordinary.

Other local residents reported seeing the same thing, (UFO's), for lack of a better way of describing the floating, hovering and then sometimes darting objects as they would come and go.

New source of tourists for Silver Lake?

By MICHAEL LEWIS
Journal News Editor

Working on a newspaper one tends to hear some fairly outlandish stories. Some, in fact, are out of this world. Such is the case with this story.

Unidentified flying objects or UFO's, have been sighted recently hovering over the Lake Michigan shoreline. Not only have they been sighted, the U.S. Coast Guard has confirmed, photographed and officially reported the UFO's.

It all started two weeks ago.

Several Silver Lake residents sighted "mysterious lights" in the sky Sept. 28. One of the residents, Mrs. Kay Barnes, called the state police, who were unable to send a car at the time.

The lights then moved out of sight, traveling northwest.

It happened again Oct. 1. This time two sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area.

Deputy Dave Waller observed the

lights for some time, along with Deputy Frank Steiger and several other persons, including Sheriff John Simmons. Waller described the object as having bright red, green and white lights, positioned at least one or two miles out over the lake as he looked northwest over the sand dunes.

Waller said the craft, which appeared to be quite large, would hover, then move left rapidly, then lower, then move right rapidly. The craft was either rotating or its lights were blinking, said the deputy.

"It was definitely a UFO, Waller stated. "There's no way a helicopter could be up that high or stay up that long.

"Whether it was something from another planet or something from another country, I don't know. But it sure made a believer out of me ... I think."

The sheriff's department then contacted the U.S. Coast Guard station in

Ludington. That's when the real shocker came.

Coast Guard observers confirmed the sighting of a UFO west of Silver Lake, but also sighted two similar UFO's — one west of Pentwater and one west of Ludington!

Coast Guard Chief Scott Richardson: "Our people observed that one (at Silver Lake) and two more. They were quite high up. I got a picture of one of them."

The film has been sent along with the official UFO report to the Coast Guard command headquarters in Cleveland.

Richardson and three crewmen watched the UFO's "moving at a high rate of speed horizontally, then stopping, then moving vertically and stopping." They all saw what appeared to be a very bright white light, with a red light on top and a green light below.

The UFOs were observed along the shoreline for about four hours that

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UFO's sighted just offshore

night.

It is not the first time this has happened.

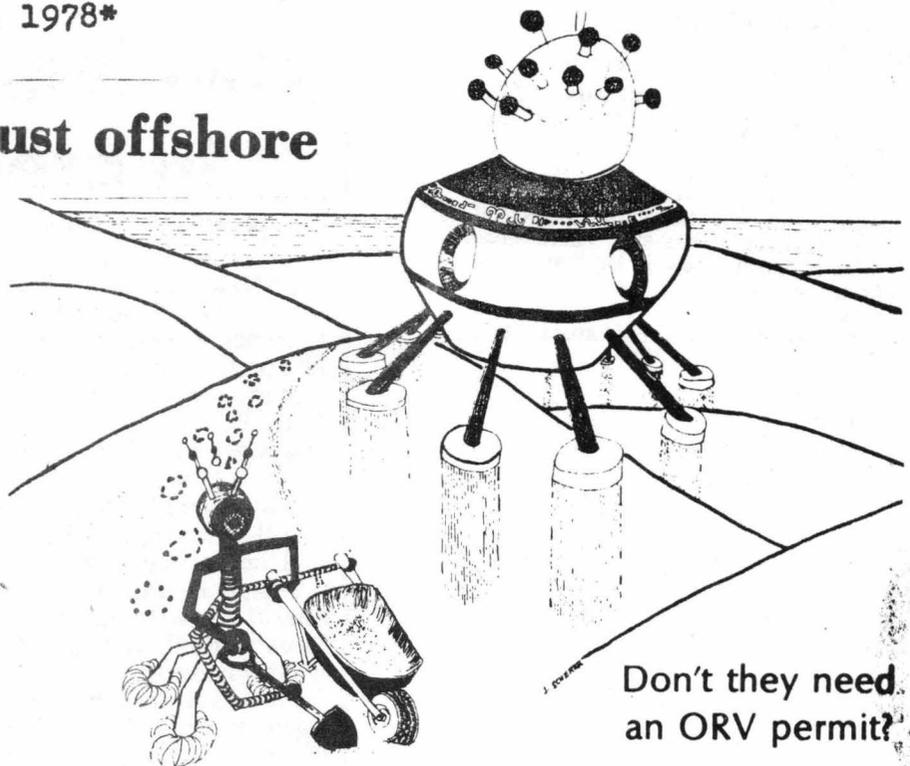
Mrs. Barnes said she and her neighbors have seen lights before but never called anybody about it.

And the Ludington Coast Guard had another sighting, just as eerie, July 28.

On that occasion the Ludington station sighted a UFO over the shoreline, heading northwest toward Wisconsin. Just seconds later the Coast Guard station at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., picked it up — without being first notified by Ludington!

That report was picked up and published in an August issue of The National Enquirer. The International UFO Investigation Bureau in Nappanee, Ind., also looked into the sightings.

Chief Richardson would not offer any professional opinions on what he has seen lately. But he did say, "I think we're crazy not to think that there's



Don't they need an ORV permit?

more intelligent life than us, but that's just a personal belief."

While these sightings will doubtless lead to boundless speculation, Undersheriff Jack Rought thinks he

may know what interest the UFO's have in the shoreline.

"The Martians are sand mining," Rought said. "They don't have any sand up there." □

UFO sightings reach unprecedented numbers

By BRUCE SANDHAM
Features International

In case you hadn't noticed, this looks like the year of the saucer! As President Carter authorizes a million-dollar American research program into unidentified flying objects seen over America, the United Nations is being urged to designate 1978 as International UFO Year.

And the reason for this flurry of activity: the number of alleged sightings of mysterious objects is now running at an unprecedented 400 a week!

This includes at least one close encounter with alien beings, according to the British magazine Spacequest which has investigated several alleged incidents involving motorists on lonely roads being attacked by mysterious objects.

Says a spokesman: "Nineteen seventy eight will be the year historians will recall as 'the year the UFOs came'. The year when our lonely isolation on the edge of the galaxy will be ended."

Today, 15 million Americans — including Presi-

dent Carter — claim to have seen an unidentified flying object.

"We are not the lunatic fringe. We don't believe in bug-eyed monsters and little green men," says Gabriel Green, president of the Flying Saucers Clubs of America.

"We simply maintain that with 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, it is a mathematical probability that life exists elsewhere."

Now the search for the truth about UFOs is hotting up, mainly because after two relatively quiet years, reports of increased sightings are now pouring in from every continent.

In Britain alone, the number of alleged sightings reported each week is five times last year's totals.

Even Hollywood is cashing in on the "saucer boom" — a \$35 million flying saucer epic, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, about aliens from another galaxy, is predicted to outsell Jaws as the box-office blockbuster of the decade.

It was made with the cooperation of some of the world's leading UFO experts,

including noted astronomer Dr. Allen Hyneck who has more than 60,000 UFO sightings in a computer bank.

"This film is not science fiction," he says. "All the sightings and incidents depicted have actually been reported." It is a sentiment shared by the film's director Steven Spielberg, who declares: "Much of it is within the realms of reality. I absolutely believe in alien life."

President Carter, who claims to have seen a luminous UFO in Georgia in 1973, has made a major contribution to "UFO year" by ordering America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reopen a UFO study shelves 10 years ago.

The President's decision was made after pressure by leading space scientist like Dr. Hyneck, of North Western University, Illinois, who recently told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: "I believe that a phenomenon exists and that former vigilance must be restored."

It was in 1967 that the U.S. Scientific Advisory Board appointed Dr. Edward Condon to conduct an official investigation into UFOs.

More than 12,000 alleged sightings were investigated by a team of astronomers, physicists, engineers and psychologists.

Their official verdict: there was no direct evidence that was totally convincing. But, unofficially, research went on. Now the pressure is growing to make these findings public.

As one of the leading experts on UFOs, Gordon Creighton, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, said recently: "Something is definitely happening in the flying saucer world."

"Every advanced government must know that something is going on but they are anxious to head the public away from the subject.

"After all, it isn't exactly reassuring to know that we may have enemies who are thousands of years ahead of us technologically."

Whatever they are, more people are claiming to see them . . . During the recent spate of sightings, seventy per cent were immediately discounted as hoaxes, misunderstandings or optical illusions, and another twenty per cent have been disposed of by further investigation.

But 10 per cent remain — cases which can't be explained away by conventional means.

What of the beings supposed to man these craft from other worlds? In Close Encounters of the Third Kind they are not green but a pinkish fleshy color — an appearance said to be based on reported sightings.

What should you do if you see a flying saucer in 1978? According to the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, these are the five points to bear in mind:

— Try to get someone else to witness it too.

— Try to photograph it.

— Check with air traffic control at your nearest airport to see if anything unusual was seen on their radar.

— Contact the nearest weather station to check the position of weather balloons and other equipment.

— Ask the police if anyone else had made a report.

And anyone with an eye to a little easy money would do well to drop a line to Steven Spielberg in Hollywood. He's already looking for a follow-up to Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

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Portuguese welcome UFO

Portugal (UPI) — Dozens of Portuguese bombarded the national radio station late Wednesday night with reports of a large unidentified flying object hovering over Lisbon.

According to the callers, the craft was a large round object festooned with bright red-and-white lights that flew about 150 to 250 yards above the ground.

A radio news broadcaster called the reported overflight a big event, although its reporters missed it.

"Being visited by ships from outer space makes us more cosmopolitan and helps our entry into Europe (the European common market)," the newscaster said.

Mysterious Flying Object Goes Over Collingwood

Heads up! It went that-a-way!

If you spotted an unidentified flying object in the night time sky, would you call anybody? You might not if you saw it once, figuring that people wouldn't believe you.

But if you saw the same object three times in the space of one week, you might call somebody to confirm your sightings and share in the mystery.

That's the way it was for Collingwood residents Frank and Betty Shannon who live in the blue house at the corner of Raglan and Hume streets.

Thursday night, at about 10 p.m., the Shannons spotted an orange glow in the sky. Accompanying the glow -- which was larger than a star -- was another star-like object at about 11 o'clock to the larger glow.

It was all puzzling and the Shannons watched the object as it travelled over Collingwood and then west toward the Blue Mountain.

At 10.20 p.m., Mrs. Shannon called Enterprise-Bulletin publisher George Czerny, who drove to their property from his own in quick order to see the sight.

Together the trio watched as the orange-glowing object travelled westward toward the horizon, all the time with the second "star" in continuing juxtaposition at 11 o'clock.

Then, just before the orange-glowing object disappeared past the horizon it turned red.

Altogether the object had been in the sight of three Collingwood residents for about eight minutes. The Shannons had been watching it for approximately 20 minutes, before Mr. Czerny arrived.

"And we saw it twice earlier in the week," said Frank Shannon, who discounts the theory that the glow was caused by flares which were being dropped on Department of National Defence property at Base Borden on Thursday.

The flare dropping exercise involved the use of new flares which were launched from a Hercules aircraft. The purpose of the flares is to provide sufficient illumination to permit night-time discovery and rescue of survivors in wooded areas by para-rescue personnel.

Mr. Shannon served with the armed forces and recognizes flares when he sees them.

The fact that the orange glow might have been a flare was further discounted when Captain J.R. Shaftee, executive assistant to the base commander at Base Borden told the Enterprise-Bulletin that the flare-dropping exercise was finished by about 10.10 p.m.

He said that all the flares dropped from the aircraft were recovered by armed forces personnel and noted that the maximum burn time for the flares is four minutes.

The flares, he noted would drop to earth, and not follow a trajectory towards a horizon. In addition, Base Borden -- where the flare-dropping exercise was conducted is south-east of Collingwood. The Shannons and Mr. Czerny watched the objects they described travel westward.

Captain Shaftee noted that he and a warrant officer had witnessed an orange-glowing object in the sky separately from the flares which were falling.

AN AIRPLANE

He said that close scrutiny of the object with high-powered, military binoculars proved that the object was an airplane which was reflecting sunlight coming at it from further west.

"This sometimes happens," said Captain Shaftee. He said that the day following the flare-dropping exercise he had received a call from a Huntsville resident who reported sighting a similar object to that described by the Shannons.

The airplane theory seems to be one that scientists at the National Research Council in Ottawa agree with.

A Dr. McIntyre from the astro-physics branch of the research council told the Enterprise-Bulletin that sometimes it is possible

for a high-flying aircraft, which appears in darkness to observers, to reflect light.

"The closer it comes to the horizon the more chance there is of refractive effects," Dr. McIntyre said.

He discounted the theory that the Shannon-sighted flying object was a satellite.

"Most satellites go from west to east," he said adding "it takes less energy to launch them that way."

Dr. McIntyre said that the National Research Council does not keep records of satellites in flight.

"JUST TOO MANY"

"There are just too many satellites," he said.

Could the object over Collingwood have been a meteor?

Not likely, either, he said since a meteor will "burn out" in less time than the orange-glowing object was viewed.

In Collingwood, Friday, word of the Shannon sighting was getting around.

"Did you get a picture of the flying object?" Howard Hewson asked George Czerny as they passed in the alley behind Hewson's store.

"No, but I called the research council and they think it was an airplane reflecting light," said Mr. Czerny.

"They wouldn't tell you if it wasn't," Mr. Hewson replied.

Now, tonight after dusk, if it's a clear night ...

Letters to the Editors

To the Editor:

On Sept. 20 you published a "TV Mailbag" item on NBC's "Project UFO" program. As a UFO researcher for several years, I was looking forward to the show at first, but it has proven disappointing. The UFO incidents it depicts are highly distorted, if not fictional. The actual sightings were as exciting as the NBC versions (or even more so), so "dramatic license" was not necessary. Furthermore, you would never know from watching the program that Air Force investigation of UFOs was, in general, careless, biased and of low priority.

You might well ask, "How can 'Project UFO' be so inaccurate if its producer was head of the Air Force's UFO project for five years, as he claims?" The fact is that the producer, William T. Coleman, never was head of the project. This in itself is a commentary on the integrity of the show.

Sincerely yours,
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P.S. -- My letter is based on the reading of 230 books about UFOs and/or the AF investigation thereof. In particular, I refer you to David M. Jacobs, *The UFO Controversy in America*, and J. Allen Hynek, *The Hynek UFO Report*, for comprehensive treatment of the AF's UFO investigation. Both also name the heads of the successive UFO projects, none of which was Coleman. Elsewhere (e.g., *Los Angeles Times* of April 28) Coleman claimed he was head of Project Blue Book from 1961 to 1964. The project was in fact headed during this period by Robert Friend (1958-1963) and Hector Quintanilla (1963-1969).

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Al Eberly was driving a wrecker on Highway Q between Iola and Scandinavia at about 4:45 p.m. last week when he saw a meteorite hit. He looked up and saw sparks in the air and then 100 feet in front of him an object crashed at an angle onto the gravel and pavement. It put an indentation of one to two inches in the hard surface. The object weighed 20 pounds and is 27 inches around. A radioactive test proved negative, but it did affect a compass, so iron was in it. There was also quartz crystal and it chipped easy. It will be on display at the Advertiser.

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Report UFO Sightings

HART, Mich. (AP) — Oceana County Sheriff John Simmons has seen unidentified flying objects twice this month. At least six sightings have occurred in Oceana and Mason counties since July 28.

Simmons radioed his department Tuesday night that he saw a UFO near Silver Lake. The department relayed the sheriff's report to the Coast Guard at Ludington, which had confirmed four earlier UFO sightings, but station officials said they saw nothing Tuesday.

Simmons was in Lansing on business Wednesday and could not be reached for more details of Tuesday's incident.

"It was definitely a UFO," Oceana deputy Dave Waller said of an object whose colored lights he saw near Silver Lake Oct. 1.

Waller said Sheriff Simmons and deputy Frank Steiger were among several persons who saw the same object then.

The large craft seemed to hover, move rapidly to the left, then descend, before moving swiftly to the right above the lake and at least a mile from shore, Waller reported. He added the object either was rotating or its red, green and white lights were blinking.

"Whether it was something from another planet or something from another country, I don't know. But it sure made a believer out of me I think," Waller concluded.

Coast Guard Chief Scott Richardson in Ludington said the Coast Guard saw the same UFO Waller did — plus others west of Pentwater and west of Ludington about the

same time on Oct. 1.

"Our people observed that one at Silver Lake and two more," Richardson said. "They were quiet high up. I got a picture of one of them."

But Richardson said his film along with a formal report on the sightings was sent to Coast Guard command headquarters in Cleveland.

Richardson said he and three other Coast Guardsmen saw lights in the sky that night "moving at a high rate of speed horizontally, then stopping, then moving vertically and stopping."

Sightings of a very bright white light with a red light above and green light below went on almost four hours Oct. 1, Richardson said.

The chief would not give a professional opinion on what he saw Oct. 1. But he did say, "I think we're crazy not to think there's some intelligent life than us. But that's just a personal belief."

Several Silver Lake residents called state police Sept. 28 to report strange lights in the sky but no troopers were able to reach the scene before the lights vanished to the northwest.

On July 28, the Coast Guard at Ludington reported seeing a UFO heading west across Lake Michigan. Officers at Ludington said seconds after the object vanished from their sight, the Coast Guard station at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., reported spotting a similar object.

Strangely, the Sturgeon Bay sighting report came before anyone in Ludington could notify the Wisconsin station.

UFOs Are Sighted Over Lake Michigan

LUDINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Sheriff's deputies and U.S. Coast Guard officials say they have had repeated sightings of brightly lighted, fast-moving unidentified objects over Lake Michigan.

"The lights were tremendously bright," said Oceana County deputy Dave Waller of an Oct. 1 sighting. "They made you dizzy to look at them.

"You don't want to get too excited about this because people think you're goofy, but I saw it and it made a definite believer out of me," he said.

Waller, 36, and his partner, deputy Frank Steiger, said they watched a strange object for about 30 minutes Oct. 1 as it flashed dazzling green, white and red lights and hovered in the darkened sky about a mile offshore.

Waller reported his 10 p.m. sighting to the Ludington Coast Guard Station, which confirmed seeing the object — plus three others west of Pentwater and west of Ludington about the same time.

Oceana County Sheriff John Simmons said he too had seen

UFOs but hadn't mentioned them until Waller and Steiger told him of their experience.

On Tuesday night, Simmons called sheriff's headquarters and told them: "The UFO is here. Telephone the Coast Guard."

Coast Guard officials at Ludington, however, reported seeing nothing Tuesday night.

A Coast Guard spokesman in the public information division in Cleveland, Seaman David Laird, said there also were reports of sightings in the western Michigan area on July 28 near Benton Harbor, Ludington and Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

He said the cylindrical objects reported at that time had strong red and white lights. They hovered 30 minutes, he said, and then moved noiselessly at about 1,200 miles an hour westward across lake Michigan.

A Coast Guard officer took pictures of the object and the film was processed. It showed only a row of six colored lights, Laird said.

Laird said the Coast Guard investigated July 28 sighting and turned up nothing to account for it.

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UFO that gets attention

is . . . Jupiter

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The planet Jupiter was a spectacle of colors Tuesday night in the east-southeast sky and sparked enough interest in Dumas that it was reported as a possible unidentified flying object.

About 12:45 a.m. Tuesday a woman called the Dumas police to report what she believed to be a UFO that was radiating red, blue and yellow lights.

Police Sergeant Robert Nugent checked the east-southeast sky then and didn't notice anything out of the ordinary, but about 3 a.m. he spotted the dazzling planet and was puzzled.

The sergeant reports that it "didn't quite resemble either a star or any kind of flying machine I had ever seen before," and called the UFO center in Seattle, Wash.

A spokesman at the center explained the lights were the result of a freak atmospheric condition that altered the lighting pattern of the planet Jupiter.

The UFO center also told police that the planet was to visible in the east-southeast sky again Wednesday night in a dazzling display of lights.

Two men on Smith Road report UFO

A Whatcom County man reported seeing an unidentified flying object Friday evening.

Russell Simonson, 1184 E. Smith Road, said he and another man, a schoolteacher, saw the object about 3:30 p.m. in the sky southeast of Smith

Road.

Simonson said he called the Blaine Air Force Station to report the object, but was told such reports weren't taken by the station. Other agencies, including the Washington State Patrol, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and

Naval Air Station at Oak Harbor, said they had received no reports of UFOs in the area.

Simonson said the object, about as large as an automobile from a half mile away, at first was round, and looked like a white balloon. It was moving

south, he said. Surface winds were from the southwest, while clouds were moving very slowly from the northeast.

As the object moved south, he said, it appeared to flatten out, and began to look like an airplane, except that no wings were visible.

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The UFO

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leaving at 8.45

Fireball mystery baffles experts

The mystery of West London's latest unidentified flying object has baffled the authorities.

Several possible explanations for the ball of fire seen every night have already been discounted.

The light has been seen by several people at about 8.45 at night.

It is said to move towards the west and then fade away in about seven minutes.

Jim Hale of The Avenue, Bedford Park, says he watched an object in the sky for more than half an hour.

Mr. Hale was driving down the M4 towards Swindon and reached Hungerford by about 8 pm.

There he saw a large glowing object hovering in the sky.

He refused to believe it could be a planet because it changed shape three times.

He said: "I'm sure hundreds of other people saw it as well."

The object first appeared to be a deep orange colour but changed to a blotchy kind of orange.

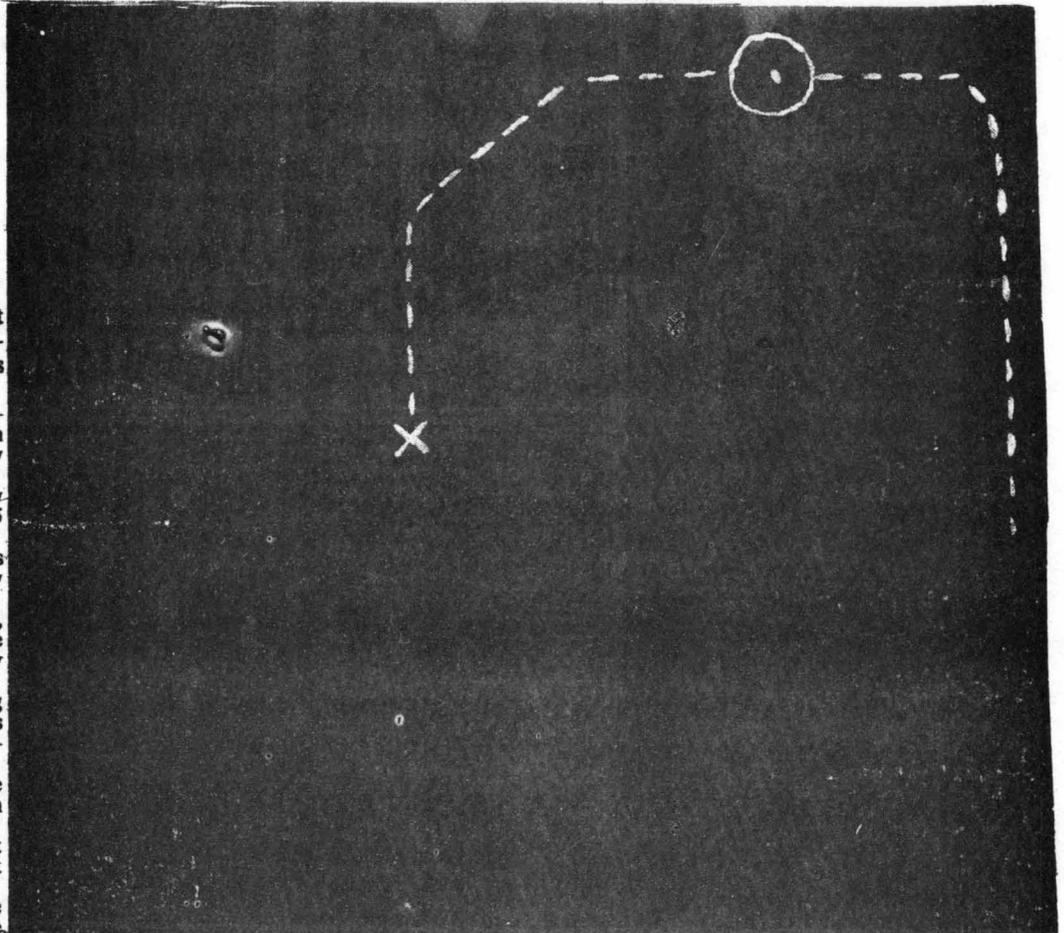
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The UFO has also been spotted at about the same time in the evening by a lady from Fulham and a man from Winchester.

All three said the glowing object could be seen in the west.

Mrs. Deana Godden, 66, of Edensor Gardens, Chiswick, who first saw the UFO, was disappointed to miss her nightly sighting on Thursday.

But she was shocked when she awoke at two on



● The UFO's route above Chiswick. It started from x and disappeared behind trees

Friday morning and looked out of the window.

There was an object at the place the UFO had been but it was bigger than she had ever seen before.

"I thought it has to be the moon but it vanished," she said.

Several explanations have been offered for the mystery.

The most likely was reflection from a bright light beamed nightly at the sky by the Met office at Heathrow Airport.

But a Met Office spokesman said the light is only 500 watts and could not be

seen from more than a mile away.

Another suggestion was that the light could be helicopters taking off from Heathrow on the regular Gatwick run.

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said the helicopters take off at 8 pm and 9 pm and the journey takes only 15 minutes. No helicopters would be taking off at 8.45.

The idea that the light could be a star, planet or a comet has already been ruled out by the Royal Astronomical Society.

Clippings

UFO sightings —experts to examine soil

SURREY DAILY ADVERTISER - ENGLAND
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SCIENTISTS are to examine soil samples from the Worplesdon area where UFOs have been spotted by several people in the past few days.

The soil has been taken from Whitmoor Common where a seven-year-old boy saw the shape of what he described as a spaceship in the heather.

Christopher Segwick, who is staying with his great-uncle and aunt in Gravetts Lane, Worplesdon, said he thought a spaceship landed in the heather.

The markings in the heather were clearly distinguished as they were dried up and ashy.

Christopher also saw a strange object fly past his bedroom window.

Several people have seen strange things in the sky at night at Worplesdon.

Many have seen a large orange and white light in the sky, about two or three times bigger than a star.

A teacher walking over the railway bridge in Farnham Road, Guildford, saw the strange light several days ago.

"The light suddenly disappeared as if someone had turned a switch off," said the

teacher, Mr. John Carter.

A bright orange and white coloured object, shaped like a saucer, was seen by a Worplesdon woman a few days later.

The time of both sightings was approximately the same - just when it gets dark at about 9 p.m.

The latest sighting was at the end of last week when a cleaner, Mr. John Burch, was on his way home in Worplesdon.

Mr. Burch, of Perry Hill, looked into the sky and saw two bright lights next to each other, hovering above the Worplesdon area.

The lights were bright, bigger than stars, and there were rays around

both of them. The time of the sighting was again at about 9 p.m.

Surrey Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena is looking into the reports, particularly the one at Whitmoor Common.

"We have taken soil samples from the area and we are having these tested for radiation," said Mr. Omar Fowler, of the investigation group.

A woman who lives near the common was woken up a few weeks ago by a bright light which lit up her house in the early hours of the morning.

This and other reports of strange goings on are being carefully studied by the group.

WREXHAM EVENING LEADER - ENGLAND
*****AUG. 24, 1978*****

Close encounter UFO

A Mold man was baffled when he saw a large orange light in the northern sky last night.

Michael Kinsey's close encounter came after 11 p.m. as he walked towards his Clayton Road home. He saw a large orange sphere in the sky above the nearby church.

claim

"It was three times larger on the horizon than the church tower and as I walked it changed its shape to a three quarter circle," he said.

Michael 22, watched as the UFO changed its shape again, gradually decreasing in size.

"It seemed to flicker and move as if it was burning," he said.

"After six minutes it became just a straight line and then after another minute it vanished. I had not been drinking."

UFO area

MELBOURNE: Bright lights in the sky over Bass Strait, where a missing pilot reported seeing an unidentified flying object, have been sighted by several King Island people during the past six weeks.

Reports of the sightings came from all over the island, particularly in the north, and were made to the police and to the King Island News.

The pilot, Frederick Valentich, (20), radioed from his light aircraft on Saturday night, that a UFO was hovering over him.

Minutes later his radio went silent.

No trace of the aircraft has been found after extensive air and sea searches.

Six weeks ago Sgt Jack Woodward, of the Currie police, was notified of strange lights or flares appearing off the north of King Island, near New Year Island.

Search

Three fishing boats from Currie searched the area and an RAAF Orion from Canberra also joined the search, but nothing of significance was found.

A nursing sister at the King Island District Hospital, who was travelling home, stopped her car in order to watch bright unfamiliar lights moving across the sky.

A letter to the King Island News on September 20 described a slow-moving light, which followed the writer and disappeared towards the light-house.

There were other sightings in Currie on the same night. Some people further north also saw a strange light passing over their house.

Another person "saw beautiful, strange lights outside."

Yesterday an RAAF officer said that Valentich was a hand-picked air-training instructor "because he was no fool."

Level-headed

Sqn-Ldr Ronald Grandy said that Valentich was level-headed and could hold his tongue.

Valentich was "common sense on legs" and this was why he had been chosen to instruct at the Air Training Corps headquarters in Melbourne.

Meanwhile, the rescue coordination centre at Melbourne Airport yesterday increased the search for Valentich.

Till late yesterday afternoon the centre had not received any reports of any trace of the missing plane or Valentich.

A maritime Nomad, an RAAF Orion and a Cessna 150 were searching for clues to the disappearance of his Cessna 182.

There was scepticism among Melbourne pilots over the theory that Valentich might have become disorientated and was upside down when he reported seeing lights above him.

UFO mystery: Nomad in hunt

MELBOURNE, Today: A maritime Nomad aircraft joined the search today for the missing pilot at the centre of a UFO mystery.

The Federal Transport Department said the Nomad—carrying four observers—would search the Victorian coast between Torquay and Warrnambool.

An RAAF Orion and a Cessna 150 were also in the air today around the area in Bass Strait where pilot Frederick Valentich (20) vanished on Saturday night.

No trace has been found of Valentich since he reported over the radio seeing an unidentified object hovering around his Cessna 182.

He said he could see a "long shape" hovering over him with "a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside." Valentich said his engine was rough-idling and coughing.

Then his radio went dead.

Valentich was about half-way between Cape



Frederick Valentich Otway and King Island, at the time.

Meanwhile there was scepticism among Melbourne pilots over the theory that Valentich may have become disorientated and was upside down when he reported seeing lights above him.

The pilots said this seemed extreme.

However, it was possible that light reflection from calm waters and the absence of an horizon at night could have caused some confusion.

Ronald Grandy said Valentich was "common sense on legs."

Valentich worked for the ATC on a voluntary basis and spent much of his time preparing for his commercial pilot licence.

Squadron-Leader Gaddy said he was sure that if the Cessna had crashed into the water Valentich would have got out and swum to land if it was possible.

Squadron-Leader Gaddy—who is staff officer training, for the ATC Victoria—said that Valentich's father was keeping touch with him to "we are living by hour, hoping for the best".

Probe centres on pilot's life

MELBOURNE: Federal Transport Department officials are investigating the domestic life of Frederick Valentich in a bid to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

The 20-year-old pilot vanished last Saturday night on a flight from Melbourne to King Island after reporting on his radio that an unidentified object was hovering above his plane.

A department spokesman yesterday that a human factor would be fully investigated.

The investigation would include Mr Valentich's proficiency as a pilot, his training record and his domestic background.

The history of his Cessna 182 would also be investigated, including its airworthiness, service record and the flight plan last Saturday.

The pilot's father, Mr Guido Valentich, said yesterday that RAAF Air Training Corps friends of his son were searching Cape Otway in case he had crashed-landed there and was lying injured.

But experts in the Transport Department believe that Mr Valentich vanished over Bass Strait and did not go elsewhere.

They say they have no proof that he was near Cape Otway because he was flying in uncontrolled air space, too low to be picked up on radar.

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DAILY NEWS - PERTH, AUSTRALIA
*****OCTOBER 24, 1978*****

PILOT'S FATHER: SON IS ON U.F.O.

MELBOURNE, Today: The father of missing pilot Frederick Valentich said today he believed his son was still alive and had been taken aboard a UFO.

His son's single-engine Cessna 182 vanished on Saturday night after the 20-year-old pilot reported an unidentified object hovering above him.

As the third day of a wide search for the missing plane got under way, Mr Guido Valentich said: "Maybe Frederick is miles away from the place where he disappeared."

Mr Valentich said his family was beginning to realise that perhaps Frederick might not return—though they still held hope.

"Every time we look at his photo it hurts our hearts," Mr Valentich said.

"Our four-year-old girl twins don't realise what has happened but my 12-year-old son Richard is heartbroken, particularly at night.

"The two slept in the same room and were very close."

Frederick was about half-way between Cape Otway and King Island, over Bass Strait when his radio went dead.

Today a Nomad aircraft took over from the RAAF Orion which has been scouring a 200,000-hectare area around this point.

Burnie police and State Emergency Service volunteers from King Island organised walking parties along the north-

ern coast of the island looking for wreckage.

A Cessna 150 continued a search over the island.

The only clue to the disappearance—a sample of an oil slick found in Bass Strait—was being tested in Melbourne today.

STROUD NEWS & JOURNAL - ENG.
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UFO Sightings

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Sir — With reference to the recent spate of UFO sightings as reported in the "News and Journal", the British UFO Society is responsible in this country for investigating UFO reports in this country.

We would be very interested to hear from any "News and Journal" readers who may have had sightings or are interested in UFO's.

Whilst some eighty per cent of UFO sightings can be explained in mundane terms, there remains a hard core of reports that are still classified 'unexplained'.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Rogers,
Chairman.

DAILY NEWS - PERTH, AUSTRALIA
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PILOT LEAVES STRANGE STORY

The Department of Transport has released the following tape-recording of the ground-air conversation between Melbourne Flight Service and the light aircraft missing over Bass Strait:

At 7.06pm, Pilot asked Melbourne Flight Service Unit whether there was any known traffic in the area below 5000ft.

FSU: No known traffic.

Pilot: Seems to be a large aircraft below 5000ft.

FSU: What type of aircraft?

Pilot: I can't confirm. It has four bright lights. Appear to be landing lights. Aircraft has just passed over me about 1000ft above.

FSU: Is large aircraft confirmed?

Pilot: Affirmative. At the speed it's travelling, are there any RAAF aircraft in the vicinity?

FSU: Negative.

Pilot: Melbourne, it's approaching from due east toward me. It seems to be playing some sort of game. Flying at speed I cannot estimate.

FSU: What is your altitude?

Pilot: 4500ft.

FSU: Can you confirm you can't identify aircraft?

Pilot: Affirmative.

Pilot: It's not an a-

craft. It's . . . (break in transmission).

FSU: Can you describe aircraft?

Pilot: It is flying past. It is a long shape. Cannot identify more than that. Coming for me right now. It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside.

Pilot then said the object vanished.

FSU: Confirm it has vanished.

Pilot: Affirmative. Do you know what sort of aircraft I've got? Is it military?

FSU: No. No military traffic in the area.

Pilot: Engine is rough- idling and is coughing.

FSU: What are your intentions?

Pilot: Proceeding to King Island. Unknown aircraft now hearing on top of me.

FSU acknowledged that message.

There was then a long metallic noise on the radio and contact with the aircraft was lost.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON WAY HOME

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A TRIP from their son's Up Holland home became a Close Encounter of the First Kind for Bill and Margaret Johnstone, of Skelmersdale.

As Bill drove them back to their Fern Close house on Wednesday night Margaret glanced through the window.

"I looked out of the window and thought to myself what a lovely day tomorrow will be as the sky was red, when it suddenly struck me that we had no sun that day.

"I looked again and to

my amazement there was a car-like shape hovering in the sky."

She pointed it out to Bill who immediately slowed down and watched the object circle and move out of their sight.

Bill drove on, but as they rounded the next corner the unknown craft was right in front of them.

It hovered long enough

for the couple to note a good description, it was a huge red car-like shape, but it did not glow, and there was no noise.

It stayed in front of the car windscreen for about five seconds before flying away at great speed into the distance.

Neither Bill nor Margaret were frightened, on the contrary they said they were fascinated and would love to see it again.

Bill said: "I know that I saw something which I will never forget. It's a great

shame that we cannot prove it."

No one else seems to have seen a strange object but as Margaret said: "We would not dream of making stories up, what use is that to us."

SKELMERSDALE & HOLLAND REPORTER - ENG.
*****JULY 12, 1978*****

Tape 'gap' heightens mystery of UFO

By JOHN PINKNEY and
ROBIN SOUTHEY

THE Federal Department of Transport is withholding parts of the tape recording in which missing Melbourne pilot Frederick Valentich describes his encounter with a UFO.

Mr Valentich, 20, disappeared over Bass Strait on Saturday night after telling of a mysterious object manoeuvring around his light plane.

On Sunday night, after the nature of Mr Valentich's disappearance was given to the media, the department released a transcript of the pilot's conversation with Melbourne Flight Service Unit.

The transcript allegedly covers six minutes — from 7.06 pm to 7.12 pm.

But the department's press officer, Mr Ken Williams, said yesterday: "The tape certainly runs for longer than six minutes. It could be half an hour. We released only the highlights."

Mr Williams refused to allow The Australian to hear the rest of the tape and said it was against departmental policy to release accident tapes before an official inquiry.

Mr Williams said that the "long metallic noise" which ended radio contact was still a mystery.

The department's transcript suggests that at 7.09 pm the pilot began to describe the object chasing him. It reads: "It's not an aircraft. It's ——" (break in transmission)."

A source indicated there was no break in transmission and that Mr Valentich went on to describe the UFO in detail.

It is understood that the pilot's voice on the tape is normal. There is no hint of panic.

The department is still treating it as a routine accident investigation. The rescue co-ordination centre and Australian Coastal surveillance organisation are continuing an air and sea search between Cape Otway and King Island.

Yesterday it was revealed that Mr Valentich filed only a one-way flight plan to King Island, despite his announced intention to fly there for a load of Crayfish and return immediately.

Girlfriend 'knows' lost flyer alive

SYDNEY, Today: The girlfriend of missing Bass Strait flier Frederick Valentich has told authorities she "knows" he is alive.

But Department of Transport officials admitted today they were at "a complete stop" on the pilot's disappearance after his bizarre Saturday night encounter with an unidentified flying object.

No trace has been found of him or the Cessna 182 he was flying.

Week-long tests on samples of oil slick found in Bass Strait had shown the oil did not come from an aircraft.

The girlfriend, Rhonda Rushton (16), has been interviewed at length by investigators.

"We told her we would keep details of the interview confidential," a spokesman said today. "We must abide by that."

Miss Rushton could not be contacted today.

Statements attributed to her suggested that Valentich had landed his plane somewhere.

The pilot's father, Mr Guido Valentich said today: "I wish what Rhonda said was true.

"But I think she was speaking from the heart, not from any particular knowledge or contact with my son.

"I still can't dismiss the fact that a UFO has taken my son.

"If Frederick did crash after sighting this object in the sky, he might be lying injured in thick bush country at Cape Otway

"He had everything to live for and had no fight with anybody.

"There is just no reason why he would fly off and stage his own disappearance.

"He was in the middle.

Those sharp-eyed men in outer space

MOSCOW, Mon: Soviet scientists reported today that two cosmonauts on board the orbiting Salyut 6 space station had developed amazing powers of vision.

In a report from the mission control centre, the trade union newspaper Trud said that on one occasion the two cosmonauts, flying at a height of 280km, had been able to distinguish a depression only 20 to 30 metres wide in a glacier.

In a second experiment, they estimated that another glacier was 200 metres from a specified point. Scientists on earth established that they were correct to within a few metres.

Trud's report, based on information released by scientists at the control centre, said that the experiments were programmed for the flight of Vladimir Kovalyonok and Alexander Ivanchenko after earlier cosmonauts had demonstrated similarly sharpened vision in space.

Another Soviet spaceman had been able to distinguish a shoal of fish from 280km. But some experts at the time had thought it was an optical illusion, Trud said.

In a similar report the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said that Kovalyonok and Ivanchenko, now on the 136th day of their record-breaking mission, had carried out a series of visual observations of the ocean.

They had been able to distinguish dozens of colour shades from deep blue to brown which not even the best film could pick out.



• A PILOT whose plane disappeared seconds after he reported sighting a UFO may have been flying upside down, says an expert. Above is an artist's impression of what the pilot, Frederick Valentich, reported by radio to Melbourne. If you turn the paper upside down you will get the impression of what the pilot may have experienced if he was flying upside down and seeing the reflection of the aircraft lights on the ocean.

THE cabin was suffused with green, a bright green light beaming down from the belly of the unknown craft.

Mantis-like, it hovered above the US army helicopter. Then, with a whoosh, it sucked the chopper skyward.

The occupants, Major Lawrence Coyne and his three crewmen, swear the vessel, a cigar-shaped craft 18 metres long and about six metres tall, dragged them 300 metres through the sky.

They came down to Earth to tell the world of their UFO encounter over Mansfield, Ohio, on October 18, 1973.

Now, exactly five years and six days later, we are waiting to see whether a young Victorian pilot missing over Bass Strait since Saturday will survive his UFO encounter.

Ufoiologists are already noting the similarities between the Coyne case and that of 20-year-old Frederick Paul Valentich.

Valentich, an Air Training Corps instructor from Avondale Heights, vanished in his single-

More dramatically, the last words he relayed to the Melbourne Flight Service, at Tullamarine, were: "Unknown aircraft hovering on top of me."

The Department of Defence has yet to begin its official investigation of Valentich's claim that the hovering object was indeed an extra-terrestrial enigma.

Explanations of past sightings have always been rational, logical and emphatically, down to earth.

Investigated

In 1976, the RAAF's special UFO unit officially investigated 39 separate sightings, throughout Australia. It handled about double that number by telephone inquiries.

to debunk the other 20 per cent.

In 1962, the US air force categorically stated that flying saucers did not exist. It said there was a natural explanation for virtually all of the 7369 sightings made between 1947 and 1961.

In 1969, a report commissioned by the US air force and endorsed by the National Academy of Sciences reiterated the same message; there were no flying saucers.

sightings in and around Melbourne — a phenomenon the RAAF attributes to the flying saucer season.

It is that time of the year again. A season when Venus is bright and illusory; when meteorites are zipping around the universe and when mortals are Uforic.

The flying saucer season has been recognised by many people from the late Lord Casey to Mrs Yvonne

president Paul Norman, describes as "one of the most spectacular Australian UFO sightings".

One December morning last year Mr Church found a large, burned ring in a neighbouring paddock. Soil sample indicated that the scorched ring was created by an electrical discharge.

Nine nights later, as they were driving home, the couple saw an orange-red object about moon-size slowly descend.

Dozens saw that 3128 strange object in the sky

As more reports of 'sightings' come flooding into the Free Press office the British UFO Society will be investigating claims an official said this week.

Following last week's story that Halstead ambulanceman Frederick Kibble had seen a 'UFO' over North Essex last Saturday night, well over 40 people have so far confirmed his story.

Nearly all the descriptions of the object are virtually the same, that it was large, reddish-pink in colour, hovering, noiseless and then disappeared.

We have had phone calls from readers in Alphamstone, Bulmer, Lamarsh, Pebmarsh, Sudbury and even as far afield as Boxford and the time is always the same between 11.00 and 11.15 at night.

Although Mr Kibble has had umpteen phone calls himself, the first person to ring us up was Mrs Mary Parker of 'Greenways', Alphamstone.

She and her husband had gone to the other end of the village to pick up her daughter from babysitting. She was waiting in the car when she suddenly saw a bright glow in the sky: "it was a reddish-pink and really brilliant," she explained: "and it was about as wide as the road, I rushed into the house to get my husband, but by the time we came out it had gone, I wish I had stayed

and watched it."

Two people in Cornard contacted us with an identical story, Mrs Joan Hillier of Bures Road and Mr Funnell, of 35 Raydon Way, as did two more from Bulmer, Mr Craig Niven, of 7 Park Lane and Mrs Bird, of Brickfields Cottage.

Obviously the 'sightings' are too numerous to mention but the furthest report comes from Mr Len Meekings who lives at Homefield, Boxford. He gave a similar description but instead of it 'disappearing' it seemed to be travelling in the direction of Ipswich.

Naturally enough we contacted the nearest RAF base, Wattisham, to see if they had any planes up that night but their Press Officer said as far as he could remember: "all was quiet" that night, but he will be checking with control.

But the British UFO Society who are based in London are extremely interested in the reports.

Official Mr Ken Rogers said that there is: "a great deal of activity around the country at the moment," with reports of sightings coming in from all parts of Britain.

The last time there was a big influx of 'sightings' was in 1976. In April of this year there were quite a few reports

but now things are really hotting up.

Apparently these things go in waves, and the more information they can gather, the more chance the Society has of finding out what causes this increase in 'activity' says Mr Rogers.

The main centre of activity is Warminster in Wiltshire, and Mr Rogers is going down there this week.

UFO crash claim

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An unidentified cigar-shaped object crashed and exploded in the market place of Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, on Friday night, the interior ministry said yesterday. Local radio said the UFO lit up the whole town before plunging to the ground.

Encounter of 3128 second kind

ANOTHER mysterious object in the sky has been spotted in the Cobham area.

Mr Glenn Warner, of Valley Drive, Gravesend, who was returning home in the early hours of the morning, said: "I was driving along Thong Lane and saw three red lights out of the corner of the windscreen."

He stopped the car and got out to have a closer look. He said the object

seemed to be square with tubular sides and was travelling at about five miles per hour.

He claimed the object, which was travelling in the direction of the Medway Towns, was not a conventional aircraft.

"Everyone will tell you that I am not the sort of bloke who goes around seeing little green men in Gravesend," said Glenn.

A week ago, Mr John Taylor, of Istead Rise, reported seeing an object hovering over Cobham Hall.

UFOs left organisms, congress told

LISBON, Mon: Living organisms from outer space were collected and tested in laboratories by scientists in Portugal 19 years ago, according to a Portuguese expert on unidentified flying objects.

The extra-terrestrial organisms were dropped from two unidentified flying objects

over southern Portugal on November 2, 1959, Raul Berenguel told the closing session of the first Siberian congress on UFOs in Porto today.

Mr Berenguel said he had personally observed scientific studies made on the micro-organism for two years.

A picture of what was said to be the extra-terrestrial organism was published yesterday by the Porto newspaper, Jornal de Noticias.

Witnesses said that for four hours, in broad daylight, they saw two UFOs which dropped a cloud of cotton-like filaments.

Organisers of the Porto congress said the filaments later turned out to be "living things about four millimetres long, equipped with tentacles ending in a three-pronged fork, and which took up defensive postures."

Mr Berenguel said the micro-organism had shown appreciable

strength during laboratory experiments, being able to bear weights up to 350 grams during the two years it survived after being captured.

It reportedly also put out a network of filaments several times, apparently in an attempt to get out of its glass container.

Mystery object 'was a UFO' claim

SEVERAL people in North Wales claim to have seen an unidentified flying object over the weekend.

People who saw the mysterious object in the sky on Friday night are convinced that it was not an aircraft.

"The object flew through the air with no noise. It could not have been a plane," said Mr. Maldwyn Williams, of 12 Penrhos Avenue, Llandudno Junction.

"I was with my son on Deganwy playing fields at about 9.45 p.m. on Friday, when I looked up and saw an object moving in the sky. It was about 2,000 feet up in the air, and was certainly not an aircraft," he commented.

"If it had been a plane I would have seen its anti-collision beacons. The object had no sound coming from it, and it was that close that if it had been a plane I would have heard its engines."

Strange

Another person who saw the strange object was Mrs. Shirley Bellis, of Rhos-on-Sea. Mrs. Bellis, of 147 Marine Drive, said: "Someone rang my husband, who is a freelance journalist, to report that they had seen an unusual flying object above the sea. My husband and I got hold of some binoculars and ran across to the promenade, where we saw what looked like a very bright star."

"The strange thing was that without the binoculars it looked white, but when we looked through them, it looked as though it was orange and green," she added.

A strange object was later seen by a motor mechanic from Newbridge, near Wrexham, Mr. Robert Davies, and his wife, who reported it to the police.

"We saw a large bright round object moving slowly in the sky, and watched it for about 1½ minutes until it set in the North East behind the mountains," Mr. Davies said.

Control

Air traffic control at Liverpool Alrport said that a flight from Dublin landed at Speke Alrport a few minutes before 10 p.m. There were no other flights reported in the area.

A spokesman for North Wales Police at headquarters said that they had received no reports of an unidentified flying object on Friday.

A spokesman at RAF Valley said that they had received several reports from people about possible UFO sightings, but they had not picked anything up on radar. He could offer no explanation as to what the object might have been.

● An 11-year-old Flint girl claimed this week that she had seen a fierce pink-eyed spaceman while she was riding her bicycle.

She said it came out of a silver, cigar-shaped craft, in a deserted lane near her home.

Spotter gets second sight of UFO

SEARCHING the night skies for hours on end has brought reward to Paul Gifford.

For the 21 year old farm labourer has just seen his second UFO in five months - and now he is hoping to make a hat-trick of sightings.

Paul, of Farnham Road, Odiham, had his first encounter with aerial phenomena in April when he saw what looked like a hovercraft in a field at Floods Farm, Dogmersfield.

It had three rows of windows, made no noise at all and suddenly shot off into the sky.

Since then he has been keeping his eyes peeled - and one night recently, while riding his motor cycle down Albany Road, Fleet, he saw a strange object moving erratically above him.

Paul stopped his bike and watched the object for a good 30 seconds. He said: "It was very high in the sky - much higher than a plane."

"It had a very sharp white light coming out of it. It was triangular in shape and moved in a triangular pattern. It was very erratic going backwards and forwards - that's why I am sure it was not an aircraft."

Then the object suddenly disappeared from view. Paul reported his sighting to Fleet police, just in case anyone else had also seen it.

He said he saw the object at about 11.05 pm.

Paul told the "News": "Having seen two, I now firmly believe UFO's exist. They don't scare me, they interest me and I will still keep on looking."

Both the RAE at Farnborough and RAF Odiham confirmed that they had no night flights operating in the Fleet area on that night.

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Cape Lambert UFO sightings

MORE than 20 people have sighted unidentified flying objects in the Cape Lambert area.

Three men on a workboat reported seeing a light resembling a red flare. This was corroborated by the Cape Lambert Marine Department's general foreman, Herman Goldner. The second incident involved a mass sighting of a UFO by more than 20 people on August 30.

A number of people filed official reports to the Royal Australian Air Force following the second sighting. Only explanation they could offer was that a satellite had re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

That explanation however does not satisfy Mrs Vi Garvin who sighted the

object on August 30.

"When I first saw the object, I thought I was seeing the cabin lights of a light aircraft. After moving horizontally for several minutes, however, the light commenced to descend vertically before going out of sight, making me think I was seeing a helicopter land," she said today.

Thousands of miles south of Cape Lambert, a young Albany man believes he may have accidentally found an area in Nanarup where an unidentified flying object has landed.

Glen Tysoe, 21, found a perfectly circular, burnt out section of grass, with a diameter of about 4 metres.

3128 Sightings

I WAS interested in the articles by Mrs. Carol Brown, of the Coalville Unidentified Flying Object Research Group.

It is true that during the recent UFO activity through the month of July, there have been a number of unusual sightings, some of which occurred during the hours of daylight. I recall that we have received four sightings of 'daylight spheres', two of which — those over Bramcote and Radford — were observed to have a "tail" behind them.

Another UFO was seen hovering over Hucknall, an orange/red ball of light in the shape of a sphere. During the month of July perfectly normal people from various walks of life have reported seeing UFOs in and around Bramcote, Radford, Kirk Hallam and Hucknall, etc.

It is untrue that 95% of sightings can be explained in some 'simple manner' as Mrs. Brown would lead us to believe. A more reliable figure would be about 40%. It will be readily appreciated that by their very nature the cases investigated usually do not allow the research worker to come to definite conclusions and so must remain on file; some, of course, may be reopened when 'new' information is uncovered or brought to the attention of the organisation concerned.

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CONCORDE IS 'SHADOWED' BY UFO

CONCORDE has been keeping an appointment... with a UFO.

People living near the supersonic jet's West London flightpath claim it is being spied on by a UFO as it comes in to land.

The UFO — described by eyewitnesses as a huge ball of coloured light — appears friendly.

Mysterious

It's just there for a peep at the supersonic jet.

First to see the mysterious "spy" was Mrs. Dean Godden, 65, of Edensor Gardens, Chis-

By **STEVE ATKINSON**

wick, whose flat looks out towards Heathrow airport. "About a week ago I had the shock of my life," she said. "A huge reddish ball appeared in the sky right in Concorde's path.

"I thought there was going to be an almighty crash... but when Concorde arrived a few minutes later it passed straight through it. It

looked as if it was keeping a watch on Concorde."

The next night Mrs. Godden's husband Ernest, 64, also kept watch. "I must admit I was sceptical," he said.

Shimmering

"But as I looked through the window, I could make out a very shimmering object.

"It stayed in the sky for about 17 minutes."

A Heathrow official said: "Nothing has been picked up on radar, so I can't explain it."

UFO expert Barry Gooding said: "I think it quite possible that UFOs from another planet are keeping watch on technological advances such as Concorde."

A thing that goes bump in the night

A BARKINGSIDE woman has been left wondering whether she has had a close encounter with a UFO. And the "thing that went bump in the night" could signal the start of a new wave of "saucer" sightings like those that swept the area last year.

At 2 a.m. on Saturday, Mrs. Marilyn Perl and her husband Martin were lying awake in bed at their Perrymans Farm Road home when they heard and felt a loud vibration.

"It was a terrible noise coming from above the house," said 22-year-old Mrs. Perl. "In the distance we saw some white flashing lights in the sky, moving very quickly.

"I phoned Barkingside police station, but no one else had reported it."

Peter Spinks, East London investigator for Essex UFO Study Group, said: "This is a fairly typical sighting, and we shall be investigating."

Mystery of UFO over an airport

AN air of secrecy surrounds the sighting of an unidentified flying object by airport traffic controllers.

Men in the control tower at London's Gatwick airport spotted a strange object in the sky

"The controllers definitely saw something," an airport spokesman said yesterday. "But they have clammed up over exactly what it was."

People living near the airport have reported seeing a saucer-shaped flying object giving out a piercing white light.

HARTLEPOOL MAIL - ENGLAND
*****AUG. 19, 1978*****

Hartlepool schoolboy spots U.F.O.

HARTLEPOOL schoolboy aircraft enthusiast Simon White, saw something he just didn't recognize in the sky — a silver rocket-shaped unidentified flying object.

Simon (11), was helping his mother in the garden of their Park Road home when he saw the object last night.

"At first I thought it might have been a balloon, but then I realized it was travelling over the south east," he said.

He described the "ship" as a cylindrical silver object which was in a vertical position, and oscillated from side to side.

Other members of the family saw the U.F.O.

Simon claims to be familiar with various types of aircraft and says he can tell the difference between each by their shape and sound.

"I couldn't tell what this was. It certainly wasn't like any aircraft we have in the skies," added Simon.

WREXHAM EVENING LEADER - ENGLAND
*****OCT. 5, 1978*****

FAMILY 'SAW MASSIVE UFO LAND IN FIELD'

Another sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported on Deeside. A family living in Lower Aston Hall Lane were woken in the early hours of this morning by loud humming noises.

They peered into the gloom to see a massive square object, rounded at the top, the size of a bungalow, in a cabbage field opposite their home.

The object was covered with bright flashing lights.

"We looked at it for 20 minutes, too scared to go out and see what it was.

"It was too big for a helicopter and kept making humming noises," said one of the family, who did not want to be named.

Sightings

They went back to bed and this morning examined the field.

But they could find no signs of disturbance or anything to suggest an aircraft had landed.

The latest close encounter follows a spate of sightings of UFO's in the skies over Deeside and North Wales.

MILTON CAN. CHAMPION - ONTARIO, CANADA
*****SEPT. 6, 1978*****

UFO spotted

It went zap and then it was gone

By Linda Kirby

The sun can play funny tricks on one's eyes, but on Friday afternoon, it was no trick of the sun that made Al Waters of 430 Broadway St., Milton, sit up and take a closer look at the sky.

According to Mr. Waters, a UFO with the appearance of a shiny piece of glass sped across the horizon at approximately 4.40 that afternoon.

"It was like the sun hitting a dime," he said of the object, adding he could not estimate the speed or the size of the ob-

ject he had seen.

"It just went zap from the east horizon to the west,"

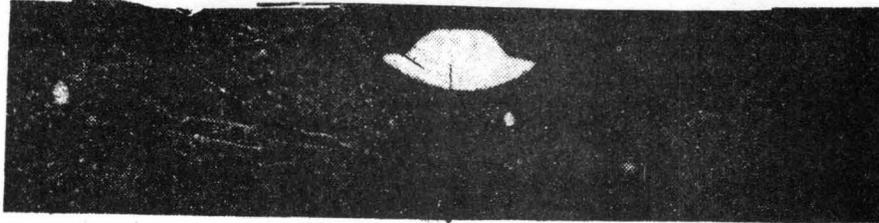
It was a hot summer afternoon and he was sitting outside by his front driveway with a rum and Coke (his first that day) when the flying unknown matter made its appearance.

"At first, I thought it was a reflection of something," he said, admitting he did have eye trouble in sunlight and wore sun glasses, "but I took off my glasses and it was there."

Although Mr. Waters does not describe himself as a great fan of watching for UFO appearances, he would be interested to know if other residents in the area witnessed the same happening on Friday.

"I know I was not just seeing anything," he continued, adding that he saw something similar five years ago, but the object was travelling in a different direction.

Milton precinct police said they had no reports of UFOs from residents in the vicinity.



Is something up there watching us — perhaps from a craft like this, pictured over Iran this year. It also seems that Darlington has been having more than its fair share of recent UFO sightings.

Time lapse?

THE skies of Darlington face a new threat. Not noisy aircraft or air pollution, but UFO's. Darlington faces a spate of UFO sightings like these.

● One early morning in June a bright light like a star was sighted. It then began to move at a speed faster than an aeroplane. The altitude was very high and the light soon disappeared.

A Newcastle University observatory spokesman said it might be a satellite illuminated by the sun but as the sighting occurred some two hours before the sun even began to light the sky this may well be doubtful.

● An orange flash seen for a split second at about ten p.m. this summer. It was only one flash and it was not an aeroplane.

● A bright light seen moving across the sky, not an aeroplane and it made no sound.

● A metallic object seen early one morning this month. It moved too fast for an aeroplane, made no sound and had no wings or visible form of propulsion. There is no explanation for this strange sighting.

Letters

● A saucer like shape seen moving rapidly across the sky this month. It was not an aeroplane and made no sound.

● A saucer seen to land in the Glebe Road area by a young girl. Again it's identification is unexplained but it was no known craft.

● There is someone who claims that each evening these UFO's land and she watches them. She is quite serious and cannot explain it.

These cases may seem isolated until you realise that the first five take place in an area south-west of the town centre. Five cases recently in the same area!

There is a theory in ufology that areas known as time slips exist. The theory is that there is more than one world here. We exist on one plane but another world exists here but on another plane.

The theory goes that at certain points these two worlds meet causing a time slip through which we can pass.

This has been born out by mysterious disappearances, such as the Bermuda triangle and the strange disappearances of certain individuals. But not only does it work that way, it also may allow things from that parallel world to slip through. This could well account for the strange UFO's and the odd coincidence of their appearing in the same spots.

It is just a thought but is it not possible that above the skies of Darlington there exists somewhere one such time slip?

I am sure that somebody somewhere in high office is sitting on vital information.

You only have to witness the hush hush tactics of the American government during the spate of sightings in the 1950's and 60's. One day we will find the truth.

Let's stop laughing at the people who say UFO's exist. Why should so many respectable people swear that they have seen them?

Makes you wonder who the cranks really are!

JOHN DEAN,
Darlington.

WILTSHIRE GAZETTE, - ENGLAND
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

UFOs sighted says group

SWINDON'S latest UFO society has been having some close encounters.

The Pinehurst - based Aerial Phenomena Investigation Club have notched up four sightings since they started a nightly skywatch one month ago.

And club president Adrienne Smith spotted several unusual flying craft while on a skywatch at Warminster on August 18.

"It was very spectacular," said Adrienne, of Wil-lows Avenue, Pinehurst.

"There were three objects jockeying for position in the formation, and I saw some spectacular aerobatics."

The latest sighting by the group was on Sunday, August 20.

A saucer - shaped object was passing low over Pinehurst.

"Pat, our researcher came running down the street," said Adrienne.

"The object drifted over to the Cricklade Road. It had no navigation lights but had a row of red lights surrounding it

Bromley's night flashes still a mystery

BROMLEY'S big UFO mystery may not have been solved after all. One eye-witness to the recent "strange glimmering light" and "blue ball rising into the sky," claims she has evidence to explode the theory of a railway line short circuit caused by a discarded cushion.

The UFO was spotted by at least five people above the Norman Park area at 3.45 a.m. on August 10, and fears had arisen that Bromley might be in for a visit from Outer Space.

Mrs Katie Payne, of Walwyn Avenue, saw a "brilliant white flashing light."

Mrs Barbara Bellmore, of Blackbrook Lane, saw the light through her bathroom window. She told the *Kentish Times*: "At first I thought it was an electric storm, as it was a very humid night. But I soon realised the light was concentrated in one area and was pulsating."

Mrs Frances Holley, of Herbert Road, Bromley Common, reported "a strange flashing light" resembling sheet lightning. "It was such an alarming experience I was compelled to get up and 'sky watch,' although I saw nothing more," she said.

Police suggested the light belonged to aircraft, but Mrs Bellmore said the light was

spread over too large an area.

Then British Rail came up with what seemed the logical explanation.

A diesel locomotive had run into a discarded seat cushion on the line at about 3.45 a.m. The collision caused the cushion's springs to touch the live rail, causing a "giant flash," and sparks being sent into the sky.

But Mrs Payne told the *Kentish Times*: "I live near the Bickley-Bromley South railway line and the light was coming from the opposite direction. Nor was there any sound of a train."

Now the British UFO Society has told the *Kentish Times* it would be very interested to hear from readers who may have seen a UFO.

The society may be contacted on the "UFO hotline" 794 3093.

● A fresh UFO sighting occurred on August 15 in Wellbeck Avenue, Bromley. Six-year-old Richard Ancient was looking out of his bedroom window that night when he saw a large object flying about.

He described it as a "black flat disc," with "blue, green and red lights." It circled the open space behind his home five times and then flew off.

THE STAR, SHEFFIELD, ENG.
*****OCT. 5, 1978*****

UFO sends Evelyn's washer berserk

By Jan Turner

HOUSEWIFE Evelyn Whitway told today of her strange encounter with a UFO which sent her washing machine berserk.

And two Sheffield school-girls have described how last night they made tape recordings when they saw weird flashing lights over Endcliffe Woods.

The two girls — Diane Bragger and Joanne Richards from Greystones, Sheffield — saw strange lights moving up and down.

They said the lights were accompanied by noises which did not sound like any aeroplane. They tape-recorded the noises.

Mrs. Whitway, of Deerlands Avenue, Parson Cross, has reported three sightings to the British UFO Society.

No wings

All three, she said, were frightening experiences, but the strangest one of all was when her washing machine began acting strangely.

"I've never seen anything like it," she said. "What I saw was a long object like an aeroplane without any wings. It was about the length of two buses and was a silver colour. It was travelling towards Grenoside but making no noise at all.

"As it travelled over our house the washing machine went berserk. Water and blankets in it started spilling all over the floor and there was a terrible mess to clear up."

Mrs. Whitway's first sighting was in January when she saw a large green object with fluorescent lights on it travelling over a nearby park. "It had hundreds of different coloured lights all around and it was flying very low," she said.

Her next encounter with an unidentified flying object was in August. "I saw a bright orange-reddish object that looked like a sort of upturned plate," she said, "and there were green and red lights around it."

A spokesman for RAF Finningley, near Doncaster, where a number of sightings have been reported, said: "We receive a number of these reports but when they are investigated they often coincide with an aircraft in that area at the time of the sighting.

"The landing lights of aircraft when seen at a distance are often mistaken for UFOs."

Strange objects 3128 in the sky again

By WILLIAM DAVIES

REGULAR U.F.O. (unidentified foreign objects) sightings have been reported in the skies above the village of Llanerchymedd over the past weekend.

Objects ranging from the size of a football to the shape of a banana were alleged to have been seen by the local residents.

The first sighting was made by a farmer, Mr John Roberts, Plas Gynna, while he was out in a field about 8 p.m. on Friday night. He noticed a bright white light coming towards him. It suddenly stopped, and then shot away towards the Valley Aerodrome.

Mr Roberts commented that in no way would the object have been mistaken for an aeroplane.

Mrs Pat Parry, 39 Maes Athen, Llangefni, was washing the car about 8.30 p.m. when a group of excited children pulled her to view what she later said looked like "a big ball of light, with rays coming out, no bigger than a football" hovering over a nearby field.

She ran back into the house to call her husband and when she returned the object was moving away towards Holyhead. Mrs Parry said that it couldn't have been a falling star, and that it didn't make

a sound.

Sightings were also made later that night about 10.30 p.m., when a shining object was seen to be moving slowly across the sky at high altitude.

Julian Burford, aged 17, of Flat 5, Maes Athen, a harden sceptic, went out looking for the objects, with a group of friends. They are now firm believers, having seen a white ball of light moving slowly above the trees in a nearby field.

The most spectacular sighting was made by Vivienne Roberts, aged 19, of the Vicarage, and her friend, Helen Hughes, of Maes Arthur. They were chatting to each other about 10 p.m. in the Square when they noticed a bright white light going on and off above some nearby houses. Then another appeared a few inches above.

A few minutes later both girls saw what appeared to be a purplish coloured triangle about the size of a door hovering

above the graveyard. It moved on towards a nearby field, and Vivienne heard the horses there neighing frantically.

She at once called the local policeman, and when they arrived at the field the horses were very nervous and sweating profusely.

Mrs Roberts, Vivienne's mother, said that when her daughter arrived home she was as white as a sheet and shaking like a leaf.

On Sunday night, 12-year-old Carmen Burford saw a strange object in the sky. It looked like "a banana upside down", and emitted an orange light from its underbelly. It was also seen by 48-year-old Mrs Martha Parry of Maes Athen.

Sightings are common in this area, and could be attributed to the aircraft at nearby Valley aerodrome. Last year at Rhos-y-bol, schoolchildren reported seeing UFOs and even men in silver suits, while only last week a sighting was made at Valley Rock.

Whether the residents have been influenced by the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" it is difficult to tell—no one mentioned having seen anything like this before. Considering the number of sightings over the week-end, there's a good chance that more sightings will be made during the week, and maybe an encounter of the first kind.

MYSTERY LIGHTS IN SKY

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THREE people think they saw a UFO hovering in the Dunkerton area last night.

Mrs Sandra Ellis, of 39 Wellow Tynning, Peasedown St John, and her five-year-old daughter Karen, saw a bright red and orange light moving slowly across the sky at about 8 pm.

By CAROLE CHARLTON

"At first I thought it was just the moon, but it started moving slowly and it was about as big as a saucer," said Mrs Ellis.

Mr Clive Gregory, 18, of 33 Brooklyn Road, Larkhall, Bath, was coming home

from his girlfriend's house at 11.30 when he, too, saw the light.

He was riding through Dunkerton on his motorcycle when he saw a very bright light hovering low in the sky.

"It was orange with bits of red and blue on it as well," he said.

"As I got closer to it, it started to move towards Bath and I followed it all down the Wells Road before it disappeared. It didn't really have any distinct shape," he added.

Dudley UFO sightings

Following the UFO sightings reported in last week's edition of the County Express there have been two further confirmations of the incident over Dudley

Mr and Mrs Cartwright, of Broadwaters, Kidderminster maintained that they had seen the same object as Mr MacIntosh who described the UFO as 'looking rather like an illuminated airship!'

The couple were alone at the time of the sighting and so unlike Mr MacIntosh were unable to call on other passers-by to confirm their sighting.

They stress that they have always considered UFO sightings to be nonsense.

A second confirmation gives a more detailed description of the object seen the same evening from the top of Mucklow Hill.

R. H. Tomlinson, of Hill Cottage, Mucklow Hill, Halesowen describes a 'long thin vapour trail' appearing from the south-east and extending in an arc towards the north.

The sighting describes an object only slightly coloured at first but more brightly orange because of the setting sun as it headed north.

The major part of the trail then disappeared leaving only a pale remnant to the south-east and a bright glowing short section heading north.

As the object drifted away towards Liverpool it became cigar shaped and finally looked like a bright point in the distance.

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Well, would you believe it?

VERNON WRIGHT would be the first to admit that it couldn't really have happened at a worse time.

After all, it was almost 5.30 a.m. and the party had gone on a little longer than he had told his wife it would. And he was, well - a little tired!

So when he went to bed he was relieved to find his wife asleep. Perhaps it would be best to let Vernon describe what happened next.

"I know it sounds daft but there was a white brilliant flash as this thing shot across the sky. There was no noise no bang, so it couldn't have been a plane. Anyway, it was going far too fast for that.

"I jumped out of bed and shouted something to the wife. She woke and saw it too. If she hadn't seen anything and it had just been me I wouldn't have

believed it, but there were two of us who saw it so it must have been there mustn't it?

"I feel a bit silly about it really. I told my workmates but they didn't believe me. But it's been annoying me all the time since and I didn't know whether to report it or anything. Now I've got it off my chest though I'm glad because I know we saw something."

That's Vernon's story and he's sticking to it - despite what he knows people may think. As far as he and his wife Cath are concerned, they saw a UFO flying from north to south across the Llangollen valley, early last Saturday morning.

The couple of Glen Lea, Llangollen Road, Acrefair, seem to be on their own for local police have had no reports of sightings from anybody else.



Vernon and Cath Wright point out where they saw their UFO.

A new UFO sight

THERE has been another UFO sighting over High Wycombe. On Monday at about 11 p.m., Mrs Edna Freeman, of Shelley Road, went up to her bedroom, which overlooks the town centre, looked out of the window and called out to her husband: "Quick, Jack, it's here!"

Her husband went up straight away - but the object had suddenly disappeared.

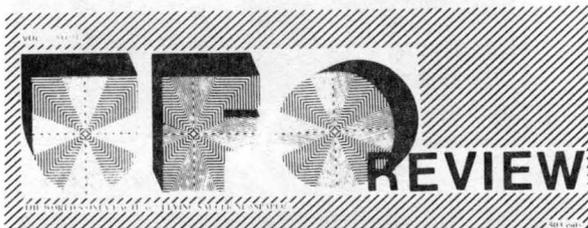
"It was huge", said Mrs Freeman. "It was a bright light, saucer-shaped - and there were beams of light coming from it, like a torch, pointing upwards."

Mrs Freeman said the object appeared to be above the Octagon. It did not move, and when it disappeared, it was just as though somebody had turned off an electric light. "It was bigger than a star, or an aeroplane", she added.

Before this sighting, Mrs Freeman said she had not thought much about UFOs (unidentified flying objects) - but she has no doubt about what she saw.

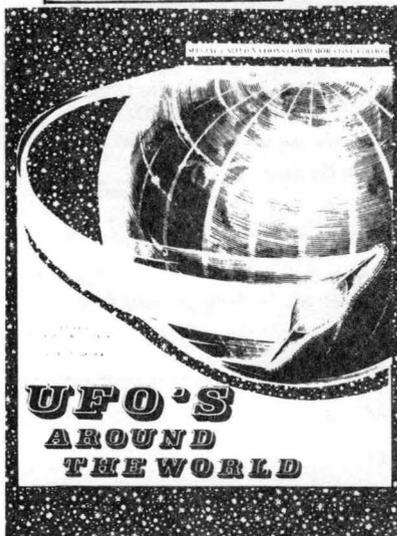
It was in March this year that a UFO was reported by Mr Richard Hone (65) and his wife, Ivy, of Hammersley Lane, who watched from their bedroom window as a large round bright light hovered in the sky over Fennells Wood. Other sightings in the area were at Wooburn Green last summer, and a few days later, at Forty Green.

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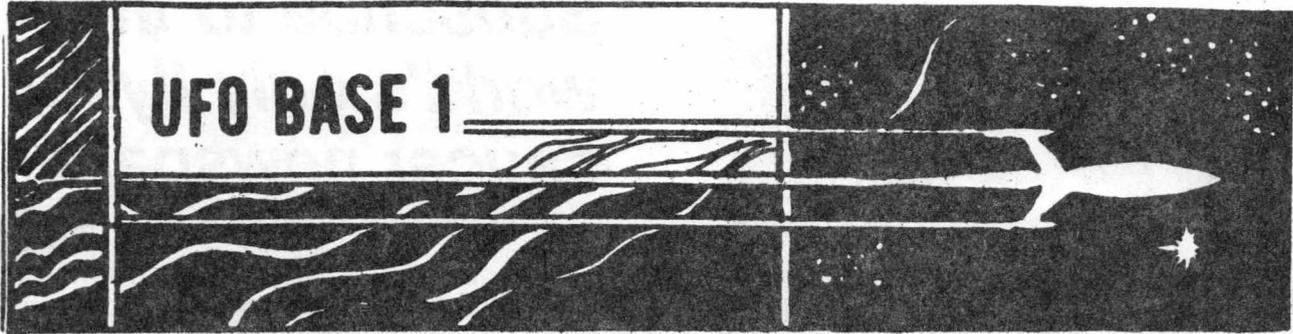
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