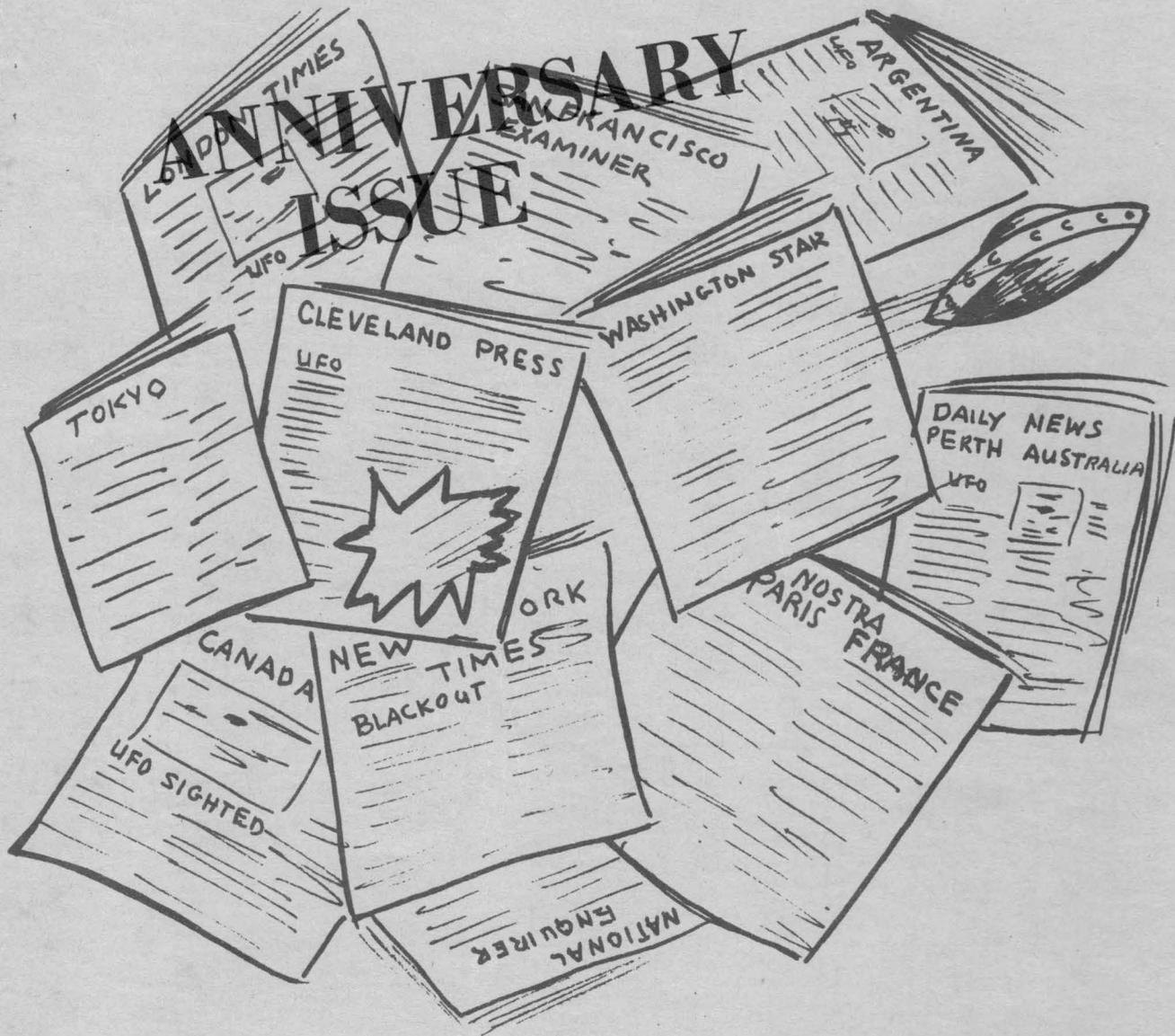


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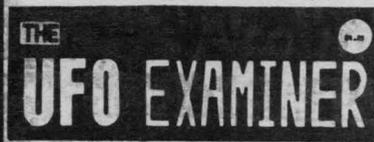


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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Film of UFO at Ludington has vanished

Photographer doubts if picture came out anyway

By MIKE READY
Record-Eagle staff writer

LUDINGTON — Film that may contain a photograph of an unidentified flying object (UFO) seems to have vanished.

Scott Richardson, chief petty officer at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Ludington, snapped a photo at 10:45 p.m. Oct. 1 of a bright moving UFO. Dozens of other people in the area also reported seeing a similar object the same night, and on several other nights.

Richardson says he sent the film to Coast Guard District Headquarters in Cleveland by dropping it in the mailbox outside the Ludington Post Office at 5 p.m. Oct. 5.

District headquarters in Cleveland still had not received the film this morning.

Ninth District Congressman Guy Vander Jagt has been inquiring about the film, saying people in his district would like to see the picture. He says he's been assured that the photograph will be released if and when the film is received and developed.

Richardson, who described the UFO as "a light twice as bright as a star, about 15 or 20 miles south of the station here," says he doubts that the film will accurately reflect what he saw.

"I'm not an experienced photographer," he says. "I've had the camera about a year. I've had three pros tell me there's probably nothing on the film."

He says he shot just one frame — at f-16 with "bulb" shutter speed that he kept open "less than half a second."

Richardson says his superiors in Cleveland gave him the option of having the film developed locally, then sending them a print — or sending the film directly to Cleveland for development.

"I'd only shot four frames, and I wasn't going to pay for the whole roll. So I sent it to them," Richardson explained this morning. "I really don't think there's going to be anything on it."

He said that a television network news program already has shown a photograph of what may have been the same UFO. He says that photo was taken by someone in Wisconsin July 28.

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

Asked for his opinion of what he saw, Richardson said: "I think we're crazy not to think there's more intelligent life than us, though that's just a personal belief."

Sheriff's deputies in the Ludington area also reported seeing the UFO that night.

"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," Deputy Dave Waller said.

Post office officials are attempting to locate the film. They say complaints of lost mail are "extremely unusual" and add that 90 percent of the complaints can be traced to people forgetting to mail the envelope or package, misaddressed labels or wrong zip codes.

BOSTON GLOBE - MASS.
OCT 25, 1978***

A flurry of UFO sightings has been reported in Melbourne, Australia, following the disappearance of 20-year-old Frederick Valentich, a flying-saucer believer who radioed that a long object with flashing lights was pursuing his small Cessna airplane, until Valentich's transmission abruptly was cut off. Valentich's last words were: "It's not an aircraft, it's..." Meanwhile, the Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., said that its sister organization in Grosland, Australia is investigating the UFO reports and Valentich's disappearance.

Halloween Comes Early for Barry County Family

By CLIFF KIDDER
Globe Staff Writer

JENKINS, Mo. — Halloween came early to the Marlett Sturgell farm near here when something eerie visited them during the early morning hours Sunday. Details of the incident were not released by the Barry County Sheriff's Department until Wednesday.

Officially, it is being listed as an unidentified flying object by the sheriff's department. But to six members of the Marlett family it will be something long to remember.

The UFO story began when Mrs. Dora Sturgell awakened at her usual hour of 6 a.m. and noticed a white, round object in the field below her home. She spotted it after looking for coyotes to show her grandson who was visiting with his parents from Kansas City.

"At first I thought it might be a piece of paper or plastic laying in the field" Mrs. Sturgell said Wednesday. She later told her husband of the peculiar object after becoming more suspicious.

It was about 7 a.m. and

the sky was clear when Sturgell decided to take a close look at the object in the field, thinking it might be a piece of an airplane that may have crashed, Mrs. Sturgell says. When Sturgell approached the object, it rose into the air about fence-post high. Five members of the family watched from the front porch of the farm house while the object lifted off, Mrs. Sturgell explains.

She said the flying object then soared to tree-top level, flying first toward the west, and then coming back toward Sturgell, finally going north. At that point the object appeared as big as an airplane, Mrs. Sturgell says.

After the object lifted into the morning air it appeared to be silver in color; one part of it was black and slightly oval, Mrs. Sturgell says. The closest any member of the family got to the object was about 200 feet, Mrs. Sturgell reports.

When the family went to investigate where the object had been seen in the field they found an area about four feet in diameter that had been disturbed. According to Mrs. Sturgell, an area about "as big as a number three washtub" was burnt. Some leaves in the area had been burned, likewise, and the grass was discolored and crisp, Mrs. Sturgell adds.

The Barry County Sheriff's Department received the reported sighting about noon on Sunday and after filling out reports contacted a UFO investigation

center in Chicago. According to the sheriff's department, a spokesman for the center instructed department personnel to keep the matter under wraps until

they could send an investigator into the area; the investigator is expected to arrive Saturday.

The sheriff's department took samples of the grass and the soil where the "craft" was said to have landed.

The Sturgells have lived on their farm for almost 20 years and, according to Mrs. Sturgell, have not ever seen anything like the object before.

"We really didn't want to call the sheriff's department," Mrs. Sturgell says.

"If it hadn't been for our daughter's insistence and her placing the call we would probably have never reported it at all."

In the meantime, the Sturgells have covered the area with a tarp to keep humans and animals, alike, off the site until it can be determined exactly what or who visited them.

GREEN BAY, WISC. - NEWS
*****OCT 24, 1978*****

Argentinian officials say UFOs were lasers

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (UPI) — City officials said Monday the unidentified flying objects that caused traffic jams in Buenos Aires were not UFOs but merely laser beams bouncing off clouds.

"The appearances of images in cloud banks ... is the result of tests that are being made at the Buenos Aires planetarium with a laser beam that is part of the sound and light effects of an upcoming movie," the official said.

Traffic came to a halt on one of the major avenues of Buenos Aires Sunday night as people got out of their cars to stare at the lights passing overhead. Thousands of people crowded the street, many with binoculars and cameras, and applauded the

WEATHER BALLOON OR NOT?...

U.F.O. Reported In Highlands

Sunday morning there was quite a bit of excitement in the Highlands area. Several

local people reported seeing a strange object in the sky.

It began around 7 a.m. as a couple of men started to enter Pennington's on Main Street. Employees thought something strange was going on as the men continued looking up into the sky over the roof-top of Pennington's. Finally one of the men entered and said that there was a UFO in the sky.

At the same time three Highlands men were traveling down Thompson Road on their way fishing. As they turned on to I-10 Mr. Edwin E. Thompson said he saw something sort of flash out of the corner of his eye. He looked in that direction and could not believe what he was seeing.

He asked the other two men with him, Malcolm Cox and Billy Cox, also of Highlands, if they were seeing the same thing he was. The Cox brothers agreed and said that they had never seen anything like it.

Mr. Thompson said, "We continued to watch the object as we drove to Mont Belvieu and it never moved." He estimated it to be approximately 20,000 to 30,000 feet up in the sky and appeared to be sort of diamond shaped and was deep purplish blue in color. "Each point of the object seemed to have a white flashing light," he said.

The three men readily agreed that it was not any type of aircraft. Nor did they think it was a weather balloon for the clouds were moving but the object was not.

Mr. Thompson stated, "It was really weird. We watched it for about 25 minutes and

the whole time it remained stationary. All of a sudden it just seemed to disappear."

The Star contacted personnel at the Houston Museum of Natural Science Planetarium and was told that they had received other reports of a strange object being sighted in the area around the same time. Several employees of U.S. Steel also reported seeing the object as they were enroute to work.

Johnny Brazzil, of Baytown, also saw the object, which instigated so much excitement, and he is firmly convinced that it was a weather balloon. Johnny said, "I have seen weather balloons before and I feel sure that this was definitely one. But for someone who has never seen a weather balloon before it is very understandable why it could be mistaken for a UFO. Weather balloons usually have vivid colors and appear to have flashing lights."

MILFORD, MICH. - TIMES
*****OCT 25, 1978*****

UFO passed her, too

Huron Valley

"I think that I saw the same thing," said Mary Martin, owner of The Clothes Cellar in Milford.

What Mrs. Martin is referring to is a suspected unidentified flying object allegedly seen by two high school juniors last week while the pair were driving along North Milford Road.

Mrs. Martin said she saw something that resembled the object described by the two girls about two hours before the girls witnessed the flying object.

"I saw the object while I was driving about 7:20 p.m. on Sleeth Road. . . at the time I just believed I was seeing things, but after what the girls said, I think I saw the same thing," Mrs. Martin said.

On the same night, UFOs were reported from other areas in the state.

MARTINBURG, W.VA. - JOURNAL
*****OCT 25, 1978*****

Sky Sightings Are Reported

Residents of western Morgan County, like others in West Virginia, particularly in the Charleston-Parkersburg area, are reporting "strange happenings" in the sky over the past four days.

Reports locally range from suspicions of spy satellites to Unidentified Flying Objects to natural phenomenons from atmospheric conditions.

At any rate, some residents of the Great Cacapon area have been observing flashing, multi-colored lights in the sky.

COLUMBIA, PA. - NEWS
*****OCT 28, 1978***

THREE CHILDREN

SIGHT "UFO" FRONT PAGE

COLUMBIA — Three youngsters in the area of the 800 block of Houston Street, reported seeing what they believed to be a "UFO" this week.

The three girls, Kim Manuel, Diane Roye and Shirley Lehman, all reported seeing a light in the sky shaped like a triangle.

UFO's Continue To Be Seen Over State

It has been a big week for UFO watchers in West Virginia. People in at least a half-dozen counties have seen strange lights in the sky since the weekend.

Similar reports came from parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Eleven law enforcement officers in Wood County Wednesday watched mysterious lights hover over Parkersburg for more than three hours. They said one of the lights moved off

to the south, toward the community of Elizabeth.

The officers said the lights were red, white, blue and green.

At Johnstown in southern Pennsylvania, early morning listeners began calling a radio station to ask about "a cluster of lights" in the sky.

A talk show took up the subject and about 50 persons responded to verify the sighting.

Most agreed there were four lights, red and white, in a rectangular formation.

They were bigger than stars and just glowing, not flashing, said a caller.

At least five persons who called the station were police officers on their way home from work.

Earlier in the week, UFO sightings were reported in Kanawha, Morgan, Mason, Putnam, Cabell and Roane counties in West Virginia and Gallia County in Ohio.

Many persons said the lights were stationary. Others said the lights stayed for a while in one place and then zipped off at great speed.

The Center for UFO studies at Evanston, Ill., said it had received several UFO reports by telephone from West Virginians.

At Marshall University in Huntington, a physics professor

said there are certain atmospheric conditions that could cause ground lights to reflect in the sky.

PORTERVILLE, CAL. - RECORDER
*****OCT 18, 1978*****

Springville Woman Saw UFO?

"I thought at first it was a star" but its quasi-cigar shape and its disappearance to the northeast in just "a couple of minutes" convinced Alice Wilder of Springville that she was not stargazing last Friday evening.

She was mowing the lawn at her home in the early evening, she said, when a 10-year-old neighbor boy called her attention to something about the luminosity of a star, almost directly overhead.

It apparently was very high, she said, but it appeared to be traveling slowly from the south to northwest. It grew smaller and smaller and vanished from sight in a very short time.

It was rather long, she said, came "kind of to a point" and certainly was nothing like a comet or a shooting star which she can identify.

She noticed no aura of radiation, change of color or sound, Wilder said.

ROSELLE, ILL. - HERALD
*****OCT 17, 1978***

Search for lost plane ends happily

UFO A NEW CURAWI SIGHTING # 7424

It was almost like a Keystone Cops comedy.

A radar blip, apparently representing a small aircraft, disappeared from the screen of an air traffic controller at O'Hare International Airport Monday afternoon.

The loss of that elusive little light touched off an air search and a massive ground search by six squad cars from three different law enforcement agencies.

The worst fears were realized when they spotted the wreckage of an airplane near Bartlett.

But the incident had a happy, although puzzling, conclusion. The downed plane turned out to be a plane owned by a farmer that had been sitting in his field since June. However,

no one could explain where the blip — er plane — went.

CHANCES ARE, said one official from the Federal Aeronautics Administration office in Des Plaines, there was no plane there to begin with.

"O'Hare said they saw a plane go off the radar," DuPage County Sheriff Richard Doria said. "They lost it."

"We checked with our airport and they finally found a plane — we thought it was the (missing) plane."

However, the plane sighted in a field south of West Bartlett Road and east of Dunham Road had been on the ground for months, Doria said.

"We had about six squad cars running all over hell trying to find it," he said. Kane County and DuPage county deputies and Bartlett police combined in the search effort.

I Never Saw Nuthin Like This. . .

Multicolored 'It' Spotted

No one's calling it a flying saucer, mind you.

It may have been the full moon. Or maybe it's that Halloween is just around the corner.

But there was something up there in the sky southeast of Durant early this morning, along about 2:30 a.m. on. Green and red and blue and orange.

Dogs barking at it woke up the Leonard Hobson family. Lake deputy Don Payne was skeptical until he made a short run down SH 78 and laid an eyeball on it.

"I never saw nuthin' like

this," he radioed police dispatcher Steve Teeples. It was just hovering there, "probably a thousand feet up, and I'm guessing at it," Payne said. "It went straight up — it was gone before you could turn around on it.

"I'm beginning to wonder whether I've been putting in too many hours or something."

Payne said the Hobsons told him there were three of the whatever-they-were. One went north, one south, and the third hung around long enough for Payne to see it.

If there's any consolation, they weren't alone. Police in Tishomingo, Ardmore, and in Denton and Gainesville, Tex., also had seen the multicolored "it." All were reluctant to say anything out loud until they found out there were sightings in other cities.

The highway patrol contacted Tinker AFB to ask a radar sweep.

There is nothing in the area, came the reply, but civilian and private aircraft.

And a full moon.

YUMA, ARIZ - SUN & SENTINEL
*****OCT. 19, 1978*****

UFO reported here

Several people reported seeing a bright red light that hung in the sky northeast of Yuma for 15-20 minutes at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

One caller told The Sun that after awhile, a smaller red light dropped straight down from the larger one. Then the smaller one disappeared. A short time later, the caller said, the large light began moving slowly across the sky and then suddenly sped off.

The Sun contacted the Arizona Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, and a spokesman there said nothing in nature would produce such an effect. The spokesman did say that Capella, a bright star that produces blue, red and green colors, would be in that area of the sky about that time. But he added that Capella wouldn't produce the effect described by the caller.

Capt. Michael De Rose of Yuma Proving Ground said the base was testing aircraft in that section of the sky. He said the wing lights on the aircraft were red. "However, we were doing nothing that would produce a hanging red light," he said.

MCAS reported it wasn't conducting testing of an type at that time.

PORT AUSTIN, MICH. = NEWS
*****OCT. 18, 1978*****

'UFO s' Fool Lake Huron Residents

Dozens of shoreline residents flooded police department phone lines with reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) Friday night over Lake Huron.

But as it happened under similar circumstances two years ago, there was a logical explanation.

The "lights" were flares released from aircraft about seven miles offshore. The exercise was part of a training in rescue techniques carried out by Wurtsmith Air National Guard in Oscoda.

But as it did on Sept. 21, 1976, the flares were mistaken for UFOs.

Several reports said the sky was "lit up" as far away as Uby. Hundreds of spectators gathered to watch near the shoreline, and dozens of others jammed switchboards with calls reporting the incident.

Citizens, Police In Four Counties Report UFOs To Authorities

By DAVID GREENFIELD
Of The Daily Mail Staff

Residents, city policemen, state troopers and radar operators in four counties all saw something in the skies this weekend.

Police authorities in Kanawha County alone received more than 30 calls of UFO sightings — hovering oval-shaped objects lighted in blue and green and white. Officials in Roane, Mason and Putnam counties received, and issued, similar reports.

From Friday night until early Sunday morning, authorities were besieged with calls. Most of the sightings reported groups of three objects, with multicolored and flashing lights.

The first sighting reports came from the Spencer area Friday night. Saturday night, state trooper Gary Williams saw "some bright lights, high up, with some green and white and blue mixed in." Williams said a companion viewed the objects through a telescope, and reported "that they seemed to have some sort of oval shape."

Photographs of the objects sent by Williams to the state police photo lab in South Charleston were developed this morning and enlarged. "What we have right now are little blips of light at a distance, some of them streaked as if they were moving," said Cpl. D. A. Egnor of the state police lab.

Egnor said the light blips were photographed at a distance that "doesn't al-



low us to see any shape or make any identification."

Bill Wallick, with the Federal Aviation Administration, said Saturday's 9 p.m. sightings in Spencer coincided with radar readings that showed "three targets over the Spencer area at that time."

Wallick, who said none of the other sightings this weekend coincided with radar verification, added that the radar blips could have been due to something called "second time around targets," a technical idiosyncrasy of radar scanning.

"Our radar reaches out about 60 miles, but on second and third scans, it can reach out farther and pick up mountaintops or weather changes," he said. "I don't know what to make of

these objects (Saturday night). "They could have been false targets. They could have been something else."

Checks with the Indianapolis Flight Control Center, which monitors high-altitude air traffic, and the National Weather Service, which sometimes flies weather balloons in the area, indicated no records of objects supposed to be over the area at the time of the sightings.

Log records of Kanawha County deputies show a number of reports of UFOs Saturday and Sunday. In the Chesapeake and Chelyan area, reports generally listed three or more multicolored objects.

"We stood on the back porch (Sunday night) and watched what appeared to be a green object that turned to red and then bright white," said James Shuff of East Bank. "They were over the Cedar Grove area, and one larger object, a bright light, appeared to just zip across the mountain very rapidly. Most of the neighbors saw them."

Besides Spencer, UFO reports were entered from Belle, Charleston, Dunbar, South Charleston, and Witcher Creek. Authorities in Mason, Roane and Putnam counties received sightings.

"This is the type of weather, hot and clear that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings," said Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory. "There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

THE TORONTO SUN - CANADA
*****NOV. 14, 1978*****

DRAIN GAS TANK, LAND IN OIL FIELD

UFOs have powerful thirst for gas

The UFOs are coming, and they seem to be thirsty for oil and gasoline.

Carlos Acevedo and Angel Moya say that on Sept. 23, they were south of Buenos Aires in Argentina when a yellow and violet light shone in their rear-

view mirror.

A strange force shut off the engine and headlights of their Citroen CG, lifted it off the road and set it down a minute later and 150 kilometres north. The "force" also drained the car's gasoline tank.

The first-ever saucer spotted in oil-rich Kuwait landed silently, where else but in an oil field. It was as big as a jumbo jet, cylindrical, with a huge dome and a flashing red light.

After seven minutes, it took off without a trace.

That's the testimony of seven Kuwait Oil Company technicians, including one American, who said they saw it.

If estimates of Kuwaiti oil reserves drop suddenly, you'll know why.

Sightings from weather?

Objects in sky could be result, but those radar blips...

FRONT PAGE On another planet? ... Page 2

By RICK BAUMGARTNER
Of The Advertiser staff

Recent weather conditions may have caused the flashes in the night sky this weekend that some people called "unidentified flying objects," a Marshall University professor said today.

"The weather at the time is just one possibility," said Dr. Ralph Oberly, chairman of MU's physics and physical science department.

Throughout the weekend, lawmen and other residents in at least five Southern West Virginia counties reported seeing strange skylights shooting and hovering in the skies from the Eastern Panhandle to southwestern sections of the state.

"When you have certain atmospheric conditions you get a lot of air mass motion and this results in turbulent conditions in the atmosphere," Oberly said.

"Light, which may be originating on the ground, bends in a complex, curved path in the sky. What we're talking about is called optical 'looming.'"

Oberly said looming is akin to a mirage effect some-

times produced at night — an "optical-physics" phenomenon of refraction of light in a moving air mass.

This possible explanation also was cited yesterday by Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Brown said the hot and clear weather that followed a cold snap late last week could have produced the strange celestial lights.

"This explanation isn't really anything new," Oberly said. "But at the same time, I've never personally seen this effect as to what I would call a UFO."

At least three West Virginia state troopers and several other law enforcement officers saw the objects. One was Cpl. Don Sharpe of the state police detachment at Berkeley Springs, who said he watched seven objects zip across the sky for about 30 minutes Friday night.

"I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that, I tell you," Sharpe said.

In Kanawha County, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of visual sightings.

R.B. Pritt, a Kanawha County sheriff's deputy, said one of the craft he saw appeared to have at least four lights. "We thought it was rotating," he said.

At the Kanawha County Airport in Charleston, Bill



Roane County object called UFO

Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower, said there were unidentifiable objects on his radar set all weekend. Sunday's objects could have been caused by the weather, he said, but the blips Friday and Saturday nights "were different matters."

Frank Crump, a Mason County sheriff's deputy, was

another first-hand observer of the weekend's excitement.

Crump and a sheriff's department dispatcher met several policemen early Saturday morning near Gallipolis Ferry, W.Va., to check on a UFO report. What they saw was "a jagged, spherical shape — I could see green, orange, red and blue lights, and the base was a real bright white," he said.

Crump and the dispatcher chased the object 13 miles to the Mason-Cabell county line. As it lowered toward the ground, Crump said he estimated the object as being about six feet in diameter. The object was silent.

"Following one (a UFO) is a little trickier because the light would have to move with the observer," Oberly said when told of Crump's experience. "The color effect would come from the same refraction."

But Oberly admitted the incident was more difficult to explain.

West Virginians who spotted the strange effects were referred to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., to give detailed descriptions of the phenomena seen.

The center's director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, said this morning in a telephone interview weather conditions "may have been possible" for the sightings, but he declined further speculation until more information could be gathered.

Hynek is professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University and was technical adviser for the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Fairly Close Encounters

Unidentified Flying Object encounters of late may not have been extremely close or of the third kind — in all cases — but they were reported far and wide enough to restore a desirable aura of glamour to the night-time skies.

They were reported over West Virginia, Argentina and southeastern Australia.

The strangest story came from Melbourne, where authorities said pilot Frederick Valentich, flying his single engine Cessna 182 over the Bass Strait 130 miles to the south, radioed that a long-shaped UFO with four bright lights was orbiting above him and reported, "It isn't an aircraft. It's..."

Two minutes later he radioed again and said his engine was coughing. Then there was a metallic scratching and silence. The pilot was heard no more. The Australian Air Force conducted a widespread search for his missing craft, without results.

Valentich's father said his son had been interested in UFOs for many years and had reported sighting one about 10 months ago. We hope that wherever the pilot may be he is safe.

A traffic jam occurred in the Palermo section of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as huge crowds formed to gape at mysterious lights flashing in the sky. City officials said the supposed UFOs were merely laser beams flashed from the Buenos Aires planetarium and bouncing off clouds, as part of the special effects of a movie being filmed.

But as UFO aficionados are well aware, whenever strange things are seen in the sky, spoilsports appear on the ground with rational explanations of the celestial flashings.

So it was in West Virginia, where more than 30 sightings of mysterious bright objects whizzing about the sky, with green, blue, white and sometimes red or yellow lights, were reported in Kanawha County.

Bill Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha Airport, said there were unidentifiable objects on his radar screen all weekend. Then, perhaps somewhat disappointingly, he added that they could have been radar-caused weather phenomena.

And at the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Director Robert Green said: "This is the kind of weather, hot and clear, that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings. There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

That may very well be so. On the other hand, considering that once upon a time almost everyone thought the earth was flat, who knows for certain what might be flying around out there on a clear and starry autumn night?

MILFORD, MICH - TIMES
****OCT. 18, 1978****

UFO seen here, too?

Highland

Two Highland Township girls, who are junior students at Milford High School, claim they saw a UFO about 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11 in Milford Township.

Michelle Malpass, 16, and Denise Cuddy, 16, said they were returning from the Twelve Oaks Mall and had just headed north off the expressway on Milford Road when they saw an unusual object.

At first, Denise said she thought the object was a star because of its brightness. However, as the object moved in its west to east path, the two said the object seemed to become two circular white lights with a smaller red light in between.

The lights blinked rapidly after the object passed them, the girls said. The bright object appeared to be larger than an airplane, and it flew about the same altitude as planes customarily do, the teenagers claimed.

During the five to 10-minute observation of the object, Michelle attempted to pull the car over to the side of the road but when she was successful, it was hidden behind a tree. "I kept watching it and driving in the other lane. Thank goodness there weren't any other cars around," Michelle said.

The girls stated they told



Denise Cuddy



Michelle Malpass

their parents of their experience but did not know that other UFO's had been seen in Michigan that night until the morning news on the radio announced one had been sighted in St. Clair Shores.

Another one...

UFO spotted flying over mountain near Canada

"Look."

Twelve-year-old Sybil SESCO was walking near the mouth of Chapman Branch at Canada, Ky., Tuesday night with her brother-in-law and sister when she saw it and cried out.

"We looked up," said the older sister, Sheila J. Collins, "and saw an unidentified flying object as it came over a mountain directly opposite the mouth of Chapman Hollow where we were walking."

This was another in a series of reports of strange lights which have been spotted in the sky in a half-dozen West Virginia counties since the weekend. Similar reports also have

emanated from parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Collins said she and her husband, Jack, were walking with her younger sister at the mouth of Chapman Branch, which is located in what is known as Hairpin Curve at the foot of Coeburn Mountain on the Canada side.

"This small object, intensely bright, came skimming over the top of the mountain and followed the contour of the mountain until it disappeared into the sky," Mrs. Collins said in recalling the incident.

"The incident only lasted about five seconds but it seemed much longer," she

continued. "My sister first saw the object and told us to look. We know it was not a plane, nor shooting stars and meteors which we have seen," she added.

She pinpointed the sighting at about 8:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Young Sybil reportedly was "a little afraid" but agreed with the other two that it was a "thrilling experience."

Mrs. Collins said she has made sightings before. "The last one I saw was about four years ago. I had seen UFO's two or three times before that, but my husband and my sister had never seen anything like that until this week," she

reported.

Most of the persons, who have included law enforcement officers, agreed that the objects they sighted had four lights, red and white, in a rectangular formation. One person said they were bigger than stars and just glowing, not flashing.

Earlier this week, UFO sightings were reported in Kanawha, Morgan, Mason, Putnam, Cabell, Roane and Mingo counties in West Virginia; Gallia County in Ohio, and even Pennsylvania.

As a result of these strange but distant encounters, many skywatchers are turning out each night in many areas.

MOBILE REGISTER - ALA.
*****OCT 25, 1978*****

More study needed

The mysterious disappearance of a small airplane and its pilot in Australia this past weekend and a report of a scientific study of a 1908 explosion in Russia should give renewed impetus to demands for more thorough investigations into unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

The Australian incident apparently cannot be dismissed as a hoax or some explainable accident since the pilot was in full communication with air traffic controllers when he reported an object which "is not an aircraft". Radio contact was then lost.

Even if some logical explanation should be found for this incident, supporters of the theory of UFOs visiting this planet can point to respected Soviet astronomer Felix Zigel's report that a

flying saucer may have caused the huge explosion that burned 1,250 square miles of central Siberian forest in 1908.

Witnesses to that catastrophe said the unidentified object flew in an "enormous loop" both north and west prior to the explosion, ruling out the possibility of a meteorite or a comet hitting the earth.

"The more we know of the (Siberian) catastrophe, the more confirmation we find of the fact that the unidentified flying object which exploded over the forest in 1908 was an extraterrestrial probe," Zigel told the Soviet news agency Tass.

He called for further research into the matter and we endorse the suggestion as a challenge for scientists throughout the world.

UFO Sighting Is Reported To Authorities

TARBORO — It would appear UFOs are now joining in the annual Halloween season appearance of ghosts, goblins, witches and ghouls, according to the Edgecombe County Sheriffs Department.

A department spokesman declined to identify the caller, but said someone reported sighting a UFO at about 2 a. m. Sunday. The caller described the object as having red, green, and white blinking lights as it appeared just off N. C. Highway 44 in Edgecombe County.

No further details were available.

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. - TELEGRAM
*****OCT 23, 1978*****

Chestnut Ridge

'Objects' Spotted By Area Couple

"I know this must sound crazy, but doggone it, I saw something out there."

It sounds like the dialogue from one of Jack Webb's "Project UFO" scripts and basically that's what it amounts to, only this report was allegedly not scripted and didn't take place in the Louisiana swamplands or some other distant site.

This observation was made right here in the area—near the Derry Ridge to be specific—and the observer was more a skeptic than fanatic. At least, he used to be skeptical, until about 12:05 this morning.

That was about the time that Mark Withrow said he turned off his television set and started for bed.

His trip was interrupted, however, by the sound of his German Shepherd growling. Withrow, who trained and handled German Shepherds during a stint in Vietnam, said it was an unusual growling sound; one he'd never heard before from his dog.

"German Shepherds will growl one way when they're confronted and are ready to attack, but they growl a different way when they're scared or confused. That's the kind of growl this was."

Withrow said he decided to

check the situation outside his house. He lives on a hill, along Lee Valley Road near Keystone State Park.

It was a clear night and from the vantage point of his house he could see a straight line across Keystone Lake, Latrobe Elks and Mechesneytown, all the way to the Derry Ridge.

Looking toward the ridge he said he spotted six red, round-shaped lights in the distant sky.

"At first I thought they were airplanes and I was wondering what they were looking for," Withrow explained. "But they weren't moving, they were stationary."

He called to his wife to come and take a look and at the same time got his binoculars from inside the house.

Withrow said it appeared as if three of the lights were connected somehow, although he couldn't make the shape of any objects, other than the lights, because of the distance.

One of the other lights was hovering above the three, one was below and one was moving around. He said the third one dipped down from the others and went behind one of the hills out of sight, before rising back up again to join the formation.

All six lights then took off, traveling west to east, until they were gone.

"They didn't fly away at any great speed or anything," Withrow recalled. "They just went along very slowly."

All of this activity encompassed about a minute's time, according to Withrow, but it was time enough for all kinds of thoughts to pass through his head.

"The first thing that popped into my mind was that they were airplanes, dropping flares, but they were stationary in the sky. And they weren't like airplane lights.

These were odd-shaped and they weren't blinking."

Withrow said when the thought that they might be UFO's finally entered his mind, he immediately thought of the reports in yesterday's newspapers about sightings in Australia and the mysterious disappearance of the young man who had been piloting a small engine craft in the vicinity.

Wife Scared

"I started to wonder what the heck was going on here?" Withrow added that his wife became a bit frightened by the incident.

Following the sighting, Withrow called state police and was told that someone would be dispatched to the area to investigate.

LATROBE, PA. - BULLETIN
*****OCT 25, 1978*****

However, state police reported this morning they received no calls about UFO sightings—not even the one from Withrow.

Withrow said he was hoping that someone else saw the lights in the sky last night to verify his story. He was reluctant to give his name because, "The first thing people always think about those kinds of reports is that it must be some kind of crackpot who made it.

"But, doggone it, I swear I saw something."

FREMONT, MICH. - TIMES
*****OCT 25, 1978*****

UFO questioned

The reported sighting of an unidentified object over Lake Michigan has taken on the doubtful aspects of many such sightings.

A dispatch from Congressman Guy VanderJagt reports that a film containing a picture of the UFO reportedly taken by a Coast Guardsman has come up missing.

According to VanderJagt it must have gotten lost in the mail somewhere between Milwaukee and Cleveland. He quoted the Coastguardsman, Chief Petty Officer Joe Amato as saying the film was mailed Oct. 5 or 6. "We have contacted the Postal Service and a tracer has been initiated to locate the mailing," Amato was quoted as saying.

In VanderJagt's original letter it was stated that Lowell Rinker, editor of the Hart Journal, also was reported as seeing the UFO. Rinke told the Indicator this was a mistake and that he never reported to anybody that he saw a UFO.

NEW YORK POST - NY
NOV. 2, 1978

UFO stops by the Park

Central Park is one of New York's biggest tourist attractions — so why shouldn't some visiting Martians want to take a look?

Some 50 people, many of them workers in the Gulf and Western Building on Columbus Circle, reported seeing a silvery, circular reflecting object hovering over the southern end of the park yesterday at twilight.

It didn't stay long, however, and it's not clear what it was.

Mysterious lights spark UFO calls

Encounters of the UFO kind are being reported in southeastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas, but authorities still have no explanation for the mysterious colored lights that travel at high rates of speeds.

In Sherman this morning, Jack Groves reported seeing a bright light in eastern skies about 7:30 a. m. He said the light looked similar to a jet streak except it was traveling straight up into the sky.

"I wouldn't have thought anything about it," says Groves, "but I looked at it, then, all of a sudden, the object was gone."

Another Sherman resident also reported seeing two UFOs in this morning's sky, but figured it was possibly an airplane or maybe a weather balloon. A Sherman woman witnessed mysterious flying objects in the eastern sky for the past three mornings.

Police in Tishomingo, Ardmore and Durant, Okla., as well as officials in Denton and Gainesville have reported seeing multicolored flying objects in eastern skies from 2 a. m. until about 8 a. m. Tuesday morning.

Dogs barking at a hovering object at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday awoke a family in Durant. They notified police. The officer who responded said that he had never seen anything like it before.

The policeman, Don Payne, said he saw the object hovering about 1,000 feet off the ground before it disappeared from sight by shooting straight up into the sky. The deputy further described the object as being round and "disc-like" and brightly colored with orange, red, blue, green and other lights.

The Highway Patrol said the UFO sightings have been reported to the UFO

Information Center in Chicago and to Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City. Officials at these facilities and also authorities at Carswell Air Force Base and with the National Weather Service could offer no explanation for the sightings.

CHARLESTON, W. VA. - GAZETTE
*****OCT. 23, 1978*****

UFO Sighted in Belle Sunday Tracked by Airport Radar

Residents of Belle sighted another brightly lit unidentified flying object at about 8 p.m. Sunday. Bill Givens, flight controller supervisor of the Kanawha Airport, said he saw two blips on his radar screen. He said the two objects were traveling in a southwesterly direction at about 60 miles per hour and remained on the screen for about five minutes.

The recent sighting was the third consecutive day of sightings of brightly lit unidentified flying objects in Southern West Virginia.

Much of the information concerning UFOs this weekend has been reported to a UFO reporting center in Seattle where a spokesman said the information will be analyzed.

"Some of the stationary objects can be explained as comets and planets. But the objects that are on the move and look as though they're under control are the ones we're concerned about," the spokesman said. Sightings of both stationary and moving objects were reported by West Virginia citizens and law enforcement officials Friday and Saturday nights.

The sightings covered territory extending from eastern Kanawha County to Huntington and as far north as Mason and Roane counties. Police officers and citizens in the Chesapeake-Belle area of Kanawha County said they saw large objects with red and green lights

revolving around their perimeters.

In Spencer, Trooper Gary Williams said he and numerous citizens saw three bright red and green objects hovering near Spencer. While the sightings were made in Kanawha and Roane counties, flight controller supervisor Bill Givens, of the Kanawha Airport, said he tracked on his radar screen three targets in each county.

In Mason County, three men said they saw what appeared to be a large twin-engine cargo plane at about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

"But it had two bright lights comprising about half the size of the plane itself," said Bill Ehman, a Charleston resident who was in Mason County.

"It was flying very low in the sky, but it didn't make any noise. I've been around a lot of planes but I've never seen anything quite like it."

Ehman said some Mason Countians told him they saw unidentified flying objects Friday and Saturday night.

In Charleston, Sunrise planetarium director Robert Gardner said he saw a bright object at about 9 p.m. Friday but dismissed it as a plane.

But Givens contacted the Indianapolis Flight Control Center who reported there were no planes in the areas. No military aircraft were known to be in the area either, according to an armed services coordinator.

Highway Patrolman Claims 'Close Encounter' In SW Wyo.

EVANSTON (Special) — Wyoming Highway Patrolman Eugene Mallory doesn't believe in "flying saucers" but his skepticism took a mighty thump Saturday.

After dealing with a transient at the Kemmerer exit in the early evening, who claimed he'd been kidnapped by flying saucers 20 years earlier, Mallory came into town to pick up a teletype. A call was coming in from Utah state troopers in the Monte Cristo area and the Bear Lake areas of Utah warning of two flying objects blinking red, green, and white. The objects were reported flying north toward the Montpillar and the Woodruff and Randolph areas of Utah. Then Montpillar reported seeing the objects.

Mallory didn't believe the reports as he drove out of town. He stopped at Wellingford to speak to a friend about the "wacko" reports. Looking and pointing to the direction from where the objects were expected to come, he saw the objects blinking red, green and white.

He called the communications center in Evanston and said he was going out to the point of entry west of town then he and his companions decided to go northwest on Wyoming 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 traveling with them, they said. It traveled the same direction as the two cars, staying above the mountains just ahead of them. It stopped when the men were about 12 miles out of town.

They stopped and reported seeing a V-shaped object through the binoculars. Then the object disappeared and others appeared.

They called the Cheyenne office of the Highway Patrol which called Utah to alert radar. They saw four or five lighted objects moving and one that hovered.

Trying to reason their way through the experience they decided the objects could not be stars because they were moving. They thought they might be planes until they saw one go over head and the objects failed comparison to aircraft.

The hovering object blinked on and off and appeared to rotate. He said he saw a beam of light from a large object to a smaller one. He could not be sure it came from the object but his companion said the beam was actually directed from the larger to smaller object. The smaller object then appeared to vibrate and return the beam.

This report continued for five minutes.

In the meantime, Washington had called Cheyenne to talk to the officers who had reported the UFO sightings. Mallory went into town to return the call. He said Washington officials didn't appear to be interested until he mentioned reports had been made by many law enforcement officers. Reports had come from Utah state troopers and others.

They contacted Kemmerer but they never saw the objects. When the objects moved they appeared to move northwest from the direction they had come.

Mallory said that stars do disappear into the west but when these went beyond the mountains they went too fast and at a faster rate than the stars around them.

While the officers glanced to the west one of the objects from the east moved twice as high on the horizon than it had been. No star could ride that fast concluded Mallory. The objects would become very bright and then dim as if moving closer and then moving away.

On Sunday Mallory heard from his wife that four of the objects were squared above Evanston. Thinking that if the objects were stars he could expect the same formation in Afton that could be seen from Evanston, he searched for two hours and could find nothing in the sky but stars.

Another sighting Sunday was made by a man who chuckles and says "I didn't see nothing" then hurries to tell you what he didn't see.

About 9:30 p.m. he saw four lighted green, red, and white objects lined up loosely on the east sky, one over the butte north of town, and one over Woodruff northeast of town.

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

He says he thinks it was just the Air Force doing some "mickey mouse stuff". He said the Air Force has a jet that hovers and surmises it was a test.

R. Leo Sprinkle, P.H.D., director of the Division of Counseling and professor of Counseling Services at the University of Wyoming who is actively involved in research and documentation of UFO sightings said Tuesday that he does not know what people are seeing but that the reports from a variety of persons indicate similar observations from a variety of states and countries from throughout the world.

Many shapes and colors are reported with common colors of red, green, white and sometimes blue, reported. The most common sightings are long or circular daylight discs and nocturnal lights.

On Sunday evening one woman reported seeing a triangular figure over Evanston with possibly a smaller object nearby.

At about 10:30 another woman reported seeing a square formation above Evanston. Dr. Sprinkle said that often a triangular shape is reported. The objects are reported to have moved without sound according to Dr. Sprinkle. He said Evanston sightings are similar to what is being reported. One woman who observed the objects Sunday night with binoculars, then without binoculars, said the object appeared very

bright. Depending on which binoculars she looked through, the objects appeared to be glass balls with pulsating changing colors while surrounding stars appeared to be star white. While the surrounding stars appeared to be pinpoints of light, the objects in reports appeared to be tapered bars with green, white and red.

As for Mallory he still doesn't believe in flying saucers but now in UFO's.

LUDINGTON, MICH. - NEWS
*****OCT. 14, 1978*****

Another UFO Sighting Here Is Confirmed

Another UFO sighting was reported in the Ludington area, with the Ludington police confirming that there was something bright in the sky.

At 8:43 p.m. Friday Dennis Schumacher of 510 N. Rowe St. reported to Ludington police department that there was a "very bright object with red and green lights hovering over Lake Michigan." Police officer Jerry Kotecki confirmed the sighting.

A check with the Coast Guard station at Ludington confirmed that it was the same type of lights as seen before.

'Bright light' passes over area

At 8:15 last Friday evening, just as the rain stopped, Joel Ward and Mike Dresen stepped out into the Dresen's front yard at 8048 Mineral Point Rd.

Joel and Mike, both age 12, weren't looking for anything in particular. What they apparently saw, however, was rather interesting.

Mike turned his attention to the sky and saw what he thought was a falling star. He and Joel then watched this "really bright light" pass slowly from east to west across the sky. Three minutes later as it reached the top of a nearby hill, it seemed to turn, according to

Joel, and the light source broke into three distinct sections. "The outer two lights were brighter and the middle one was smaller," he stated Tuesday.

It then passed behind the hill. Unsure of what it was, Mike climbed the hill and told Joel the object seemed to bob up and down before settling out of sight into a swamp on the corner of Mineral Point Rd. and Timber La.

That was the last either of the two boys saw of the unidentified object. The Middleton Police Department reports that no other sightings of a bright object were brought to their attention.

Montague saw UFO in '76

Verlon (Monty) Montague of Long Lake saw an unidentified flying object while driving near Howard City two years ago. He said he didn't say anything about it then because he was sure nobody would believe him.

But he told the Indicator about it this week. He said he and a neighbor, Jack O'Shinski, were returning towards home from the village of Coral when they saw a round silvery object in the sky ahead of them in the twilight period. It remained ahead of them as they continued west towards Newaygo. Suddenly it got red and then contracted in size and disappeared.

LUDINGTON, MICH. - NEWS.
*****OCT. 17, 1978*****

More UFO Sightings Reported

UFO sightings continue to be made in the Ludington area and elsewhere in Mason and Oceana counties and Monday night two Daily News photographers got their first look at objects reported to be UFOs.

However, both Daily News Chief Photographer Russell Miller Jr. and Assistant Managing Editor Todd Reed found the objects reported to them about 9 p.m. Monday to be too distant and minute in appearance to be worth photographing.

The objects looked like the stars also visible in the clear sky except for the fact that the light they gave off did appear to blink or pulsate and have red and green color as well as white.

Shape of the UFOs was indistinguishable because of their great distance. Even when viewed through binoculars or large telephoto lenses they appeared no larger than stars would when viewed the same way.

The UFOs sighted from Coast Guard Station Ludington did not appear to be airplanes or helicopters because they appeared quite stationary in the sky.

Some observers speculated they might be planets.

Sightings were reported to the Coast Guard, sheriff's departments and other area authorities. The three UFOs sighted from the Coast Guard station were far apart in different sectors of the sky--one being over the lake, one far to the northeast and one to the southwest.

Sightings were also reported during the night over Mason County Airport, in the Walhalla area, the Hart area and near Hesperia.

WAKESHA FREEMAN - WISC.
*****OCT. 13, 1978*****

Deputy Claims UFO Sighting Over Lake

LUDINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Sightings of flickering, fast-moving unidentified flying objects over Lake Michigan were reported Thursday by the Coast Guard and a sheriff's deputy who said the sightings "sure made a believer out of me."

The sightings occurred during a 10-day period, Coast Guard officials said, with the most recent report coming from the Oceana County sheriff's department Tuesday night.

Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson of the Ludington Coast Guard Station said he shot motion picture film of an Oct. 1 sighting and sent it to district headquarters in Cleveland, where officials declined to discuss the matter.

UFO's still being sighted

Rosetta Holmes, 63, never has seen a UFO, but she became interested in them in 1967 after hearing a scientist describe a UFO detector on television.

She was living in Athens, Ohio. She said she made a similar detector, a simple device designed to detect changes in magnetic fields. She said the device would sound a bell when a UFO was near.

Mrs. Holmes said her detector sounded its bell several times. And, she said, every time the bell sounded, there had been reported UFO sightings in the area.

Since then, Mrs. Holmes said, she and her husband on several occasions have seen objects in the sky for which they could find no explanation.

"We're not sure if these were UFOs," she said. "We have not seen one close up."

For the last 10 years, Mrs. Holmes has organized UFO study group picnics at Carlyle Lake. She said she has not investigated many UFO sightings and does not believe she is qualified to do so. But she has talked to persons who have reported sightings.

Of these reports, she said the most interesting involves a Breese farmer whom she would not identify.

She said the farmer saw a "humanoid" several years ago but never had spoken about it publicly until he attended the study group's picnic in June.

Mrs. Holmes said the man reported seeing a "little figure" standing in his barnyard when he awoke one morning.

"He said it was surrounded by a haze. It looked at him."

Mrs. Holmes said the man was not dressed and before he could put on some shoes to go out into the barnyard, the creature left. The farmer's watchdog beat him to the spot where he had seen the figure. The dog was sniffing at the exact spot, she said.

Mrs. Holmes said she agrees with Schroeder and Dargie that the area between Belleville and Carlyle has been one of the busiest in the area in terms of reported UFO sightings.

They also said the Missouri communities of Piedmont, Washington, Union and Elsberry are areas where sightings frequently are reported.

Mrs. Holmes said she has no theory on the origin of UFOs, "but you almost have to believe there is other life," she said.

Persons interested in starting an Illinois chapter of the St. Louis study group may contact Mrs. Holmes, Carlyle, 594-3538. 2

They're still seeing UFO's around Oceana County, but so far no one has seen the only film that might provide an answer to the flood of sightings.

UFO's, colored lights, satellites and comets have been seen and reported over the last several nights from such places as Silver Lake, Upper Silver Lake, Pentwater, Hart, Shelby, Crystal Valley, Mears, Rothbury and probably many more areas.

In fact, they are seen just about every clear night. That fact has led to speculation that the flashing red, green and white lights, which often appear quite vividly, are merely an atmospheric refraction effect which create colors similar to those cast by a prism.

However, the atmospheric refraction theory cannot explain the apparent movements of the lights. Several credible sources such as the Oceana County Sheriff, a couple of deputies and a few coast guardsmen have witnessed and described definite, erratic movements of the lights.

Coast Guard Chief Scott Richardson's film, the only piece of physical evidence, is still missing. A tracer through the post office failed to turn up the film, which he sent to Coast Guard headquarters in Cleveland for processing.

Richardson said he would call Cleveland Tuesday to see if the film had turned up, but "I have my doubts as to whether we'll see it again," he commented.

He noted the reports have made people more aware of

activity in the skies now, adding that the Ludington station now receives two or three calls nightly about UFO's with more on weekends.

Coast Guard observers have now sighted UFO's twice from the Ludington station -- one July 28 and one Oct. 1. Richardson said they have not seen anything lately, though, that compares with what they all saw Oct. 1, when UFO's were sighted and confirmed west of Silver Lake, Pentwater and Ludington.

Woman Reports UFO

Margaret Roberts told Las Cruces police that she was driving home from El Paso one night last week when a large, bright metallic object descended on her car.

According to the police report, the woman reported the UFO caused her car to stall and shattered a portion of her windshield. She reported she saw two flashing green lights-- one in front, another in back-- and after the encounter, they rose straight up.

Police responded to the report but were unable to find any evidence. There were no other UFO reports over the weekend.

Mrs. Roberts said she was hesitant about reporting the incident until she called her son in California who convinced her to contact police.

The woman reports the experience has made her jittery and she is unable to sleep.

Carbondale plant manager says seeing is believing when it comes to UFOs

By Jean Ness

Of The Southern Illinoisan

Linden Swetland of Du Quoin is a believer in UFO's now that he has seen one for himself.

"I saw one and I believe what I saw," said Swetland, who manages Intuitions garment factory in Carbondale and Lundy's Western Mart in Du Quoin.

The unidentified flying object was high in the sky Wednesday when Swetland was driving to Carbondale to work at 7 a.m.

In a cloudless morning sky, Swetland said the UFO hung motionless "like a huge bright light with a long vapor cloud tapering behind it."

"I've flown in airplanes a lot. It couldn't have been an airplane. There were no flashing lights and it just hung there, hovering," he said.

Swetland pulled off Illinois 13 at De Soto to watch the UFO for about four minutes. Then it began to move.

"It could see the thing turning," Swetland said. "It made a slight arch over the Hurst-Bush area and started slowly moving east."

"Suddenly it took off in a tremendous burst of speed, something like I've never seen before," Swetland said.

And it was gone, traveling so fast it looked almost as though it had disappeared. But as it had turned, Swetland said he could see the sun reflected off of it, as though it were made of metal.

Although Swetland could only guess, he estimated that the UFO was 20 to 30 miles high and he said it appeared as large as the morning sun.

Swetland called the Williamson Coun-

ty Airport to check if anyone there had sighted the UFO. No one had, the airport said, because no one had been manning the tower at that time. Neither the state police nor the Southern Illinois Airport near Carbondale received any reports of UFO's either.

But no matter whether anyone else saw it, Swetland said he did.

"It was a strange occurrence," he said. "I've read about UFO's and I've seen 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' but this really makes a believer out of me!"

Swetland said he has always wanted to see a UFO. "Then I could say, 'See they exist!' If one landed in a field next to me I don't think I'd have any trouble walking out to it."

"I don't know how or why or where, but I believe they exist, and as God as my witness, I saw one," he said.

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. - NEWS
*****OCT 24, 1978*****

'It Is Flying Past ... 'It Is Not an Aircraft'

By Susan Page

An Australian flying a light plane from Melbourne to nearby King Island radioed that a large object with four green lights was hovering over him and seemed "to be playing some sort of game."

He added, "It is not an aircraft."

Then he disappeared.

The Australian Air Force, which today was in the third day of its sea search for Frederick Valentich, theorized that the 20-year-old pilot had become disoriented, flown upside down, and seen either a ship's lights or the reflections of his own lights in the water before crashing.

But Valentich's parents said they believed their son had been seized by an unidentified flying object.

Valentich, a pilot in training for the air force, was interested in UFOs and had reported sighting one last year, his father said. He was crossing the 40-mile-wide Bass Strait Saturday in a single-engined Cessna when he radioed Melbourne air traffic controllers that he could see four bright lights about 1,000 feet above him. He asked whether there were any other aircraft in the area and was told there were not.

Two minutes later, he said, "It is ap-

proaching from due east toward me. It seems to be playing some sort of game ... flying at a speed I cannot estimate."

He added, "It is not an aircraft. It's ... " and contact was lost briefly.

Then his voice rasped over the radio again. "It is flying past. It is a long shape. I cannot identify more than that. It's coming for me right now. It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me also.

He reported that his plane's engine was coughing.

His last words before radio contact was lost were: "It is not an aircraft."

A rescue plane sighted an oil slick in the strait Sunday, and a sample was being analyzed to determine whether it could be fuel from the plane.

"There's been no sign of the person at all," Graham Mitchell, senior controller at the Melbourne Airport, said, "but there are no indications it could have been a hoax. I don't think there is any doubt that he went into the water. The question is why."

What happened? "The official feeling is that he was feeling disoriented, suffering from some sort of vertigo," he said, "but I've got an open mind."

DETROIT NEWS - MICH
*****OCT 24, 1978*****

UFO SIGHTINGS were reported by many Australians after the disappearance Saturday night near Melbourne of a pilot who had reported seeing a mysterious object near his plane. A land, air and sea search has failed to turn up any trace of the man.

UFO'S THAT STARTLED Buenos Aires drivers into causing traffic jams Sunday night were really laser beams bouncing off clouds, a planetarium official said. He said the planetarium is experimenting with laser beams as lighting effects for a movie.

Strange objects in sky

VALE — Tuesday night a Vale man and his family noticed a star that appeared to be moving closer and closer to them.

The object came so close that the Lincoln County residents could see that it was shaped like a cup turned upside-down on a saucer with red lights on the top and bottom.

They reported the object hovered for a few seconds and then shot straight up in the air and disappeared.

Later that night about 10 p.m., three round, orange objects were sighted near a power line. Residents in the area reported that dogs barked hysterically for no apparent reason.

The mysterious objects left, but there was an orange glow in the sky for 15 to 20 minutes after they disappeared.

A Route 2, Maiden woman noticed a round orange ball of glowing light near an electrical substation Tuesday night a week ago while she was driving to work at a Maiden knitting plant.

The light appeared to touch down on the ground behind the power station on the Lincoln U.S. 321 by-pass and then suddenly shot up in the air and disappeared. She said there was loud static and beeping noises on her car radio.

A Lincoln woman who lived near the substation noticed a tremendous electrical disturbance on her TV set and other residents reported hearing dogs barking for no known reason.

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ELIZABETHTON — Police Capt. Jim Jennings says the object he saw hovering over Lynn Mountain early Monday morning sped away "like a bullet" after he and three other officers watched it for 15 minutes.

Capt. Jennings, a veteran Elizabethton policeman who is known as "Slats," says the officers tried to explain the craft away as an airplane or weather balloon.

"But whoever saw a plane stop and how could a balloon change colors?"

Jennings said he first noticed the lights of the object about 1:30 a.m. coming from the south. It appeared to dip as low as 500 feet, he said, hovering, circling near the War Memorial Monument and courthouse and changing its colors.

Jennings said the craft was silent and raced off at a tremendous speed, disappearing high over Holston Mountain.

That same morning a Gap Creek woman also reported to the sheriff's department that she had seen a strange flying object near her home.

UFO's Sighted At Great Cacapon

UFO seekers watched the skies over Great Cacapon and Morgan County Monday night after reports of fast moving, colorful lights in the sky each weekend night. Monday evening the clouds were too dense to see much of anything.

The local sightings were predominately in the Great Cacapon area. After seeing strange lights, residents there contacted state police about the Unidentified Flying Objects. Corporal Donald Sharp of the Berkeley Springs detachment later watched the lights through binoculars.

He was widely quoted in the press, on radio and TV as saying he saw seven different objects with red, blue and white lights flashing. He noted their fast movements.

Elsewhere across the Mountain State, similar sightings were made in southern West Virginia over the weekend including Kanawha County where the objects showed up on radar screens at Kanawha Airport. In the southern part of the state, they were described as slow moving with flashing multi-colored lights.

Like the Project Bluebook personnel on television's UFO, some tried to explain the phenomenon. The main explanation was that the lights were caused by "turbulent thermal cells in the air" that create "a rainbow effect" that may be picked up by radar.

The sightings were not the first in the county in recent weeks. Early this month there were isolated reports of unidentified lights and objects in the New Hope area.

At that time, John Lutz of Odyssey, Scientific Research, told **The Messenger** he would appreciate names and addresses of those who see UFO's so he can talk with them.

Lutz says he is associated with the Center for UFO Studies and for Sasquatch Research. Address: P.O. Box 11282, Baltimore, Md. 21239. Phone: (301) 433-3316.

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Night watch Deputies kept quiet on seeing UFO over Wake

By **ROBIN CLARK**
Times staff writer

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If you saw a strange light bouncing around the sky, would you report it or keep quiet for fear of being laughed at?

If you were Wake Sheriff's Deputies David Waller and Andy Young, you would keep quiet — at least at first.

The two deputies, patrolling Falls of the Neuse Road in northern Wake County early last Tuesday morn-

ing, spotted an eerie, fast-moving light in the sky.

But they decided not to mention it.

"I don't want to be branded a kook," Waller said.

Waller and Young likely wouldn't have mentioned what they saw had not a colleague seen the same thing.

Deputy Joe Gerrell also saw the strange light as he patrolled south of Raleigh the same night.

He was less worried about what people think of

UFO-spotters and reported it.

So Waller and Young decided it was safe to talk about what they'd seen that clear night.

"I don't know what it was. It was a real brilliant light. That was all you could tell," Waller said.

"It moved real erratically and real fast at all different angles. It would disappear for four or five seconds and then reappear in the same place. It was very strange."

Waller and Young got out of their car and watched for 10 minutes as the light bounced erratically around the sky before disappearing.

There is no government agency that keeps track of UFOs, said Tony Logue, deputy tower director at Raleigh-Durham Airport. But one night last week the tower received a call from a person who reported seeing a strange object.

Logue said the caller was given the number of the National UFO Reporting Cen-

ter, a private research agency in Seattle, Wash.

Robert Gribble, who was answering phones at the center today, said the center received no reports from Wake County last week.

Waller said he isn't convinced that the object was a visitor from another planet.

But Young doesn't doubt it. "I believe in them, I really do," he said. "I believe there's something else up there. Why not?"

What is it flying around Lincoln County?

By JOEL GROVES
Gazette Staff Reporter

VALE — Tuesday night a Vale man and his family noticed a star that appeared to be moving closer and closer to them.

The object came so close that the Lincoln County residents could see that it was shaped like a cup turned upside-down on a saucer with red lights on the top and bottom.

They reported the object hovered for a few seconds and then shot straight up in the air and disappeared.

Later that night about 10 p.m., three round, orange objects were sighted near a power line. Residents in the area reported that dogs barked hysterically for no apparent reason.

The mysterious objects left, but there was an orange glow in the sky for 15 to 20 minutes after they disappeared.

A Route 2, Maiden woman noticed a round orange ball of glowing light near an electrical substation Tuesday night a week ago while she was driving to work at a Maiden knitting plant.

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For example, the objects seemed to be under intelligent control; they moved in a machine like manner; they didn't move like optic phenomena and exhibited electromagnetic and ultrasonic energy. Fawcett said the electromagnetic effect was evidenced by the radio and TV interference and the ultrasonic waves by the howling dogs, whose keen hearing picked up the sound undetected by the human ear. Fawcett says this is all evidence of UFO sightings and is consistent with similar reports from around the world.

The sudden abundance of UFO evidence does not surprise Fawcett. He predicted a year ago that these sightings would occur, although not necessarily in the Lincolnton area. Fawcett says that UFO sightings seem to occur in 26-month, five-year and 10-year cycles. The five and ten year cycles both peaked in October.

But according to Fawcett, there are other reasons why the UFOs are sighting in the Lincolnton area.

UFOs seem to be attracted to high voltage power lines, large bodies of water, military bases, magnetic disturbances and geological faults, Fawcett said.

The Lincoln County sightings have been around high voltage lines and Lake Norman, a sizeable body of water, is located nearby.

UFO reports also seem to begin just before Halloween and during an election year, Fawcett noted.

And while the total number of reports appears to be down nationwide, Fawcett said that the "quality" of the reports has increased. Fawcett said that the UFO sightings seem to be coming from more reliable people who accurately describe what they saw. Pilots and radar operators are now making UFO reports.

Earlier this week UFOs were sighted in West Virginia and confirmed by officials there. In Melbourne, Australia, a pilot reported sighting an object and then pilot and aircraft both disappeared.

"Close encounters are increasing," said Fawcett. "The sightings all seem to follow the same characteristics and there are good witnesses to them."

Fawcett has a special interest these days in the witnesses to the UFO phenomena. He is working on a study of human reactions to the sighting of a UFO.

Anyone who has made such a sighting should write Fawcett at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton.

Object Alien to Kent Skies Reported by GM Employees

By Maury DeJonge

Reports of unidentified flying objects in Lower Michigan are spreading, this time to Kent County.

Jack Smith, 47, of 4356 Oriole Ave. SW. and David VanVelsen, 43, of Sparta, were returning from lunch to the Diesel Equipment Division plant of General Motors Corp., 2100 Burlingame Ave. SW, at 11:40 a.m. Sunday when they spotted a UFO.

Until Sunday, the most recent reports had come from the sheriff's departments of Kalkaska and Antrim counties and officials of the villages of Mancelona and Kalkaska.

Smith said Monday that several GM employees saw the object, which hovered in the sky west of the Diesel plant about 30 seconds before disappearing.

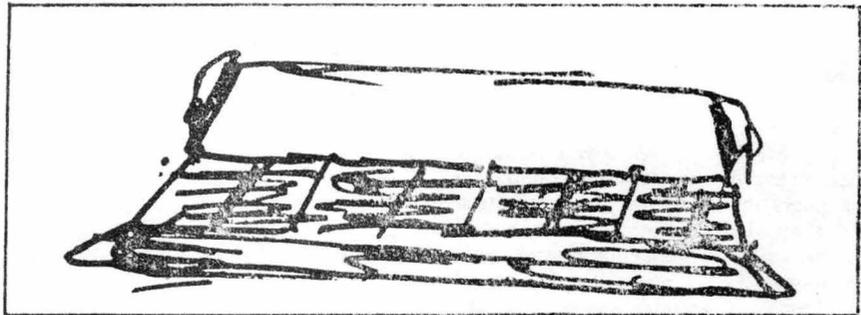
The sighting was investigated by Wyoming Patrolman Dennis McLenithan.

He said all witnesses were coming back to work from lunch and were in the Diesel parking lot. The object moved in a sweep north and east, then went directly north in a slight climb until it was out of sight, he said.

Smith said the object had "sharp outlines," but was unlike any other flying object he had ever seen. "It made no noise," he added.

Smith, a veteran of four years in the Air Force, said he always had hoped to see a UFO, feeling certain there was something to such reports.

A former Air Force mechanic and flight crew member, Smith said he also has taken flying lessons: "I'm no expert, but I know the various types of aircraft being flown today. This was a flying object I had never seen before."



It looked like this to David VanVelsen

McLenithan's report noted that neither Smith nor VanVelsen had been drinking.

Smith said as the object hovered at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, "it appeared to rock back and forth slightly." No witness could guess how far the UFO was from him.

VanVelsen put the sighting in its proper perspective: "I know what it wasn't, but I don't know what it was."

He said the object "wasn't round or square. It had definite features." He, too, said the UFO "rocked back and forth" before racing off in a northerly direction.

He described the bottom of the UFO as black and the top "shiny. There was no sound and no vapor trail."

David Bland of 726 Prince St. SE said the object "wasn't really round. To me it looked like a cup, upside down."

Bland described the object as silver, "with lines running down the sides. There was no sound and it was like nothing I had ever seen before." He said he knows it wasn't an

airplane or a balloon: "It was the shape of a half-moon."

Another GM worker who sighted the object was Robert L. Farr of 1330 Underwood Ave. SE. His description of the UFO was similar to that of Smith's.

"It was silver and had an oval top," Farr said. "When I saw it, it was slightly northwest. It stopped for about a half-minute and then suddenly moved swiftly to the north."

Farr said the object moved off so quickly, "I didn't think anything could move that fast." He said he heard no noise.

Smith said he was unable to furnish the names of other persons who saw the same object "because it came at shift-change time and the names of the persons are not known by me."

Officials in the traffic control tower at Kent County International Airport said Monday they did not receive any reports Sunday from persons claiming to have sighted a UFO.

Other UFO reports came last week from Newaygo and Mecosta Counties.

Uncle Sam Has No Plans to Greet Visitors From Space

The U.S. government has no plans for greeting or defending against visiting or invading aliens from space.

That's what The ENQUIRER learned when we contacted the Dept. of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the State Department, the Federal Preparedness Agency and the Defense Civil Preparedness Agen-

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cy. NASA spokeswoman Mary Fitzpatrick, explained why her agency has no plan: "There has been no indication or proof of any UFOs."

A spokeswoman at the State Dept. said any UFO landings would be handled "on a case-by-case basis."

And at the Defense Dept., an official blustered: "The policy is, if an Unidentified Flying Object landed at any particular location, whoever sees it would notify appropriate authorities — and that's it!"

And UFO investigator Walter Andrus Jr., head of the prestigious Mutual UFO Network, expressed outrage at the lack of readiness.

"Gross negligence," he called it. "They're just not accepting realistic life as it is."

— JONATHAN BERNSTEIN

UFO: Insect swarms

By JON VAN
Chicago Tribune

Reports of "flying saucers" with a glow seen darting through night skies are probably caused by swarms of migrating insects rather than by something from outer space, a government scientist reported Tuesday.

"When you get insects flying in a big swarm in an electrically charged storm front, it's just impossible they're not going to light up," said Dr. Philip Callahan, an entomologist with the Department of Agriculture.

By creating an artificial electric field in a laboratory, Callahan has simulated conditions found in a storm front. Insects placed in the field emit a type of corona discharge similar to the phenomenon known as St. Elmo's fire.

This slight glow, which can barely be seen from one insect easily would be visible for miles from a huge swarm, Callahan said.

"Most insects in America migrate at night, and we don't get upset about them because we don't see them," Callahan said.

In reading accounts of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), Callahan noted that the descriptions of darting movement of the objects was strikingly similar to flight patterns of locust swarms he had seen in Asia.

UFO sightings in Utah between 1965 and 1968 correlate almost perfectly with infestations of spruce bud moths in the area, he found. The moths often migrate on storm fronts and have been known to swarm in clouds more than 60 miles long and 16 miles wide.

Flying in a large electrical field, electrons are pulled away from the surface of the moths causing friction with nitrogen gas in the atmosphere and producing a bluish glow.

Agricultural records in Utah show infestations of the spruce budworms for two years before the outbreak of UFO sightings there. The sightings occurred just when mass migrations would be expected.

Records also show a decrease in infestation on the ground at the time when UFO sightings were reported in the air.

"The implications are great — not just for UFO people, either," Callahan said. "Forestry students can begin studying the 30,000 nocturnal UFO sightings on record to gain information about insect migration in the area. All this information is computerized."

Sky Said Putting On Quite a Show

Many of the reported UFO sightings Monday night can be explained as ultra-bright stars, said H. D. Bingman Jr., professor of astronomy at Parkersburg Community College.

Bingman, who has received several reports of UFOs said he examined the objects that were pointed out to him and identified them as stars. He further ventured that, after hearing of other reports of UFO sightings, "for the first time in their lives many people are actually studying the skies." He said they are seeing things in the sky that they were never aware of before and may be presuming the objects to be UFOs.

Because of increasing stellar activity this time of year, many who are looking at the sky are seeing stars of the first magnitude (the brighter stars in the galaxy) or are seeing meteorites (falling stars), according to Bingman, who said at this time of the year "we are witnessing meteor showers."

Bingman said two of the brightest stars in the sky this time of year are Capella in the constellation Auriga; and Aldebaran in the constellation Taurus. Aldebaran is described as a ruby red star and is exceedingly bright, the astronomer said.

He said that a lot of atmospheric turbulence and exceptionally clear skies make the stars appear more colorful, brighter and appear to "dance about," Bingman said.

"If you spend the time to look, you'll see a nice show in the sky every night," Bingman added.

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2nd Sighting

The Standard, for the second consecutive day today received a report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

The sighting, according to the unidentified reporter, occurred at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday in the area of Kuck Rd. and U.S. 33 in northern Mercer County.

It consisted of flashing red and green lights on an object that hovered, then moved east for about one-eighth of a mile and then southeast until it was about over Grand Lake St. Marys, according to the reporter. The object, estimated to be about 400 feet above the ground, then went north over St. Marys.

No sound was heard, according to the sighter, who said he watched the object about five minutes.

Two Mendon youths reported Wednesday that they had seen an unidentified flying object over the village Tuesday evening

UFO: *It could have been Jupiter*

By KATHLEEN STOCKING

Record-Eagle staff writer

KALKASKA — The unidentified flying objects (UFOs) that two policemen and two school teachers, among others, say they saw over Kalkaska late Thursday night and early Friday morning may have been the planet Jupiter, according to a scientist at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

Dr. James Sweitzer says that Jupiter's activity is very showy at this time of year.

"Jupiter rises about 10 p.m. It's a very brilliant star — about 50 times brighter than anything in the sky. It's low on the horizon. And it flickers. It's passing through very turbulent air. The air causes it to dance and flicker. The atmosphere acts like a prism, and it will give off red and green and white light and appear to dance."

Sweitzer did not impugn the credibility of people who sight UFOs, or say that UFOs don't exist. "I'm never critical of people. They know what they saw and they saw something."

However Sweitzer adds that "a lot of things go on in the sky that people don't understand — some of these things are simply astronomical phenomena."

The way to differentiate Jupiterian activity from UFOs is that Jupiter will be "near the horizon and maintain its position in respect to other stars and will be most visible from 10-12 p.m.," he says.

David Waltrip, an astronomy teacher at Leelanau Schools and a graduate of the University of Illinois, said he saw something the last week of October out

over Lake Michigan that "was a star. But if the sightings in Kalkaska were higher above the horizon they probably can't be explained that way."

Waltrip made his observations at the Lamphier Observatory on a hill above Lake Michigan. What he saw was "a light next to the horizon, out over the lake, real bright, red, green and white and flashing."

However upon looking through the observatory telescope Waltrip said that "it was clear it was a star, very low on the horizon and the light was being refracted or 'bent' through the atmosphere which acts like a prism.

"Objects seen higher in the air and inland were less likely to be colorful stars," Waltrip said, adding that he had an open mind about UFOs because "too many people who are in a position to have good judgment on this have seen things they couldn't explain.

Waltrip said he would like to see a UFO, but hasn't yet.

John Shephard of Bellaire who has a reputation as a knowledgeable amateur where UFOs are concerned, said there were "four or five north of Mancelona" Thursday night and they were "flying in formation." He did not see them, but the sightings were reported to him.

He doubted that the activity in the sky could be Jupiter: "not with these movements and aerodynamics involved," Shephard said, adding that there hadn't been so many UFO sightings since 1973.

The center for UFO study in Evanston, Ill., is collecting data concerning the northern lower Michigan sightings, according to Mrs. Estelle Postol of the center.



Technicians at a Kuwaiti oil field have reported a scientific first for the Arab world — the sighting of a flying saucer, complete with flashing red lights.

The sighting reportedly so unnerved the observers that work on the Persian Gulf nation's precious commodity came to a complete halt.

Some seven workers, including one American, said they saw the cylindrical object, said to be "larger than a jumbo jet," Friday afternoon.

According to the onlookers, the UFO approached the oilfield, located 90 miles from the capital city of Kuwait, landed "without a sound" and took off again seven minutes later.

Whatever it was, the Kuwaitis say that telephone communications and oil pumping services were disrupted temporarily.

Sherman Youth 'Sights' UFO

SHERMAN — Macky Parson, 15, told police that about 6:30 p.m. Monday he and a friend spotted a UFO in a field between East Lamar and Lessley.

Parson told police the UFO was about the size of a house when it appeared about 100 feet above them. Parson said the UFO was triangular in shape and shot a blue light at them which blinded them.

Authorities said the blindness was temporary and that the area where the UFO was reported sighted was checked, but officers were unable to locate anything.

UFO tape flap unwinds

MELBOURNE, Australia (UPI) — Officials today denied they were withholding a vivid description of an unidentified flying object given to air con-

trollers by a young pilot who said an alien craft was chasing him. The pilot then vanished.

A stepped-up land, sea and air search today turned up no sign of the pilot, Frederick Valentich, 20, or his single-engine Cessna 182 aircraft. Radio contact was lost as he was flying from Melbourne to King Island, 130 miles to the south, shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday.

The nationally circulated newspaper *The Australian* reported that the Department of Transportation was withholding parts of the tape-recorded conversation between Valentich and controllers.

According to the department's transcript of the conversation, Valentich began to describe the object he said was hovering above him over Bass Strait.

The transcript reads, "It's not an aircraft. It's ..." (break in transmission).

The newspaper said a department source, which it did not identify, indicated there was no break in transmission and that the pilot went on to describe the UFO in detail.

A spokesman later denied the story, saying all details of the recorded conversation had been released.

"The text of the radio messages between the aircraft and the ground begin when the pilot requested the flight service unit at Melbourne airport for information on other traffic below 5,000 feet," the spokesman said.

"It finishes about six minutes later at 7:12 p.m. when the aircraft did not respond to further calls from the ground."

The pilot's father, Guido Valentich, said he had been told that only part of the tapes had been made public, and said he believes his son is alive "and being held by someone from another world."

"They may want to hold him for a week or so before returning him," Valentich said.

"I have been told the tapes contain a lot more about the UFO and that my son's voice was calm right through the transmission."

In the transcript released by the department, the pilot described the UFO as a long object with "a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside ... flying at a speed I cannot estimate."

Officials believe Valentich may have been flying upside down and seeing reflections of the King Island and Cape Otway lighthouses in clouds when he was describing the UFO.

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UFO Sightings

The UFOs are back and West Virginia has them!

Sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported over last weekend in an area extending from eastern Kanawha County to Parkersburg and as far north as Mason and Roane counties. Law enforcement officers and private citizens said they saw strange lighted objects in the sky and the flight controller supervisor at the Kanawha Airport in Charleston said he tracked three targets on his radar screen.

Perhaps the renewed emphasis on creatures from outer space on television and in the movies has had something to do with the sudden revival of UFO sightings. Judging from past experience with the "flying saucer" madness, once these accounts of sightings in West Virginia are reported in the news media across the country, it's certain that there will be a rash of similar experiences forthcoming from far and wide.

Despite all of the talk about UFOs over many years, we still haven't seen any hard evidence produced to support claims that creatures from other planets flying in their spaceships have been viewing what goes on here on Mother Earth.

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UFOs make cop a believer

LUDINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Flickering, fast-moving UFOs have been spotted over Lake Michigan and a policeman said the sightings "sure made a believer out of me."

Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson of the Luding-

ton Coast Guard Station said he shot motion picture film of an Oct. 1 sighting and sent it to district headquarters in Cleveland, where officials refused to discuss the matter.

That was the same night the coast guard sighted

three others at about the same time and sheriff deputies Dave Waller and Frank Steiger spent 30 minutes gazing at a strange, fast-moving object flashing dazzling green, white and red lights while hovering about a mile off shore.

UFO Seen At Mahaffey

By Debi Germanaro

"It was the longest minute of my life," That was how Mrs. Kathy Moyer described her run-in with a UFO near her home along Banner Ridge on Mahaffey R. D. at 1:30 Tuesday morning of last week.

"Everyone was in bed sleeping," she explained, "and I was waiting for my husband to return from work. I went to the door to check on Coco (her dog) who had been left out earlier. That's when I spotted the object hovering over those trees along the ridge."

She described the glowing, oval object as about the size of a picture window and flashing a white-yellow light. The trees are about 100 yards from her doorstep.

"The object was travelling above the trees at about the speed of a helicopter." Kathy later recalled. "I knew it wasn't a helicopter when I couldn't hear any noise."

"I stood at the door watching the light as it travelled along the ridge for about 200 yards. It appeared to sink behind as if preparing to land in the clearing behind. As I watched it, it began moving toward the

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house. That's when I hurried inside and slammed the door," she recounted.

Since Kathy closed the curtains and didn't look outside again until her husband, Craig, returned home at 2 a. m., where the object went from there is a mystery.

"Kathy was all excited when I came in, but I told her I thought it was probably a star or helicopter," said Mr. Moyer.

Second Sighting

Taking a pair of binoculars with him, Kathy's husband went outside to scour the surrounding trees and fields. Gazing at the star-filled sky, he spotted two objects behind the area where his wife's sightings occurred earlier.



TALKS TO STAR REPORTER — Kathy Moyer with her two-year-old daughter, Shannon, telling the story of her strange encounter. *See Page 6A A*

These objects were much higher in the sky, shaped like the bottom half of an egg, blue on the bottom and had flashing red lights on top.

Watching these objects through the binoculars, Mr. Moyer said he also spotted a third such object on a hillside in back of the house.

"All of a sudden a big falling star went across the sky — like a white streak of light — and by the time I turned around, the one in back of the house was gone," he noted.

Watch Object For 2 Hours

After standing outside near their unoccupied trailer home for nearly a half hour, Mr. Moyer returned to his father-in-law's home where he and his wife are living. He and Mrs. Moyer watched the two objects until 4 a. m. Tuesday.

"It Wasn't A Star"

"Certainly if Mrs. Moyer saw an object as big as her picture window in the sky, there's no way what she saw was a star," UFO expert Robert Crowell said.

"With the size of the object, and the reaction of the dogs in the area, there had to be something there, even if it was an explainable object such as a helicopter," Mr. Crowell said.

However, the light's movement across the sky "points to something other than a known object. Tuesday morning there was no wind, so the noise would have traveled pretty good," the UFO expert from the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Pittsburgh said.

"The secondary sighting sounds so much like a star," Mr. Crowell commented, explaining a star often creates the optical illusion of vertical motion in a dark sky.

"It's not very often that UFOs hang around for more than 15 or 20 minutes or a half hour at the most," Mr. Crowell added, noting the Moyers' second sighting lasting over two hours was very unusual.

The UFO expert said it would

be "awful hard to make a decision at this time" about the authenticity of both the first and second Moyer sightings.

"What I think might have happened is the wife might have had a very good sighting in the beginning, but when he (Mr. Moyer) came home, he might have seen all those bright stars out and started mistaking them for UFOs," said Mr. Crowell.

To Start Investigation

He noted more investigation into the Mahaffey sighting is needed. The Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research will look into the case, Mr. Crowell added.

Seeing is believing according to Mrs. Moyer. "My husband always believed in UFOs," she explained, "but I never did until now. After you see one, it makes a believer out of you."

Sherman's backyard UFO tops any on TV

By RICK HAGAR

In the middle of "Battlestar Galactica" Sunday night, the Sherman police dispatcher telephoned to report a confirmed UFO sighting over the city.

A stationary celestial object flashing various colors was hovering over Northeast Sherman, and police had verified it wasn't a helicopter or an airplane.

Had the Cylons reached Earth before the Colony Fleet?

In the 1800 block of North Ross, a dozen firefighters and police had already arrived and were busy speculating what it was.

Today, by the way, marks the 40th anniversary of Orson Wells' memorable "War of the Worlds" broadcast that panicked thousands of radio listeners who thought the U.S. was being invaded by Martians.

Tensions continued to mount Sunday night as the object remained stationary more than an hour while changing from blue to red to white to green then back to blue.

Finally, the president of the Texoma Unidentified Flying Research Club, arrived to explain the curiosity.

"What you're seeing is the light from a star," said Mike Martin.

At this time of the year, he explained, the color spectrum of starlight can be seen by the naked eye as it passes through the clear, cold night air.

"If I had a star chart with me I could tell you what star it is," Martin continued.

Sherman firefighter J.B. Webb said he first spotted the star from his Denison residence Saturday night. He and his son — not sure what it was — watched as the stationary light changed colors.

Then, again Sunday night, Webb saw the object from the Northside Fire Station in Sherman. He asked the dispatcher to notify Martin.

Meanwhile, the dispatcher had received a call from a Northeast Sherman residence about the object, and an officer was dispatched to check on it. The officer, who asked the dispatcher to keep his name off the report, verified the object was hovering northeast of Sherman and was flashing colors. A call to area airports confirmed it wasn't a helicopter.

UFOs had been spotted northeast of Sherman in recent weeks, so residents have been conscious of sightings.

Police in various Southeast Oklahoma cities as well as officials in Denton and Gainesville have reported seeing multicolored flying objects in eastern skies during early morning hours. No explanation has yet been given for those sightings.

By the time the excitement died down Sunday night, it was too late to see what happened to Starbuck and the rest of Galactica's crew, but there was this

great rerun on "The Outer Limits" where creatures from outer space invaded human bodies...

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH - RECORD
*****NOV. 3, 1978*****

UFOs sighted at Kalkaska

By KATHLEEN STOCKING

Record-Eagle staff writer

KALKASKA — Two Kalkaska County sheriff deputies and two school teachers say they saw UFOs on Thursday night.

Deputies Mike Maxwell and Chuck Witt say they saw "two objects, spinning, although stationary in the sky with red, green and white lights." Three objects were sighted northeast of the village at 9:01 p.m. Thursday, and one was seen south at 12:40 a.m. Friday, according to the police reports.

Sue Carmine, a 26-year-old science teacher at the Kalkaska High School who has a bachelor's degree from

Deputies report seeing 'two objects, spinning, although stationary in the sky with red, green and white lights'

Michigan State University and a master's from the University of Michigan, says she "doesn't just think she saw a UFO — I know I saw a UFO."

"I'm a science teacher and we've been studying stars and stars don't react like that, with blinking lights — changing from red, to white to green. We had binoculars out and we could really see them," she said.

Carmine said she'd heard about UFOs before but never really believed in them. In fact, when she was alerted to the phenomenon Thursday night by a student, she didn't even bother to go outside and look for the first 30 minutes.

Carmine was first told about the UFOs by Jody Wilder, 17. She watched them with another teacher, Sue Davis, 27, and a friend don Strahn, 27. Village Police Chief Melvin Hill said the people

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...Kalkaska deputies among those making UFO reports

who saw the UFOs were "credible witnesses."

Hillis officers reported that witnesses saw "three colored objects moving in a circle. Two objects moved through the sky rapidly — one minute it would be over Traverse City, and a split second later it would seem to be over Kalkaska."

Whether the UFOs were from "outer space" or part of government research, Carmine said she couldn't guess. "We watched these 'unidentified flying objects' for about 45 minutes and they were there for a half hour before that," she said.

How did it feel to see something that looked like a real UFO?

"It was sort of eerie," Carmine said, "because we had no rational way to explain it."

When sheriff's deputies said they saw objects in the sky with "red, green and white lights," officials radioed the Federal Aviation Administration in Traverse City and were advised by the FAA that there were no aircraft known to be in the area.

In the earlier sightings, Betty Binges and her sons Mark, 16, and Tom, 13, of Berrien Springs said they saw several UFOs hovering and shooting strange beams of light near the Cook Nuclear Power Station on Tuesday night.

Spokesmen for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department could not confirm these sightings.

Mrs. Binges and her sons also said a radio carried by one of the boys faded in

and out as the objects appeared overhead. She said her sons counted five objects, three on one side and two on the other. Their description of the objects was similar to that given by the Kalkaska witnesses.

A spokesman at the Adler planetarium in Chicago reminds people that "the winter skies are very bright and there are bright planets in the sky right now. Jupiter is very bright and could project red and green lights, and the other bright star is Sirius."

TAZEWELL, VA. - CLINCH VALLEY NEWS
*****OCT. 25, 1978*****

UFOs Around Us?

The unidentified flying objects seen in the area last weekend have triggered much comment in Tazewell County about UFOs and their feasibility.

Last Saturday night Lloyd Crutchfield and his mother, Cecelia Crutchfield, saw the strange objects hovering over Dial Rock. Others saw the flying objects in the locale, and their identity of the green, star-like lights remains a mystery.

UFOs have been reported for many years by reliable watchers. There is such a mystery surrounding them that skepticism always arises when a sighting is announced. But serious observers do not discount the possibility that UFOs do exist, and have existed through the centuries.

We cannot explain UFOs, but when they are reported in Tazewell County skies, we are humbled by the magnitude of what surrounds us. (LL)

Who can wonder about UFOs and other planetary beings without realizing the greatness of the universe, and appreciating the planet Earth with a deeper feeling?

We believe UFOs are another segment of life which will never be explained. But their existence gives man a brief glimpse into the unknown, into the beyond, and adds dimension to every day affairs.

WHEELING, W. VA. - INTELLIGENCER
*****NOV. 6, 1978*****

Area UFOs Sighted

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department received a report of an unidentified flying object sighting near John Scott Highway in Steubenville from Jim Marguis of RD 1, Richmond.

Marguis reported he saw something hovering over the highway Saturday.

The report followed several sightings reported in Brooke County Friday.

Several deputies in the Brooke County Sheriff's Department reported seeing what looked like a "fireball" in the sky.

According to the department's dispatcher, about 40 persons called to report sightings.

One woman reportedly saw what looked like a green cone-shaped object in the Eldersville Road Cross Creek area.

UFOs Invading Brooke County?

By WILLIAM VIRGIN
Times Staff Writer

WELLSBURG — Are UFOs invading Brooke County?

Sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported throughout West Virginia in the past few nights and now Brooke County sheriff's deputies report two separate sightings of mysterious things in the sky.

The two reports came within minutes of each other Friday night. One deputy spotted a UFO above Brooke High School, just a few minutes after two deputies saw a UFO on W.Va. 88.

Apparently the deputies weren't alone in seeing something in the sky that didn't look like it belonged. The Brooke County sheriff's office was flooded with phone calls from county residents. Deputies report the UFO was seen as far away as the Pike Island locks and dam on the Ohio River.

Deputy Robert Haddon was at Brooke High School shortly after 7 p.m. when he spotted the UFO. He described it was two red balls in the sky, with some sort of object in between angled upwards. Haddon said the two red balls didn't blink or flash.

The object quavered slightly, but hovered in one position for about five or six minutes, Haddon said. A slight noise came from the object, he added.

After some time the object slowly moved away in the sky.

Haddon says the object could not have been very high, since "the spotlight on my cruiser could almost reach it."

The Brooke County sheriff's office called the Ohio County Airport tower, but the tower indicated nothing on the radar screen.

Meanwhile, deputies Harry Ickes and Robert Stein, in separate cruisers, passed each other on W.Va. 88 about halfway between Washington Pike and Bethany Pike.

Ickes said about 15 seconds after the two passed and radioed to one another, "I caught a glimpse of a ball of fire about a half mile away."

Ickes said the ball was white with orange flame. He said the ball was "huge." He also said the ball disappeared toward the northwest, but he didn't see it hit.

"If Stein hadn't been in the area I would have just passed it off," Ickes said. "But I called him and asked 'Did you see that?' I didn't say what it was. But he called back and said 'yeah, I saw that.'"

Ickes said he has seen a lot of shooting stars, "but this didn't look like one."

Ickes stopped his car on the road, and a man from Bethany pulled up behind to ask the same question — "did you see that?"

The two stood on the road attempting to determine where the ball went down — Ickes said he was concerned a fire might have been started in the woods. At the same time Stein returned to the area.

As the three men looked for some sign of the object, they saw another object in the sky. Ickes said they spotted two dull red lights ("such as you might see on an airplane"), separated by about 100 yards but a good ways off in the distance. Ickes said the lights were due west of where they stood, with one slightly

lower than the other.

One person remarked that it appeared a plane was banking, but the two lights stayed in place eight to 10 minutes, Ickes said.

The three turned off the engines of their cars, and Ickes said they heard a dull hum. "It was the sound of an engine running," he said. "it wasn't the normal sound of an airplane. It was just a low pulsating sound."

The object then moved northeast, and the three tracked it along W.Va. 88, but lost sight of it.

Shortly afterward Haddon spotted the object along Cross Creek Road.

Ickes said the sky was filled with planes within 20 minutes of the report of the sightings. He said three Air Force jets in formation flew south, then north over the area. "There were planes going over all night," Ickes said.

Haddon said despite all the checking, "no one knows anything, or they're not telling us anyhow."

WASHINGTON, PA. - OBERSEVER
OCT. 30, 1978**

Reports Sighting UFO

"I've never believed in UFOs before but I do now," Steve King of Waynesburg said in reporting a UFO sighting Saturday night near Oak Forest.

King said he and other young people were on a hay ride in the White's Ridge area when they spotted the flying objects at 9 p.m. Saturday.

"It had two green, flashing lights and it seemed to be no more than 500 feet above us," King said. "It must have been there for five or 10 minutes."

King added there was no reflection such as might come from a beacon light, and there was no noise. "It definitely was not an airplane or a star," he said.

"Certainly somebody else must have seen it, and we'd be interested in hearing from them if they did," he said.

IRONTON, OHIO - TRIBUNE
*****NOV. 10, 1978*****

UFO Explanation (Maybe)

It sounds so plausible, so eminently reasonable: those "UFOs" reported darting about the night sky, glowing with various colors, emitting eerie sounds, may be nothing more than swarms of insects caught in an electric field created by atmospheric discharges. This theory is advanced by a government entomologist who has collaborated with a co-worker, a physicist, in developing the idea.

As we say, this theory has such a by-golly-that-must-be-it aura that talk of flying saucers and extraterrestrials tends to sound ridiculous. But then . . . Well, what about that fellow in a small plane in Australia who radioed that he was being paced by something big, fast and inexplicable — and then vanished? What about those reports from Toronto, Kan., about a hexagon of wide holes in the bottomland near town which, as one upright (and

sober) citizen put it, "just looks like something awfully big and awfully heavy sat there and pushed the ground down"?

How, in short, do swarming insects and electric fields account for things like that?

We are inclined to think that Dr. Philip S. Callahan, an entomologist at an Agricultural Research Service laboratory in Gainesville, Fla., has hit upon a credible explanation of some nighttime sightings. Clouds of bugs moving erratically in and out of electric fields that make them glow: Yep, that sounds likely enough.

But does anyone figure it was a cloud of bugs that gobbled up that young Australian pilot and his small plane? Was it thousands of insects that left those 10-foot-wide depressions in the Walnut Creek bottomlands near that Kansas town — not to mention the big 13-foot one in the middle of the hexagon?

Hundreds Witness Dazzling UFOs Over Indian Reservations

By HAROLD LEWIS and ERIC FAUCHER

A rash of UFOs has been sighted over two isolated Indian reservations — and folklore experts link the encounters to tribal legends about mysterious visitors from other worlds.

Trained observers, such as the fire lookouts and tribal policemen, have made most of the over 160 sightings of dazzling objects that have swept across Northwest skies in recent years.

"The Indian legends tie in with these incidents," declared Willard Vogel, chief fire control officer on the Yakima Indian Reservation in south Washington, where at least 80 sightings have been logged.

Sightings have ranged from "strange lights in the sky" to reports of objects that have actually landed atop moving cars at night, causing the vehicles' "lights to go out and their radios to quit," Vogel said.

And since 1966, some 80 sightings



WASHINGTON: The arrow points to Yakima Indian Reservation, scene of many UFO sightings.

ings at the Ute Indian Reservation in northeast Utah have been personally investigated by Dr. Frank Salisbury, a plant physiologist at Utah State University in Logan. "There were as many as 500 people who witnessed these sightings," said Dr. Salisbury.

And Yakima Tribal Police Sgt. Harry Smiskin remarked: "The sightings are such a common occurrence that they don't really alarm anybody any longer."

One of the most vivid descriptions came from Smiskin, who

said he and another officer were on patrol one night when they saw a dazzling bright light in the sky, silhouetted against the mountains.

"The object appeared white at first, but as we drove on I could make out red, green and yellow colors. We had a good view for about five minutes. I know it was a UFO, definitely not a helicopter or plane," he said.

And Yakima fire control chief Vogel told of reports of UFOs "being seen to dip into canyons and the canyons lighting up, as if there was a small city in them.

"The following day we would get helicopters to investigate, and the canyons would not appear to be any different from the way they had been before."

Ute Tribal Police Chief Lloyd Arrowchis asserted he has seen 24 UFOs in the 10 years he has served as a lawman on the reservation. "I don't hallucinate, and I don't fabricate stories," he declared.

About half a dozen times, Arrowchis said, he has spotted a mysterious object glide silently through the nighttime sky, with an orange-yellow light on top and a clear light on the bottom, like a powerful searchlight.

"It appears to be looking for something. When I started to get close to it once, it just faded out," he said.

Tribal legends may account for the rash of bizarre episodes, said Watson Totus, chairman of the Yakima tribal council.

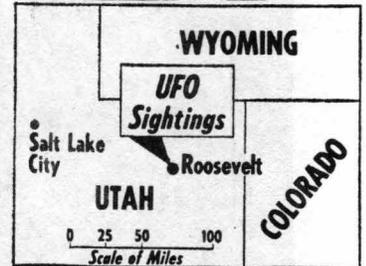
"There are many stories in the legends of super beings. The Indians believe that such people came to this land from other planets, and this could explain the lights in the sky and UFO sightings," he told *The ENQUIRER*.

Agreeing with this theory, Virginia Beavert Martin, a former lecturer on Indian language at Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, said: "Long ago, Indian prophets predicted just what is happening now."

For example, Martin said, one Indian legend tells of a man with red eyes and miraculous healing powers who came from afar to live with a tribe.

When he was old and dying, the legend goes, the man asked to be taken to a specific location. After he died, a large flying object descended from the sky and flew off with the body.

Martin said she herself has



UTAH: Map shows the site of Ute Indian Reservation where 80 UFO sightings have been reported.

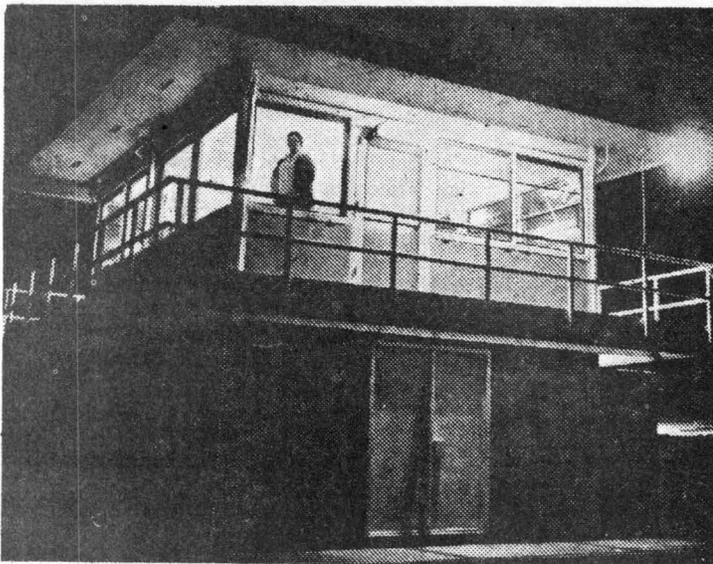
seen UFOs. "They were two balls of light, shifting back and forth, and they could not have been airplanes or helicopters," she remembered.

Larry George, who's a former lecturer on Indian legends at Washington schools, said he "couldn't count the number of UFO experiences" he had while serving as a fire lookout at the Yakima reservation.

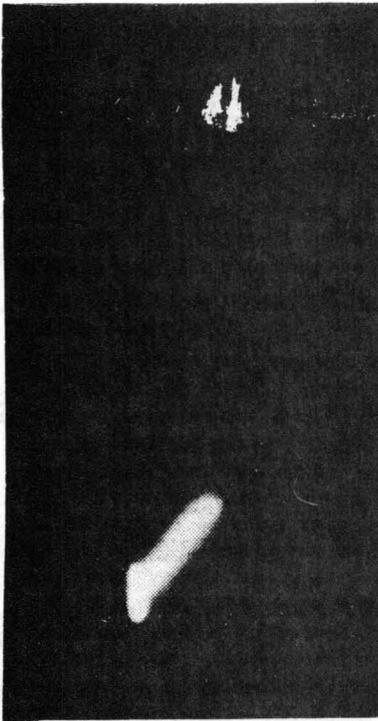
He said most of these experiences involved "bright lights, gold lights and blue lights, red lights and flashing lights," although he once saw several metallic objects that were shaped like teardrops zipping overhead.

George told of another Indian legend about a flying object that dives into and climbs out of a lake on the reservation.

"These Indian legends could be a very real clue to the identity of these objects — whatever they are," he said.



LOOKOUT in observation station on Yakima Indian Reservation. Most UFO sightings at Yakima and Ute have been made by trained observers in similar observation stations.



STREAKING ACROSS the sky is a bright unidentified flying object in Roane County. Several residents of eastern Kanawha County and other parts of Southern West Virginia reported sighting UFOs during the weekend. This photo was taken by a Roane County photographer for the state police.



THIS PHOTO is reported to be of an unidentified flying object observed by Ohio and West Virginia law officers Friday night and Saturday morning. The picture was taken by Gallipolis Dispatcher Steve Wilson.

UFO seen over Mason

GALLIPOLIS— An unidentified flying object was observed by law enforcement officers in Ohio and West Virginia late Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Patrolman Kraig E. Hankins, of the Gallipolis City Police, reported that Saturday morning, at 1:45 a.m., while on routine patrol, he observed an object, with multi-colored lights, in the sky above Mason County, W. Va.

Hankins was joined at the scene of the sighting, at the Public Use Area, by officers of the city police and the Gallia County Sheriff's Department where they kept the object in sight until around 4 a.m., when witnesses said it shot straight up.

The Mason County Sheriff's Department was informed and at approximately 2:15 a.m., a Mason Co. officer confirmed the sighting.

Mason Co. Deputy Frank Crump, who was unavailable for comment, is reported to have observed an object for at least three hours in the vicinity of Whitten Ridge near the Mason-Putnam Co. border around 3 a.m. Saturday.

The National Weather Service advised the Gallipolis City Police that the object was not a star or planet, but reported they could not get a radar fix on it.

Friday night at least one, and possibly two objects, were under observation by Roane County Officers.

Trooper Gary Williams of the Roane Co. State Police said he and other county law officers had one of the objects under surveillance for about three hours as it remained stationary.

Williams watched the object, along with 11 other individuals, including eight civilians.

"I watched it every minute from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., at which time I had to go on a call," Williams said.

"It was brighter than a star," the Roane Co. trooper continued.

He stated that he observed the object through binoculars but was unable to determine its shape because it was so far away.

Deputy Stan Miller, of the Gallia County Sheriff's Department, stated Saturday morning that he and approximately 12 other Gallia County residents, including several law enforcement officers, had observed the object from the Public Use Area for over three hours.

"We saw something," Miller said, "I don't know what it was, but we saw something."

UFO reported in W. Va. for the fifth day in a row

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (UPI) — West Virginia is becoming "almost heaven" for Unidentified Flying Objects.

For the fifth day in a row, a resident has reported a sighting.

Joyce Dehner, 20, a Fairmont State College student, said she saw a UFO while driving to school. She described the object as oblong with a bright, red light that glided toward her car soundlessly, then flew straight up into the air.

"I asked her if it was the sun's rays or a helicopter," her mother said yesterday.

"She said she was sure it wasn't sun rays and added that it had no propellers or motors. She seemed quite alarmed and still feels shaken about it."

Miss Dehner's brother Bob is an assistant news editor with The Huntington Herald Dispatch.

"I never believed in UFOs, but now I don't know," he said.

"Joyce is a very low key, sensible person. If she said she saw something, she saw it. I just don't know what."

But Of What Kind? Strange Encounters

By **SUSAN GRAHAME**
Unidentified flying objects?

A weather phenomenon?
A secret government satellite orbiting the earth?

There is considerable speculation, but there are no concrete explanations yet for the colored lights which have been appearing in the skies above Roane and Calhoun Counties.

The lights, multi-colors of green, red, blue and white, sometimes in the shape of a triangle, were first noticed by area law enforcement agents on Friday night.

By Saturday reports of similar sightings were flowing in from all over southern and central West Virginia.

Hundreds of people from as far south as Beckley, Pt. Pleasant, Charleston, Marmet and Chesapeake have reported seeing some type of "unidentified flying object" in the crisp, clear night skies of West Virginia.

The objects have been picked up on Federal Aviation Administration radar scans and have been witnessed through binoculars and telescopes and have been photographed.

Thus far spectators and government officials have agreed on only two things. The lights do not belong to an airplane and apparently are not a star.

Local officials said they have not received any inquiries from any government agencies concerning the objects, although the sheriff's department did receive a letter of inquiry from "Phenomenon Research" of Seattle, Washington, a private organization which investigates such sightings.

The letter explained, "The Air Force and other government agencies no longer investigate U.F.O. sightings. Such sightings are now investigated by private organizations."

The organization is seeking any information from any

one who has seen the lights.

Spencer State Police Trooper Gary Williams initially reported the sightings to the Kanawha Airport control Tower on Friday night. He witnessed the lights when he was called to the residence of Hardy Miller about 8:15 p.m.

Here is the account as given to Spencer Newspapers:

"I was called to the residence of Hardy Miller at about 8:15 p.m. Friday. Hardy had been watching a light in the sky. I saw the light in the sky. It was different colors. We watched it for a while then I called the Charleston tower and other police officers were alerted.

"I'm just calling it lights... it was a super clear night. What I saw was brighter than the brightest star."

Williams said he watched the lights for approximately four hours. During that period four airplanes passed by the light. It was obvious, he said, the lights did not belong to an airplane.

Williams said the Charleston Tower reported to him they were picking up something on their radar scan. The colors of the object flashed from green to red to blue, he said.

Sheriff's Deputy James Atkins was one of those alerted by Williams. His report:

"It was up with the stars. It was brighter than the stars. The colors were red, blue and green. To see it properly you had to look through binoculars. We did. I watched it for about an hour and a half. It didn't appear to move to the naked eye. If it did move we couldn't tell. I knew it wasn't a plane."

Atkins, like others reported seeing the object again Saturday night. However, on Saturday more than one object was reported.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Harry B. "Butch" Smith re-

ported seeing the phenomenon on Saturday night.

"I saw four of them on Saturday night. They were right above Norris Industries. The lights were like a Christmas tree although the green wasn't as distinct as the other colors. I never saw anything like it."

Also reported viewing the phenomenon and observing it through telescope and binoculars on Friday and Saturday nights with Roane law officers were Spencer Police Officer Randy Lane and residents Romeo Miller and Jeff Halcomb.

In Calhoun County, State Police Trooper Don Carder

and Grantsville Patrolman Bob Groves watched an unidentified object in the sky for about two hours at the top of Liberty Hill. Several other people reported seeing something.

Tuesday evening Spencer Newspapers received some calls from residents who reported witnessing the objects again.

Mrs. Virginia Fisher of Mann's Trailer Court, along with six other individuals, sighted the colored lights sometime after 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"We were at the lower end of Mann's Trailer Court. It

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Strange Lights

This strange light in the sky above Spencer was photographed Friday night by photographer Sidney Boggs. Boggs, along with law enforcement officers and residents viewed some unidentified colored lights in the sky for several hours. Boggs used a time exposure of about three minutes while photographing the lights.

SPENCER, W. VA. - REPORTER
*****OCT 26, 1978*****

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Strange Encounter

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was after Let's Go To The Races. so it was after 8 p.m., but I don't know for sure just what time," she said.

The seven people watched the lights with a telescope for about 15 minutes until they went dim and disappeared.

"It looked to me like it was in the shape of a turtle," she said. It had a tiny little point like a nose. There were red and green lights and they kept flashing."

Mrs. Fisher explained while the object didn't seem to be travelling it did move in jerky movement. It kept moving back and forth—like an object does when it is attracted to a magnet.

"You could tell it wasn't a star. We watched it until it just kind of faded away," she added.

"I will tell you one thing...it was beautiful."

No one knows for sure what everyone is seeing. There are numerous theories.

The most common explanation

is that objects flying through the sky and popping onto radar screens are the result of unusual atmospheric conditions.

Robert Brown, director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank in Pocahontas County theorizes the sightings are a result of hot and clear weather following a cold snap.

"That's a phenomenon that's rather familiar to those of us in astronomy," he said, "it's particularly common out West. But it's rare here."

Fairly Close Encounters

Unidentified Flying Object encounters of late may not have been extremely close or of the third kind — in all cases — but they were reported far and wide enough to restore a desirable aura of glamour to the night-time skies.

They were reported over West Virginia, Argentina and southeastern Australia.

The strangest story came from Melbourne, where authorities said pilot Frederick Valentich, flying his single engine Cessna 182 over the Bass Strait 130 miles to the south, radioed that a longshaped UFO with four bright lights was orbiting above him and reported, "It isn't an aircraft. It's . . ."

Two minutes later he radioed again and said his engine was coughing. Then there was a metallic scratching and silence. The pilot was heard no more. The Australian Air Force conducted a widespread search for his missing craft, without results.

Valentich's father said his son had been interested in UFOs for many years and had reported sighting one about 10 months ago. We hope that wherever the pilot may be he is safe.

A traffic jam occurred in the Palermo section of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as huge crowds formed to gape at mysterious lights flashing in the sky. City officials said the supposed UFOs were merely laser beams flashed from the Buenos Aires planetarium and bouncing off clouds, as part of the special effects of a movie being filmed.

But as UFO aficionados are well aware, whenever strange things are seen in the sky, spoilsports appear on the ground with rational explanations of the celestial flashings.

So it was in West Virginia, where more than 30 sightings of mysterious bright objects whizzing about the sky, with green, blue, white and sometimes red or yellow lights, were reported in Kanawha County.

Bill Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha Airport, said there were unidentifiable objects on his radar screen all weekend. Then, perhaps somewhat disappointingly, he added that they could have been radar-caused weather phenomena.

And at the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Director Robert Green said: "This is the kind of weather, hot and clear, that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings. There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

That may very well be so. On the other hand, considering that once upon a time almost everyone thought the earth was flat, who knows for certain what might be flying around out there on a clear and starry autumn night?

MUNCIE, IND. - STAR
OCT. 31, 1978

5 Sightings Of UFOs Reported

UFOs again were seen in the sky over Keokuk County Wednesday night, according to two area police agencies.

State police at the Rockford postsaid they received two reports of a metallic craft over the Gratton area shortly before 10 p.m.

"There were two Gratton residents who called and wanted to know if anyone else had reported seeing the objects," said Sgt. Donald Anderson. "They said they were just reporting the UFOs, but didn't give any detailed description.

"Also, they didn't want to be contacted further by us. Most people feel so foolish about (reporting UFOs), they don't want to be contacted."

Between 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., Grand Rapids received three calls from city residents reporting a UFO over three separate locations.

The first caller reported one over the East Beltline Se. south of Fulton Street. The second reported a UFO over the 196 and US131 freeway exchange. The third caller said he spotted a UFO over John Ball Park. Police dispatchers had all their patrol cars tied at the time and were unable to send officers to verify the reports.

GRAND RAPIDS POLICE - MICH.
*****OCT. 9, 1978*****

UFO reports are checked

CASSVILLE — Apparently not everything going bump in the Ozarks night is a Halloween ghost or goblin.

Reports of UFO sightings at the Marlett Sturgell farm near Jenkins and at the Purdy home, of Everett Smith are valid, a UFO expert said.

Some area Halloween haunts on Page 8E.

Six members of the Sturgell family reported seeing a silver, oval-shaped object rise from a meadow on the night of Oct. 8. A 4-foot wide spot in the meadow was left discolored.

A similar discoloration was found in the Smith yard after Mrs. Smith reported seeing a white object hovering about 1 a.m. Oct. 12.

Information collected from both sites was turned over to the UFO Studies Center in Chicago by Ted Phillips.

Phillips, a Sedalia resident and an employee of the Missouri Department of Highways, investigates UFO sightings for the studies center in his spare time.

Authorities baffled by Jackson UFOs

Those amber lights traveling in pairs over Jackson Wednesday night probably weren't anything unearthly, but nobody knows for sure. And they do qualify as unidentified flying objects.

At least 20 persons reported seeing the lights between 9:30 p.m. and shortly after midnight. Many of the reports came from Bush's Food and Beverage Service, 1233 S. West. Several motorists and customers reported the sightings there.

Among the witnesses were city police officers; who provided some hints as to the origin of the lights.

Officers Tom Williams and David McCullom both had good views of the objects. Williams spotlighted one from his watching post in the parking lot of Cascades Baptist Church, 1012 W. High. And McCullough watched one pass over police headquarters.

According to the police report, amber fragments, as from a flare, were seen dropping from the object. There appeared to be a gas-filled balloon above the light.

But a check with the Flight Service at Reynolds Field showed that

no weather balloons would have been in the area. And flight officials couldn't imagine any balloon being launched by responsible authorities with a flare attached. That would be dangerous, since a flare could start a fire.

The only organization known to launch flares in southern lower Michigan is the Michigan Air National Guard, based in Battle Creek.

But officials at the base said today they haven't launched flares for the last two or three years. When they did, it was with parachutes rather than balloons, and it was always done in Grayling during guard exercises.

Pilots were flying last night from the base, and they reported seeing no unusual lights. But, officials said, they would not have reported seeing something unless it struck them as being unusual. If they recognized the objects as weather balloons, no reports would necessarily have been made.

All of the amber objects appeared over Jackson from the southwest over Cascades Falls. Most witnesses said they travelled in pairs in a straight line. Williams estimated their speed at 15 to 20 miles per hour.

There was no sound heard. One witness reported that one object accelerated at a rapid speed.

Donald L. Bean, director of the Hurst Planetarium, said he wants to get each witness to fill out a questionnaire on the sightings, of which he tries to keep records.

CHARLESTON, W. VA. - MAIL
*****OCT. 25, 1978*****

Thermal Cells

We should like to nominate Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, for this year's coveted J. Allen Hynek Award.

A dozen years ago, it may be recalled, the Air Force dispatched Professor Hynek, then its paid consultant on Unidentified Flying Objects, to Hillsdale, Mich., where strange astral cavortings were attracting worldwide attention. Dr. Hynek soon satisfied himself that the area was erupting in "swamp gas" — an explanation that provoked more than a few guffaws. The ensuing embarrassment caused poor Dr. Hynek to review his position, with the result that he executed a volte-face and is now an internationally recognized leader in UFO research.

Mr. Brown is nominated for the Hynek Award on the basis of his outstanding contribution in the field

of pseudo-science during October of this year. Asked about a recent rash of UFO sightings in West Virginia, Mr. Brown responded that "this is the type of weather, hot and clear following a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings. There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects."

Here we have an entry in every respect worthy of recognition. UFOs are not swamp gas. They are not temperature inversions. They are not the planet Venus or the Goodyear blimp. They are "turbulent thermal cells in the air" precipitated by Indian Summer. Such ingenious mumbo-jumbo is in every way up to the exacting standards Dr. Hynek set during the Hillsdale flap.

Mr. Brown, then, for the 1978 Hynek Award. Move the nominations be closed.

Several UFOs—Or Something— Sighted North and East of Here

It will be hard to convince a number of Russell, Salina and Concordia area residents there are no flying saucers after this morning.

A number of unidentified and mysterious lights were seen in the east and north skies over Russell after midnight and possibly until about 3 a.m.

The night was unusually clear and free from haze.

The objects were spotted by Harold Elliott, who asked police about them. The question was taken to the Department of Transportation Flight Service Station at the airport. A cross-check with Salina and Concordia observers set the location of the objects, possibly 90 to 100 miles from Russell.

There were no aircraft known to be in the area at that time. There was no response to a search by radar.

It was reported that an aircraft was sent aloft but that it failed to observe anything unusual.

Larry Wilkin, Russell FSS operator, said he didn't know what the lights were. "I've never

seen anything like them," he said.

It was reported that the lights were multi-colored. A strobe-light effect could be seen with the naked eye from one of the lights and with binoculars used to look at two others.

Angle measurement were made. A light to the east was about eight degrees above the horizon, from Russell, an operator reported.

Because of the unusually clear night and brilliant display of stars, the possibility of seldom-seen stars is not ruled out.

However, one of the 3 a.m. observers in Russell added that it may have been a star but she's never seen a star streak along the horizon at that speed before.

Two UFO Sightings Reported

ALLEGAN — Two residents of Cheshire Township who live about two miles apart made separate and near-identical reports to sheriff's deputies here of UFO sightings Thursday evening.

Both people reported seeing a set of red, white and blue lights that rotated as they hovered, then took off toward the west. Allegan sheriff's deputies said.

Deputies, following a policy of not asking the names of people who report UFO's, said the people did not volunteer their names. According to deputies, both people live in Cheshire Township, about five miles southwest of Allegan.

The first report was made at 7:50 p.m. by a person who lives near the intersection of 102nd Avenue and 43rd Street. At 8:27 p.m., a person who lives near 102nd Avenue and 48th Street reported seeing a similar set of lights.

Allegan deputies say there have been several UFO reports received in the past few weeks. There have also been reported sightings of strange lights and hovering objects in Berrien and Cass counties in recent weeks.

UFOs sighted in DeKalb

"They were awesome because of their size and speed," Clinton Jesser, associate professor of sociology at NIU, said Monday.

Jesser, a 15-year veteran of the sociology department, was referring to two "saucer-shaped" objects he saw flying over DeKalb Saturday night.

Jesser told DeKalb police he saw the two objects at about 9:47 p.m. Saturday near his home at 7 Morraine Terrace.

"I had just come back from jogging," Jesser said. "I was looking up at the stars, when suddenly I saw two luminous objects, coming from the south at what seemed to be tremendous speed. They were about 10 times the size of a star but not as bright. They passed out of my line of vision in about three and one-half seconds."

Jesser reported the incident to DeKalb police, who subsequently reported the incident to the UFO Center in Chicago.

Reports Sighting UFO

"I've never believed in UFOs before but I do now," Steve King of Waynesburg said in reporting a UFO sighting Saturday night near Oak Forest.

King said he and other young people were on a hay ride in the White's Ridge area when they spotted the flying objects at 9 p.m. Saturday.

"It had two green, flashing lights and it seemed to be no more than 500 feet above us," King said. "It must have been there for five or 10 minutes."

King added there was no reflection such as might come from a beacon light, and there was no noise. "It definitely was not an airplane or a star," he said.

"Certainly somebody else must have seen it, and we'd be interested in hearing from them if they did," he said.

WILCOXVILLE, PA. - JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRAT
*****NOV. 2, 1978*****

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Woman reports strange sight at Naugatuck

By CHARLOTTE SANDERS
Daily News Staff Writer

With all of the to-do over strange sky-sights seen in at least five West Virginia Counties the past weekend, the Williamson Daily News has learned that a Richlands, Va., woman made such a sighting below Naugatuck in Mingo County.

Mrs. Lodus Newsome telephoned the Daily News Monday after having returned to her home in Virginia and told of seeing "an unidentified flying object in the sky."

She said she was enroute Saturday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Billie Swainhart, at Kermit. "I saw a UFO in the sky. I know it wasn't an airplane."

She said she pulled her car off the highway below Naugatuck

and saw the flying object go over the hill, "moving real slow." She added that she believes the slow movement of the object was what attracted her attention.

"It was a big thing and silver colored," Mrs. Newsome continued. "I told my sister about it when I got there (to Kermit) and she and others just laughed at me. Then I read in a Bluefield newspaper about the sightings elsewhere in the state and decided to call the Daily News," she reported.

She said she was accompanied to Kermit by her children but only one little boy watched the object with her. "I didn't know what it was. I knew it was something that shouldn't have been there but I wasn't scared," she added.

The Associated Press reported in Charleston today that an astronomer indicated

the weather may have been responsible for the strange sky-sights West Virginians spotted over the weekend.

Residents of five counties reported seeing things in the sky generally described as hovering or slow-moving objects that displayed green, blue, white and sometimes red or yellow lights. Most reports were of at least three objects traveling together.

The weather was cited as a possible explanation Monday by Robert Brown, director of the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy Observatory, the AP reported.

"This is the type of weather, hot and clear that follows a cold snap, that produces these types of sightings," Brown said.

"There are turbulent thermal cells in the air that can produce strange effects," Brown said.

At least three state troopers and several other policemen saw the objects. One was Cpl. Don Sharpe of the state police detachment at Berkeley Springs.

"I couldn't tell you what they were. I've never seen anything move like that, I'll tell you," Sharpe said.

One trooper took color photographs of the flying objects. But state police Lt. Col. R.E. Stanley said he was not impressed by the pictures.

"Why don't you go up there and take a picture of a light bulb and you'll get the same thing," Stanley said.

The objects began appearing Friday night in eastern Kanawha County, Morgan County in the eastern Panhandle, and Roane, Putnam and Mason counties.

In the Eastern Panhandle, Cpl. Sharpe said he watched

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seven objects for about a half hour Friday night.

The objects zipped across the sky and then abruptly slowed down.

"If an airplane would go over, the lights would dim down till you couldn't see them," he said.

In Kanawha County alone, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of sightings.

At Kanawha Airport in Charleston, Bill Givens, a supervisor at the aircraft control tower at Kanawha Airport, said there were unidentifiable objects all weekend on his radar set. Sunday's objects could have been weather-caused radar phenomenon, he said. But the blips Saturday night and Friday night were different matters, he said.

"All I can tell you is they were there. I can't explain it," he said.

Givens said that Saturday night he received calls from the Chesapeake-Belle area and from Spencer. Then the objects suddenly appeared on his radar.

"At that time, we saw them going north and south in just those two areas," he said. "It looked like we had something there."

R.B. Pritt, a sheriff's deputy in Kanawha County, said one of the craft appeared to have at least four lights. "We thought we saw it rotating," he said.

In Kanawha County alone, authorities said they received more than 30 reports of sightings.

Cpl. Sharpe said he watched seven objects for about a half hour Friday night.

He said they would zip across the sky at the speed of a meteor and then abruptly slow down. They also knew how to hide.

"If an airplane would go over, the lights would dim down till you couldn't see them," he said.

Trooper Gary Williams of Spencer said he watched with about 13 other Roane County citizens Friday night as three objects did sky maneuvers for about 40 minutes.

LATROBE, PA. - BULLETIN
*****OCT. 31, 1978*****

'Object' Spotted By Family

An egg-shaped object hovering in the sky between Latrobe and Superior was spotted last night by the Trockio family of Superior.

According to John Trockio, who remained in bed during the episode, his wife, Christina, and daughter, Connie, first noticed the unidentified flying object at about 1 a.m.

Trockio said his wife identified the object through binoculars as egg-shaped with multi-colored lights flashing on its top and bottom. He added that she also said the craft had a "line through its center."

Trockio said his wife and daughter were certain they were not watching a star because the object "was lower than the stars."

Trockio, who resides next to Joiner's Trailer Court, said after the incident his daughter, who lives in a trailer, refused to stay there overnight, instead, spending the rest of the night at his home.

The Superior resident said his wife reported that the object's only movement was a half-turn and did not notice any noises coming from it.

"I didn't believe in that stuff before," Trockio said, "but it must be real. I believe in it now."

He noted that his wife and daughter went to bed before the object left the area.

UFO Spotted By Family In Sullivan

7-12-78
A Sullivan County family claims it spotted a revolving unidentified flying object hovering over the horizon near their home Sunday, which shot up at a tremendous speed as it sped east of Kingsport.

"I've never seen anything act like that one did," says Martin Smith, an electrical engineering technician at Tennessee Eastman Co. who once served in the U.S. Air Force.

According to Smith and his wife, Libby, the family viewed the oblong object at approximately 12:55 p.m. Sunday from their backyard at 613 Palmyra Drive, off of Highway 23 south of Kingsport.

The object and its movements amazed the family of five, said Mrs. Smith, but it was not until an article appeared in Monday's Times-News concerning an Australian pilot who disappeared after sighting a UFO that their interest was spurred even further.

At first the silver object appeared to be a weather balloon, the couple said.

"It came from the west and it looked round and oblong and it was turning (revolving)," said Smith. "At first it was revolving slow and it was descending. It went down behind the trees over the horizon.

While this was happening, Smith said, the family was out in the back yard and Smith was working on a dog house.

A moment later the object "shot straight up," Smith said, "at a tremendous speed." It never did go out of sight, but went up at a very high altitude and then started moving across the sky directly east, he said.

"We thought it was a weather balloon when we first saw it," he said, "but I don't believe it could have shot up that fast."

Smith said the family has no theories as to what the object they spotted might be, and expressed the thought that there must be a logical explanation. He could offer no such explanation, however.

"It was real bright like a star would be at night (when at its high altitude)," Smith said. "It glittered like it was revolving with the sun bouncing off at different angles."

"We didn't make a big thing out of it," said Mrs. Smith. "We just got out the binoculars to see what it was."

Smith picked up the binoculars when the object first hovered over the horizon at a distance he estimated was two miles or further. "That's when I could tell it was oblong and round," he commented.

Smith could give no estimate of the whirling object's size, but said the airborne sphere filled two-thirds of his binoculars' 35 millimeter lens which provided a magnification of seven times.

The couple also said the object did not make a sound. Meanwhile, two planes and a helicopter passed overhead about the same time.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. - HERALD
*****NOV. 3, 1978*****

'UFOs' Reported In Niles Township

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NILES — A Niles Township resident and two township policemen watched what police called "a flashing red and blue light high in the northeastern sky" Thursday night

The UFO sighting was reported to police by Ray Christner, of 2708 Earl St., Niles Township, at 8:10 p.m. Sgt. B.G. Crow and patrolman William Young went to Christner's home and watched the stationary lights themselves, they said.

Don't Worry, It's Just a Star, Expert Says

That "UFO" that many persons have reported seeing in the northeast sky this past week may not be so unidentifiable after all. Two area astronomers Sunday night offered plausible suggestions as to what that ultra-bright object with red and blue flashes of light might be.

H. D. Bingman Jr., chairman of the Natural Science Department and instructor of astronomy at Parkersburg Community College, first suggested that the object described to him might be the planet Jupiter, which he said is approaching its closest position to earth at this time of the year.

Later last night, after having the opportunity to view the stellar object through binoculars, readily identified it as Capella, a first magnitude star in the constellation Auriga. Then, adding a bit of mythology to the study, Bingman said the bright star is said to represent "a she-goat leading three young goats." The young goats are represented by three smaller stars in the constellation that form a triangle behind Capella.

William Davis, professor of astronomy at Marietta College, while having not sighted the reported "UFO," after hearing a description of its location in the sky, said he believes the object could be Capella.

Bingman, who quipped that each night "I look up in the sky to make sure everything is up there that's supposed to be," said he frequently gets calls about UFO's. "Usually three's a good explanation," he said, adding, "there's really been only two times that I have not been able to explain sightings."

Both Bingman and Davis agreed that the changing lights in Capella are not unusual. Bingman said it is a yellow star, and that the intermittent red and green lights that appear to emit from it are caused by atmospheric conditions. He said that a star as bright as Capella appears to twinkle with different colors early at night when it is close to the horizon.

In the past week, area police agencies and The Parkersburg News have had numerous telephone calls telling of "sightings of the UFO."

policemen said the lights appeared to be too high in the sky to be from a helicopter

It was the second UFO sighting reported to police this week in Berrien County.

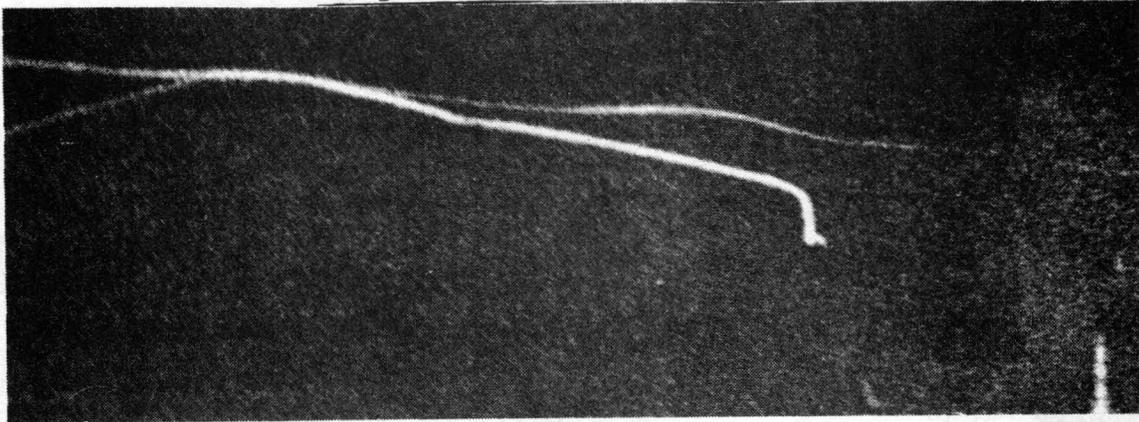
Kitty Joyner, a Berrien County Juvenile Court employee, reported that she saw green and red and bluish lights hovering over the vicinity of the Cook Nuclear Power Plant just after midnight Wednesday. St. Joseph Township police went to the road intersection from which she said she viewed the object, but saw nothing, they said.

Christner, who made last night's report, told police he's observed the same light several times in the last two weeks.

About an hour later, while manning a roadblock in another location in the township, Crow and Young reported they again saw the stationary lights. They watched for an hour. At one time, they said, it appeared that a second similar set of lights was beside the first set of lights, the policemen said.

In their report, the object was described as "a flashing red and blue light high in the northeastern sky." The

Half a dozen UFOs are reported by researchers



This 10-minute exposure photo taken by Tom Grey and Malcolm Williams of the Northeastern UFO Organization shows what they say are two UFOs zapping across Lake Ontario. The photo is one of eight taken Saturday night using a 135 mm lens mounted on a tripod with the camera set at F-2.8 at infinity.

By ANN HAUPRICH-NIELSEN

Half a dozen saucer-shaped Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were observed shooting back and forth from Oshawa to Oakville by two UFO researchers at Niagara-On-The-Lake Saturday night.

According to Tom Grey of the Northeastern UFO Organization, the objects emitted brilliant orange lights and were in full view along the Toronto skyline from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m.

"It was better than any CNE air show," said Mr. Grey of the "dazzling display" of lights in action. He estimates the objects must have been between 60 and 100 feet in diameter since they could be seen without binoculars 17 feet across the lake.

Mr. Grey said he and his associate Malcolm Williams were watching the CN Tower and surrounding area when two UFOs dashed out of the Oakville end of Lake Ontario, taking only 20 seconds to cross the lake.

He said most of the UFO activity was in the western corridor with only two sightings in the east, but that he was "jumping for joy" as the saucers did "arrow acrobatics back and forth, up and down, popping up all over the sky."

Mr. Grey said most of the objects would remain stationary for 10 or 15 minutes before "zapping off at an unbelievable speed." He said the UFOs all blinked out of sight whenever airplanes approached the vicinity.

Mr. Grey and Mr. Williams took eight 10-

minute exposure photos during their two-hour vigil using tri-x black and white film and a 135 mm lens mounted on a tripod. The developed prints show lights and saucer-shaped objects hovering and streaming across the skyline about 2,300 feet in the air. The camera was set at F-2.8 at infinity.

"There was a cloudy sky over Toronto that night and a clear sky over Niagara-On-The-Lake, so there's no way we got star trails," Mr. Grey said. "And they weren't airplanes, either. Airplanes don't have orange lights and they don't hover over the water for 10 minutes at a time."

Mr. Grey and his associate plan to return to their viewing spot this weekend to attempt to take some colored photographs of UFO activity above Lake Ontario, which Mr. Grey predicts will increase in the coming months.

Meanwhile, Mr. Grey said his organization received a report Oct. 17 from two women on Winston Churchill Boulevard and Highway Five who said a cigar-shaped craft shot a beam of light down on them that "almost made their hair stand on end."

The previous Sunday, elliptical objects were reported hovering over Lake Ontario and mid-Toronto by another source. (There is a published theory that a UFO base exists beneath Lake Ontario.)

Mr. Grey also received a call yesterday from three witnesses who said a blurry orange, brilliantly lit object shaped like a child's spinning top hovered over their car in the Sheppard Avenue area of Toronto Friday night for about a block before vanishing. This object was described as being about 15 feet in length and 12 feet high.

Night of Strange Encounters: Pilot Says . . . 100 Dazzling UFOs Buzzed Air Force Base

A fleet of dazzling UFOs raced silently across the night sky of Rio de Janeiro last March 12 — traveling in perfect formation and leveling out when they seemed headed for a sure crash, says a Brazilian Air Force pilot.

By **STEPHEN CHAO**

And that was only one of a bizarre series of encounters that startled witnesses all over Brazil that very same night. Even more astonishing, all the incidents took place between 1 and 2 a.m.

"I estimated at least 100 different solid bodies," said Col. Rui Guardiola who, along with his wife and two friends, witnessed the sightings from a military airfield just south of Rio.

Guardiola's wife had called him to the window of their home after spotting what she thought was a star. "I looked and saw a very intense, bright light," he recalled.

"It looked like two floodlights. The light was so intense it was difficult to see the body (of the object). It was coming straight down on a crash course upon the Campo Dos Affonsos Air Force Base."

But just 2,000 or so feet from the ground, the object leveled off. Guardiola was then able to see "two main mother ships . . . followed by rows of smaller vessels."

"There was row after row of (vessels) six abreast behind the main ships. They were all traveling in perfect formation and never got closer or farther



THEY SAW IT: Edson Dos Santos (left) and private pilot Francisco Simonelli Cruseiro point to where they saw UFO "about the size of a Boeing" jet over Sao Paulo.



Professor Pape

"An enormous object."

apart. I saw very clearly the first three layers that came out of the large ships. They were cylindrical in shape and the fronts were like the front of a bullet." In a few seconds, the strange objects were gone.

At about the same time, in a fishing village 60 miles northeast of Rio, Lygia Pape was strolling on the beach with some friends when "Someone shouted, 'Look at the sky,'" recalled Pape, professor of art at a university in Rio.

"There was an enormous object that appeared from the north, coming in a straight line.

"There were four groups of circular balls. Around each of the four large ships was a grouping of about five smaller ones. The grouping was very bright, white and glaring. It was the brightest thing I have ever seen.

"There was a kind of vibration. I did not hear it but I felt it. It was so extraordinary that I still get goose bumps to think of it."

In Belo Horizonte, about 220 miles from Rio, a blazing UFO soared over the city.

"The object was so bright you could barely fix your gaze on it," declared retired military policeman Col. Waldyr Four-eaux.

"It was thin in the front and wider toward the back. The center of the object was a brilliant light.

"It was flying at the altitude of about 500 meters (around 1,500 feet).

"It was flying so near the mountain range that I thought it would crash. To fly so low, it had to make very accurate

mathematical calculations.

"There had to be something commanding the ship."

The largest city in Brazil, Sao Paulo, also had a UFO visit. "When I first saw it, I thought it was a falling star," recalled Francisco Simonelli Cruseiro, a private pilot.

"But the object was flying horizontally. It was about the size of a jumbo jet. It had white lights around it like fluorescent lamps. The object itself had no light. The trail was like a fire, and five or six times bigger than the object itself. It was not a satellite and it was not a meteor. It was a UFO."

Electronics merchant Edson Dos Santos said he saw "a monstrous size object about the size of a Boeing." It "was completely silent and the trail was about 15 times longer than the object itself. It left behind many sparks. It seemed like someone was guiding the object because it had a defined direction."



PRIVATE PILOT Cruseiro shows his drawing of UFO with a trail five or six times bigger than itself.

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OCT. 17, 1978

UFO sightings accompany booms in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP) — An Air Canada pilot and four control tower workers at Winnipeg International Airport say they saw a bright red object in the sky shortly before a boom startled residents Sunday night.

Air Canada spokesman Verne Prior said Monday the pilot of Air Canada flight 181, arriving from Montreal and Ottawa, spotted a red ball while on his landing approach about 9:20 p.m. and questioned the control tower about it.

The object appeared over the southern section of the city.

The sighting occurred before the second of two explosions rocked several homes in the area.

"He simply queried the controllers on a light off in the distance to his left, probably thinking that it was some traffic he hadn't been told about," Prior said.

"That's apparently when the tower saw it. They acknowledged it, but said they had nothing on their radar scope. But there was definitely a conversation between the

flight deck and the tower about it."

Prior said the object then apparently disappeared and pilot did not file an incident report.

The initial boom, which sent dozens of people into the streets, came shortly after several residents observed a red object in south Winnipeg that flared in the sky and disappeared about 8 p.m.

City police and RCMP combed an unpopulated area about seven kilometres south of the airport but found nothing.

"We don't have a clue what happened last night," a policeman said. "All I know is that we don't have any little green men locked up or anything like that."

Control tower unit chief Murray Sutherland said transport officials carried out a routine inquiry for possible explanations such as other aircraft, weather balloons and meteorites, but without success.

"To my knowledge, there just wasn't anything to explain it," he said.

WEEKEND BANNER - ORANGEVILLE, ONT. CANADA
*****SEPT. 15, 1978*****

Youth, 16 sees UFO in Mono

A 16-year-old Mono Township youth reports sighting an unidentified flying object in the area of Hockley Road Wednesday evening.

Mark Cade says he saw a bright red flashing cylindrical object hovering in the sky at about 11 p.m.

At the rear of the object was a bright white flashing light. The object remained in the sky for several minutes before disappearing.

UFOs make cop a believer

LUDINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Flickering, fast-moving UFOs have been spotted over Lake Michigan and a policeman said the sightings "sure made a believer out of me."

Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson of the Luding-

ton Coast Guard Station said he shot motion picture film of an Oct. 1 sighting and sent it to district headquarters in Cleveland, where officials refused to discuss the matter.

That was the same night the coast guard sighted

three others at about the same time and sheriff deputies Dave Waller and Frank Steiger spent 30 minutes gazing at a strange, fast-moving object flashing dazzling green, white and red lights while hovering about a mile off shore.

OTTAWA CITIZEN, - ONT., CANADA
*****OCT. 28, 1978*****

RCMP 'spots' UFO

CLARENVILLE, Nfld. (CP) — An officer assigned to the RCMP detachment here sat and watched an unidentified flying object for more than an hour earlier this week, an RCMP officer here confirmed Friday.

The sighting came after an officer answered a call at 1:45 a.m. Oct. 26. The officer then observed an oval shaped object hovering at about 1,000 metres for more than an hour above Random Island, east of here, the police spokesman said.

The name of the officer who saw the object has not been released.

However, RCMP here do say that the officer watched the object through a telescope and provided a detailed description of it.

It had a pyramid-shaped fin on the top of an oval shaped white body and it flashed red, blue, and white lights for more than an hour before "it went straight up and disappeared."

A report on the incident has been filed with the National Research Council in Ottawa.

RCMP officers here have refused to provide the names of those who saw the object and reported it.

Meanwhile, a spokesman at the Air Traffic Control centre at the Gander International Airport said nothing had been logged to indicate that a UFO had been in the area.

CALGARY HERALD, - ALTA. CANADA
*****OCT. 24, 1978*****

Bright object sighted by pilot, controllers

WINNIPEG (CP) — An Air Canada pilot and four control tower staff at Winnipeg International Airport have confirmed the sighting of a bright red object in the sky over the southern section of the city Sunday night.

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controllers on a light off in the distance to his left, probably thinking that it was some traffic he hadn't been told about," Prior said.

Prior said the controllers acknowledged the sighting but said they had nothing on their radar scope.

The object then apparently disintegrated, although the pilot did not observe this. Prior said the pilot did not file an incident report on it.

The initial boom, which sent dozens of people into the streets, came shortly after several residents observed a red object south of McCillivray Boulevard in south Winnipeg

TORONTO STAR, - ONT. CANADA
*****OCT. 24, 1978*****

Winnipeg UFO 6.13.56 was just a hoax

WINNIPEG (CP) — Police have two men in custody and are treating as a hoax the sighting of a bright red object over Winnipeg Sunday night.

A police spokesman said the men would face as yet unspecified charges and a statement would be made later today.

The sighting caused a

flood of telephone calls to police with the callers also reporting an explosion that sent tremors through a few homes in the area of south Winnipeg.

Initial reports of the incident indicate it may have been a large balloon trailing a flare and filled with a gas that exploded at a certain altitude.

HUMBOLDT JOURNAL - SASK. CANADA
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

Photographer 6249 1356 sights UFO

A national Geographic magazine photographer spotted an unidentified flying object low in the sky south of Humboldt at sunset last Wednesday evening.

The California-based photographer pulled into Mid-Town Gulf Service to ask directions to Humboldt RCMP headquarters, or to a telescope.

He then drove south of town to get a better view of the UFO. He said later that the Humboldt RCMP told him that there were no reports of weather balloons in the area.

However, he said he expected the object was a kite or balloon because the light reflecting off the object decreased as the sun set.

The UFO turned out to be an atmospheric testing balloon launched at Yorkton. It floated stationary 26 miles high at a undetermined distance southwest of Humboldt. The balloon at one point could be seen from Montana.

The photographer has been working in the Humboldt area for 2 months on a possible National Geographic feature on Saskatchewan. Among the assignments he has covered have been Mt. Carmel Pilgrimage, St. Peter's Colony jubilee celebrations, and the RCMP musical ride at Muenster last Thursday.

UFOs give Michigan a nightly show

DETROIT FREE PRESS - MICH.
*****NOV. 4, 1978*****

By ERIC SHARP
Free Press Staff Writer

Numerous unidentified flying objects have been spotted in the nighttime skies over Lake Michigan and Kalkaska County during the last week by sheriff's deputies, Coast Guardsmen and dozens of startled residents.

While official aviation sources insist that they haven't seen anything out of the ordinary in Michigan's airspace, the people who have seen colored lights bobbing through the night like Halloween spooks say that something mysterious is out there.

The latest reported sightings came early Friday when a number of people around Kalkaska saw UFOs.

Kalkaska County Deputy Mike Marshall said he was driving along M-72 in the eastern part of the county late Thursday when he saw an object in the sky.

Marshall said the object was stationary and had red, white and green lights. Early Friday more flying objects were sighted by the number of people in the village of Kalkaska. Deputy Charles Witt said he saw "two objects in a stationary position with red, white and green lights."

Sherry Toole, the Kalkaska village treasurer, said she had received UFO reports from

many people, including a friend, Lorette Lockwood, who spotted a red-and-green lighted object while driving toward Traverse City late Thursday.

"She told me she was afraid to tell anyone about what she saw. Then she heard on the radio that other people were seeing UFOs, too," Ms. Toole said. The village treasurer said local schoolteacher Sally Davis also reported spotting a UFO.

Numerous sightings also were reported along the 125-mile stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline between St. Joseph on the south and Ludington on the north.

EARLIER THIS WEEK Betty Dinges and her sons Mark, 16, and Tom, 13, of Berrien Springs, reported seeing several UFOs hovering over the Cook Nuclear Power Station and shooting off bright beams of white light.

Del Shaller, manager of the nuclear plant, which is operated by the Indiana-Michigan Power Co., said, however, that he hadn't noticed anything unusual. "This is the first we've heard of anything like this. If somebody reports it again I'm going out to look for myself."

Tom Parks, acting operations officer for
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"I guess they could be anything — maybe stars reflecting on the water . . . Just because you can't say what they are, it doesn't mean they have to be spaceships."

the Federal Aviation Administration regional office in Chicago, said he thinks the sightings from the Lake Michigan shoreline might be of aircraft in holding patterns for two Chicago airports, O'Hare and Midway, which lie about 60 miles west of St. Joseph.

"We have had no unusual radar sightings out there, although we have so many aircraft in that area that it's hard to say what would be unusual," he said. "But none of our traffic controllers reported seeing any UFOs, and no pilots have seen any."

THAT EXPLANATION doesn't satisfy Kitty Joyner, who lives near St. Joseph and spotted something odd in the sky Halloween night.

She said she first saw airborne red and green blinking lights about 11:40 p.m., "and it

was a beautiful night. The sky was just full of stars, and I thought at first they were just stars that were twinkling."

Then, she said, she spotted a larger, whitish object which seemed to glow. The lights began to move, Mrs. Joyner said, and she awakened her husband, Clarence, who agreed that the lights were not those of airplanes.

"With the binoculars we could see that the larger object was like a big streetlight and that it illuminated the ground," she said. "I don't know what those lights were, but they were still there at 1:45 a.m. when I went to bed."

PETTY OFFICER Mike Manning of the Ludington Coast Guard station said numerous sailors there had seen strange lights flitting about the sky.

"You can usually see them on a clear night," he said. "I guess they could be anything — maybe stars reflecting on the water or unusual atmospheric conditions. Just because you can't say what they are, it doesn't mean they have to be spaceships."

A spokesman for the FAA office in Traverse City said a number of UFO reports had come in, "but we don't handle them here. We refer them to a number in Seattle, some organization that asked us to help them collect these reports."

The FAA spokesman said that about the time people in Kalkaska County were spotting UFOs Thursday night and early Friday, "we had a helicopter out in that area. I suspect that's what a lot of those people saw."

The telephone number in Seattle turned out to be that of the Phenomena Research UFO Reporting Center, an organization that a Seattle FAA spokesman said is not connected in any manner with the FAA.

Robert Gribble, a mild-spoken man who runs the center, said he had received several calls from Michigan in the past 10 days and had concluded that none of the sightings were particularly exciting.

"We are pretty sure from the descriptions of the flight characteristics that several of the objects were satellites. We always get satellite sightings reported as UFOs on particularly clear nights," Gribble said.

"Some of the others sound like bright stars. Most people don't realize how the size of a star can seem to change, or how it can seem to blink if the atmospheric conditions are right."

Mysterious red object undetected by radar

Pilot, tower confirm UFO

By JOHN SULLIVAN

An Air Canada pilot and four control tower staff at Winnipeg International Airport have confirmed the sighting of an unknown, bright-red object in the sky over Fort Garry shortly before the second of two explosions rocked the area Sunday.

Airline spokesman Verne Prior late Monday said the pilot of Air Canada Flight 181, arriving from Montreal and Ottawa, spotted the red ball while on his final landing approach around 9:20 p.m. and questioned the Winnipeg tower about it.

"He simply queried the controllers on a light off in the distance to his left, probably thinking that it was some traffic he hadn't been told about", Prior said.

"That's apparently when the tower saw it. They acknowledged it, but said they had nothing on their radar scope. But there was definitely a conversation between the (airplane) flight deck and the tower about it."

Prior said the object then "apparently disintegrated" although the pilot, on full instrument control for landing, did not observe this. He added that no incident report had been filed by the pilot and no queries made to the airline by passengers or other crew members.

Prior also said it was unlikely that the plane's crew would have picked up the object on their own radar because it is usually used only to gather in-flight weather information. Air Canada planes do not yet carry the sophisticated collision-avoidance instruments now under development in the United States.

The time of the sighting by controllers and the pilot coincided with reports of a second of two loud explosions by homeowners south of McGillivray Boulevard Sunday night. The initial boom, which sent dozens of people into the streets, came shortly after a number of

residents saw a red object flare in the sky and disappear about 8 p.m.

City police and RCMP officers combed an unpopulated area about 4½ miles south of the airport but found nothing. Transport Canada officials said there were no reports of air accidents or missing aircraft.

An airport ground controller, who declined to give his name, said tower staff observed the red object for "two or three minutes" before it disappeared. He said it was moving very slowly in a south-easterly direction.

Air traffic duty supervisor Stephen E. Kushner spoke to the Air Canada pilot about the sighting after the plane landed but transport officials would not reveal any details on the ground or in-flight radio communications.

Control tower unit chief Murray Sutherland said the red ball "appeared to our personnel like it exploded and disappeared."

Sutherland said transport officials carried out a routine search for possible explanations, including other aircraft, weather balloons and obvious natural phenomena, without success. "To my knowledge, there just wasn't anything to explain it."

The tower chief said any reports on the incident would be forwarded to the Canadian Forces base in Winnipeg for investigation, but Major Dave Preikshot said all information on unidentified flying objects is passed on to the National Research Council.

Professor George S. Clark, an earth scientist at the University of Manitoba and the research council's local spokesman, said the object may have been a "detonating meteor". But he said such a fireball is "usually accompanied by a trail of light" and this was not reported by observers.

"This thing also puzzles me because of its (two or three-minute) duration and because it had a crooked path," he said.

Clark added that the red glare and explosion could have been caused by some type of fireworks rocket, although he admitted this would be unlikely to shake houses.

KINGSTON WHIG STANDARD

CANADA

Mystery of UFOs is solved

WINNIPEG (CP) — The great UFO mystery has been solved—at least, that's what Winnipeg police say.

Police said their investigation into reports of hovering red lights and explosions Sunday night in south Winnipeg has revealed that the explosions were caused by two garbage bags filled with helium, argon and acetylene gases with road flares attached.

The gas-filled bags were released and floated upward with the flares lit. Eventually the flares burned through the bags and caused the explosions, police said.

The strange sight of a huge red ball over Winnipeg was reported by hundreds of city residents as well as one commercial pilot and several staff members at Winnipeg International Airport's control tower.

Two 27-year-old Winnipeg men—Dana Hubble and Andre Ritchot—appeared in provincial judges court Tuesday charged with possession of an explosive substance and intent to cause an explosion.

They were remanded to Oct. 31.

GIRL RELIVES UFO NIGHT OF TERROR

A TEENAGE girl has relived the evening she ran terrified and crying through the street with a friend — convinced they were being chased by a UFO.

Caroline Muncey (15) said they were shadowed until she went to a house for help and the "craft" disappeared.

The girls' ordeal began as they were walking home from a disco at Wellingborough on Saturday. It was one of a series of mysterious sightings in the area.

Caroline and Mandy Dooley (16), who both live in Vicarage Farm Road, Wellingborough, saw bright lights in the sky.

After a few minutes the lights vanished and the friends continued walking home along Queensway.

Caroline said: "We started talking about something else, then Mandy looked behind and started running. I looked back and saw the lights bathing the road, and ran."

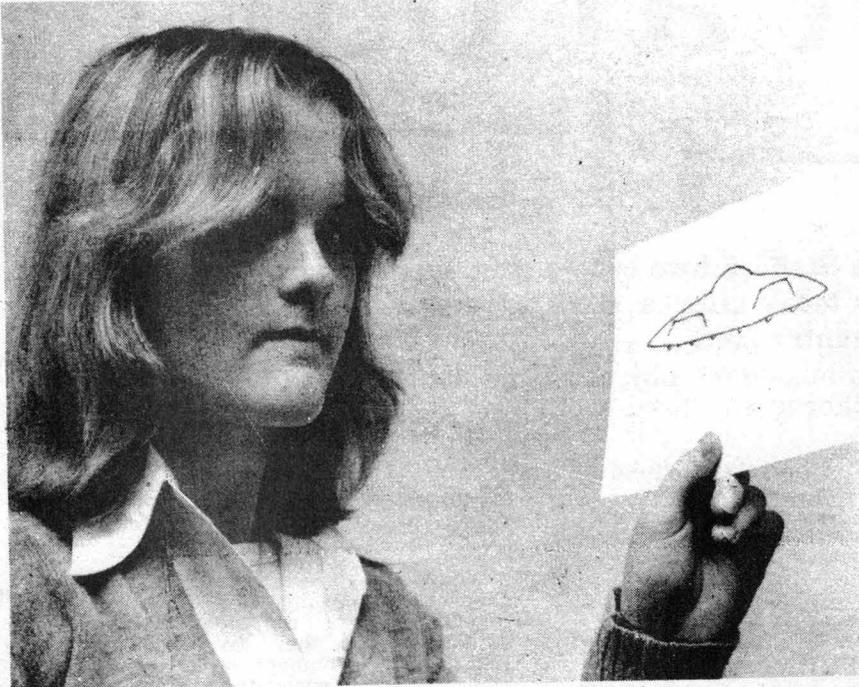
"I tripped and fell. It was right behind me, gliding over the bridge. It was getting so near."

"I knocked on somebody's door and the UFO turned away up into the sky."

Caroline, a pupil at Wellingborough's Breeze Hill School, added: "I was terrified and crying. I came out in a rash, all over my hands and arms."

Caroline explained that the object turned upside down, with the dome facing towards the ground, and the lights went out.

The man whose door she knocked on, Mr Les Stainer, told her it looked like an old wartime bomber as it disappeared.



● Caroline Muncey with her drawing of the UFO she claims terrorised her.

Caroline went home and drew a sketch of what she had seen.

The incident occurred at about 9.30 pm — and an Irchester man saw an object in the sky in the same area at 9.15 pm.

Mr Martin Batley said he was driving along the Finedon to Wellingborough road when he saw it.

"It was delta shaped — like a 'V'. It was enormous and had two huge white searchlights at the front with a green light behind," he said.

He got out of his car and several motorists behind him did the same.

Mr Batley added: "One woman was really panicking and I was terrified."

"The object was making a

thin whining noise. It was stationary for about five minutes and then zoomed off."

Taxi driver Mr Victor Angers is also convinced he saw an alien craft on Saturday evening.

He was travelling from Higham Ferrers on the A45 towards Sanders Lodge with a fare, Malcolm Young, when they spotted something in the sky.

Mr Angers, of Milton Street, Higham, said they pulled into the side of the road opposite Skew Bridge Ski Club to look at the object hovering three or four hundred feet above.

"We wondered why it wasn't making any noise. We thought at first it might have been a jump jet or something

but it would have been making a horrendous noise if it had been a normal aircraft," he said.

The UFO then moved off, accelerating towards Higham.

This is the second time in less than two years that a

UFO has been seen near the ski club. Staff there reported a sighting in December, 1976.

Members of Corby's Kingswood Community Association football team were just finishing a training session on Friday evening when they claim they saw a UFO.

According to team member Mr Jimmy Middleton they saw a line of different coloured flashing lights.

"It was far too big to be an aeroplane," he said.

"The object moved very slowly from Weldon towards Beanfield. It took at least seven minutes to disappear. There were 16 of us who saw it at about 7 pm."

Several sightings were reported the previous weekend — but they turned out to be nothing more sinister than four light aircraft from Sibson airfield, near Oundle.

However a spokesman for the airfield said there was no night flying on Saturday.

He dismissed all talk of UFOs and said sightings were more likely to be shooting stars.

The spokesman said: "There are a lot of cranks about and many people imagine half of what they see," he said.

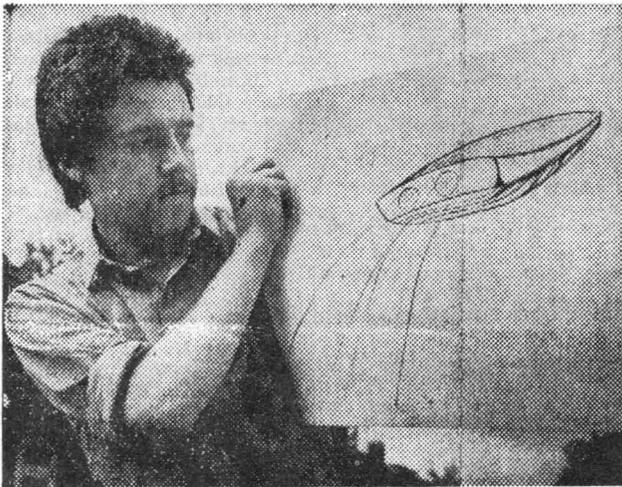
Foreign Clippings

U.F.O. shot a beam of light at our car—claim

A YOUNG North Staffordshire couple were recovering from shock at their homes today after a startling encounter with a U.F.O. in a remote country lane.

They claim that a huge dark object passed overhead as they travelled through Dilhorne and fired a blinding beam of light at their car.

Then the craft, said to be several hundred yards wide, shot off into a cloudless sky—leaving the couple shocked and dazed.



Stephen Colclough — still shaking today after his experience — holds his drawing of the giant U.F.O.

Today, UFO experts from all over Staffordshire were collating details of the sighting, which they say tallies with a number of other close encounters experienced over the last few weeks.

Engineering worker Stephen Colclough, aged 20, of Vicarage-lane, Trent Vale, said: "It was about 1.30 this morning as my girlfriend and I were travelling home after a night out when it happened.

"Some friends of ours were in a car in front. Suddenly I noticed two lights, one red and one white, moving across the sky.

"Then, seemingly out of nowhere, this enormous black object loomed up in front of both the cars and shot a beam of light at us. It was as bright as a powerful searchlight and remained on both cars for about three seconds.

"We stopped immediately. It was absolutely terrifying. I am shivering now just thinking about it. It was the most frightening thing I have ever seen."

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Sighting of a UFO claimed by couple

The sighting of a UFO on Tuesday morning was claimed by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Warder, of Alfred Street, Ryde.

Mrs. Warder told the County Press that her husband, an early riser, saw a disc-like object in the sky just before 6.30 am, and called her down.

She joined him in the garden, and saw it clearly with the naked eye like a ball of fire or light over the Puckpool area.

Using binoculars, they both observed it for 15 to 20 minutes.

"When it turned it looked absolutely like a round disc," said Mrs. Warder.

"It turned to the left and to the right, hovered and manoeuvred, and then very, very slowly moved away in the direction of Bembridge."

No sound

Stephen, who says he never previously had any interest in unidentified flying objects, described the belly of the craft as "concave and ribbed." It moved, he said, without making any sound.

"After we had composed ourselves, my girlfriend Patricia and I, plus our friends, Stephen Eyre and Susan Hartley, decided to see if there was any sign of the object. But all we could see were the two lights still in the sky.

"I realise that the whole story sounds absolutely ridiculous but I can assure you it happened."

Today, Mr. Derek James, of the Northern U.F.O. Network, said: "On the face of it, this sounds like a fascinating sighting. It seems very similar to a number of other reports we have received from different parts of the country over the last few weeks.

"We will certainly be investigating this case in great detail."

UN O.V.N.I. EN ESPAGNE

SANTANDER.- Un objet volant non identifié a été aperçu par de nombreuses personnes qui se trouvaient dans un camping de la localité de Ajo, dans la province de Santander (Espagne).

« L'O.V.N.I. », selon les témoins, avait la forme d'un obus, très lumineux et entouré d'un nuage d'une couleur incandescente.

Toujours selon les témoins, il se trouvait sur la mer à une distance assez éloignée de la côte et il a disparu au bout de quelques minutes en direction du nord.

This UFO, according to the witnesses, was shaped like a live shell, very bright, and rounded in a kind of cloud which had an incandescent colour. Still according to these witnesses, the object was over the sea far away enough from the shore and disappeared after some minutes towards the north.

UN "O.V.N.I."

OBSERVÉ LONGUEMENT

A TOURS

ET CHATELLERAULT

Tours. — Il était 21 h., hier soir, quand un objet métallique réfléchissant avec éclat les derniers rayons du soleil et parfaitement immobile, a été observé à Châtellerault et à Tours. Sa position, par rapport à l'axe nord-sud, était décalée d'environ 15 degrés vers l'est ainsi que put le déterminer, avec une boussole, l'un des premiers témoins.

Au bout d'une demi-heure l'objet se mit en mouvement, évoluant à faible vitesse vers l'ouest. Observé à la jumelle, il présentait une forme cylindrique avec une extrémité conique. Peut-être un vaisseau spatial égaré dans notre petit coin d'espace châtelleraudais, ou un satellite espion, à moins que ce ne soit tout bonnement un ballon-sonde de la météorologie ?

TRANSLATION: "LA NOUVELLE REPUBLICQUE 7/26/78 - FRANCE

A UFO SIGHTED FOR A LONG TIME OVER TOURS AND CHATELLERAULT

TOURS: It was 9:00p.m. yesterday in the evening, when a metallic object, reflecting strongly rays of setting sun, was sighted over Tours and Charellerault. It was entirely motionless. Its flight position, according to an north-south axis, was staggered about 15° towards the east, as a witness could establish it was a marching compass. After one half an hour, the object traveled, moving with a fail speed, towards the west. Sighted with binocluars, it was shaped like a cylinder, and was provided with a tip like a cone. Was it a space vessel lost in our country? Was it a syp-satelite? Or was it simply a "pibal" of the Central Forecasting Office?

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UFO FORMATION IN ARGENTINA

FLOTILLE D'O.V.N.I. EN ARGENTINE

BUENOS-AIRES.-Une flotille d'O.V.N.I.S. a survolé la ville de Catamarca (Argentine) à 1.300 kilomètres au nord-ouest de Buenos Aires, a indiqué le chef de la police locale.

Ses hommes ont aperçu, peu avant le lever du jour, une formation d'une trentaine d'O.V.N.I.S environ, très brillants, qui, après quelques évolutions à haute altitude dans le ciel, ont disparu vers l'Ouest.

Le dossier des O.V.N.I.S. aperçus en Argentine, qui s'épaissit rapidement, semble établir que le ciel de la frange occidentale du pays, au pied des Andes, s'est transformé depuis une semaine en champ de manœuvre de prédilection des objets volants non identifiés.

BUENOS-AIRES: - A UFO formation has flown over CATAMARCA town (Argentina), 11300kms in the northwest of Buenos-aries, according to the local police chief. His deputies have sighted, a little before sunrise, a UFO flight of about 30 engines, very bright, whcih dsiaappeared towards the west after a few manoeuvres in high altitude in the sky.

The UFO-file in Argentina, which is increasing very quickly, seems proving that sky of western area of this country, dow Andes massif, is becoming since a week, the favourite drill-ground of the UFOs.

"Le Parisien" - 16 MAI 1978

Sightings in night skies

A RASH of Unidentified Flying Objects have been sighted by people in S. E. Essex

Two Southend women and a man from Canvey have been mystified by things which they spotted in the night sky

One woman is keeping a nightly vigil after seeing an Unidentified Flying Object over the Thames three times.

Cigar shape

Mrs. Kay Giffin first spotted what she thought was a star from her home in St. Leonard's Road, Southend.

"I looked again a bit later and saw it had moved so I got some binoculars to have a better look," said M. S. Giffin. "Through them I could see it wasn't a star but a cigar shaped object moving very slowly.

"It was very high in the sky over the water. If it had been an aircraft it wouldn't have been so high up and it would have been moving faster."

"I saw the same thing the next night but it went behind a cloud.

"Then on Monday night I saw it again. It was in the same place and was the same cigar shape." I phoned Southend Airport but they told me there was nothing showing on their radar. I used to be sceptical about this sort of thing, but now I am convinced

Mrs. Giffin intends to keep UFO spotting each night at the same time.

"From my house there is a view of a very wide expanse of the sea," she said. "I'm really intrigued about this.

Mr. Alan Griffiths spotted something equally mysterious when he was standing in the garden of his Berkeley Lane home on Canvey.

"I saw a longish bright yellow light in the sky directly above where I was standing," he said.

Very fast

"I don't think it was an object, but more like as if it was caused by an object. It was travelling very fast in a straight line and I only saw it for a split second.

One Southend woman who wishes to remain anonymous reports she's seen two very bright lights in the sky as she travelled home through North Essex.

"They weren't moving and the lights were much too bright to be stars," she said.

A spokesman for Air Traffic Control said: "A woman contacted us and said there was something in the sky." He added: "I looked out of our windows but couldn't see anything. There were quite a lot of aircraft showing on the radar screen.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence department which assesses reports of UFO sightings said: "We had a report of one sighting in the South London area at the weekend, but nothing from the Essex area."

Bath couple see 'orange glow'

by GERALD GOODMAN

A LOWER Weston, Bath, couple are wondering whether they spotted a UFO late on Sunday night.

Mrs Linda Ottaway, of 1, Edward Street, spoke today of the object she and her husband, Bob, saw at about 10.45 on Sunday night.

"I had gone to bed early," Mrs Ottaway said.

"I was lying in bed with my eyes open, facing the window, when suddenly a tremendous orange glow

came around the side of the curtain.

"When I saw the glow first it was very bright. Then it was followed by an orange object.

"It was the shape of a tear drop, but lying on its side. It tapered off to a tail.

"It was exceedingly bright and went across the sky very fast.

"We were not looking at it for more than 15 seconds and heard no sound."

Mrs Ottaway said they watched the object change from orange to ordinary light.

It started to spiral forward in the direction of Bristol.

It had been travelling across Bath from the direction of Royal Victoria Park.

Mrs Ottaway said the object spiralled downwards and petered out altogether.

"It just disappeared," she said.

"It was something very

peculiar. I dismissed it as a flare to start with."

In Cleveland Row, Bath, on Monday morning, a PC saw a large oval-shaped object passing over Sydney Gardens.

The object, which emitted a pink light, disappeared towards the city.

On Saturday morning a woman in Wells Road, Bath reported seeing a bright yellow light moving across the sky.

SKY-WATCH FOR U.F.O.s FOLLOWS CLOSE ENCOUNTER

LORRY-DRIVER. Mr. Dave Colman does not believe in "little green men from Mars" but he is equally certain that somewhere out among the stars are intelligent beings who are keeping a close eye on us.

It may sound as if Mr. Colman has seen too much of "Star Wars" or been reading too many science fiction novels, but the truth is that a "close encounter" with a spaceship near Seven Crosses, Tiverton, has convinced him.

For weeks, Mr. Colman, and his wife, Christine, have seen from their home at 77, Queensway, Tiverton, a light hanging on the horizon in the direction of Seven Crosses.

One night, the light seemed to move right over Seven Crosses itself and Mr. Colman was determined to find out what it was.

Two nights later he saw the light again and drove to Seven Crosses to investigate.

"To satisfy my own mind I went up to Seven Crosses because I knew there was something there. As I was driving along I looked upwards through my windscreen and there it was... a space craft or something, hovering about 20 feet above a clump of trees.

'PETRIFIED'
"I watched it for a few seconds and then suddenly three lights came on and they appeared to be shining right at me.

"I was petrified," continued Mr. Colman, "but I could not take my eyes off it as it moved away down the valley and went out of sight."

Mr. Colman's experience has no been believed by everyone—several of the local constabulary are frankly sceptical—but word has got around and now Seven Crosses is almost like Picadilly Circus every night.

Cars jam the narrow roads as upwards of 50 people clamber up on the hedges in an effort to see "The Thing from Outer Space."

But Mr. Colman is not the only one to have experienced something "out of this world."

At Bradninch, Mrs. Caroline Richards, 19, of 25, Millway, was looking out of her window when she saw a light which descended out of the sky and made her garden fence glow.

Sighting number two at Bradninch was made by Mrs. Christine Newton, of 38, Westfield, when she and her sister were walking home one evening. They saw "an orange ball" hovering above trees at Hillersdoe.

Mrs. Margaret Phillips, of 42, Westfield, has also seen an orange circular light in the night sky on two occasions.

'Flying saucer' sighting mounts

We are not alone. That was the verdict today after an unidentified object sighting at Awsworth.

At least a dozen people have seen mystery lights in the sky in recent days. And they back the story, told in yesterday's Evening Post of 20-year-old tyre fitter Trevor Aram, who saw a round dome in an Awsworth field — with a light shining from it into the sky.

The strongest evidence comes from a young man who said today: "I saw Trevor come racing down in a van and look into the field. Later when he left I went and looked into the same field to see what he was gazing at.

"I saw something shaped like a dustbin with a round top. It had a small light on it but I was much further away than Trevor had been."

He went on: "I didn't know what it was and the idea of a flying saucer seemed too far-fetched — but I am now convinced that is what it was."

Trevor, of Stanford Street, Awsworth, said: "It was a flying saucer. No doubt about it — or else someone had gone to a lot of trouble building a great big plastic dome and lighting it up."

Several people saw a mystery object as they left the Shipley Boat Inn, near Heanor — at about the time Trevor had his close encounter in Awsworth.

In the past year, there have been two more mystery sightings in the area. A man saw a bright light over Heanor and a Heanor supermarket manager was awakened in the night by a high-pitched whine outside his bedroom window. He then saw a circle of light.

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Robinswood Hill flying saucer?

AN unidentified flying object—circular with glowing orange lights—has been seen on two nights over Robinswood Hill by a Gloucester family.

It was first spotted on Tuesday night by Phillip Good (20) and his brother Laurence (16). Last night it was seen by their sister, Jennifer (19), who works in the city architect's department.

"She came in really scared," said her father, Mr. Peter Good, of Matson-ave. "She said it seemed to appear and disappear again. "It had lights going round it and we are wondering if anyone else saw it."

IPSWICH EVENING STAR - SUFFOLK, ENG. *****SEPT. 16, 1978*****

Rome UFO

Rome had a pre-dawn visit from a "flying saucer" for the third day running today. Police were bombarded with calls from their own patrols as well as alarmed citizens as the bright, triangular object floated over the city beaming green and yellow lights.

Mystery over 'huge reddish UFOs' grows

THE mystery of an unidentified flying object seen in the skies over Hounslow and Heathrow grows with nine residents saying they have seen "a huge reddish ball in the sky." Government Ministries say they have no knowledge of the claimed sightings.

Some of the local re-

ports say the UFO appears on Concorde's flight path just before it is due to fly over. Many more people have reported sightings. Mrs. May Burrows of Church Road, Heston, said: "As I saw Concorde fly over, this very bright light appeared behind it."

"It looked like a huge star but then it disappeared after about 15 minutes. I saw this two nights running."

Despite reports by witnesses, all Government departments maintain they have no knowledge of any recent sightings.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We know nothing of these sightings. The last report we had of a UFO was in August, in the north of England."

"We are only concerned with threats to our defence system and this does not fall into this category."

The Civil Aviation Authority also knew nothing. "As far as we're concerned the Ministry of Defence deals with these reports. They do not come under our jurisdiction," said a spokesman.

"No UFOs have been detected on our radar. It's in the interest of national security

that not too much fuss is made about this sort of thing."

But witnesses of these strange phenomena are deeply concerned about the lack of response from the authorities.

Mr. Edgar Hatvany, secretary of the UFO research association said: "I get a lot of telephone calls from people who have seen a UFO. They are looking for someone to give them an answer to what they've seen. They can't get any answer at all from the authorities."

"It is a very real and alarming experience for these people. I wish we could get to the bottom of the authorities' total silence on UFOs."

GILLESPIE EVENING TELEGRAPH - ENGLAND
*****SEPT. 15, 1978*****

I saw UFO - Fire officer

A senior fire officer today reported seeing a UFO from Immingham Fire Station last night.

Mr. Raymond Topps was walking across the station yard when the object appeared at about 9 o'clock.

He described his close encounter: "When it appeared it was flying a south-west to north-east course but I couldn't say how far away it was. It was a greeny blue colour and about a hundred times bigger and brighter than the biggest star in the sky."

"There was a long orange flame around and behind it, which was probably twelve times as long."

He went on to say that as soon as he saw it he called to a colleague who came running out. "But it lasted for only four seconds so he didn't see it - I know nobody will believe me but it's true," he said.

Mr. Topps, who lives at 4 Ings Lane, Immingham, said that he did not have a clue what it was but he was not at all frightened. "My first thought was that it might be a plane crashing so I stared at it, but it was going much too fast and was holding a steady path. And then it just disappeared," he added.

UFO Sighting Over Hinckley

Mysterious lights in the sky were spotted by a Hinckley man on the evening of Sunday, 1st October.

The man a Mr Hopewell, saw what he describes as a "huge white light" over the Richmond Park area. He says he watched it for several minutes at around 10.00 p.m.

Mr Hopewell, a keen amateur astronomer, also sceptical of UFOs, said "The object was definitely something strange, it did not appear to resemble an aircraft light and made no sound whatsoever although it was very very low. It was something that I could not identify".

Reports of other lights in the sky were received by the Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigations secretary Mrs Jean Mayne of Burleigh Road, from Nuneaton and Wigston.

Another amateur astronomer, from Nuneaton, saw what at first he thought was the planet Jupiter but then he and his wife watched the light as it took on a boomerang shape and sped out of sight in a westerly direction.

Early the following morning a Nuneaton youth also saw a flashing light in the sky moving towards the town centre.

Similar lights were again reported at Wigston on Friday 6th October.

The sightings are at the moment under investigation by the Midlands UFO Network who say that they would appreciate hearing from others who saw anything strange in the sky last week. The person to contact is Mr Trevor Thornton, telephone Leicester 826545. All information will be dealt with in confidence.

GWENT GAZETTE - ENGLAND
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Family of four spot Shirley's UFO over Valley

WE ARE not alone . . . at least, Mrs. Shirley Goddard of Abertillery is not alone in her sighting of an unidentified flying object over Abertillery Mountain.

Mrs. Goddard of Arrael Street, Abertillery, had seen a large silver sphere floating across the valley towards Cwm nearly two weeks ago. Local police, air traffic controllers at Cardiff (Wales) Airport, and the Meteorological Office could not explain the mystery.

Now the object has been sighted again, by a family from Hilltop, Ebbw Vale, as they travelled along the Heads of the Valleys Road.

On Monday of last week, Mrs. Kathleen Davies, of Heol-yr-Ysgol, Ebbw Vale, finished work at the local fire station at about noon. In the afternoon she went to visit Monmouth with her husband, Harold, and their son, John, who was on holiday from Vancouver in Canada with his wife Lesley.

The four of them were returning from Monmouth along the Heads of the Valleys Road at about sunset. They all saw the mystery object as they neared the roundabout for Ebbw Vale.

Mrs. Davies thought no more about it until she read the article about a UFO in last week's Gazette. She was excited when she realised someone else had seen something similar.

"We saw a very large silver

object suspended in the sky", she said. "It was terrifically high up over Abertillery or Cwm. It was very bright silver and it was huge. It must have been bigger than a hot air balloon because it was so far away.

Flash

"We watched it for a long time. It must have been ten minutes although it seemed much longer. Then it disappeared all of a sudden over Abertillery Mountain. One second it was there and the next it was gone, as if it had gone in a flash", she said.

She added: "It moved swiftly over the mountain and then it was stationary until it disappeared. I don't know what it could have been". She said it might have been disc-shaped rather than spherical.

Whatever the object was, it was sighted at about the same time of day as Mrs. Goddard's mystery silver object, at about sunset. The weather was clear on both occasions, and it was seen in about the same place, over Abertillery and Cwm.

Once again the police knew nothing about it, and neither the Met. Office nor the Royal Air Force could lay claim to the object.

Schoolgirl has close encounter

A close encounter of the real kind is still baffling researchers for the Hinckley UFO society this week as they try to solve the mystery of the low flying UFO seen near Sapcote.

The group were called into action when 12-year-old Aston Flamville schoolgirl Elizabeth O'Neil reported a UFO hovering over fields on the outskirts of the village.

The mysterious object, seen at 6

pm on August 26, was described by Elizabeth as "round and silver, and completely noiseless." She says it hovered over trees for about a minute then shot away at tremendous speed disappearing over trees in an adjoining field.

The chairman of the Hinckley society Mr Graham Hall said: "We are taking this report seriously because of the many other reports received during August, but we cannot comment further until we have completed our investigations. We would appreciate hearing from others who have any sighting information they could offer."

Sightings can be reported to the society by phoning Leicester 826545.

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UFO ... OR A COW BY MOONLIGHT?

THE strange object seen in a field at Awwsworth near Ilkeston could have been a cow in moonlight!

That's the latest theory and it's put forward by Mr Patrick Fleckney, a member of Nottingham Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Society who has carried out an investigation into the sighting on behalf of the society.

It was made by 20-year-old Mr Trevor Aram, of Stamford Street, Awwsworth, last Tuesday.

He says he saw a round dome in the field with a light shining from it into the sky and that it was as large as an average sized lorry.

Mr Fleckney says he is

satisfied that Mr Aram saw something in the field but with lack of corroborative evidence does not believe the object was a landing.

"It's more likely to have been a cow in moonlight."

But Mr Aram remains convinced that what he saw was a flying saucer.

Of the cow theory he says: "I have never heard anything so stupid. I know a cow when I see one and this was definitely not a cow."

At the weekend Mr Aram returned to the spot with a metal detector and found some bent coins. Later he found a 50 pence piece which had been in his pocket at the time of the sighting — and it was bent at the same angle as the other coins.

Chased by 'thing' from outer space?

TWO men were in a state of shock when they rushed into Aylesbury police station on Saturday evening to report that they had been chased by a bright object which rose from the ground.

The two men, who have asked not to be identified, said that they were walking across a field at Kimblewick at 6.45 p.m. on Saturday when they saw a bright orange light coming from the ground and heard intermittent

high pitched wailing noises.

A dome-shaped object "about the size of the back of a Ford Transit van" then rose and followed them as they fled.

PLANES

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said that they had been in touch with the Ministry of Defence and other authorities but an investigation had failed to identify what the mysterious object was.

He said: "A recently reported UFO proved to be the lights of R.A.F. planes flying in formation but there seems to be no explanation for this one."

Saucer sightings

Sir, — With reference your report on the recent spate of UFO sightings. The British UFO Society is responsible in this country for investigating UFO reports.

Whilst some 80 per cent of sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e. aeroplanes, satellites, balloons etc., there still remains a high proportion of sightings that are classified unidentified.

Thousands of people from all walks of life have reported seeing strange objects in the sky all over the world. Since no official agency exists to investigate UFO's, the British UFO Society has taken on this task.

We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who may have had UFO sightings or are interested in UFOs. Readers can ring our UFO Hotline on 01 794 3093 or write to us in confidence.

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EAST ESSEX GAZETTE - ENGLAND
*****SEPT. 15, 1978*****

UFO seen over Clacton

A UFO was sighted over Clacton pier by two men on Tuesday morning.

The object, a metallic silver ball, was seen apparently trailing a plane by Mr John Wilcox and Mr Peter Bloom, who were working at the pier Dolphinarium nursing a sick dolphin.

Mr Wilcox, who lives at 21 Carnarvon Road, Clacton described what he saw. "A large jet came over and it seemed to be towing this ball behind it. The ball was 300-400 yards behind. It followed the plane, drew level with it and then veered off down the coast towards Jaywick. The time was 10.25 and it was a clear blue sky."

The police have had no reports of the incident and the London Weather Centre said they had no equipment in the area at that time.

Mr Bill Eden, a member of the Essex UFO study group, is investigating the sighting.

More UFOs seen

UFO SIGHTINGS in Merthyr are ruffling many people who have similar tales of a flying orange fire ball hovering in the sky and then disappearing into the night.

Last week, two men were reported as being left frightened and mystified after seeing the strange orange glowing object in the sky, which they saw while at the Jubilee Club, Penydarren. And it seems they weren't alone in their experience.

Mrs. Evelyn Murphy, of Cross Thomas Street, Merthyr, has told the Express that she and her friend, Mrs. Iris Corcoran, were having a quiet cuppa in the front room when they were confronted by the same phenomenon.

Their immediate reaction, when they could find no reasonable explanation, was to telephone the police.

"We were only drinking tea, nothing stronger," joked Mrs. Murphy. "We sighted this large orange fire ball in the sky. I was sitting facing the window and Iris was facing the wall.

"I saw it three times and then it disappeared and I called Iris, and then she saw it. We phoned the police and they came to the house and they took it very seriously."

According to Mrs. Murphy, two or three people in Troedyrhiw have also reported the sightings to the police.

"We definitely saw the object in the sky. When our husbands came home, of course, they were hysterical. They were laughing and said we'd both gone over the loop.

"But I definitely saw it three times and Iris saw it twice. Normally, she wouldn't get off the chair even if it was on fire, but this certainly shifted her," said Mrs. Murphy.

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Strange lights in sky bring more claims of UFO sightings

East Goscote experience a close encounter

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS of the mysterious kind have been experienced by local people in recent weeks, with numerous reports of strange lights in the sky over various parts of Leicestershire.

The latest sighting of an unidentified flying object was over the Nether Hall estate last night, where red, green and white flashing lights were seen hovering for at least half an hour.

"The red light occasionally changed to amber and fluctuated in its position," said

Mr. G. Punter, of 79 Dudley Avenue, Thurnby Lodge. He detected this using 10 x 50 binoculars pointed towards the north east of his home.

And on Monday a UFO was sighted over Countesthorpe by enthusiast Mr. Brian Dooler, using a pair of powerful binoculars from the roof of his home at 53 Norfolk Street, Wigston.

Mr. Dooler's sighting of the phenomenon also was seen by the whole family.

"It was a great big thing—an orange coloured dome. It stayed high above Countesthorpe and then it descended and disappeared. It then reappeared," he said.

Kite-shape

And only last week, mysterious lights were seen in the sky over Loughborough by seven people on different evenings. A round silver object or a kite-shape are the usual descriptions.

The latest sighting was claimed by 13-year-old Adam Collie, of 42 Frederick Street, Loughborough, who spotted a kite shape at 9.30 p.m. on August 11 while skateboarding at the leisure centre in Browns Lane.

And there have been sightings

of bright noiseless objects by people at Shepshed, Castle Donington and Loughborough. One man said he had seen objects similar to a round, silver ball on four occasions. And four youths fishing late at night near Stanford-on-Soar, said they watched a hovering bright light for 10 minutes.

All this is of interest to Trevor Thornton, of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, Leicester (UAPROL) who makes a check on all reported sightings.

Coalville UNFO Research Association are investigating the sightings in their area, he said, and he didn't want to comment until they had reached some conclusions.

Many are thought to be stars or aircraft and nothing "startling," had been recorded so far he said.

We have had Mr. Dooler in touch and we think that it is just some sort of light in the sky of some form. Mr. Punter hasn't been in touch, but we would be interested to know more about it. Our investigations are still being carried out."

PEOPLE living in East Goscote have reported seeing a mystery silver and orange object in the sky over the village on Wednesday night.

The U.F.O., which onlookers say came down low over the houses, circled and then climbed out of sight into the clouds, was seen by at least 11 children and one adult about 9.30 p.m.

The children playing outside were very frightened, and one hysterical and in tears, knocked on the door of Mrs. Christine Hoolahan, of 38 Huntsman Dale.

She said: "I saw this object moving above the houses. The bottom part was a silvery colour and the top orange."

"I was stunned. It was about the size of a car and quite low."

"The children said it made a noise but I didn't hear it, although my husband said there was a lot of interference on the radio at the time."

Her 12-year-old daughter Nicola also sighted the cigar-shaped object.

Members of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Leicester are investigating the reports.

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UFO spotted

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A MAN who lives in Ashby Walk, Croydon, claims he spotted an unidentified flying object over a children's playground.

Mr Gordon Langridge, 37, said he was watching television one evening last week when he noticed a white shape hovering above Wilford Road playground.

Mr Langridge said: "As I went to close the lounge curtains I saw a circular,

white light floating above a group of four children.

"After about ten minutes it began to move up and down then it flew off in the direction of Mitcham Common," he added.

The children were looking up at the sky and pointing, he said.

The following day a national newspaper reported that air traffic controllers at Gatwick airport had seen a similar, saucer-shaped flying object giving out a piercing white light.

HERALD EXPRESS - TORQUAY, ENG.
*****AUG. 19, 1978*****

S. Devon UFOs 3/28 'flares'

A HEATHFIELD man's sighting of UFOs last night was probably flares used in a military exercise, police at Middlemoor Exeter, said today.

Mr C. Campian, of Sharp's Crest, Heathfield, reported seeing two sets of red, white and blue flashing lights at 10.15, one in the direction of Brixham and one in the direction of Haytor.

The objects moved a short distance in half-an-hour.

Tonight the Torquay and Exeter UFO centres are going to Haytor to watch for UFOs.

Her eyes are on the sky . . .

Mrs. Muriel Canney is still diligent in her nightly routine — checking the back door and peering out to see that all is quiet.

And her regular nightly checks now include a heavenly gesture — lifting her eyes to the sky in the hope of a second sighting . . .

For Mrs. Canney is the Stanley Road housewife who spotted a luminous object hovering above West Lane in the early hours of the morning a few months ago —

only 45 minutes after it was sighted by a coastguard out at sea.

And now the sighting has provoked interest from many quarters, the most important being the British UFO Investigation Bureau which sent three representatives to Mrs. Canney's home to hear the story.

She recalled how in the early hours of a spring morning she switched off the television, checked the back door and glimpsed outside to see that all was quiet. It was then that she saw it — a luminous object,

shaped like a football hovering over the end of West Lane.

Mrs. Canney was mystified. Opening her back door she decided to venture out and take a closer look. What she saw led her to believe that the luminous object was in fact a UFO.

"There wasn't a breath of wind, it was a clear sky and deathly quiet. The object was hovering for about ten minutes and then it shot away towards the sea, became just a pin point of light and then disappeared. It

definitely wasn't a plane or a star," she said.

What is even more extraordinary is Mrs. Canney's gift of a sixth-sense. When the investigation bureau learned of this, they told her that most of the people who have had sightings possess the same gift.

But for Mrs. Canney, gift or no gift, it's a sight she'll never forget and when she checks her back door each night she never fails to look to the heavens for a second encounter of an unusual kind . . .

Family's close encounter of the Bo'ness kind

A family had a strange encounter in West Lothian this week . . . and now they are puzzled that no-one else saw the red ball of fire hurtling through the air near Bo'ness golf course.

Mr James Middleton, (59), his wife Mavis (41) and their children Fiona (13) and Stuart (9) were returning to their home at 149 Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, when they spotted a ball of fire plummeting to the ground.

Mr Middleton said: "It looked like a light aircraft enveloped in flames.

"After a few seconds we lost sight of it. We contacted the police, but they could find no burned-out wreckage, and when they contacted Edinburgh Airport were told that there was no record of missing light aircraft.

"There was definitely something and we can only assume it was a UFO.

"We have searched the area twice since we spotted the red ball of fire, but we found nothing. It's all rather strange, especially as no-one else appears to have witnessed anything out of the ordinary."

FOOTNOTE: The British UFO Society in London have launched a campaign to encourage people to report sightings. They say the thousands who see flashing lights and the like often don't speak up because they are afraid they won't be believed. The special UFO Hotline, answered 24 hours a day, is 01-794 3093.

Sighting of UFO probed

SOUTH WALES police are investigating the reported sighting of a bright unidentified flying object over Baglan Mountain, Port Talbot.

The object was first seen by 17-year-old apprentice electrician David Owen, as he was walking home from his girlfriend's house. He alerted his parents who watched with him as the UFO travelled at speed in the West Wales direction.

David, of Maes-ty-Canol, said: "The object was spherical in shape and was hovering over the mountain top behind Blaen Baglan School. It must have been there for about quarter of an hour."

He discounted any suggestion that he could have seen a shooting star or meteorite and said he was convinced that the mystery object was a UFO.

He described it as alternately glowing red and white and intermittently flashing brightly.

"The speed was tremendous and a white light beam streamed out behind as it travelled across the sky. I am convinced it was a UFO similar to others sighted in Wales over the last few months," said David.

MORE REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS OVER TOWN

THOSE mysterious lights have been seen in the night sky of Stafford - again. Following the report of an apparent UFO, carried in last week's Newsletter, there has been a "flood" of calls to British UFO research association member Tony Pace, from readers who have spotted lights in the sky.

And most concentrate on a sighting on Thursday night after 8 o'clock when a circle of flashing lights, surrounding a line of green and red lights, was seen.

Stafford couple Ian and Karen Rock were walking on Lammascote Road at about 8.30.

"We saw the lights of an aeroplane, but then saw more lights nearby. At first we thought it was another plane, but the lights started to jump around, making erratic movements," said Mrs Rock, 18.

FLASHING

"A horizontal line of two red and one green lights were surrounded by yellow and red flashing lights. The lights shot off, appearing in another part of the sky, but also making these up and down movements," she said.

A similar sighting was made by Melanie, 13, and Andrew Gray, 11, of Westminster Close, Baswich.

"The children were playing outside when they spotted this circle of flashing lights at about 8.15," said their mother, Christine Gray.

APPEAL

"They didn't tell me about it that night, as they said I wouldn't believe them. It was only when we read the article on UFOs in the Newsletter that we started to talk about it."

What appeared to be the same lights were seen by Mr Roy Smith, of Briery Hurst Close, Abbey Hulton. He reported it to

Mr Pace, who said the lights were seen at about 8 pm.

Mr Pace will start collating the material once all questionnaires have been returned to him at Churchfield Road, Eccleshall.

He appealed to all "spotters" to give information as accurately as possible - including times, descriptions and directions if possible.

Among other sightings recently were:

One on Saturday at 1.30 am when Dennis Booth (22) was on his way to work in Stoke and travelling along the Stafford-Stone road.

"I saw what looked like a fluorescent strip of light in the sky," said Mr Booth. "I stopped my car, near the Aston roundabout, and as I got out the light went out."

TRIANGLE

"A triangle of lights then came on, with the base green lights and the other two sides red. I watched it for five minutes before it moved off in the direction of Stafford. There was no sound and it was a clear night," he said.

Talking this over with a colleague a couple of days later, Mr Booth said he had also spotted the object, but at 9.30 the previous evening over Fenton.

A "very bright" light which lit up the back garden at the home of David and Anne Simkins, Oxford Gardens, Beaconsfield.

"My husband was walking the dog at about 10.30 when he called me. The dog was going mad and we both saw two bright lights going up into the sky. There was no sound and the garden had been like daylight," she said.



Melanie, 13 and Andrew, 11, Gray, were among a number of Stafford people who spotted a UFO on Thursday night. They were playing in their garden at about 8.30 when they spotted it.

'I saw 2/23 UFOs'

A MAN from Bristol claimed today to have spotted four UFO's over Whitehall.

Mr Kenneth Overett (55), of Gordon Road, Whitehall, Bristol, said he was standing at his living room window when he saw four black objects - like inverted saucers - about 12,000 feet up in the sky.

"I called my wife in and she saw them too," said Mr Overett, a supplies manager.

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Now Stanmore firemen get their sights on UFOs



Is it a bird? Is it a plane? "No, it's our 42-hour week flying away," says leading fireman Alan Lee (left). He and fireman Geoff Davies show reporter Sue Middleton where they saw the UFO

A WHOLE watch of firemen can't be wrong. Firemen are solid dependable people, calm in emergencies and not given to flights of fancy... aren't they?

So it comes as a bit of a shock to learn that the latest recruits to the ever-growing number of local UFO spotters are six members of Stanmore fire station's Blue Watch.

Two of the firemen were doing keep-fit exercises in the yard on Friday, October 6 when they saw what they thought was a shooting star.

"We just saw a flash of light going across the sky and thought it was a shooting star," said fireman Geoff Davies. "But while we were looking at it we saw another object hovering in

By Sue Middleton

the sky with different coloured lights."

They were so uncertain about what they were seeing that they rushed into the station and got their colleagues to have a look. When they returned the object was still in the same hovering position and as they watched it moved very slowly up and across the sky.

"The funny thing about it," said Geoff, "was that it made no noise at all, and it travelled so slowly. It was hard to tell whether it was moving or not."

Leading fireman Alan Lee said he had no doubts about what the object was: "It was

the 42-hour week we've been promised flying away!"

Fireman Stuart Towell believes that the object was something more sinister than a plane. "A plane could not stay stationary for so long and make no noise at all. I've usually kept an open mind about these things but when your eyes see something like that you've got to believe it is something unusual."

● Harrow's UFOs have also been spotted by Mrs. Patricia Jenkins of 21 Edward Road, North Harrow, and her son. She said they saw the same strange object over their house as has been reported by at least five other people on Saturday, October 7.

News from LIPHOOK

MARGARET MILES SIGHTS UFO

HASLEMERE HERALD - FARNHAM, ENG.
*****AUG. 4, 1978*****

Dazzling static object rose and disappeared into sky . . .

BEING of a practical nature, I have spent the best part of the weekend trying to convince myself that perhaps the pressures of life are becoming a little too much for me! — but as I write this, in the cold light of day, and realising that strange visions have never been my forte, I am left with the conclusion that I have experienced something extraordinary, and something quite beyond my comprehension . . .

I have never seen a ghost, but I don't disbelieve those who say that they have. Likewise, I have never seen a U.F.O., and I must admit that I have never taken anything I have read about them very seriously, and nothing could have been further from my mind than unidentified flying objects on Thursday evening last week when, after attending a pleasant meeting with some friends at Liss, our strongest consumption of liquor being two cups of instant coffee, I came across what I can only describe as a unique experience.

I was travelling back to Liphook by car with two friends, at about 11.15 p.m. Mrs. Rose Coburn from The Mead, Liphook, was driving, I was sitting beside her, and her daughter Dena Clarke was in the back seat. We had travelled about a quarter of a mile along the Longmoor Road in the Liphook direction, when a very bright glow low in the sky caught my attention. It appeared to be shining through some very tall trees some 200 yards on the right in front of us. At first, I thought it was a lamp shining through the trees, but as we drew nearer it became clear as a piercing orange glow, almost round in symmetry with a brightness which was transfixing. We were travelling at about 25 m.p.h. at the time, and at first we got the impression that it was a moving object, until we slowed down, and realised that it was we who were moving, and not the object, which was completely static.

We went on driving very slowly, and as we continued our observations, a thick vapour trail which appeared to be only a few yards long could be seen visibly rising into the sky from the rear. We lost sight of it for a few minutes, and thought that it had disappeared

among the tall trees once again, until Dena gave a shout that it was now behind us — further evidence that it was a static object.

Without warning it suddenly took on a dazzling almost white brightness before dimming and disappearing before our eyes. It was a very clear, cloudless, starless night, so it was hardly possible that it could have disappeared behind a cloud.

My companions seemed much less excited than I. They had, they said, had a similar experience in 1972, when Rose had seen what appeared to be a very large bright star which had followed her from a cottage where they lived at the time at Noar Hill, Empshott; to Le Court.

An almost identical account of what she had seen was reported by two Danish auxiliary nurses from Le Court in March, 1977.

All sorts of strange thoughts began to come into my mind — perhaps my companions were not terrestrial beings after all! There were no other vehicles on the road coming in either direction as far as I recall. I began to wonder if we were going to be whisked away. Vague recollections of my young son's accounts, coloured by his imagination of what might happen if a U.F.O. landed, came into my mind, but I comforted myself with the thought that an extra-terrestrial being would hardly be engaged in the earthly vice of smoking a cigarette — as Rose was, sitting next to me in the driver's seat.

CURIOUS

When I arrived home I made myself a strong cup of tea. I was not at all frightened, but I was very, very curious. I opened the curtains of the bedroom window, half hoping that the object would reveal itself, but the sky was still clear and cloudless.

Enquiries on Saturday failed to reveal any Ministry of Defence activity on that evening, but a friend gave me the number of an organisation known as Space Quest. I was asked several questions . . . Did I have any strange sensations? Only of complete wonder . . . Did the ignition on the car falter? Not as far as we were aware . . . Had I ever experienced a similar incident — No!

I am now awaiting a form which the three of us will be asked to fill in, and Space Quest would be interested to hear from anyone who might also have had a sighting. Their telephone number is 0908/678870.

"ALWAYS EXISTED"

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from an uncle of mine, a retired lay preacher from Guildford who has been taking an active interest in U.F.O.s. I am ashamed to say that I did not read it properly, and reading it through again, it is still beyond my comprehension, but for anyone who is taking an interest, this is what he has to say . . .

"I believe that U.F.O.s have always been in existence — the extra-terrestrials have always been, and still are, far in advance of ours. We work on sun-cells with the inner of minor planets, and in our own orbit, but farther out on the major planets, Jupiter, Saturn, etc., have to rely on, and use

atomic propulsion, since the sun's power is not great enough to be used. Pluto is soon to cross Neptune's orbit, as it has an erratic orbit, and sometimes is closer to earth than Neptune. Some of the asteroids also cross our own Earth's orbit, but the risk of collision is very slight. Laser intensified light, could eventually propel future space craft to speeds far beyond all imagination!

"There are many aspects of "space", such as hyper-space, black holes, white holes, etc."

He also states that he has read books and material very thoroughly on ancient civilisations, pre-Egyptian and Chinese Dynasties; Atlantis, etc., which sank beneath the ocean, but is now rising again around the Bahamas; the Bermuda Triangle, where plans, ships just disappear without trace, and where the Americans lost a plane recently with no explanation being discovered.

I myself have always been sure that there are more things in heaven and earth than man has ever dreamed of. In a depressing world, we still live in exciting times . . .

U.F.O.s OVER THE HOG'S BACK?

A FARNHAM woman told Surrey police that she saw Unidentified Flying Objects near Guildford while driving along the Hog's Back on Thursday last week.

Mrs. J. Flanagan of Eaton Place, Sandy Hill, Farnham, reported seeing "Five or six yellow things flashing like lightning across the sky."

O.V.N.I. dans le ciel de Tarbes

La gendarmerie de Tarbes vient de révéler qu'elle avait été confrontée, dans la nuit du 10 au 11 juillet, à un cas d'observation d'O.V.N.I. troublant par la quantité et la qualité des témoins.

Entre une heure et quatre heures du matin, quatre jeunes gens et un moniteur, le père Mercier, avec qui ils logeaient dans l'abbaye de Tarasteix afin d'y mener des travaux de rénovation, ont assisté à « un véritable ballet de soucoupes volantes », selon leurs dires.

Plus lumineux que les étoiles, ces « OVNI » n'avaient pas des dimensions énormes et ne paraissaient pas pouvoir être occupés par des êtres humains. Le premier engin aperçu avait, paraît-il, l'aspect d'une sphère et présentait deux lumières clignotantes, rouge et bleue à l'avant. Un deuxième engin présentait,

lui, une forme plus allongée, mais était également équipé de lumières clignotantes à l'avant. Quant au troisième engin observé, de forme rectangulaire, il émettait une lumière jaune éblouissante. D'après les témoins, le dernier objet est passé à cinq reprises à environ trois mètres d'eux.

La gendarmerie estime que le caractère des témoignages recueillis mérite d'être pris très au sérieux. Impression confirmée par les services spécialisés du Centre national d'études spatiales (C.N.E.S.) qui même s'ils n'ont pu relever la moindre trace sur place, ont jugé « intéressantes » ces observations en raison de la concordance des récits, la nature des précisions apportées et la distance de l'observation.

Constituée voici un an, l'équipe de recherche sur les O.V.N.I.

du C.N.E.S. est composée d'une vingtaine de personnes en provenance de différents organismes. Elle a pour mission officielle de rassembler, d'analyser et de vérifier la centaine de témoignages que la gendarmerie lui signale chaque année.

"LE FIGARO" - PARIS, FRANCE 7/20/78

UFO IN TARBES TOWN SKY

Gendarme of Tarbes had disclosed that it happened in night from 10 to 11 July, a UFO-sighting case very astonishing if it must consider quality and number of the witnesses.

Between 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. four youths and their instructor, Rev. Mercier, with whom they lodged in Tarasteix monastery, in order to make restoration workings, have sighted "a genuine ballet of flying saucers", according their statements.

More luminous than stars, these "UFO's" weren't very big and didn't seem able to contain human creatures. The first object sighted was like a sphere provided with two winking red and blue lights before. A second engine was more elongated but was also provided with winking light on its head. The third object sighted shaped like a rectangle, was giving off a dazzling yellow light. According to the witnesses this third object reached five times THREE METRES away only from them!

The Gendarmes have estimated that characteristics of these testimonies reported must be taken into consideration. That feeling is corroborated by experts of C.N.E.S. (National Space Studies Center), who, in spite of lack of tracks on the sighting spot, have found these statements very interesting, because the concordance of testimonies, character of accuracies, and distance of sighting. Formed one year ago, the team of experts charged of search about UFOs, is made up with a twenty persons from different services. They are officially commissioned to collect, to analyse, and to verify the hundred of reports that the Gendarmerie gives them every year.

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